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Gingerbread story

Ritzie Williford, affectionately known as "Mother Goose" by area children, tells preschool age children about famous Christmas tales and the Gingerbread Man./**1B**



SPORTS

TCU coach

New Texas Christian coach Dennis Franchione believes he can shape the struggling Horned Frogs into a competitive team again./**1C**

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Clinton defies GOP, appoints Lee

■ Blow softened by installing Lee as acting assistant attorney general for civil rights.

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defying Republican threats of reprisal, President Clinton bypassed the Senate to name NAACP attorney Bill Lann Lee as the nation's civil rights chief Monday. GOP critics protested angrily and promised to closely monitor Lee on affirmative action.

After two months of bickering with lawmakers, Clinton softened the blow by installing Lee as acting assistant attorney general for civil rights. While that gives Lee an indefinite hold on the job, it was considered less confrontational than invoking constitutional power for a recess appointment while Congress was out of session.

In an Oval Office ceremony, Clinton said Lee would have "full authority and support" to carry out his duties but added: "I still look forward to striking the word 'acting' from his title." Lee was quietly sworn in a few hours later.

Lee's nomination wound up at the center of a name-calling battle about affirmative action between the White House and congressional Republicans.

GOP foes argued that Lee's job as Western regional director for the NAACP's legal defense fund indicated he would enforce racial quotas, which are banned by feder-

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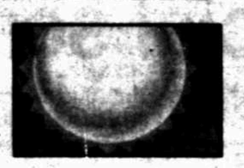


Bill Lann Lee speaks at a ceremony in the Oval Office of the White House, as President Clinton looks on after the president announced he would name Lee as the government's acting civil rights chief. The president, defying fierce Republican opposition, bypassed Congress and named Lee chief without formal title.

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A.M. BRIEFING

TODAY
Mostly sunny with high in mid-60s. Weather on 4A



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Nichols trial

DENVER — Backed by two huge photos of the Oklahoma City federal building — before and after the bombing — a prosecutor told jurors in closing arguments Monday that Terry Nichols all but abandoned his family, took up with Timothy McVeigh and set out on a "road to destruction."

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Stock market

NEW YORK — Investor jitters over the impact of Asia's economic crisis on U.S. businesses eased Monday, sending the Dow Jones industrial average to its first gain in more than a week. The world's best-known stock barometer, which rose more than 109 points in afternoon trading, ended the day with a gain of 84.29 at 7,922.59.

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Anthrax vaccines

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary William Cohen ordered all 1.5 million men and women in uniform Monday to be inoculated against anthrax, citing a growing worldwide threat from the deadliest form of germ warfare. Terrorist bombings aimed at U.S. troops and fears that enemies might use biological weapons prompted the Pentagon initiative, officials said.

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Save a Child



Seven-month-old Sloan Edgar and her mother, Jennifer Prince, provided an example of a child meeting safety standards while travelling down Cuthbert Avenue in the back seat Monday afternoon. Their compliance made them eligible for a benevolent citation from Midland police.

Midland police rewarding motorists who comply with child restraint laws

Midlanders can look forward to traffic "tickets" in the next few weeks.

That's right — really look forward to Midland police handing out citations.

Under a holiday Midland Police Department program, officers will be handing out rewards to motorists obeying child seat belt or child safety seat laws.

Police will randomly pull over drivers in upcoming days to reward them for obeying the law. In Texas, an adult who fails to properly buckle up a child faces a Class C misdemeanor.

Ron Sartor and Kimberly Martinez, community relations officers with MPD, spent Monday patrolling the city's streets rewarding drivers for responsible behavior.

Sartor said that although people should obey the law anyway, police wanted to thank law-abiding citizens by giving them gift certificates and a variety of prizes, including a free pair of blue jeans, a free video rental, free food and free car washes.

"(It's to) heighten the awareness and also it's a program to reward drivers for caring enough about the safety of children to buckle them up," he said. "We feel strongly that it could prevent severe injuries and save lives."

"That's what we're mainly concerned about, is the risk they're taking by not buckling them up," Ms. Martinez added.

As part of the program, the community relations officers allowed members of the news media to ride with them as they looked for deserving citizens to pull over and "ticket".

"We're stopping people who are abiding by the law," Ms. Martinez said as she drove through Midland. "We're actu-

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Story by Richard Ence Photo by Brian Adamcik

Court ruling on jurors separates legal community

■ Prosecutors and judges approve of ruling allowing felony trial to proceed with less than 12 jurors.

By Alice Ashmore
Staff Writer

The local legal community is giving mixed reviews to a Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruling handed down last week. The 5-4 decision by the Court would allow a felony trial to proceed with less than 12 jurors, if the defendant agrees to proceed.

Prosecutors and judges both spoke in favor of the new law, while a local defense attorney sees the ruling as a bad decision.

"It's good case law," said Midland District Attorney Al Schorre. "It prevents a defendant from getting off on a technicality that he agrees to."

'From a criminal defense standpoint, that is probably a dumb decision to make.'
— Hal Brockett, Midland attorney

"I think it is an advancement of the law," said 238th District Judge John Hyde. "There are instances where a juror becomes incapacitated, particularly during the punishment phase of the trial." He said cases where this occurs are rare, but that "it generally happens in a significant trial."

Hyde added, "I think it could benefit the ends of justice."

The decision arose out of a Dallas case where Michael Lynn Hatch was accused of delivery of cocaine. After his trial began, it was discovered that one of the jurors was not a U. S. citizen.

