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TODAY
Cloudy with the high in the upper 60s. Weather on 4A



Customs' searches

WASHINGTON — Returning to Chicago from Jamaica, Gwendolyn Richards was plucked from a line of air travelers by a Customs Service inspector and ordered into a bare, windowless room. Over the next five hours, she was strip-searched, handcuffed, X-rayed, and probed internally by a doctor. The armed Customs officers who led Richards in handcuffs through O'Hare International Airport and drove her to a hospital for examination suspected she might be smuggling drugs. They found nothing.

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Secret memos

WASHINGTON — In a victory for Republicans, a federal judge said Wednesday that House Judiciary Committee investigators may inspect secret Justice Department memos on alleged fund-raising abuses in President Clinton's 1996 campaign. Republicans said the ruling by U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson could upset the tight impeachment schedule. The White House, exasperated that it does not yet know which articles of impeachment Clinton might have to defend against, urged GOP House leaders to rein in the inquiry.

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Bond hearing

ODESSA — The outcome of a Wednesday bond hearing has granted a young couple the opportunity to be released from jail until they are tried for the death of an Odessa toddler. Carlos Cain Hinojos and Cynthia Jolynn Graves — who were arrested on capital murder charges — could be released from the Ector County jail after posting a $200,000 bond each.

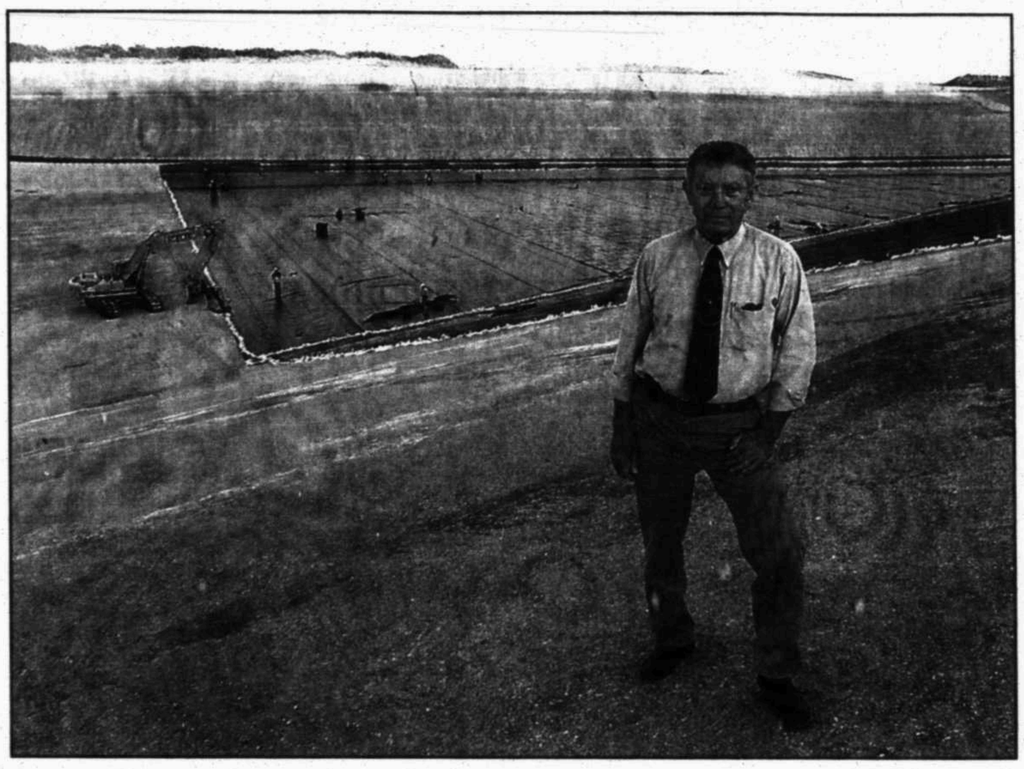
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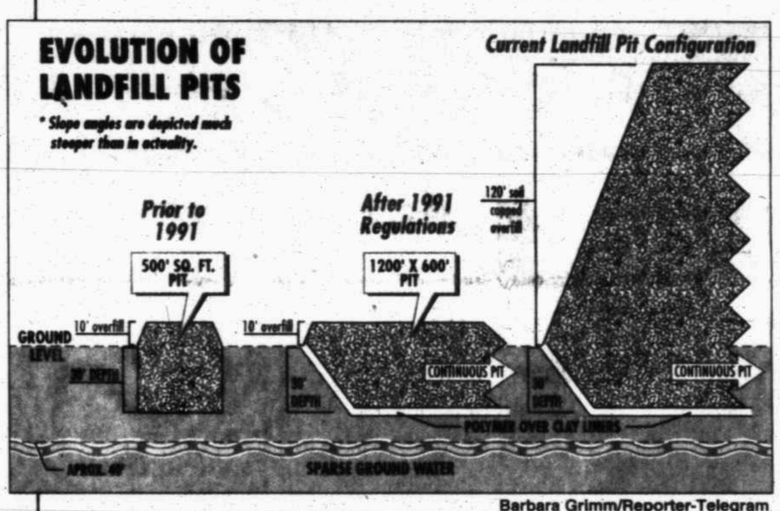
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LANDFILL'S LIFESPAN





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City Utilities Director Ken Jones has received approval for space-saving changes at the landfill. Because of these changes, the landfill space is expected to last 30 years longer than originally expected.

Curt Wilcott
Reporter-Telegram

City utilities director's changes should add 30 years to life of landfill

By Gary Shanks

City Utilities Director Ken Jones has managed to find a way to make Midland's lack of rain work in favor of the city and gained state approval for space-saving changes at the landfill.

Because Jones received approval for his changes, the city's landfill space is expected to last 30 years longer than its original life expectancy.

Jones recently was honored by City Manager Mike McGregor for his cost-cutting efforts, which have knocked $500,000 off the cost of the landfill operation.

Stronger state and federal regulations regarding landfills went into effect in 1991, adding $1 million to the annual cost of burying the city's solid waste.

Before 1991, landfill crews were able to dig a simple, straight-walled pit about 30 feet deep and 500 feet square. This was sufficient to hold a full year's worth of the city's waste.

Once this pit was filled to 10 feet above the original grade and capped with topsoil, crews moved over a few feet and dug the next pit, for an annual cost to the city of $250,000.

After 1991, however, the pits

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Chamber task force working to keep major oil producers

■ Economic development department sees some success with expansion, retention.

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

A day after merger plans were announced by Exxon and Mobil — two major oil companies that have or have had a big presence in Midland — the Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Department discussed its efforts to keep major oil producers in Midland.

A task force has been formed to visit with executives of major oil companies that have a Midland presence. The group has held a small reception for Enron Oil & Gas Co. executives and meetings are being set up with executives of Chevron, Altura, Mobil, Texaco, Exxon and others, said K. Michael Conaway, vice chair for economic development.

"The purpose is to sell Midland as a place for them to have a big presence and operate their oil fields out of Midland," Conaway said Wednesday at a meeting of the chamber board. "We have quality of life here, technology here and we feel they should continue to run their oil fields here."

The economic development department also has been busy looking for a site to establish an Advance Technology Center, is designing and activating an economic development page on the Internet and is updating the manufacturing and industrial building inventory.

New prospects include a new Midland office being opened in February by SOS Staffing of Lubbock and inquiries from a call center, a pharmaceutical manufacturing company and possible reclamation facility and/or telemarketing firm. Gandy Drill Pipe, which plans to establish a manufacturing facility between Midland and Odessa, has received a tax abatement from Midland County and the request is being considered by Midland College and the Midland County Hospital District.

The department's retention and expansion efforts also have seen some success, Conaway said.

He said Electrical Submersible Pumps is expanding its Midland manufacturing facility in January and chamber officials are working with Jacobs Electronics on a new site that will allow it to expand its facilities.

Midland Center is joining the chamber in its economic development efforts by increasing its work with the Convention and Visitors Bureau to bring new conventions to Midland.

Jan Stovall, event service manager with the center, said increasing the number of conventions brought to Midland was a goal of both herself and center manager, Shura Lundgren.

The center and CVB working together, she said, "is a good fit. The CVB does great work bringing groups

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'Net links Forsan student body to rest of world

By Johnnye Montgomery

HOWARD COUNTY — That microwave tower scraping the clouds above Elbow Elementary School is as tall as it's going to get. Thirteen miles to the east, Forsan High School has a similar tower, and with the two in place, the Forsan Independent School District schools are electronically linked to each other and to the world.

Now for the first time, Elbow students can post to the school's Web pages, access electronic folders for homework assignments and school news, and view and transmit electronic photos and messages back and forth with the students at the high school.

"This is really going to make a difference," said Bob Fishback, technological administrator for Howard County's southernmost school district.

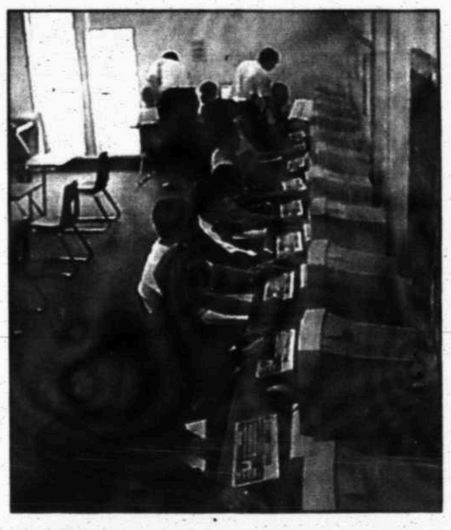
A country school only in the physical sense of the word, most of Forsan's student body comes from Big Spring's Tubb Addition, and its curriculum doesn't include agriculture. Most of the players on the Forsan Buffaloes football team are also band members.

But the district's isolation does present some challenges to its emphasis on high-tech. Forsan High School is 13 miles south of Big Spring just off Highway 87; Elbow Elementary is about 13 miles west of Forsan on FM 818. Not a problem logistically, unless you're planning to equip some 200 computers for Internet access.

"The telephone company didn't have the lines we needed, and the only way we could get Internet connections was to put up two microwave towers," Fishback explained.

For the last two years, Forsan High School has been reaping the benefits of some farsighted planning by members of the FISD school board, who saw the future and began to save money toward the purchase of computers and peripherals. "That way, the

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The Forsan Independent School District spent about $300,000 over a two-year period to buy computers and printers. All students have access to the equipment and are encouraged to use the Internet for research or to call up homework assignments on the district's Web page.

K-9s search for drugs, track people all for price of a tennis ball

Editor's Note: This is the last installment of a four-part series on law enforcement officers and their jobs. Reporter-Telegram staff writer Richard Acosta rode along with the officers during one shift. Part Four deals with the Midland Police Department K-9 unit.

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF...
A Midland Police K-9 Unit

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

Sgt. Ed Nicks describes being in the Midland Police Department K-9 Unit as "like having a walking shadow. If you were out on a sunny day and didn't see your shadow you would probably freak out. That's what it's like being with Tango."

Tango was the K-9 member who fell down the elevator shaft on Jan. 24 in a building on Wall Street. He has recovered and returned to active duty with Nicks.

While we rode along, Nicks explained to me that most of the dogs brought in for the K-9 Unit are " Schutzhund One."

The dog gets the "Schutzhund One" title by earning a certain score in tracking, obedience and protection.

The Schutzhund training results are like a report card. The dog receives a number grade on each category. Each dog must be Schutzhund One before he can go on patrol.

"It is better if we get a dog who is already Schutzhund One," Nicks said. "Their 'salary,' or what it costs to take care of them, is only about $1,500 a year. But, if we have to train them, the cost involved and the man-hours used will outweigh the cost of keeping the dog."

Even with the Schutzhund One training it will be awhile before a dog is allowed to be used in the field.

"We cannot use the dog until he is certified," Nicks said. "Last Saturday, when Chad Bullard was chasing down that man he pulled over, Robby Strahan and his partner, Max, the newest dog, were on the scene.

"Max is not certified yet, so Robby couldn't use him, but he said he was about ready to let Max out."

Police use the K-9 Unit primarily for narcotics

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Hurricane Mitch leaves land mines scattered through Central America

SANTA CATARINA, Honduras (AP) — Calixto Carranza was planting watermelons in a field flooded by Hurricane Mitch when he spotted something in the dirt.

After years of farming near the Nicaraguan border, he had seen his share of anti-personnel mines left over from civil wars in the 1980s — small blue cans with metal sprouts out the top — but this looked like a wheel rim.

In fact, it was an anti-tank mine, much more powerful than the mines he would have recognized. When he poked it with the point of his machete, the blast threw him 80 feet into the air. His body fell to the ground in pieces.

Workers spent years compiling maps of the tens of thousands of mines left across Central America. But flooding unleashed by Hurricane Mitch a month ago scattered many of those mines across fields and villages. Nobody knows where they wound up.

"We know the waters displaced land mines, but we don't know how much, which will probably mean it will take more money and time to finish sweeping areas," said Colombian Army Lt. Col. Guillermo Leal, chief of the Organization of American States' mission to clear Central America of land mines.

Meanwhile, farmers worry that they may unwittingly become the detectors. Since the hurricane, land mines have killed three farmers and injured eight in Nicaragua and Honduras.

"We're terrified to return to the fields," said 17-year-old Genaro Funez, whose jaw was broken in the blast that killed his cousin, Carranza, in the town of Santa Catarina, 12 miles from the border.

Carranza, 34, was working in the watermelon fields with 14 people on Nov. 18. The explosion threw all of them to the ground. Another of Carranza's cousins, 17-year-old Candido Ortiz, died half an hour later in the field, his side blown open from the blast.



AP photo

Enrique Linares, 19, painfully holds his leg Friday at a hospital in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Linares, a farmer along the Honduran border with Nicaragua, may never walk again after he and friends encountered an anti-tank mine in the mudflow left from Hurricane Mitch on one of their fields.

Help was nine miles away. Funez walked with a broken jaw. A 13-year-old boy stumbled through the mud and debris left by the hurricane, part of his forearm missing.

The others — some cut by flying shrapnel — followed, carrying 19-year-old Enrique Linares in a hammock because of his broken thigh.

"I'm in so much pain," Linares said at the hospital, wincing as he struggled to adjust himself on a bed that was moist from his oozing cast. "But I don't have the money to buy pain medicine."

Despite a three-year effort to remove them, more than 70,000 land mines remain in the ground in Nicaragua. The hurricane significantly altered their locations, officials say.

In central Nicaragua this week, the army began mine sweeping outside the town of Muy Muy under a destroyed bridge, where officials found anti-personnel mines poking through the mud.

In nearby Waslala, 16-year-old Bernardo Ocampo Gonzalez died Friday after a floating mine hit him and detonated as he bathed in a river.

Nicaraguan officials planned to map out their strategy this week. Meanwhile, the OAS, with the help of U.S. experts, was using satellites to see how far the rivers could have carried the mines.

No one knows how many land mines remain in Honduras, nor who put them there as Nicaragua's civil war spilled across the border.

Dr. Enrique Sandoval, director of Honduras' Hospital Sur near the border, treated more than 75 land mine victims from 1988 to 1994 under a government rehabilitation program. Most of the patients were young, poor farmers.

"We know this instrument of death still exists here a decade after a war that was never ours," he said. "They were left here indiscriminately without any care about the suffering they could cause."

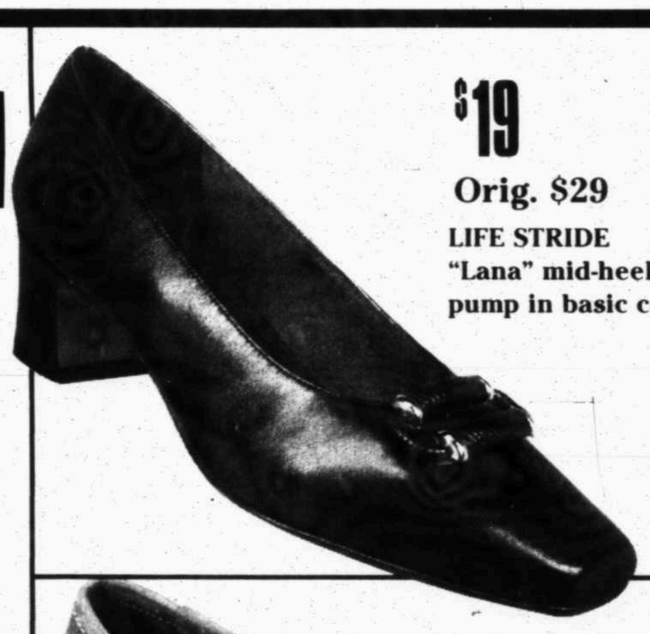
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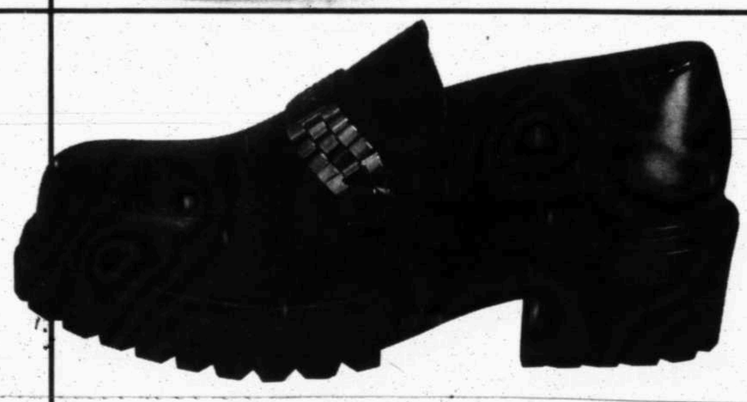
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NATO detains Bosnian Serb general charged with genocide

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — U.S. troops on Wednesday arrested the highest-ranking Serb military officer seized so far in the effort to bring to trial Bosnians who are accused of war crimes.

Radislav Krstic, a general, is accused of taking part, both personally and through his troops, in the massacre of thousands of Muslims after Bosnian Serbs took over the U.N. safe haven of Srebrenica in eastern Bosnia in July 1995.

He was indicted in October by the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal, which charged him with genocide, crimes against humanity and grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions on the treatment of civilians during war. The indictment was secret so he wouldn't be prompted to flee.

Krstic was arrested in a section of northern Bosnia controlled by U.S. troops serving in NATO's Stabilization Force, better known as SFOR. A spokeswoman, Maj. Sheena Thomson, said Krstic was arrested without incident at noon.

The chief prosecutor of the tribunal, Louise Arbour of Canada, called Krstic "a very significant military leader" and said his arrest was important to the tribunal's ability to continue to do its job. Krstic is the most senior officer seized so far for trial before the U.N. tribunal in The Hague.

Amor Masovic, the head of the Bosnian Muslim commission for people missing in the war, said he expected the arrest to shed light on the fate of more than 8,000 people missing in the Srebrenica region.

Muslim leaders in Bosnia expressed hope NATO would now focus on apprehending the key architects of the war, former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and his wartime military chief Gen. Ratko Mladic.

"We welcome this arrest and particularly the fact that they have started arresting generals," said Mirza Hajric, adviser to Bosnian Muslim member of the country's joint presidency, Alija Izetbegovic.

"We hope they will soon switch over to commanders," Hajric said.

He added the arrest "could serve as a good example for the French troops who have not yet arrested anybody." Bosnian Muslims say Karadzic and Mladic are living in the part of the country under French control.

The State Department said the arrest served as a warning to other suspects still at large.

"All persons indicted for war crimes, including Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic, belong in The Hague in the custody of the International Criminal Tribunal," State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said.

Bosnian Serbs criticized Krstic's secret indictment. Petar Djokic, president of the Bosnian Serb parliament, said it "brings uncertainty to people, a feeling that every citizen of Republika Srpska can be regarded as a potential war criminal in the eyes of the tribunal, and that SFOR is authorized to arrest anybody, anytime, anywhere." Republika Srpska is the Serb entity within Bosnia.

Krstic was the commander of the 5th Corps of the Bosnian Serb Army. He is believed to be a close associate of Karadzic and Mladic, who have been indicted for genocide for allegedly masterminding the massacre of Muslims at Srebrenica.

"Persons indicted for war crimes who are still at large should realize they, too, will be brought to justice," NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana said Wednesday after the arrest.

Krstic is the ninth war crimes suspect to be arrested in the former Yugoslavia by international forces. He was named head of the Drina Corps of the Bosnian Serb Army in 1995 after the fall of Srebrenica.

The last reported sighting of Krstic was at a joint military exercise of the Yugoslav National Army and the Bosnian Serb military in Manjaca, near Banja Luka, in October. SFOR banned his 5th Corps from taking part in the exercise, but let him monitor it.

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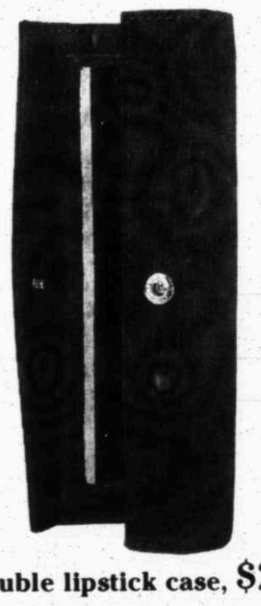






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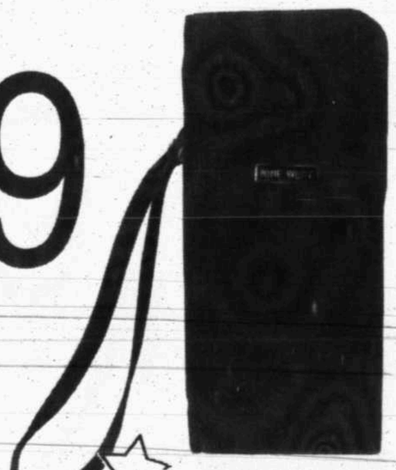
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Friday	Saturday
Cloudy	Sunny	Partly cloudy
High 68	High 74	High 70
Low 41	Low 41	Low 43

Today's forecast calls for cloudy skies in the morning with a less than a 20 percent chance of showers and partly cloudy skies this afternoon. Today's high will be in the mid-to upper 60s with gusty winds blowing from the southwest to west at 15-25 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear skies with a low in the lower 40s.

Friday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high in the lower to mid-70s.

After an overnight low of 38, Tuesday's high reached 70, compared to the record high for that date of 79 set in 1995. The record low was 19 set in 1979.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Tuesday	.00 in.
Rainfall Wednesday	.00 in.
Total for month	.10 in.
Total for year	4.65 in.
Normal total (yr to date)	14.38 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	70
low	38
Normal high	61
Normal low	34

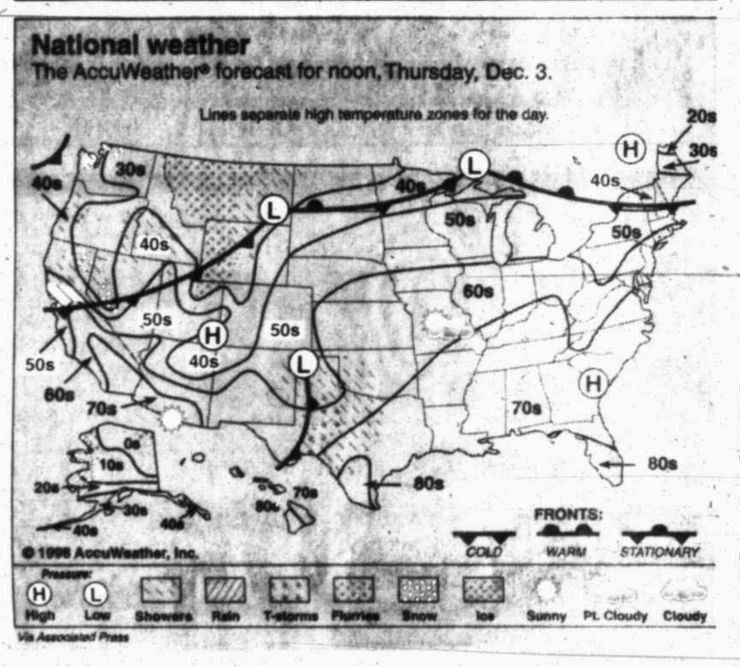
Pollen Count

Trees — Moderate
Weeds — Low
Grass — Absent
Molds — Low
Dust — Moderate

Sunrise	7:32 a.m.
Sunset	5:44 p.m.

by John D. Bray, M.D.

National forecast



United States temperatures

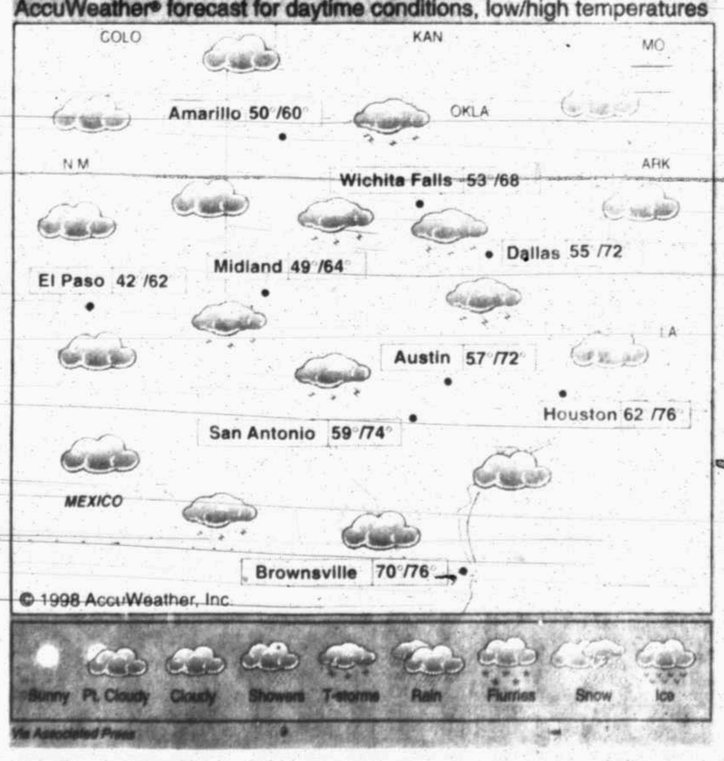
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Albuquerque	54	42	cdy	
Amarillo	63	44	rn	
Anchorage	23	17	sn	
Asheville	69	29	clr	
Atlanta	74	49	clr	
Atlantic City	62	31	clr	
Austin	79	60	cdy	
Baltimore	64	31	clr	
Billings	60	39	cdy	
Birmingham	75	45	cdy	
Bismarck	50	25	cdy	
Boise	54	43	03	rn
Boston	63	39	cdy	
Brownsville	83	62	cdy	
Buffalo	56	43	cdy	
Burlington Vt	55	39	cdy	
Casper	57	39	clr	
Charleston S.C.	77	49	clr	
Charleston W.Va.	68	28	cdy	
Charlotte N.C.	70	38	clr	
Cheyenne	60	38	clr	
Chicago	61	49	cdy	
Cincinnati	65	33	cdy	
Cleveland	64	43	cdy	
Columbia S.C.	76	40	clr	
Columbus Ohio	63	34	cdy	
Concord N.H.	63	26	cdy	
Dallas Ft Worth	74	52	clr	
Dayton	62	40	cdy	
Denver	72	35	clr	
Des Moines	59	52	cdy	
Detroit	61	42	cdy	
Duluth	48	28	cdy	
El Paso	56	45	02	cdy
Evansville	65	34	cdy	
Fairbanks	3	-15	cdy	
Fargo	43	26	cdy	
Flagstaff	51	25	clr	
Grand Rapids	57	46	cdy	
Great Falls	53	34	cdy	
Greensboro N.C.	68	34	clr	
Hartford Spgfld	63	35	cdy	
Helena	55	29	cdy	
Honolulu	81	73	clr	
Houston	79	58	cdy	
Indianapolis	63	38	cdy	
Jackson Miss.	74	46	clr	
Jacksonville	74	55	cdy	
Juneau	38	31	cdy	
Kansas City	64	53	cdy	
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Los Angeles	64	51	04	cdy
Louisville	70	41	cdy	
Lubbock	67	51	rn	
Memphis	72	44	cdy	
Miami Beach	82	68	39	cdy
Midland-Odessa	73	54	rn	
Milwaukee	60	47	cdy	
Mpls-St Paul	58	46	cdy	
Nashville	72	46	cdy	
New Orleans	75	67	cdy	
New York City	64	44	cdy	
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San Francisco	60	51	rn	rn
San Juan P.R.	84	74	clr	
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St Ste Marie	49	34	cdy	
Seattle	45	43	cdy	
Shreveport	76	47	cdy	
Sioux Falls	63	41	cdy	
Spokane	44	33	02	cdy
Syracuse	65	38	cdy	
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Topeka	66	44	cdy	
Tucson	64	46	05	clr
Tulsa	72	50	cdy	
Washington D.C.	65	38	clr	
Wichita	63	41	cdy	
Wilkes-Barre	59	37	cdy	
Wilmington Del.	62	34	clr	

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UNIT: Dog has to be having fun to do job

(From 1A)

searches.

The unit helps all law enforcement agencies in the area search for drugs.

Two of the bigger drug finds the unit has had were a ton of marijuana found in a truck on Interstate Highway 20 and 33 pounds of cocaine that was found in an attic of a local residence.

Nicks said the method of training a dog to find drugs has come a long way over the years.

"People found out that a dog's nose is 100 to a million times stronger, or more sensitive, than a human's, depending on who you read," Nicks said. "So people decided they should get dogs to find the drugs.

"What they did was give the dogs drugs. The dog would become addicted and would want to find the drugs because he wanted the high.

"It was not long before it was discovered that the dogs became unreliable because they were drug addicts.

"Now, we use what is called 'play drive' method.

"We get a tennis ball, cut it open and put marijuana in it and glue it shut. We let the dog play with the tennis ball and he learns, 'this is what my tennis ball smells like.'

"THEN, WE will throw some marijuana-filled tennis balls in some high grass and tell the dog to find them. The dog will head out into the grass and try to find the scent of his tennis ball so he can play.

"Finally, we hide only the drug. The dog finds the drug and we give him a tennis ball to play with. So, the dog has learned that when he finds the scent of marijuana he gets to play with his tennis ball."

Another way a dog is trained is with a PVC pipe, but it follows the same process.

The unit is also used for tracking.

The officers teach the dog to follow one scent in different circumstances and conditions.

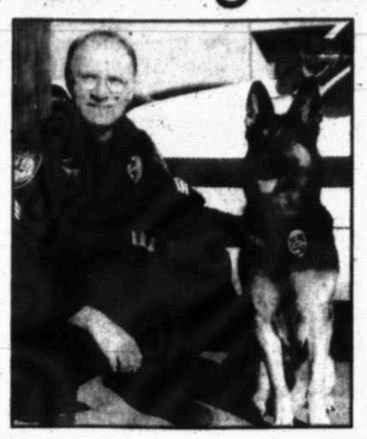
"The dog will follow three kinds of scents," Nicks said. "When a person walks, dead pieces of skin fall off, called skin rafts. The dogs can smell that. Remember, their nose is a million times stronger than yours or mine.

"The second scent is in the ground. You know how when you mow your lawn and you stand there admiring your work and you smell the smell of cut grass? When you walk on grass you break it and it leaves a scent like when you mow the grass.

"The last is occupational scent. If you are a butcher or work in a restaurant, you carry those scents with you when you walk around."



Officer Brian Hintz and K-9 Rio



Sgt. E.M. Nicks and K-9 Tango

To help the dogs practice, the officers will take turns laying a track for other K-9s.

TUESDAY NIGHT, during the ride-along, we ran tracks at the Midland College grounds.

Nicks and I were laying a track for Officer Brian Hintz and his partner, Rio. Nicks told me we were going to lay a pretty much straight track so I could watch Rio track.

'I have never met an officer who didn't cry when they lost their dog, but I would rather lose a dog than an officer.'
— Sgt. Ed Nicks, with the Midland Police Department K-9 Unit

Rio did exactly what Nicks said he would. We laid a crosswind track and Rio followed our path almost exactly, but just a little downwind, of where Nicks and I walked. When Rio found us Nicks tossed him a tennis ball and he and Hintz gave Rio verbal praise.

"I would say about 90 percent of our tracks are friendly ones, where there is no fight at the end," Nicks said. "We just don't chase bad guys. We get called out to find missing people, Alzheimer's patients who wander off — things like that.

"I remember once, we found an attempted suicide who had walked off. Officers looked for her for two hours, it took the dogs five minutes."

NICKS GAVE me an example of the "power" of Tango's nose. We drove over to a park during the night. Nicks tossed a tennis ball to make sure Tango was not looking and put down his keys, a small dark green canister and a quarter in different places around the park.

Nicks called Tango over and told him, "Hey Tango, I lost my keys." Tango dropped his head and began sniffing for Nicks' keys.

With in three minuets, Tango found the keys, the canister and the quarter with no help from Nicks.

"How long do you think it would take you to find these things out here if you dropped 'em?" Nicks said. "These guys are amazing and they do it all for a tennis ball or a piece of PVC pipe."

I rode with Nicks the first half of the night and with Hintz for the second half of the evening.

The K-9 units work patrol like all other officers, so most of our night was spent riding around.

Our only chance to use a dog on the street came around 7 p.m.

Officer Chad Bullard had pulled over a man for a traffic violation. Bullard discovered that the driver was wanted on drug charges and an evading arrest charge and had been arrested before for possession of a controlled substance.

NICKS ASKED Bullard if he wanted Tango to search the truck. Bullard said it would probably be a good one to search because of the driver's prior record.

Tango got out and smelled all over the truck. When he smelled where he thought there were drugs, Tango would stop, look up at Nicks and paw one time at the spot he thought the drug would be found. Nick would reward him with a PVC pipe and would search that spot.

Although we did not find any drugs in the truck, there is a strong possibility that drugs were once there.

"I am 100 percent sure there was dope in this car at one time," Nicks said. "That is one of the good things about K-9. It would have taken an officer a few hours to come to that conclusion."

The vehicle was impounded by Nicks and we went back on patrol.

"I don't mind doing that (filling out the forms for the impounding)," Nicks said. "By me doing it, one officer was able to take his suspect to jail and the other was able to back up an officer.

"That is what we are here for. The K-9 Unit is there to back up the other guys out here."

The officers do their training with the dogs at different parks around the city. Every time we would get close to a park Tango and Rio would stand up and began to whimper and get worked up.

"FOR THEM it is all a game," Hintz said. "I can correct him and tell him not to do something. But, I can't put his nose to the ground and tell him to track or find the drugs.

"I remember, one time, Rio went off of the track he was following and began to track an animal of some kind. I made him get off that track and he looked at me like, 'hey, I was smelling that.'

"After that he acted like he had no idea what I wanted him to do. He has to want to find it. He has to be having fun or we won't do it."

All good searches are rewarded with the tennis ball. Nicks told me he asks the officer not to give the dog a tennis ball unless they earn it, otherwise it is no big deal.

Nicks said he would like other officers to use the K-9 Unit more in the field.

"If officers were searching a burglary in progress and the person inside was armed it could be come a dangerous situation," Nicks said. "What do you think is easier to hit? A 6-foot tall officer or a 3-foot tall officer moving twice as fast?

"I have never met an officer who didn't cry when they lost their dog, but I would rather lose a dog than an officer."

The only negative thing I heard about the dog the entire night had to do with the weather.

"Everyone in West Texas always asks for rain," Nicks said. "I don't. Anyone who has ever ridden in a car for eight hours with a wet dog would probably never want it to rain again."

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Members of the K-9 Unit are available for public demonstrations. Interested persons can call the Police Department and talk to Sgt. Ed Nicks.

'NET: Every kid in district has computer access

(From 1A)

school district was able to spend approximately $300,000 over a two-year period for equipment," Fishback said. "We were able to find some real bargains in furniture, and to buy good computers and printers because of this foresight."

Fishback said the schools now have 175 computers in place, and are taking bids for 25 more.

"Every kid from kindergarten up will have access to computers," he said. "We have about 85 kids designing Web pages, and we're teaching all our kids how to use the Internet for research. We also teach desktop publishing, and that's how we publish our school newspaper."

Fishback said the school also has its own Web page, designed not only to showcase news and photos of school activities such as sports and UIL contests, but to publish curricula information for parents and students.

"Parents can go to the Web site, click on '*Faculty*,' then click on a teacher's name and find the week's lesson plan, which is posted every Monday. If a parent wants to get a message to the teacher, all they have to do is click on the e-mail address and type in the message or question."

Students also can utilize the school's technical capabilities to do schoolwork, Fishback said. "Every student has a personal folder, and no matter where they are, they can do their homework or other work. If they have a computer at home with Internet capabilities, they can e-mail assignments home and not have to worry about losing paperwork. This is especially helpful when they're doing term papers."

Fishback said before the microwave towers were erected, Elbow students didn't participate electronically. "But now, they'll be able to do the same things the Forsan kids do."

Every computer lab has a scanner and laser printers, and each teacher has an inkjet printer.

Last year the school bought a digital camera, a purchase that Fishback says has paid for itself many times over.

"We take about 200 pictures a week, and post them on our Web page. During sports events, we post our pictures on the Web, and parents and grandparents and friends who weren't able to go to the games can see them as soon as we put them on there instead of having to wait to get the prints developed.

"We do this with every school activity — not just sports," he said. The Web page also is used to post weekly activities schedules, directions to activities in distant locations, and photos of community interest. "If you want to see how the microwave towers were erected, click on 'Administration', then click on my page and click on 'Tower'," he said.

Fishback was quick to add that while the Forsan school district had made enormous technological inroads, this progress came through the help of the school board and Region 18. "They're one reason we're so far ahead," he explained. "They got a grant for every school in their district to put up a video-conferencing setup, which enables students from any of those schools to take college level classes through their school labs.

"We were visited recently by people from East Texas who flew in to see how we operate. We couldn't have don't this without Region 18's help."

BUSY: Chamber seeks to bring in more conventions

(From 1A)

in, and that's a direction we need to go as well. Visitors spend a lot of money. They pay for a hotel room, they eat at restaurants, they pay for transportation and they go shopping."

Ms. Stovall, along with members of the CVB, will travel to Austin in January to participate in the Crossroads trade show.

The center also works with the Texas Society of Association Executives, which is comprised of a large number of individuals and organizations that have annual meetings and, in many cases, more than one meeting each year, she said.

She said that Midland Center works closely with the sales staffs of the Hilton Midland and other hotels, including Holiday Inn, ClayDesta Inn and Ramada Hotel, to bring in conventions and other events. "Together we have 20,000 square feet of meeting space."

Other cities of a similar size, attract conventions by outside organizations and "it's a market for us," she said.

Rich Schneider with Texaco told the board members that increasing the use of minority and women-owned businesses is also important to the city's economic development and diversification.

He reported that efforts are being made to make certification of minority and women-owned businesses easier, consistent and accessible.

In other business:

■ Mike Potter, vice chair for community development, reported that the Education Combination is being reorganized into an education committee as several projects have grown into free-standing organizations. He said he and fellow volunteers are working with local television stations to create six public service announcements encouraging students to stay in school;

■ Gary Vandergriff, the new chairman of the transportation committee, said he is looking for new committee members; and

■ a preview party has been scheduled for Jan. 15 at the new airport terminal; the dedication ceremony set for Jan. 16.

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CHANGES: Jones' plan should save city $500,000, increase landfill lifespan

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were required to have sloping sides, which cut significantly into the volume each pit could hold. These sloping sides are necessary to place the waterproof linings required by the 1991 regulations.

Using the dry climate and years of records showing that "leachate" water does not drip through the landfill here — Jones was able to convince state officials to grant permission to increase the "aerial fill" at the landfill, he said.

Aerial fill is how much waste and dirt cover is stacked up above the original grade of the land.

In wetter parts of the country, leachate water is a major concern. This is water that has filtered down through tons of rotting garbage and corroding metals. "As you can imagine, it's pretty foul," Jones said.

At the local landfill, however, rainwater never makes it entirely through the landfill mass, so there is no leachate.

Most of those cities that try to get permission for additional aerial fill try for a maximum of 50 or 60 feet, he said.

"I went for 120 feet," Jones said of his three-year negotiations with the TNRCC.

Even with this additional space, the city is still shouldering the burden of increased cost because of the liner requirements of 1991.

The waterproof lining placed in the bottom of each pit is a combination of a couple of inches of clay woven into a mat and covered with a heavy sheet of plastic.

This high-density polyethylene (HDPE) lining is placed in strips over the clay matting and bonded into an impermeable barrier between the landfill and the spotty patches of groundwater in the area.

"There's not much groundwater out there. That's why we put the landfill there in the first place," Jones said.

There is not much natural clay available locally, so the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) allows West Texas landfills to use the clay matting.

Because of the sloped sides, the new pits must be elongated, taking a space of about 600 feet by 1,200 feet — or 12 acres — to act as a working landfill pit.

At the local landfill, rainwater never makes it entirely through the landfill mass, so there is no leachate, which is water that has filtered down through tons of rotting garbage and corroding metals.

With this configuration, however, the pits must be made continuous throughout the 275-acre landfill site, whereas in the past there were distinct pits separated by a few feet of earth.

All loose garbage must be coated with soil at the end of each working day, but compact bailed trash can be left exposed for as much as a week, Jones said.

When a terrace of compressed trash is completed, earth moving equipment comes in and caps this with cliche saved from the pit excavation.

These six-inch covers of dirt simply become the bottom of the next layer of solid waste.

In the continuous pit method, new pit space is excavated as the landfill process continues, with layers of dirt a few inches thick separating the trash fill as it grows.

The final cap over the top of the landfill space must be at least 1 1/2 feet thick and grows with the expanding pit.

By gaining permission to stack solid waste 120 feet above grade, Jones is believed to have increased the life of the landfill through the year 2050.

In this way, the annual cost of pit excavation, lining, and the drilling of test wells is expected to be reduced from $1.25 million to about $750,000.

Currently, there is no waste stacked up to the 120-foot level.

To reach a height of 120 feet above the prior grade, a 600-foot lateral run is needed to produce the 5:1 slope required by law, he said.

"You and I could walk up it easily," Jones said.

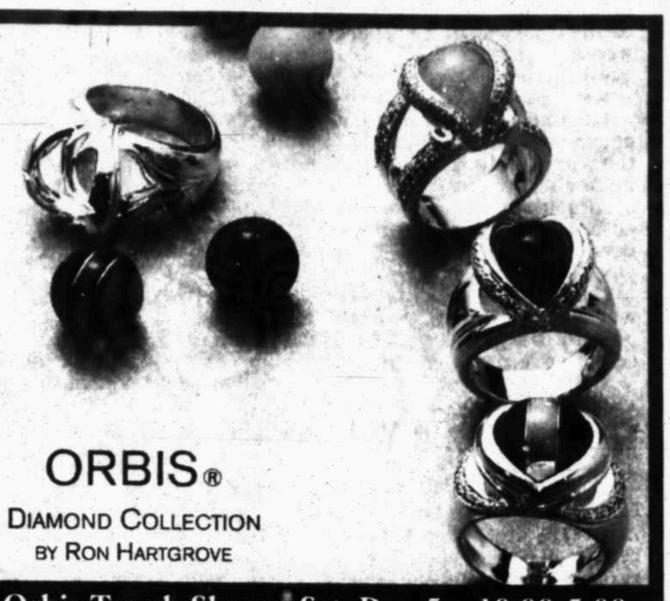
Midland produces about 300 tons of solid waste each day, or 212,000 cubic yards of waste annually.

Jones has been with the city of Midland for nine years after moving here from California, where he had been a consultant with an engineering firm.

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Indonesian students demonstrate outside presidential palace

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Indonesia's students obtained an invitation Wednesday to talk with government officials — but only after they braved heavy security and converged outside the presidential palace.

The rally, involving about 1,500 students, was the boldest anti-government protest since the military shot nine demonstrators to death last month.

It appeared to take security forces by surprise even though thousands of troops have been camped in an adjacent park for weeks. As the demonstration grew, troops were hurriedly trucked in.

The students arrived in a convoy of cars and buses and sat down in the road, only yards from the palace's manicured lawns and ornamental fountain. They chanted anti-military slogans as riot officers with sticks and shields looked on.

The standoff ended peacefully when student leaders were escorted into the palace to meet with senior government officials.

After an hour of negotiations, student leaders held talks with President B.J. Habibie's military secretary, two-star Vice Air Marshal Budi Santoso and presidential aide Erman Rajagujuk.

The students demanded that military chief Gen. Wiranto be held accountable for the Nov. 13 deaths of the nine students.

They said former President Suharto should be investigated for corruption and sent to trial before a general election next June.

Erman later told reporters Habibie would make an announcement on Suharto's case within the next few days.

Habibie refused to see the students and criticized a rising tide of daily protests.

"Indonesians have to implement reforms through constitutional means because it is impossible to implement reforms on the street," he said.

In another part of the capital, riot squads blocked 500 other students from marching on the national Parliament.

Others demonstrated outside several government buildings as well as near the home of Suharto, who resigned in May after deadly riots and protests against his 32-year autocratic rule. Suharto, like many Indonesians, uses only one name.

Habibie has ordered a new probe into the wealth of Suharto, his onetime mentor. But earlier this week, he postponed announcing the panel of investigators, and opponents question whether the process will be impartial.

An investigation into Suharto's wealth by the attorney general's office turned up no evidence of wrongdoing and student protesters labeled it a whitewash. Critics say Suharto's family built billion-dollar business empires partly with state resources.

Duma seeks Yeltsin's medical records

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's Communist-dominated parliament formally demanded the release of Boris Yeltsin's medical records Wednesday and asked the country's highest court to clarify how to determine when a president is fit to govern.

The action by the lower house, the State Duma, came as Yeltsin spent an 11th straight day in the hospital with what aides described as pneumonia.

Yeltsin's frequent illnesses and his limited public appearances have raised concerns about his ability to lead the country — now mired in its worst economic crisis since the 1991 Soviet collapse — through the end of his term in mid-2000.

Lawmakers repeatedly have sought more specifics on his health but Wednesday was the first time they approved a written request. The margin was overwhelming, 247-33.

The document urges the presidential doctors to report on Yeltsin's health within 10 days.

"The absence of trustworthy information on the president's health has spurred abundant rumors, allegations and even guesswork diagnosis, such as Parkinson's or Alzheimer's disease," it said. "That stirs the public and causes doubts about the president's ability to exercise his duties."

Russian law gives the Duma no power to make an inquest into the president's health, and the document did not say what would happen if doctors ignored the 10-day deadline.

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Israel suspends further troop withdrawals following attack

JERUSALEM (AP) — Stung by a vicious attack on an Israeli soldier, the government announced Wednesday it was suspending further troop withdrawals until Palestinians comply with a list of demands — including publicly abandoning plans to declare a state in May.

Palestinian officials rejected the demands outright and charged that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was looking for excuses to knock the peace process off track.

In Washington, the Clinton administration was sharply critical of the new Israeli conditions and said the accord "should be implemented as signed."

The Israeli government said its decision was prompted in part by the attack on the soldier and a civilian earlier in the day by a Palestinian mob in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

"The Palestinian Authority is encouraging acts of violence, such as today's brutal attack in Ramallah, in an attempt to pressure Israel with regard to the matter of the prisoners" the Palestinians want released, Netanyahu said in a statement.

The decision came only 10 days before President Clinton was to arrive in the region to usher in the second stage of the Wye River land-for-security agreement he helped negotiate in October.

The Israeli announcement raised questions about whether the Clinton trip could take place while Israel was holding up the agreement.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said the pullback was an obligation and, in a statement aimed at Netanyahu, added: "We do not think it is appropriate to add new conditions."

At the same time, Rubin condemned the attack in Ramallah, saying: "That is clearly the kind of violence that has no place in the peace process."

In the ambush in Ramallah, dozens of Palestinian university students waited at a traffic circle, screening cars. Once they found what they wanted, a hail of stones hit targeted vehicle, smashing its windows.

A young Israeli soldier was dragged out of the car and, as he cowered on the pavement, was struck repeatedly on the head with rocks.

Captured by cameras, the attack was shown over and over on Israeli television, making some Israelis wonder if the Palestinian Authority really was trying to control violence like it pledged to do in the land-for-peace agreement.

The ambush overshadowed the stabbing death earlier Wednesday of an Arab street-cleaner in Jerusalem, apparently by an Israeli extremist. During the funeral procession for Osama Natche, a 41-year-old father of six, mourners torched an Israeli car and stoned Israeli police who fired rubber bullets.

Hours later, rioting throughout traditionally Arab east Jerusalem continued, with masked Palestinians throwing stones at cars and blocking roads with burning tires. Jerusalem police spokesman Shmuel Ben Ruby said five Palestinians were arrested for throwing stones that shattered a bus window and injured the driver.

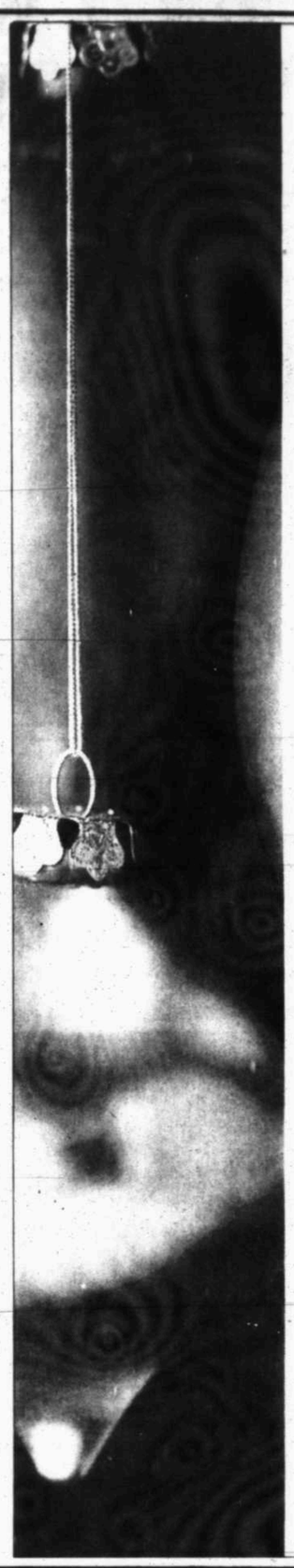
Israel and the Palestinian Authority blamed each other for the violence.

Netanyahu's senior adviser, David Bar-Illan, said the Palestinian Authority has incited residents against Israel in the dispute over the release of Palestinian prisoners.

"The bottom line is that there will be no further withdrawals unless the Palestinian Authority lives up to all its commitments," he said.

A statement from Netanyahu's office said the Palestinians must acknowledge that Israel did not agree to release Palestinian prisoners who have committed acts against Israel.

"Israel demands that the Palestinian Authority announce clearly that it is abandoning its intention to unilaterally declare a Palestinian state and announce its commitment to continuous negotiations until a final arrangement is achieved. Israel demands that the Palestinian Authority immediately stop violent and inciteful acts and punish rioters," the statement said.



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South Korean Buddhist monks clash violently over money, power

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The gray-robed monks of the Chogye Buddhist order are generally a meditative lot, spending long hours in silent search of spiritual enlightenment.

But not lately.

For the past three weeks, thousands of them have been fighting each other with fists, rocks, firebombs and clubs over matters far more temporal and mundane: power and money.

At the heart of the dispute is a struggle for control of the order, the largest in South Korea. A swift resolution does not appear likely, and riot police stood guard around the temple Wednesday in case of new violence.

The frequent clashes at the Chogye order's main temple in downtown Seoul have been captured by television cameras, sending surreal images into millions of South Korean homes.

During one melee, a portly, middle-aged monk swings a collapsible metal chair at a fellow monk wearing a bright yellow construction hard hat atop his shaven head.

In another scene, a monk wearing what appear to be combat boots tries to scale a barricade barring the main door of the order's administrative building. From above, a rival dumps the contents of a chamber pot on his head.

The latest brawl this week left 37 people injured, some seriously, and the two main sanctuaries on the temple grounds badly damaged.

It also left many of South Korea's 8 million lay Buddhists dismayed.

The trouble began when the head of the order, Song Wol-ju, sought a third four-year term. Opponents seized his office early last month, effectively blocking his re-election.

"This whole dispute was caused by some greedy, corrupt, power-oriented monks. We are determined to reform the order at any cost," said Wol Tan, a spokesman for the anti-Song monks.

Under public pressure, Song offered to resign, but his followers refused to give in and tried to oust opponents from the temple grounds.

"The people who have seized the office building are not monks but hoodlums," said Ji Sun, a spokesman for Song. "We cannot possibly let them lead the order. And it is clear which side the public supports."

The public, however, does not appear to support either one.

"The monks are more like politicians than monks. And they know that the winner gets everything and the loser gets nothing," said Yoon Won-chul, a professor of religious studies at Seoul National University.

The victorious faction gets to control an annual budget of $9.2 million, millions of dollars in property and appoint 1,700 monks to various duties. In the past, those on the losing side were accused of corruption and deprived of their status as monks.

Yoon said it is an open secret that many monks, once they take control of an order, begin to amass wealth — houses and expensive cars — through donations by worshipers.

He also said many Korean Buddhist monks are not well-educated, and are ill-equipped to support themselves if they leave their temples.

"Those who are not interested in power and money stay in their temples and rarely make public appearances. And hearing about this dispute, they will become even more reluctant to be involved," Yoon said. "In the meantime, the order's high-ranking jobs get filled with monks who are much more interested in power than the religion itself. It is a vicious cycle."

On Wednesday, as several monks strolled the temple grounds strewn with garbage, broken lumber, the burned remains of home-made bombs and other debris, an angry laywoman shouted, "This is a place for Buddha! You hoodlums get out of here!"

"Monks are supposed to be spiritual guides to people," she lamented. "They should be ashamed of what they are doing. What would Buddha say about this?"



Gray-robed monks beat a rival monk, foreground, during a violent clash after a rally at the Chogye Temple in Seoul Monday. About 2,000 rival monks clashed, trying to take control of South Korea's largest Buddhist temple.