Hatch and state prosecutors agreed to proceed with 11, and the jury returned a unanimous verdict, the opinion said. On appeal, Hatch said that the jury had no power to render a verdict because it had fewer than 12 members. The state said Hatch waived the right to a dozen jurors.

Midland attorney Hal Brockett, who represents some criminal defendants, told the Reporter-Telegram Monday, "From a criminal defense standpoint, that

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Council member Schneider strives to clarify legislation

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Midland City Council member Pat Schneider is well into her second year of service with the Texas Attorney General Dan Morales' Municipal Advisory Committee, helping improve the working relationship between the state of Texas and its cities.

Working with 34 other city representatives from around the state, Ms. Schneider and the others worked to produce documents in plain, clear language that can serve as guides for city and civic leaders in negotiating the "legalese" of legislation, she explained.

Since Morales formed the committee five years ago, the committee has produced three such works and is currently revising the first to include recent legislation. In her second year on the committee, Ms. Schneider is currently working on that revision effort.

In the first of those guides, the Handbook on Economic Development Laws for Texas Cities, the committee worked in conjunction with Attorney General staff to produce a guide that can help anyone utilize available legislative tools to promote economic development in their city.

"It's for cities, developers, chambers of commerce — anyone interested in economic development," Ms. Schneider said.

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Mideast Christmas



A Palestinian man walks past a shop selling Christmas decorations near Bethlehem's Manger Square Monday. The biblical town of Bethlehem is gearing up for the coming Christmas season when thousands of pilgrims will be in the region.

AP Photo

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Remembering Hanoi's devastating 12 days of Christmas

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Fixed in time, her eyes stare out from a grainy black and white portrait hanging in a memorial in central Hanoi. Her name is unknown, but her memory is linked with the bombing raid on the North Vietnamese capital 25 years ago.

She's one of 1,600 civilian dead remembered this week in Hanoi and throughout this country to mark the anniversary of the 1972 Christmas bombings — President Nixon's last kick at communist North Vietnam.

On Dec. 18, 1972, an armada of American B-52s flew in formation seven miles overhead and unleashed their payloads on Hanoi. The bombings continued for 11 more days.

Stooped low inside a one-person bomb shelter, Nguyen Van Tung listened nightly as explosion after explosion broke his world into a clutter of rubble. Today, he is a volunteer who maintains a small memorial for the victims.

"The United States and Vietnam and our children should look to the future, but let's not forget the past," Tung said.

It was "Operation Linebacker II" — an attack aimed at winning concessions from the communists at peace talks in Paris. The campaign, coming shortly after Nixon had won a landslide election to a second term, was the biggest aerial blitz of the war.

With the fighting long over, Washington and Hanoi have now moved into a new era of friendship. But their troubled past continues to haunt.



AP Photo

A young Vietnamese girl, born long after the end of the Vietnam War, stands on Sunday in front of the wreckage of a B-52 bomber that was shot down over Hanoi during the 1972 Christmas bombings campaign. Communist Vietnam this week marks the 25th anniversary of the start of the Christmas bombing raids over Hanoi and Haiphong that left 1,600 civilians dead and 70 U.S. airmen captured or killed.

"For those who want to forget or who do not want to recall, the candles and incense still lit on thousands of graves and altars will remind us of those 12 days and nights," said Doan Khue, a Communist Party Politburo member and former defense minister.

In Hanoi and the northern port city of Haiphong, the bombing was staggering. More than 1,600 civilians died, 70 U.S. airmen were killed or captured and many Americans were left to wonder what price Nixon was willing to pay for "peace with honor."

For the Vietnamese, it was a hailstorm of death.

'All through it we could hear people screaming under collapsed walls and bricks. We tried everything to get to them, but by the time we pulled them out they were dead.'
— Phuong Thi Tiem, a survivor of the bombing

"If I could have talked to President Nixon, I would have said 'What were you thinking? How could you do this? You dropped bombs on our heads,'" said 76-year-old Phuong Thi Tiem, who recalls spending days trying to dig trapped survivors out of the rubble.

"All through it we could hear people screaming under collapsed walls and bricks," she said. "We tried everything to get to them, but by the time we pulled them out they were dead."

Although the B-52s had been programmed to pinpoint strategic targets, mistakes happened.

Aiming for an air base on the outskirts of Hanoi, a load of bombs went astray and crashed down on Bac Mai hospital on Dec. 22, killing 18 hospital workers and patients.

On Christmas Day, silence fell on the ravaged city.

Thousands of people who had evacuated Hanoi began to return, believing the bombing runs were over. For Tung and his neighbor Tiem, the worst came less than 24 hours later.

"On Christmas Day so many people came back to the city because the bombing stopped," Tiem says. "We never believed the United States would drop bombs on us again at Christmas."

But the next day, the air strikes resumed with devastating results. The target was Hanoi's central railway station. Dozens of bombs landed short, instead hitting a busy residential street, Kham Thiem.

On the day after Christmas, 283 civilians lay dead under the rubble and debris of Hanoi.

"I remember ducking in my shelter, my hands were over my head," Tung said, arms motioning wildly in the air.

Closing his eyes, he relived his burial in a bomb shelter that almost became his tomb.

"I shouted 'I'm here, I'm here!'" Tung recalled. Rescue workers pulled him from the shelter, his cloths shredded and one foot mangled. "I survived. I still can't imagine how I survived."

A month later, on Jan. 27, 1973, North Vietnam signed the peace agreement with the United States. Within three months, all American military troops and aircraft were gone.

Carlos' lawyers quit the trial that he calls a 'judicial scandal'

Nicolas Marmie
Associated Press

The three defense lawyers withdrew from the trial after the court refused another demand to investigate the CIA's and Mossad's alleged role in the killings.