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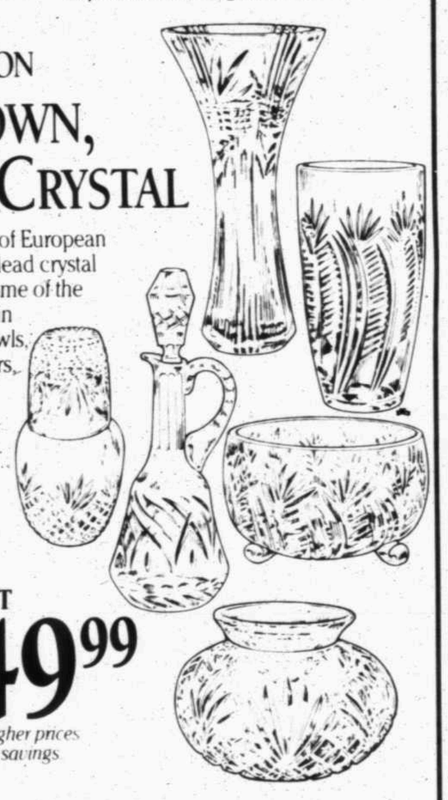
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Judge lets impeachment investigators see fund-raising memos

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a victory for Republicans, a federal judge said Wednesday that House Judiciary Committee investigators may inspect secret Justice Department memos on alleged fund-raising abuses in President Clinton's 1996 campaign.

Republicans said the ruling by U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson could upset the tight impeachment schedule. The White House, exasperated that it does not yet know which articles of impeachment Clinton might have to defend against, urged GOP House leaders to rein in the inquiry.

Neither party wasted any time sending their staff members to the Justice Department to read the fund-raising memos. Republican chief investigator David Schippers went for the Republicans and staff member Kevin Simpson for the Democrats.

Clinton's attorneys were preparing a letter that would inform the Judiciary Committee whether they plan to present a defense before the panel wraps up its work.

The committee set a tentative schedule to conclude next week with final hearings and a vote on articles of impeachment. If any articles are approved, the matter could go to the House floor the week of Dec. 14. Lawmakers then could vote to send Clinton to trial in the Senate, censure him or do nothing.

Committee officials cautioned, however, that the schedule could be altered if investigators unearth any explosive new evidence in the memos written by FBI Director Louis Freeh and prosecutor Charles LaBella.

Johnson ruled that it was in the public interest for one Republican and one Democratic member of the Judiciary Committee staff to see the memos, which urged the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate Clinton's fund raising and summarized evidence in the two-year-old Justice Department inquiry.

The judge said that neither of the investigators could copy the memos or take notes and that they could report their findings only to Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., the committee chairman, and Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, the senior Democrat. Any further dissemination would need the judge's approval.

The committee could face a dilemma if the LaBella and Freeh memos produced solid leads of presidential wrongdoing but not enough to expand the inquiry without further investigation.

A Republican official on the committee said lawmakers cannot yet rule out pushing the inquiry past the year-end deadline they have set for themselves.

In the Monica Lewinsky matter that is currently the focus of the investigation, the committee not only has Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's report but thousands of pages of grand jury testimony, as well as prosecutor and FBI interviews. That material, indirectly, let the main players in the affair speak to the committee.

The Justice Department memos, on the other hand, mainly contain the conclusions of two law enforcement officials who oversaw the fund-raising inquiry but whose recommendations for a special prosecutor so far have been resisted by Attorney General Janet Reno.

Reno said after Wednesday's ruling that her department "sought to balance the committee's constitutional responsibilities with the needs of law enforcement" and believed the judge's ruling "achieved a just balance."

The judge had ruled just last week in a sealed decision that lawmakers could not see the memos.

Republican and Democratic committee officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the panel plans to convene final impeachment hearings Tuesday that would end Friday or Saturday of next week. The proceedings are expected to include presentations by lawyers for both parties prior to votes on articles of impeachment.

Johnson's ruling gave impeachment investigators access to four internal memos from the fund-raising inquiry:

■ Freeh's memo to Reno on Nov. 24, 1997. Freeh has acknowledged the memo recommended a special prosecutor to investigate Clinton's fund raising.

■ A July 16 interim report and an Aug. 12, 1998, addendum from LaBella and James DeSarno, the FBI agent who oversaw the campaign fund-raising task force. LaBella, too, urged appointment of a special prosecutor.

■ An Aug. 5 memo from Lee Radek, chief of public integrity in the Justice Department, to James Robinson, assistant attorney general, that reviewed the LaBella and DeSarno interim report.

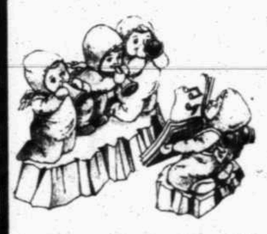
■ An Aug. 25 memo by Robinson analyzing the LaBella-DeSarno report.

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Exxon-Mobil merger could offer opportunity

In the wake of the merger of Exxon and Mobil on Tuesday, which created the world's largest oil company with combined revenues of $203 billion, the impact on the Permian Basin and the present employees of Mobil now working here is uncertain.

Both Exxon and Mobil have had a major presence in Midland for years, although Exxon closed its Midland office last August after 70 years. It still has 160 field employees in the Permian Basin. Mobil, meanwhile, has 370 employees in the Basin and maintains an office in Midland.

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Those special circumstances are: a high concentration of quality assets in the Basin and an excellent track record on the part of Mobil for enhancing assets and turning a profit in the Basin. That might be enough to cause Exxon-Mobil to create a higher presence in the Basin with upgraded operations and added employees. That in turn could be a catalyst for attracting other oil companies back to Midland.

On the other hand, if the new company decides to pull totally out of the Basin, as Exxon did in 1997, it could have a disastrous effect on the economy and send the wrong message to other oil companies.

Another result of the merger that could have a positive impact on the Permian Basin would be the divestment of producing properties to independents who generally have lower operating costs and a tighter focus on producing properties.

At this moment, no one knows the direction the Exxon-Mobil merger will take, if at all. But whatever direction the merger takes, we can only hope Mobil operations here will be only minimally impacted, perhaps even upgraded, and that it will have positive results for the entire Permian Basin.

GEORGE WILL

Most right-to-lifers are kindly, peaceable people

CHINO HILLS, Calif.—Where Route 71 crosses over Payton Drive, at the bottom of the steeply sloping embankment, two boys, who were playing nearby, found the boxes. The boys bicycled home and said they had found boxes of "babies."


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Do not be impatient with the imprecision of their language. They have not read the apposite Supreme Court opinions. So when they stumbled on the boxes stuffed with 54 fetuses, which looked a lot like babies, they jumped to conclusions. Besides, young boys are apt to believe their eyes rather than the Supreme Court.

The first count came to a lot less than 54. Forgive the counters' imprecision. Many fetuses had been dismembered—hands, arms, legs, heads jumbled together—by the abortionist's vigor. An accurate count required a lot of sorting out.

The fetuses had been dumped here, about 30 miles east of Los Angeles, on March 14, 1997, by a trucker who may not have known what the Los Angeles abortion clinic had hired him to dispose of. He later served 71 days in jail for the improper disposal of medical waste. Society must be strict about its important standards.

What local authorities dealt with as a problem of solid waste disposal struck a few local residents as rather more troubling than that. They started talking to each other, and one thing led to another, and to the formation of Cradles of Love, which had the modest purpose of providing a burial for the 54 babies.

The members of Cradles of Love—just a few normal walking-around middle-class Americans—called them babies, and still do. These people are opposed to abortion, in spite of the Supreme Court's assurance in 1973 that abortions end only "potential life." (Twenty-five years later the Supreme Court has not yet explained how a life that is merely "potential" can be ended.)

Some will say the members of Cradles of Love, who are churchgoers, have been unduly influenced by theology. Or perhaps the real culprit is biology. It teaches that after the DNA of the sperm fuse with those of the ovum it forms a new and unique DNA complex which directs the growth of the organism. It soon is called a fetus, which takes in nourishment and converts it to energy through its own distinct, unique organic functioning, and very soon looks a lot like a baby.

Anyway, theology or biology or maybe their eyes told the members of Cradles of Love that there were some babies in need of burials. So they asked the coroner to give them the fetuses. Then the American Civil Liberties Union was heard from.

It professed itself scandalized by this threat to ... what? The ACLU frequently works itself into lathers of anxiety about threats to the separation of church and state. However, it is difficult to identify any person whose civil liberties were going to be menaced if the fetuses were (these are the ACLU's words) "released to the church groups for the express purpose of holding religious services." The ACLU said it opposed "facilitation" of services by a public official.

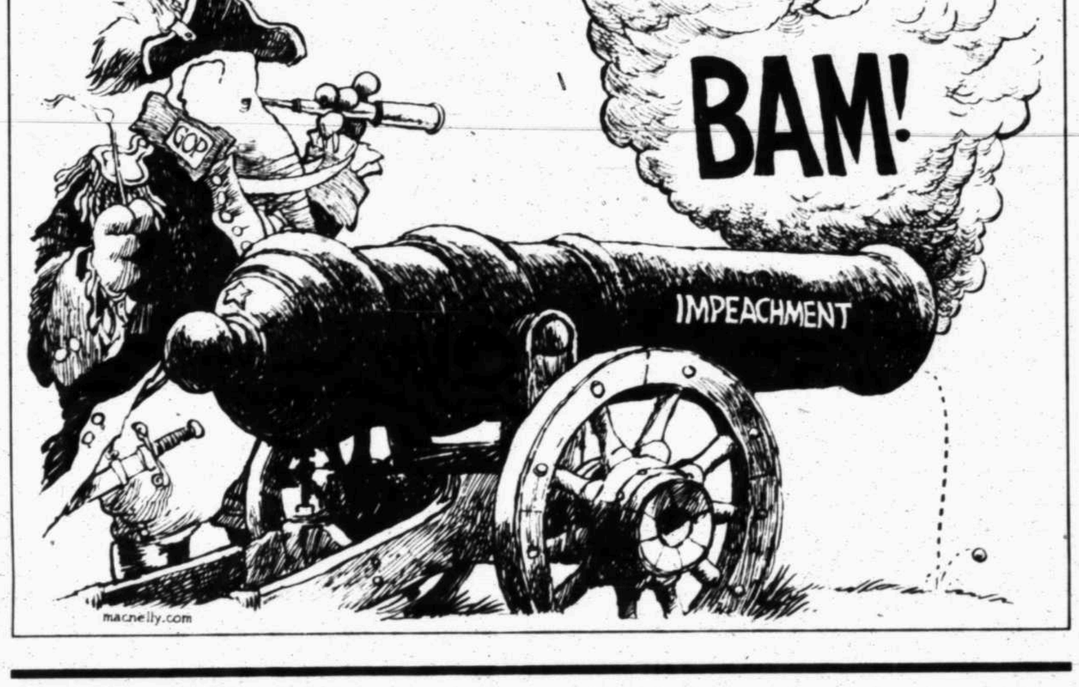
The ACLU's attack on the constitutionally protected right to the free exercise of religion failed to intimidate, and last month the babies were buried in a plot provided at no charge by a cemetery in nearby Riverside. Each baby was given a name by a participating church group. Each name was engraved on a brass plate that was affixed to each of the 54 small, white, wooden caskets made, at no charge, by a volunteer who took three days off from work to do it. Fifty clergy and four persons active in the right-to-life movement carried the caskets. Each baby's name is inscribed on a large headstone, also provided at no charge. Fifty-four doves, provided at no charge by the cemetery, were released at the services.

The ACLU trembled for the Constitution.

We hear much about the few "extremists" in the right-to-life movement. But the vast majority of the movement's members are like the kindly, peaceable people here who were minding their own business until some of the results of the abortion culture tumbled down a roadside embankment and into their lives.

Which is not to say that this episode was untainted by ugly extremism. It would be nice if the media, which are nothing if not diligent in documenting and deploring right-to-life extremism, could bring themselves to disapprove the extremism of the ACLU, which here attempted a bullying nastiness unredeemed by any connection to a civic purpose.

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ART BUCHWALD

Panic in the streets as holidays approach

If you had to sum up in one word the Christmas season it would be PANIC. Once the Thanksgiving dishes are washed the whole country goes into panic.


Buchwald

Merchants are the first to panic. The department stores begin to run ads of 50 percent off, plus 10 percent down, plus 10 percent reduction if you bring in this ad, which will entitle you to a 30 percent rebate.

Everybody is offering a bargain. "We will take your mother-in-law as a trade-in for a new Chevy." "Any sofa in the store is free if you buy an ashtray."

After stores, you will find most women are the next ones having panic attacks at Christmas. Women, not men, have to decide how much is enough when it comes to buying presents. The answer is that there is never too much, and that is where the panic sets in. In most cases it is the women who plan the meals, not just for Christmas Day, which is a snap, but also for three days before and three days after the holiday.

If the children are of high school or college age, we're talking about a food bill of $2,300.

Besides the decisions about the size of the tree, the most important question to be answered is who to invite for the holiday. The choices are your parents or his parents. No matter how you do it, someone's nose will be out of joint forever.

To make sure that women have no time to rest, Christmas provides them an opportunity to drive their children to the school Christmas play, the church sing-along and to Wal-Mart for a tree-lighting ceremony.

The panic of men is caused by the panic of their women. To help out, the father volunteers to shop for toys. Since he hasn't been in a store all year he is horrified to discover electronic games made in Japan have been marked down to $2,500, firetrucks are now selling for $550 and Monopoly sets for $200 — but Boardwalk and Park Place are not included.

Money is not the only reason for men to panic. Buying a present for their loved one also presents problems.

If he purchases a fur coat for his wife, that means he will have to take it out of the kids' tuition. If he goes for a piece of expensive jewelry, he won't be able to buy the brand-new set of golf clubs he's had his eye on for some time.

The last ones to panic at the Christmas season are the children. There is so much for them on television and so little time for them to get what they see. This season kids are naughty or nice. It comes as a shock to the nice ones to discover the ones who were naughty get the same number of presents as they do.

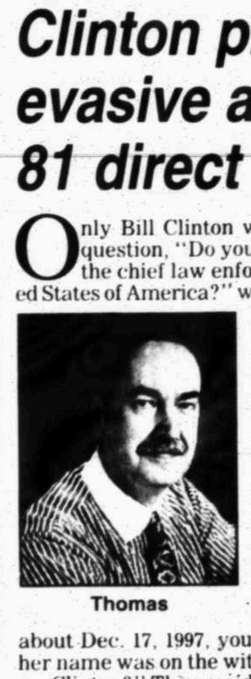
Enjoy your panic while you can. It's later than you think.

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CAL THOMAS

Clinton provides 81 evasive answers to 81 direct questions

Only Bill Clinton would respond to the direct question, "Do you admit or deny that you are the chief law enforcement officer of the United States of America?" with the evasive answer, "The president is frequently referred to as the chief law enforcement officer, although nothing in the Constitution specifically designates the president as such."


Thomas

And so it went in a game of cat and mouse through 81 questions asked of the president by House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde.

Question 17: "Do you admit or deny that on or about Dec. 17, 1997, you told Monica Lewinsky that her name was on the witness list in the case of Jones vs. Clinton?" The president responded that although he recalled telephoning Lewinsky to tell her that the mother of his secretary, Betty Currie, had died, "I do not recall other particulars of such a call." But a House Judiciary Committee "backgrounder" notes the record indicates the president told Lewinsky about the appearance of her name on that date. In her grand jury testimony of Aug. 6, Lewinsky was asked, 'Did you come to have a telephone conversation with the president on Dec. 17?" Lewinsky testified, "Yes, he told me he had some more bad news, that he had seen the witness list for the Paula Jones case and my name was on it .... He told me that it didn't necessarily mean that I would be subpoenaed, but that that was a possibility, and if I were subpoenaed, that I should contact Betty and let Betty know that I had received the subpoena."

There are numerous such discrepancies between the president's latest responses and his previous responses, and the answers of others. Yet, through it all, the president and his attorney, David Kendall, repeatedly assert that none of his statements is "false and misleading." But in an "introductory statement" to his answers, the president admits "it was also wrong to mislead people about what happened." So, Clinton misled the people who do not have the power to legally punish him (his family and the public), but he did not mislead people who do have such power (the grand jury and the House Judiciary Committee).

Question 14: "Do you admit or deny that you discussed with Monica Lewinsky prior to Dec. 17, 1997, that Betty Currie should be the one to clear Ms. Lewinsky in to see you so that Ms. Lewinsky could say that she was visiting with Ms. Currie instead of you?" This is a crucial question because it involves possible subornation of perjury by the president. In response, Clinton said, "I may have talked about what to do in a non-legal context at some point in the past, but I have no specific memory of that conversation."

The record indicates something different. Monica Lewinsky testified on Aug. 6 that she and the president did, in fact, have such a discussion: "I think we -- we discussed -- you know, the backward route of it was that Betty always needed to be the one to clear me in so that, you know, I could always say I was coming to see Betty."

Question 43: "Do you admit or deny that you gave false and misleading testimony under oath in your deposition in the case of Jones vs. Clinton when you responded 'once or twice' to the question 'has Monica Lewinsky ever given you any gifts?' " The president responded, "I give and receive many gifts." True, but how credible is it that the president would forget gifts from a woman with whom he was having an affair in the White House? To say that these and many similar statements are not false and misleading is itself false and misleading.

Rep. Bob Barr (R-Ga.) correctly referred to the president's responses as "tortured legal reasoning and convenient memory lapses. It offers no exculpatory evidence and does not call into question the accuracy of the Independent Counsel's referral to Congress."

Twenty years ago, historian Paul Johnson observed that "one principal way in which our civilization is rendered vulnerable to the assaults of its enemies (and false friends) is by the undermining of linguistic truth. (Language) is the bloodstream of our culture, the real infrastructure of civilization .... Words can be prostituted and debauched, damaged by use, misuse or intent, rendered untruthful or treacherous, devalued or aggrandized, stood, as it were, on their heads, or turned inside out .... So long as we have language, we cannot be wholly enslaved, or wholly uncivilized ...."

That was written before the age of Clinton.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Public officials must push for open records

A new study that shows access to public records in Texas is becoming more difficult should prompt lawmakers to streamline and strengthen open-records laws.

The study, conducted by the public interest group Consumers Union, found that public records in Texas are becoming less public and more secret due to lax enforcement of the law, expanded exceptions to the law and the deliberate manipulation of the process by public officials.

One reason the public is finding it more difficult to obtain public information is because public officials forget that they work for the public. Many complaints about access to public records would disappear if public officials kept in mind the stated intent of law.

"The people, in delegating authority, do not give their servants the right to decide what it good for the people to know and what is not good for them to know."

— Waco Herald-Tribune

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Dec. 3, the 337th day of 1998. There are 28 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Dec. 3, 1948, the "Pumpkin Papers" came to light as the House Un-American Activities Committee announced that former Communist spy Whittaker Chambers had produced microfilm of secret documents hidden inside a pumpkin on his Maryland farm.

On this date:

In 1818, Illinois was admitted as the 21st state.

In 1828, Andrew Jackson was elected president of the United States.

In 1833, Oberlin College in Ohio, the first truly coeducational school of higher learning in the United States, opened its doors.

In 1925, "Concerto in F," by George Gershwin, had its world premiere at New York's Carnegie Hall, with Gershwin himself at the piano.

In 1947, the Tennessee Williams play "A Streetcar Named Desire" opened on Broadway.

Doonesbury



Former agriculture secretary cleared in corruption case

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal jury cleared former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy of all 30 charges against him Wednesday in the climax to a four-year, $17 million corruption investigation headed by a prosecutor who Espy called a "schoolyard bully."

President Clinton said in a statement he was pleased with the verdict.

Espy was chased out of office in 1994 after allegations that he took illegal gifts on the job and then tried to cover it up. Independent Counsel Donald Smaltz was already investigating Espy when the White House asked the secretary to leave office.

The case was the culmination of Smaltz's work, and the independent counsel tried much of the case himself. Espy pleaded innocent, and always maintained he was an innocent target of an overzealous prosecutor. He now practices law in Mississippi.

"He's not unlike any other schoolyard bully," Espy said of Smaltz after the verdict. "You've got to stand up to him."

Outside the courthouse, Smaltz acknowledged disappointment but said he accepts the outcome. "We met our obligation and the jury has spoken," the prosecutor said.

The jury heard about two months of evidence and spent slightly less than two days deliberating before the forewoman faced Espy and slowly answered "not guilty" as the judge read out each charge.

When she was done, Espy and his lawyers huddled in a hug while relatives and supporters cried and held onto one another in the front rows of the courtroom.

"It's cost a lot, it's been tough, but I knew from day one that I would stand here before you completely exonerated," Espy, 45, said outside the courthouse.

Espy had faced 30 counts covering about $33,000 worth of gifts and entertainment he received from companies such as chicken giant Tyson Foods Inc. U.S. District Judge Ricardo Urbina threw out an additional eight charges before the jury began its deliberations.



Former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy leaves federal court in Washington on Wednesday after being acquitted of all counts in his corruption case involving sports tickets and travel he accepted from companies that did business with his department.

AP photo

Smaltz's investigation traced sports tickets, travel, meals and trinkets such as a crystal bowl and an oil painting that came from companies regulated by Espy's department.

Federal ethics laws prohibit expensive gifts to public officials. But Espy also was charged with more serious violations of the Meat Inspection Act, which could have meant three years in prison if he was convicted.

Smaltz had complained more than once during the trial about references to race made by both defense lawyers and by his own witnesses, and he made a direct appeal to the jury in his closing arguments Monday not to let "sympathy or race" color its verdict.

But he made no references to race after the verdict came in. Espy was the first black secretary of agriculture and the jury in the case was composed of 11 blacks and one white.

Jurors, who were identified only by number during the trial, were whisked from the courthouse without commenting.

Defense lawyer Ted Wells said he worries Smaltz's remarks may leave an impression that Espy owes his acquittal to racial sympathy from a majority-black jury in a majority-black city.

"I would like to think Mike Espy would have gotten off any place, because he didn't do anything," Wells said.

Espy's lawyers did not call any witnesses.

In his statement, Clinton said Espy had served the country with distinction.

"After what have been challenging times for Mr. Espy, both personally and professionally, I am heartened that he has, as he said, emerged from this ordeal stronger," Clinton said. "I hope that as he moves forward he will continue his notable record of service to the country."

Espy was a Democratic congressman from Mississippi when Clinton nominated him to the Cabinet in 1993. He was the first Cabinet-level official to face trial since Raymond Donovan, labor secretary under Ronald Reagan. Donovan was acquitted in 1987 on charges involving old business deals.

Former Clinton Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros faces trial in February on charges involving payments he made to an ex-lover.

Smaltz claimed that Espy had his hand out from his first night on the job, when Tyson gave him extra tickets to an inaugural dinner for Clinton.

Other charges involved trips Espy took to the 1994 Super Bowl, a Chicago Bulls playoff game and the U.S. Open tennis tournament.

In some cases, Espy sought the tickets or made no attempt to conceal the fact that a company he regulated was paying the bills, prosecutors alleged. In other cases, Espy never knew who was paying the bills, or believed the favors were fine under federal gift laws, witnesses testified.

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Among the 70 witnesses were farm executives who testified that they expected nothing in return for their gifts and that Espy had never showed any favoritism.

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Judge sets bond in capital murder case

Suspects charged in child's death could gain release for $200,000 each

By Rick López
Staff Writer

ODESSA — The outcome of a Wednesday bond hearing has granted a young couple the opportunity to be released from jail until they are tried for the death of an Odessa toddler.

Carlos Cain Hinojos and Cynthia Jolynn Graves — who were arrested on capital murder charges — could be released from the Ector County jail after posting a $200,000 bond each.

At the hearing, 358th District Judge Bill McCoy said he would uphold the bond amount recommended by District Attorney John Smith.

The couple has been jailed for about two weeks since an Ector County grand jury indicted them in connection with the Nov. 19, 1995, death of 2-year-old Brandon Graves, Ms. Graves' son from a previous relationship.

Smith said the defendants were living together when the boy died.

After the hearing, Smith explained that he could have requested a much higher bond, but more than likely, the young couple would have filed an appeal to lower the bond amount. In that case, another hearing would have had to be scheduled.

An appeal hearing "would have taken a lot of time. We would have had to hear testimony from all the people in the courtroom who will say what 'fine' folks they (the defendants) are," Smith said. "That's why we set the bond at that amount."

More than 70 friends and relatives showed up at the courthouse in support of Hinojos and Ms. Graves. Dozens of people supporting Ms. Graves, who moved to Stanton after her son's death, signed a sheet pledging their support, her attorneys said. One of them was identified as a local pediatrician.

Defense attorneys Jeff Hinkley and Tom Morgan told reporters their client poses no risk of disappearing after she is released. She has parents to look after her, a job to keep and a community looking out for her.

"Stanton is a very close-knit farming community, and they've known her (Ms. Graves) forever," Morgan said. "People like this girl. They are willing to do anything they can in this matter."

Rhett Hoestenbach, who represents Hinojos, said his client's family is gathering their money in hopes of bonding out the former Monahans High School athlete. Should this happen, his client plans to get a job, enroll in college and stay in Odessa.

"He's been here the entire three years of the investigation. He wants to stay here and have his name cleared," Hoestenbach said.

Smith said the couple was investigated by Child Protective Services before their arrest. Hoestenbach claimed the agency's probe only focused on the circumstances of the Metro Homicide Unit's three-year criminal investigation. CPS was also trying to determine who would take care of Ms. Graves' other child — which is not Hinojos' — should the couple be arrested, Hoestenbach said.

Alfredo Hinojos, Carlos' father, was the only family member who answered reporters' questions. He and his son have discussed the incident since the day of the toddler's death, but the details of their discussion are sketchy, he said.

"The only thing he told me was 'Dad, I am at the hospital with Brandon,' " the older Hinojos said. "He called me the next day and said police were searching his house. I think the rest of this will come out later."

When asked about his son's relationship with Ms.

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BASIN BRIEFING

Murder for hire

ODESSA — An Odessa woman charged with solicitation of capital murder was in the process of divorcing a man she allegedly tried to have killed, Ector County District Attorney John Smith said Wednesday.

"They were apparently going through a divorce, and obviously, there were some really hard feelings," Smith said of Jacquelyn Adams, 23.

Ms. Adams allegedly told an Ector County confidential informant that she wanted to have her husband killed, and the tip was forwarded to the Texas Rangers and Department of Public Safety special crimes unit, Smith said.

The entire case leading to her arrest unfolded in two days, Smith said.

He said he could not elaborate on what payment the woman offered, but said, "there was something of value that changed hands and set the contract."

Ms. Adams remained in the Ector County jail Wednesday in lieu of a $10,000 bond, jailers said.

Smith said that Ms. Adams, if convicted, could face five to 99 years imprisonment and a $10,000 fine.

Project Graduation

Albertson's is donating proceeds from some of its film development to Project Graduation 1999, the all-night party for seniors who will be graduating in May. Persons who would like to contribute to Project Graduation can take film to any of Midland's three Albertson's stores between now and May 1 and designate it as "Project Graduation" under special instructions.

Police substation

The Midland Police Department's Mobile Substation is to be at Midland Park Mall 1-10 p.m. today through Sunday. The officers will patrol inside the mall and will be in the parking lot on foot and on bicycle. Also, the public is invited to tour the substation.

Libel lawsuit

BIG SPRING — A state appeals court has upheld a lower court's decision to dismiss a libel lawsuit filed by a losing candidate for sheriff against the Big Spring Herald. Former Howard County sheriff's deputy Woodrow B. Howell sued the newspaper, parent company American Publishing, publisher Chuck Williams and editor John H. Walker, claiming a March 1996 Herald article defamed him. Howell lost the Republican primary for sheriff. The 11th Court of Appeals in Eastland on Nov. 25 upheld state District Judge Robert H. Moore's September 1997 dismissal of the case.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library at 688-8991.

Flatlanders Toastmasters Club, Chevron Building, 15 Smith Road, 11:30 a.m., 687-7286.

LOOPS, 7 p.m., First Baptist Church, 550-LOOP.

Hearts Alive, 7 p.m., medical staff room at Memorial Hospital, 6843745.

Project ADAM, (Alternatives to Domestic Assault for Men), 570-0467.

Permian Toastmasters, noon, Permian Basin Graduate Center, 684-0044.

Novice duplicate bridge, Allison Bridge Center, 7 p.m., 682-4461

East Side Lions, 8 p.m., Los Enriquez, 1401B N. Lamesa Road.

Optimist Club of Midland, noon, Best Western Sidewalk Cafe

Bereavement Support group, 7 p.m., Hospice of Odessa, Texas Commerce Bank, fourth floor, 332-1431, 332-0991.

Pilot Club of Midland, noon, Ramada Inn, 687-3109

Hogan Park Women's Golf Association, Hogan Park Golf Course.

Westside Lions Club, noon, West-side Lions Den.

Rotary Club of Midland, 11:55 a.m., Chamber of Commerce, 109 N. Main.

Committee for Meals on Wheels, 9 a.m., Midland Senior Center

Tall City Lions Club, 7 p.m., 305 S. Stonewall St.

Non-smoking game, 7 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 682-8596.

Midland Council for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children, 1 p.m., 3919 Roosevelt Dr., 694-1327.

Family struggles with mother's rare illness, but stays hopeful

By Daniel Arp
Staff Writer

On the morning of Oct. 19, Victoria Buckalew, mother of two, noticed a numbness in her left hand and foot. At first she was not concerned. After all, she was only 28 years old and in reasonably good health.

"I just thought I'd pinched a nerve or something. I ignored it," she said.

She went shopping that afternoon and ran a few errands, but the headaches and dizzy spells she'd been suffering for the past few years kept getting worse and worse.

"By the time the kids came home, I was feeling real bad," she said. "I called my husband up at work and told him he better come pick me up and take me to the hospital."

By the time her husband, Paul, the maintenance engineer at Midland Center, got home, Mrs. Buckalew had already had a blackout and what she thought was a stroke. She had completely lost use of the left side of her body.

"It didn't make sense at my age, but a stroke was the only thing I could come up with in my own mind," she said.

What she did have turned out to be about as rare at her age: arteriovenous malformation. The condition, usually only found in the elderly, affects the blood vessels in the brain. A mass of veins forms in which there are no capillaries. Capillaries act as a slowing agent for blood, and when they are not there, the blood seeps unchecked into other areas of the brain. This process deprives the affected region of the brain of the blood it needs to function.

In Mrs. Buckalew's case, the mass of veins lies in the center of her head, in an area called the thalamus, which controls motor functions. Doctors believe that is why — while Mrs. Buckalew has regained feeling in some parts of her body — her left leg remains paralyzed.

The mass is also just above the temporal lobe, which does and has affected Mrs. Buckalew's short-term memory.

"There were times she couldn't remember if she'd brushed her teeth or not," said Buckalew. "And it just happened overnight."

Dr. John Foster made the diagnosis 10 days after her episode.

"He told us directly, right up front, that this was what killed FloJo (Florence Griffith Joyner)," said Mrs. Buckalew. "Immediately my heart sank. It just sank to the bottom of my stomach.

"At that point, all I could think was, 'I've got eight years until my oldest one is even halfway grown yet.' " Her sons, John and Jim, are 10 and eight.

The doctor told her that fortunately, there may be an option for her: a surgery that involves inserting metal coils into some of the veins and radiating and killing the excess veins.

Dr. Foster warned that the procedure would be expensive.

Please see **ILLNESS**/3B



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Midlander Victoria Buckalew suffers from arteriovenous malformation, which affects the blood vessels in her brain and has left her without the use of one leg. She and her husband, Paul, have two sons, John, 10 and Jim, 8.

Craddick hears concerns about home care at MARC meeting

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

State Rep. Tom Craddick volunteered for the hot seat late Wednesday, listening to testimony over the emotionally charged issue of home care for the mentally disabled.



Craddick

The forum was sponsored by the Midland Association of Citizens with Retardation, which is still known as MARC.

The purpose of the meeting was to show the representative how the state's waiting list for home-care services is failing to meet the needs of retarded citizens and their families, said John Stengle, MARC executive director.

Testimony was centered around five state programs that fund various aspects of home and community living for those with mental retardation.

Home and Community Based Services provides homemaking assistance, social services, occupational, physical and speech therapies as well as other medical and dental services for the individual living at home.

Across the state, there are 4,400 people being served under this program, but there are another 10,000 people on waiting lists to receive these benefits, MARC officials said.

Much the same is true for the In-Home Family Support Program that provides training, transportation assistance and other kinds of care.

Supported Employment helps retarded citizens secure employment, and 600 people statewide are on the waiting list. Children's MR Services Initiative funds provides these in-home services to those under 18, and an estimated 2,000 people are on the waiting list so far, MARC officials said.

More than 4,500 people are on the waiting list for Community Living Assistance and Support Services, which is provided by the Texas Department of Human Services rather than the Texas Department

Please see **MARC**/4B

Rainbow Room helps families in need

The Reporter-Telegram will host a Community Christmas Party from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 15 at Midland Center.

A selection of local school and community choirs will offer an evening's worth of seasonal music, and children will have the opportunity to talk to Santa and make Christmas crafts. Refreshments will be available.

Admission to the party is free, and all are invited. We do ask that children bring a toy suitable for a child their age and gender. Adults are asked to bring an article of clothing, used or new, or a nonperishable food item.

This is the first in a series of profiles of local organizations that will benefit from items brought to the Community Christmas Party.

The **Rainbow Room** is an emergency research center for case workers of Child Protective Services. The purpose of the **Rainbow Room** is to meet the basic needs of families in crisis. Many times, these basic needs are not immediately made available to case workers and those who are helped by the **Rainbow Room** have to wait a few days before they can obtain these essential items. Families are often rescued from a house in the middle of the night and leave only with the clothing on their backs and whatever they can grab on their way out the door.

Items needed: Diapers; formula; infant, toddler, teen clothing; school supplies and hygiene products; children's toys.

Who is served: In operation since June, the **Rainbow Room's** first report shows that in the organization's first four months, 143 children in the Permian Basin were served. A total of $1,454 in essential items and toys were donated to those who benefited from the **Rainbow Room**.

Joe Flores is the **Rainbow Room's** community partner specialist. If you can help, please call 681-0254.



Joe Flores is community partner specialist for the Rainbow Room, which is one of the organizations that will benefit from the Community Christmas Party.

Austin mayor, clergy urge racial repentance, reconciliation

AUSTIN (AP) — The mayor of Austin and several local religious leaders, in a bluntly worded document, are calling on the community to "repent and seek forgiveness for racist beliefs, attitudes and behaviors."

The statement, titled "Commitment to Racial Reconciliation," urges whites to acknowledge that Austin is plagued by racism.

"One of the key contributions to racial tension in Austin today is the denial by man that racism exists and the refusal on the part of many in the white community to listen seriously to those who continue to suffer its effects," the statement says.

Mayor Kirk Watson, City Council Member Willie Lewis and religious leaders have been working on the document for six months, the Austin American-Statesman reported Wednesday.

Watson said the statement has been signed by about two dozen religious and civic leaders from a broad spectrum of faiths. The document is planned for release today, the day before the start of a city-sponsored workshop on conflict resolution.

The Texas capital's reputation is of a progressive and liberal city that's home to an eclectic population, but the religious leaders said Interstate 35 demonstrates the city's division. The highway divides the predominantly white west from the predominantly black and Hispanic east.

"It's a question of facing up to it," said Catholic Bishop John McCarthy, who signed the document.

"When we got open housing and voting rights and we removed segregation from the law of the land, I think a lot of white people said, 'Well, that takes care of that,' " he said.

The document is so forceful that some white ministers admitted during a meeting that they feared repercussions from their congregations, McCarthy said. But many signed it anyway, which religious leaders said shows the level of commitment.

"In this instance, you had enough white clergy that understood the insidious evil of racism, and they took a hard position," said the Rev. Sterling Lands, pastor of Greater Calvary Baptist Church and one of 10 framers of the document.

The three-page statement is the result of meetings of Watson and a group of about 30 religious leaders. Its roots go back to Watson's first days in office in the summer of 1997, when the mayor began talking about racism with a small circle of advisers.

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POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department

Wednesday

Graffiti: A playground structure was painted at 1300 Ventura Ave. It was reported at 5 p.m.

Theft: A theft was reported at 4805 Ric Drive at 9 a.m.

Burglary: A burglary was reported at 1603 N. I St. Time was not available.

Theft: Auto parts were reported taken at 1600 W. Front St. at 11:40 a.m.

Theft: A bike was taken at 616 W. Nobles Ave. Time was not available.

Burglary: Two cameras were taken at 4314 Neely Ave. It was reported at 7:57 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office

Wednesday

Burglary: A burglary was reported at 9605 FM 307 at 9:26 a.m.

Anyone having information concerning any of these reports should contact the Midland Police Department at 685-7108 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

DEATH NOTICES

Jon-Thomas Dodd

LAKE BROWNWOOD — Jon-Thomas Dodd, 23, of Lake Brownwood, son of Midlander Susie Dodd, died Tuesday, Dec. 1, in Stephenville.

Services are to be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at Heartland Funeral Home in Early with James Hogan officiating. Burial is to be at 2 p.m. at Knoxville Cemetery in Kimble County under the direction of Heartland Funeral Home. Visitation is to be from 7 to 9 p.m. today, Dec. 3, at the funeral home.

He was born Dec. 21, 1974, in Big Spring.

He was a roofer.

He was preceded in death by his father, Tony Burkhart, and his grandfather, Gordia Dodd.

Other survivors include his wife, Stephanie Dodd of Lake Brownwood; a daughter, Cheyanne T. Dodd of Brownwood; two stepdaughters, Ashley N. Gibson and Cheyanne D. Gibson, both of Big Spring; a sister, Suni-Brook Dodd of Midland; and his grandmother, Mary Dodd of Big Spring.

Floyd Mulkey

WINNSBORO, La. — Former Midlander Floyd W. Mulkey, 70 of Winnsboro, La., died Wednesday, Dec. 2, at a Winnsboro hospital.

Services are to be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Community Memorial Chapel with Alan Miller officiating. Burial is to follow at Holly Grove Cemetery under the direction of Community Memorial Funeral Home in Winnsboro.

He was born Aug. 20, 1928, in Wisner, La.

He was a retired toolpusher and farmer. He was a member of VFW Post 3155.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby Mulkey, and a son, Wilbur J. Mulkey.

Survivors include three daughters, Phyllis A. Cummins of Winnsboro and Ruby J. Rosales and Linda K. Hull, both of Midland; a son, John Mulkey of Cameron; four sisters, Clara B. Martin of Wisner, La., Annie P. Burch of Dry Prong, La., Dorothy Simmons of Newton and Mary V. Smith of Angola, La.; six brothers, Jeff T. Mulkey of Kleine, Herbert Mulkey of St. Francesville, La., Ellis Mulkey of Vicksburg, Miss., Huey Mulkey of Monroe, La., Bill Mulkey of Winnsboro and John Mulkey of Andrews; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

James Byus

SNYDER — James E. Byus, 73, of Snyder, stepfather of Midlander Ina Friday, died Tuesday, Dec. 1, in Lubbock.

Graveside services are to be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at Snyder Cemetery with Marvin Applin officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Colonial Funeral Home in Snyder.

He was born July 17, 1925, in Fort Worth.

He was a member of the Masonic lodge.

Other survivors include his wife, Doris J. Byus of Snyder; a stepson, Howard Murphree of Snyder; another stepdaughter, Lila Cantrell of Snyder; eight stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Vera A. Briggs

ARTESIA, N.M. — Vera Allene Briggs, 88, of Artesia, N.M., mother of Midlander Theodore Briggs, died Wednesday, Dec. 2, in Carlsbad, N.M.

Services are to be at 2 p.m. today, Dec. 3, at Terpening & Son Chapel in Artesia. Burial is to follow at Woodbine Cemetery in Artesia under the direction of Terpening & Son Mortuary in Artesia.

She was born Aug. 14, 1910, in Lovington, N.M.

She moved to Artesia in 1945 from Lovington. She was a Baptist. She was a retired sales clerk.

She was preceded in death by a son, Stanley Briggs, in 1967.

Other survivors include three other sons, William D. Sanders of San Angelo, Dale Sanders of Las Cruces, N.M., and Jim Mitchell; a brother, Lawson Monteith of Lovington; one granddaughter; and one great-granddaughter.

Eddie Houston

Eddie Houston died Wednesday, Dec. 2, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Thomas Funeral Home.

Lucy Portillo

Lucy Portillo died Wednesday, Dec. 2, at an Odessa hospital.

Services are pending with Thomas Funeral Home.

OBITUARIES



Betty Adams

Betty Sue Adams, 59, of Midland, passed away November 28, 1998, at a local hospital. Ms. Adams was born March 17, 1939 in Clayton, New Mexico, to Eddie and Clara Adams. She moved to Midland in 1941, attended local schools and graduated Midland High School in 1957. She worked for O'Neal Grocery & Deli for the past 12 years.

Services are set for Wednesday, December 2, 1998, at 2 p.m. at Pipkin Funeral Chapel with the Reverend Roland Morgan of Victory Family Christian Center officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

She is survived by her mother, Clara Adams of Midland, Texas; two sons, William Sanders of Gulf Port, Mississippi, and Eric Sanders of Amarillo, Texas; one daughter, Sue Ellen Magee of Clinton Township, Michigan; one sister, Ruth Burchett of Midland, Texas; and seven grandchildren, Julia Ann, Elizabeth, John David, Amber Nicole, Jessica Nicole, Lindsey Renee, and Ericka Mechelle; and several nieces and nephews.

Her father, Eddie Adams; one brother, Jim Adams; and one sister, Dorothy Baker; precede her in death.

Pallbearers will be Ben Adams, Kevin Hawkins, Guy Burchett, Bobby Williams Jr., Coleman Williams, and Ronnie Smith.

The family wishes memorials be directed to The Institution of the Blind and the Diabetes Association.



Carla Daves-Mancha

Visitation for Carla Mae Daves-Mancha, 45, of Ruidoso will be Thursday, December 3, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel from 3 to 5 p.m. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Friday, December 4, with the Rev. Jimmy Sportsman officiating. Burial will follow at Ruidoso-Hondo Valley Cemetery.

Carla passed away Monday, November 30, 1998, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She was born July 31, 1953, in Midland, Texas. She moved to Ruidoso 18 years ago from Phoenix, Arizona. She was owner of Aesthetics by Carla, a board member of Ballet of New Mexico and a member of the Gateway Church of Christ.

She is survived by a son, Jesse Wade Anderson of Ruidoso; a daughter, Andy Briana Mancha of Ruidoso; her parents, Carlton and Hazel Daves of Midland; two sisters, Kay Krezer and her husband, David, of Ruidoso, and Karen Anderson and her husband, Ron, of Ruidoso; a brother, Bruce Daves and his wife, Tracie, of Midland; three nieces, Janie Fine, Mandi Jones, and Sage Anderson; two nephews, Cody Jones and Leaf Anderson.

The family has requested memorials be made to the Children's Fund of Carla Daves-Mancha at Ruidoso State Bank.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

Jean Henry

Memorial services for Jean Elizabeth Henry of Odessa are scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, December 5, 1998, at the Unitarian-Universalist Church. Services are entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Inc.

Jean died Monday, November 30, 1998, at her residence.

Jean has lived in Odessa since 1983. She was a planetarium director for Odessa College, Highland Park High School in Dallas, and in Redding, California. She was a member of the Southwestern Association of Planetarium Directors, In Focus, a photographic society, Sierra Club, Bat Conservation International & Nature Conservancy. She received her bachelor of arts degree at Pamona College, California and her masters of science degree from the University of Oklahoma. She attended S.M.U. for teacher's training and received her M.S. with honors from the University of Oklahoma and an associate degree in photography from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. She was seasonal national park ranger for Carlsbad Caverns and Kings Canyon National Park.

Survivors include her daughter, Elizabeth Henry of Austin, Texas; one brother, Dr. Richard Gilbert of Santa Rosa, California; and many wonderful friends.

The family suggests memorials be made to Bat Conservation International & Nature Conservancy in Austin.



Oddie Parker

Oddie Parker was born December 11, 1911, in Calvert, Texas, to the late Mazie Beals and Nathan Haywood. She was the second child of 21 children. All have preceded her in death but one.

She married John Jones and to this union one child was born, Harl Jones, who preceded her in death in 1989. She later married Robert Lee Parker Sr. and they had two children.

Oddie accepted Christ at an early age. She moved to Midland in 1956 where she united with the Greater Ideal Baptist Church under the pastorage of Dr. I. M. Woodard.

Mrs. Parker worked for many families in Midland, including Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gifford from 1976 until her retirement in January 1998. She was instrumental in raising their three beautiful daughters.

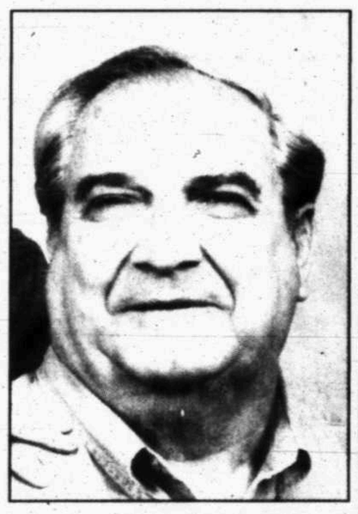
God saw that his garden was missing a rose, so he called her home on Tuesday, December 1, 1998 at 4:40 a.m.

To cherish her memory she leaves one son, Robert Lee Parker Jr. and his wife, Evelyn, of Midland; one brother, Jonas Beals of Waco; 16 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; one very devoted friend, Mrs. Iona Mitchell, and numerous other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by two sons.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, December 4, at the Greater Ideal Baptist Church with the Reverend C. Ferguson officiating. Interment will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be Bobby Alexandra, Michael Booker Sr., Marcellous Hawkins, Norval Powell, Jumon Hailey, and Joe Gifford. Honorary pallbearers will be Raymond S. Parker, Robert Parker III, Jonas Beals, Walter Williams, Roy Nelson, and Roderick Shields.

The family requests memorials be directed to: Oddie Parker Funeral Fund, c/o Robert Parker Jr., 1209 E. Parker, Midland, Texas 79701.



Don McGaha

Don McGaha was born May 21, 1934, to Joe M. McGaha and Bertha M. McGaha. He grew up in Enloe, Texas, in Delta County, graduating from Enloe High School and then served two years in the military service. Don received his bachelor of science degree from East Texas State University in 1959. He earned his master's in education in administrative education and physical education in 1967, as well as taking and teaching driver's education courses at Sul Ross State University.

Don and his wife, Carolyn, married September 7, 1957, and enjoyed 41 years of marriage. They have three children and six grandchildren; Michael and Colleen of Austin, Cregg and Ann of Houston, and Suzanne and Mike Dye of Midland. Don's fondest joy was his cherished grandchildren: Clint, Justin, and Emily Dye; and Maureen, Shannon, and Bryan McGaha.

During Don's 35 years of service in MISD schools, 27 of those were spent teaching driver's education at Midland and Lee high schools. The other eight years were spent at San Jacinto and Alamo Junior high schools. Don also coached in the Greater American Football League, YMCA sports, and in Miss Softball America. Don enjoyed retirement for nearly four years.

Surviving 35 years of teaching is what Don considered his greatest personal accomplishment and greatest pleasure. He always said his most rewarding experience was "raising" his three children.

Mr. McGaha died at a local hospital Tuesday, December 1, 1998.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers and two sisters: Joe Carlton McGaha, William McGaha, Fronia Moon, and Kathleen McGaha.

Funeral services have been scheduled for Thursday, December 3, at 3 p.m. at Westside Church of Christ with the Rev. Gary Montgomery officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers will be Ralph Schultz, Ron Hunt, Don Kesler, Ladoice Hervey, Harry Dodd, and Roy Lee Jackson. Honorary pallbearers will be Nick Sullivan, James Dye, Wes Cregg, Ken Van Hoozer, Jim Lorenz and Gary Chapman.

The family requests memorials be directed to: Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702; or American Cancer Society, 2304 Wadley, Midland, Texas 79705.

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.

Arts in brief

Student art

Midland College art students' fifth annual Hallway Student Art Sale is set for 7 p.m. today at Allison Fine Arts Center. The preview show is in conjunction with the Christmas Lighting ceremony, set for 6 p.m. The art sale continues 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Man of the works will be offered for less than $50. Proceeds from the sale will benefit the MC art department scholarship fund.

Christmas show

ODESSA — The Globe of the Southwest, 2308 Shakespeare Road, will host the Brand New Opree's Christmas show at 8 p.m. Saturday. Admission is $6 reserved and $4 open seating. Tickets are $1 less if purchased before the show date. The show will feature Country Spirit. For more information or tickets, call the Globe, (915) 332-1586, which is located on the Odessa College campus.

'Trout Fishing ...'

ODESSA — Trout Fishing in America performs at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Ector County Coliseum. Recent performances have included the White House, a return appearance at the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.'s 25th anniversary. For ticket information, call 520-1522.

TODAY'S FUNERALS

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NOTICE

The City of Midland has prepared the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for October 1, 1997 to September 30, 1998 program year. The CAPER describes the progress made toward addressing needs identified in the City of Midland's Consolidated Plan for Community Development and Housing Funds. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the city to prepare a Consolidated Plan as a prerequisite for participation in various HUD programs.

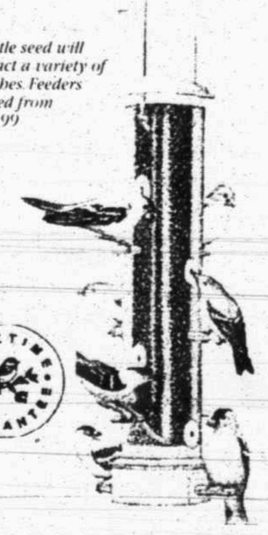
The CAPER may be examined at the following locations:
City Secretary's Office – Room 340, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine
Midland County Public Library – 301 W. Missouri
Midland Centennial Branch Library – 4511 N. Midkiff Road
Casa de Amigos – 1101 E. Garden Lane
SE Community Senior Center – 1803 E. Indiana

Please direct any written comments to the City's Community Development Office at P.O. Box 1152, Midland, Texas 79702, by December 18, 1998. After any appropriate revisions and inclusion of a citizen comment section to the CAPER, it will be submitted by December 29, 1998 to HUD. The final report will be available at the City Secretary's Office.

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ILLNESS: Diagnosis of rare condition turns family's 'world upside down'

(From 1B)

The Buckalews had no medical insurance and already owed $12,000 in medical expenses for the CAT scan, MRI and angiogram at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Paul was already working full time and doing about an additional 20 hours a week of maintenance work on the side. "With what my income is I have to bring in extra income just to pay the bills here," he said.

Mrs. Buckalew asked Dr. Foster what the risks were if she didn't get the surgery. "He told me, real up front, 'You could die,'" she said. "That hits you hard. That hits you real hard."

For a while, the Buckalews didn't know where to turn, until Buckalew went into the Permian Basin Blood Institute one day to give some of his A-type platelets.

"I hate giving platelets," he said. It's a more involved process than giving blood and takes about three hours. But one of the employees there, Doreen Bledsoe, told him a baby in Lubbock needed A-type platelets.

"She kind of sucked me in," he said. "What could I do?" He started telling her about his wife's recent diagnosis and the surgery she needed.

Later that day, Mrs. Buckalew received a phone call from Ms. Bledsoe asking if she would be offended if she tried to set up a fund to help her out. "Of course, I told her no, I wouldn't be offended by that."

The fund has been established through Norwest Bank. It's money the Buckalews have no control over. They said it gives them a light at the end of the tunnel, but they still have a long way to go.

"There's about $600 in there right now," said Buckalew, "which isn't bad, but not even a dent."

Mrs. Buckalew, now 29, has been spending most of her time leading up to the hoped-for surgery writing down everything she can remember about her life.

"There's a good chance I could lose memories during the surgery," she said. "Without the memory of the birth of my children and the day I got married, I still have lost my life in a sense."

Her husband continues working about 60 hours a week and doing many of the chores she can no longer do — laundry, cooking, cleaning, getting the kids ready for school.

"It's thrown our world upside down," he said.

"What worries me most is that if I don't make it through this, my children are going to live the rest of their lives without their mother," said Mrs. Buckalew. "And that's unfair for them when something can be done."

If you wish to make a donation to Mrs. Buckalew's fund, you may send it to: Victoria Buckalew Medical Fund Account; Norwest Bank; Attn: Donna Shaw; P.O. Box 2097; Midland, TX 79702.



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Cheyenne, Grazona, Shoshoni come out on top at pecan show

From Staff Reports

Cheyenne, Grazona, Shoshoni and a variety seedling were grand champion and reserve grand champion winners in the 1998 Tri-County Pecan Show for Midland, Ector and Glasscock counties.

The grand champion Commercial Division pecan was the Cheyenne variety grown by Midlander Tom Elder. Midlander Charles W. Green produced the reserve grand champion Commercial Division pecan, also a Cheyenne.

In the Classic Division, the grand champion nut was a Grazona produced by Boyd Reece of Midland. Reserve grand champion was a Shoshoni produced by Henry Clingman of Midland.

Midlanders Marge and Art Shaw grew the grand champion seedling pecan in the Variety Seedling Division. Reece produced the reserve grand champion in that division.

First-place varietal winners in the Classic Division include the Barton produced by Elder; the Burkett, Cherokee, Graking, Podsednik, Kanza and Grazona, all by Reece: the Comanche by Green; the Gratex by Claude Reames; the Mahan and Wichita by John Sims; the San Saba Improved by Jim Stanley; and the Shoshoni by Clingman.

First-place winners in the Variety Seedling Division was the pecan bunch produced by the Shaw couple.

In the Commercial Division, first-place winners were the Western, Tejas and Sioux varieties produced by Reece; the Pawnee by Reames; the Mohawk by Sims; the Kiowa by Clingman; the Desirable by Sims; the Choctaw by C.W. Miles; and the Cheyenne by Elder.

Judges in the Tuesday show were Zann Matthies, Fort Stockton-based agent for the Pecos County offices of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Lynn Rawe, TAEX district horticulturist in Fort Stockton.

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BOND: Couple charged in child's death remains in Ector County jail

(From 1B)

Graves, Hinojos replied, "They were dating at that time. All I know is he took such a big responsibility at the age of 19."

Smith said Wednesday he is still debating whether or not to ask for the death penalty in this case.

In 1995, Smith was successful in getting a jury to issue the death penalty for Michael Dean Gonzalez — who was convicted for an April 21, 1994, robbery-murder of an elderly couple. Gonzalez, now 25, remains at a Huntsville prison and his execution date has not been set, officials said.

Though the grim nature of Brandon's death merits the death penalty, there are several drawbacks that are making Smith think twice, he said.

Jury selection can take up to a couple of weeks and the case could take four to six weeks to try if McCoy rules for a change of venue.

Smith said that previous cases in which he sought the death penalty cost almost $250,000 each, but that was not an issue in his debate.

There are no time constraints Smith must meet to render his decision, he said. He expects the case to be tried by next spring or summer. Defense attorneys said they will ask the court to hold separate trials for their clients.

Should one of the defendants want to make a plea agreement, Smith will be willing to listen.

"I am always open to negotiation, but the facts in this case are hard — like the fact that a little boy died a hard death," he said. "... but I've learned over 23 years: 'Never say never.' "

However, if the defendants continue to claim their innocence, Smith is ready to present the case to a jury. Even though the defendants have no previous arrests and are young, the evidence will speak for itself, he said.

"These are nice-looking young people. They don't have teardrops tattooed on their cheeks. These are folks that will get sympathy on their appearance," Smith said. "... But that will melt away."

Medical reports indicate Brandon died from peritonitis — a severe bowel infection that causes a slow, painful death. The toddler was beaten with so much force that it ripped a hole in his colon that was large enough to stick a finger through, according to reports.

His injury caused an agonizing infection that killed the child within two to three days, Smith said. Brandon also sustained broken ribs and head injuries.

Officials said Ms. Graves is now pregnant with Hinojos' child. The suspects didn't speak to each other during the hearing.

MARC: Forum attendees express concerns over state's waiting lists

(From 1B)

of Mental Health and Mental Retardation like the other programs.

Finally, the Texas Department of Health provides the Medically-Dependent Children's Program and the Early Childhood Intervention program.

Craddick, a Midland Republican, listened to parents talk about the pain of spending the bulk of the family's income to keep their children at home instead of in a state institution.

Many families expend all of their resources long before they ever find their way to the top of these state waiting lists, said Mike Bright, executive director of The ARC of Texas, the parent organization of MARC.

"These are families left wounded on the battlefield," Bright said.

"This waiting list, for those of us in the disability field, it's hammering on us," Stengle said.

Fran Hoerster, who provides in-home and family support under the auspices of the Permian Basin Community Centers, said there are many people in the Permian Basin waiting for help.

"I'm in a position to see people who are waiting and waiting and waiting," Ms. Hoerster said.

"They are waiting for help in getting on with their lives. ... With help they could get on with their lives and have satisfying lives," she said.

There is a local boy who has been at the top of the waiting list for three years without moving into the program, she said.

"The other 99 will be dead before they move up," Ms. Hoerster said.

"People with these needs don't need to be told to wait any more," she said.

Those at the meeting pledged to help Craddick in any way when the next legislative session starts, be it guidance, information or personal testimony in Austin.

Bright thanked Craddick for coming to the meeting so he could "understand the real human dilemma we work with every day."

Craddick praised those present for their participation in the political process that results in funding for these programs.

"You've done what I've been preaching to groups across the state," he said, pointing out that by the time the legislative session starts, it is too late to further a campaign such as this.

"You've got to get to the grass roots and you've got to talk to your legislators one-on-one," Craddick said.

These local citizens and MARC officials will be part of a statewide effort to ask the Legislature for an additional $60 million for these programs in the next budget.

New strategy nets no leads in inmate's escape

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A new strategy yielded the same old results Wednesday as the hunt for escaped Texas death row inmate Martin Gurule neared a full week.

"It's a little bit of a waiting game," Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Todd said.

Guards continued monitoring a 7-mile perimeter around the Ellis Unit prison, home of death row, but officials trimmed the intense searches by officers using dog teams and on horseback. Authorities were sticking to their beliefs he remained nearby in marshes and heavy woods.

"We want to give this guy the opportunity to make a move," spokesman Larry Fitzgerald said. "We want to give the illusion that we're pulling back."

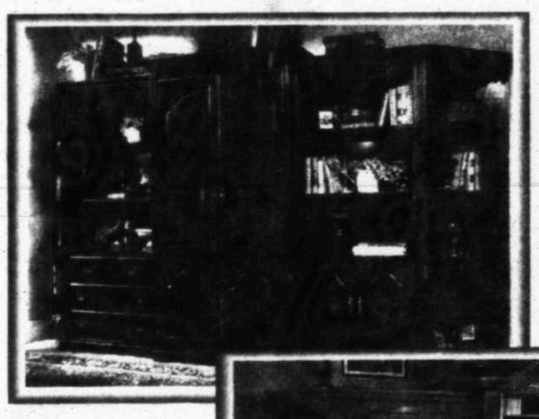
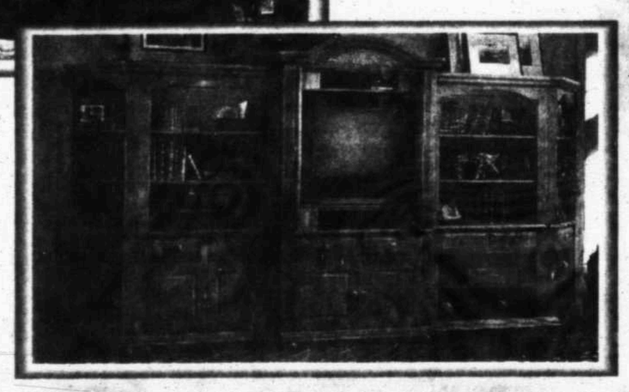
Gurule, 29, of Corpus Christi, was among seven condemned killers who tried to break out of the prison 15 miles northeast of Huntsville.



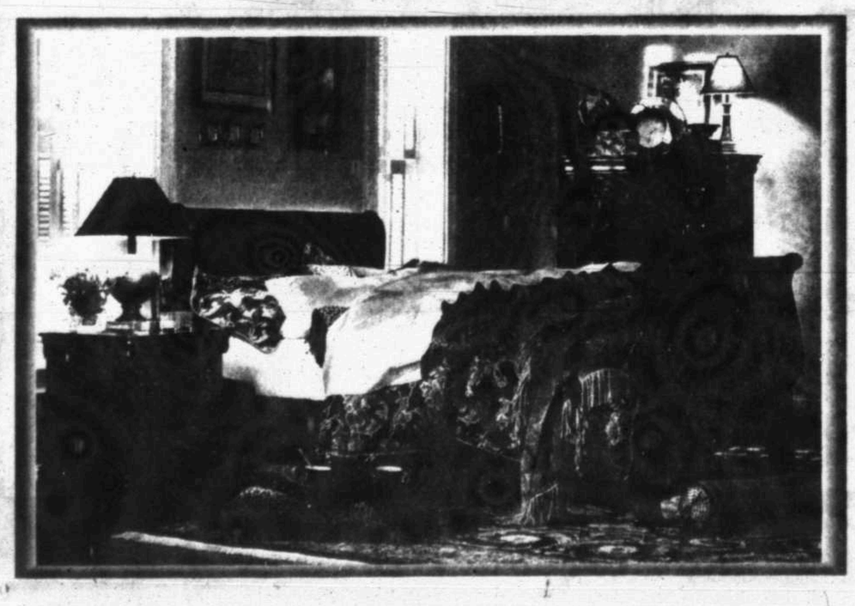
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Customs Service drug searches prompt horror stories, lawsuits

By Connie Cass
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Returning to Chicago from Jamaica, Gwendolyn Richards was plucked from a line of air travelers by a Customs Service inspector and ordered into a bare, windowless room. Over the next five hours, she was strip-searched, handcuffed, X-rayed, and probed internally by a doctor.

The armed Customs officers who led Richards in handcuffs through O'Hare International Airport and drove her to a hospital for examination suspected she might be smuggling drugs. They found nothing.

"I was humiliated — I couldn't believe it was happening," said Richards, who is black and has joined a civil rights lawsuit against Customs. "They had no reason to think I had drugs."

Richards, 27, isn't alone.

Officers last year ordered partial or full strip searches or X-rays for 2,447 airline passengers, and found drugs on 27 percent of them, according to figures compiled by the Customs Service.

Customs officials say tough tactics are necessary to catch the growing number of smugglers who swallow cocaine-filled balloons, insert packages of heroin into their body cavities, even hide drugs in a hollow leg or under cover of a fake pregnancy.

"We still have a major drug problem in this country," Customs Commissioner Raymond Kelly said in an interview Wednesday. "We have to do this."

Kelly said race isn't a factor. "There are higher risk countries and higher risk flights," he said. "Those flights may be more populated by a particular ethnic group."

Last year, the Customs Service seized 858 pounds of cocaine and 803 pounds of heroin attached to or inside international air travelers' bodies, officials said. More than 70 percent of the heroin seized at airports was smuggled that way.

Acknowledging that searches "can get pretty traumatic," Kelly said Customs is experimenting with new technology that might reduce the number of body searches. The review comes after several lawsuits and complaints from travelers who say they suffered abusive treatment and hours of confinement. For instance:

■ Two Jamaican-born U.S. citizens each filed a $500,000 claim in September over body cavity searches and X-rays in Tampa, Fla. One of the women learned afterwards she was pregnant and agonized that her unborn child might have been harmed, according to their attorney, Warren Hope Dawson. The baby was born healthy. Customs policy requires a pregnancy test before a woman is X-rayed, but Dawson said the pregnant woman was not tested.

■ A 51-year-old widow returning from an around-the-world trip was held for 22 hours at a San Francisco hospital and given a powerful laxative while inspectors watched her bowel movements. Amanda Buritica of Port Chester, N.Y., won a $451,001 lawsuit last February against Customs.

■ A Boston nurse, Bosede Adedeji, won $215,000 in a similar lawsuit in 1991 after she was stopped at Logan International Airport as she returned from visiting her sick son in Nigeria. A judge ruled the officers lacked sufficient suspicion to subject her to an X-ray and pelvic exam.

Customs officials note that fewer than 2 percent of the 68 million fliers who pass through Customs each year have their luggage opened. Far fewer — 49,000 people — are personally searched, usually with a pat down.

The 1,772 strip searches last year ranged from people told to remove their socks to passengers like Richards who were ordered to take off their underwear and bend over. Strip searches are performed by officers of the same gender.

The Customs review found 19 passengers who were subjected to pelvic or rectal exams by doctors while inspectors watched. Drugs were found in almost two-thirds of those cases.

Congress and courts have given Customs broad authority to search for drugs, weapons and other illegal imports.

The Supreme Court ruled that Customs officers at airports and border crossings don't need the probable cause or warrants that police need to search possessions. Customs officers can perform a strip search based on "reasonable suspicion" that someone might be hiding something illegal.

A Customs handbook obtained by The Associated Press advises officers that reasonable suspicion usually requires a combination of factors, including someone who: appears nervous, wears baggy clothing, gives vague or contradictory answers about travel plans, acts unusually polite or argumentative, wears sunglasses or acts sick. Race isn't cited.

Customs officers can detain people for hours, even days, without allowing them a telephone call to a lawyer or relative or charging them with a crime. Inspectors say they keep detainees from making calls so that drug associates aren't tipped off. Generally, if someone is detained for eight hours or more, a federal prosecutor is notified.

Richards is among more than 80 black females who filed a class-action lawsuit claiming they were singled out for strip searches at O'Hare because of race and gender.

The plaintiffs include a 15-year-old girl, a mentally retarded woman, and a wheelchair-bound woman. Many decided to sue after seeing news reports on Chicago's WMAQ-TV about strip searches of black women.

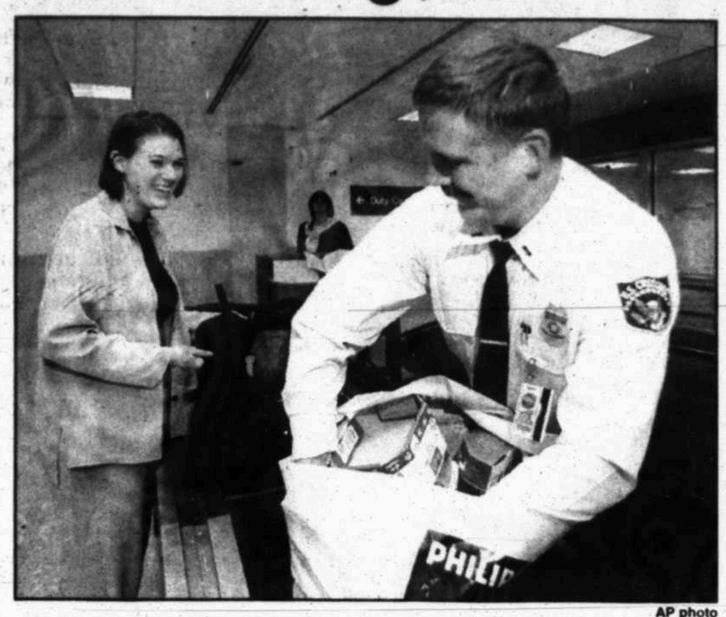
The agency has hired an outside contractor to review how inspectors deal with the public, and is exploring ways to make the system less hostile. In a test at Miami and New York airports, some passengers selected for strip searches are given the option of having an X-ray instead. The service is also studying new imaging technology that shows things hidden under people's clothes.

Customs officers seek passengers' written consent for an X-ray, but it isn't required. Some travelers say they felt coerced.

Las Vegas police officer Rich Cashton said a Customs inspector who stopped him at Los Angeles International Airport last year grew angry when Cashton asked what would happen if he refused an X-ray.

"He said, 'If you don't sign this form, I'm going to take you down to the hospital and pump your stomach,'" Cashton recalled. "He was using that threat as intimidation to make me sign a consent form, which is definitely illegal."

Cashton, who identified himself as a police officer, was let go.



AP photo

U.S. Customs Inspector John France inspects the bags of Beverly Kester at Dulles International Airport in Chantilly, Va. on Nov. 19. Last year, the Customs Service seized 858 pounds of cocaine and 803 pounds of heroin attached to international air travelers' bodies or hidden inside them. More than 70 percent of the heroin seized at airports was carried this way, instead of in luggage or other belongings.

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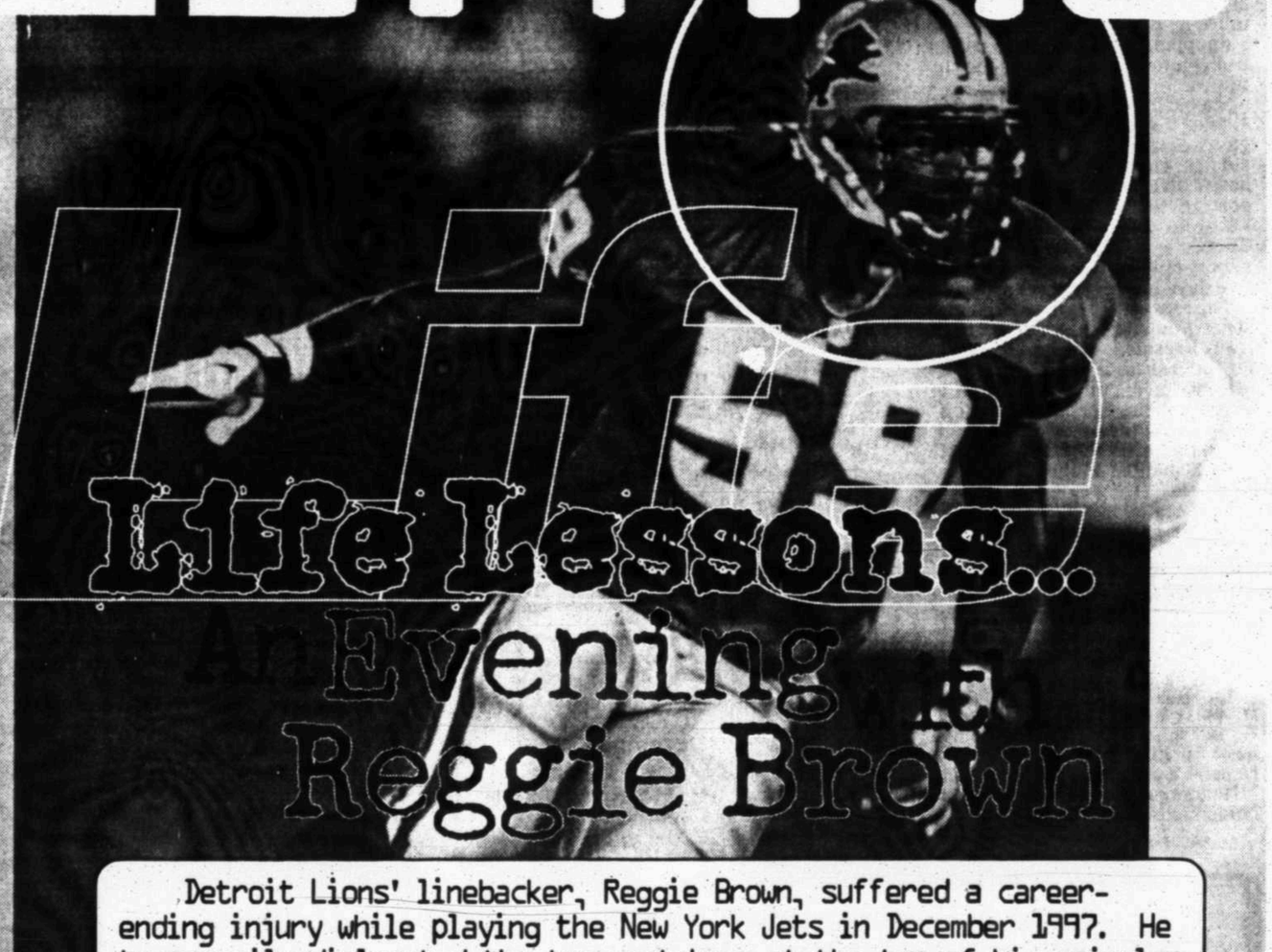
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Forest Service scientist says plan for saving redwoods would threaten fish

By Robert Salladay
Hearst News Service

Unless the plan is changed, says Leslie M. Reid, mudslides will cause 'increasing damage to downstream properties and infrastructure, destroying salmon (spawning grounds) and newly hatched fry, and increasing rates of downstream bank erosion and stream-side landsliding.'

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A respected federal scientist said in a report released Wednesday that the environmental plan designed to protect a redwood forest in Northern California from loggers was inadequate and would cause more mudslides and further threaten an endangered fish.

Leslie M. Reid, who works for the U.S. Forest Service, said that logging of the Headwaters Forest by the Pacific Lumber Co. could strip away vital vegetation that protects streams from erosion and provides cool waters for the dwindling numbers of coho salmon.

Reid's report, which was requested by Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., is being touted by environmentalists who want to scuttle an agreement with the logging company over the fate of the privately-owned forest and its stand of old-growth redwoods.

Along with Reid's report, environmental groups have gathered some allies in their fight. People who live near the forest are worried that continued logging by Pacific Lumber will cause ruinous mudslides and foul their drinking water.

Some residents of the Humboldt County town of Stafford have already sued Pacific Lumber over a 1997 mudslide that destroyed 10 houses.

"We have been trying to say, 'Stop, already,'" said Nona Kraus, 69, who lives near Eureka across a road from the north fork of the Elk River. The logging "is really doing a lot of damage to the stream. It has absolutely destroyed the fishery in the north fork. They have slide after slide after slide. The value of our property is declining, along with the water quality."

Under a hard-fought deal, taxpayers will spend $480 million to buy and permanently preserve about 10,000 acres of redwood groves owned by Houston-based Maxxam, which owns Pacific Lumber and is controlled by financier Charles Hurwitz.

Wrapped up in the deal is an environmental plan covering about 180,000 acres surrounding the new Headwaters preserve. That plan is being scrutinized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service. The plan is supported by President Clinton, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and California Gov. Pete Wilson.

Yet Reid's report is highly critical of the environmental protections the plan promises. Reid, who prepared the report for Miller and the Environmental Protection Agency, is an expert on logging erosion and has worked for 20 years with fisheries biologists.

In a letter to Miller, she said that the environmental plan is not strong enough to prevent logging-related landslides, particularly near small streams. The plan will "decrease the likelihood of survival of any coho salmon migrating through" erosion-choked streams.

Unless the plan is changed, mudslides will cause "increasing damage to downstream properties and infrastructure, destroying salmon (spawning grounds) and newly hatched fry, and increasing rates of downstream bank erosion and stream-side landsliding."

Because the plan protects Pacific Lumber from liability, she said, "American taxpayers would become fiscally responsible for addressing" any problems that come up after the plan is approved.

But Pacific Lumber questioned Reid's fairness, and points to other scientists who have praised the environmental plan. John Campbell, president and chief executive of the company, said Pacific Lumber had agreed to study and find ways to correct erosion problems over the next five years and, in the meantime, will not log within 100 feet of large streams and 30 feet of smaller streams.

"We recognize Dr. Reid is a good scientist," Campbell said Tuesday, "but we're disappointed she appears to have abandoned her scientific objectivity in this review. ... I think on this particular review, it's important to understand that this is the opinion of just a few scientists."

Environmental groups hope that by enlisting local residents they can persuade federal authorities to reconsider the environmental proposal.

The logging company, which has been cited by state forestry officials for 134 violations since 1996, was cited again in September for continually running heavy logging equipment through a large stream, said Karen Terrill, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Forestry, which suspended Pacific Lumber's logging license until at least Jan. 1.

Suspects plead not guilty in gay student's killing

LARAMIE, Wyo. (AP) — The two men charged in the murder of gay college student Matthew Shepard both pleaded innocent Wednesday and expect to find out before the end of the year whether they could face the death penalty.

Russell Arthur Henderson and Aaron James McKinney entered their pleas during separate hearings. Judge Jeffrey A. Donnell said he will set trial dates at a Dec. 10 hearing.

Henderson and McKinney, both 21, are charged with first-degree murder, aggravated robbery and kidnapping with intent to inflict bodily injury or to terrorize the victim.

Shepard, beaten and robbed Oct. 7, was targeted because he was gay, according to testimony at an earlier court hearing. He was bound and tied to a wooden fencepost in the foothills outside of Laramie, about 50 miles west of Cheyenne. The 21-year-old University of Wyoming freshman died five days later.

The attack prompted widespread outrage, a condemnation from President Clinton and calls for tougher hate-crime laws.

Henderson came up with the idea of robbing Shepard, but McKinney was the one who struck Shepard repeatedly with the butt of a .357-caliber Magnum, authorities said.

As Donnell read the charges and asked questions Wednesday, both politely answered "Yes sir," "No sir," or "No, your honor," but said nothing else.

Donnell ordered prosecutor Cal Rerucha to declare by Dec. 31 whether he will seek the death penalty.

McKinney's public defenders requested a new judge. Under Wyoming court rules, they do not have to give a reason and the request is automatically granted.

Henderson and McKinney are being held without bond.

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December is time for last-minute decisions to lower taxes

WASHINGTON (AP) — December is a busy whirl of holiday shopping and visits with family — and the last chance for millions of taxpayers to make crucial end-of-year decisions that could reduce their tax bills come April 15.

"Now is the time to make sure you have done everything to minimize the taxes due," said Sandra Soltis, a partner with the accountancy firm Blackman Kallick Bartelstein.

For the most part, taxpayers need to make their tax moves by Dec. 31 to realize the benefits on 1998 returns. People who itemize deductions — an estimated 35 million in 1996 — have the most at stake.

Some moves are simple, such as making sure the January mortgage payment is made in December to deduct the interest on this year's return. Others are complicated, such as selling poorly performing stocks to take advantage of capital gains tax rules.

"No single plan can reduce or defer taxes for all taxpayers," said Michael Wolff, managing tax partner at the Grant Thornton accounting firm. "To be effective, the plan must be tailored to your circumstances."

Still, tax advisers point out things to consider for millions of middle-class taxpayers.

Converting a regular individual retirement arrangement, or IRA, to a new Roth IRA is one such item. Roth IRAs are advantageous for many people because withdrawals are tax-free if they are made after age 59 1/2 and the money has been in the account at least five years.

There is an upfront tax on the amount converted. But if the conversion is made by Dec. 31, the tax can be spread out over four years instead of just one. That installment plan disappears on New Year's Day.

To make the conversion, adjusted gross income must be less than $100,000 for individuals and couples. For people at the cusp, a few steps in the coming weeks could ensure the level is reached.

For instance, a self-employed person could defer an income payment until January, or a wage earner could ask the boss to put off that end-of-year bonus a few weeks.

"You have to be in a situation where your income is flexible," said John Gardner, senior manager at the KPMG Peat Marwick accountants.

Minimizing adjusted gross income, a taxpayer's earnings before itemized or standard deductions or personal exemptions are subtracted, also could help a family take advantage of the new $400-per-child tax credit and new education credits. They are phased out above certain income levels.

Steps also can be taken to bulk up itemized deductions.

Some tips:

■ Increase charitable contributions. Be aware the Internal Revenue Service requires a receipt for giveaways above $250.

■ Pay state or local taxes in advance, including property taxes.

■ Pay January mortgage bills a few days early and make sure the check is dated in December.

■ Delay investing in a mutual fund, because taxable distributions are typically made in December.

■ Pay outstanding medical bills early; these expenses are only deductible above 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income.

■ Pay 1999 dues to professional organizations in 1998.

For investors, the key is whether a net capital gain or loss is projected. Taxes are imposed on net gains, but a deduction of up to $3,000 is permitted for a net loss — meaning an investor may want to unload some poorly-performing stocks at a loss to reach the maximum.

"It makes sense, if that is your investment philosophy, to go ahead and sell those dogs," Gardner said.

One other way to reduce long-term tax liability, particularly inheritance taxes, is to give away money. The law allows tax-free gifts of up to $10,000 each year to an unlimited number of people.

"For somebody who can afford to give away money, it is a good way to start your estate planning early," Gardner said.

One cautionary note on deductions: too many could trigger the alternative minimum tax, which is intended to ensure that higher-income taxpayers pay at least some tax but can trap others who have tax shelters. The alternative tax often is higher than regular taxes, and a local IRS office or tax professional can provide details.

Culture clash: Exxon, Mobil very different

NEW YORK (AP) — Mobil sponsors "Masterpiece Theatre" and runs newspaper ads espousing its views on various issues.

Exxon, by contrast, keeps a low profile. Its response to the Exxon Valdez oil spill has been derided as a textbook example of how not to handle a public-relations disaster.

The merger of the nation's two biggest oil companies combines very different corporate cultures — from their public images to how they explore for oil. As Exxon and Mobil come together, that could be a stumbling block to forming one smoothly running oil giant.

"Exxon and Mobil are both competitors, they both have a lot of pride and they would like to see their own way of doing things prevail. That obviously can't happen in both cases," said Howard Bonham, who heads an energy research firm in Houston that bears his name.

Finding ways to bring together disparate cultures has become a vital skill for companies as increased competition produces mergers at a record pace across many industries.

"The reason most mergers fail has nothing to do with the fact the strategy didn't make sense, or that the economics didn't make sense," said Dennis Carey, vice chairman of the executive search firm Spencer Stuart U.S. "It has everything in almost all cases to do with the integration of people and cultures into a new combined entity."

The new company will be led by Exxon chairman Lee Raymond. Mobil boss Lucio Noto will be deputy as vice chairman. Raymond, a South Dakota-born engineer, is seen as a stuffier counterpart to the Brooklyn-born Noto, who is schooled in physics and business administration.

The executives' opposite personalities emerged at the news conference announcing their deal Tuesday, as a more subdued Raymond ran through profit projections and drilling technologies before Noto took the podium with jokes and plain talk.

"Noto is more spontaneous, more of a PR guy," Bonham said. "As long as I can remember, Exxon has been more of a buttoned-down company than Mobil."

Both men insist they will be able to work together even though both are used to running their own giant companies.

"I've spent 36 years with Mobil and, believe it or not, for 32 of those years I actually worked for people," Noto said. "I think I can adapt myself to deal."

Mobil has worked to raise its public profile by sponsoring public television's "Masterpiece Theatre" and speaking its mind on a range of issues in "advertorials" in major newspapers. The company has also tried to reach out to motorists through its "Friendly Serve" program, which embraces nostalgia by bringing back greeters to clean windows and offer cups of coffee.

Exxon shies away from publicity. Its handling of the 1989 oil spill in Alaska was criticized as insincere. Its image also suffered when it appealed a $5 billion jury award to people harmed by the spill.

The contrasting images apply to the company's business strategies.

"They've correctly been characterized as Mobil being more feisty or more aggressive and Exxon being much less outgoing, much more focused on the numbers, much more controlled," said Kate Warne, an energy analyst with brokerage firm Edward Jones.

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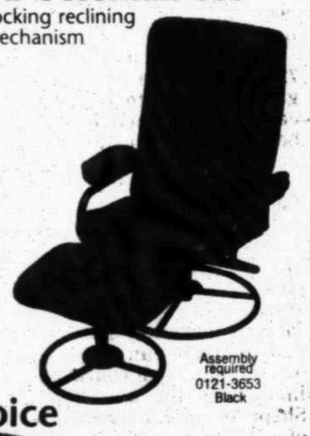
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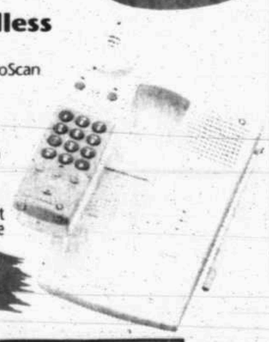
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Amid impeachment fracas, Livingston quietly prepares to take speaker post

WASHINGTON (AP) — Deliberately, and mostly behind closed doors, Rep. Bob Livingston is preparing to become House speaker next month with little to say about his agenda and playing no visible role in the increasingly clamorous impeachment inquiry of President Clinton.

Two weeks after Republicans tapped him to succeed the resigned Newt Gingrich, Livingston spends his days mapping the House's legislative plans, schedule and other details with colleagues and staff. He also has met with influential outsiders including Jesse Jackson, conservative consultant Ralph Reed and White House chief of staff John Podesta.

The Louisiana Republican has received a secure, portable phone for emergency conversations with the president. He has been briefed by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Defense Secretary Bill Cohen and Gen. Hugh Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

But Livingston has all but gone underground in terms of public appearances, a stark contrast with Gingrich, R-Ga., who burst on the scene with the GOP's takeover of the House on Election Day 1994 and immediately filled the air waves. So far, Livingston has made just one public speech and conducted one prolonged interview on network television, making him what one Republican aide happily called "the anti-Newt."

Livingston, 55, has been so quiet that the White House and congressional Democrats accused him and Gingrich on Wednesday of letting the House Judiciary Committee's expanding impeachment probe run amok.

"I think no one is in charge," said House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo.

Livingston and his aides insist he is playing no role in guiding the probe headed by Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill. Gingrich spokeswoman Christina Martin said Wednesday that Gingrich has played no impeachment role, making it "a matter for Chairman Hyde and Speaker-elect Livingston."

With the judiciary panel expected to vote next week on articles of impeachment, Livingston aides will not comment on what role he will play if the matter shifts to the full House. Almost everyone assumes that Livingston will step in at that point and take the lead in an issue he wants finished before he becomes speaker in January.

"Ultimately, this comes to rest at his feet," said Rep. Michael Castle, R-Del.

When Gingrich became speaker-to-be four years ago, hardly an issue arose that he didn't weigh in on. Within weeks of the GOP's Election Day triumph, he had spoken of rebuilding orphanages, giving laptop computers to all schoolchildren and drug usage by, he said, one-fourth of Clinton's White House aides.

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>
> — Rep. Sonny Callahan, R-Ala., a friend of Livingston

Gingrich's GOP colleagues tired of his often-controversial pronouncements. Livingston's advisers say his first weeks avoiding the spotlight demonstrate his determination not to repeat the Gingrich pattern.

"I've encouraged him to be speaker of the House and not a national talking heads star, where every Sunday morning you create a new controversy for the entire week," said Rep. Sonny Callahan, R-Ala., a Livingston friend.

By avoiding publicity, Livingston has avoided extensive comment about two unpleasant topics for Republicans: their loss of five House seats in the Nov. 3 voting and the impeachment probe. But allies suggest his low profile has more to do with his personality and his instinct for focusing on the mechanics of running the House and leaving publicity to others.

In a brief tiptoe before the cameras, Livingston plans to answer a few questions Thursday with Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., an old colleague who as a House member represented a district that abutted Livingston's.

Livingston also will honor a longstanding commitment to speak at Southeastern Louisiana University, in his district, on Dec. 12.

But other than making closed-door speeches to various groups, he has said little publicly since he answered a few questions shortly after Republicans nominated him speaker Nov. 18 and delivered a speech to Republican governors that evening — watched by reporters — via closed-circuit television.

He has talked only fleetingly about the House's agenda for next year, saying he will seek to bolster Social Security, cut taxes and the size of government and improve education, health care and defense.

In contrast to Gingrich's frigid relationship with Gephardt, Livingston has already met with the Democratic leader and told him that despite inevitable policy clashes, he wants them to have a warm working relationship.

"He listens with both ears," said civil rights leader Jackson, who spent an hour with Livingston two weeks ago and elicited a promise for Livingston to attend a January conference on increasing Wall Street's role in poor communities.

Livingston is having a problem with GOP lawmakers over his scheduling plans.

Unhappy with Congress' late passage of spending bills and failure to approve a budget this year, he has been thinking of expanding the House's three-day week of votes to five days and shortening recesses. Desiring more time in their districts, 66 Republicans have sent him a petition against longer weeks.

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Baker to CBA

Former Midland College all-America D'Juan Baker has signed a contract to play for the Rapid City Thrillers of the Continental Basketball Association.

Baker becomes the eighth former Chap to play professional basketball. Other MC players to play at the professional level are Spud Webb, Mookie Blaylock, "Skeeter" Henry, Teviin Blinns, Ricky Grace, Charles Johnson and Puntus Wilson.

Baker spent the last two season playing for head coach Bob Huggins at the University of Cincinnati.

Baker played at Midland College from 1994-96. In his sophomore season, Baker averaged 21.7 points (which ranks third on the all-time MC list). He also hit 63 three-point field goals and 149 free throws, which ranks fifth and second respectively on the MC's all-time single season list.

TCU to bowl?

FORT WORTH — Think TCU playing in a bowl game on New Year's Eve sounds crazy? Well, don't. It could happen.

TCU officials plan to travel to El Paso today to meet with officials from the Sun Bowl to talk about the possibility of the Horned Frogs filling an at-large slot to play Southern Cal.

Bowl bids will officially be extended Sunday, and TCU, a team that went 1-10 in 1997 and finished fifth in the Mountain Division this season, could be among the recipients.

"They are one of the teams we are considering," said John Folmer, the chairman of the Sun Bowl selection committee. "It's a long shot. A lot of things need to happen."

Actually, one really big domino needs to fall.

For TCU (6-5) to be considered, Ohio State needs to be selected as one of the two at-large teams for one of the four Bowl Championship Series games.

Ohio State (10-1) is ranked fifth in the BCS rankings.

If no upsets happen in Saturday's games, the BCS's four bowls could look like this: Fiesta — Tennessee vs. UCLA; Rose — Arizona vs. Wisconsin; Sugar — Kansas State vs. Ohio State; and Orange — Syracuse vs. Florida State.

If Ohio State goes to one of the four BCS bowls, the Big Ten would have four remaining bowl-eligible teams. To be bowl eligible, teams need to have six victories against Division I-A teams.

The Sun Bowl has contracts with the Big Ten and Pacific-10, and is supposed to feature the No. 4 team in the PAC-10 against the No. 5 team in the Big Ten, Purdue.

But if Ohio State goes to a BCS bowl, that opens another bowl slot for a Big Ten team. Purdue would go to the Alamo Bowl, and the Sun Bowl would get the team with the next best record in the Big Ten.

Michigan State (6-6) is the Big Ten's next team in line, but NCAA rules say if a team plays 12 games, it has to win seven of those to be bowl eligible.

"We understand that certain things have to happen, but just to be sitting here on Dec. 2 in this position is pretty neat," Horned Frogs coach Dennis Franchione said. "We'll just hope for a little luck."

Allen stays at KU

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Terry Allen said he has withdrawn from consideration for the head coaching job at Iowa because Kansas feels like home to him.

Allen, 41, is a native of Iowa City, where the University of Iowa is located. He has been head coach at Kansas the last two years and was one of several candidates to replace Hayden Fry, who retired last month after 20 years at Iowa.

Allen interviewed for the Hawkeyes' coaching vacancy on Saturday. He went to Iowa City on Sunday to be with his ailing mother, then returned to Lawrence on Tuesday for a brief meeting with the Kansas football team.

Bishop, Williams lead All-Big 12 team

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Kansas State dominated The Associated Press All-Big 12 team much as it did every opponent in a dream season for coach Bill Snyder and his talented, unblemished Wildcats.

Kansas State placed nine players on the first team selected by a panel of Big 12 writers, five on offense and four on defense. The names were released Wednesday.

"I'm just happy for the fans of Kansas State who have stuck with us all these years," Snyder said. "They finally got their just due."

Leading the mythical offense was Davey O'Brien quarterback finalist Michael Bishop, who was eighth nationally in passing efficiency. The senior from Willis, Texas averaged 286.36 yards per game through the air.

He wasn't too shabby on the ground, either, rushing for 58.82 yards average and scoring 13 touchdowns. He passed for 2,503 yards and 21 touchdowns and was intercepted only three times as Kansas State posted an 11-0 regular season mark.


Bishop

"He has equal talent," Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum said of Bishop. "He's as fine a runner at quarterback as I've ever seen. He's got arm strength that's the best I've ever seen. He has a rocket arm."

Bishop was joined in the backfield by the celebrated Heisman Trophy candidate Ricky Williams of Texas and hard-running Devin West of Missouri.

Williams, who bested Tony Dorsett's career rushing record, ran for 2,124 yards this year, an average of 5.9 yards per carry and 193.09 per game.

"It was amazing to me what Ricky was able to accomplish this year," said Texas coach Mack Brown. "He was just phenomenal."


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Williams only had one down game when he was able to rush for only 43 yards against Kansas State. He is a finalist for the Doak Walker award as the nation's best running back. The San Diego native won the award last year.

He was named the collegiate player of the year by the Walter Camp Foundation.

The bulldozing West rushed for 1,578 yards and a 5.6 average. He averaged 143.45 yards per game.

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Halls of Honor

Hall keeps playing after loss of father

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Even though Midland Lee is in the midst of one of its most successful football seasons, there has been one glaring void this season.

For more than a decade one Willie Hall would usually be roaming the sidelines at the practice field. He was one of the strongest Rebel supporters, not just attending the games, but their practice sessions.

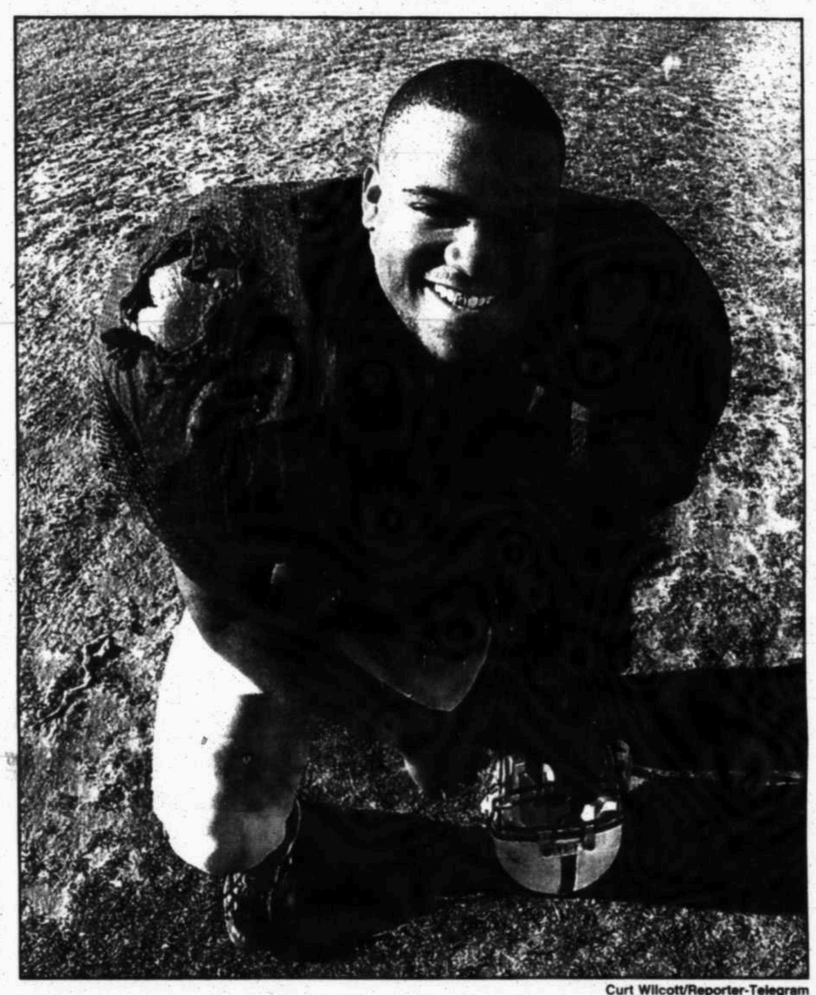
Willie, a Vietnam veteran, had given three of his sons (Felix, Michael and Sammy) to the Lee football program over a span of time that reaches all the way back to 1984. But his presence has been missed this year after losing his battle with cancer, the night Lee was coming home from a 42-12 victory over El Paso Coronado to start regular season play.

"Willie was always a strong supporter of Lee High School," says Lee head football coach John Parchman. "He was always around, even when he didn't have a son playing on the team. We miss him a lot because he was a good guy."

Defensive tackle Sammy Hall, the third of three brothers to play for Lee from the Hall family, played in that game with Coronado. And despite his father's death in early September, Sammy hasn't missed a game.

In fact, Sammy claims that football has helped him deal with a tough time in his life and has given him something bigger to play for.

"When my Dad died, it made me want to do even better this year because I know how much he loved the Lee Rebels," Sammy said. "Football helped take my mind off losing him and I knew he wanted me on the football field. This is what he would have wanted from me."


Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Lee defensive tackle Sammy Hall suffered the loss of his father after the first game of the season, but he hasn't missed a game, knowing that his father, Willie, would have wanted it that way.

Defensive line coach Randy Josey is amazed at how Sammy has played this season considering what he has gone

Please see **HALL**/4C

Brown back in Dallas uniform

■ In desperate need of a healthy cornerback, Cowboys look to an old face — former Super Bowl MVP Larry Brown.

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — With their secondary ailing, the Dallas Cowboys have re-signed Larry Brown, their MVP in the Super Bowl three years ago.


Brown

Brown played his last game for the Cowboys in the Super Bowl, where he had two interceptions of Neil O'Donnell against Pittsburgh. He was signed Wednesday for $76,000 for the remainder of the regular season.

Brown, who became a millionaire playing for the Oakland Raiders after his five-year Dallas career, will get additional money if the Cowboys make the playoffs and they still need secondary help.

"Things didn't work out in Oakland like I thought they would," said Brown, who did not live up to his Super Bowl standard. "It wasn't a fit for them and for myself. It feels good to have a job. I'll be ready for any role the Cowboys want me to play."

Cornerbacks Deion Sanders and Kevin Smith will miss Sunday's game at New Orleans, so Brown should see much action right away.

"He's familiar with the system and we expect him to play Sunday," owner Jerry Jones said. "Larry should be able to contribute immediately."

Dallas players greeted Brown with much razzing before Wednesday's workout.

"They've been dogging me pretty good, giving me a hard time and cracking jokes," Brown said.

Brown had a $12.5 million, five-year deal with Oakland. He was kicked off the team midway of the 1997 season for what Oakland claimed was "conduct detrimental to the team."

"That was a joke," Brown said.

Please see **BROWN**/4C

Clemens demands trade from Toronto Blue Jays

■ Astros, Rangers among contenders to get the five-time Cy Young award winner.

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Available: The only five-time Cy Young Award winner.

Price: Negotiable.

Roger Clemens, angered the Toronto Blue Jays won't spend enough money to field a contender next season, told the team Wednesday he wants to be traded, and the club said it will comply.

'This is certainly not done with any acrimony or with any anger on either side," Blue Jays general manager Gord Ash said, adding the team will make every effort to complete a deal within 10 days.

When Clemens signed with the Blue Jays in December 1996, team president Paul Beeston said if Clemens didn't think Toronto would contend and asked for a trade, the Blue Jays would deal him. Beeston left the Blue Jays during the 1997 season to become baseball's chief operating officer, but Ash said he will honor Beeston's commitment.

"It's a two-prong situation," Ash said. "There's a desire to be closer to home or with a club that has a better chance to provide him with a World Series ring."

The World Series champion New York Yankees, Houston Astros and Texas Rangers are considered the top contenders to land the 36-year-old right-hander.

"Who wouldn't have an interest in Clemens?" Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said. "I'm sure Toronto will have many discussions with us before this is over with."

Ash visited Clemens at his home in Katy, Texas, outside Houston last week along with the Blue Jays' two assistant general managers, Dave Stewart and Tim McCleary.

Please see **TRADE**/2C

JAY PEDEN

Wildcats learn tough lesson of playing cupcakes

There may or may not be any math majors on the Kansas State football team, but that's almost who the Wildcats will need to explain why the undefeated Big 12 champions won't be playing in the alleged "National Championship Game" Jan. 4 at the Fiesta Bowl.


Peden

To stake its claim to a national title shot, Kansas State needs to beat Texas A&M in the Big 12 Championship Game Saturday in St. Louis. And while beating the Aggies — ranked tenth by both polls and eighth in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) standings — would impress the pollsters and computer programmers, it may not be impressive enough.

Kansas State is third in the BCS. Tennessee, which is first, has to play Mississippi State in the SEC title game Saturday, while BCS No. 2-team UCLA visits Miami for a game that Hurricane Georges put off for three months. And unless the Vols or Bruins lose, Kansas state will likely stay third in the BCS no matter how bad they beat the Aggies.

The bottom line in the argument is strength of schedule. One quarter of the BCS is a quartile (don't ask) ranking of all teams strengths of schedule. At least one of the three computers (Sagarin) includes schedule strength, and certainly the poll voters consider it also — otherwise 11-0 Tulane would be ranked higher than ninth.

K-State fans had a good ol' time watching the Wildcats tear apart their first three non-conference opponents — Indiana State, 66-0; Northern Illinois, 73-7; and Northeastern Louisiana, 67-7 — but no one outside Kansas was impressed.

K-State's schedule has gotten tougher since September, and they've gone 8-0 in the Big 12 — which is ranked as the toughest conference by Jeff Sagarin's computer, one of the integral parts of the BCS witches' brew. K-State's schedule gets a little tougher when it finally meets Texas A&M, the second-best team in the Big 12. The big question for Sunday, when the BCS bowl participants will be announced, will be if beating A&M is enough.

The Aggies will lose — unless R.C. Slocum has just been saving up all his imaginative offensive plays all season and he plans to unleash them on the unsuspecting, overconfident Wildcats. Otherwise, it'll be a long day for Aggies. The Texas defense was pretty decent; K-State's is excellent.

The Lords of College Football may not have made the system better, but they certainly have succeeded in obscuring which specific problems fans should complain about.

When it was just the two polls deciding the national championship(s), it was easy to know what to complain about: "Those writers must be morons, voting Georgia Tech twelfth," or "What are those idiot coaches thinking? How can Kansas State be ranked first after playing nothing but community colleges to start the year?"

Now we've got the BCS standings. The "C" stands for "College," and it's right in the middle of "BS."

How do you argue with the BCS? "That New York Times computer is way off. It places too much emphasis on personal foul percentage and not enough on the square root of rushing yardage differential."

Not that that represents what the N.Y. Times computer actually uses to determine its rankings. For all we know, the formula could award bonus points for each star player with an odd name (Peerless Price has Tennessee highly ranked; however, even Amos Zereoue couldn't keep West Virginia in the race).

Jeff Sagarin probably has a pet monkey which throws darts at a map of the United States.

When the Pac-10, Big 10 and Rose Bowl joined the Bowl Coalition, the new BCS arrangement was hailed as not as good as a playoff but better than any previous system. And in the first year under the BCS, Kansas State may find the flaw in the system.

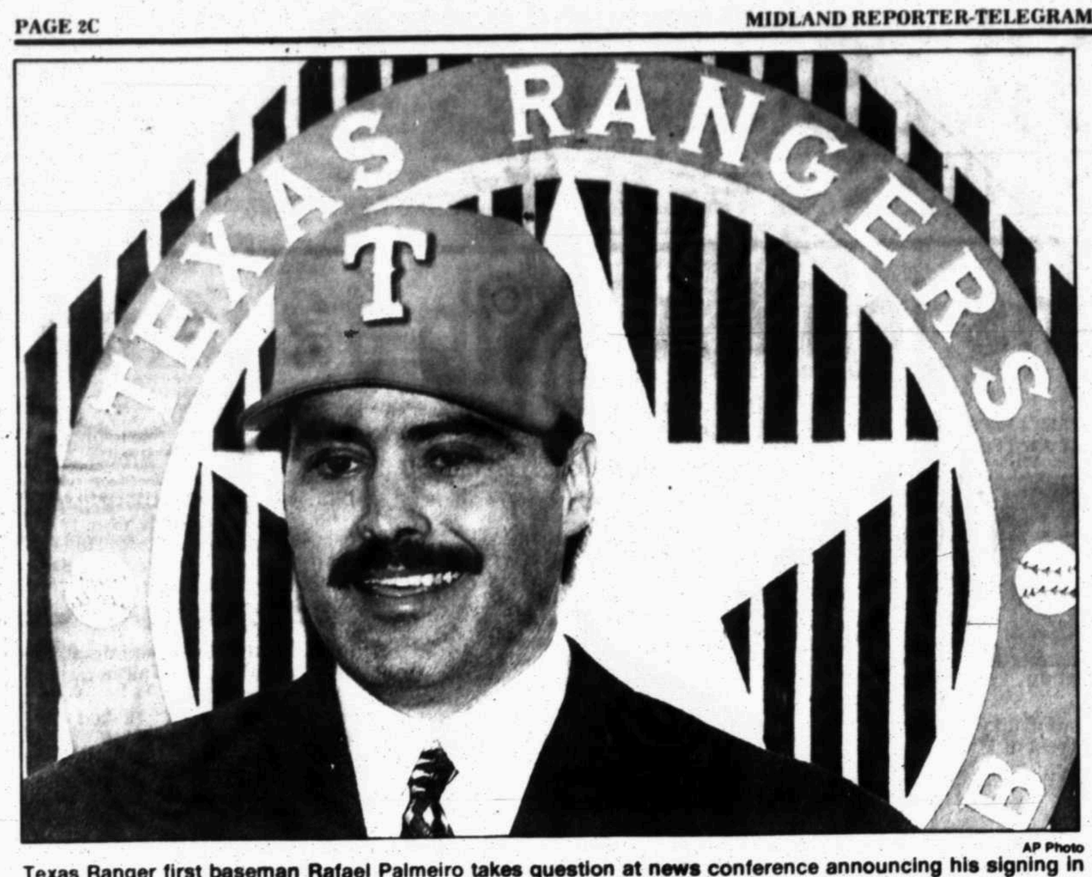
But if the Wildcats look for someone to blame, they should talk to Bill Snyder. He's the coach who resurrected the program, but he's also the coach who insisted on the cupcake schedule.

Each Wildcat chose Kansas State for their higher education. Now they may learn a lesson from the School of Hard Knocks.

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Texas Ranger first baseman Rafael Palmeiro takes question at news conference announcing his signing in Arlington on Tuesday. The Rangers lured the first baseman from Baltimore with a five year, $45 million contract. Palmeiro is not only expected to help with his glove, but his bat as well.

Rangers hoping improved gloves, bats help pitchers

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — The top priority for the Texas Rangers this offseason was supposed to be improving their creaky pitching staff. Indirectly, they have.

By re-signing shortstop Royce Clayton and bringing back Rafael Palmeiro after a five-year absence, the Rangers have given their pitchers a better defense and a more potent offense.

Having reliable fielders gives pitchers confidence to throw strikes. A stout lineup can score the runs that give pitchers more margin for error.

But after spending $63 million on Clayton and Palmeiro, Texas general manager Doug Melvin is still stuck with a starting rotation of Rick Helling, Aaron Sele, John Burkett and Esteban Loaiza.

It's not for a lack of trying. The Rangers offered Randy Johnson $50 million to anchor their rotation the next four years, but the lefthander picked Arizona. Todd Stottlemyre also headed for the desert after telling the Rangers he wasn't interested in staying.

The best hired gun on the market is Kevin Brown, but his unhappy history in Texas makes him unlikely to return. Roger Clemens can be acquired in a trade from Toronto, but it would take more players than the Rangers are ready to lose.

So Melvin decided to take the indirect approach.

Clayton, acquired from St. Louis for the stretch last year, agreed to an $18 million, four-year deal Monday a few hours after Johnson said no. A little over 24 hours later, the team agreed to pay Palmeiro $45 million over five years.

Clayton's wide range and strong arm at shortstop helped lower the Rangers' ERA after he arrived last summer. Palmeiro, who won Gold Gloves the last two years in Baltimore, is an improvement over Will Clark, whose arm and glove became suspect last year.