PARIS — Denouncing his murder prosecution as a "Zionist plot," the terrorist suspect known as Carlos the Jackal accused the CIA and Israel's Mossad on Monday of committing the killings he is on trial for.

A court appointed a new lawyer for the accused — whose real name is Ilich Ramirez Sanchez — when his three-member defense team walked out to protest the court's refusal to order a new investigation in the case.

Monday's proceedings, interrupted by a half-dozen recesses, were punctuated by both surprises and dramatic accusations, delaying progress in the second day of the trial.

Ramirez, 48, is being tried in the 1975 killings of two French intelligence agents, Raymond Dous and Jean Donatini, and of a Lebanese man, Michel Moukharbal, whom Ramirez suspected of being an informer.

The agents were investigating Ramirez's role in attacks on Israel's El Al airlines at Paris' Orly Airport.

Ramirez, who faces a 30-year prison sentence in each of the killings, was convicted in 1992 in absentia. Under French law, he must be retried now that he is in custody.

The court earlier Monday rejected the defense's request, made Friday, to throw out the trial on the grounds that Ramirez was illegally abducted from Sudan for trial.

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"These policemen were sent to the slaughterhouse by Israeli agents," the Venezuelan-born Ramirez told the court loudly in Spanish-accented French, adding profanities.

He later denounced the trial as a "judicial scandal."

"I refuse to prostitute myself in this abstract rite," Carlos said, claiming, once again, that he was the victim of a "Zionist plot."

Lawyers for the civil party, SOS-Attentats, which defends victims of terrorism, denounced the defense strategy as a "provocation."

Ramirez gained international notoriety as the Cold War-era mastermind of deadly bombings, assassinations and hostage dramas.

He carried out the 1975 seizure of OPEC oil ministers and was involved in the 1976 Palestinian hijacking of a French jetliner to Entebbe, Uganda, that ended with an Israeli commando raid.

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Guyana elections could produce Chicago-born president

Associated Press

GEORGETOWN, Guyana — The Chicago-born widow of a former president scorned by the United States for his leftist views was favored to win Monday in Guyana's presidential election.

Janet Jagan, the interim prime minister and widow of the late President Cheddi Jagan, was favored by her husband's followers, descended from East Indian indentured laborers, over former President Desmond Hoyte, whose base is among Guyanese descended from African slaves.

Turnout was heavy in this South American nation east of Venezuela. Pre-election polls suggested an ethnic divide that benefits Mrs. Jagan's People's Progressive Party. Partial, unofficial results were expected late Monday.

Hoyte's People's National Congress and eight small parties also were seeking seats in the 65-member, single-chamber Parliament.

The Congress party said it was investigating reports that ballots were being stuffed into paper bags instead of secure boxes and that its voters were threatened.

Hoyte voted at dawn Monday, while Mrs. Jagan flashed a "V" for victory sign after voting at Georgetown's Christ Church Secondary School. "I hate to jump the line," she quipped as she was escorted past waiting voters.

Some of the record 460,000 people registered to vote complained their names were missing from lists and that the lead pencil marks they put on ballots could be easily erased. Most were concerned with jobs, development and a peaceful election.

"In the countryside, conditions are deplorable in sanitation, in the hospitals, in the hope of finding jobs," said Hyacinth Ruffino, 57, a social worker. "There is a need for another change."

Many hoped a fair vote would prevent a repeat of violence that marred the last election in 1992. International observers, including an Organization of American States team, monitored polling stations.

Then, Jagan's party won 35 Parliament seats, Hoyte's 27 and two small parties the remaining three seats.

On Monday, many shops along Georgetown's tree-lined streets were boarded shut against possible looting.

Mrs. Jagan, 77, a veteran legislator and longtime editor of The Mirror party newspaper, often cited her husband's legacy during her campaign. A leftist once scorned by the United States and Britain, Cheddi Jagan led South America's only English-speaking nation to independence from Britain in 1966, and his picture adorned his widow's campaign buttons and literature. He died last March.

Despite her long experience in this nation of 750,000 people, some residents wondered whether Guyanese would welcome a President Janet Jagan, who was born Janet Rosenberg to a Jewish family in Chicago and still speaks with an American accent.

"I don't know if people see white when they look at me, except for maybe the die-hard politicians," she said. "I've been around for so long, you know. Fifty-four years, that's a long time."

Many Guyanese regard her with open adoration, because she experienced firsthand the kind of racial tensions that divide the country and because of her devotion to their hero, Cheddi Jagan.

Mrs. Jagan was jailed with her husband in the 1950s, when he first won an election but was cheated of power by British and American administrations alarmed by his ties to Cuba and Russia. London and Washington supported Hoyte's party, which ruled Guyana from a pre-independence vote in 1964 until Jagan defeated Hoyte in the first untainted elections in 1992.

Since then, Mrs. Jagan said their party has created more than 30,000 jobs, cut unemployment to below 12 percent, reduced Guyana's foreign debt from $2.1 billion to $1.5 billion, and launched ambitious infrastructure projects.

Hoyte, 68, accused Jagan's party of corruption in handing out multimillion-dollar construction contracts. He promised to develop tourism and open Guyana's vast mineral and timber resources to foreign investment.



AP Photo

The presidential candidate for the People's National Congress, Desmond Hoyte, right, and his wife Joyce, make the victory sign after voting in Georgetown, Guyana, Monday. Hoyte, a former president, is mostly supported by Afro-Guyanese while American-born Janet Jagan, who led pre-election polls, is favored by Indo-Guyanese followers.