Knowing the guys behind you will stop balls hit near them gives pitchers more reason to aim for the heart of the plate rather than trying to be perfect on every pitch. The result can be shorter at-bats and fewer walks, leading to longer outings.

"Having that shortstop is so important, maybe more so with our staff than others," Melvin said. "Signing a shortstop like Royce is probably like adding a No. 3 or 4 starter to your rotation, if not better."

Starters also may have the luxury of pitching with the lead more often. Palmeiro in the lineup. He's hit .321 with nine homers and 22 RBIs in 79 at-bats at The Ballpark, which opened the year after he left Texas for Baltimore. The short porch in right field is ideal for his left-handed pull swing and in fact was built with him in mind somewhat.

But the Rangers still need arms. Melvin doesn't deny that, he just has to figure out which ones and how to get them.

Save for Brown, the remaining free agents are no better than what Texas already has. And there's little out there to help a bullpen whose closer, John Wetteland, is coming off elbow surgery. Melvin has indicated that, considering the options, money would best be spent on a reliable setup man.

Palmeiro mentioned that his buddy Kenny Rogers also would like to return to Texas. But the lefthander's Oakland contract was recently changed to let him be free after next season, making it more likely he'll rejoin the Rangers in 2000.

"We've gotten to the playoffs two of the past three years by having a pitching staff built on depth," Melvin said. "More than likely, we'll have that (again) unless there's some No. 1 pitcher that another club is willing to trade."

Another thing Texas must consider is whether its new-look team can hold off the Anaheim Angels, who last week made Mo Vaughn baseball's highest-paid player with an $80 million, six-year deal. The Angels and Rangers fought until the last week of the season.

Off the field, Texas has some other wars to wage.

The Rangers last week hiked ticket prices for the third straight year hoping to help keep pace with the rise in player's salaries, although team president Tom Schieffer said it's a lost cause.

"I just don't think people understand the depth of the problem baseball faces with these exploding salaries," Schieffer said.

Schieffer said the team lost $3.5 million this year despite drawing 2.9 million fans. The reason? A $62 million payroll.

Texas already has more than $53 million committed to 12 players next season. Schieffer predicts the team to be $14.6 million in the red despite raising $10 million through higher ticket prices.

Johnson says he's worth money, expects the Diamondbacks to win

By Bob Baum
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Randy Johnson says it wasn't the chance to play a few miles from home that persuaded him to sign with the Arizona Diamondbacks, it was the team's recent addition of players who can build a contender.

"I'm coming here because I feel we can win, first and foremost, and because I felt my family would be comfortable here," Johnson said Wednesday at a news conference to introduce him to the Diamondbacks. "If I felt this team was going to lose, I wouldn't be here."

He said Arizona only became a leading contender when Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo signed free agents Todd Stottlemyre, Armando Reynoso, Greg Swindell and Greg Colbrunn.

"If those things hadn't been done, I'd probably be holding a press conference somewhere else," he said.

Johnson has heard the criticism that at age 35 he's thrown away any chance of winning a World Series by signing a $52.4 million, four-year contract with a second-year expansion team that lost 97 games this year.

He's heard talk that he's sacrificed the ultimate team goal that has eluded him throughout his career for the convenience of playing a short drive from his Paradise Valley home.

"It obviously disappoints me when media people think I'm taking a step backward," he said. "You know, 'He's not going to win.' I mean, who are you to say I'm not going to win? I have a lot of respect for writers, but none of you have ever been in my shoes and realized the expectations that I have in a game."

Johnson's contract has a no-trade clause, so he and the Diamondbacks seem wedded until he's 39. He could pitch for five years, since the deal includes a fifth season at the club's option.

He said he expects the Diamondbacks to be much better next season and contend for a wild-card spot or the NL West title in 2000.

His contract makes him the highest-paid pitcher and second-highest paid player in baseball. Only Mo Vaughn of the Anaheim Angels, who averages $13.33 million in his new contract, makes more.



Johnson

But Johnson has no doubt he is worth it.

"I'm one of the winningest active pitcher in all of baseball right now," he said. "I've struck out mor hitters in the '90s than anybody else. I've been able to pitch with anybody in the game. I don't know why anybody would think that's a bad investment. I'm one of the best pitchers in the game."

He said he will not allow the Diamondbacks to continue to lose.

"I won't let that happen," he said. "I think with the intensity that I have, the intensity that Todd Stottlemyre brings, every fifth day, people feed off of that.

"When we would be in a three- or four-game losing streak in Seattle, there was a reason my teammates would come up to me and say, 'Randy, when are you pitching next?' I don't mind that at all."

With his 6-foot-10 frame nattily attired in a pinstriped suit, his mother, wife and three young children among those in the crowded room at Bank One Ballpark, Johnson said it is important for him to pitch in front of his family.

"A lot of people don't realize that what makes me tick out on the field is when I look up in the stands and I see my family up there," he said. "That really motivates me and makes me dig down a little deeper."

Johnson was asked about last season in Seattle, when he was a grumpy 9-10 with a 4.33 ERA before he was traded to Houston. With the Astros, he was 10-1 with a 1.28 ERA and 116 strikeouts in 84 1-3 innings.

"I wasn't happy in Seattle," he said. "I don't want to go back too much, but when you're pitching a major league ballgame, you need to be 100 percent mentally focused out there and it was a situation where I wasn't.

"For people who say I didn't give it my all, it's not a fair assessment. I was leading the American League in strikeouts for five weeks after I left. I pitched a couple of shutouts. I almost threw a no-hitter up there."

Johnson said choosing among the four finalists — Arizona, Anaheim, Los Angeles and Texas — was extremely difficult. It came down to Arizona and one other team, he said, presumably the Angels.

"I probably could have made more money somewhere else," Johnson said. "I've made a lot of money in my career. I could retire right now. I'm getting a lot of money from Jerry and the organization, that's true, but that wasn't the deciding factor. I feel I can win here. I feel the team can win here, and I feel it's in the best interest of my family, too."

Johnson insists he didn't demand that he be allowed to keep his long hair and moustache. Manager Buck Showalter already has said that the Big Unit won't be subject to the team's no-facial hair, no-long hair rule.

"If I have to look like Jay Buhner I will," Johnson said, "but hopefully I won't have to. I'll lose my hair fast enough. I don't expect preferential treatment, but I don't see where my mustache and my hair are going to not make me throw strikes or should be that big an issue. It's not like I have my hair in dreadlocks or anything."

TRADE: Ace wants to play for contender

(From 1C)

"There was a lot of listening," Ash said.

The team's owner, the Belgian company Interbrew SA, does not want to spend as much money on players as the Yankees, Baltimore or Boston. Clemens became discouraged when the Blue Jays did not make a competitive offer to retain Jose Canseco, who hit 46 homers and drove in 107 runs this year.

Toronto was 88-74 last season, finishing four games behind Boston in the wild-card race.

The Blue Jays' biggest needs include a power-hitting outfielder, a third baseman and, like most clubs, a top starting pitcher.

Randy Hendricks, who represents Clemens, telephoned Ash on Wednesday to make the demand.

"There's a tendency to look at the bottom line, that you have only $40 million or $43 million and say you have no chance," Ash said, referring to his payroll range. "I think you have to look a little deeper. You don't need to be at $60 million to compete."

Clemens, who won his first three Cy Youngs with Boston in 1986, 1987 and 1991, went 20-6 with a 2.65 ERA, striking out 271 in 234 2-3 innings last season. He went unbeaten in his final 22 starts, winning 15 decisions after starting 5-6.

He led the AL in ERA and strikeouts and tied for the lead in wins after finishing first in all three categories in 1997.

Ash said the Blue Jays wanted to work out a deal quickly.

"I think it's important not to let this drag out," he said.

Ash also said Toronto was looking to acquire players to help now, not prospects. But he isn't limiting the positions he wants help at.

"I don't think we're really going to be interested in future returns. We're looking more for present value," he said. "I want clubs to come forward and tell us what they're prepared to do. I don't want to put any parameters on it."

Mets hope Ventura helps at third base

By Josh Dubow
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — From Edgardo Alfonzo to Don Zimmer, third base has been a revolving door for the New York Mets. The signing of Robin Ventura should finally solve that problem.

Ventura, a five-time Gold Glove and potent left-handed bat, signed a $32 million, four-year contract with the Mets on Wednesday, showing the team's willingness to spend money this offseason and strengthening two infield positions.

"This was the best fit for me," said Ventura, who also talked to Baltimore after the Chicago White Sox decided not to meet his contract demands.

"They were looking for a left-handed hitting third baseman and I kind of fit that. After being on a young team the last couple years, I was looking for a team that could compete. It boiled down to going to the place with the best chance of winning and that's why I'm here."

The addition of Ventura means Alfonzo, once thought to be the answer at third base, will move to second. Alfonzo, who batted .278 with 17 homers and 78 RBIs last season, instantly becomes one of the top second baseman in the league behind Houston's Craig Biggio and offers a strong improvement over the departed Carlos Baerga (.266, 7, 53).

"We went into the offseason looking to upgrade our offense and with the addition of (Bobby) Bonilla and Robin, we feel we have done that dramatically," Mets general manager Steve Phillips said. "We have added a player that sees a lot of pitches, can drive in runs and gives us nice flow with another left-handed bat."

For Alfonzo's part, he was excited about the addition of Ventura's bat to the lineup but wary of his position change. Alfonzo is expected to play second when he goes to Puerto Rico to play winter ball.

Ventura, who broke in with Chicago at the tail end of the 1989 season, has a career average of .274 with 171 homers. After playing just 54 games in 1997 after breaking his leg and dislocating his ankle in a spring training slide, he struggled at times last season, finishing at .263 with 21 homers and 91 RBIs.

Athletics to stay in Oakland for at least three more years

■ Midland RockHounds' parent club reaches settlement to stay at Oakland Coliseum.

By Rob Gloster
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Athletics have agreed to remain at the Oakland Coliseum for at least three more seasons, part of a settlement that also makes it more likely the team eventually will be sold to local buyers.

The A's in October had triggered a clause giving them a year-to-year lease at the Coliseum and clearing the way for owners Steve Schott and Ken Hofmann to move the team or sell it to out of town buyers.

The agreement announced Wednesday settles a lawsuit by the A's against the city of Oakland and Alameda County, and also significantly lowers the owners' estimated value of the club — a key to a possible sale of the franchise.

"We have peace in our time," Oakland mayor Elihu Harris said, referring to the agreement, which settled what had become an increasingly bitter battle between the team and public officials.

The A's agreed to stay in Oakland through the end of the 2001 season, with a right to extend their lease on a year-to-year basis through the 2004 season. When Schott and Hofmann bought the A's for $85 million in 1995, they signed a nine-year lease at the Coliseum.

When the A's exercised the year-to-year lease clause two months ago, that automatically gave public officials 120 days to try to find a buyer willing to keep the team in Oakland.

But the A's valued the team at $150 million at that time, a figure public officials claimed was purposely set too high to try to discourage a sale. Public officials challenged that figure and an arbitration hearing set to begin Friday.

Under the terms of the year-to-year lease clause, A's owners had to set a sale price of 90 percent of the team's fair-market value. Ninety percent of $150 million is $135 million.

Along with about $20 million in deferred compensation to players that any buyer would have to assume, that would have made the purchase price $155 million.

But the owners agreed to lower the club's value, meaning public officials now have until next April 21 to find a local buyer at a minimum sale price of $120 million — including at least $101 million in cash and the rest in assumption of deferred player salaries.

Harris and Mary King, chairwoman of the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Authority, said they are optimistic a local buyer who will commit to staying in Oakland through at least the 2004 season can be found at that price.

A group of investors that includes Hall of Fame second baseman Joe Morgan is one of several that already have contacted public officials about the possibility of bidding to purchase the A's.

"It's a good economic deal for the public. It's a good shot at finding a local buyer for this team. It's a settlement that meets all our goals," King said.

Then King took a swipe at the NFL's Oakland Raiders and the NBA's Golden State Warriors, both of whom have contentious relationships with public authorities.

The Raiders — who share the Oakland Coliseum with the A's — have suits pending against the city and county, and the Warriors have squabbled with public officials over the Oakland Coliseum Arena.

"This agreement proves we can work out our differences outside of a courtroom," King said. "Let the A's set an example our other local teams can live up to."

Schott said he still wants to sell the team, and that he believes a local buyer can be found at the new price.

"This price was considerably less than our valuation consultant told us was the value of the franchise if it were relocated to a new stadium in another city," said Schott, who claims the A's need a baseball-only stadium and has hinted about wanting to move the A's to San Jose.

The agreement wipes out a $48 million lawsuit the A's had filed against public officials stemming from damages the team claims resulted from a $129 million expansion and renovation of the Coliseum in 1995-96.

That renovation, part of the package luring the Raiders back from Los Angeles, resulted in construction that went on during A's games and forced the team to move its first homestand of the 1996 season to Las Vegas.

Under the terms of the settlement, the A's will get $2 million this year and will be reimbursed for luxury seating installed last year. The A's rent also has been decreased and other charges payable by the team have been reduced.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	14	7	1	29	58	49
Philadelphia	11	7	4	26	62	48
Pittsburgh	10	6	6	26	67	59
N.Y. Rangers	8	9	7	23	64	65
N.Y. Islanders	10	14	0	20	61	67

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	14	9	2	30	77	69
Buffalo	11	5	4	26	59	41
Boston	10	7	6	26	61	44
Ottawa	11	7	3	25	64	51
Montreal	8	13	2	18	53	69

Southeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	12	10	3	27	66	58
Florida	8	10	5	21	55	62
Washington	7	12	3	17	49	66
Tampa Bay	6	14	2	14	48	83

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	13	9	0	26	75	54
St. Louis	9	6	5	23	57	47
Nashville	9	13	1	19	54	71
Chicago	6	14	3	15	48	82

Northwest Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	13	9	1	27	72	58
Colorado	9	11	2	20	57	64
Vancouver	9	13	2	20	67	72
Calgary	8	13	2	18	63	70

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	14	3	2	30	56	30
Dallas	12	4	3	27	53	39
Anaheim	8	10	5	21	54	57
Los Angeles	6	15	3	15	51	69
San Jose	5	11	5	15	49	56

Wednesday's Games

Late Game Not Included

Buffalo 2, Florida 1
Carolina 4, Montreal 1
N.Y. Rangers 3, N.Y. Islanders 2
Toronto 3, Los Angeles 1
Edmonton 4, Phoenix 3
Colorado 4, Detroit 2
Dallas at San Jose, (n)

Thursday's Games

Los Angeles at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Calgary, 8 p.m.

Avalanche 4, Red Wings 2

Detroit	1	1	0	— 2
Colorado	1	1	2	— 4

First Period—1, Colorado, Heduk 4 (Forsberg, Lefebvre), 7:16. 2, Detroit, Lidstrom 3 (Yzerman, Kozlov), 12:37 (pp).

Second Period—3, Yzerman 10 (Lidstrom, McCarty), :30 (pp). 4, Colorado, Sakic 10 (Odgers, Miller), 8:29.

Third Period—5, Colorado, Drury 5 (Lefebvre, Foote), 2:51. 6, Colorado, Corbet 3 (Podein, Kamensky), 14:38.

Shots on goal—Detroit 11-11-7—29. Colorado 10-10-10—30.

Power-play Opportunities—Detroit 2 of 5; Colorado 0 of 5.

Goalies—Detroit, Maracle 4-1-0 (30 shots-26 saves). Colorado, Roy 7-9-0 (29-27).

Oilers 4, Coyotes 3

Phoenix	0	2	1	— 3
Edmonton	1	1	2	— 4

First Period—1, Edmonton, McAmmond 1 (Falloon, Marchant), 18:12.

Second Period—2, Phoenix, Stapleton 2 (Sullivan), 7:51 (sh). 3, Edmonton, Falloon 6 (Potti, Hamrlik), 8:40 (pp). 4, Phoenix, Drake 4 (Roenick, Tkachuk), 8:58.

Third Period—5, Phoenix, Tkachuk 13 (Lumme, Numminen), 1:17 (pp). 6, Edmonton, Buchberger 3 (Devereaux), 9:54. 7, Edmonton, Murray 7 (Grier, Lindgren), 11:29.

Shots on goal—Phoenix 12-20-15—48. Edmonton 10-5-7—22.

Power-play Opportunities—Phoenix 1 of 5; Edmonton 1 of 3.

Goalies—Phoenix, Khabibulin 9-3-1 (22 shots-18 saves). Edmonton, Shtalenkov 9-5-0 (48-45).

Rangers 3, Islanders 2

N.Y. Rangers	1	1	1	— 3
N.Y. Islanders	1	0	1	— 2

First Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Smolinski 6 (Reichel, Berard), 5:59 (pp). 2, N.Y. Rangers, Knuble 3 (Tikkanen, Malhotra), 14:30.

Second Period—3, N.Y. Rangers, Nedved 2, 2:24.

Third Period—4, N.Y. Rangers, Gretzky 5 (Stevens), 4:10. N.Y. Islanders, Reichel 7 (Berard, Smolinski), 19:55 (pp).

Shots on goal—N.Y. Rangers 7-7-3—17. N.Y. Islanders 6-11-10—27.

Power-play Opportunities—N.Y. Rangers 0 of 5; N.Y.Islanders 2 of 4.

Goalies—N.Y. Rangers, Richter 6-7-5 (27 shots-25 saves). N.Y. Islanders, Salo 10-12-0 (17-14).

Maple Leafs 3, Kings 1

Los Angeles	0	0	1	— 1
Toronto	0	1	2	— 3

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Toronto, Berezin 6 (Sundin, Korolev), 14:07 (pp).

Third Period—2, Los Angeles, Tsyplakov 6 (Ferraro), 7:59 (sh). 3, Toronto, Berezin 7 (Cote, Sundin), 11:08 (pp). 4, Toronto, Yushkevich 4 (Tremblay, Sundin) 13:38 (pp).

Shots on goal—Los Angeles 12-8-8—28. Toronto 7-11-9—27.

Power-play Opportunities—Los Angeles 0 of 4; Toronto 3 of 5.

Goalies—Los Angeles, Storr 1-3-1 (27 shots-24 saves). Toronto, Joseph 11-7-2 (28-27).

Hurricanes 4, Canadiens 1

Montreal	0	1	0	— 1
Carolina	0	2	2	— 4

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Carolina, Emerson 6 (Battaglia, Gelinas), 5:09. 2, Montreal, Rivet 2 (Weinrich, Hogglund), 5:41. 3, Carolina, Sheppard 11 (Wesley, Emerson), 15:41 (pp).

Third Period—4, Carolina, Primeau 12 (Kapanen, Hill), 1:08. 5, Carolina, O'Neill 6, 18:21.

Shots on goal—Montreal 8-6-11—25. Carolina 10-6-4—20.

Power-play Opportunities—Montreal 0 of 2; Carolina 1 of 2.

Goalies—Montreal, Hackett 2-3-0 (20 shots-16 saves). Carolina, Kidd 4-3-1 (25-24).

Sabres 2, Panthers 1

Florida	0	1	0	— 1
Buffalo	0	2	0	— 2

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Buffalo, Primeau 2 (Zhitnik, Shannon), 2:31. 2, Florida, Whitney 7 (Muller, Murphy), 5:34. 3, Buffalo, Ward 10 (Peca), 12:01.

Third Period—None.

Shots on goal—Florida 7-13-8—28. Buffalo 4-13-11—28.

Power-play Opportunities—Florida 0 of 4; Buffalo 0 of 4.

Goalies—Florida, McLean 3-5-1 (28 shots-26 saves). Buffalo, Hasek 11-4-4 (28-27).

WPHL Standings

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Eastern Division						
Shreveport	14	7	2	30	105	74
Lake Charles	14	8	1	29	100	77
Arkansas	13	6	1	27	86	62
Monroe	12	9	0	24	82	85
Tupelo	6	16	1	13	61	103
Alexandria	4	14	3	11	84	125
Central Division						
Corpus Christi	13	9	1	27	92	80
Waco	12	5	2	26	66	47
Fort Worth	11	11	1	23	76	84
Austin	9	12	3	21	74	104
Central Texas	8	9	3	19	71	80
Western Division						
Abilene	17	5	0	34	87	65
San Angelo	12	6	3	27	93	78
New Mexico	11	10	3	25	87	98
Odessa	10	9	3	23	77	71
El Paso	10	11	0	20	65	67
Amarillo	9	9	2	20	77	83

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory, one for a shootout loss

Wednesday's Games

No games scheduled

Thursday's Games

Central Texas at Lake Charles
Amarillo at El Paso
Monroe at Tupelo
Shreveport at Arkansas
Odessa at Austin

NFL Standings

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	8	4	0	.667	231	166
N.Y. Jets	8	4	0	.667	315	199
Buffalo	7	5	0	.583	268	242
New England	7	5	0	.583	262	236
Indianapolis	6	10	0	.167	208	336
Central						
Jacksonville	9	3	0	.750	311	247
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	224	218
Tennessee	6	6	0	.500	260	237
Baltimore	5	7	0	.417	205	247
Cincinnati	2	10	0	.167	197	321
West						
y-Denver	12	0	0	1.000	401	206
Oakland	7	5	0	.583	209	244
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	255	210
Kansas City	5	7	0	.417	238	259
San Diego	5	7	0	.417	181	247

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	8	4	0	.667	325	217
Arizona	8	6	0	.500	251	308
N.Y. Giants	4	8	0	.333	196	257
Washington	3	9	0	.250	240	337
Philadelphia	2	10	0	.167	108	277
Central						
x-Minnesota	11	1	0	.917	394	220
Green Bay	8	4	0	.667	314	240
Detroit	5	7	0	.417	244	263
Tampa Bay	5	7	0	.417	223	250
Chicago	3	9	0	.250	197	275
West						
x-Atlanta	10	2	0	.833	325	218
San Francisco	9	3	0	.750	354	244
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417	216	265
St. Louis	3	9	0	.250	207	285
Carolina	2	10	0	.167	236	322

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched division title

Thursday's Game

St. Louis at Philadelphia, 7:20 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Buffalo at Cincinnati, 12:01 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 12:01 p.m.
Detroit at Jacksonville, 12:01 p.m.
Indianapolis at Atlanta, 12:01 p.m.
New England at Pittsburgh, 12:01 p.m.
San Diego at Washington, 12:01 p.m.
San Francisco at Carolina, 12:01 p.m.
Seattle at New York Jets, 12:01 p.m.
NY Giants at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver, 3:15 p.m.
Miami at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.
Baltimore at Tennessee, 3:15 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Game

Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 7:20 p.m.

NFL Injury Report

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Football League injury report for Thursday's game as provided by the league:

Thursday

ST. LOUIS (3-9) AT PHILADELPHIA (2-10) — Rams OUT: LB Jon Hesse (hamstring). DOUBTFUL: WR Isaac Bruce (hamstring). QUESTIONABLE: RB Amp Lee (knee); RB Jerald Moore (rib). PROBABLE: DT Joe Phillips (ankle). Eagles OUT: TE Jason Dunn (knee-injured reserve). TE Kaseem Sinceno (ankle-injured reserve). DT Hollis Thomas (shoulder). DOUBTFUL: RB Chafiie Garner (rib). PROBABLE: LB James Darling (knee); WR Irving Fryar (concussion); DE Greg Jefferson (ankle); CB Clarence Love (shoulder); S Tim McTyer (toe); QB Rodney Peete (finger).

Transactions

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BASEBALL

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with with OF Henry Rodriguez on a two-year contract.

CINCINNATI REDS—Acquired RHP Manuel Barrios from the Florida Marlins for C Guillermo Garcia. Sold the contract of 1B-OF Roberto Petagine to the Yakult Swallows of the Japanese Central League.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with 3B Robin Ventura on a four-year contract.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Signed OF Kevin Sefcik to a two-year contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with C Carlos Hernandez on a three-year contract.

American League

TEXAS RANGERS—Designated INF Domingo Cedeno for assignment. Agreed to terms with C Mike Hubbard on a minor league contract.

BASKETBALL

CBA

RAPID CITY THRILLERS—Signed former Midland College guard D'Juan Baker.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Placed S Kim Herring on injured reserve. Signed WR Phil Savoy. Signed Mike Bowman to the practice squad.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Placed WR Marvin Harrison and G Tony Mandarich on injured reserve. Activated OL Jon Blackman from the practice squad. Claimed DE Mark Thomas off waivers from the Chicago Bears. Signed WR Kio Sanford to the practice squad.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released WR Henry Ellard. Signed CB Kato Serwanga.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Placed DT Bryant Young on the injured reserve list. Signed DT David Richie from the practice squad. Signed CB Kelly Malveaux to the practice squad.

College Basketball

Men's Scores

SOUTHWEST

Lamar 114, Loyola, NO 59
Stephen F. Austin 78, Texas Coll. 62
Texas 87, Oral Roberts 77

EAST

Fairleigh Dickinson 85, Dominican, N.Y. 64
George Washington 97, American U. 76
Georgetown 67, Morgan St. 49
Georgia 75, West Virginia 63
Lafayette 75, Swarthmore 56
Siena 96, Loyola, Md. 86
South Florida 67, Duquesne 57
St. John's 70, Hofstra 49

SOUTH

Appalachian St. 83, S.C.-Spartanburg 53
Ark.-Little Rock 83, Fla. International 77
Cent. Florida 79, Winthrop 57
Centenary 69, SE Louisiana 62
Elon 70, VMI 69
Furman 88, Charleston Southern 85
James Madison 111, Liberty 77
Kent 53, N.C. Charlotte 50
Mississippi 95, NE Louisiana 62
Mississippi St. 73, Jacksonville St. 54
N.C.-Wilmington 59, Campbell 50
Radford 73, Marshall 65
S. Carolina St. 59, N. Carolina A&T 58
Tennessee 66, Memphis 67
The Citadel 62, William & Mary 59, OT
Wofford 72, Army 64

MIDWEST

Akron 72, E. Michigan 54
Creighton 73, Baylor 59
Fairfield 86, Cent. Michigan 85
Illinois St. 86, Alcorn St. 73
Michigan 74, Bradley 44
N. Iowa 61, Iowa St. 57
Ohio U. 64, Bowling Green 57
Rhode Island 70, Utah 63
Valparaiso 104, Norfolk St. 69
Wisconsin 67, N. Illinois 52
Xavier 64, Miami, Ohio 56

FAR WEST

Cal St.-Fullerton 74, Loyola Marymount 61
Colorado 78, Va. Commonwealth 76
New Mexico 97, Ark.-Pine Bluff 72

Creighton 73, Baylor 59

BAYLOR (2-6): Kendrick 2-6 1-1 5, Morris 0-3 2-4 2, Lewis 3-11 2-2 8, Stukes 12-22 2-3 30, Thornton 2-4 0-0 4, Golson 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 2-6 0-0 5, Allen 0-1 0-0 0, McCasland 1-1 1-2 3, Gipson 1-2 0-0 2, Ramirez 0-0 0-0 0, Echols 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 23-58 8-12 59

CREIGHTON (5-0): Buford 4-13 7-7 16, Johnson 5-8 2-2 12, Swenson 5-9 1-5 11, Walker 1-3 1-2 4, Sears 1-3 2-2 5, West 1-1 0-0 3, Brandon 2-8 0-0 5, Bates 4-7 0-2 9, Huss 2-2 0-0 4, Haynes 0-3 1-2 1, Karlikanovos 1-6 1-2 3. Totals 26-63 15-24 73

Halftime—Creighton 38, Baylor 20. 3-Point goals—Baylor 5-15 (Kendrick 0-1, Morris 0-1, Stukes 4-9, Jones 1-3, Allen 0-1), Creighton 6-20 (Buford 1-4, Swenson 0-2, Walker 1-2, Sears 1-3, West 1-1, Brandon 1-5, Bates 1-1, Haynes 0-1, Karlikanovos 0-1). Fouled out—Allen. Rebounds—Baylor 33 (Lewis 13), Creighton 45 (Johnson, Swenson 7). Assists—Baylor 12 (Lewis 4), Creighton 14 (Sears 5). Total fouls—Baylor 22, Creighton 14. A—5,589.

Texas 87, Oral Roberts 77

Texas (1-4): Muoneke 9-12 1-4 20, Mihm 7-12 7-11 21, Wagner 3-6 1-2 9, Clay 7-13 1-1 18, Vazquez 3-7 3-3 10, McColpin 0-0 0-0 0, Carter 1-1 0-0 2, Drakes 3-7 1-2 7. Totals 33-58 14-23 87.

Oral Roberts (2-3): Owens 3-6 4-4 12, Wilkerson 7-8 0-0 17, Barrett 0-0 0-0 0, Ratzlaff 0-0 0-0 0, Sanders 0-1 1-2 1, Taylor 3-10 4-7 10, Tate 2-3 0-0 4, Perry 6-15 1-1 16, Irving 5-11 1-1 11, Moses 3-8 0-0 6, Brown 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-62 11-15 77.

Halftime—Texas 45, Oral Roberts 41. 3-point goals—Texas 7-12 (Muoneke 1-1, Mihm 0-0, Wagner 2-3, Clay 3-6, Vazquez 1-2, McColpin 0-0, Carter 0-0, Drakes 0-0), Oral Roberts 8-18 (Owens 2-4, Wilkerson 3-3, Barrett 0-0, Ratzlaff 0-0, Sanders 0-0, Taylor 0-1, Tate 0-0, Perry 3-10, Irving 0-0, Moses 0-0, Brown 0-0). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Texas 36 (Mihm 11), Oral Roberts 29 (Taylor 5). Assists—Texas 22 (Wagner 10), Oral Roberts 22 (Tate 5). Total fouls—Texas 18, Oral Roberts 18. A—6,520.

No. 4 Duke 73, No. 9 Michigan St. 67

MICHIGAN ST. (4-2): Hutson 4-6 2-3 10, Klein 4-11 0-0 9, A.Smith 2-6 1-3 5, Bell 4-8 0-0 8, Cleaves 3-17 2-2 9, Kelley 0-4 0-0 0, B.Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Peterson 10-17 0-0 24, Granger 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 27-70 7-10 67.

DUKE (6-1): Carrawell 5-7 2-3 12, Brand 5-9 2-2 12, Battier 1-2 1-3 3, Avery 4-8 5-8 14, Langdon 7-12 5-5 23, James 0-0 0-0 0, Burgess 2-2 4-6 8, Domzalis 0-0 0-0 0, Maggette 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 24-41 20-29 73.

Halftime—Duke 39, Michigan St. 30. 3-Point goals—Michigan St. 6-13 (Peterson 4-4, Cleaves 1-4, Klein 1-5), Duke 5-11 (Langdon 4-7, Avery 1-3, Battier 0-1). Fouled out—Bell, Battier. Rebounds—Michigan St. 41 (Hutson 10), Duke 25 (Avery 5). Assists—Michigan St. 15 (Cleaves 6), Duke 9 (Avery 5). Total fouls—Michigan St. 24, Duke 19. A—19,412.

No. 17 New Mexico 97, Ark.-Pine Bluff 72

ARK.-PINE BLUFF (0-6): Horton 3-11 0-0 8, Smith 2-7 4-6 8, Coleman 4-8 1-1 13, Moore 0-1 0-0 0, Swygart 1-2 2-2 5, Duncan 7-11 0-0 15, Craig 2-3 2-2 7, Calloway 0-1 0-0 0, Hackworth 0-1 0-0 0, Gipson 1-4 0-0 2, Vickers 3-9 2-3 8, Rollins 2-9 1-2 6, Nelson 0-1 0-0 0, O'Neill 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 25-70 12-16 72.

NEW MEXICO (5-0): Davis 5-8 2-2 12, Lightfoot 1-6 1-2 3, Henry 5-11 0-0 13, White 1-2 0-0 2, Smith 4-8 2-2 10, Robinson 9-15 5-6 25, Andrews 0-1 0-0 0, Kelly 0-0 0-0 0, Walker 7-8 8-8 22, Hannah 3-6 4-6 10. Totals 35-65 22-26 97.

Halftime—New Mexico 53, Ark.-Pine Bluff 38. 3-Point goals—Ark.-Pine Bluff 10-33 (Coleman 4-8, Horton 2-7, Rollins 1-4, Swygart 1-2, Duncan 1-2, Craig 1-2, Smith 0-2, O'Neill 0-2, Gipson 0-2, Hackworth 0-1, Calloway 0-1). New Mexico 5-20 (Henry 3-8, Robinson 2-7, Lightfoot 0-3, Smith 0-1, Andrews 0-1). Rebounds—Ark.-Pine Bluff 39 (Craig 8), New Mexico 40 (Hannah 10). Assists—Ark.-Pine Bluff 13 (Horton, Craig, Vickers, Rollins 2), New Mexico 18 (Robinson 8). Total fouls—Ark.-Pine Bluff 19, New Mexico 17. A—16,731.

Rhode Island 70, No. 21 Utah 63

RHODE ISLAND (4-3): Odom 5-11 4-9 15, Reynolds-Dean 10-16 2-3 22, Clay 4-10 2-4 10, Bell 2-4 2-4 6, Murphy 4-5 2-2 13, Jefferson 0-2 0-0 0, Arigbabu 1-2 0-0 2, Vinson 0-0 2-2 2, Treadwell 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-50 14-24 70.

UTAH (3-3): Mottola 4-12 3-4 13, Jensen 2-6 0-0 5, Althoff 1-3 0-0 2, Miller 10-17 6-7 28, Killion 2-9 0-0 6, Sharp 2-4 2-2 7, Crockett 0-2 0-0 0, Cullen 0-2 2-2 2, Johnston 0-0 0-1 0. Totals 21-55 13-16 63.

Halftime—Utah 36, Rhode Island 35. 3-Point goals—Rhode Island 4-8 (Murphy 3-4, Odom 1-3, Jefferson 0-1), Utah 8-20 (Miller 2-3, Mottola 2-4, Killion 2-7, Sharp 1-1, Jensen 1-2, Crockett 0-1, Cullen 0-2). Fouled out—Jensen, Cullen. Rebounds—Rhode Island 37 (Clay, Murphy 7), Utah 28 (Miller 6). Assists—Rhode Island 18 (Odom 6), Utah 10 (Jensen, Miller 4). Total fouls—Rhode Island 13, Utah 21. A—NA.

No. 25 St. John's 70, Hofstra 49

HOFSTRA (2-4): Gittens 3-8 2-2 8, N.Richardson 6-14 3-5 16, Posey 4-11 1-2 9, Claxton 4-11 0-0 10, Hernandez 1-6 0-0 2, Davis 0-2 0-0 0, Beckett 0-2 0-0 0, Petit 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 20-56 6-9 49.

ST. JOHN'S (5-2): Artest 6-11 0-0 15, Grant 2-5 3-6 7, Emanuel 1-1 0-0 2, Barkley 9-14 2-2 25, Thornton 1-6 0-0 2, Gray 0-1 2-2 2, Syed 1-1 0-0 2, Charles 1-2 0-0 2, Postell 3-6 2-2 9, Jessie 1-4 2-3 4, A.Richardson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-55 11-15 70.

Halftime—St. John's 30, Hofstra 25. 3-Point goals—Hofstra 3-11 (Claxton 2-2, N.Richardson 1-5, Hernandez 0-1, Beckett 0-1, Davis 0-2), St. John's 9-21 (Barkley 5-8, Artest 3-5, Postell 1-4, Gray 0-1, Thornton). Fouled out—Jessie. Rebounds—Hofstra 32 (Posey 8), St. John's 38 (Grant 11). Assists—Hofstra 6 (Claxton 3), St. John's 18 (Barkley 7). Total fouls—Hofstra 17, St. John's 12. A—5,684.

Women's Scores

SOUTHWEST

Oklahoma St. 67, Vanderbilt 54
Texas 77, Arizona St. 75
Texas Tech 96, Texas-San Antonio 39

EAST

George Mason 77, Seton Hall 73
Massachusetts 64, Maine 56
Vermont 73, Siena 67

SOUTH

Charleston Southern 86, Benedict 49
Clemson 88, N. Carolina St. 67
Southern U. 75, Jacksonville St. 62
W. Kentucky 86, Tennessee Tech 56

MIDWEST

Indiana St. 56, Dayton 54
Ohio St. 75, Pittsburgh 40

No. 6 Notre Dame 82, Toledo 64

TOLEDO (3-3): Husbeck 4-8 1-3 9, Knuth 7-20 2-2 17, Markwood 2-7 2-6 6, Favre 2-4 2-3 7, Tews 0-3 0-0 0, Roberts 2-4 0-2 4, Overaitis 0-1 0-0 0, Risinger 1-2 0-0 3, Cook 2-5 0-0 4, Bryant 1-3 4-4 7, Carter 2-7 0-0 6, Wischmeier 0-0 1-2 1, Hare 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-64 12-22 64.

NOTRE DAME (6-0): Siemon 1-4 2-2 4, Riley 4-7 7-11 15, Green 4-13 4-6 12, McMillen 6-14 6-6 23, Ivey 3-8 2-2 10, Haney 0-5 0-0 0, Hills 5-12 1-1 12, Henderson 2-2 1-2 5, Braendly 0-1 0-0 0, Dunbar 0-1 0-0 0, Leahy 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 25-68 24-32 82.

Halftime—Notre Dame 35, Toledo 31. 3-Point goals—Toledo 6-16 (Carter 2-4, Favre 1-1, Risinger 1-1, Bryant 1-3, Knuth 1-4, Husbeck 0-1, Tews 0-1, Roberts 0-1), Notre Dame 8-25 (McMillen 5-13, Ivey 2-4, Hills 1-7). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Toledo 38 (Knuth 8), Notre Dame 54 (Riley 17). Assists—Toledo 15 (Knuth 6), Notre Dame 14 (Ivey 4). Total fouls—Toledo 22, Notre Dame 19. A—1,825.

No. 16 Duke 91, Florida State 72

Florida St. (2-3): Wyckoff 4-12 2-3 10, Coleman 7-11 4-8 18, Gracey 5-10 1-2 11, Traylor 1-12 0-2 2, Robinson 5-16 1-2 15, Davidson 2-8 0-0 4, Sutton 2-4 0-0 4, Springle 1-3 3-4 5, Fuchs 1-3 0-0 2, Linley 0-0 1-2 1, Bennett 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-79 12-23 72.

No. 16 Duke (5-3): Browne 0-3 5-6 5, Schweitzer 0-3 0-1 0, VanGorp 10-16 2-6 22, Howard 2-5 1-2 6, Erickson 5-11 4-4 15, Black 3-4 1-2 7, Parent 3-5 2-2 8, Gingrich 8-11 1-2 22, Medhanie 1-2 0-2 3, Hayes 0-1 3-4 3. Totals 32-61 19-31 91.

Halftime—Duke 46, Florida St. 32. 3-Point goals—Florida St. 4-19 (Robinson 4-11, Springle 0-1, Fuchs 0-1, Wyckoff 0-2, Traylor 0-4), Duke 8-14 (Gingrich 5-7, Medhanie 1-2, Howard 1-1, Erickson 1-4). Fouled out—Wyckoff, Coleman, Traylor. Rebounds—Florida St. 43 (Coleman 9), Duke 49 (Browne 9). Assists—Florida St. 14 (Robinson 5), Duke 21 (Erickson 6). Total fouls—Florida St. 26, Duke 26. A—1,907.

No. 25 Clemson 88, No. 17 North Carolina St. 67

NORTH CAROLINA ST. (3-3): Jones 3-7 2-6 9, Bates 2-5 0-0 4, Erb 7-16 3-3 17, Lewis 5-11 4-4 17, Smith 3-13 0-0 6, Williams 2-9 1-2 5, Coleman-Trotman 0-0 0-0 0, Hutcherson 0-1 0-0 0, Christianson 3-5 2-3 8, Scates 0-0 1-2 1, Greene 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-67 13-20 67.

NO. 25 CLEMSON (6-0): Blassingame 6-9 3-4 15, Anderson 8-14 4-4 20, Batth 1-6 1-2 3, Umoh 8-13 9-10 27, Geren 2-5 4-4 8, Forns 0-1 0-0 0, Scott 0-2 0-0 0, Gaines 0-2 2-4 2, Cossey 0-0 2-2 2, Leonard 1-2 0-0 3, Byrd 0-1 2-4 2, Mungro 3-6 0-0 6. Totals 29-61 27-34 88.

Halftime—Clemson 42, North Carolina St. 22. 3-Point goals—North Carolina St. 4-12 (Lewis 3-4, Jones 1-3, Williams 0-2, Smith 0-3), Clemson 3-6 (Umoh 2-3, Leonard 1-2, Geren 0-1). Fouled out—Lewis, Smith. Rebounds—North Carolina St. 36 (Erb 9), Clemson 43 (Blassingame, Batth 8). Assists—North Carolina St. 14 (Williams 6), Clemson 18 (Umoh 10). Total fouls—North Carolina St. 26, Clemson 17. A—1,428.

Ski Report

ROCKIES

Colorado

Aspen — packed powder 16-22 base 30 trails 5 of 8 lifts 40% open
Beaver Creek — packed powder 10-22 base 10 trails 4 of 14 lifts
Breckenridge — packed powder 18 base 12 trails 10 of 19 lifts 9:30a-4:15p
Copper Mountain — packed powder 13 base 14 trails 7 of 20 lifts 9% open sm
Crested Butte — packed powder 22-25 base 8 of 14 lifts
Keystone — packed powder 18 base 13 trails 11 of 20 lifts
Powderhorn — Opening date to be determined
Purgatory — packed powder 38 base 52 trails 4 of 11 lifts 90% open sm 9a-4p
Steamboat — packed powder 15-18 base 20 trails 7 of 22 lifts
Telluride — packed powder 33 base 52 trails 12 of 13 lifts 70% open
Vail — packed powder 18-21 base 29 trails 12 of 30 lifts 8:30a-3:30p
Winter Park — packed powder 18-27 base 20 trails 8 of 22 lifts mdwk: 9a-4p; wknd: 8:30a-4:30p
Wolf Creek — powder 61-67 base 50 trails 5 of 5 lifts 100% open 9a-4p; Alberta & Waterfall:10a-3p; Knife Ridge:10a-2:45p

New Mexico

Angel Fire Resort — packed powder 16-18 base 13 trails 3 of 5 lifts
Red River — Operates Fri-Sun; 1/2 price wknd
Ski Santa Fe — packed powder 27 base 21 trails 3 of 7 lifts
Taos Ski Valley — packed powder 33-44 base 68 trails 9 of 11 lifts 95% open

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FINA Swimming

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Results from the FINA Swimming World Cup Championships (All race distances in meters):

MEN

100 breaststroke— 1, Jeremy Linn, Tennessee-USA, 59.45 (American record, old record 1:00.08). 2, Frederik Deburghgraeve, Belgium, 59.49. 3, Yu Daqing, China, 1:00.65. 4, Morgan Knabe, Canada, 1:01.35. 5, Steven West, Unattached-USA, 1:01.81. 6, Sergio Ferreyra, Argentina, 1:02.06.

50 freestyle— 1, Gary Hall, Phoenix Swim Club-USA, 21.98. 2, Fernando Scherer, Brazil, 22.06. 3, Gustavo Borges, Brazil, 22.19. 4, Sabir Muhammad, Unattached-USA, 22.22. 5, Brad Schumacher, Tiger Aquatics, 22.54. 6, Alexander Luederitz, Germany, 22.61. 7, Jerrod Kappler, Texas A&M-USA, 22.65.

WOMEN

100 freestyle— 1, Ashely Tappin, Hillenbrand-USA, 54.55. 2, Shannon Hosack, Hillenbrand-USA, 55.06. 3, Lies' Kolbisen, Hillenbrand-USA, 55.73. 4, Marianne Limpert, Canada, 55.93. 5, Tine Bossuyt, Belguim, 55.98. 6, Talor Bendel, Club Wolverine-USA, 56.93. 7, Karen Pickering, Great Britain, 57.16.

400 individual medley— 1, Ning Bo, China, 4:41.74. 2, Allison Wagner, Unattached-USA, 4:42.60. 3, Carrie Burgoyne, Canada, 4:42.84. 4, Rachel Harris, Australia, 4:45.36. 5, Cara Lane, Mecklenburg-USA, 4:48.67. **6, Monica Stroman, Texas A&M, 4:52.57.**

100 backstroke— 1, Antje Buschschulte, Germany, 1:00.42. 2, Beth Botsford,

Bowden says goodbye to Tulane for Clemson

By Mary Foster
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Tommy Bowden, who turned Tulane from a football laughingstock into the No. 9 team in the nation with an 11-0 record, held an emotional last meeting with his players Wednesday before heading for his new job at Clemson.

Quarterback Shaun King said several at the meeting were close to tears as Bowden said his goodbyes.

"Everybody was trying to be a man, but we felt it in our hearts. He was like a father figure and it's hard to lose someone like that," said running back Toney Converse.

"It hurt. It hurt deep down inside because we all worked so hard for him," said cornerback Alphonso Roundtree.

Bowden dodged reporters throughout the day and only briefly acknowledged the pending change during a brief visit to Jackson, Miss., for a speech to a group of high school students.

"It's amazing what can happen on a 30-minute flight to here. I changed jobs," Bowden joked.

He is expected to hold a news conference at Clemson on Thursday.

Bowden's father, Florida State coach Bobby Bowden, said a better shot at a national championship was a factor in his son's decision.

"You know, at a school like Clemson or Florida State, an ACC school or an SEC school, you have a chance of winning a national championship," the elder Bowden said. "Because of the schedule and other things at Tulane, that's not as possible.

"Besides, how could he improve on what he'd done this year? He had no where to go there but down."

Clemson and Florida State are in the Atlantic Coast Conference, which will pit father and son against each other every year.

Tulane athletic director Sandy Barbour named offensive coordinator Rich Rodriguez interim coach and said a national search for a full time replacement will begin immediately and be completed as quickly as possible.

"We are committed to having a Top 25 football team no matter who coaches it," Barbour said.

Rodriguez is also a candidate to take over for Bowden. He was recently named one of the top assistants in the nation by Sports Illustrated.

Rodriguez also planned to interview with Middle Tennessee State on Thursday and had tentatively scheduled a meeting with Southwestern Louisiana for later in the week. Bowden also offered him the offensive coordinator-assistant head coach job at Clemson, Rodriguez said.

"Of the four, I'd prefer to stay as Tulane's coach," Rodriguez said. "I've kind of set next Wednesday as my deadline to decide. That's when we begin practicing for the bowl game."

Tulane is to play BYU in the Liberty Bowl. Rodriguez said he wanted to coach that game, but if he became a head coach elsewhere, that might not be possible.

Bowden just completed his second season at Tulane. His first team went 7-4, snapping a string of 15 non-winning seasons. This year Tulane was 11-0, won the Conference USA title, and moved steadily up in the rankings.

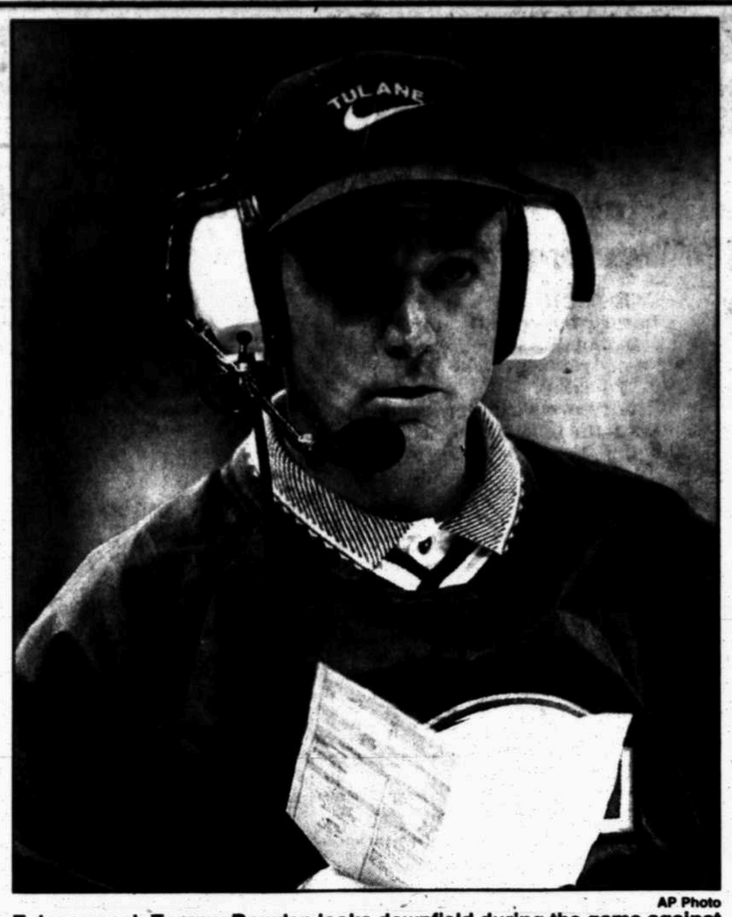
Bowden was in the first year of a five-year deal at Tulane. Clemson reportedly has offered to pay half of the $750,000 required to buy out the contract.

Clemson is reportedly offering Bowden a yearly package of $750,000 to $800,000. Tulane had agreed to match the Clemson offer, build a new practice facility, and address academic concerns that he had, but could not sway Bowden.

"I don't think Tommy Bowden left Tulane because of anything we didn't do," Tulane president Scott Cowen said. "He left because he wanted to be at Clemson."

"I really feel bad for the freshmen," said Roundtree, a senior. "But after being in college football, you learn. It's a business. You're not playing for fun anymore. It's about money and jobs. It's not like high school."

At Clemson, Bowden is replacing Tommy West, who was fired just before completing a 3-8 season last month.



AP Photo

Tulane coach Tommy Bowden looks downfield during the game against Louisiana Tech last Thursday evening. Bowden is leaving Tulane, the team he coached to an 11-0 record this season, to become coach at Clemson.

HALL: Tackle goes against biggest offensive lineman

(From 1C)

through by losing his father during the season.

"I think Sammy missed about three days after his father died and he came back out here and stepped in and played," Josey said. "I really think football has been a good diversion for him. He's handled all this about as well as you could expect from anyone.

"His Dad was super and he was from Rotan, so that makes him good people in my book. And Sammy's a great kid. He's real quiet, never says much and never complains.

"Sammy is what you would call a blue collar worker. He doesn't get much press because he plays inside where we depend on him to stop the run."

Parchman said of Sammy, "He's not 6-5, 250. He's short and stocky (5-9, 245 pounds), but he's a great technician at what he does. He clogs up the middle and is as good as anyone we've had against the trap.

"He's been a two-year starter and he is the only three-year letterman we have on the team. He's been a horse for us."

Sammy Hall understands his role in the Lee defensive scheme, and although that role isn't always glamorous, he gets the job done.

"I don't have too many sacks, so I have to do a good job against the run," Sammy says. "I try to lead by example. I really think that this senior class is going to do whatever it takes to get the job done this year."

Hall always seems to draw the opponent's biggest offensive lineman to go against.

"I don't know what it is, but Sammy always seems to be matched up against the biggest lineman the other team has," Josey said. "He was up against a 300-pounder against Copperas Cove last week and they didn't move Sammy out of there."

Sammy said, "That dude from Copperas Cove was a lot bigger than me. That happens a lot, but I think I handled it pretty well."

And even though this Hall leans toward the quiet side, he knows when to speak.

"I was talking with my brother, Michael, the other day and I told him that my senior class has gone further than his senior class (in the state playoffs)."

Michael was an All-District linebacker for Lee in 1996 when Lee fell out of the playoffs in the third round. The 1996 defense is generally felt to be one of Lee's all-time best defensive units.

Felix, who played defensive end for Lee in 1983-84, went to the state finals once and to the quarterfinals once. Sammy needs a championship to top that one.

And that's just the way Willie would have wanted it.

BIG12: Tech's Reagor on first team defensive squad

(From 1C)

Kansas State and Wane McGarity of Texas, put up some spectacular numbers.

McDonald snared 69 passes for 952 yards, an average of 13.8 yards per catch. He also scored eight touchdowns.

McGarity caught 58 passes for 1,087 yards and nine touchdowns. He averaged a whopping 18.74 yards per reception.

The team includes some impressive blockers led by tight end Sheldon Jackson of Nebraska.

Offensive linemen included Ryan Young of Kansas State, Rob Riti and Craig Heimburger, both of Missouri, Josh Heskew of Nebraska and Ben Adams of Texas.

The place kicker is Martin Gramatica of Kansas State, who hit 18 of 26 field goal attempts and scored 120 points, second in the Big 12 behind 168 points from Williams, who scored 28 touchdowns.

The punter is Shane Lechler of Texas A&M who averaged 43.49 yards per boot.

The return specialist was David Allen of Kansas State, a sophomore, who scored four touchdowns on punt returns.

Defensively, the first team was an impressive unit headed by Texas A&M linebacker Dat Nguyen, a finalist for the Butka and Outland awards. Nguyen finished with 12 tackles against Texas for a career total of 500.

"Dat had an amazing season," Slocum said. "He was an inspiration to every player on the team."

Other members of the first team defense included Kansas State players lineman Darren Howard, linebackers Jeff Kelly and Mark Simoneau, and defensive back Jarrod Cooper.

Other linemen were the rugged Montae Reagor of Texas Tech and tough Kelly Gregg of the Oklahoma Sooners.

Texas A&M's Warrick Holdman was the fourth linebacker.

Joining Cooper in the secondary were Ralph Brown of Nebraska, Harold Piersey of Missouri, and Rich Coady of Texas A&M.

Williams among four invited as Heisman finalists

By Scott Newman
Bloomberg News

NEW YORK — The Downtown Athletic Club has determined its final four for the Heisman Trophy: Texas running back Ricky Williams; and quarterbacks Michael Bishop of Kansas State, Tim Couch of Kentucky and Cade McNown of UCLA, a spokesman for the award told Bloomberg News.

They are the only players so far that the Heisman Committee invited to the Dec. 12 presentation of the highest individual award in college football. It's the first time since 1988 that as many as three quarterbacks are scheduled to be in New York as finalists.