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80 killed in plane crash in United Arab Emirates

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — An airliner carrying 86 people crashed in the desert today in the United Arab Emirates, and a hospital official said 80 people died.

The official Emirates News Agency said the Tu-154 went down after a flight from the former Soviet republic of Tajikistan to Sharjah, one of the seven emirates that make up the United Arab Emirates.

The agency said the plane was carrying 77 passengers and nine crew members when it went down in a desert nine miles from Sharjah airport.

Sharjah television broadcast footage from the crash site, where smoke rose from the twisted metal and wreckage. Rescue workers set up flood lights to work in the dark. Bodies, some of them charred, were carried away on stretchers.

Those aboard the plane were taken to Al-Qassimi Hospital in Sharjah. An official at the hospital, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said 80 bodies arrived. At least two people were critically injured. There was no word on the remaining four people.

There are no scheduled flights from Dushanbe, the Tajik capital, to Sharjah, suggesting the plane was on a charter flight. Sharjah is about 12 miles from Dubai.

There was no immediate word on the cause of the crash. The weather was clear when the plane went down.

The Tu-154, a three-engine, medium-range aircraft, has been involved in a number of deadly accidents in recent years. Some aviation officials say the aircraft, the workhorse of airlines of the former Soviet Union, is an unsafe plane.

A Tu-154 crashed into a mountain on the Norwegian island of Spitsbergen in 1996, killing 141 people. In 1995, all 97 people aboard a Tu-154 died in a crash in Russia's Far East, and in 1994, a Tu-154 crash in Siberia killed all 125 aboard. A Chinese-owned Tu-154 crashed in 1994 in Xian, killing all 160 people on the aircraft.



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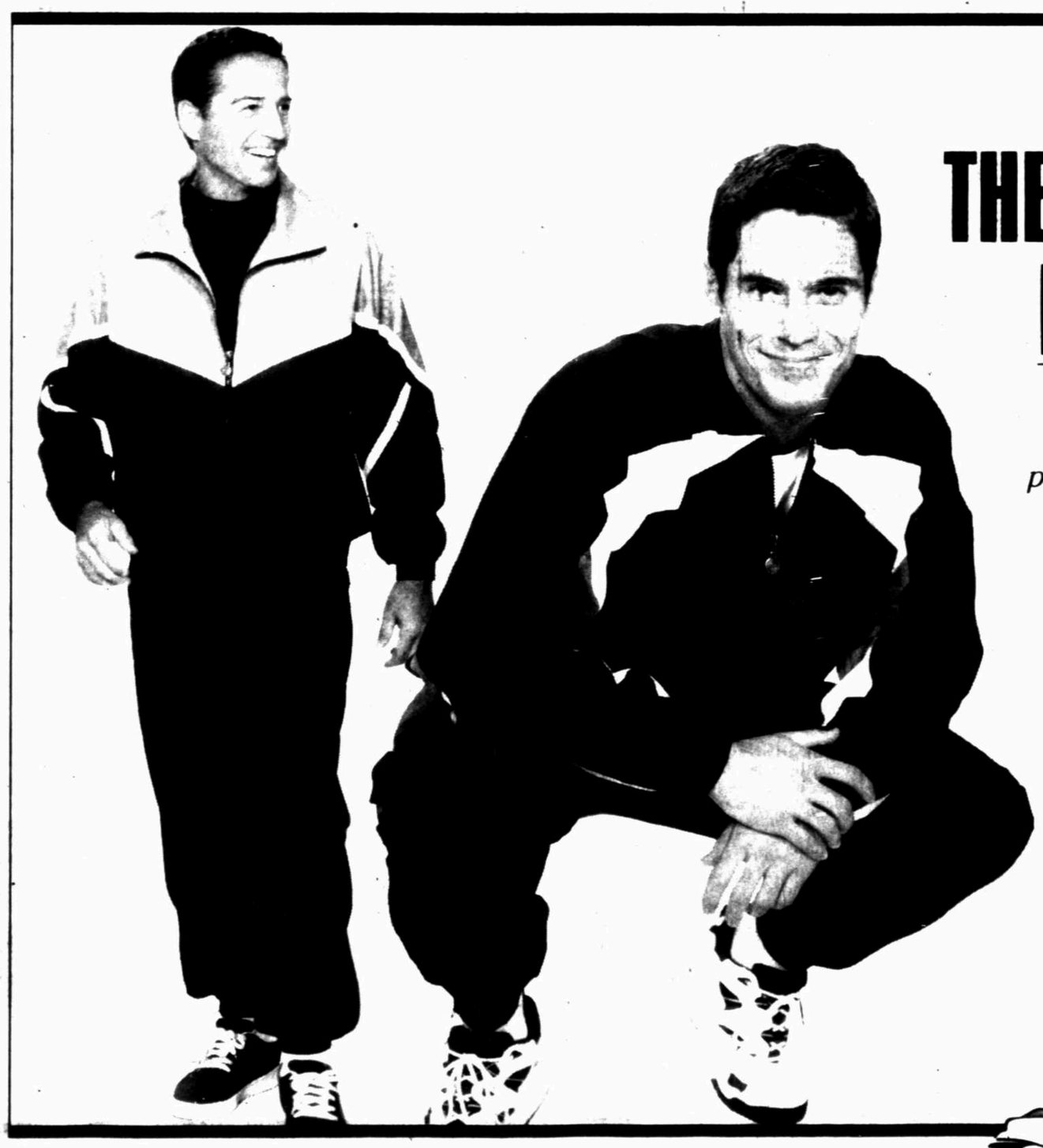
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Midland forecast

3-day forecast

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Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny
High 65	High 65	High 67
Low 28	Low 29	Low 31

The forecast for today calls for mostly sunny skies with a high between 60 and 65 degrees. Winds will be from north at 10 to 20 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight calls for clear skies with temperatures dropping into the upper 20's.

Wednesday's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high in the the low to mid 60's.

After an overnight low of 28, Monday's high was 68, compared to the record high for that date of 76 set in 1977. Record low for this date was 11, set in 1987.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Sunday	.00 in.
Rainfall Monday	.00 in.
Total for month	0.21 in.
Total for year	15.98 in.

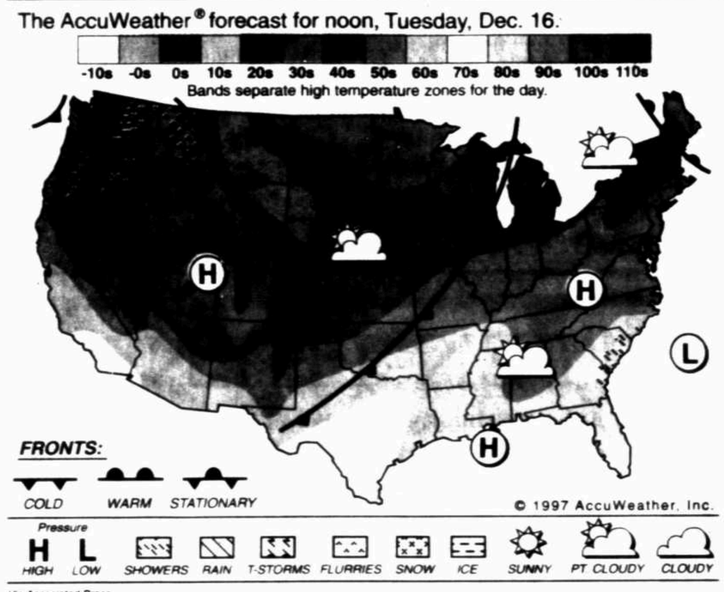
Yesterday's temperatures

High	68
low	28
Normal high	58
Normal low	31

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National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Dec. 16.



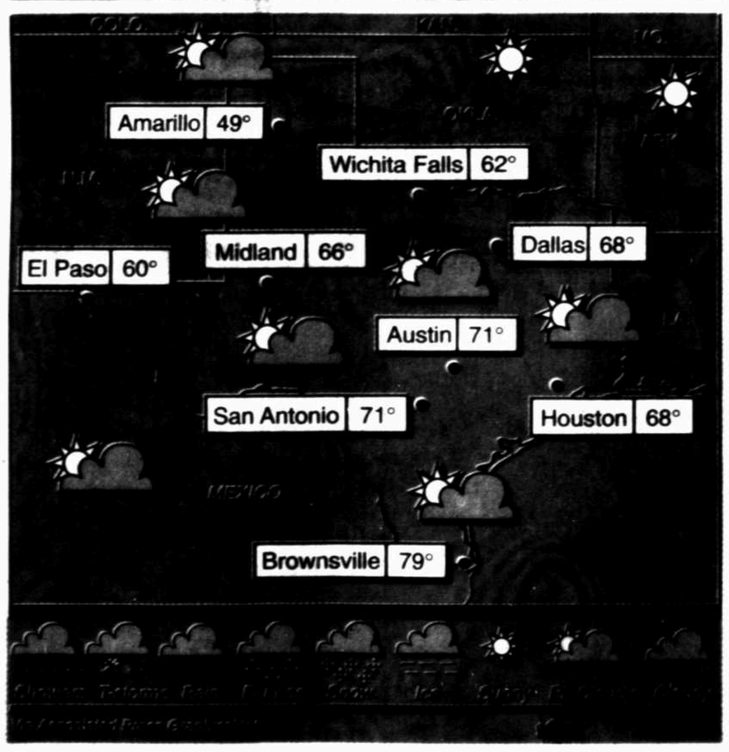
Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:32 p.m. EST

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Albuquerque	49	25	clr	
Allentown,Pa	42	20	clr	
Atlanta	54	28	clr	
Atlantic City	41	16	clr	
Baltimore	47	21	clr	
Baton Rouge	58	28	clr	
Billings	49	32	cdy	
Boston	37	19	cdy	
Bridgeport	39	20	clr	
Charleston,W.Va	45	19	clr	
Charlotte,N.C	53	29	clr	
Chattanooga	51	21	clr	
Cheyenne	49	31	cdy	
Chicago	46	28	cdy	
Cincinnati	48	20	cdy	
Cleveland	45	26	cdy	
Colorado Springs	63	25	clr	
Columbia,S.C	55	33	cdy	
Columbus,Ga	58	34	.58	clr
Columbus,Ohio	44	21	cdy	
Daytona Beach	50	46	.36	rn
Denver	47	37	cdy	
Des Moines	46	28	cdy	
Detroit	41	23	cdy	
Duluth	46	25	cdy	
Fairbanks	-10	-12	sn	
Fargo	38	22	clr	
Flagstaff	45	15	cdy	
Flint	46	24	cdy	
Fort Smith	58	28	cdy	
Fort Wayne	43	22	clr	
Fresno	52	41	.03	cdy
Goodland	49	34	clr	
Grand Junction	43	18	clr	
Grand Rapids	46	29	cdy	
Helena	42	18	cdy	
Honolulu	81	68	clr	
Houston	62	30	cdy	
Huntsville	51	24	clr	
Indianapolis	46	21	clr	
Jackson,Miss	50	21	clr	
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Juneau	37	35	sn	
Kansas City	50	28	cdy	
Knoxville	47	23	clr	
Las Vegas	61	41	clr	
Lexington	46	18	clr	
Lincoln	51	28	clr	
Little Rock	55	28	clr	
Los Angeles	69	55	clr	
Louisville	48	24	clr	
Memphis	54	30	clr	
Miami Beach	64	57	.01	cdy
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New Orleans	55	36	clr	
New York City	42	28	clr	
Oklahoma City	64	27	cdy	
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Orlando	49	47	.19	cdy
Phoenix	68	43	clr	
Pittsburgh	41	21	clr	
Rapid City	56	30	clr	
Reno	46	26	cdy	
Richmond	46	20	clr	
Sacramento	48	36	.04	cdy
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San Diego	65	49	cdy	
San Francisco	54	42	cdy	
Seattle	47	38	.16	m
Shreveport	59	27	clr	
Sioux City	56	25	cdy	
Sioux Falls	52	31	cdy	
Springfield,Ill	48	24	cdy	
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Toledo	41	27	cdy	
Topeka	52	23	cdy	
Tucson	69	39	clr	
Tulsa	60	27	cdy	
Tupelo	55	25	clr	
Washington,D.C	45	27	clr	