Typically, the committee invites the top four or five vote-getters based on early returns provided by auditors Deloitte & Touche. The Downtown Athletic Club sponsors the award and pays for the player and his parents to attend a special dinner and ESPN's nationally televised announcement.

Rudy Riska, the executive director for the Heisman Trophy, said a fifth player could be added after more ballots are received.

Quarterbacks Donovan McNabb of Syracuse, Joe Germaine of Ohio State, Daunte Culpepper of Central Florida, Shawn King of Tulane, and Wisconsin running back Ron Dayne also are considered outside contenders.

In 1988, the University of Southern California's Rodney Peete, UCLA's Troy Aikman, Miami's Steve Walsh, and West Virginia's Major Harris were invited as quarterbacks to the ceremonies. Oklahoma State running back Barry Sanders won the award.

Williams is projected as an overwhelming favorite to win this year's Heisman, some voters said. He broke Tony Dorsett's all-time rushing record with 2,124 yards this season as Williams led the Longhorns to an 8-3 record.

Bishop is considered the only possible player who could unseat Williams. The Kansas State quarterback has thrown for 21 touchdowns and rushed for 13 in leading the 11-0 Wildcats to the top ranking in the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll.

McNown has led third-ranked UCLA to a 10-0 record this season. He's completed 162 of 288 passes for 2,617 yards and 18 touchdowns. UCLA has a 20-game winning streak dating back to last season.

Couch has thrown for 4,275 yards and 36 touchdowns, although some voters said his statistics are inflated because Kentucky's offense is built so much on passing.

The 922 voters for the Heisman, comprised of media members and winners of the award, must return their ballots by Dec. 10.

Heisman contenders favor Ricky Williams to get award

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

If the Heisman Trophy contenders had a vote, there's no question who would get the award as the nation's most outstanding player: Texas running back Ricky Williams.

"As many times as he carries the ball, he's just as strong in the fourth quarter as he is in the first quarter," Kentucky's Tim Couch said. "He's an amazing player. I'd give him my vote."

So would Kansas State's Michael Bishop and UCLA's Cade McNown, who along with Williams and Couch were the four players invited Wednesday to New York for the Heisman Trophy presentation on Dec. 12.

During a conference call Wednesday, the three quarterbacks went for Williams, who last week became the Division I-A career rushing leader with 6,279 yards.

Williams, who ran for 2,124 yards this season, broke Tony Dorsett's 20-year-old record last week in a 26-24 win over Texas A&M. Needing 11 yards for the mark, he went 60 yards for a touchdown, breaking a tackle at the line of scrimmage and then carrying a defensive back into the end zone.

"If I had a vote, it would go to Ricky," Bishop said. "He did a great job, had great numbers and broke that record. You have to give him his respect. If he wins, I'd definitely be happy for him."

So would McNown, who said Williams was the main reason the Longhorns went 8-3 in coach Mack Brown's first season after a 4-7 mark in '97.

"I think he's trying to put it on the rest of the team, but they asked him to carry the load and he responded," McNown said. "When teams focused on him, he managed to break off long runs. There are not too many guys who are more valuable to their team than Ricky. I'd put Ricky up there."

Williams was the last to answer.

"I don't think I could pick one person," he said. "We played against Kansas State and UCLA and they both tore our defense apart.

"Cade would check at the line, drop back and the next thing you knew the crowd was going wild and they had touchdown. Against Michael, he'd go back on a third-and-15 and throw a bomb or scramble. It was kind of frustrating to sit there and watch. Tim, he just put up great numbers."

The contenders have spoken.

Now, it's the voters' turn.

BROWN: Back with Dallas

(From 1C)

Safety Darren Woodson said it was good to have Brown back.

"He'll help the team, he knows the system," Woodson said.

Brown played five preseason games with the Minnesota Vikings before injuring an ankle and was put on the waiver wire. Nobody claimed him.

"It was a bad injury and it took me about seven weeks to get my strength back," said Brown, who played 74 games for the Cowboys from 1991 to 1995 and had 13 regular season interceptions. "I'm glad Dallas gave me a chance again."

Dallas needs whatever help it can get in the secondary. Quarterbacks have thrown for nine touchdowns and 984 yards in the past three games. The Cowboys' secondary ranks No. 23 in the NFL.

Meanwhile, wide receiver Ernie Mills, who sustained a severe intestine injury two weeks ago, will be put on injured reserve and be out for the year.

"It was a reach for us to think Ernie would be ready if we get to the Super Bowl," Jones said. "He has been a major contributor for us."

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LOCAL SPORTS

Stroman again places at Cup

COLLEGE STATION — Former Midland Lee state champion Monica Stroman once again competed well against some of the best young swimmers in the world, claiming two top-6 finishes at the FINA Swimming World Cup Championships.

Stroman, a 1996 graduate of Midland Lee, placed fifth in the 200-meter breaststroke, swimming the race in a time of 2 minutes, 35.52 seconds. That was just under eight seconds behind Canada's Christin Petelski.

In the women's 400 individual medley, Stroman finished sixth in a time of 4: 52.57.

It was the second straight day, Stroman, who swims collegiately for Texas A&M took sixth in the individual medley.

Viney, Breithaupt net all-district

The doubles combination of Brian Breithaupt and Marshall Viney were the All-District 4-5A selections at the first team doubles post.

In a previous listing of the All-District team tennis list, it was incorrectly reported to the newspaper that Viney and Trent Broach were the No. 1 doubles team.

While the junior Broach played No. 1 for most of the district season, Lee coach Steve Buck elected to put his more experienced senior Breithaupt at No. 1 doubles and he teamed with Viney to defeat the two powers from the two Abilene schools, serving as a highlight of the season.

Viney, a sophomore, had a perfect doubles season at 5-0 and had a 3-0 singles record at the No. 2 position and was 1-1 against the two Abilene schools.

Coahoma 78, Mid. Chr. 55

COAHOMA — The Midland Christian boys basketball team fell to Coahoma 78-55 in non-district action late Tuesday night.

Justin Gibson poured in 20 and Trey Bohannon fired in 12 for the Mustangs.

Coahoma 78, Midland Christian 55

Midland Christian: Chon Brown 0 0-0 0, Justin Scott 2 2-2 6, Ben White 0 0-0 0, Trey Bohannon 4 4-7 12, Kurt Corley 2 0-0 5, David Koss 0 1-2 1, Jamie Beeghley 2 1-2 7, Shaun Rickey 1 2-4 4, Stephen Koss 0 0-0 0, Justin Gibson 8 3-5 20. **Totals:** 15 13-22 55.

Coahoma: V. Garcia 0 0-4 0, J. Green 3 1-2 7, T. Marshal 1 0-0 2, K. Harding 1 0-0 3, B. Nichols 5 6-14 18, B. Hancock 2 5-6 9, B. Bennett 0 0-2 0, D. White 3 1-4 8, R. Peckham 11 3-7 25, M. Kinard 2 2-3 6. **Totals:** 27 19-42 78.

Score By Quarters					
Midland Christian	12	19	16	8	—55
Coahoma	21	18	17	22	—78

3-Point Field Goals: MC 4 (Beeghley 2, Rickey 1, Corley 1), C 3 (Harding, Nichols, White). Fouls: MC 29, C 21. Fouled Out: MC - Scott, Beeghley.

Trinity 75, Westbrook 39

WESTBROOK — The Trinity Charger basketball team stayed perfect on the season after a 75-39 non-district win over Westbrook late Tuesday.

Fur Chargers hit for double figures with forward Nick Whitley leading the way with 19 points. Taborick Ephriam scored 16, Mark Stoltz 14 and Greg McCabe 13 during the blowout win.

Trinity will play the 2-2 Rankin boys today at the Iraan Tournament.

Trinity 75, Westbrook 39

Trinity (5-0): Mark Stoltz 5 1-1 14, Nick Whitley 8 1-1 19, Michael Landry 1 0-0 3, Taborick Ephriam 6 0-0 16, Greg McCabe 4 5-6 13, Dan Attanucci 0 3-4 3, Matt Attanucci 0 2-2 2, John Nelson 0 0-0 0, Jay Whisenant 1 0-0 2, Chris Potts 0 1-2 1, Justin Mooney 0 2-2 2, Tyler Solis 0 0-0 0, Brant Benson 0 0-0 0, Brian Nelson 0 0-0 0. Totals: 27 15-18 75.

Westbrook (1-2): Thadd Rich 6 1-1 8, Chris Chambers 0 0-0 0, Brad Hale 5 4-5 14, Daniel Sierra 4 1-2 10, Sam Herlest 0 0-0 0, James Mabee 0 0-4 0, Robin Mabee 0 0-0 0, Trey Roemisch 0 0-0 0, Joe Rich 1 0-0 2, Eric Robertson 2 0-1 4. Totals: 18 6-13 39.

Trinity	15	23	23	13	—75
Westbrook	11	10	7	11	—39

3-Point Field Goals: T 6 (Mark Stoltz 3, Whitley 2, Landry 1) W 1 (Sierra). Fouls: T 17, W 15. Fouled Out: T - D. Attanucci, W - Rich. Technicals: None.

Junior High

Result from the junior high basketball circuit.

Eighth Grade Girls

Midland Christian 35, Forsan 8. Record: MC: 2-1. Hayley Whiteside nine points.

All eyes on labor talks in Manhattan

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — Even though this is the first week of December, the opposing sides in the NBA lockout may try to get somewhere by acting like it's June.

The owners and players have given themselves the opportunity to go back to square one in their stalemated labor mess by wiping any previous progress off the table.

When formal collective bargaining talks resume at 10 a.m. EST Thursday, the sides may decide to start from scratch.

"We may have to go a totally different path," deputy commissioner Russ Granik said. "Maybe there will be something on Thursday that will surprise me."

"It may be too late for that," union director Billy Hunter said Wednesday, already finding himself in disagreement with Granik.

In what will be only the second full bargaining session since the season was supposed to begin Nov. 3, the entire negotiating teams of owners and players will meet in Manhattan.

The last time they met, Nov. 20, both sides called it their most productive session to date. Yet things quickly fell apart in the next couple of days as the union said the owners' proposed changes to free agency timing rules were a "deal-killer" and the owners then said the union had reneged on its acceptance of a complicated tax formula in the final years of a six- or seven-year deal.

The bickering led to 13 days of inactivity, and the sides only agreed to talk again by agreeing that everyone is flexible and everything is negotiable.

If they can't come up with a solution in the next couple of weeks, the entire 1998-99 season will be canceled.

NBA lockout glance

By The Associated Press

A look at the NBA lockout through Wednesday, Day 155:

TOTAL DAYS OF SEASON MISSED: 30.

GAMES LOST WEDNESDAY: 6.

TOTAL GAMES MISSED: 209.

EARLIEST ESTIMATED DATE SEASON CAN START: Jan. 1.

NEGOTIATIONS: Will resume Thursday in New York with full committees representing owners and players.

PROJECTED PLAYER SALARY LOSSES (through Jan. 1): $330 million.

THURSDAY'S BEST CANCELED GAME: New York at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m. The crosstown adversaries renew their rivalry, with Knicks fans almost certain to outnumber Nets fans despite the game being played at the Meadowlands.

QUOTE OF THE DAY: "I'm sticking to my statement that we'll be playing by early January or mid-January," union director Billy Hunter on the eve of the resumption of talks.

"I'm sticking to my statement that we'll be playing by early January or mid-January," Hunter said.

So far, the first two months of the season have been scrapped as the sides have fought over how to divide about $2 billion in projected annual revenues.

The owners have asked for a 50-50 split, while the players have tied many of their concessions to receiving 60 percent.

The owners moved to 52 and 53 percent on Nov. 20 and the players dropped to 57 percent, but those concessions are now void under the ground rules that have been set for the new talks.

"It's not even about finding a middle ground that both sides can be happy with, it's about finding a middle ground that the sides can be equally unhappy with," said union negotiating team member Danny Schayes of the Orlando Magic.

The sides might decide to scrap their complicated escrow tax system, which was designed to be a fail-safe in case revenues did not drop to an agreed-upon level by the fourth year of the deal.

Players had previously proposed setting aside 10 percent of their paychecks in the escrow years, but the owners wanted a backup in case the 10 percent failed to cover the bill.

The sides then agreed in concept on an additional tax on the highest-spending teams, although they disagreed on how high the tax rate would be.

"We're creating the most complicated deal in the history of labor negotiations," Granik said. "Everything is negotiable and there's always flexibility, but we need to bring the percentage down and they don't really want to. And that's the problem."

Many players have emphatically told union director Billy Hunter not to offer anything lower than 57 percent, while the owners have tied several conditions to their moving higher than 50 percent.

Players received 57 percent of revenues last season, and the owners had the right to seek a new deal if the percentage rose above 52 percent.

Both sides know by now that they'll have to find a number somewhere in the middle.

"That may well be the case, but first we'll have to see how things shake out tomorrow," Hunter said.

No. 13 Lady Chaps beat Weatherford

Staff Report

WEATHERFORD — Inside a rowdy Weatherford College gymnasium, the nationally-ranked Midland College Lady Chaps came away with a hard fought 87-77 victory Wednesday night.

It was a non-conference win for the No. 13 Lady Chaps, although MC head coach Ron Jones says the game could be a good test for the Western Junior College Athletic Conference season which begins in January.

"It was a small gym and it was loud. The fans got into it. It was like a conference game on the road," Jones said. "It was a really good win against a good team."

Weatherford College suffered its third loss in 12 games this season while MC improve to 10-1. Weatherford began the year ranked in the same 13th slot the Lady Chaps now occupy.

A big test for Midland College was against Weatherford's big post players. Midland College, which was missing three players due to injury, beat the big girls in a very physical game.

"They may be the biggest team (in the nation)," Jones said. "Their big girls hurt us, but we battled inside. I am happy with the effort."

Autumn Johnson scored 17 to lead the Lady Chaps, which improved to 10-1 on the season. Taqita Hunter poured in 10. While Weatherford had size, Midland College had its smaller players filling the basket with shots. Jhudy Gonzalez and Natalie Goodall each scored 15, and Fatimah Holiday and Amie Kane threw in 11 each.

"Autumn and Taqita (Hunter) did a good job inside," Jones said. "We had six people in double figures and that helped a lot."

It wasn't until late in the game that the Lady Chaps got the knockout blow.

"It was a very physical game. There were a lot of fouls and physical play. It was hard for any team to get control," Jones said. "Finally in the last seven or eight minutes, we built the lead to 13.

"We did a better job defensively in the second half. They scored 33 points in the second half (compared to MC's 42). That was the biggest difference."

The Lady Chaps will play at 7: 30 p.m. Friday at Blinn College.

"Blinn is one of the teams that beat Weatherford," said Jones, whose team defeated Blinn 91-53 during the Lady Chap Classic. "We beat them, but we played really well. Going to their place, they will be ready for us. It will be more difficult than playing in Midland."

Midland College 87, Weatherford College 77

Midland College (10-1): Tynesha Gregory 1 4-4 6, Fatimah Holiday 3 5-10 11, Nicole Villareal 1 0-0 2, Taqita Hunter 5 0-3 10, Jhudy Gonzalez 6 3-3 15, Natalie Goodall 6 3-6 15, Autumn Johnson 6 5-6 17, Amie Kane 3 5-9 11. **Totals:** 31 25-41 87

Weatherford College (9-3): Mitchell 3 4-6 11, Safaritova 7 0-0 14, Gabrielova 1 0-0 2, Bukauskade 3 4-5 10, Erickson 3 4-6 11, Umbraside 8 6-9 23, Rollins 1 1-2 3, Burns 1 1-2 3. **Totals:** 27 20-30 77.

Halftime: MC 45, WC 44. **3-Point Field Goals:** MC 0, WC 3 (Mitchell, Erickson, Umbraside). **Total Fouls:** MC 23, WC 26 **Fouled Out:** MC - Kane WC - Safaritova, Erickson. **Technical Fouls:** Weatherford bench.

'Horns beat Oral Roberts; Bears fall by 14

Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — Chris Mihm scored 21 points and had 11 rebounds as Texas defeated Oral Roberts 87-77 Wednesday.

Gabe Muoneke added 20 for the Longhorns (1-4), who shot 57 percent from the floor, including 58.3 percent from the 3-point range.

William Clay added 18 points and DeJuan Vazquez had 10 points for Texas.

The Golden Eagles (2-3) were led by Chad Wilkerson with 17 points and Eric Perry with 16 points. Phillip Owens added 12 and Leon Irving had 11 points.

Oral Roberts shot 55.2 percent from the field in the first half, falling only four points behind at the half, 45-41.

But Oral Roberts only managed 39.4 percent shooting from the field in the second period.

Creighton 73, Baylor 59

OMAHA, Neb. — Rodney Buford scored 16 points and Donnie Johnson had 12 as Creighton stayed unbeaten with a 73-59 victory over Baylor on Wednesday night.

Creighton (5-0) seized control midway through the first half, using a 16-3 run to build a 24-9 lead. During the eight-minute burst, the Bears (2-6) struggled against Creighton's full-court press.

Creighton led 38-20 at halftime.

The second-half lead reached as much as 21 points (45-24) before Tevis Stukes scored 14 straight points for Baylor. He brought the Bears within 52-37 with 13: 25 to play but they would get no closer.

Stukes scored with 30 points, including 25 in the second half.

Doug Swenson added 11 for the Bluejays. Swenson and Johnson each had seven rebounds as Creighton held a 45-33 advantage on the boards.

The Bluejays committed only 10 turnovers and held Baylor to 39 percent (23-of-58) shooting from the floor.

Rhode Island upsets No. 21 Utah

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Antonio Reynolds-Dean scored 22 points and Lamar Odom added 15 as Rhode Island upset No. 21 Utah 70-63 Wednesday night in the Great Eight.

Preston Murphy, who briefly left the game limping, came back to hit two huge 3-pointers as the Rams (4-3) pulled away late in the second half.

Andre Miller tied a career high with 28 points for the Utes (3-3), but only one other Utah player, Hanno Mottola, scored in double figures.

It was the Rams' first victory outside Rhode Island this season, and their second over a Top 25 team.

No. 23 Xavier 64, No. 22 Miami, Ohio 56

CINCINNATI — Gary Lumpkin hit a clutch 3-pointer and James Posey clamped down on Wally Szczerbiak in the second half as Xavier beat Miami of Ohio.

Xavier (5-2) overcame a 10-point deficit in the second half with a balanced attack and gritty defense against Szczerbiak, who scored 24 points but missed two of three shots and was called for an intentional foul as Miami (4-1) faded in the final three minutes.

Posey, who guarded Szczerbiak in a matchup of two of the nation's premier players, hit a pair of free throws that put Xavier ahead 56-53 with 3: 26 left.

No. 25 St. John's 70, Hofstra 49

NEW YORK — Freshman Erick Barkley scored a season-high 25 points, including five 3-pointers, as St. John's defeated Hofstra.

Ron Artest added 15 points for the Red Storm (5-2) who are off to their best start since opening the 1994-95 season 7-0.

■ Top 25 Roundup

No. 4 Duke 73, No. 9 Michigan St. 67

CHICAGO — Duke had a great start, Trajan Langdon had a perfect first half and the fourth-ranked Blue Devils had enough to hold off a comeback by No. 9 Michigan State for a 73-67 victory in the Great Eight on Wednesday night.

Langdon finished with 23 points, while William Avery had 14 and Chris Carrawell and Elton Brand added 12 each for Duke.

Junior forward Morris Peterson had a career-high in points for the second straight game, finishing with 24, three more than he had against Western Michigan.

Preseason All-American Mateen Cleaves finished with nine points on 3-for-17 shooting.

No. 17 New Mexico 97, Arkansas-Pine Bluff 72

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico played without leading scorer Lamont Long and his 26-point average but still had plenty of offensive punch Wednesday in a 97-72 victory over small and winless Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

New Mexico (5-0) got season-highs from freshman John Robinson III with 25 points and Damion Walker with 23 and a career-high 12 points from Greg Davis. Roland Hannah, who started in place of Long, had 6 steals and 10 rebounds.

Lady Raiders romp UTSA

LUBBOCK (AP) — Rene Hanebutt scored 19 points and Angie Braziel added 15 points and 11 rebounds Wednesday night as No. 14 Texas Tech crushed Texas-San Antonio 96-39.

The 57-point winning margin was Tech's biggest since a 91-35 victory over St. Francis on Nov. 28, 1997. The Lady Raiders beat Central State 125-48 in 1980 for their biggest margin ever.

Tech (4-1) also got 14 points and nine rebounds from Aleah Johnson.

The Lady Raiders posted a 50-17 halftime lead but kept the defensive pressure on in the second half, creating 19 turnovers by Texas-San Antonio (1-4). Tech also hit 27 of 32 free-throw attempts.

Rosie Smith led the Roadrunners with 19 points.

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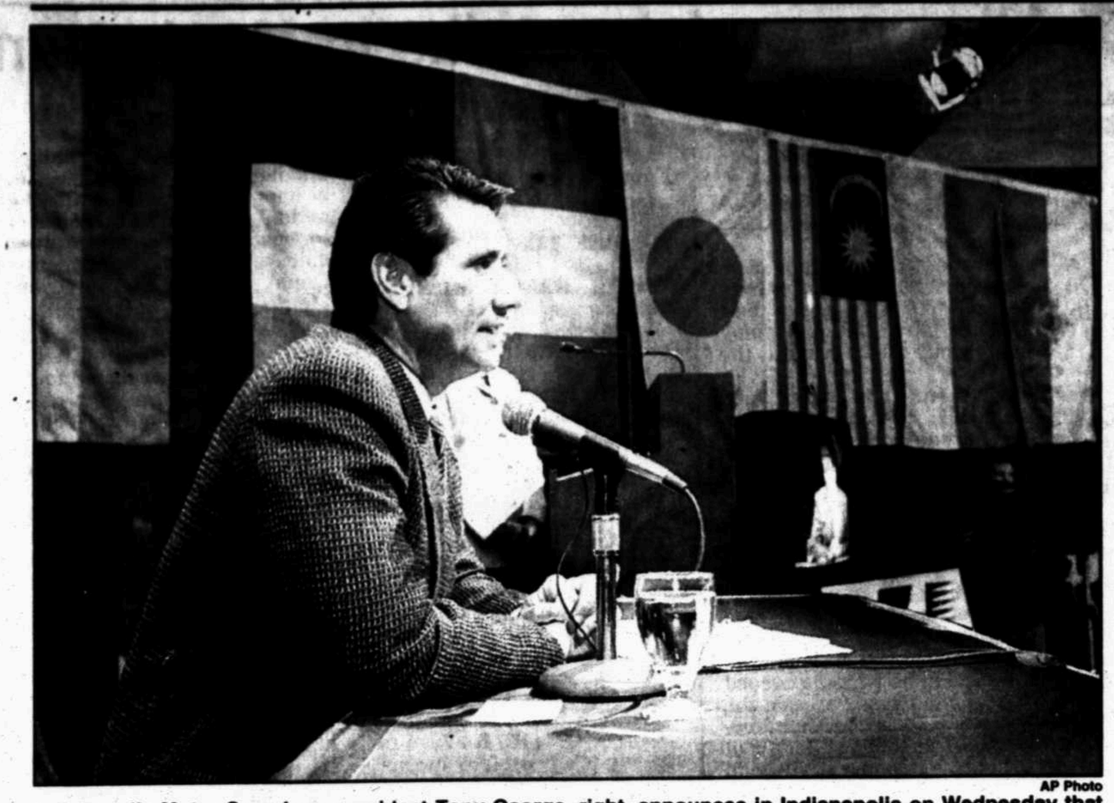
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Indianapolis Motor Speedway president Tony George, right, announces in Indianapolis on Wednesday that the U.S. Grand Prix will be held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in 2000.

Formula One racing coming to Indianapolis Motor Speedway; date of race to be determined

By Hank Lowenkron
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Formula One racing is coming to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. It will take a while, though, before anyone knows when the race will be held.

Speedway president Tony George and Bernie Ecclestone, the chief executive of the international circuit, announced Wednesday they reached an agreement to bring F-1 back to the United States for the first time since 1991.

The race will take place in 2000, but an exact date must still be determined.

"The U.S. Grand Prix will join the Indianapolis 500 and the Brickyard 400 at the world's most famous speedway, underscoring the words that are chiseled in stone over the entrance of this building — 'The racing capital of the world,'" George said in a news conference at the Hall of Fame Museum in the speedway infield.

Formula One currently has only one event scheduled in North America, the Canadian Grand Prix, which is scheduled in Montreal next June 13.

"It was proposed that we run two weeks after the Canadian Grand Prix," George said. "That would definitely be a challenge to change the facility over from the end of May (the Indianapolis 500) to a road race and then turn it back around for an overall race (Brickyard) within a span of 65 days."

George said the decision on a date would be made by Formula One.

"From a timing standpoint, in the interest of all three events we would like to not have to work with that (time frame). In the interest of all three of our events, a fall date would work nice," George said.

George has been talking about bringing the circuit to the famed racing track for most of the decade, and its arrival continues a major break in the tradition of the famed oval, which held only the Indianapolis 500 from 1911 to 1993.

The Brickyard 400, a NASCAR Winston Cup event, became an annual event in 1994. This year, the International Race of Champions made Indy part of its series.

"The 400 has been a fun event, and the addition of IROC added to that," George said. "It's an exciting time around here. Everyone is very motivated ... We look at this facility as an international leader in motor sports. This event punctuates that."

Major renovations, costing millions, will be made at the famed 2 1/2-mile oval before the race is held, and work already has already begun on the first reconfiguration at the speedway since it was built in 1909.

The F-1 race will be run on a 13-turn course which, unlike other races at the track, will include both right and left turns. The F-1 cars will race in the opposite direction than the Indy 500 and Brickyard 400. The new course will be constructed using part of the existing track and part of the current infield.

"This isn't a huge construction project. It is an incredibly logistically complicated project," said Kevin Forbes, the track's director of engineering and construction. "We are building this course and all these improvements through four of the world's largest single-day sporting events."

Forbes said the exact distance of the track will not be known until it is completed, but that it will be approximately 2.5 miles.

Thirty-six pitside garages with suites will be constructed in what is now seating area and demolition of a portion of the tower terrace will begin within a week. A new press box, media center and control tower will also be constructed.

George said the Speedway will help Ecclestone and other F-1 officials "in re-establishing the grand prix in the United States."

"Formula One represents the most technologically advanced road racing series in the world, and it's the best known racing outside the United States," George said.

Tickets for the race will go on sale next year, and George said they will be priced comparably to the 2000 Indianapolis 500 and Brickyard 400.

Seating for the race will be over 200,000.

No big names for Davis Cup Finals

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press Writer

MILAN, Italy — No Sampras. No Rios, Rafter or Rusedski. No Corretja or Korda. Certainly no Agassi.

When upstart Italy faces defending champion Sweden starting Friday for the Davis Cup, the best-of-5 series will be short on big names and big games.

There won't be a Grand Slam champion or even runner-up at the Assago Forum. And it's possible that for the first time in the 99 years of tennis' premier team event there will be no one from among the top 30 in the world rankings playing singles at the final.

That could change if Sweden's Thomas Johansson, ranked 17th, plays despite a nagging right knee injury.

Otherwise, No. 31 Magnus Gustafsson of Sweden will be the highest-ranked player.

Italy is led by Andrea Gaudenzi, No. 44, three spots ahead of teammate Davide Sanguinetti, a Wimbledon quarterfinalist this year.

"We might not be phenomenal, but we haven't done too badly so far," Gaudenzi said.

The Italians beat an undermanned U.S. team, which was missing Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi, 4-1 in the semifinals to reach the final for the first time since 1980.

Play starts Friday with two singles matches, followed by the doubles Saturday, and two singles Sunday.

Gaudenzi could be the key.

Bothered by a shoulder injury, the former junior No. 1 has not played an official match since the Davis Cup semifinals in September. But he will be counted on to play two singles and team with Diego Nargiso in doubles.

Sweden will go with Gustafsson and either Johansson or Magnus Norman in singles. Jonas Bjorkman and Nicklas Kulti are the likely doubles pairing.

Sweden has a much richer tennis history — from Bjorn Borg to Mats Wilander to Stefan Edberg — and six Davis Cup trophies, including two of the past three. Italy won its only title in 1976, and has lost in five other finals.

As the host, Italy was selected the surface — rarely used indoor clay — and its fans can be counted on to transform a cozy arena into a raucous stadium.

The Italian Tennis Federation essentially auctioned off the event to the highest bidding city, then got into a flap with the players over prize money.

Gaudenzi led the protest, saying it was "ridiculous" to expect the players to accept $120,000 in the event of victory.

Tyson's plea could land him in jail

More-Sports/3D

By Steve Herman
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Just as his boxing career is getting back on track, Mike Tyson faces a possible return to jail as he awaits word on his fate from authorities in Maryland and Indiana.

The former heavyweight champion pleaded no contest Tuesday to misdemeanor assault in Maryland stemming from a traffic accident in August, a move that leaves him legally vulnerable on several fronts:

He faces sentencing in Maryland early next year, and he also could be put back in jail in Indiana, where he already has served three years for rape and has less than four months left on probation. In addition, Nevada authorities have the power to revoke his newly granted boxing license.

Tyson is scheduled to fight Francois Botha on Jan. 16 in his first bout since his boxing license was revoked for biting Evander Holyfield's ears during a title match in June 1997.

A news conference will be held Tuesday in Los Angeles to announce the Tyson-Botha bout in Las Vegas, according to a boxing source who spoke on condition he not be identified.

Indiana authorities want to hear the terms of Tyson's sentencing in Maryland before deciding if he violated probation.

Shelly Finkel, Tyson's boxing adviser, said he believed sentencing will be "in late January or early February." Mary Moffett, supervisor of the traffic and criminal division of Montgomery County (Md.) District Court, said no sentencing date has been set.

Tyson pleaded no contest to charges he kicked and punched two drivers who were involved in a minor accident with Tyson's wife, Monica, in the Washington suburb of Gaithersburg, Md., on Aug. 31.

The two already have reached a settlement with Tyson to avoid a civil suit. However, the prosecutor wants jail time on the criminal charges.

The Maryland action will have a direct bearing on his status in Indiana, where Tyson's probation is to expire in late March.

"At the point that he is sentenced there, we would review the case," spokeswoman Beverly Phillips of the Marion County Prosecutor's Office said Wednesday.

Since Indiana law does not allow no-contest pleas, prosecutors have to weigh the effect of Tyson's plea on his probation, Phillips said.

Steve Johnson, executive director of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council, said probation could be revoked even if Tyson has not been convicted in Maryland.

"Good behavior is always a condition of probation," Johnson said. "A no-contest plea would not necessarily preclude a revocation of probation if evidence were brought to Judge (Patricia) Gifford that a criminal act had occurred."

Johnson said judges routinely warn offenders that they need not be convicted of another offense to risk being sent back to jail.

Gifford, who presided at Tyson's 1992 trial, said the probation office must await word from Maryland before it can review his probation.

Telephone messages left Tuesday and Wednesday for George Walker, Tyson's probation officer, were not returned.

Although Tuesday's plea was not an admission of guilt, Tyson could face up to 20 years in prison — 10 years on each count. He also could be fined up to $5,000.

Tyson told the judge he didn't expect leniency or a lighter sentence in return for the no-contest plea, and he was aware it could affect his probation in Indiana.

Phillips said prosecutor Scott Newman had not yet heard from authorities in Maryland.

"I can't get into what-ifs at this point," Phillips said. "The most I can say is once Maryland reaches a final disposition, at that point we would review what action we're going to take."

Tyson is undergoing psychiatric treatment, one of the conditions that led to reinstatement of his boxing license by the Nevada Athletic Commission in October.

At the time of the Holyfield bout in 1997, Indiana authorities reviewed Tyson's probation but took no action.

The Nevada Athletic Commission could again revoke or suspend Tyson's license to box in that state.

"The commission certainly has a right to review that information (from Maryland and Indiana)," Kirk Hendrick, Nevada deputy attorney general, said Wednesday. "It has a right to consider disciplinary action if what he's done brings discredit to the sport of boxing."

Hendrick said the commission's executive director or chairman would have to ask that the panel hear new evidence before anything could be done.

Webber cleared of most serious charges

By Derrill Holly
Associated Press Writer

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. — Sacramento Kings forward Chris Webber was cleared of the most serious charges against him Wednesday but will have to pay $560 in fines for a traffic stop that could have led to a jail sentence.

A Prince George's County circuit court jury acquitted Webber of possession of marijuana, driving under the influence of the drug, resisting arrest and second-degree assault.

However, the nine-woman, three-man panel found the NBA star guilty of two traffic violations and a misdemeanor charge.

"I'm very relieved," Webber said outside the courthouse. "When you face charges of any type it's definitely tense. I'm so elated right now it really hasn't hit me. I can't even show my emotions."

Judge Hovey Johnson fined Webber $30 for failure to display a driver's license on demand and $30 for failure to display a car registration on demand.

Although the Maryland criminal code suggests a range of $270 to $330 in fines as appropriate for willful disobedience of a police officer's lawful request, Johnson assessed a $500 fine on that charge.

"Everyone understands that when you are stopped by the police you're not to argue about whether you're right or wrong," said Jack Johnson, whose State's Attorney office prosecuted the case. Johnson said the fines help send that message.

"I just told the judge that I apologize for any inconveniences. I never want to be in a courtroom again," Webber said.

In closing arguments, prosecutor Shaem Spencer told jurors that Webber, who formerly played for the Washington Wizards, did not respect a police officer's request during the incident.

"It escalated because this defendant would not obey, would not get out" of the car, he said.

The arrest was one of several off-court matters that prompted the Wizards to trade Webber to the Kings in May. He was accused of sexual assault in April, but that charge was later dropped. He also paid a $500 fine paid in August after marijuana was found in his carry-on bag at an airport in Puerto Rico.

That incident cost Webber his endorsement contract with Fila. Officials at the company contend he violated the athletic-wear manufacturer's conduct clause.

"It is going to effect the way that I act from here on out," Webber said, noting he intends to be more cautious.

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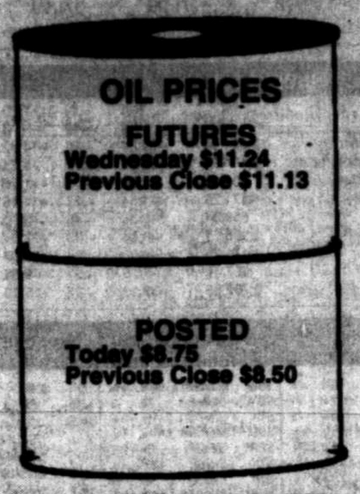
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NEW YORK — Crude oil rose for first time since last week's failed OPEC meeting after the leading candidate in next week's Venezuelan presidential election said he preferred lower output to boost prices from 12-year lows.

January crude oil rose 11 cents to $11.24 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, rebounding from 4 days of losses.

The U.S. oil market was unmoved by an unexpected drop in inventories, reported by the American Petroleum Institute late Tuesday. Stocks dropped by 5.71 million barrels, or 1.7 percent, during the week ended Friday, as daily imports plunged 23 percent. Normally such a decline would send oil higher, yet prices fell in early trading, as a global surplus that sent prices down 40 percent from a year ago still hangs over the market.

Supplies of distillate fuels, which include heating oil, rose 1.59 million barrels, or 1.1 percent, last week, the API said, leaving them 11 percent higher than a year earlier.

January heating oil rose 0.53 cent, or 1.7 percent, at 32.28 cents a gallon on the Nymex. January gasoline rose 0.1 cent to 34.63 cents a gallon.

Natural gas fell almost 4 percent to a three-month low on anticipation that natural gas inventories would stay high because mild weather kept heating demand low.

Natural gas for delivery in January at the Henry Hub in Louisiana fell 7.2 cents, or 3.7 percent, to $1.886 per million British thermal units on the New York Mercantile Exchange, the lowest closing price since Sept. 11.

Dollar retreats

NEW YORK — The dollar sank Wednesday against most major currencies as a slump in U.S. stock prices dampened demand for the currency.

A dollar bought 119.93 Japanese yen in late New York trading Wednesday, down from 122.17 yen late Tuesday. The dollar fell to 1.6697 German marks in New York from 1.6810 marks Tuesday.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late rates Tuesday, included: 1.3655 Swiss francs, down from 1.3812; 5.600 French francs, down from 5.6445; 1,653.10 Italian lire, down from 1,664.00; and 1.5340 Canadian dollars, up from 1.5310.

The British pound was quoted at $1.6675, up from $1.6543.

Stocks fall

NEW YORK — Blue-chip stocks suffered only modest losses Wednesday, weathering a third straight day of profit-taking despite bad news from Boeing and Sears.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell as much as 178 points, but closed just 69.00 lower at 9,064.54, rebounding from a slide below 9,000 for the second day in a row.

Broader stock indicators posted smaller losses than the Dow, which now sits about 300 points below the new record of 9,374.27 set Nov. 23.

The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 4.03 to 1,171.25, and the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index fell 8.54 to 1,995.21 after surging 54 points on Tuesday.

Among the leading Nasdaq technology names, Sun Microsystems fell 5 13/16 to 74 1/8 after a downgrade from Salomon Smith Barney, and Microsoft fell 2 3/4 to 126 3/4.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by a 9-to-7 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, while Nasdaq gainers trailed by a 6-to-5 ratio.

Volume of all NYSE-listed shares totaled 887.72 million shares.

The NYSE composite index fell 1.54 to 571.79, and the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 3.06 to 659.94.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 1.25 to 397.49.

Experts think Shell will make next deal

N.Y. Times News Service

Now that the dust has cleared on the merger of Exxon and Mobil, speculation has shifted to whether Royal Dutch/Shell Group will also gobble up a major U.S. oil company,

If the oil giant makes that move — and there is no indication that the company is even talking to potential merger partners — many expect Texaco to be the likely candidate, largely because of existing ties the two companies have in their U.S. refining and marketing operations.

Chevron Corp. and Atlantic Richfield Co. are also considered prime merger candidates, but it is Texaco that analysts say may be pushed into the arms of Shell by the Exxon-Mobil merger and British Petroleum's deal to buy Amoco.

The Texaco-Shell speculation shifted into high gear earlier this week when the two companies called off talks for an alliance in their European refining and retail operations. Many viewed it as a sign that a bigger deal was in the works.

Moving to squelch the rumors, Texaco's chairman and chief executive said Wednesday the company is shopping for acquisitions and alliances but has no plans to rush into a merger to remain competitive with the new breed of "super majors."

"We will not rush into anything. I do not feel the urge to merge," Peter Bijur said at the company's annual meeting with Wall Street analysts.

But the companies have ties that keep the takeover talk alive.

Texaco and Shell already have a joint venture of their refining operations in the United States, a chief factor contributing to speculation that they might merge completely.

Shell has not given any public indication that it is looking for a merger with Texaco or any other major oil company, said Stacy Hutchinson, a spokeswoman for Shell Oil Co., Royal Dutch/Shell's U.S. oil and gas exploration unit based in Houston.

"I'd like to have a wider base of opportunities," Bijur said. "That's why we continue to look for acquisitions," he said. As for being taken over, he said, "I never say 'never' to anything."

Analysts' opinions vary on the potential benefits of a Texaco-Shell union, with some saying it would make sense while others feel Shell already has enough problems managing all of its assets. All, however, agree that more big deals are coming as long as oil prices remain depressed.

"Speculation is running wild because Exxon has proven that size is going to matter," said Lysle Brinker, senior vice president at John S. Herold Inc. "And Shell has kind of floundered in the last couple of years; they have seen their earnings decline more sharply then other majors such as Exxon as oil prices have dropped."

Texaco would be a more likely candidate to pair off with Shell than Chevron, Brinker said, because buying Chevron would give the combined company so much of the U.S. refining and marketing market that such a deal would probably not pass regulatory approval.

Others believe Exxon is not finished and may target another major for acquisition after it completes its deal to buy Mobil.

"I am not sure that Exxon is done," said Paul Korus, oil analyst with Petrie Parkman & Co. in Denver. "I don't think we should be surprised by any further consolidation that involves Texaco, Chevron or Arco."

Housing still helping fuel U.S. economy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Low mortgage rates and unemployment are keeping the American home-building industry going at a record pace even as other industries struggle to cope with fallout from world financial problems.

Sales of new, single-family homes rose 0.8 percent for the second consecutive month in October, the Commerce Department said Wednesday.

The level, a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 851,000, was 7.4 percent below the record monthly pace in June. But enough homes are selling that 1998 should prove to be the best year since the government began tracking new home sales in 1963.

Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo said new home sales this year should total around 870,000, up 8 percent from last year's 804,000 and easily breaking the old record, 819,000, set in 1977.

"This is good news for American families, good news for the housing industry and good news for our economy," he said.

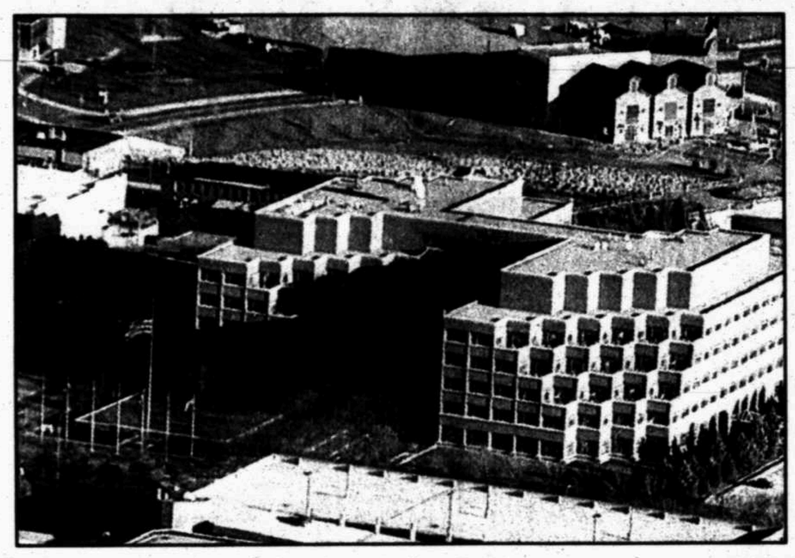
Indeed, so far, housing has been an important source of economic strength as manufacturing and farming struggle with spillover from the global slump that began in Asia last year.

Boeing Co., the world's No. 1 aerospace company, has lost Asian sales and said Tuesday it was cutting 20,000 jobs, bringing the layoffs announced since the summer to 48,000.

Asked about Boeing, President Clinton told reporters, "I can't tell you how important it is from my point of view for the United States to be actively involved in trying to restore the conditions of growth in Asia. ... If we can make progress there ... they'll start buying the airplanes again (and) production lines will start up again."

Mortgage rates fluctuating under 7 percent since mid-June have helped keep home sales strong, as has an unemployment rate below 5 percent. But market turmoil is one reason why home sales haven't been even better, said economist Karen Dexter of Merrill Lynch in New York.

Analysts believe demand for housing should remain strong in 1999, but not strong enough to push sales to another new record.



AP Photo

An aerial view of the Kellogg world headquarters in Battle Creek,Mich. is shown in this file photo. Kellogg announced Wednesday the job elimination of 525 salaried and 240 contract positions at its headquarters and North American operations.

Kellogg to cut 765 jobs after steep profit drop

Associated Press

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — Kellogg Co. announced Wednesday that it is cutting 765 jobs following a third quarter in which profits for the world's largest cereal maker dropped 31 percent.

Kellogg said 525 salaried jobs and 240 contracted positions are being cut as part of a restructuring plan aimed at reducing costs by $105 million worldwide.

The company has 2,500 salaried workers. The cuts will affect workers at Kellogg's Battle Creek headquarters and other North American operations.

"We regret the adverse impact on employees leaving the company," Kellogg chairman Arnold G. Langbo said.

In October, Kellogg posted third-quarter earnings of $141.9 million, a 31 percent drop over year-ago profits. The company blamed a soggy cereal market and the cost of investments designed to strengthen its international market share.

About one-third of the people cut were eligible for retirement, said Joseph Stewart, Kellogg's executive vice president of communications.

Fred Jeffers of Lakeview, a research technician who worked for more than 30 years for Kellogg, told today's Battle Creek Enquirer he was pleased that he was offered an early retirement package.

"I'm a Battle Creek kid and there's not a better company in the world than Kellogg," Jeffers said. "They've gone out of their way to help people."

Nomi Ghez, an analyst with Goldman Sachs, said some corners of Wall Street were expecting larger changes.

"This is a positive, but they have to do much more," she said. "As long as their market share continues to deteriorate, all these cost savings are not going to get their stock moving."

Gates admits Java threat to Microsoft

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Microsoft's top executive, Bill Gates, acknowledged in videotaped testimony shown Wednesday that he believed a rival computer language, called "Java," could threaten his lucrative Windows franchise.

But rejecting one of the government's most important claims in its antitrust case, Gates denied that his company ever tried to discourage software developers from tailoring their products to use Java rather than Windows.

"Our concern is always to get people to develop Windows applications," Gates said. "... If we looked at how (Java) might be evolved in the future, we did think of it as something that competed with us for the attention of (software developers) in terms of whether or not they would take advantage of the advanced features of Windows."

Software programs written using Java, a language developed by Sun Microsystems Inc., can run on a variety of computers, usually with only minor changes, not just on computers using Microsoft's dominant Windows operating system.

The government alleges that Microsoft, sensing the threat from Java, encouraged programmers to use essentially a Windows-only version of Java, called J-Direct.

Microsoft sought to use the videotape to suggest that government lawyers didn't understand some technical issues when they questioned Gates over three days last summer.

The government played the Gates video to introduce its eighth witness, James Gosling, the computer scientist at Sun who helped create Java during the early 1990s.

In written testimony prepared at the judge's request, Gosling accused Microsoft of trying to neutralize Java by altering it.

But Microsoft lawyer Tom Burt challenged Gosling about Java's promise to write software that can run on a variety of computers without modification.

Gosling called it "only one of the high-level goals" of Java and acknowledged software programs written in Java still must be customized for specific computers.

THE ECONOMIST

Current financial 'flu' illustrates economic globalization

By M. Ray Perryman

The Asian financial "flu" began infecting the international economy last fall. The power and length of the ensuing global chaos was unpredictable and, at times, almost unfathomable. Financial turmoil became the rule rather than the exception. When the plague of uncertainty sent financial markets reeling, it was clear no country was immune to the contagion. In dramatic domino fashion, nations were brought to their knees.



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When trade flows compressed and Asian economies collapsed, even the former economic growth powerhouse of the world — Japan — fell victim to economic woes. Japan is in the midst of its worst recession in recent memory. Now in its third consecutive year of declining real output, the economy is struggling with a banking crisis of epic proportions and sagging levels of consumer expenditures. Working with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Japanese government has proposed tax cuts and stimulus plans to begin recovery. These and other monetary policy efforts are expected to begin turning the economy around — perhaps by the end of 1999.

The internal financial structure of many Asian countries proved more frail and far less resilient than many had hoped. Prior to the Asian crisis, Singapore, Malaysia, Japan, and Korea were among the robust economies making substantial import purchases. Now they, along with Bangladesh and others, are turning to the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and other financial institutions for relief.

The economy of China has great resources and has enjoyed two decades of economic expansion. In 1998, however, the international slowdown aggravated an already bad situation. The large companies that were at the heart of China's growth became center stage in a crippling financial crisis. Originally designed to attract foreign money, the 240 or so companies (which currently hold $30 billion in assets) approached default on their debt payments. The credibility of Hong Kong's business community was called into question, creating a credit crunch just as China seeks to maintain economic growth and be more responsive to free market forces. In an ailing global economy, Chinese officials have a challenging task to curtail the activities of investment trusts and strengthen what may be the weakest banking system in Asia.

Viral economic stress found a foothold in Russia. The decline of output in the Russian Federation during the nineties has been overwhelming, resulting in an economy today that is smaller than the economy of Texas. During the last year, this nation has defaulted on all its debt responsibilities and experienced complete financial derailment. A ray of hope came in the form of a rescue package from Japan — an $800 million aid package cautiously approved by the Communist — dominated Duma. The road to economic stability will be a long one.

Some economies had no resistance to the global meltdown. The world's poorest countries in disaster-hit Central America are already receiving aid following the massive flooding from Hurricane Mitch that drowned over 20,000 people. Especially in Honduras and Nicaragua, a compounding tragedy is the washing away of the countries' infrastructures — an essential building block for economic recovery. Foreign governments and the World Bank are negotiating loans for rebuilding, but the reality is that these countries cannot even service their existing debt. (Nicaragua owes the world $6 billion and its annual debt service is $300 million a year.) Debt moratoriums and slate-cleaning measures are being considered for many Central American countries, including Guatemala and El Salvador; accountability for using the money will be an essential part of the aid packages.

Even the highly-developed countries of the European Economic and Monetary Union (EU) have proven unable to ward off the dampening effects of the international slowdown. As the Single-Currency Countries move toward this latest milestone in their integration, talk of a recession continues; nevertheless, news on the job front has improved. The unemployment rate for the EU fell below 10 percent for the first time in six years during the third quarter of 1998. Some countries, however, still suffer extremely high levels of unemployment; Spain's is highest at 18.5 percent.

Keeping the monetary reins of the EU will be the new European Central Bank (ECB). Beginning in January, it is expected to be the most powerful central bank in the world (among 172 others). It will control monetary policy for the core countries going to the euro currency in 1999: Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, and (EU 11). Denmark, Greece, Sweden, and the United Kingdom (creating the EU 15) are scheduled to join next.

Mexico, a major trading partner of the U.S., is one of the global economy's few bright spots. This southern NAFTA partner has rebounded impressively from the peso devaluation of 1994 (helped by the U.S. bailout). Relatively stable macroeconomic policies coupled with ongoing reform efforts have boosted Mexico's output during 1998. Showing ongoing restraint, the government continues to strive for reduced inflation. The overall outlook is for continued growth in economic performance and output.

The third NAFTA nation is Canada, whose economy is closely linked to that of the United States. As our northern trade partner, Canada exports half of its manufacturing output to the U.S. Concern over an imminent recession sparked by the Asian financial crisis has dampened the economy somewhat, but economists are expressing optimism for steady gains (of about 3 percent) over the next year. Slower growth in the U.S., however, creates an increasing downside risk for Canada's economy.

In Latin America, international leaders have just rescued Brazil's economy. Billions of dollars came from the IMF, the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the U.S., and other major industrial leaders to avert a financial meltdown of Latin America's largest economy (the world's eighth largest). These efforts appear to be succeeding.

Much of the global economy's future is a question mark. Nevertheless, many governments are showing a remarkable determination to work with international financial institutions and other nations to set their economies right. The hope now is that the world's economic illness, while still dangerously serious, may be less critical. And If any ever doubted, we now know that as the world's large economies go, so goes the wellbeing of citizens around the globe.

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Boeing	367272	33 11/16	–6 11/16
Compaq s	275341	36 9/16	+2 1/4
AmOnline s	99157	88 1/16	–1 13/16
Schlmb	94934	41 1/16	–1 7/16
Citigrp	92627	50 5/16	+ 9/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CablDsg s	21 3/8	+3 3/8	+18.8
Hellig	8 7/16	+1 5/16	+18.4
BJS wt	8	+1 1/8	+16.4
Thrgen s	16 1/16	+2 3/16	+15.8
IrvineApt	31 9/16	+4 3/16	+15.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CablTrn	10 3/4	–3 1/2	–24.6
VimpelCm	14 1/4	–3 7/8	–21.4
Boeing	33 11/16	–6 11/16	–16.6
Cooper99	11 5/8	–2	–14.7
Crane s	27 1/2	–4 1/8	–13.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,348
Declined	1,737
Unchanged	474
Total issues	3,559
New Highs	74
New Lows	56
Volume	886,045,605

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR	749551	117 9/32	–1 1/32
TWA	13083	5 1/8	+ 3/16
FAusPr	10550	5 7/8	...
Hasbro	9221	38 1/8	+ 3/4
ViacB	8139	65 1/2	–1/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EXX A	2 5/8	+ 5/8	+31.3
UnityB wt	2	+ 7/16	+28.0
Nstor	2 1/2	+ 1/2	+25.0
ThrmBio	12 15/16	+2 7/16	+23.2
Kinark	3 1/8	+ 9/16	+22.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PeakTrd n	10 3/4	–1 13/16	–14.4
BrillDig	2	– 5/16	–13.5
DigPwr	2	– 1/4	–11.1
BoltTech	6 5/8	– 3/4	–10.2
AvenEnt	2 1/4	– 1/4	–10.0

DIARY

Advanced	252
Declined	324
Unchanged	165
Total issues	741
New Highs	13
New Lows	12
Volume	34,496,210

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
DellCptr s	341257	66 3/16	+ 1 3/8
8X8 Inc	238416	9 3/8	+5 11/16
SunMic	205610	74 1/8	–5 13/16
Microsft s	163990	126 3/4	–2 3/4
Intel	161493	113 9/16	–1 7/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
8X8 Inc	9 3/8	+5 11/16	+154.2
LnVision	2 7/16	+1 5/16	+116.7
AshtnT	2 7/8	+1 1/2	+109.1
IntlSprts	2 5/8	+1 1/4	+90.9
NetwkE wt	6 3/8	+2 3/4	+75.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
WvePhre	9 1/2	–5 3/4	–37.7
IntCmc un	5	–3	–37.5
GLC Ltd	15 3/4	–9 1/4	–37.0
BookMill	16	–8 1/2	–34.7
Navarre	9 1/2	–4 1/8	–30.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,841
Declined	2,165
Unchanged	1,320
Total issues	5,326
New Highs	65
New Lows	79
Volume	982,386,100

HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 1,675 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 925 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in bold are worth at least $5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional fields rotated through the week, as follows:

Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.
Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.
Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...
Tkr: The stock's ticker symbol.
How to use: The ticker symbol can help you get information about a company. Two important uses: Most services that provide stock quotes over the phone require the ticker symbol. Second, stock brokers and analysts can recognize stocks more easily with a ticker symbol.