State forecast



Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT:

	Hi	Lo	Pcp
Abilene	70	30	
Alice	71	35	
Amarillo	70	24	
Arlington	66	30	
Austin bergstrom	69	24	
Austin Mueller	68	32	
Beaumont	59	30	
Brownsville	71	35	
Burnet	69	29	
Childress	75	28	
College Station	65	30	
Conroe	61	29	
Corpus Christi	70	33	
Dallas	66	31	
Del Rio	72	25	
Denton	65	25	
Dfw Airport	66	29	
El Paso	57	23	
Fort Stockton	72	40	
Fort Worth	66	31	
Galveston	57	40	
Harlingen	71	36	
Hondo	69	28	
Houston Hobby	63	35	
Houston Intrctnl	62	30	
Huntsville	61	31	
Kingsville	69	32	
Laredo	75	37	
Lubbock	70	23	
Lufkin	62	27	
Marfa	63	16	
McAllen	72	36	
Navy Corpus	66	38	
Palacios	64	36	
Paris	61	28	
Rockport	63	34	
San Angelo	73	25	
San Antonio	68	30	
Terrell	63	28	
Texarkana, Ark.	58	29	
Victoria	66	32	
Waco	67	27	
Wichita Falls	70	26	
Wink	69	22	

TICKETS: Police say drivers are really pleased with rewards

(From 1A)

ally giving them gift certificates, or rewards; if you want to call it that."

Ms. Martinez said drivers were caught by surprise by the apparent stops for traffic violations.

"At first they're really worried, but after you tell them what you're working on they're really pleased," she said. "Our major goal is that kids need to be buckled up."

The police later made one of several "positive" stops when they pulled over a dark green suburban. The driver turned out to be Sam Matlock, whose husband is Judge Joe Matlock, Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1.

Ms. Matlock had her two grandchildren — six-year-old Ember McKinney and two-year-old Ethan McKinney — both snugly buckled up in her vehicle. Their father, Rory, is a sergeant with the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

The Matlocks were meeting for lunch at a restaurant on Wadley Avenue. They said they love the idea.

Ms. Matlock said the idea is appropriate for Christmas.

"I think it's wonderful, especially coming from a law enforcement family," she said.

The program is good for spreading the word, she added. Safety matters to her. She remembers an accident many years ago involving her son Rory, who is now 32. That was before child safety laws.

"(Rory) fell. My car didn't have seat belts," she said. "He fell and cut the side of his head. He hit the cup divider."

The accident scared Ms. Matlock, but made her realize the importance of safety devices when dealing with her grandchildren.

"I can just see them going through the windshield," she said. "You have to set the example."

Little Ember could only think of one word for the program: "Cool."

Judge Matlock said he approves of the program.

"I think it's a good public relations tool for the police department," he said. "It's not just the negative things. Police are really compassionate people or they couldn't be in the business they're in.

"They have to do it because they've got a special place in their hearts."

Sponsors of the MPD program include El Chico, Bennigans, Flowerama, Mervyn's, Raindance and Village car washes, Cox Video, Mr. Gatti's Pizza and Murray's Deli.



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Two-year-old Dalton Gibbs provides an example of a child properly protected under child restraint laws while traveling on Andrews Highway with his mother, Lesli Gibbs, Monday afternoon.

LEE: Sen. Hatch threatened retaliation by ignoring nomination

(From 1A)

al law.

Stymied by Lee's rejection in the Republican-controlled Senate Judiciary Committee, the administration tried to exploit the situation to drive a wedge between the GOP and Asian-Americans and other minority voting blocs.

Clinton brushed off Republican threats to slow down judicial nominations and hold up money for the Justice Department. "I can't be worried about retaliation," the president said. "I have to do what I think is right."

The president said Lee's views "are my views on affirmative action — no quotas, no discrimination, no position or benefit for an unqualified person. But mend, don't end, affirmative action."

Lee's nomination will be submitted to the Senate again early next year in hopes of winning confirmation, the president said. But Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, who has led the opposition to Lee, said the nomination would be ignored.

Asked about Hatch's threats of retaliation, Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the senior Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, said, "How much more damage can he do?"

Lee will serve both as acting civil rights chief and counselor to the attorney general for civil rights enforcement. The acting designation is for an indefinite period. A recess appointment would have held until the end of next year.