Generally, ticker symbols resemble the company name although some – BUD for Anheuser Busch Cos. and FON for Sprint Corp. – are more related to what a company does. Tickers on the New York and Amex usually don't exceed three letters. On Nasdaq, they go up to five letters.

The names you see in this paper are abbreviations of the company name supplied by The Associated Press. Companies can help determine what their abbreviation will be. Overall, AP tries to use an abbreviation that will most closely match the full company name.

Tuesday

Div	Name	Last Chg
.44	ACE Ltd	36⅞ –⅛
1.10	ACMIn	9⅜ –⅛
.60	ACM Op	7⅜ –
1.10	ACM Sc	½ –
...	ACMSp	3⅝ –

Wednesday

PE	PPE	Name	Last Chg
8	9	ACE Ltd	36⅞ –⅛
17	19	ACMIn	9⅜ –⅛
5	...	ACM Op	7⅜ –
12	10	ACM Sc	½ –
4	6	ACMSp	3⅝ –

Thursday

Tkr	Name	Last Chg
Air	ACE Ltd	36⅞ –⅛
ACL	ACMIn	9⅜ –⅛
AOG	ACM Op	7⅜ –
ADF	ACM Sc	½ –
...	ACMSp	3⅝ –

Friday

YTD	Name	Last Chg
+8.3	ACE Ltd	36⅞ –⅛
+0.2	ACMIn	9⅜ –⅛
–3.0	ACM Op	7⅜ –
–0.2	ACM Sc	½ –
*	ACMSp	3⅝ –

Stock Footnotes: cc – PE greater than 99. dd – Loss in last 12 mos. d – New 52-wk low during trading day. g – Dividend in Canadian $. Stock price in U.S. $. n – New issue in past 52 weeks. s – Split or stock dividend of 25 percent or more in last 52 weeks. Dividend begins with date of split or stock dividend. u – New 52-wk high during trading day. v – Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration. pf – Preferred. pp – Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price. rt – Rights. un – Units. wd – When distributed. wi – When issued. wt – Warrants. ww – With warrants. xw – Without warrants.

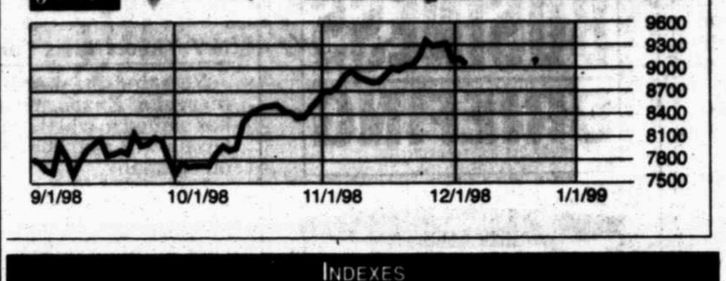
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Daily market roundup

December 2, 1998

Dow Jones ▼ 9,064.54 -69.00

High	9,154.40	Highest close	9,374.27
Low	8,922.94	November 23, 1998	



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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
9,380.20	7,400.30	Dow Jones Industrials	9,064.54	–69.00	–.76	+14.62	+12.86
3,701.42	2,282.18	Dow Jones Transportation	3,101.95	+54.11	+1.78	–3.75	–5.73
322.21	256.75	Dow Jones Utilities	304.15	–1.02	–.33	+11.38	+17.68
601.76	462.69	NYSE Composite	571.79	–1.54	–.27	+11.85	+12.08
753.75	554.70	Amex Index	659.94	–3.06	–.46	–3.60	–1.37
2,028.18	1,357.09	Nasdaq Composite	1,995.21	–8.54	–.43	+27.06	+23.53
1,192.97	912.83	S&P 500	1,171.25	–4.03	–.34	+20.69	+19.91
492.28	303.87	Russell 2000	397.49	–1.25	–.31	–9.05	–8.37
11,106.10	8,620.80	Wilshire 5000	10,702.35	–29.13	–.27	+15.10	+14.71

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Tkr	Name	Last	Chg
A B C			
AIR	AAR s	24 3/8	–1 3/16
AAN	ABN Am	18 9/16	–1
ACL	ACE Ltd s	32 1/8	+1/4
GSF	ACM Sc	87/8	+1/16
SI	ACMSp	6 5/16	
ART	ACNiels	27 1/16	+1/16
AES	AES Cp	44 1/16	–1 7/8
AFL	AFLAC s	38 1/16	+ 9/16
AG	AGCO	7 15/16	–1/4
ATG	AGL Res	u21 1/8	–1/16
AKS	AK Steel	18 5/16	–1/2
AMB	AMB Pr	d21 1/2	+ 9/16
AML	AMLI Rs	21 3/8	+ 1/16
AMR	AMR s	69 5/16	+2 1/16
ANUp	ANZ Ex pf	25 3/8	+1/16
T	AT&T	62 5/16	+3/16
AVX	AVX Cp	19 1/16	...
AAM	Aames	1 3/16	–3/16
ABT	AbtLab s	48 7/8	+1
ANF	AberFitch	54 7/8	+3/16
ADX	AdsEx	25 1/16	–3/16
AMD	AMD	28 5/16	–9/16
ANV	AeroVick	34 1/16	–1/16
AET	Aetna Inc	79 1/2	+7/16
ACS	AffCmpSvu	39 3/16	+1
AGU	Agrium g	9 3/16	–1/16
APD	AirProd s	37	–1
ABF	AirbFrt s	28 7/16	+13/16
ARG	Airgas	10 1/16	+1/16
ATI	AirTouch	57 3/16	–7/8
ALPpD	AlaP pfcld	25 1/8	...
ALPpQ	AlaPC ptQ	25 1/8	...
ALK	AlskAir	39 5/8	+1/2
AIN	Albnyin	18 3/8	–1/16
ACV	Alberto	25 5/16	–5/16
ACV/A	AlbCulA	23 1/2	–3/8
ABS	Albertsn	59 3/16	–1/16
AL	Alcan	27 3/16	
ALA	Alcatel	25 7/16	–1/16
AAT	AlcAmTar	13 7/16	+3/16
AYE	AlegEngy	33 9/16	+3/16
ALT	AlegTelcy	19 7/16	–7/8
AEH	Alegnce s	41 1/16	+9/16
AGN	Alergn	81 5/16	+1 3/8
AC	AlexCap s	26 9/16	+1/4
ANF	AlfaVrid2	10	–5/16
ALD	AlldSgnl	42 1/4	–1 3/4
AFC	AllmFn	54 1/2	+ 9/16
ALL	Allstate s	40 5/16	–11/16
AT	Alltel	51 1/2	–13/16
ALC	Altrista	23 3/4	+1/4
ALO	Alpharma	35	–1/4
AA	Alcoa	74 3/4	+1/16
AZA	Alza	51 1/4	–1/8
ABK	AmbacF	80 7/16	+3/16
AIZ	Amcast	17 3/16	–1/4
DOX	Amdocs n	15 5/8	+1/2
AHB	AmrUs01 n	24 1/8	+1/16
AHC	AmHes	52 7/16	–7/8
AOpA	Amerc pf	26	+3/16
AEE	Ameren n	41 1/2	+ 5/16
AOL	AmOnline s	88 1/16	–
1 7/16			
AWA	AmWest	15 3/4	+1/16
ABH	ABkNHol n	13 15/16	+ 5/16
ABI	ABanks	44 1/16	–3/8
AEP	AEP	47 1/2	+9/16
AXP	AmExp	100 3/4	+1 3/8
AFG	AFnclGp	39	–1/4
AGC	AGenCp	7 1	–1/16
AM	AGroet	42 7/8	+9/16
AHP	AHomeP s	53 15/16	
+1 9/16			
AIG	AmintG s	92 3/16	–1 13/16
PLB	AlPC	23 7/8	–1/16
AGP	APadPap	1 7/16	–1/16
ACR	ARetire	14 13/16	–5/16
ASD	AmStd	33 1/16	–3/8
ASC	AmStor	34 15/16	–1/4
AMT	ATower n	24	+1/4
AWK	AmWtr	31 1/16	+5/16
ACF	Ameridt s	12 1/2	–1/8
AAS	AmerSrc	63 15/16	
AIT	Amertch s	54 15/16	+3/16
AMH	AmerUs	23 3/16	+3/16
AME	Ametek	20 7/8	–1/4
AN	Amoco s	55 7/16	–2 1/16
AMP	AMP	47 7/8	
ASO	AmSouth s	42 3/4	+1/4
AAP	AmwyAs	12 1/4	–1/16
APC	Anadrk s	d25 11/16	–
1 7/16			
ADI	Analog	24 1/8	+3 1/8
AU	Anglogld n	21 5/16	–11/16
BUD	Anheus	62 9/16	+5/16
ANN	AnnTaylr	34 5/8	+1/8
NLY	Annaly	7 7/8	–1/16
AHR	AnthCap n	7 9/16	+1/16
AOC	Aon Cp	57 3/16	–1/4
APA	Apache	d21 7/8	–3/16
AIV	Apartinv	34 1/16	–3/16
APM	AppIMg	9 3/16	+1/16
AHG	Apria	6 13/16	–3/16
ARA	Aracruz	9 15/16	–1/16
AAC	ArcadiaFn	3 9/16	+3/16
ADM	ArchDan	18	–3/16
ASN	ArchstnC	20 5/16	–1/16
ARI	ArdenRlt	22 9/16	+5/16
AF	ArgentFd	10 1/16	–5/16
AS	Armco	3 7/16	–1/16
ACK	ArmWi	66 7/16	+1/16
AKK	ArmWi38	n25 7/16	+1/16
ARW	ArrowEl	20 5/16	–7/16
ARV	Arvin	41	–5/16
ARI	Asarco	18 1/2	–11/16
ASL	Ashanti	8 1/16	–7/16
ASH	Ashland	49 1/8	+11/16
APB	AsiaPc	6 1/2	–1/16
ARH	AsiaPrt	3/4	+1/16
PAP	AsiaPtp	9 5/16	
AEC	AscEstat	12 11/16	+3/16
AFS	AscFCap	77 3/16	–1/2
A	AstraA	18 5/16	+1/16
ARC	AtlRich	67 1/16	+1/2
CGO	AtlasAir	43 1/16	–1/16
ATO	ATMOS	30 3/16	– 7/16
ALV	Autoliv	35 1/16	– 7/16
AUD	AutoDt	79 1/16	+2 1/16
AZO	AutoZone	29 11/16	–3/16
AVB	AvalonBay	34 1/16	+3/16
AVY	AveryD	46	–1 11/16
AVL	Avis	20 1/16	–1/16
AVT	Avnet	54	–4 5/16
AVP	Avon s	38 1/16	–1 1/16
AZR	Aztar	5	–1/16
BBK	BB&T s	38 9/16	+ 7/16
BCE	BCE g	35 5/16	–3/16
BJS	BJS s	14 3/16	+5/16
BJS/WS	BJS wt	8	+1/16
BMC	BMC	6	–3/16
BPT	BP Pru	5 1/16	–1/16
BRE	BRE	24 9/16	
BHI	BakrHu	17 3/16	– 9/16
BEZ	Baldor s	20 1/16	+1/16
BLL	Ball	42 1/16	+1/4
BMR	BallardM	22 1/16	+3/16
BGE	BaltGE	31 3/16	+1/4
CIB	BanColum	4 3/16	–1/16
BFR	BncoFrn	23 1/2	–1/2
BRS	BcoRioP	11 1/16	–1/16
BSB	BcSantCh	12 7/8	+1/16
BSP	BcSntPR	nd22 7/16	–3/8
STD	BcoSant s	19 5/16	–1/16
ONE	BankOne	51 1/16	...
MBK	BkTokyo	10 15/16	+3/16
BK	BkNY s	35 5/16	+3/16
BBX	BkAtlA s	6 1/16	+1/16
BKB	BkBost s	42 1/16	+3/16
BAC	BankAm	65 7/16	+1/2
BT	BankTr	86 3/16	–3/16
BCR	Bard	48 3/16	–1/16
BKS	BarnNbl	31 1/2	–3/16
BRL	BarrLab	45	+1/4
BRR	BarrettRs	22 1/16	–11/16
ABX	BarrickG	19 3/16	–3/16
BMG	BatlMt	4 9/16	–3/16
BOL	Bausch L	54 3/16	–11/16
BAX	Baxter	65 9/16	–7/16
BSC	BearSt	41 1/2	–9/16
BSCpE	BearSpfE	50 1/4	+1/16
BEC	BeckCoult	49 5/16	+ 7/16
BDX	BectDck s	44 5/16	+ 9/16
BED	Bedfrdf P	17 3/8	+1/4
BWC	Beiden	17 1/4	+1/2
BHW	BellAtHw	34 1/2	–1/16
BEL	BellAtl s	54 7/8	–3/8
BLS	BellSo	88 9/16	+ 7/16
BLC	BelloAH s	19 3/8	–1/16
BMS	Bemis	37 3/16	–13/16
BHE	BenchEl	u27 7/16	–1/16
BNO	BentonOG	4	+5/16
BBC	BergBr s	u31 7/8	
BRK/A	BerkHa	A67305	–750
BRY	BerryP	12 7/8	–1/16
BBY	BestBuy s	u59 3/4	+1
BFD	Bestfds s	56 3/8	–1/4
BS	BethSt	7 13/16	–1/4
BEV	Beverly	6	
BDY	Bindley s	39 7/8	+1 3/16
BVF	Biovail	35 3/8	–3/8
BIR	BirSti	41 1/16	–3/16
BDK	BlackD	55 7/16	+1 1/2
BKH	BlkHlCp	n25 3/16	–1/16
BBT	Blk1998	10	–1/16
BNN	Blk1999	u9 3/4	
BLK	Blk2001	9	+1/16
BKT	BlkIT	7 1/16	+1/16
BNA	BlkNA	9 15/16	–1/16
BTT	BlkTT	9 9/16	–1/16
HRB	BlckHR	44 1/2	+1/16
BSi	BlueSq d	10 1/16	–5/16
BXG	Bluegreen	6 1/2	–3/8
BTH	Blyth	34 3/16	+1/8
BA	Boeing	33 11/16	–6 11/16
BCC	BoiseC	30 7/16	–9/16
BBA	Bombay	5	+1/16
BCU	BordCh	3 15/16	–3/16
BGP	Borders	22 3/16	–13/16
BOR	BorWSc	18 1/16	–1/16
BXP	BostProp	32 1/8	+3/16
BSX	BostSci s	28 1/8	+1/16
BOW	Bowatr	39 1/16	+3/16
BXH	BoxHill	7 7/8	
BTR	BradRE	21	–7/16
BRH	Brahma	10 11/16	+1/4
BDN	Brandyw	18 5/16	+3/8
BZF	Brazil	15 3/16	+3/16
BDT	BrodTch	6 3/4	+1/16
BGG	BrgStrat	50 7/16	–1/2
EAT	Brinker	25 3/4	+1/4
BMY	BrMySq	u128 3/8	+3 7/8
BAB	BritAir	66 1/4	–1 5/16
BP	BritPet	86 1/16	–3 13/16
BST	BritSti	d16 1/16	–1/8
BHP	BHP	15 1/2	–1/8
BF/A	BrwnFA	66 3/16	–1 1/16
BF/B	BrwnFB	72 11/16	–1/2
BFI	BrwnFr	30 3/16	–1/16
BC	Brunswick	21 11/16	–1/16
BYL	Brylane	17 1/16	+1/4
BKI	BuckTch s	18 3/16	–1/16
BD	BudgetGp	12 3/4	–5/16
BCF	BurlCost	14 1/8	+1/16
BUR	BurlInds	10 3/8	–1/4
BNI	BurlNSF s	33 3/16	–3/8
BR	BrtRsc	33 3/4	–1/4
BPP	BurnPP	12 15/16	+1/16
VNT	CANTV	16 1/2	+1 7/16
CBS	CBS	31 3/8	–5/16
PZN	CCA Pris	25 3/8	–7/16
CEC	CEC Ent	30	+1/16
HS	CHS El	17 1/8	–1/4
CI	CIGNA s	78 1/8	+13/16
HIS	CIGHlt	7 9/16	
CIT	CIT Gp	29 1/8	+1/4
CKR	CKE Rst	28 1/8	–7/16
CHL	CLECO	34 5/16	–1/16
CMT	CMAC Inv	46 5/8	–11/16
CML	CML Gp	9 5/16	+1/16
CTP	CMP Grp	12 7/16	–3/16
CMS	CMS Eng	49 1/4	+1/16
CNA	CNA Fn s	41 3/8	–1 5/16
CNF	CNF Tran	34 1/4	+1/16
CSX	CSX	41 15/16	+1/16
CVS	CVS Cp s	49 7/8	–1/4
CWP	CabiWire	36 3/4	+3/16
CDT	CablDsg s	21 3/8	+3 3/8
CS	Cabltrn	10 1/4	–3 1/2
CBT	Cabot	30	
CDN	Cadence	30 1/2	+2 1/16
CE	Calenergy	31	–3/8
CCC	Calgon	6 1/16	–3/16
ELY	CallGolf	12 7/16	–3/16
CZM	Calmat	30 3/4	+1/16
CPT	CamdnP	26 3/16	
CCH	CmpR g	1/4	
CPB	CampSp	56 13/16	– 7/16
CNI	CdnNy g	54 7/16	–1/16
CZXp	CdnOcci pf	26	
CP	CdnPc g	21 13/16	–5/16
COF	CapOne	106 5/8	–1 1/4
KRE	CapRe s	19 1/16	+1/16
CRB	CapstrB n	18 5/16	+ 5/16
CMO	Capstd	3 1/16	+1/16
CAH	CardnlH s	69 1/4	+1 11/16
CWC	Carlbnr	9 1/16	+ 5/16
CSL	Carlisle	44 3/8	+ 7/16
CCt	CarnvCp s	35 1/2	–1/16
CPL	CaroPw	46 7/16	+ 7/16
CRS	CarpTech	33 1/2	–1 5/16
CGF	CarrGott	11 3/8	+1/16
CSE	CaseCp	22 3/8	–1/16
CDX	Catelus	13 7/16	+1/16
CAt	Caterpillr	50 11/16	–1 1/16
CD	Cendant	20 7/8	+1/16
CDpf	Cendnt pf	34 3/8	–1/16
CTX	Centex s	36 3/8	+ 3/16
CSR	CenSoWst	27 7/8	+1/16
CPC	CentPkg s	d27 1/16	–7/16
CTL	CntyTel s	57 1/16	+1/16
CEN	Ceridian	u67 7/16	+1/16
CHB	Chmpe	21 3/4	–3/16
CHA	Chmpin	40 3/16	–9/16
CTI	Chart s	7 7/8	
CMB	ChaseM s	63	+7/16
CKP	Checkpnt	13 3/8	–3/16
CHK	ChesEng	11 1/4	
CHV	Chevron	80 9/16	–1 3/16
CH	ChileFd	10 3/16	–1/4
CTC	ChileTel	22 1/16	–9/16
CHL	ChinaTic	38 1/16	–1/4
CYD	ChiYuc	d7 0	–1/16
CQB	Chiquta	10 7/8	–1/16
CB	Chubb	71 3/16	+ 3/16
CBR	CIBER s	22	+5/16
CSN	CinnBell	32 1/16	–1/2
CIN	CINergy	34 15/16	
CC	CircCtyCC	37 1/16	+3/16
CIR	Circus	11 1/2	+1/16
CCi	Citigrp	50 5/16	+ 5/16
CCIpW	Citigp pfW	25 1/16	+1/16
CZC	CitnCp	33 1/16	+1/16
CZN	CitzUtil	8	–1/16
CLE	ClairesStr	17 7/16	+1/16
CMH	ClaytH	15 5/16	
CCU	ClearC s	48 1/16	+1 1/2
CLX	Clorox	112 7/8	+1/16
CUI	CoachUS	29 1/16	+1/8
CGP	Coastal s	33 15/16	–1
DR	CstlPhys	5/8	
KO	CocaCl	69 9/16	– 5/16
CCE	CocaCE	37 7/8	+1/2
KOF	CCFemsa s	14 7/8	+1/16
CDE	Coeur	4 1/16	–1/16
CNJ	ColeNatl	14 11/16	– 5/16
CL	ColgPal	84 3/16	– 9/16
COT	Coltec	17 7/8	–1 1/2
CG	ColumEn s	55 7/16	–1/16
COL	ColHCA	25 7/8	+1 5/16
CDO	Comdisc s	17 7/8	–3/16
CMA	Comeric s	65 3/16	+1 11/16
CFB	CmcFdl s	23 1/16	
CTV	ComScop	14 15/16	–3/16
CPU	CmpUSA	14 1/16	–1/2
CBD	CBD-Pao	19 1/4	+1/16
CPQ	Compaq s	36 9/16	+2 1/16
CMI	CmpMan	11 1/2	–1/32
CA	CompAs	44 1/8	–1/16
CSC	CompSci s	58	+3/16
CQ	Comsat	36 1/16	+1/16
CRK	ComstkRs	d3	–3/16
CAG	ConAgra	31 15/16	–1/16
COE	ConeMil	4 9/16	
CIV	Conectiv	23 1/2	+3/16
CNE	ConnEn	29 7/8	+5/16
COC	Conoco n	d22 15/16	–1/2
CNC	Conseco	33 1/16	
CNCpF	Consc pfF	40 1/4	–1/4
CNCpV	Consc pfV	25 1/16	+1/16
ED	ConEd	51 3/16	+ 5/16
CNG	ConsNG	52 7/8	–1 1/16
CDP	ConsPap s	25 1/16	–1/16
COP	ConsPdts su	21 1/4	
+1 1/16			
CNS	ConStor	20 1/16	– 7/16
DIN	CGDina	11 1/16	–1/16
CFN	Contfincl	6 1/8	+1/4
CArB	CtlAir B	37	+1 1/4
CVG	Cnvrgys n	u18 7/16	–1/16
RON	CoopCam	23 3/16	– 7/16
COO	CoopCo	21 3/16	–1 5/16
CBE	Cooper	49 1/2	+3/16
CXW	Cooper99	11 1/16	–2
EFX	EqFax	41	+1/2
EQ	EqtCos	54 1/4	+1 3/16
EQT	EqtResc	27 11/16	–1/16
EQU	EqutyCp	25 15/16	–1/16
ENN	Eqtylnn	10 1/16	+1/16
EOP	EqOffPT	25 3/16	+ 3/16
EOPpB	EqOff pfB	39 3/4	
EQR	EqtyRsd	42 3/8	+ 7/16
ESF	EspirSan	18 1/16	– 9/16
SXC	Essexint	32 1/4	–1/2
ECT	ELaudTr	n68 11/16	– 5/16
EL	EsteeLdr	73 1/4	–1 3/16
ESL	Esterline	s19 3/16	–1 13/16
ETH	EthanAl	38 5/16	–3/8
EY	Ethyl	5 1/16	
EVR	EvercnC	s25 15/16	+5/16
EXC	Excel	17 7/16	– 5/16
XL	ExelLtd n	73 7/16	–11/16
EX	ExideGp	16 11/16	–3/8
ESA	ExtStayA	10	–1/16
XON	Exxon	71 1/4	–3/8
FDX	FDX Corp	66 3/4	+ 3/16
FMX	FEMSA n	25 3/8	+1 3/8
FMC	FMC	56 3/16	–1 1/16
FPL	FPL Gp	64 1/8	+1
FA	FairCp	15 1/2	–5/16
FDO	FamDlr s	19 13/16	– 13/16
FNM	FanniMae	70 3/4	–1 1/16
FMO	FedMog	56 5/16	–1 9/16
FD	FedrDS	40 5/16	–1 3/16
FD/WS/C	FdDS wtC	16	–1
FII	FedInvst n	17 5/16	+3/16
FCH	FelCor	23 1/16	+1/16
FOE	Ferro	27 7/16	–3/16
FNF	FidelFin	31 7/8	–3/16
FSA	FSA	54 5/16	–1/4
FSE	FSA2098 n	25	
FHT	Fingerht s	12 9/16	+1 7/16
FNV	Finova	54 9/16	+2
FAM	FstAmCp	43 7/8	+1/2
FAF	FAFncl s	30	
FBR	FstBrnd	37 5/16	–1/16
FDC	FstData	26 1/4	– 7/16
FF	FFinFd s	10 1/2	–3/16
FR	FstInRT	23 5/16	–3/16
FRC	FstRepBk	25 7/8	+1/4
FTU	FstUC	63 1/16	+2 1/16
FSR	Firstar	76 1/8	+1 1/2
FE	FirstEngy	31 1/16	–1/8
FP	Firstplus	2 5/16	–1/4
FLT	FleetFnc s	42 1/16	+1/2
FLE	FleetEn	34 3/16	+1/4
FLM	Fleming	10 3/16	
FFS	FletFD	3 1/2	–1/16
PAW	FLPanth	10 3/16	–5/16
FPC	FlaProg	43 3/8	+1/4
FLO	Flowers	23 5/16	+1/2
FLS	Flowserv	17 5/16	–1/4
FLR	Fluor	42 3/8	+1 5/16
FM	Foodmk	20 1/8	+1/4
FTS	Footstar	23 1/8	–9/16
FBN	Forcenrgy	3 3/4	
F	Ford s	56 7/16	–1 11/16
FST	ForestOil	d27 5/16	–9/16
FJ	FtJames	38 5/16	–3/8
FO	FortuneBr	34 7/16	–7/16
FWC	FostWh	16 7/16	–1/16
FHS	FoundHS	13	–1/16
FOX	Fox Ent n	d22 5/16	–1/2
FTE	FranceTel	68 5/16	–3/16
BEN	FrankRs s	42 3/4	+1/16
FMY	FMeyer	52 5/16	+1/2
FRE	FredMac	60 7/8	
FREpA	FredMpfA	25 5/64	
25 7/32			
FREpB	FredM pfB	50	+1/4
FREpF	FredM pfF	50	+1/32
+47/32			
FSI	FreedSc n	18 3/16	+3/16
FCX/A	FMCG A	111 7/16	–1 1/16
FCX	FMCG	12	–11/16
FMR	FM RoyT	3/4	–1/16
FMT	Fremnt	50 1/2	
FGI	FGoldmn	11 7/16	– 7/16
FRO	FrontrCp	31 5/16	+1 1/16
FTR	Frntrins	14 1/16	–1/16
FTO	FrontrOil	5 11/16	
FTL	FruitL	16 5/16	–3/16
FBN	FurnBrds	25 3/16	– 9/16
G-H-I			
GMT	GATX s	37 9/16	+ 1/16
GPU	GPU	44 1/16	+1/16
GTE	GTE	62 1/2	–11/16
GAB	Gabelli	11 5/16	–3/16
GGT	GabGloM	9 15/16	...
GLH	Gallaher	27 1/

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Thr	Name	Last	Chg
ABRX	ABR inf	16	9/16
ANET	ACT Net	12	+1/16
ATV	ACTV	4	-1/16
ADCT	ADC Tel	26	7/16
AMBI	AMBI	1	3/16
ASTSF	ASE Tst s	32	+1/16
ASMLF	ASM Lith s	28	1/16
ATEC	ATEC G	7	1/16
ABACF	Abacan	9	1/32
ABGIX	Abgenix n	u12	-7/16
ABTE	AbleTel	7	7/16
AXAS	Abraxas	4	1/16
ACNTF	AccentS	3	1/16
AKLM	Acclaim	9	-1/16
ACTL	Actel	u18	1/16
ACTN	ActPerf	33	7/16
APII	ActnPr	u4	1/16
ATVI	Activsn	13	1/16
ACTU	ActSft n	10	+1/16
ACXM	Acxiom	23	1/32
ADAC	AdacLb	24	1/16
ADPT	Adaptec	16	1/16
ADLAC	Adaptn h	35	3/16
ADBE	AdobeSy	45	-5/16
ADLRF	AdrtsnR	s	1/16
AEIS	AdvEnd	17	1/16
AFCI	AdvFCm	9	1/16
ATII	AdvTiss	2	7/32
AERL	AerisC	3	1/16
ATAC	Attmarkt	5	1/16
AGPH	Agouron	44	+1/16
AGTX	AgriBio	13	7/16
AHNR	AirTran	3	3/16
AKZOY	Akzo s	40	5/16
ALLP	AlanPh	3	1/32
AWIN	AldWste	20	3/16
ALMI	AlphaMic	4	1/16
ALTA	AltaGld	1	1/16
ALTN	Altaon	1	...
ALTR	Altera	u53	1/16
ALRC	AltResc	9	1/16
AMZN	Amazon s	199	1/2
AMTD	AmTrde s	20	11/16
AMGN	Amgen	79	1/16
AMKR	AmkorT n	6	1/16
AMXI	Amnex	d	3/16
AMMB	Amresco	7	9/16
AMLN	Amylin	2	1/32
ANLY	Analysts	16	3/16
ANCR	AncorCm	2	3/16
ANDW	Andrew	16	1/16
ANGN	Angeion	1	1/16
ANTC	Antec	19	3/16
APEX	ApexPC	26	5/16
APOL	ApolloG s	29	11/16
AAPL	AppleC	36	1/16
APPB	Applebee	21	1/16
ACTC	ApriCell n	3	1/16
ADAX	ApdDgtl	2	7/16
AMAT	AppliMatu	43	1/16
ASTX	ApdSci s	9	4/16
ARDM	Aradigm	12	1/2
ARQR	ArcnCin	1	3/16
ARDT	ArdentSft	16	3/16
ARIA	AriadP	2	1/16
AVEI	Arivsig s	51	1/16
ARTI	ArtisanC n	9	1/16
ASND	Asgend	87	9/16
ASTN	Astrnt	2	3/16
ASDV	AspstDv s	32	1/16
ASPT	AspectTel	18	1/16
AZPN	AspenTc	12	1/16
ASFC	AstoriaF	44	1/16
ATHM	AtHome	57	1/16
ACAI	AtCstAir s	28	1/16
ATML	Atmel	12	9/16
AURA	AuraSy	1	1/32
ADSK	Autodesk	42	1/16
ATCI	AutonoT	6	1/16
AVNR	Avanir	2	1/16
AVAN	Avantimm	1	1/16
AVID	AvidTch	24	1/16
AVIR	Aviron	22	1/16
AWRE	Aware	20	1/16
AXNT	AxentT	25	1/16
BEAV	BE Aero	24	-1/16
BEAS	BEA Sys	12	1/16
BMCS	BMC Sft s	56	1/16
BAANF	Baan s	12	...
JBAK	BakerJ	4	1/16
BLDPF	Ballardp s	33	1/16
BGALY	BnoGalic	20	1/16
BNYN	BanynSy	7	1/32
BBBY	BedBath s	29	9/16
BELW	Bellweth	5	-1/16
BERW	Beringer	39	3/16
BGEN	BioGen	77	1/16
BJCT	Biojact	1	1/16
BMET	Biomet	36	1/16
BIOMF	Biomira	3	1/16
BIME	Biotnune	7	3/32
BTGC	BioTcG	6	3/32
BFLY	Bluefly	17	3/16
BFLYW	Bluefly wt	12	1/16
BOCI	BocaRs	3	1/16
BAMM	BookMill	16	6/16
BOOL	Boole& su	34	1/16
BLPG	BorLePr	30	...
BOSTQ	vjBostChk	9	3/32
BCGI	BostnCom	10	7/16
BLSI	BstLfSci	4	3/32
CELL	Brightpt	14	3/16
BRYO	BrioTech n	8	1/16
BVSN	BroadVis	24	7/16
BBTK	BrdbdTc	4	7/16
BRCM	Brdcom n	109	1/16
BRKS	BrooksAu	16	3/16
TMBR	BrownTom	9	3/16
BOBJY	BusnObj	18	3/16
CUBE	C-CUBE	27	1/16
CFON	C-Phone	4	3/16
CBTSY	CBT Gp	91	1/16
CDRD	CDRadio	38	1/16
CDNW	CDnow n	20	1/32
CKSG	CKS Gr n	32	1/16
CMGI	CMG Inf s	78	3/16
CNBI	CN Biosc	24	1/32
CNXS	CNS	4	1/16
CSGS	CSGSys	63	1/16
CALP	CalPro	2	1/16
CALPW	CalPro wt	u1	1/16
CATP	CambTch	19	3/16
CAND	Candies	2	7/16
CTAL	Catalyt	18	1/16
CLRT	CelerSys	1	1/16
CELG	Celgene	9	1/2
CEGE	CelGene	4	9/32
CLPA	CelPath n	12	1/16
CLST	Cellstar s	7	1/16
CTSC	CellTch	7	1/32
CVUS	CellVisn	1	7/32
CTRX	Celtrix	2	1/16
CYCL	CentCel	40	1/16
CNTO	Centocor	40	7/32
CETV	CEurMda	7	1/16
CENT	CenGardn	15	1/16
CSIZ	CenSusn	13	9/16
CEPH	Cephln	6	1/16
CERN	Cerner	24	9/16
AMFM	ChancMd s	39	1/16
COFI	ChiOneF s	29	9/16
CHAS	Chastain n	4	1/16
CHKPF	ChkPnt n	31	7/16
CHKR	Checkers	9	3/32
CKFR	ChkFree	20	2/16
CAKE	Cheeseck s	24	3/16
CHCS	Chicos	24	1/16
CHIR	Chiron	23	3/16
CDCO	Cidco	2	1/16
CIEN	CienaCp	181	1/16
CTAS	Cintas	53	15/16
CPCI	Ciprico	7	1/16
CRUS	Cirrus	11	7/16
CSCO	Cisco s	78	1/16
CTXS	CitrixSy s	66	7/16
CLFY	Clarify	18	5/16
CWEI	ClayEng	7	1/16
CLCDF	ClinCd g	9	1/16
CLNTF	Clearnet	8	1/16
CGNX	Cognex	17	1/16
CTSH	CogTech n	u24	1/16
COHR	Coherent s	111	9/16
WORY	Coinmch	17	1/32
CMTO	Comd21 n	18	9/16
COMR	Comair s	32	1/16
CMCSA	Comcast	50	3/16
CMCSK	Comc spu	51	1/16
CICI	Comintell	9	1/32
CFBX	ComFBk s	22	1/16
CBSS	CompsBnc	37	1/16
CMPD	Cmpulsed	31	3/32
CMPC	Cmpcm	33	1/16
CMTL	Comtech	13	1/16
CMVT	Comvers	u62	1/16
CCMC	ConcMngd	11	1/16
CEFT	ConCEFs s	31	1/16
CCUR	ConcCm	3	1/16
CNKT	Connect s	4	1/32
CRWY	CnaFrtC n	14	1/16
COPY	Copytale	1	1/32
CORR	CorTher	13	1/16
CRXA	CorixaCp	7	1/16
CNRS	Cornerinet	1	9/32
CEXP	CorpExp	d	5/16
COST	Costco	60	11/16
COSE	CostEner	d	7/16
COTTF	Cott Cp	d	4
CYOE	CoyoteNt n	16	1/16
CBRL	CrkrBrl	22	1/16
CBMI	CrBioMol	3	7/16
CREAF	CreTcLtd	17	7/16
CMOS	CredSys	20	1/16
CREE	CreeResh	39	1/16
CUST	CustmTrk	10	1/16
CYCH	CybrCah	16	3/16
COOL	CbrnOtp n	29	11/16
CYBX	Cyberonic	12	3/16
CYSP	CybrShp n	20	1/32
CBXC	CybexCP s	40	1/16
CYLK	Cylink	5	1/16
CYMI	Cymer	16	1/16
CYTO	Cytogn	1	...
DNPC	D&N Fn	26	+3/16
DIIG	DII Grp	20	9/16
DMRK	Damark	9	1/16
DAnkY	Danka	3	1/16
DAOU	DaouSys	4	7/16
DBCC	DtBdcst	10	1/16
DDIM	DtaDimn	12	1/2
DSTM	Datastrm	12	7/16
RACE	DataRace	3	1/16
DANB	Davel&B	22	1/16
DAVX	Davox	6	9/16
DWBN	Dawson	9	1/16
DBRSY	DBeer	14	9/16
DLIA	Deltag	12	3/16
DELL	DellCptr s	66	1/16
DRTE	Dendrite s	20	1/16
XRAY	Dentsply	26	1/16
DESI	Designs	2	1/32
DIALY	DialogCp	d	1/16
DHMS	DiamHSrvd	3	1/16
DIMD	DiamM	7	1/16
AMEN	Didax n	10	3/16
AMENW	Didax wt	5	-1/16
DIGE	DigeneCp	5	1/16
DCTI	DigCourier	8	1/16
DMIC	DigMic	6	1/16
DRIV	DigRiver n	21	-1/16
DSLGF	Discreet	18	7/16
DTEK	DisplayTc u	7	1/16
DVNTF	Divrsnt g	2	1/16
DLTR	DltTree s	46	1/16
DCLK	DbleClick n	37	1/16
DRRA	DiraAto	31	+1
DURA	DuraPh	12	1/32
DROOY	DurbanRo	3	-1/16
DYMX	Dynamx nd	4	7/16
EGRP	ETrade	25	-7/16
ETEL	e-Net	3	3/16
EAGL	EgHrd	28	9/16
EUSA	EgleUSA	19	+1/16
ELNK	Erthlnk s	61	3/16
ERTH	ErthShll n	13	1/16
EWBX	ErthWeb n	40	1/16
EESI	EstnEn	21	1/32
DISH	EchoStar	41	1/32
EDFY	EdifyCp	8	1/32
EGGS	Eggheed	21	5/16
EIDSY	Eidos	15	1/16
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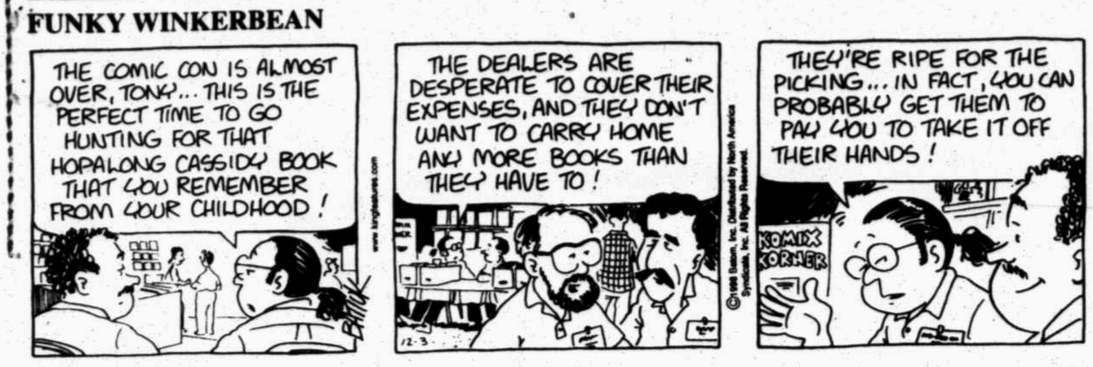
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



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BEETLE BAILEY



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll have: 5-Dymanic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Dec. 3, 1998:

You will feel like you are constantly juggling your needs with those of a partner, friend or family member. Define boundaries more clearly, but first, you must know what they are yourself. Sometimes you could feel stuck in a power play. Learn to pull back and maintain a happy middle ground. Don't hold back, yet don't give away what is important to keep. If you are single, you will meet someone in 1999 who could make you want to change your status! If attached, what seems difficult now will become easy. Your relationship becomes even more romantic. GEMINI teases you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Pressure and changing plans challenge you. You come up with unexpected solutions. Friends gather around you and support you in a project. Remain grounded with the amount of information that comes forward. Your mind races in many directions. Tonight: Hang out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Handling your finances takes concentration. Someone you counted on lets you down — the proverbial check is in the mail! Unexpected opportunities distract you. Make a must appearance. Friends seek you out, but you discover that they have costly ideas. Tonight: Indulge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Pressure pulls you in many directions. Bosses seek you, friends want you and a loved one demands your time. You could decide to leave the office early to go holiday shopping. Get into the hustle and bustle, music and lights. Do what works for you. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ You are out of kilter and worried. You could already be feeling the holiday blues, not knowing how to handle all you have to do. The solution lies in doing something different. Make calls, explore the Internet and come up with a workable idea. Tonight: Do your thing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your social life pulls you in multiple directions. Outside of cloning yourself, you have no alternative except to choose. Laughter and good will mark your day, as long as obligations don't bog you down. Someone monopolizes your thoughts. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Be sensible about expectations. Recognize just how much you can do. Stand up for yourself, say you can't if necessary, and make contingency plans. A partner is more helpful than you thought possible but is also distracting. Priorities are a must. Tonight: Work hard.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You do the ultimate juggling act. Listen carefully to feedback from other sources, but do what you feel is needed. Screen calls, and do as much as you can over the phone. You are packing a lot into every minute. Work and errands could overwhelm you. Tonight: Relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ Money pressure continues to ail you. Think carefully before making formal commitments. A family member comes up with unexpected ideas. You might not be sure, but work with these ideas. Your creativity must come out. Someone is wild about you. Tonight: Play it low-key.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Push comes to shove, but you are ready to deal with others. You could find an associate extremely testy. The unexpected occurs. What you thought was impossible falls easily into place. You go overboard with a family member. Tonight: Out for the evening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ You might need to take a personal day. Slow down. Pressure has been quite intense to perform. Others seek you out; they need your time and advice. Don't get caught in a bind. Let others make their own choices. Tonight: Off to the gym for some exercise.

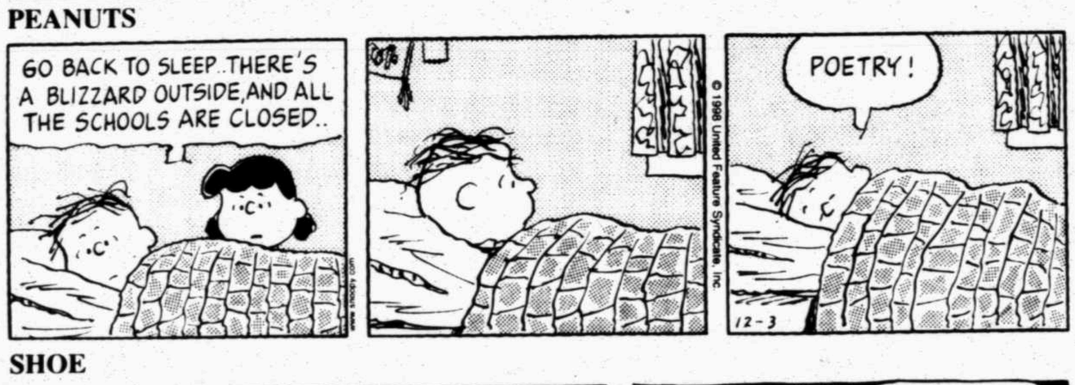
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You have a choice between a friendship and your desires. Children and loved ones make demands. You can't play both sides. Let go, and take a risk. You work hard; now make time for pleasures. Consider an early departure from the office. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★ Sometimes it is wise to play ostrich. There is no time like the present. Family wants one thing, a boss gives orders and a loved one has yet another agenda. You learn about yourself because of the pressure that circumstances create. Tonight: Head home fast!

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BORN TODAY
Auto racer Rick Mears (1951), singer Ozzy Osbourne (1948), singer Andy Williams (1930)

PEANUTS



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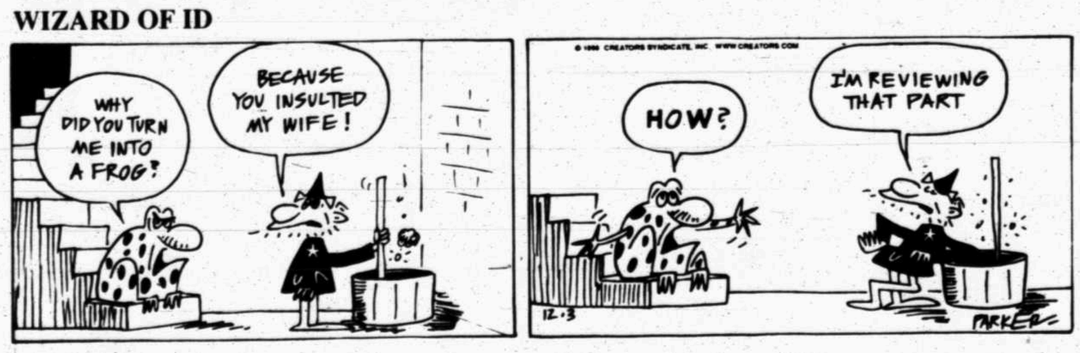
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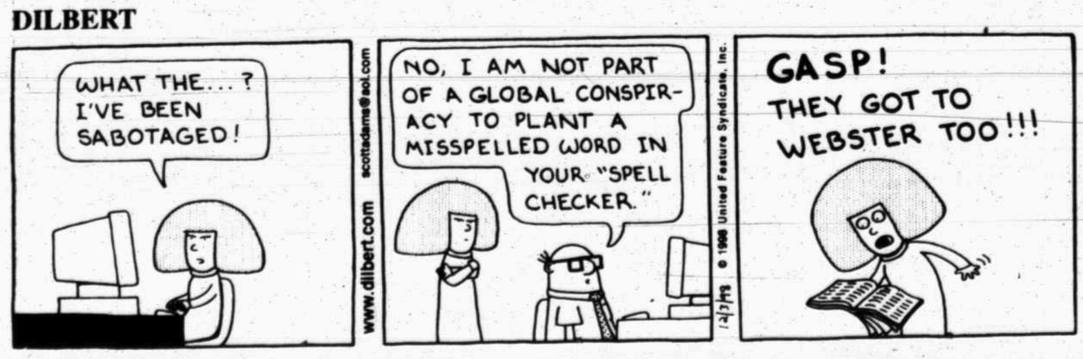
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DILBERT



GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

PLAY IT SAFELY

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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♠ 7 5 3
♡ K 9 8 4
◇ A J
♣ K J 5 2

WEST
♠ A Q J 10 8
♡ 5
◇ K Q 5 4 3
♣ 10 6

EAST
♠ 9 2
♡ J 3
◇ 10 9 8 7 2
♣ Q 9 8 7

SOUTH
♠ K 6 4
♡ A Q 10 7 6 2
◇ 6
♣ A 4 3

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	1♠	2♠	Pass
4♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: King of ◇

Sometimes, more than one theme occurs in the play of the hand. It often requires delicate timing to take advantage of all possibilities.

North's cue-bid of two spades showed an invitational or better raise of opener's suit. With extra values, South bounced right into game.

West led the king of diamonds. Since the ace of spades was clearly marked with West, there was a danger of declarer losing three spade tricks and a club. Obviously, South had to prevent East from gaining the lead; that would be easy if West held the club queen as well. But instead of relying on a favorable lie of the cards, declarer elected to combine a loser-on-loser and avoidance play with a safety play in clubs by endplaying West.

The opening lead was won in dummy with the ace and trumps drawn in two rounds. After cashing the ace and king of clubs in case the queen dropped, declarer completed the groundwork by leading the jack of diamonds, discarding the losing club from hand. West won an unexpected trick, but did not relish having the lead. Whether West cashed the ace of spades or led a diamond, giving declarer a ruff-sluff, two spades were all declarer could lose.

What if West still held one or more clubs? The contract was still safe. If West led the queen of clubs, declarer would ruff and return to dummy with a trump to discard a spade on the jack of clubs. If West returned a low club, declarer would go up with the jack. Either the knave would win or, if East covered, declarer would ruff and dummy's 13th club would provide a spade discard from hand.

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PEOPLE TODAY

Stone: Parents should keep condoms around house

UNITED NATIONS — Parents should keep condoms around the house for their teenagers, **Sharon Stone** stays.



Sharon Stone thinks parents should have condoms in the house for their kids.

"No matter how much we guide our children within our families, within our churches, within our schools, we are not stronger than the power of sexuality — particularly to a teen-ager," the "Basic Instinct" star told a panel discussion on AIDS and youth Tuesday at the United Nations.

Ms. Stone recalled how she never told her parents she was having sex in the back seat of a car as a teen-ager.

"I believe that if you truly, truly love your children, you need to supply condoms in a place in your home, at a quantity that makes it a nonjudgmental situation for them to have them," she said. "I mean, put 200 condoms in a box in some place in the house where everybody isn't all the time so that your kids can take them."

She added: "If they want to make water balloons out of them, great. If they want to carry them so they feel tough, great. If they want to give them to their friends, even better."

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Grand Ole Opry is returning to its longtime former home — the Ryman Auditorium — but only for a visit.

Three Opry shows are scheduled for Jan. 15-16 at the downtown Ryman, where the country radio show was broadcast from 1943 to 1974.

"It's a wonderful feeling in that building," said **Porter Wagoner**, an Opry cast member for 41 years. "The sound is great, and people are so close to the stage it's like entertaining at your home."

The 103-year-old Ryman, a former church, and its neighborhood deteriorated in the '70s and the Opry left, but refurbishment of the building helped bring about a revival of the area, and it was reopened as a concert hall.

The Opry, which launched Patsy Cline and many other country greats, won't be giving up the 4,400-seat Grand Ole Opry House in suburban Nashville any time soon.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The four-year marriage of **Dudley Moore** and wife No. 4, **Nicole Rothschild**, is officially over.

Details of the settlement weren't disclosed by the actor's publicist **Michelle Bega**, but she confirmed Wednesday that the divorce is final.

Moore's divorce petition cited irreconcilable differences. The marriage, which produced a 2-year-old son, was turbulent from the start.

Ms. Rothschild filed a lawsuit alleging abuse by the star of "Arthur" and "10," then dropped it in June, citing Moore's health problems.

Moore, 63, underwent heart surgery in 1997 because of a blocked artery.

"He's recovered very well and he's doing very well," Ms. Bega said.

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CINCINNATI — A judge refused to throw out obscenity charges against **Larry Flynt**.



A judge refuses to throw out obscenity charges against Larry Flynt.

Flynt argued the charges against him and his brother **Jimmy** should be dismissed because Ohio's obscenity law goes beyond the legal test established in a landmark 1973 Supreme Court decision.

Common Pleas Judge **Patrick Dinkelacker** ruled Tuesday that the law is reasonable and the charges will stand.

The brothers go on trial in January for allegedly selling sexually explicit videotapes at the Hustler store they operate in downtown Cincinnati. Each faces 24 years in prison if convicted.

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LOS ANGELES — **Kathy Bates** replaces the late **Roddy McDowall** on the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences governing board.

Ms. Bates joins **Gregory Peck** and **Karl Malde** on the three-person board, the first to be made up entirely of Oscar winners.

McDowall died of cancer Oct. 3. Ms. Bates' term was announced Tuesday.

Ms. Bates, 50, won her Academy Award for her portrayal of an obsessed fan in the 1990 movie "Misery." She has also appeared in "Titanic," "Fried Green Tomatoes" and "The Waterboy."

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ROCKVILLE, Md. — **Mike Tyson** may have to serve more time behind bars after pleading no contest to two counts of misdemeanor assault.

The former heavyweight champion entered the pleas Tuesday for a scuffle after an Aug. 31 traffic accident involving his wife Monica. He was accused of punching and kicking two motorists.

Tyson said he was "truly aware" that his pleas could affect his parole. He was released from prison in 1995 after serving three years of six-year sentence for a 1992 rape conviction in Indiana.

Tyson faces up to 20 years in prison when he is sentenced early next year. He also could be fined up to $2,500 on each count.

Tyson is undergoing psychiatric treatment, one of the conditions that led to reinstatement of his boxing license by the Nevada Athletic Commission in October. The license was revoked after he bit champion **Evander Holyfield's** ears during a June 1997 title bout.

Tyson is scheduled to fight Francois Botha on Jan. 16.

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5 KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	World's Wildest Police Videos 37932		Fox Files 46880		Mad About You	The Nanny 27795	Jerry Springer 38203		Cops 19048	NewsRadio 78951
7 KOSA	7	7	News 5086	Heritage Holiday	Promised Land: Out of Bounds 57116		Diagnosis Murder: Murder X 4 66854		48 Hours 86626		News 5766970	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Married ... Children
9 KWES	9	9	News 1112	Seinfeld 4512	Friends 6628	Jesse 3336 (TVPG)	Frasier 2048	Just Shoot Me	ER: Exodus 91574 (TVPG)		News 7225970	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
12 KMLM	42	12	The Kendalls	John Hagee 79970	The Light of the Southwest 84135				News 98135	Joyce Meyer 86777	Richard Roberts 25135		Jewish Voice	Ask Joe Good
13 KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 510425		West Texas Journal	Small Business	Mystery! (Part 2 of 2) 360357 (TVPG)		Trans-Siberian Rail Journeys 340593 (TVPG)		Telecourse 621970			
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10 WGN		10	Family Matters	Family Matters	The Wayans Bros.	Jamie Foxx Show	Steve Harvey Show	For Your Love	News 634390		MacGyver: Jack in the Box 644777 (TVPG-V)		In the Heat of the Night 269136 (TV14-V)	
11 WTBS		11	Roseanne 188715	Roseanne 179067	WCW Thunder 528951 (TVPG-DV)		WCW Thunder 542966 (TVPG-DV)		Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome (PG-13, '85) ++ (Mel Gibson, Tina Turner) 4422357					WCW Thunder
14 FAM		14	Jack Frost 349999		Santa Claus/ Town		The Angel of Pennsylvania Avenue ('96) 694828				The 700 Club 983357		AXN	Life
20 DISC		20	Gimme Shelter 141319 (TVG)		Tooth and Claw 984951 (TVG)		Into the Unknown	Strange but True	Survive It! 980135 (TVG)		Justice Files: Child Stalkers 963222		Tooth and Claw 317435 (TVG)	
21 AMC		21	Captain Horatio ... (6)		Patton (PG, '70) ++++ (George C. Scott, Karl Malden) 808970						The Green Berets (G, '68) ++ 761888			
22 TNN		22	The Waltons 468319		Magic of Christmas		Prime Time Country		Today's Country		Dallas 217512		Dukes of Hazzard	
23 TNT		23	ER 484357 (TVPG)		Rain Man (R, '88) ++++ (Dustin Hoffman, Tom Cruise) 861184						Running on Empty (PG-13, '88) +++ 229990			
24 BRAV		24	Studio	Brooklyn	John Steinbeck		The Sleeping Beauty: A Ballet on Ice 636116				In My Life 640951		John Steinbeck	
26 BET		26	Celebrity		Soundstage 290970		Sparks	Thea	Comicview 296154		BET Tonight 299241		Sparks	227
27 DISN		27	101 Dalmatians	Jingle Bell Rock	Tale Spin (6:55)	Hollywood Hounds	Goof Troop Xmas	Bonkers 5952628	Darkwing Duck	Shnookums & Meat	Walt Disney Presents 659609 (TVG)		Zorro 925154	Family Album
28 CNN		28	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today		Larry King Live 515846		NewsStand: Ent.		Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 965609	
29 ESPN		29	SportsCenter (5:30)	NFL 2Night	NFL Football: (7:15) St. Louis Rams at Philadelphia Eagles 62590951							SportsCenter 961796	Bowling 690796	
30 USA		30	Xena: Warrior Princess 774661 (TVPG-V)		USA's Improv-Ice 870406						New York Undercover 523864 (TV14)		Silk Stalkings: Lovers 940777 (TV14-S)	
31 FX		31	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	The X-Files 4960203		NYPD Blue 4999951		M*A*S*H	Comedy	The X-Files 4999574		NYPD Blue 7499048	
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36 LIFE		36	Party of Five: Positive Attitude 312945		Chicago Hope: Sympathy for the Devil 957932		Moment of Truth: Caught in the Crossfire ('94) ** (Debbie Reynolds, Ashley Judd) 877798				New Attitudes	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Unsolved Mysteries
39 OUTDR		39	Great Outdoorsman	Wilderness Camper	Snowboard Show	Snowboarder	Skiing: FIS World Cup Nordic 3133406		Snowboarding	Skier's World	Snowboard Show	Snowboarder	Skiing: FIS World Cup Nordic 1550222	
42 UNI		42	Mi Pequena Traviesa 88406		Vivo por Elena 39338		Desencuentro 48086 (TVPG)		Bienvenidos 28222 (TV14)		Impacto Extra	Noticiero Univision	Al Ritmo de la Noche 86593 (TV14)	
43 FSN		43	The Last Word	Fox Sports News	Boxing: Fight Time on Fox 46715				Fox Sports News 93574		Fox Sports News 96651		Fox Sports News 42989	
44 COM		44	The Daily Show	Ben Stein's Money	PCU (PG-13, '94) ++ (Jeremy Piven, Chris Young) 9182511				Robin Williams: Off the Wall 6477135		The Daily Show	Ben Stein's Money	Saturday Night Live 7702375 (TVPG)	
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47 MAX		47			Physical Evidence (R, '89) + (Burt Reynolds, Theresa Russell) 3						Lolita (PG-13, '97) ** (Tommy Lee Jones, Jeremy Irons) 3			
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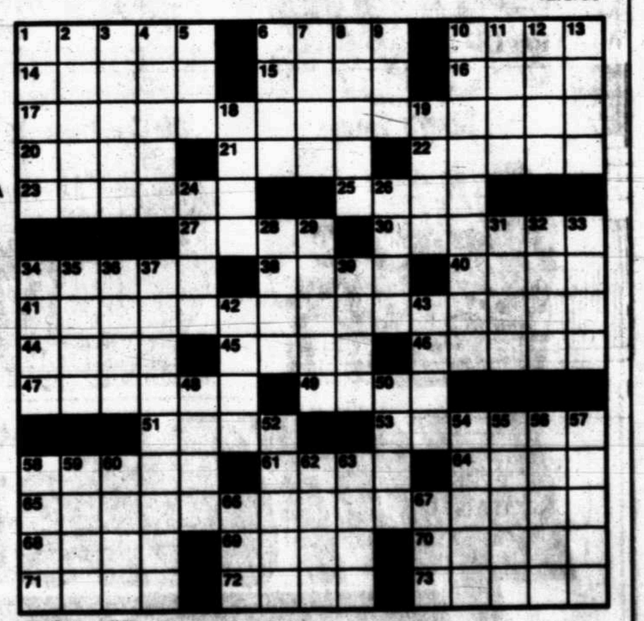
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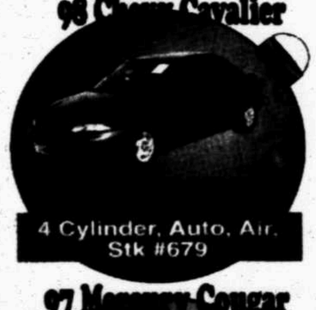
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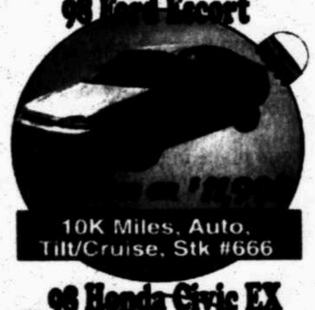
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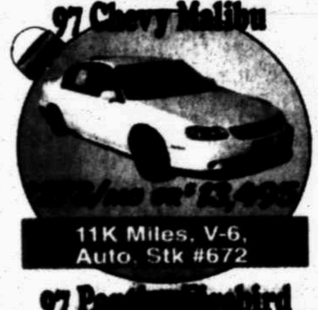
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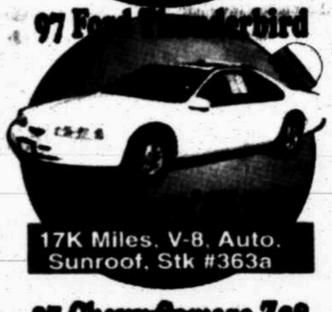
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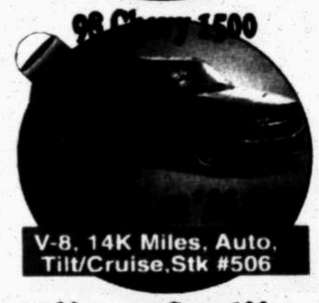
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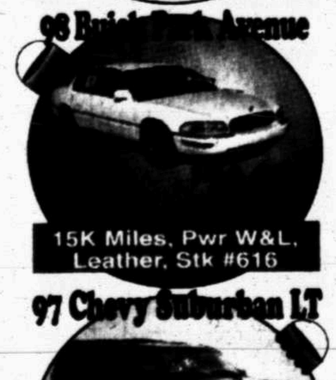
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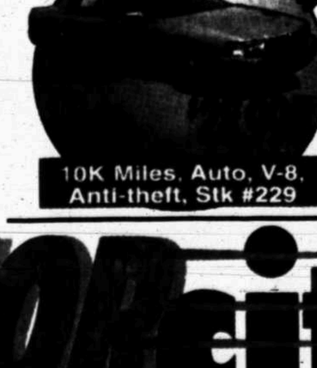
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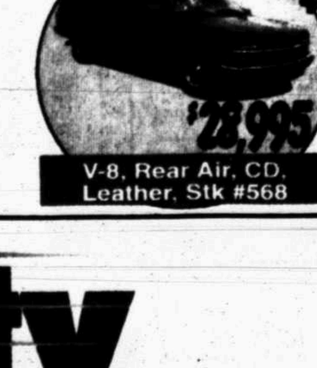
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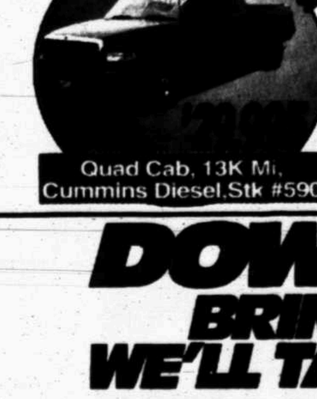
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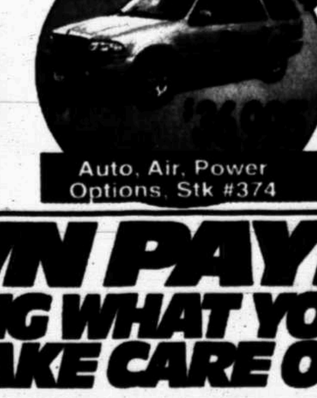
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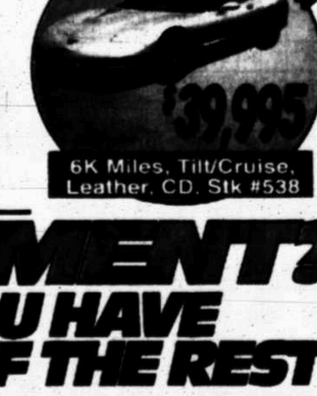
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HOME/GARDEN

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Dear Abby/2D



Lights, action, holidays

A kissing ball, above, is a holiday tradition at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C. Believe it or not, you'll be kissing under a potato. That's what the boxwood is stuck into. Add mistletoe at your own risk.



Heavy-metal magic

Working with tin is fast and easy and the results are wonderful. The ornaments shine, glitter and almost glow. The wonder of working with metal is the light that's reflected off the surface. The more "embossing" you do on these ornaments made of tooling foil, which is actually soft aluminum, the more bounding light you'll get. Embellish with beads or metallic permanent ink pens for even more pizzazz.

Another "heavy metal" idea for Christmas are tincicles.

Twist a bit of foil around a pencil to make an old-fashioned looking icicle. Add a dangling bead and you've got what we call a dreamcicle.



Season sparkles

If you're looking for a unique way to light up the winter nights, try these ideas:

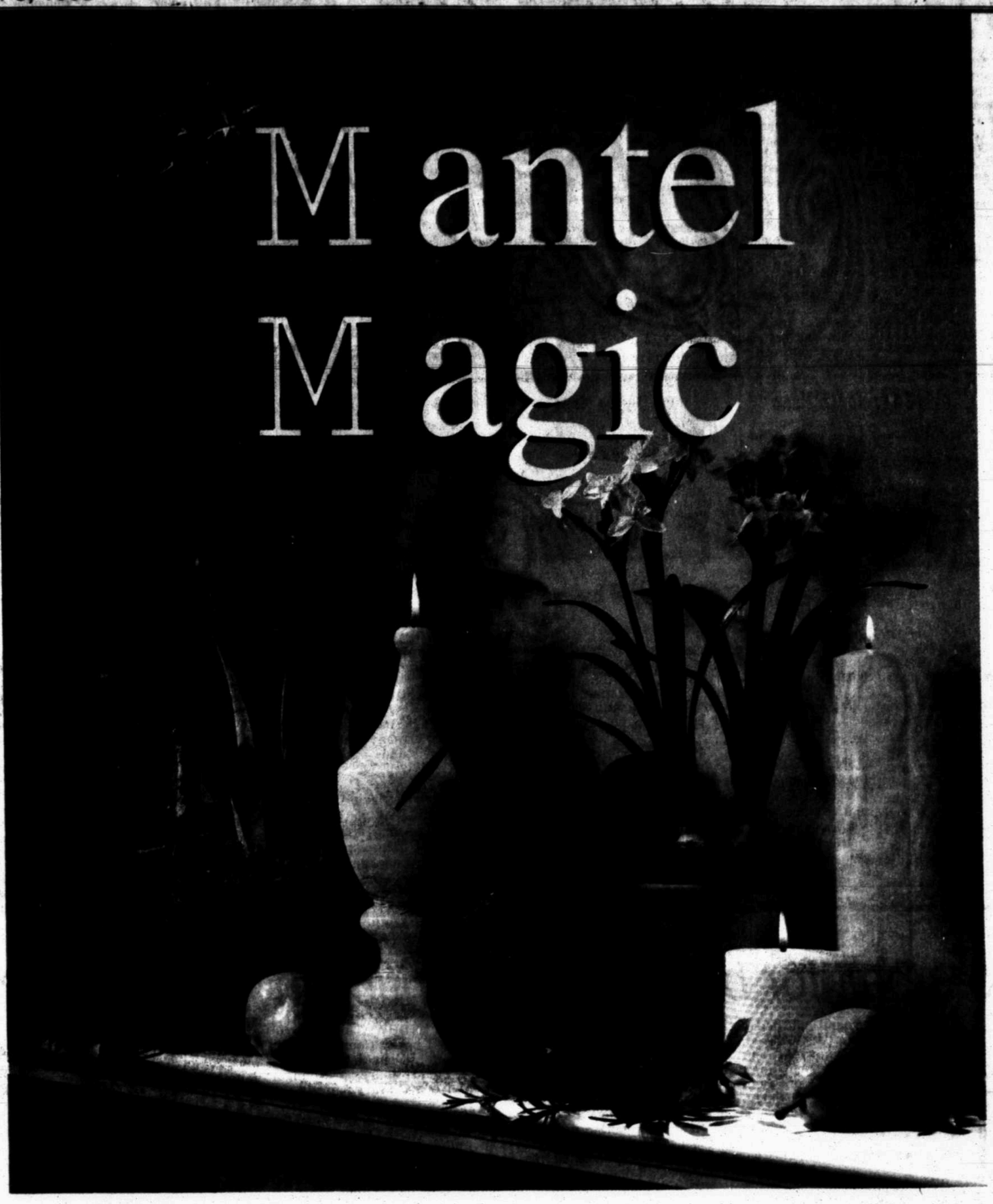
For a charming country look, tie crinkly gingham bows and braided rafia on each string of lights. To make the braid, start with three pieces of rafia and include the string of lights in one of the braid pieces.

Use any leftover tin to make metal collars for a string of lights. In keeping with the metallic theme, use metallic ribbon to make a hat for each light bulb.

Do you love animals? Intersperse tiny framed photos of your family, any pets, among lights tucked into catnip toys and transluscent cat balls.

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Mantel Magic



The best holiday celebrations are often filled with the warmth of family gatherings. A decorated mantel can draw friends and relatives to the glow of the fire, and serve as a focal point for the entire room.

Move over poinsettias. We love you, but also appreciate the stark beauty of amaryllis and the sweet-smelling surprise of paper whites.

The trick: getting these babies to bloom on your holiday schedule. Pears, sprigs of rosemary and magnolia leaves complete the natural theme and contrast nicely with a cement ball and cream-colored candles.



For a Happy Hanukkah, a cherished menorah gets a place of honor on this mantel. It is surrounded by tiny gifts and the holiday's signature blue and gold. The Star of David ornament is by Christopher Radko.

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Your favorite collection, whether it's stars, candlesticks, angels or Santas, can make a great themed mantel. For the most impact, include pieces of varying size and shape, but don't go too crazy. You want your result to be "the more the merrier," not "the more the messier." For added interest include pieces of contrasting color, such as green wooden trees, and texture, a hand-hooked rug.



Christmas collectibles

Of all the holidays, Christmas has produced the greatest quality and variety of memorabilia. Devotees of Yuletide ornamentation now make their search a year-round hobby, seeking out collectibles that range from candy molds and snow domes to paper dolls and Holiday Barbies.

For a little holiday trivia, read on:

1. Name the early 19th century German ornaments made of thick blown glass.
2. Who has been called the father of American Christmas cards?
3. Which conservation-minded president encouraged the use of artificial trees?
4. In what decade did electric lights totally replace candles in Christmas trees?
5. What now-collectible item was given to children by department-store Santas during the 1930s and 1940s?
6. First crafted in the 1870s in Germany's Ore Mountains, nutcrackers have typically depicted what kinds of figures?
7. Which American collectible ornaments first reached a 25-year production milestone?
8. Between world wars, what country was the major manufacturer of inexpensive celluloid holiday decorations?
9. Who introduced German glass ornaments in quantity to American consumers?
10. During the 1930s, artist Haddon Sundblom's popular Santa was seen on which company's holiday advertising?

Answers:
1. Kugels
2. Louis Prang, who began card production in 1875
3. Theodore Roosevelt
4. The 1920s
5. Santa lapel buttons
6. Kings, soldiers, policemen
7. Hallmark Keepsake Ornaments
8. Japan
9. F. W. Woolworth in 1880
10. Coca-Cola Company

HGTV ideas

Easy wrap

Ribbon can be frustrating to work with because the spools often get away from you as you pull off ribbon. A great way to hold your ribbon in place is to use an empty plastic clothes basket. Fit a dowel through the holes in the basket so you can hang spools of ribbon inside the basket. Now you can pull off as much ribbon as you need and the spools will stay put. This is great when you are doing lots of wrapping.

Decorating With Style

DEC 03 1998

Furniture ventures 'back to the future'

By Barbara Mayer
Associated Press

An odd thing has happened with modern furniture: The emphasis on breaking new ground that began the century has turned into an exercise in recollection.

An abundance of new modern furniture is scheduled to make its first appearance on retail sales floors this winter. A few items will startle, but most will be recognizable as a homage to what has gone before.

Collections billed as modern work their way through the 20th century. Arts and Crafts, Art Nouveau, Art Deco, streamlined designs of the 1940s, the biomorphism of the 1950s, Scandinavian modern and designs of the 1960s and 1970s are all represented.

Barbara Barry's new collection for Baker recalls Hollywood and Paris of the 1940s. She made a comment about her own designs that summarized the new attitude and could apply to quite a few collections shown at the October furniture market in High Point, N.C.: "Each piece has that timeless quality that evokes history," she said.

"The encompassing quality of modern reflects the broadness of our visual education. Blended rooms are the new modern," Vicente Wolf said. His 20th Century Collection for Casa Bique and Carson's Inc. draws from almost every decade.

More than one stylistic inspiration can be seen in several new furniture groups. Bassett's Meditations group combines Chinese, Japanese and an Arts and Crafts feeling; Century's Silk Road has Oriental and Scandinavian modern influences, and Lane's Ebb Tide in walnut pairs Oriental with simple modern shapes.

Among other characteristics of new modern designs:

■ Mixed materials, such as wood, glass, metal, stone and plastic, are employed within collections and even on the same pieces.

■ Two-toned finishes pair light-colored woods such as maple and cherry with dark woods like walnut and mahogany or painted finishes.

■ Pieces such as headboards and huge armoires often are larger-scale than the originals on which they are based.

■ A crisp, tailored appearance, streamlined shapes and bright solid-color upholstery give seating a different look from the overstuffed sofas and chairs that have been popular.

One of the largest categories, among the most popular with consumers, is not even called modern. It is known as "lifestyle" furniture, a shorthand term that typically means clean-lined, contemporary pieces suited for casual living.

Usually there are enough references to the past, especially Shaker, neoclassical and Arts and Crafts styles, to make the furniture comfortably familiar.

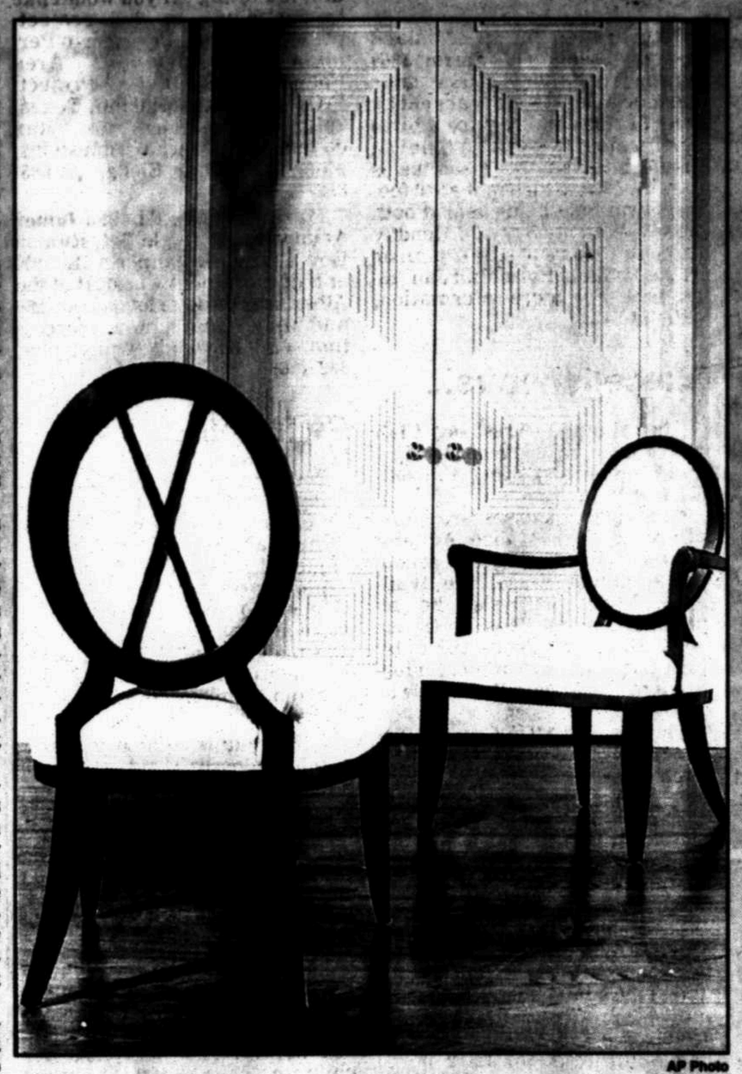
Examples include Thomasville's Encounter, Lane's Monogram and Stanley's Preface collections, introduced in April and already in stores, and Stanley's Concerto, new in October.

Concerto, in cherry with walnut accents, combines neoclassical style with modern. Preface, in maple with satin-finished nickel hardware, has been described as "Shaker meets contemporary."

Preface has been on retail sales floors for about nine months and is already Stanley's best-selling bedroom, dining-room, living-room and home-entertainment furniture.

"Eighteenth-century business has slacked off in the past four or five years and lifestyle furniture is replacing 18th-century," Gary Hokanson, Stanley vice president of design, said.

If many modern designs co-opt the past, what do you call the more novel pieces? The short answer is: modern.



AP Photo

Oval-backed dining chairs, with and without arms, take their cue from French art deco designs.

"A new generation has discovered modern," said Arline Hirst, an editor at Metropolitan Home, at the High Point wholesale market.

"There are a lot of new ideas at this market, not necessarily from the major companies, but from smaller companies on the fringe."

SMALL COMPANIES such as Curvet USA Inc., Urbana and Kevin Kopil Furniture Design brought new ideas to the national marketplace, where they could be seen by retailers from all over the country.

"Here we have stores coming in from places like Toledo, Ohio, and Montana," R. Keith DeRose of Curvet said.

This showroom featured pieces, recently shown at furniture fairs in Milan and New York, such as a startling chartreuse plastic wall system and a blue glass dining table on aluminum legs.

Urbana's ottoman in jigsaw puzzle-shaped pieces that fit together in many combinations is another piece that stands out from the norm.

The bottom line?

"Modern today is about clean, fresh furniture and decorating and how you approach space, with comfort and practicality taken into account," Wolf said. "This approach has happened only in the last decade."

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Fall colors abound, even without true fall weather

By Deborah A. Benge Frost

Fall color, always a welcome sight, has finally come to the Permian Basin. Several plants are showing the traditional colors of fall that we look forward to, but don't always get.



Benge Frost

Fall weather has been missing, since warmer-than-normal temperatures have delayed fall color. But a slight decrease in temperatures has brought full seasonal color to many trees in the area, including:

■ Sumacs, which not only are noted for good fall color, but grow naturally in many areas of Texas. Although not native to this area, the Prairie flameleaf *(Rhus lanceolata)* is well adapted to this area and has great fall color in deep red and burgundy. Three-leaf sumac *(R. aromatica)* and smooth sumac *(R. glabra)* are two sumac shrubs with good fall color. The prairie flameleaf and smooth sumac can be seen along old Highway 80 between Midland and Odessa. The mature size of sumac trees is small, so they fit nicely in many small landscapes. As a whole, the species tends to be very drought- and heat-tolerant, hardy plants.

■ Smoke tree *(Cotinus obovatus)*, which is closely related to sumacs, has wonderful fall colors. Smoke tree is seldom planted in local landscapes, but should be used more often. It is a small tree with a unique spring bloom that has masses of very finely-textured blooms that look like lime- or pink-colored puffs. In the fall, it may have yellow, orange, apricot and scarlet foliage. This tree is very drought tolerant and well adapted to alkaline soils.

■ Western Soapberry *(Sapindus drummondii)* grows native in many areas of Texas. In this area, it has naturalized and can be seen in draws and along railroad tracks. This tree can be very beautiful when planted in the right locations and given the right care. Mature trees can be from 30 to 40 feet tall and from 15 to 20 feet wide. Leaves are compound — much like pecan leaves but smaller — and turn lemon yellow, gold or pumpkin color in the fall. This tree is very well adapted and drought tolerant. It can root sprout, but the value of the Western Soapberry outweighs the disadvantages.

■ Texas red oak *(Quercus buckleyi)* shows a variety of fall colors, including orange, red, burgundy and russet. Texas red oak is very similar to Shumard red oak except it is smaller in stature, so it is actually a better-sized tree for most local residential lots and is more likely to be a multi-trunk tree. It is also better adapted to alkaline soils and other West Texas conditions.

■ Shumard red oak *(Quercus shumardii)* is the other red oak planted extensively in this area. It develops good red, deep burgundy and orange color late in the season. It is a large tree and can sometimes swallow the landscape, so make sure there's room to support it.

■ Ornamental pear *(Pyrus calleryana)* is beautiful right now. Its fall color is a brilliant red, yellow, orange and burgundy. These trees are quite adaptable to urban life and can withstand a lot of neglect or abuse once they are established. Several cultivars with nice characteristics are available to select from. The two most common locally are 'Bradford' and 'Aristocrat,' which has a better bloom and branching pattern.

■ Chinese pistache *(Pistachia chinensis)* is another outstanding tree for fall color. This finely textured shade tree can have a range of fall color from yellow to crimson. The females are particularly beautiful this year due to a heavy berry crop, which also gives a lot of color. Unfortunately, the heavy berry crop is probably a direct result of the stressful growing conditions of the year. Chinese pistache is a very well adapted tree and can tolerate a lot of heat and drought once it is established. Not all Chinese pistache have good fall color, so choose one in the fall when you can see its color.

■ Cedar elms *(Ulmus crassifolia)* are showing a clear, brilliant yellow and will soon start dropping leaves. Cedar elms have leaves that are small and look like golden coins as they drop and scatter on the walkways. This tree is well adapted to the area and provides an interesting silhouette at any age. Cedar elms don't have as much trouble with elm leaf beetles as the Siberian elm — the most common elm in this area — does.

■ Crepe myrtle *(Lagerstroemia indica)* is showing good fall color this year. Many crepe myrtles have orange, red and burgundy leaves glowing in the fall sun, but many also have damaged leaves due to the difficult growing season.

Every landscape needs trees with good fall color. If your landscape is lacking color this time of year, perhaps a colorful shade or ornamental tree would be a good investment. For more information call the county Extension Office.

Deborah A. Benge Frost is the extension horticulture agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Midland and Ector Counties.

DEAR ABBY

House too small for both in-laws, criticism

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My father-in-law, "Bert," and his wife of 10 years, "Mary," will be coming to town for a family reunion. My husband wants to invite them to stay with us. I'm reluctant to extend the invitation for a number of reasons. After the birth of our last child, we no longer have a spare room. The other reasons are emotional.



Van Buren

When Bert and Mary moved across country nine years ago, they would return every year for a 10- to 14-day visit. They always stayed in our guest room. Their last visit was three years ago, while I was pregnant with our youngest.

Mary actually told me she thought I was too old to be having another child. During their visits, I had to endure much criticism of my child-rearing skills from Mary, who is childless. They'd invite their friends and family to our home for dinners and barbecues that my husband and I had to provide. When our baby arrived, there was no acknowledgment from them. My husband didn't even get a phone call from them acknowledging his 40th birthday. I send them cards for every holiday and flowers at Christmas. I also send them pictures of the kids, which they never mention when we call.

Bert is always mentioning all his stocks and bonds, so I know they can afford a motel room. However, my husband thinks the "right" thing to do would be to invite them to stay in our home. I would much prefer inviting them for dinners and spending some time with them, and avoiding the stress of their staying with us. What do you think, Abby? —FRUSTRATED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: I don't blame you for feeling frustrated. Mary appears to be one of those people who leave discord in their wake. However, since your husband would feel guilty if an invitation isn't extended to his father and Mary, invite them. In view of the fact that you no longer have a guest room to accommodate them, offer them a choice that includes reservations for them at a motel that's not too far away.

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing to confirm your advice to "Confused," who lost her boyfriend in a motorcycle accident and is wondering if it's too soon for her to get involved with another man.

I lost my husband of six years the same way. I can tell her from experience that six months is too soon to become involved. Grieving people are very vulnerable. The first advice grief counselors give is, "Make no serious life decisions for at least one year after the death of a loved one."

Some very poor decisions can result if they are made while grieving. I married my second husband two years after my first husband died because of an overwhelming need to feel connected. I divorced him two years later.

My advice to "Confused" is: Involve yourself with a group of people so you don't become emotionally dependent on one person. Although loneliness can become overwhelming and the need to reach out is very powerful, give yourself some time. You will be doing yourself — and the young man — a favor. — A WISER WIDOW NOW

DEAR WIDOW: Thank you for writing. I hope "Confused" sees your letter. Your hard-won wisdom could spare a younger woman unnecessary pain.

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter about the "paper shower" invitation. I agree with the writer. I never would have thought twice about it. I would have bought two 24-roll packages of toilet paper, an eight-roll package of paper towels, four boxes of tissues and two packages of paper napkins to take to the shower.

I'm sure I would have been embarrassed at the party when everyone else gave money, but I would have loved seeing the expression on the face of the bride-to-be when she opened my paper gift! — GRANDMA J.J., WOODBURY, MINN.

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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Winter lightning a danger to skiers

N.Y. Times News Service

Lightning isn't just a summertime worry for golfers, boaters, and hikers. It can also be a winter hazard for skiers.

A new study documents two examples from the Colorado slopes.

In Vail, one skier, a 38-year-old man, was struck by lightning just after getting off the ski lift, and died. In Breckenridge, a ski patrol member was struck while on the way to a rescue. He briefly lost consciousness and the lightning burned the corneas of his eyes, but he survived.

While a winter lightning storm is rarer than a summertime one, it can be more dangerous, according to the study's authors, led by Michael Cherington, a Denver lightning specialist.

In winter, a lightning storm's warning signs can be less obvious and its electrical charge more powerful, said the study in the British Journal of Sports Medicine.

Winter lightning usually occurs during the falling of snow pellets — a mixture of ice crystals made up of supercooled cloud droplets and bigger ice particles, and typically smaller and spongier than hail, according to the authors.

The study and an accompanying commentary recommend that when such conditions exist, skiers, and snowboarders should take appropriate shelter — that is, not under a tree.

'Tis the season to clean home fireplace, chimney

By Brendan Lyons
Hearst News Service

Q: What does creosote have to do with Jack Frost, fireplaces and charred homes?

A: Everything.

It's the time of year when temperatures dips as steadily as homeowners scoop logs from their wood piles — some never giving a thought to the condition of their chimney.

If you're not sure, experts say chances are it needs a good scrub. Otherwise, you could end up being one of the many grief-stricken homeowners who stand on their front lawn watching firefighters try to save their burning home.

Creosote is the tarlike flammable byproduct of burning wood that builds up on the inside of a chimney. When creosote catches fire, it burns so hot it can crack fireplace linings and allow flames to spread into the walls of a home, firefighters said.

Chimney fires are also very sneaky, because smoke curling out of a brick stack does not look peculiar and the first sign of trouble is often a tremendous backflow of smoke or an inside wall of a home that is so hot it could fry an egg.

"With the drop in temperature, people start looking for alternate means of heat and they tend not to pay particular attention to chimney maintenance, which is something they should have high concern for," said Ken Hassett, the first chief in Clifton Park, N.Y. "Once a chimney fire is discovered, it can be difficult to catch it."

Firefighters and chimney sweeps contend education and the popularity of natural gas fireplaces have cut down on the number of creosote-related chimney fires.

"Twenty years ago, I used to walk into a restaurant for lunch, covered with soot, and people would look at me with my top hat and say 'What are you?'" said Peter Looker, a chimney sweep from Ballston Spa, N.Y. "Now, it's pretty much accepted that there are chimney sweeps around and chimneys need to be cleaned."

An average chimney can be cleaned professionally for about $85, Looker said, and should be done every year or so depending on how often a fireplace or wood stove is used.

While all wood produces some creosote, seasoned wood produces much less of the black substance than green wood or wood from sap-rich trees, such as pine. The creosote forms when gases from burning wood slither up the chimney, hit cooler air and then condense on the side of the flue.

GAS-BURNING FIREPLACES

Even though people with natural gas fireplaces and wood stoves are safe from creosote-related disasters, those systems can pose their own problems.

"The whole direction of problems in this industry has shifted from chimney fires and people burning wood to natural gas problems," said Gary Menia of United Specialists chimney service in Albany, N.Y.

One of the most common problems with natural gas systems is that they burn more efficiently, which means the gases that are vented up a chimney are cooler than wood fires. The cooler air condenses into moisture, which can eat away at the innards of an older chimney and eventually block the vent with the crumbled remains.

"In some cases, a gallon of water per hour is condensing inside the chimney," Menia said.

If a chimney gets blocked, the natural gas residue can seep into a home without any telltale odor or heat, in some cases raising the amount of carbon monoxide in the home to dangerous levels.

"With natural gas, you have no idea it's happening, which is why we have (carbon monoxide) detectors," Menia said.



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Booster Clubs...

The Midland Lee Football Booster Club will meet every Tuesday during football season at 7 p.m. at the Lee High Youth Center. You don't have to be a booster club member to attend. Anyone interested is welcome...

The Midland Lee Softball Booster Club meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lee High cafeteria...

The Midland Lee Basketball Booster Club will meet on the first and third Monday of each month in the Lee cafeteria at 7 p.m...

The Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club meets once monthly during regular school year and twice monthly during soccer season at 7 p.m. in the school library. Dates are 12/7, 1/4, 1/25, 2/1, 2/22, 3/1, 3/15, 4/12 and 5/3. For information call Debbie Butts at 520-0248...

The Midland High Soccer Booster club will meet at 7 p.m. on Dec. 7 at Conference Room A. Following meetings will take place on the first Monday of every month after that. For more information, call Joe Willis at 570-4453 or Robert Winkler at 683-9585...

Baseball...

The University of Texas Winter Baseball Camp will be held on Dec. 20-22 for ages 7-18 and Dec. 28-30 for ages 14-18. For more information, please call 512-471-3309...

The University of Texas will conduct a Youth Baseball Coaches Clinic for Dec. 5. The Clinic will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call (512) 471-3309 for more information...

The University of Texas High School Baseball Coaches Clinic will take place Jan. 14 at Disch-Falk Field in Austin from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is $15 (check made payable to the University of Texas) and lunch will be served afterwards...

Softball...

The University of Oregon coaching staff, which includes former MHS coach Ricci Woodard, will conduct a softball clinic Dec. 19-20 from 9 a.m. to noon (defense) and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (offense). Other coaches include Oregon head coach Rick Gamez and assistant coach Eric Leyba. For more information call Freddie Ezell at (915) 694-5508...

Fastpitch umpires are needed to work high school softball games in West Texas. Find out more by contacting Mack at 520-5961 or Freddie at 694-5508...

The Odessa Thunder 12-under girls fast-pitch softball team is looking for interested players for the 1999 season. If interested, please call Wade Allison at (915) 381-4330 or Andrea Swaim at (915) 550-7721....

Tennis...

The Midland Women's Tennis Association will hold its its spring tennis league on Feb. 2 and it will run for 10 weeks. Play will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. at Midland College.. Send dues of $15 to Sherri St. John, 3207 Lockheed, 79707. The Icicle-Freeze Tournament will be held on Jan.19 from 9 a.m. to noon at Midland College. Call Melissa Thompson at 686-9420 or Paula Walton at 686-8109 for information...

Clinics for ladies are being held at the Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club. Beginners clinics are Tuesdays at 11 a.m., intermediate clinics Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and beginner-intermediate clinics Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5360...

The Club at Mission Dorado is offering junior clinics for beginner, intermediate and advanced levels Tuesdays and Thursdays. Beginner and intermediate clinics run from 4:30-5:30 p.m. while advanced clinics run from 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, call Toby Curtis at (915) 563-4707...

Basketball...

The Big Spring boys varsity and junior varsity need games for Dec. 14, 1998 and Jan. 5 and Jan. 12, 1999 in any classification. Those interested should contact coach Jimmy Avery at (915) 264-0403 or 264-3648...

The Trinity boys and girls varsity and junior varsity teams need games for Dec. 17 or 18. The Trinity seventh and eighth grade girls teams need games the week of Dec. 7-11. For more information, call John Wilkins at 681-3331...

The Boy & Girls Club of Midland is offering an After School Youth Basketball Program for both boys and girls, grades 2 through 6. Registration will end Dec. 18. The cost is $6 per child and a $3 club membership is required. There will be two divisions (2nd-3rd and 4th-6th). There will be eight games. For more information call the club location nearest you (Halff Park Unit, 683-5297; Taylor Park Unit, 683-0050; or NE/YMCA Unit, 682-8469)...

Registration for YMCA youth basketball is under way. The fee is $25 for YMCA members and $38 for nonmembers. The league is for elementary school boys and girls. For more information, call 682-2551...

The Gym Bice Memorial Basketball Tournament to benefit the Gym Bice Memorial Scholarship Fund will take place on Dec. 11-12 at the Glorieta Elementary School Gym in Andrews. The 5-on-5 tournament has an entry fee of $100 per team. For more information call Doodle Woods at (915) 523-6540 or Joe Jones at (915) 683-7254...

Soccer...

Registration for the Midland Soccer Association's Spring 1999 season is underway. Participants must be at least four years old by Dec. 31, 1998 and require a birth certificate if they haven't played in the MSA before. Deadline is Jan. 17, 1999 to turn in the $40 fee. Registration is being held at both 1909 W. Wall St., Suite N, Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or at the Midland Park Mall Jan. 16-17, 1999. For more information, call 684-5425...

Miscellaneous...

The Midland Wrestling Club offers adult, high school, Olympic and freestyle wrestling. Call 685-0531 for information...

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. Parent-tot, grade school and tumbling classes are available. There will also be an advanced team class by tryout only. The staff is certified by USA Gymnastics. For more information, call Megan Rodriguez at 684-7755...

The Alamo YMCA Gymnastics Program is offering classes for all age groups from toddlers to age 17. Parent-tot, beginners, advanced beginners, pre-teens and competitive teams are all offered. For more information, contact Stephanie Barr at 694-2528...

The Alamo YMCA is offering Martial Arts Classes. Tae Kwon Do Classes are offered on Tuesday and Thursdays from 8:10-9:10 p.m. and Aikido Classes are Wednesdays from 8:10-9:10 p.m. and Saturday from 11-12 p.m.. Call 694-2528 for more information...

The Flatlanders Ski Club has organized a trip to Les Trois Vallees in the French Alps for Jan. 29-Feb. 6, 1999. The trip is to the largest interconnected ski complex in the world. For more information, call Will Green at 683-2141 or Donna Crane Raburn at 561-5395...

The Midland Women's Bowling Association is hosting a Mixed Open Doubles Tournament Dec. 12-13 at Cactus Lanes. Entry forms are available at Cactus Lanes and Midland Park Lanes. A bowling ball will be given away during the tournament...

The Permian Basin Jackalopes Amateur Hockey League is continuing to take signups. The age divisions are 12 and under, 14 and under, 17 and under and 18 and over. Teams are practicing through November and league games begin the first week of December. A 17 and under all-star team will play in Austin the weekend of the WPHL All-Star game Jan. 9. For more information, call Ray Fieldhouse at (915) 683-4251...

Citizens for Midland Skaters is a local group dedicated to raising funds for the establishment of a city park for skateboarding and in-line skating . If you would like to contribute to this project, please send your donation to Permian Basin Area Foundation/Skate Park Project, P.O. Box 10424, Midland, Texas, 79702. Donations are tax deductible. If you have questions, please call Pam Sledge at 685-3227...

Marathon Oil will hold a Junior Achievement Jingle Bell Run on Dec. 5. The run (either a 5K, 10K or half-marathon) will start at the Albertsons parking lot on Loop 250 and Midkiff. For more information, call Karen Washington at 682-4966...

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 $35 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., and 5:30 p.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Beth Santilli at 684-7755...

The Alamo YMCA Aquatics Program is offering swimming lessons for all ages. Children are placed in classes according to age and ability. The Skip class, for children three months to three years is a parent participation class while the Pers classes are for children 3-5 and Progressive classes are for children 6 and up. Lessons are also offered for adults. Safety is taught in conjunction with the classes. Group and private lessons are available. For more information, call 694-2528...

The Alamo YMCA is offering water aerobics. Swimming ability is not necessary to participate. For more information, call 694-2528...

COM Aquatics - Learn to Swim year round lessons for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn to swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normally consists of eight 30-minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details...

The COM Masters Swim Team is open to anyone 20-over. There are two Masters swim team workouts. You can choose from Mon.-Wed.-Fri or Tue.-Thurs.-Sat. at 6-7 a.m. at the COM pool. Call 684-7755 for more information...

Mickey Mantle Jr. recovering from melanoma

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Mickey Mantle taught his sons to play through pain, and that's what Mickey Mantle Jr. was doing when his family finally convinced him to see a doctor.

The diagnosis was cancer, the same disease that killed his father, youngest brother, grandfather and great-grandfather. This time, though, it was a different form — melanoma, a type of skin cancer.

Mantle Jr., 45, had at least three tumors varying from the size of a quarter to a dime removed from his neck in August. He's since undergone 36 radiation treatments and is recovering well, his brother, David, said Wednesday.

"Mickey's kind of quiet, like Dad was. If he's hurting, he won't tell you and he won't go to the doctor unless he really has to," David said. "Dad always said you have to take the pain, but you can only do it for so long."

Mickey Mantle died of liver cancer in August 1995 at age 63. His youngest son, Billy, had Hodgkin's disease, a lymphatic cancer, before dying of a heart attack in 1994 at age 36.

Mantle's father died at 41 from Hodgkin's disease; his grandfather and an uncle were both 40 when they died of the same ailment.

David Mantle said the family noticed for more than six months that Mickey Jr. was losing weight, dropping to an estimated 145 pounds from around 190. He wasn't willing to be examined until lumps in his neck began protruding.

"That's what really got him worried," David said.

In recent years, Mickey had several cancerous lumps removed from his legs, arms, ears and skull, but none as serious as the ones in his neck, David said. This was the first time he'd received radiation.

David said a CAT scan last month showed Mickey to be cancer-free.

"My main concern is that it might come back," he said. "He was clean then, but I think he should go back and get another."

Mantle has gained a few pounds and felt well enough to drive with his 9-year-old daughter to and from Missouri for Thanksgiving. He was even hoping to play golf this week, David said.

Mickey Jr. and David work together at the Mickey Mantle Foundation, along with brother Danny. They all also help their mother, Merlyn, with their father's estate.

Mickey Jr., the Hall of Famer's oldest son, was the only one who played professional baseball, spending several years in the minors for the New York Yankees and the Texas Rangers.

A switch-hitting center fielder just like his dad, Mickey could never live up to expectations.

"I think the pressure got to him," David said. "But I tell you, he could hit it maybe not as far as dad — nobody could — but almost. He was a natural-born athlete, just like Dad."

Like his father and brothers, Mickey Jr. also became an alcoholic. The entire family shared their battle with the addiction in the book, "A Hero All His Life."

Many of their father's former teammates and their families have called or written Mickey Jr., including Whitey Ford and the children of Roger Maris.

"Mickey won't admit it, but he likes people calling and asking if he's OK," David said. "I think it comforted Mom the most. She lost a son and then Dad a year later and she was thinking, 'Not another son.' "

Heavy rains soak Sun City golf course

By Daniel Wakin
Associated Press Writer

SUN CITY, South Africa — "Where is the sun in Sun City?"

That's what Tiger Woods wanted to know Wednesday as torrential rain soaked the Gary Player Country Club course, where 12 of the world's best golfers meet this week in the Million Dollar Challenge.

More than 2.8 inches of rain between Tuesday night and Wednesday caused cancellation of the pro-am, idling the field, including Woods, David Duval, Ernie Els, defending champion Nick Price, Mark O'Meara, Lee Westwood and Tom Watson.

Others in the field — considered the strongest since the tournament started in 1981 — are Justin Leonard, Jim Furyk, Bernhard Langer, Colin Montgomerie and Jesper Parnevik.

With more rain forecast, tournament chairman Tobin Prior said if Thursday's opening round is canceled, two rounds would be played Friday.

"We want a single round finish" Sunday, he said.

The tournament, which has total prize money of $2.57 million, is by invitation only. The winner gets $1 million and the last-place finisher gets $100,000.

Westwood is trying to cap a spectacular season. He has 10 wins in the past 12 months, including his last two tournaments, in Japan.

Westwood decided to play here instead of defending his title at the Australian Open, angering the Aussie organizers.

For Woods, whose first appearance on an African course has excited South Africa's black majority population, the tournament comes at the end of a modest year by his standards.

After winning four times in 1997, including at the Masters, Woods has won only once on the U.S. tour this year, but he still is No. 1 in the world rankings.

The rain could help Woods, a long and straight driver.

"This is a big advantage for me, being able to fly over trouble," Woods said.

While Woods practiced, he was mobbed by youngsters, who see him as a hero for black South Africans.

'It was neat," he said. "They came in droves. It's very special."

He also has met with President Nelson Mandela while in South Africa.

Price, who has won the event four times and been runner-up three times, called the par-72, 7,597-yard layout a "long, tough course."

"Even if it's only a limited field event, you'll have to play great to win," he said.

USA Track & Field officials optimistic about future

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The top two officials of track and field's national governing body said Wednesday that their organization's financial problems were a thing of the past.

At USA Track & Field's annual convention, chief executive officer Craig Masback said the organization will be close to a break-even position in 1998 while covering part of its shortfalls of about $750,000 in 1996 and 1997.

"In spite of the financial challenges, we delivered ..." Masback said. "And now, we are in a position as an organization to make rapid progress toward our strategic vision."

President Patricia Rico also said the organization's future looked bright.

"Reports of our death were greatly exaggerated," she said.

She said USATF's budget grew by 77 percent to $12.8 million.

Rico also announced that Adidas America, Inc. and First USA Bank had joined USATF as sponsors.

In addition, Mike Conley, Olympic gold and silver medalist in the triple jump, was introduced as USATF's elite athletic director.

"Mike's relationship with his colleagues in the Athlete's Advisory Committee will be a positive factor because they will be telling him what we need to help them continue to dominate the world track and field stage," Masback said.

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The CAPER may be examined at the following locations:

City Secretary's Office
Room 340
City Hall
300 N. Loraine

Midland County Public Library
301 W Missouri

Midland Centennial Branch Library
4511 N. Midkiff Road

Casa De Amigos
1101 E. Garden Lane

SE Community Senior Center
1803 E. Indiana

Please direct any written comments to the City's Community Development Office at P.O. Box 1152, Midland, Texas 79702 by December 18, 1998. After any appropriate revisions and inclusions of a citizen comment section to the CAPER, it will be submitted by December 29, 1998 to HUD. The final report will be available at the City Secretary's Office.

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Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Paul Hoelscher, Area Engineer, Ft. Stockton, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing, at **11:00 A.M., Tuesday, December 15, 1998**, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, to consider the annexation of a 23.13-acre tract of land out of Section 25, Block 40, T-1-S, T & P Railroad Company Survey, Midland County, Texas; being more particularly described below.

Boundary being further described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at (Y= 10,703,788.01', X= 1,730,016.37') at point in West right of way line of Holiday Hill Road, from whence the Northeast corner of said Section 25, Block 40, T-1-S, bears N 75° 33' 56" E, a distance of 30.00 feet and N 14° 26' 04" W, a distance of 1570.74 feet;

THENCE S 14° 26' 04" E with the West boundary line of said Holiday Hill Road as described in Quitclaim Deed recorded in Volume 1303, Page 179, Official Records of Midland County, a distance of 1352.12 feet to the Southeast corner of this tract and the Northeast corner of right of way

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FOUND: Small Female Poodle or Mix. White, long hair. North Midland area. Call 697-2482.

FOUND: LIGHT Colored Female dog wearing leather collar. 699-6374.

FOUND BEAGLE, young adult. Please call to identify, 684-7120.

FOUND: Yellow Lab in Greentree area. Please call 699-0869 for more information.

FOUND: 2 Pugs. Wadley/ Loop 250 area. Call to identify, 694-7173.

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CHEVROLET 1993 Corsica. Air conditioning, burgundy, good tires & motor, good condition, $4,500. 683-5921, 631-4091.

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CHEVROLET 1995 Camaro, loaded, T- tops, leather, Bose CD system, new tires. Excellent condition. One owner. $11,900. 697-2241, 686-1857, Erin.

PONTIAC 1984 Grand Prix SE, 4 door, automatic, blue, loaded. Excellent condition. Beautiful car! Book $8,250, Wholesale price $5,900. 570-0207.

CHEVROLET 1996 Camaro. V6, 32,000 miles. Black with T tops, CD, leather. $15,300. 689-6627 after 5. Work 697-1924- Sherry.

OLDSMOBILE 1986 98 with new electric lift for motorized type wheel chair mounted on rear. Sell as unit $5,500. 687-4531.

CHEVROLET 1995 LUMINA. Burgundy/ Gray. Power windows/ locks. Tinted glass. Adult owned. Well maintained. Needs nothing! 97K miles. $7,600. 689-5405.

CADILLAC 1989 Sedan DeVille. Antelope tan/ tan leather. New Michelin tires, immaculate, 114K. $5,000. 683-1374, contact Ronald Sutcliffe.

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PONTIAC 1997 Grand Prix, red, 4 door, GT Sports package, loaded, 42K miles. Very nice, $18,250. 561-5185 after 6 PM.

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205 Classic Cars

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210 Autos Imports

NISSAN. 1997 Altima, fully loaded, asking $15,800. Call Days 563-5051 ask for Tommy, 689-4496 evenings/ weekends.

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NISSAN 1991 Maxima, 4 door sedan, 73K, non- smoker, garaged. Great condition, extra clean. $6,850. 697-1046.

BMW 1984 533i- Burgundy/ natural, 5 speed, excellent condition, $4,800. 699-5174.

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215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

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dedication recorded in Volume 1303, Page 182, Official Records of Midland County;

THENCE S 75° 33' 56" W with a North boundary line of said right of way dedication, a distance of 30.00 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with an aluminum cap found at the Northeast corner of Grandridge Park Addition, Section 1, as recorded in Cabinet "F", Page 96, and an exterior corner of this tract;

THENCE N 76° 24' 16" W with a Northerly boundary line of said Grandridge Park Addition, a distance of 159.04 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with an aluminum cap found at a point of curvature of this tract and said Grandridge Park Addition.

THENCE around a curve to the left in a Westerly direction, with a radius of 1,509.46 feet, delta angle of 9° 05' 25", arc length of 239.48 feet, and a chord of 239.23 feet, which bears N 80° 56' 58" W to a 1/2" iron rod with an aluminum cap found at a point of tangency of this tract and said Grandridge Park addition;

THENCE N 85° 29' 41" W with a Northerly boundary line of said Grandridge Park Addition, a distance of 135.59 feet to a 1/2" iron rod with an aluminum cap found at a point of curvature of this tract and said Grandridge Park Addition.

THENCE around a curve to the left in a Westerly direction, with a radius of 667.64 feet, a delta angle of 28° 33' 49", arc length of 332.84 feet, and a chord of 329.40 feet, which bears S 80° 13' 13" 25" W to the Southwest corner of this tract in the North boundary line of said Grandridge Park Addition;

THENCE N 14° 26' 04" W parallel to the East boundary line of said Section 25, a distance of 1,126.82 feet to the Northwest corner of this tract;

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THENCE N 75° 34' 35" E, a distance of 173.59 feet to a point of curvature of this tract;

THENCE around a curve to the right in an Easterly direction, with a radius of 1985.00 feet, delta angle of 6° 24' 06", arc length of 221.78 feet, and a chord distance of 221.67 feet, which bears N 78° 46' 38" E to a point of tangency of this tract;

THENCE N 81° 58' 41" E, a distance of 102.90 feet to a point of curvature of this tract;

THENCE around a curve to the left in an Easterly direction, with a radius of 1,915.00 feet, delta angle of 6° 30' 30", arc length of 217.53 feet, and a chord distance of 217.41 feet, which bears N 78° 43' 26" E to a point of tangency of this tract;

THENCE N 75° 28' 11" E, a distance of 82.18 feet to an interior corner of this tract;

THENCE N 30° 05' 22" E, a distance of 28.41 feet to an interior corner of this tract;

THENCE N 75° 33' 56" E, a distance of 30.00 feet to the Place of Beginning.

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130 Personals

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150 Lost & Found

NEW TODAY

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FOUND: Ladies Bifocals- left at a garage sale. Call to identify, 686-9031.

LOST YELLOW Male Lab. 2 years old. "Shadow" Near 1-20 and Airport. Kids are lonesome, 685-3868.