If Lee's nomination is resubmitted next year and rejected by the Senate, he would lose the acting assistant attorney general title but could remain as counselor to Reno at her discretion. The assumption is that Reno would allow him to perform all of the civil rights duties.

Late Monday afternoon, Lee was sworn in at a small, private ceremony in Reno's conference room, Justice spokesman Bert Brandenburg said. Lee's wife held the Bible; Reno and about 15 senior Justice officials were present.

The son of Chinese immigrants who washed clothes in Harlem for a living, Lee won a scholarship to Yale and went on to earn a law degree from Columbia University. He said his appointment "redeems my parents' hopes and faith that the American dream can come true for all Americans."

Lee said he would enforce anti-discrimination laws "without fear or favor."

"Without proper enforcement, these laws are merely empty promises," he said.

Powerless to stop the appointment, Republicans fumed.

"I want to make it clear I do not believe Bill Lann Lee should be assistant attorney general — even in an acting capacity — because of his positions advocating racial preferences and timetables," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss. said in a statement.

Hatch, R-Utah, said Lee would be "among the most congressionally scrutinized bureaucrats in history." Lott said Republicans would watch his moves "regarding racial quotas, preferences and timetables to ensure that the department complies with all laws and federal court decisions."

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., warned that Lee's appointment would "poison the water" on important matters requiring Senate approval.

Civil rights leader Jesse Jackson said every other rights benchmark through history "has been met with threats and obstruction and violence." But Jackson said he doubted there would be "substantial" repercussions over Lee's appointment.

As acting chief, Lee will have all the powers of a permanent chief except one that has not been used in recent memory. He will not be able to serve as acting attorney general in Reno's absence. But the civil rights chief is so far down the department's line of succession that Justice officials could not remember a time when the assistant attorney general for civil rights was called upon to serve as acting attorney general.

JURORS: Attorney contends ruling puts pressure on defendants

(From 1A)

is probably a dumb decision to make."

Brockett added, "I certainly would not waive my right to 12 jurors in a felony case — ever." He said that from a criminal defense standpoint it would be a foolish decision to make. "That one dismissed juror could be the one person who would vote 'not guilty' and hang the jury." Brockett said although it is now legal to proceed with less than 12 jurors, "I don't think that would be a very smart thing to do."

Schorre supports the decision of the Court of Criminal Appeals. "What they are talking about is fair to both sides," Schorre contended.

Austin civil rights lawyer Jim Harrington said the decision means "another sad day for the Texas Bill of Rights. In a couple of years there won't be anything left." The ruling will open the door the door to defendants being pressured to continue trials with fewer than 12 jurors, Harrington said.

When asked if pressure could be brought to bear on a defendant to continue with a trial, Schorre said, "I don't know any of our local defense attorneys that would allow it."

"My guess is that this is going to be a very limited decision in Midland County," Schorre said. "There is not a defense attorney in town that will agree to it."

Schorre said ineligible jurors began showing up occasionally in jury pools when the names of prospective jurors began to be selected from those people with a valid of Texas driver's license, rather than voter registration records.

"That allowed folks to be called for jury duty that were not U. S. citizens, or were convicted felons," Schorre said.

The Texas Constitution says the right of trial by jury cannot be violated, but it can be regulated by the Legislature, Presiding Judge Michael McCormick noted in the majority opinion.

Legislative amendments allow a defendant, with the consent of prosecutors, to waive a jury trial in felony cases where the death penalty is not sought, the court opinion said. The opinion said since that is allowed, the right to having 12 members on a jury also can be waived in a non-capital cases.

In addition, the majority says the Legislature in 1985 provided that parties may agree to try a case with fewer than 12 jurors.

Dissenting judges said that the law was only intended to apply to civil cases. They said the Code of Criminal Procedure requires 12 jurors in felony jury trials unless one dies or becomes disabled.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

CLARIFY: Loop 250 development experience proved valuable

(From 1A)

The next book, the Juvenile Justice Handbook for Cities, explains the juvenile justice system and outlines state resources available for cities to use in the fight against juvenile crime.

During Ms. Schneider's first year on the committee, they worked to produce the Handbook on Land Use Laws for Texas Cities.

In producing that guide, committee members posed enumerable questions regarding legal snags that they had encountered in acquiring and zoning land for various uses.

Ms. Schneider was able to bring to bear her experience with the early development along North Loop 250 in producing that guide for other Texas cities, she said, recalling the struggle to zone area for the Best Buy store.

"We started with Best Buy and went from there. That was the toughest one — the first one always is," she said.

Experience amassed during her years of service on the city council was compiled with that of the other members of the committee, and that wealth of information was used by Attorney General staff in researching and writing the guides, she said.

"We put these together so the state and cities can learn how to work better together," she said.

In addition to providing input for these guides, committee members also are invited to comment on any other municipal issues they believe should be of concern to the Attorney General's office.

"Because of your experience and insight regarding local governments, your input is invaluable to my office as we respond to issues affecting municipalities," Morales said in a letter accepting Ms. Schneider for her second term on the committee.

"In light of your expertise and interest in the area of municipal government, it is my honor to request your service for a second term," Morales said.

"Frank Sturzl, executive director of the Texas Municipal League, and Scott Joslove, chief of the Municipal Affairs section of my office, have expressed their full confidence that you would significantly contribute to the effectiveness of the committee. I heartily agree with their assessment," Morales added.

The committee meets three times a year, with most of the work being done "by phone and fax" throughout the year, she said.

During her service, Ms. Schneider has been able to keep the attorney general appraised of issues important to Permian Basin cities.

This is Ms. Schneider's fifth year of service on the Midland City Council. Her current term of office expires in the year 2000.