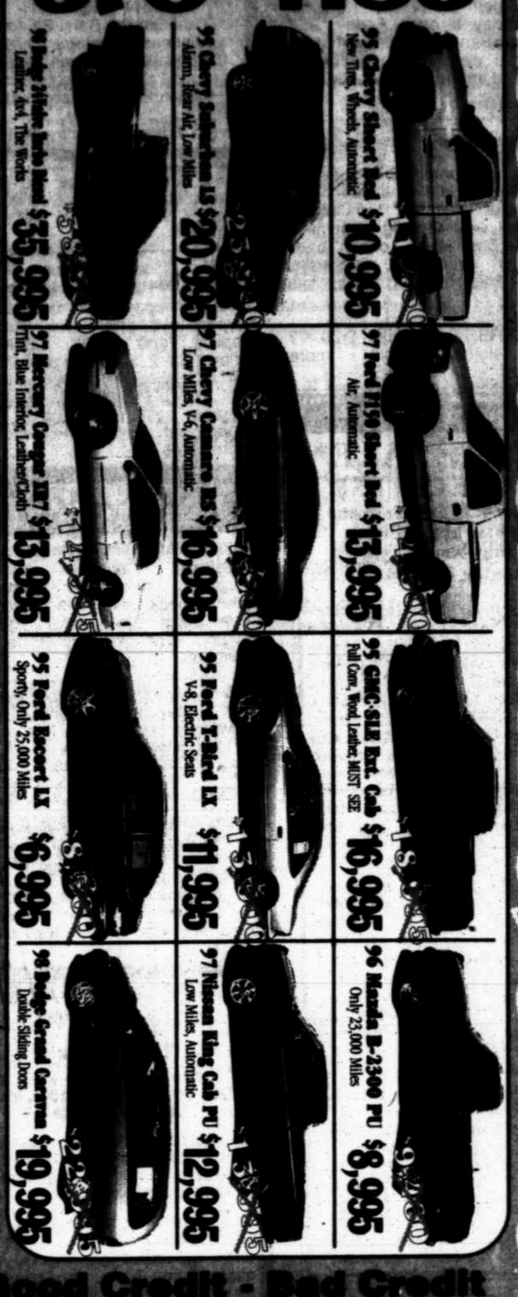
✔LOST: TOY Rat Terrier, spayed female, black/ white, vicinity of Michigan/ Andrews Hwy/ Sunset/ Ohio. Has brown collar, red tag from Mills Vet Clinic on Ohio. She can be returned to Mills Vet Clinic or call 697-3706 evenings, 694-8888 Days, ask for Helen.

FOUND: Possible Chocolate Lab, approximately. 6 months old in Fairmont Park. 699-6165 after 5.

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FORD 1987 Crown Victoria LTD, White/ brown, air, AM/ FM/ Cassette, good condition, $1,500. 694-7249.

FORD 1990 TEMPO automatic. Blue. 4 Door. Shirly, Super clean- good school car! $2,500. Call 694-8751.

FORD 1991 Ranger XLT, long bed, clean inside and out. Must see to appreciate. $3,000 firm. 682-1360. after 5:30 pm.

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CHEVROLET 1985 Suburban. Runs Good. New interior. Great family vehicle. $2,800. 686-0815 or 682-0986.

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CHEVROLET 1990 Corsica, engine knocks, new battery, good tires, current inspection and tags. $495. xxx-xxxx.

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COOK/ Deli Helper and Cashier/ Deli Helper needed part time. References required. Call 694-2043- Don's Grocery and Deli.

DAY and Night Help needed. all positions available. Must be self motivated and dependable. Please apply in person, Sonic Drive In, 4201 N. Midland Drive.

DELIVERY/ WAREHOUSE help needed. Apply in person at: Quick Salad Produce, 2510 W Front. No phone calls please.

TELLER- Dellwood Checks Cashed is seeking individuals for full time and part time teller positions. Banking, cash handling and income tax experience a plus. Mail or fax your resume to: 3303 W. Illinois, Suite 32, Midland, TX 79703, Fax 694-2274.

FAST GROWING COMPUTER COMPANY IS IN NEED OF PC AND NETWORK TECHNICIANS. CALL RUBY. 1-800-511-5851.

FOR RESUMES that get results call 699-1919. Conventional or computer scannable. Professional, fast, affordable service.

FURNITURE MOVERS with experience. Heavy lifting and Class C drivers license required. Leave name /number (915)553-1464.

GENERAL
We're Looking... For Special People
to grow with our 1 year old company. Sales oriented preferred, but will train the right person. High school diploma. Apply in person only 8:30- 11 am or 1- 3 pm, Monday through Friday:
Outsource Resources
10601 W. County Rd. 127
(Near Warfield's)

HAIRDRESSER STATION for lease. Established salon, fun atmosphere. Please call 694-8869.

HELP WANTED, evenings and weekends. Apply in person Amigo's Convenience Store. 3301 Andrews Hwy. Drug free environment.

HOUSEKEEPER
Applicant should have at least 3 years experience that can be verified and be able to read & speak English. Prefer experience in hospitals or nursing home. Apply in person,
Rockwood Manor
2000 N. Main

NEED SOMEONE To give TLC to an 8 unit apartment complex for free rent. Call 550-3245 after 5:30 pm.

NEEDED A Part time experienced leasing agent 2 to 3 days per week including weekends. Apply at Canyon Creek Apartments. No phone calls please.

OTR DRIVERS- 5 years experience, clean CDL, Hazmat endorsement. Call 523-9678 for more information.

CAR WASH- Now hiring friendly people for full and part time positions. Fun atmosphere, plenty of work. Please apply in person, Village Car Wash, 604 Andrews Highway, Midland.

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POOL CLEANER wanted. Honest, dependable, hard-working. If you don't want to work- please don't call. Please call after 6 pm, xxx-xxxx ask for Christian.

→NEW TODAY←

POSITION AVAILABLE to merchandise greeting cards and related products in local retail stores. Prefer responsible individual interested in working up to 17 1/2 hours per week (no evenings). Training provided. No experience needed. Call 1-800-543-4110 between 8 am and 4 pm on 12-07-98. Please mention that you are calling about job #11965. American Greetings Corp. EOE.

KENT KWIK
24 Hour Job Hotline
520-4053 ext. 371

→NEW TODAY←

REATA. Voted in top 50 restaurants now hiring quality line cooks with 2 years minimum medium/ high volume restaurant experience willing to relocate. Call 915-837-9232 or fax resume 915-837-9234.

REPRESENTATIV
ES Needed- sell Avon part time- full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520-0119, Independent Rep.

RESTAURANT- Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring Fry Cook, Cashier, Counter Help. Apply in person only, 723 West Wadley.

Cheddar's casual café
NOW HIRING
Interviewing All Positions
Apply in Person At Cheddar's
4511 W. Loop 250 N.
Mon.-Sat. 8:30am-5pm

ADVERTISING/COMPUTER GRAPHICS
The person we're looking for will...

love working with computers & learning new skills; love (even more) talking to people on the phone; have excellent spelling & typing skills; have the ability to learn quickly & retain information learned; be committed to quality & be able to pay attention to fine details; possess the ability to care about & respect our customers.

If you possess the skills listed above and are looking for a challenge, call 687-8813 for an interview. In return, you'll be given... all the training you need to be successful; skills that you can take with you for your future, lots of hard work sprinkled with fun & laughter; an opportunity to grow in a professional environment where your skills & dedication to quality are valued; a chance to go home each day knowing that you've made a difference in someone's life.

We would prefer applicants with at least 3+ years experience in an office setting but "go-getters" of all experience levels are encouraged to apply. This position is for 40 hours per week, with a varied schedule (most days are from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday- Friday, but you must be prepared to work 11 am to 8 pm with advance notice. Also, 1 or 2 Saturdays per month, (from 7:30 am to approx. 2 pm.) Pay is based on a hourly wage of $5.50 plus a generous commission plan that rewards you for your speed, productivity & accuracy.

If you possess the skills listed above and are looking for a challenge, fax your resume to: EMBER at 682-6999. Be sure to include a daytime and evening phone number. (Interviews starting immediately.)

Applicants with computer graphics/ pagination experience will be given first consideration.

CLASSIFIED FAX #!
682-6999
Please include the following information:
★ Full name and address ★Billing phone number
★ Phone number of person placing ad
★ Start date ★Classification
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310 General Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

TELEMARKETERS/ PHONE PROS wanted. $6.00 Hour. Call Monday- Friday, 520-1510.

TELEPHONE SALES- $8- $12 per hour plus commission, depending on experience and production. Must be enthusiastic, flexible hours, no nights, no weekends. Call between 9 11:30 am or 1:30- 4 pm, ask for Duane, 697-1020.

→NEW TODAY←

TELEPHONE SECRETARIES needed for evenings including weekends. Must be able to type 45- 50 wpm. Apply at Loretta's Answering Service, 1300 S. Midland Drive, Monday through Thursday, 10 am- 3 pm.

311 Medical Help Wanted

RNs
$300 Sign On Bonus
Nursefinders
570-8080

COLLECTION CLERK needed in doctors office, with 2 years experience. Please fax resume to: 522-2950.

DIRECTOR OF Nurses needed for Mountain View Lodge. Long Term care experience preferred. Excellent salary and benefits. Apply in person at 2009 Virginia, Big Spring. (915)263-1271.

L. P. T. A. FULL time. $20 per hour. Please call 682-5560. Ask for Randy Hartwright.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT with other medical office duties. Will train. Send resume to: Box N-3039, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

MEDICAL- Midland Dialysis Center is accepting applications for full time RN. Dialysis experience preferred. Great salary and benefits. If interested apply at 731 W. Wadley Bldg K, Suite 130, Midland, Texas or fax resume to 915-687-5008 or contact Barbara Vaughn at 915-687-1201.

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

AutoCAD Draftsperson
Need to fill permanent position. Must have code vessel experience using Release 13 or 14 for Windows. Salary depends on experience.
Please mail resume to: VR Systems, Inc. 2408 Mercury Odessa, TX 79761

→NEW TODAY←

ACCOUNTANT/ FULL Charge Bookeeper
Oil and Gas Experience required. Must be willing to relocate to Austin. Fax resume and salary requirements to:
512-477-4438.

TRUST DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS
San Angelo Bank seeks candidate for officer level supervision of trust operations for mid- sized trust department. 4 + years experience preferred in areas of securities custody, trust accounting and reconciliations.
Submit resume to: Personnel Department, PO Box 3186, San Angelo, Texas 76902 EOE A/A

Mechanical Field Engineer
Gilbert Industrial Corp. is currently recruiting an experienced Mechanical Field Engineer to work in the Denver City, Texas area. Duties include interfacing with vendors, planning and scheduling work, and solving field installation problems. Combined Cycle Gas Fired Power Plant experience is a plus. this is a salaried position with excellent benefits. Please send resume to:
Gilbert Industrial Corporation
P.O. Box 1770
Denver City, TX 79323 or
Fax to: 806-592-9311
Gilbert Industrial is an Equal Opportunity Employer

312 Professional Help Wanted

PRE- SCHOOL Teacher- for 3 year old children. Two years experience, CDA Track or better. Benefits package. Interviews Monday, Wednesday, Friday- 8- 2:30 or Tuesday/ Thursday 12- 2:30. 3220 W. Illinois. Salary DOE.

Help you move into a new apartment, find your lost ferret, sell your car... *WE DO IT ALL!*
Call Classified today. 682-6222

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

JEEP 1996 Grand Cherokee Laredo. By owner, 35K, loaded, AM/ FM cassette, dual air bags. Excellent condition, $17,000/ offer. 570-6206.

TOYOTA 1994 Land Cruiser. Very clean, runs good, 67K, sunroof, leather. $27,250. Call 689-0945.

FORD 1991 Explorer 4 door, AM/ FM, CD, 2 wheel drive, automatic, moon roof, white/ tan leather. $5,500, 697-7234 after 6:30 pm.

JEEP 1974 CJ-5. New tires, good condition. Asking $3,500. Located: 1/2 mile east of Exhibit Building on Hwy. 80 at Texas Auto Sales, 683-7088 or 687-1349.

ISUZU 1995 Rodeo. 4 door, automatic transmission, sunroof, 53K, excellent condition, $13,999, 697-6447.

TOYOTA 1992 Landcruiser. Excellent condition. Fully equipped. Maintenance records. 77K miles. $17,000. 683-4249.

CHEVROLET 1996 Blazer 4 door, loaded, $18,300, perfect condition, 28K, light blue/ silver with gray interior, 620-8960.

CHEVROLET 1991 Blazer S10 4x4, very clean, air, power windows, cruise, great condition, runs well, 92,500 miles. Asking $6,249. 697-3827.

220 Trucks



1990 GMC Sierra SL
Extended Cab. CD, bedliner. 129,000 miles. Extra clean. Blue book $7,920, asking $7000 firm. Ask for Kim, 688-1166 ext. 16.

CHEVROLET 1976 1/2 Ton Pickup. 350 Motor, 8K miles, Edelbrock intake, 280 H Cam, big valve heads, Holley 650 carburetor, Accel HEI Ignition, New Autometer Gauges, 2 1/2" Exhaust with turndowns, FLowmaster headers. $2,700. Call 697-0491 after 5:30.

CHEVROLET 1994 1/2 ton, 4 X 4, red, excellent condition, 76K $13,000. Bed liner, tool box included. 570-9728.

DODGE 1997 Ram, black, V6, tool box, Canine alarm system, am/ fm/ cassette. $16,500. Please call 684-9041 after 6 pm

FORD 1994 Ranger, 4 cylinder, 5 speed, air, AM/ FM, 62K miles, $6,000 or best offer. 694-4220 leave message.

FORD 1997 XLT Powerstroke super cab, short bed, 3/4 ton, heavy duty. All factory options. 5 speed, 3:55 posi-trac. Showroom condition. 25,500 highway miles. $22,500. 687-3711.

NISSAN 1985 PICKUP. Needs new clutch. $1,200 or best offer. Call 697-5548.

ISUZU 1993 Pickup. With camper, 174K miles. Asking $3,000 or best offer. 580-8125.

220 Trucks

NISSAN 1993 King cab pickup, 71K miles, new tires- brakes- shocks, $7,500. 694-3545 days, 694-1881 evenings,

TOYOTA 1993 Pickup- Great condition, 4 cylinder, 5 speed AM/ FM/ Cassette. $3,800 or best offer. 520-3268.

FORD 1986 F-150 Ext Cab. White with tinted windows. Runs good, looks good. $3,000 or best offer. 699-5729.

DODGE 1997 Ram 4x4 Extended Cab, warranty, 27,000 miles, silver, loaded, CD. Below book, $22,900. 915-362-7867.

DODGE 1998 Dakota. Am Fm cassette, air, 5 speed, list $13,500 will take $11,800. 689-0340.

FORD 1994 F-250 Crew Cab XLT, long bed, automatic, new tires, $12,870. Excellent condition. John 694-8665, 553-6487.

CHEVROLET 1979 1 Ton 4x4. Hunters Special! New motor/ transmission, 10 sets tires/ rims. $1,800 or best offer. 694-1817, 694-1081.

CHEVROLET 1984 Silverado, with camper shell, 350 V-8, 90K miles. Clean, good condition $3,500. Call 687-4352.

CHEVROLET 1994 S-10 LS, 40K, 5 speed, new tires, excellent condition, $7,400. 682-5127 or 520-3992 after 5 pm.

DODGE 1997 Ram Extended Cab Pickup. 34K, Emerald Green, automatic transmission, excellent condition. Price reduced, $16,500. Ken's Pickup Sales, 697-6447.

FORD 1986 F150- Runs good, rebuilt transmission, new battery. $2,600. Please call 520-4602.

FORD 1994 F-150 XL Super Cab. 89,000 miles, Excellent condition, $8,500. Please call 682-1808.

FORD 1997 XLT, F- 250 heavy duty crew cab diesel, 4 X 4, automatic, 36K miles, Ranch Hand grill guard- bumper front and rear, RK head ache racks & tool box, electric rear sliding window, spray on bed liner, 6 disk CD & cassette, aluminum steps, $27,000. Daytime 570-6600, evenings 557-1670.

MAZDA 1995 B 2300, low miles, very clean, must see. Great Christmas gift. $10,000. Please call 686-1857.

CHEVROLET -1991 Silverado 3/4 ton extended cab. Black/ black, 90K, $7,700 or best offer. 697-5546.

FORD 1987 F-150 Lariat. White with brown interior. Single cab. 92,000 miles. $4,750. Please Call 687-3523.

CHEVROLET 1997 Z-71 Silverado extended cab, short bed, 3rd door, loaded, low mileage, autumnwood, $24,995, 580-3842.

WANTED TO BUY- 1984 Chevrolet 1/2 Ton Truck, 4 x 4, 5.0 V8, dual tanks, short bed. Call collect (281)480-9847 ask for Lewis.

Let Classified Work For You! Call 682-6222

222 Suburbans & Vans

CHEVROLET 1995 1/2 Ton Van. Unique conversion, loaded, 33,500 miles, nice! $16,000 or best offer. Call 570-1672.

→NEW TODAY←

✔DODGE 1998 Grand Caravan SE, less than 6,500 miles, CD/ cassette, power windows- locks, $20,500. 682-7763.

CHEVROLET 1993 Suburban Silverado, very clean, good tires, red, 98K miles, $14,000 Please call 687-4655.

PLYMOUTH 1991 Voyager, excellent condition, 88.5K miles, new tires, well equipped & maintained. $5,900. 686-0388.

CHEVROLET 1993 Van. Mid-Size. 71,500 actual miles. Good condition. $7,995 or consider trade for pickup. 915-520-5169.

GMC 1993 Suburban. All power, new tires, running boards, teal color, extra clean, 90K miles, $15,200. 699-4898.

PLYMOUTH 1995 VOYAGER. 64,000 Miles. Green, 5 passenger seating. $8,500 or best offer. Call 699-5977.

CHEVROLET 1992 Suburban. Well equipped. Painted white with special trim. Red interior, almost new premium tires. Security system. $13,200, 694-1188.

PLYMOUTH 1994 Grand Voyager LE. Loaded, rear air, remote keyless entry, $8,000. 686-0734, 687-6406.

CHEVROLET 1992 Suburban- 4x4, towing, power seats/ windows, CD changer, premium sound, 110K, $15,000. 697-7339 after 5 or 522-2304.

CHRYSLER 1997 Town & Country LX. 38K. Quad seating. Loaded! Excellent condition. Wife starting business. $19,500. Call 697-3058 or 522-2555.

GMC 1981 Suburban 4x4. 4" lift, 35" tires, rebuilt transmission and motor, $2,700 or best offer, 697-3607.

CHEVROLET 1996 Suburban, red and white, gray interior, 45K miles. Excellent condition. $25,000. Call 561-5185 after 6 PM.

FORD 1995 Windstar GL. Seats 7, captains chairs, loaded, V-6, dual air, white, 73K miles, excellent condition, $10,800. Call 699-4646.

DODGE 1996 Grand Caravan SE. New brakes, tires. 64K. Great shape! $11,900 or best offer. 699-6909.

GMC 1994 Trailmaster Eleganté Suburban. Package. Loaded. Captain's chairs, TV, VCR, ear phones. high mileage. Many updates. $16,500. 699-0092, 685-1940.

225 4x4 Vehicles

JEEP 1987 Wrangler. Automatic, Soft Top, runs great. $6,500. Please call 694-0295 evenings for information.

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EXPLORATION/ EXPLOITATION GEOLOGIST

Midland based independent oil & gas exploration and production company is seeking an Exploration/ Exploitation Geologist:

* Degree in Geology
* 10+ years industry experience
* West Texas/ SE New Mexico/ Gulf Coast
* Benefits
* Non- smoker
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Send resume and cover letter, with salary requirements to:

H.L. Brown Jr.
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Midland, TX 79702

NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

We Are Looking For Free Lance Writers

The Midland Reporter- Telegram is looking for Experienced Writers to write for special upcoming projects. Excellent grammar and spelling skills required. Professional Journalist preferred. Assignments will be in Midland and surrounding area towns. Please forward resumes to:

Free Lance Writers
P.O. Box 1650
Midland, Texas 79702

312 Professional Help Wanted

VOLUNTEER Coordinator/ Home Bound Services Coordinator, non- profit agency with large volunteer base seeking coordinator. Human Services degree or experience in social services field. Good communications and interpersonal skills. Must have experience in Word and Excel. Full time with benefits. Send resume to 3301 Sinclair Ave., Midland, Texas 79707.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

BOOKEEPER- Small business owner needs part- time bookeeper. Computer skills needed. Flexable hours. Please send resume in confidance to: Box J-1089, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

CLERICAL Part Time- Data Entry skills required, flexible hours. Fax resume to First United Methodist Church, Midland 915-682-3770.

EXPERIENCE COUNTS
* Secretarial * Oil & Gas
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TEMPORARY RESOURCES
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No Fee Benefits & Bonuses
689-6607

PART TIME office position, Monday through Friday, (work either 9- 1, 10- 2 or 11- 3). Will train. Send resume to Box T-05159, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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316 Sales Help Wanted

·WANTED
Experienced Working Body Shop Manager
Contact Billy Carter
Wilson Motors
Snyder, Texas
1-800-545-5019

→NEW TODAY←

COSMETIC SALES. No nights, no Sundays. Apply in person, Dunlap's, 3303 W. Illinois.

IMMEDIATE OPENING. Established route. General merchandise. Calling on large grocery chain. Midland- Odessa area. Company vehicle provided. Good driving record a must! Salary plus commission. $23- 25K. Send resume to 17984 Red Iron Road, Schertz, TX 78154, or fax us at (210)651-4861.

SALES- Now hiring sales people, contact Gary at 682-0813 or 697-1985.

TELEPHONE SALES Manager needed to oversee/ train telephone sales department. Salary $18K- $28K, depending upon experience, plus commission. Call between 9-11:30 am or 1:30- 4 pm, ask for Duane, 697-1020.

318 Management Help Wanted

MANAGEMENT- Progressive, growing company seeking to hire a Property Manager. Duties include supervising staff, leasing, marketing and financial accounting. Must be dedicated and professional. Excellent company environment and above average salary. All applications strictly confidential. Send resume to: Manager Position, 2541 74th Street, Lubbock, TX 79423.

RESTAURANT. Domino's Pizza needs Drivers and Inside Help, for our booming business! Contact Jamie or Yvette at our Scharbauer Drive/ "A" Street location.

Free Bee
15 words, 4 days, FREE!
Advertise your household item (priced under $50) with this Classified special!
Call **682-6222** for details...

312 Professional Help Wanted

STRONG ON SITE PROPERTY MANAGER

to take over Arbor Point Apartments. Must have good background in collections and leasing. Must be the kind of hands on manager who keeps the property clean and green and makes the make ready shine. If you are this person. Call Caren McCourt at 570-4321 or apply in person at my office 4405 N. Garfield.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

GAS COMPRESSOR BUSINESS
Needs
MECHANICS
(Low & High Speed)

MUST BE:
Dependable/ Long Term employees who work well with others. Wages based on experience and ability. Overtime available at 1.5 hourly rate. Supply own tools/ company supplied specialty tools.

GOOD BENEFITS:
Uniforms
Health/ Dental/ Life Ins.
Vacation/ Holidays
Matching Retirement Plan

MAIL RESUME TO:
A- Texian Compressor Service, Inc.
Ed Cash
General Manager
P.O. Box 2790
Victoria, TX 77902-2790
512-578-2519 or
1-800-858-5645
Or fax to
512-578-3273

OILFIELD SERVICE Company hiring shop and field personnel. Wellhead and valve experience a plus. Salary depending on experience. Call 687-0518 for interview between 8:00- 5:00.

320 Skilled Trades

→NEW TODAY←

A & S PERSONNEL is now accepting applications for Licensed Electricians. Preferably licensed in Midland County. Radio Technician. Electricians' Helper with at least 3 years experience in conduit and blueprint reading. Send resume to PO Box 2487, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or apply in person at 1602 Scurry or fax to 915-267-4166.

330 Adult Care Providers

CNA WOULD like to take care of elderly person. Quality Care. If interested call 682-4159.

INHOME CARE for all your in home health needs. Bathing, cooking, cleaning, running errands, etc. Give us a call for more information at 570-4475, ask for Tonya or Jackie.

ELDERLY CARE in my assisted living home. $1,400 Monthly. Caring is my pleasure. Linda, 699-6388.

340 Child Care Needed

BABYSITTER needed Monday-Friday, approx. 3:30 to 7:30 pm. Must have dependable transportation. References checked. Spanish speaking preferred. 684-8925.

NANNY for Christian, non-smoking home to care for 2 year old Monday through Friday, 9:30- 5:30 in Midland. Light housekeeping/ some cooking, excellent references required. Send letter of interest to BK, P.O. Box 13636, Odessa, TX 79768.

→NEW TODAY←

WE ARE two very active toddlers who need someone to come to our home and care for us part time. Mom will check job and personal references and wants only loving, honest persons to apply. For application please call 557-0008.

341 Child Care Providers

CHRISTIAN MOM will keep kids in my home. Any days- any hours. Morning and evening snacks provided. Reasonable rates. 528-9337, 520-8192.

(INFANTS ONLY) Bring you rattlers, pacies, and blankies. Don't forget your favorite milk, diapers and wipes just for you. Jan 697-6437.

MOTHER OF two will keep your children in my home. Full or part time. Ages 0- 6. 520-2912.

AUTOMOTIVE SALES

Jack Sherman Chevy-Mazda is now taking applications for Sales Representatives. If you are a self starter & have high self esteem & enthusiasm...
Apply Now! At
Jack Sherman Automotive:
4100 W. Wall St.
Midland, TX 79705
694-9601/520-0156

1- Best Pay Plan in the Permian Basin,
2- Insurance, 3- 401K Plan

Ability to speak Spanish is a plus.
See Darrell or Rick

316 Sales Help Wanted

Southwestern Bell

ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

Southwestern Bell Wireless is looking for positive, energetic, and results- oriented individuals to be our new Account Executive. The Account Executive (outside sales) position is directed toward obtaining major/ multiple accounts by cold calling and servicing major/ multiple accounts as assigned. Individuals must posses strong negotiation, organizational, problem solving, computer and selling skills. Two years of sales and one year outside sales experience. A high school diploma and a minimum 2 years college or equivalent are required.

Please bring or send resume to:
Southwestern Bell Wireless
Attn: Carrol Mendoza
4937 E. 42nd St.
Odessa, Texas 79762

Southwestern Bell Wireless is an equal opportunity employer

AUTOMOBILE SALES OPPORTUNITY

Midland's fastest growing new car dealer is looking for EXPERIENCED SALESPERSONS to join our team selling 6 popular new car lines.

A background in automobile sales is preferred, but not required. But, a neat appearance, outgoing personality and a desire for success is necessary.

If you want to make well above an average income, come join our team!

Apply in person only please. Ask for John or Kenny.

Berg Motors
3205 W. Wall, Midland, TX

SALESPEOPLE NEEDED

Professional appearance, dependable transportation, ability to communicate effectively with clients, and sales skills required. Top commission paid weekly.

Qualified applicants call Liz at 687-9010.

341 Child Care Providers

YOUNG MOM will keep children in my home from 7 pm-7 am Monday- Friday, All day Saturday/ Sunday, meals provided. 697-9794/ 425-5035.

SPECIAL CARE in my home-Monday- Friday 7:30- 5. Meals provided. Please call 699-6959.

350 Business Opportunities

LOCAL BUSINESSES for sale. Small and large. Some have low down payments and owner financing. Call for a free confidential interview- Sunbelt Business Brokers, 520-1515.

Get your Real Estate license quickly, short, day, weekend, evening classes. Southwest College 697-7277

→NEW TODAY←

CHILDERS SALON for sale. Multi- service, 12 + stations. Excellent grocery center location/ income potential. Owner leaving management; adolescent son. Broker 684-7788.

Attention Readers

Occasionally, ads found in this section come from distant points & the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract/ or giving out your credit card or bank information.

HAIR SCAPES Salon for sale. Open & operating. $12,500. Walk in and take over. Call 697-1794, leave message.

400 Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION- Huge public auction. Biggest blowout before Christmas. One day only, Saturday December 5, 1998 10:00 a.m. sharp. 5100 Block of Lamesa Rd., Midland, TX (Behind the fire station at Big Spring & Soloman Ln.) Vehicles subject to owners conformation. (Partial list as follows), Commercial enlarger, Kroy lettering system, rose networking transfer switch, vertical plan filing system, library filing ladder, wood map storage files, drafting tables, commercial metal shelving, lateral file cabinets, 30- 12 x 36 metal shelving, 45- 24 x 36 metal shelving, 50+ office desk, wood book shelves, 100+ file cabinets, desk credenzas, wood wall insert book shelves, transparency machine, portable office wall portions, IBM card data recorder, copy machines, drafting arms, hanging map files, computers, printers, typewriters, locator maps, postage scales, A/ C vents, waste baskets, tools, Suburban back seat, van bucket seat, coat racks, pool side loungers, decorator rugs, drawer slides, secretarial leather top desks, computer disk storage files, map racks, picture frames, bulletin boards, lawyers books, micro fiche machines, portable desk tops, conference chairs, desk chairs, executive chairs, secretarial chairs, drafting chairs, lounge chairs, break room chairs, steno chairs, film processor, metal bookcases, phone system with switchboard, computer desks, calculators, storage cabinets, power pack, lateral file dividers, room dividers, art, projector, screens, typing tables, screen shooter, work tables, overhead projector, 1968 International Scout with top hunting racks, 1973 GMC motor home, 80K actual miles, 6.0 Onan generator, (2) 1992 Polaris 650 water skis with trailer & storage, 1978 32 ft. travel trailer 5-wheel great shape, All sales to be settled on date of sale 10% buyers premium. Preview: Friday, December 4, 1998, 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. Auction conducted by Auction Action Midland, 601 S. Terrell, Midland, TX 79701. (915)682-1004. Fred F. Munoz- Senior Auctioneer- TX Lic.# 6250.

410 Misc. Sales

HEAVY DUTY stationary bicycle with arm motion bars, $70. 685-0911.

6' X 8' Chaparral storage building on skids. 6 months old. $500. Please call 689-2292.

→NEW TODAY←

HANDMADE crocheted baby 2 or 3 piece ensembles, craft magazines, Harlequin books, phone 697-0171.

BABYSITTERS CLUB Books, All types. Perfect for Christmas Giving. 60 for $50. Call Julie, 520-3778.

FURBY'S: one black, one gray, new in box, $150 or best offer. Please call 689-6512.

COMPUTER DESK $50. Large metal desk with stain- resistant top $75. 2 gas ranges $100 each. Refrigerator $100. 699-6258.

MOVING BOXES- all sizes, clean and dry- $1 to $4 each. Packing paper- $50¢. 689-3473.

410 Misc. Sales

★BIBLE TALK: Does God Authorize Implicitly? 520-0381. Free recorded message.

KING WATER softener and all accessories. $150.or best offer. Please call 699-5815, leave message.

SEA VAN storage container, rat- water proof, complete rebuild, 20' X 8.6', two doors, $2,400 firm. 915-263-5122, cell 556-1217.

BLUE GRAVY has all types of music on vinyl and cassette. 1710 Carter. Open 11:30.

15- MATCHING SETS Walnut executive office furniture: desk, credenza, bookcase, 5- drawer legal file, 2 side arm chairs. 682-5251.

DOG HOUSES- new $35/ $45, Glider Swings $65. Porch Swings $35. Handmade all new. 563-0452.

LIFESTYLER 2800 Treadmill, $125. 6 speed ladies bike $50. 3 speed mens bike $50. 694-5512.

→NEW TODAY←

RESTHAVEN- 2 burial spaces in the Garden of Love. Total cost $1,500. 684-6902 or 684-8680.

SIX FOOT air hockey table, sturdy, good shape, $150. 23 cubic foot chest freezer- $200. Metal bunkbed frame- white, twin on top, full size on bottom. Please call 524-2171. (Andrews).

→NEW TODAY←

BRAND NEW Wolfe Tanning Bed- Asking $3,500. Please call 520-5874.

USED CARPET, royal blue, about 10 x 10 room. $40. 683-9478.

☞RAINSOFT Reverse Osmosis drinking water system and home unit. Storage tank capacity 2.5, 250 ppm, 50psi, 77 fh & ph8. Best offer. 694-2760 After 5.

CARDIO- FIT, from Sears, almost new, paid $300 asking $130. Super Nintendo, excellent condition, 2 controllers, mouse pad, with 8 games- $135. Please call 570-5247 or 520-1367.

ELECTRIC HOSPITAL Bed, nearly new, Asking $1,000 or best offer. 561-9000.

SPECIAL REDUCTION! Two '98 model spa/ hot tubs- seats 5- 6, floor models- must sell this week! 563-3108.

FURBY- New in box best cash offer. Please call 520-2555 for information.

2 BURIAL SPACES in Fountain Garden of Resthaven Memorial Park. Selling below present cost. Call 682-2967.

OKI CELLULAR Telephone, car mount or carry along. $50. Please call 520-4602.

25 GALLON Propane bottles for sale, $75 each. Please call 694-0649.

MOTORIZED Three wheel scooter. Pace Saver Plus III. $1,200. Please call 694-8262.

RESTHAVEN MEMORIAL PARK- 2 choice spaces in Garden of Devotion. $900 each. Please call 694-3449.

FURBY'S. Brand new- still in box. $125 Firm. Please Call 687-1620.

WASHERS, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, wicker 10 piece dining, loungers, couches, antiques, coolers, miscellaneous. 570-4851.

MINIATURE GOLF Course Village. Includes miniature buildings with runways. Used to be located indoors, excellent condition. $200. Call Deborah. 694-2528 or 683-0807.

413 Jewelry & Furs

WEDDING RING set, mens & womens 14K, $300. Call 687-5762.

CIGARETTE LIGHTER ladies, 18 carat gold, DuPont with box, papers, collectible, instructions only $49. 367-5433.

BRIGHT, BEAUTIFUL pink Tourmaline pendant. 9 x 9 x 9 mm. with 20" solid gold rope chain $500. Can be seen at Houcks Jewelry, 684-4851.

→NEW TODAY←

RED FOX stroller, 30" length, 51" sweep, turn back collar and fronts, $1,500. Call 520-0753.

415 Misc. Wanted

NEED CHRISTMAS CASH? Highest prices paid for Pre- 64 silver & gold coins. 520-9888.

BUYING pop- up campers for resale. Ken's Pickup Sales, 697-6447.

WANTED TO BUY- 1984 Chevrolet 1/2 Ton Truck, 4 x 4, 5.0 V8, dual tanks, short bed. Call collect (281)480-9847 ask for Lewis.

SEEKING USED Tow Dolly to tow a car.. Please call 683-8888 with information.

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687–5039.

420 Good Things To Eat

HOLIDAY COOKING/ Baking. Lasagna a speciality. You ask for it, we'll make it. 699-5729.

LARGE GREEN Tomatoes, 70¢/ pound. All peppers 30¢/ pound. You pick. Closed Wednesday/ Sunday. 14678 Pecan, Gardendale. 362-5708.

→NEW TODAY←

HOLIDAY CAJUN Cooking and Catering. Deep fried/ smoked Turkeys, briskets. Order early- 699-7754 or 687-6072.

430 Household Furniture

KING SIZE bed, no headboard- $165. Solid oak high back swivel desk chair- $150. Complete daybed with trundle, nice- $250. Navy floral couch- $125. 915-362-2746.

→NEW TODAY←

MOVING MUST sell dining room table- seats 6- $200. Large handmade china hutch cabinet-$300 or best offer. 697-6260.

JUST MOVED!!! No room for following items: club chair and matching otteman $250; Queen Anne chair and matching ottoman $150; 4 brand new Parsons chairs $100 each; 5' x 8' hooked area rug $100; 2 matching table lamps $45 each. 684-4945.

ENTERTAINMENT Center, 49W X 69H X 15.5D, $150. Fits most 27" TV's. 694-6911 after 5.

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards- Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699–1224.

COUCH- Wooden frame, floral beige cushins. Good condition, $30. Please call 683-6705. Thank you.

★WALNUT BEDROOM furniture. queen headboard with frame, armoire, large nine drawer dresser with mirror, two nightstands- $450. Small desk- $10. Please call 682-6561 days or 682-9266 evenings.

SOFA, LOVESEAT and matching end table. Excellent condition. $150. 699-7191.

4 PIECE White wicker set with/ without burgundy cushions. Antique oak dressing table. 694-8281

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QUEEN SIZE Waterbed. $50 firm. Please Call 697-9967 for more information.

→NEW TODAY←

MATCHING PASTEL velure Southwest print couch, love seat and oversized chair, $500. Please call 699-0823.

435 Household Appliances

TRADE- IN spa, must see to appreciate- price greatly reduced. Delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

GE STOVE, almond color, good condition, $150 or trade for deep freeze. Please call 570-8347.

FREE REMOVAL of unwanted appliances. Will pick up in 45 minutes or less, call 631-3920.

→NEW TODAY←

FROST FREE Refrigerator 22 cubic feet with automatic ice and chilled water dispenser. $100. 522-5069.

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WHIRLPOOL WASHER & Dryer. Matching set. Electric. $185 for both. 694-3796.

WHIRLPOOL WASHER & Dryer. Brand new, 1 month old. $500 Both. Mitsubishi 25" Color TV, $100. 553-1409.

440 Firewood

FIREWOOD FOR Sale- Mixed stacks $65 + $15 delivery. Also welded iron firewood racks. 697-5768.

LEE'S FIREWOOD, Seasoned Oak, Mesquite, Pinion, Juniper & Mountain Cedar. Direct from the Sacramento Mountains, NM. 520-3091, 699-0017.

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SEASONED FIREWOOD- Split oak. Delivered/ stacked. Preston, 522-7862 if no answer leave message.

450 Sporting Goods

SCHWINN Air- dyne ergometric exerciser bike. $400. Please call 686-0371.

NEW SAVAGE 110 30-06 with new scope and sling, $335. New model 94- 45LC Winchester Carbine, $240. 570-0516.

REMINGTON 1100, Browning BPS 12 gage shot guns. Individual 683-1500.

SPECIAL PURCHASE- '99 model spas/ hot tubs- 5 to 6 person- delivery and financing available- starting at $54 a month. 563-3108.

NORDICTRACK WALKFIT Exerciser. Never been used. Paid $500, Will sell for $250. Call 682-2967.

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79701

*****4 FAMILY CHRISTMAS Decorator Sale!!! 1704 W. Kentucky Street, Thursday through Friday, 8:30 am- 2 pm. Santas, 8' wood tree, wreaths, table decorations, gift items, tree lights and more! Handled by Floy and Beth.

★2407 WEST CUTHBERT, Friday, 9 am until ? Large womens clothing sizes 16- 26, small girls clothing sizes 4T- 10, stainless steel counter top stove, stainless steel vent a hood, red metal bunk bed/ combination desk, baby swing, vinyl flooring, Christmas decorations, kitchen stuff, toys, lots more!

811 N. "D" STREET. Saturday, 8:30- ?? Furniture, clothes, lots more miscellaneous!

→NEW TODAY←

ESTATE SALE
809 GOLF COURSE
Thursday 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Saturday 9 am - 1 pm
Sunday 1 - 4 pm

Furniture: Antique Tilt- Top Table, 4 Chippendale Style Chairs, Victorian Carved Mahogany Screen, Pair Marble Top Commodes, Sofas, Loveseat, Wing Chair, Occasional Chairs, Occasional Tables, Antique Oak Display Cabinet, Duncan Phyfe Coffee Table, Drexel Dining Table/ Chairs, Server, Tell City Maple Table/ Chairs, Hutch, Roll Top Desk, Twin Bedroom Suite, French Provincial Twin Bedroom Suite, 1930's Walnut Bedroom Suite, Matching Lazy Boy Recliners, Hide- A- Bed, Sofa Table, Small Chest By Hickory, Spinet Piano, Bombay Chest & More!

Glassware & China: Steuben, American Brilliant Cut Glass, Other Elegant Glass, Johnson Brothers "Windsor Fruit", Merrie England, Flintridge, & More!

Jewelry: Ruby/ Diamond Ring & Earrings, Citrine Pear with Baguette Diamond Ring, Lapis, Coral, Yellow Jade & Diamond Ring & Earrings, Lapis, Angel Skin Coral, 22mm Gold Filled Beads & More!

Miscellaneous: Books, Books & More Books, Numerous Paintings, Prints & Frames, Great Lamps, Linens, Oriental Items, Silverplate, Pots, Pans, Yard Tools, Patio Furniture, & More!
Appliances: 2 Whirlpool Refrigerators, Small Freezer & Washer.

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2800 W. WASHINGTON

Thursday- Saturday 9-5. Clean hanging up little boys clothes (very nice), large ladies clothes, Bizzle Carpet cleaner, Jiffy commercial clothes steamer, bar to redo, table/ chairs, deep freeze cheap, dresser, 2 chairs/ ottoman, microwave, chrome/ glass end/ coffee tables, entertainment center, old handmade round table, toys, toys, roll/ away bed, chest of drawers, wood high chair, new baby bed, Baby Joggerette, Little Tykes car bed, recliner, parts to built in cabinets (drawers etc) good shape, dishes, pans, small appliances, office chairs, lots of miscellaneous. All reasonably priced.

Everyone welcome.

The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

79703

★3304 MARIANA. Friday- Sunday. Inside Sale- Christmas Crafts! Handmade plastic canvas ornaments & gifts. Some crocheted gifts.

3316 W. OHIO- Driveway Sale!!! Tuesday through Saturday Noon. Ladies clothes (medium to extra large), toys, 30 years accumulation!!!

3410 WEST OHIO, Thursday only! 9 am until 2 pm! Baby and kids clothes, furniture, etc!

ANOTHER CHANCE Consignments- 411-C N. Midland Dr. Monday- Saturday 10:30- 5, Sunday 1- 5. 520-5542

79705

3304 PERRY. Garage Sale! Friday, 9:00 am. Sofas, clothing, door frames, miscellaneous!

✔2513 CIMMARRON, Saturday only! 8 am until ? Jeans, Christmas decorations- like new, make-up, towels, bath mats, lots of neat decorating stuff! Lots of other miscellaneous household items. Clothes- sizes 11 to 18.

450 Sporting Goods

JIM'S GOLF Clubs. Adams "Tight Lie" (clone) woods $60. King Cobra II irons (clone) $184 set. Reshaft, regrip, lowest prices. 3115 Haynes. 694-1334.

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LIKE NEW Pro Form Space Saver Treadmill. $400. Call 682-7219, leave message.

460 Antiques & Arts

FINDER'S KEEPER'S- Antiques, Coca Cola signs, etc., 1603 W. Industrial Ave., 1-6 pm. 570-5400.

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ESTATE Sales by JOSEPH'S. Let our experienced team liquidate your estate. 687-3040, 687-2868, 694-5034.

465 Collectibles

FURBYS- $100! All colors. Some with blue eyes, some with green. Please call 520-3242.

BLUE GRAVY has all types of music on vinyl and cassette. 1710 Carter. Open 11:30.

HARLEY DAVIDSON Barbie doll. Second edition. Sold to best offer. Please call 522-2876.

❤BEANIE BABIES SALE! December 5th, 9 am- 5 pm. December 6th 9 am to 3 pm. Ramada Inn (Airport). 100 Airport Plaza. Free admission. Door prize.

FURBYS. $150. Please call 697-9900, ask for Anne, between 9 am & 3 pm.

79705

3214 FRONTIER- Giant Garage Sale! 5 Families! Chfistmas trimmings, Christmas, Chfistmas, Christmas, toys, large mens clothes, electric dryer, overstuffed furniture, costume jewelry. Friday- Saturday, 8- 1.

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4904 STONELEIGH- Baby clothes on up, stroller, baby backpack, playpen, toys, girls bicycle, stereo, craft supplies, and many miscellaneous! Friday 8:30- 2, Saturday 8:30 till 12?

2604 N. "L"- Friday 8- 5. Complete computer system, 25" color TV, toys, luggage set, clothing, household items, much more!

79707

5707 CRANSTON (Off Crowley in Grassland). Complete twin bed, bedspread, decorative items, boys clothes, desk, Christmas decorations, stereo parts, bike, curtain rods, toys, stovetop and much miscellaneous. Friday 8:30- 1.

3406 Trinity Meadows (in alley)- 1 Day Only. Friday 9- 3. Nortic Trac Pro, typewriters, baby items, lots of clothes and toys galore.

✔3003 "A" MARK Lane (in alley). Moving sale, Friday and Saturday, 8:30 am until 2:30 pm, Queen Anne highboy-like new, queen size bed, Weslo quick change Cardio glide exerciser, exercise bike, 8' heavy duty work bench, tools, three 6' folding tables, womens clothing, shoes, and much more!! No early birds! No checks!!

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Saturday, 12:00 Till

Mrs. Hanson was a collector and a garage sale connoisseur. She has collected for many years. I know a lot of people like her!!

Queen Anne dining room set, game table, display cabinets, Oak rolltop desk, dressers, Oak kitchen clock, quilts, pink & green Depression glass, Roseville, Weller, McCoy, Milk Glass, Carnival Glass, Fostoria, dolls, baseball cards, jewelry, wonderful pictures & frames- early 1900's. Hundreds of items- Seeing is believing!!!

4609 HUMBLE-Thursday only 8- 2., Artificial 7' Christmas tree, lamps, table, golf clubs, sweaters, etc.

4905 OAKWOOD COURT- Greentree. Friday, 8:00 am. Tons of toys including Ninja Turtles, Power Rangers, Lost in Space, Super Powers and Disney. Tandem bike, childrens books, boys & girls clothing including Disney Store clothes, decorative items, Christmas decorations, ladies clothes & jewelry, Cardio Force Rider and much, much more!!!

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BLACK SPINET piano and bench, good condition, $500. A great Christmas gift! Please call XXX-XXXX.

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SET TOCA fiber congas, $350. New Pearl double bass drum peddle, $350. Bently strat replica with distortion bar, $100. 686-9740.

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Part Black Lab pups to good loving homes. Please call 563-5310.

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4 YEAR OLD Black Cocker, neutered, no papers. All shots current. Free to good home. 570-7828.

MALE 10 week old Dachshund mix puppy. Will be small dog. Blond with white feet. 699-6553

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625 Houses Unfurnished

2615 DELANO. 1 Bedroom, 1 bath. Very clean! $275 Month. Call 699-0569.

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath bricks. Central heat/ air. $495 to $595/ month plus deposit. Williams & Assoc., 694-9663.

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CLEAN 3 bedroom, 2 bath, double garage, central heat/ air. $575/ month, $500/ deposit. XXX-XXXX.

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NEW TODAY

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DUPLEX- 1 bedroom, 1 bath in nice neighborhood with large walk- in closet, fenced backyard, carport, storage space and all major appliances including washer/ dryer. Strict pet policy. All references will be checked. $325 a month. Call 689-3258 before 7 pm.

2908 SANDHILL. 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Garage. Santa Rita School. $890 Monthly. 520-2105, 520-6186.

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DUPLEX- 2 bedroom, 1 bath in nice neighborhood with new tile and wallpaper, fireplace, fenced backyard, storage space and all major appliances including washer and dryer. Strict pet policy. All references will be checked. $425 a month. Call XXX-XXXX before 7 pm.

625 Houses Unfurnished

5100 THOMASON- 3 bedroom, 2 bath, close to loop, $600/ month, $600 deposit. Available 12/1/98. Call Carriage Company, 684-5881.

2705 BARKLEY- Completely remodeled. New carpet, ceramic tile. 3 bedroom, 1 bath. central heat/ air. $450. 620-0210.

4420A THOMASON; 2 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. All appliances, washer/ dryer connections, 2 car garage with opener, small yard. No pets, $485 plus deposit, 699-6258.

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, fireplace, new paint and floors. Appliances included. Ready December 1st. $550, $300 deposit. After 6 pm, 520-0564.

LUXURY HOME for lease. 3104 Elma. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 garage, $850 per month, $400 deposit. Just west of Midland Drive, turn south on Dentcrest off Wadley, turn left on Aspen, right on Elma. Phone Realty Unlimited, 550-5609.

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3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 Bath, 2 living areas, large utility and storage building. 3708 Monty. $575 Monthly, $300 Deposit. 682-2939, leave message.

4313A WEST STOREY. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. $675/ monthly. 4321B West Storey. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 garage. $625/ monthly. Pet/ smoke free environments, fireplaces, spotless, water paid, deposit required. 689-2848,

ELEGANT 2 Bedroom, 2 1/2 bath townhome in Northwest Midland. 2 dinings, double garage, fireplace, and much more. Contact Tammy Edwards 520-7719. WGB Realty.

NEAR MIDLAND College- Duplex 4205 Siesta. 2 bedroom, Hollywood baths, appliances, nice. $450/ month, $300/ deposit. No pets. 550-5379.

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3 BEDROOMS, 2 bath brick. Clean, double garage. $675 monthly. $675 Deposit. 713 W. Dormard. 682-0602.

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SPACIOUS 2 & 3 bedroom duplexes. Garages. Fireplaces. Water paid. $495 and $550/ month. Williams & Assoc., 694-9663.

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630 Houses Furnished

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655 Mobile Homes Unfurnished

NICE- NICE 3 bedroom, 2 bath, double car carport. No pets, $400/ $200 deposit. 694-2047.

NEW TODAY

2 BEDROOM, 2 bath double wide, 2 acres, SCR 1223. $500 month, $400 deposit. 683-8551.

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2 BEDROOM, 1 bath 1998 Mobile Home. $350 monthly, $200 deposit. Call XXX-XXXX for appointment.

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668 Retail/ Stores

2611-A N. MIDLAND Drive for lease. 600 sq. ft., $350 monthly. Call Don Roderick, Langston Realtors 682-9495.

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OWNER WILL FINANCE 808 Canyon, 3 Bedrooms, 2 living areas, large kitchen and utility. Currently being remodeled: new carpet, new tile, etc. $32,000. Low down payment, low monthly payment. 697-2352.

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BY OWNER: 4504 Falcon in Northgate, 3 bedroms, 2 baths, 2 living, double garage. Sequestered master, tile flooring. Approximately 1,870 sq. ft.- $81,500. 689-2978.

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KEY To Abbreviations

Bdrm.	Bedroom
Ba.	Bath
Kit.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA.	Non-Qualifying
	Assumable
QA.	Qualifying
	Assumable
Ac.	Acre
3/2/2	Bdrm./Ba./Gar.

MUST SEE! 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick, newly redecorated, new heating/ cooling, new paint and carpet, low 40's, low move in with new FHA loan. 4207 West Illinois. 550-5379.

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PREAPPROVED or CASH? Below market for quick closing. 4 Bedroom, pool. $116,900, 4302 Arroyo, 699-4733.

DRIVE BY 3210 Camarie then call to see lovely Fannin 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living, double garage home. Large kitchen has hutch in the breakfast area. $79,000. 697-4820, 688-5982.

RE/MAX of Midland at Mission Square. Call 682-8820.

725 Condo Townhouses

NICE 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Scharbauer townhouse, almost 1,200 sq. ft. Monthly dues. $26,500. Jody Smith 694-9426, Chaparral Realtors

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3519 Boyd
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3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1,850 feet livable garden townhome. $95,000. Call Lee at 528-5104.
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TOWN PLAZA- nice 1 bedroom, 1 bath, lots of updates, $17,000. Jody Smith 694-9426 Chaparral Realtors.

✔ THREE BEDROOM, two bath, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, walk in closets. Completely remodeled. Approximately 1,600 square feet. 446 West Pine. 915-942-9091.

730 Suburban Property

BY OWNER, new loan, 5 bedroom, 3 bath, double garage, 5 acres. $115,000. 684-4320.

750 Lots & Acreage

NEAR GREENWOOD- 2 acres. Shown by appointment only. Call for more informatiion, 915-550-3206.

PRIME RETAIL Location available in Odessa at 52nd and JBS Pkwy. Approximately 27 + acres. Would consider selling part or all. Zoned Retail (R-1). Contact Cindy Brown, Broker with Realty Unlimited, 550-5609.

PRICE REDUCED- Must sell 3.34 acres. Next to firestation North Midland Drive. Excellent water well. Was $65,000, now $48,000. Please call 694-0295 evenings, 520-8775 days.

GREENWOOD LAND available, approximately two and one- half miles northwest of school off CR 1090. Follow signs or call 682-2393.

760 Farms & Ranches

125 ACRES (FM 1208 1/2 mile north of interstate). 3 Water wells, Greenwood school district. $450 per acre. 699-4946.

770 Resort Property

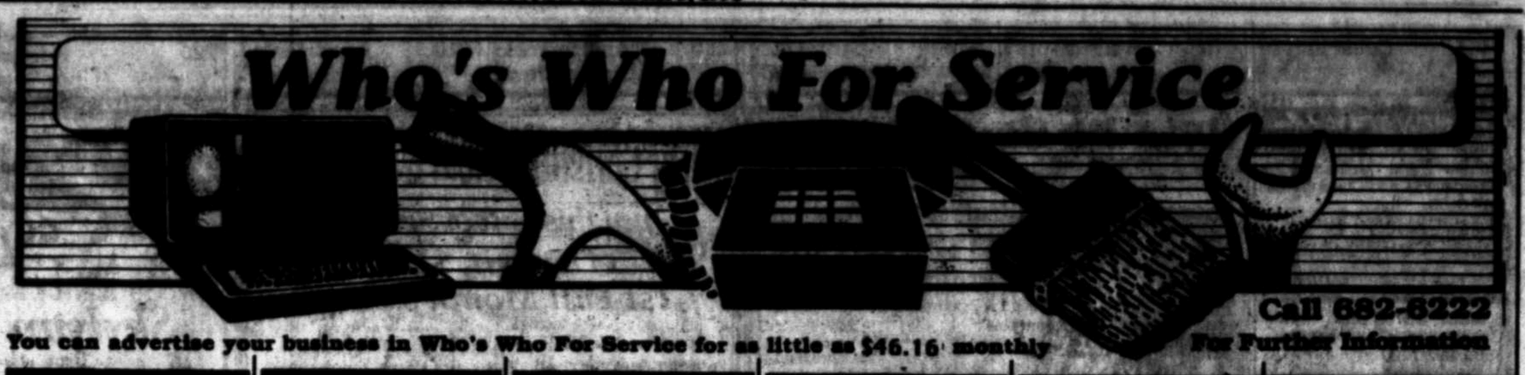
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COZY WEEKEND get away in Cloudcroft, New Mexico, fireplace, knotty pine throughout, carpeted, complete kitchen, storage shed. $59,000. 915-533-8867.

VERY NICE lake place- Lake Champion. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 14' x 80' mobile home, large covered patio, 2 car carport, fenced yard, lots of trees- must see! 915-728-8276.

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