Martians smarter than the average American?

By Donald M. Rothberg
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Most Americans think there is intelligent life on other planets — more intelligent, in fact, than on Earth.

"The public loves this stuff, they always have," said Paul Horowitz, a professor of physics at Harvard, when told of the finding made public Monday by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion. Horowitz directs a project that operates a 250-million channel receiver listening for signals from space.

"It could be that the American people are taking two and two and coming up with four," said Brian Welch, a spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

What pleased the space community was the response to this question: "Do you think there is intelligent life on other planets?"

Sixty percent of the people said yes and 40 percent said no.

Marist researchers then asked those who said yes if they thought life on other planets is "more, less, or about as intelligent as human life on earth."

The aliens came out ahead on that question. Of people who said they believe there is life on other planets, 47 percent said they thought it was more intelligent than on Earth, 13 percent said less intelligent and 40 percent said it was about the same.

By a margin of 86 to 14, people said they thought galactic neighbors are friendly rather than hostile.

Despite the positive view of the possibility of life on other planets, the survey found Americans divided on spending for the space program.

Forty-seven percent said the government is spending too much, 43 percent said funding was about right and 10 percent said it was too low. Asked if they thought the space program was a good investment, 45 percent said yes and 55 percent said the money would be better spent on other programs.

The telephone survey was conducted Oct. 5-7. Marist questioned 935 adults by telephone and the results had a margin of error of 3.5 percentage points.

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The Cash Five winning numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

8-11-16-21-37

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

5-2-7

Correction

In Sunday's story on Midland Independent School District's response to a special grand jury report on gangs, an incorrect number of students taking career and technology classes was given. About 4,200 MISD students are taking vocational courses.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

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UNICEF: Malnutrition kills 6 million children

PARIS (AP) — Malnutrition kills between 6 million and 7 million children every year, making it more lethal than any disease since the bubonic plague, UNICEF said Tuesday.

Half the children in south Asia suffer from it, as well as a third of children in sub-Saharan Africa, according to the organization's annual "State of the World's Children" report.

Carol Bellamy, executive director of the United Nations Children's Fund, said malnutrition "kills and handicaps children all over the world."

"Those malnourished children who do survive often don't grow well," Bellamy said in an interview. "They have more frequent and severe bouts of illness. They are at high risk and have very bad intellectual development."

Malnutrition is not confined to the developing world.

UNICEF estimates more than 13 million children in the United States — or one in four children under 12 — cannot get enough to eat.

"It tends to be worse at the end of the month, when people's paychecks run out," Bellamy said, adding that one-sixth of U.S. children are born into poverty — a higher proportion than in any other industrialized nation.

The report paints a devastating picture of children left without access to enough food and the vitamins and minerals they need to develop.

Among its findings:

■ Anemia in infancy and early childhood, brought on by a lack of iron, can lower a child's IQ by about nine points. It also contributes to more than 20 percent of all post-partum deaths of mothers in Africa and Asia.

■ A lack of iodine in the diets of pregnant mothers can cause "profound mental retardation" in their children.

■ Vitamin A deficiency, affecting about 100 million young children worldwide, can cause blindness and impair immune systems. It reduces resistance to diarrhea, which kills 2.2 million children a year.

■ By stunting growth, malnutrition leaves a child open to countless other risks in adulthood. A study in Guatemala, for example, tied malnutrition to the deaths of women during childbirth, with shorter women at greater risk.

The report also contained some good news.

The percentage of malnourished children in Latin America has shrunk by half since 1970, from 20 percent to 10 percent, even though those countries have seen income levels rise only slightly in the past 27 years, Bellamy said.

And to fight iodine deficiency, more than 60 percent of the world's salt has been iodized, up from 12 percent five years ago.

"That's the best way for anyone to get the small amount of iodine they need," Bellamy said.

Officials try to halt currency crisis

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Southeast Asian leaders appealed to Western self-interest Monday in seeking more help with their currency crises, after struggling for two days and not coming up with any new ideas.

The nine members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations also talked of increasing trade among themselves, but the emphasis was on finding outside support.

The much-awaited ASEAN joint statement, issued on the second day of their three-day summit, contained no new initiatives and failed to immediately shore up the region's faltering currencies.

The Malaysian ringgit, Thai baht and Indonesian rupiah hit all-time lows Monday. The Japanese yen, Philippine peso and Singapore dollar also fell.

Philippine President Fidel Ramos said several leaders at the meeting feared the situation "is bound to get worse before it gets better."

Some of Southeast Asia's currencies have lost more than 40 percent of their value since the Thai baht was floated in July, sparking a chain reaction that hit markets worldwide. The international community has pledged $100 billion in bailouts.

Throughout the summit, the region's leaders warned the United States and other economic superpowers they should do more or face the consequences themselves.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said Sunday that Asia's financial turbulence could cut global economic growth by nearly one percentage point in 1998, with an even bigger impact on Japan and other nearby countries.

"Only through a globally concerted action can the ongoing liquidity crunch be prevented from becoming a total meltdown," said Supachai Panitchpakdi, Thailand's deputy prime minister and commerce minister.

He suggested the Group of Seven nations — the world's leading economies — should meet immediately to address the need for financial reform.

None of the leaders came right out and asked for more money, but they dropped strong hints.

Ramos said ASEAN nations were asking Japan "to encourage other nations to come in and give a hand."

Japanese government spokesman Hiroshi Hashimoto said Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto was asked to buy more from countries in the region but he said no.

The leaders' statement called for speeding implementation of an emergency stabilization plan drawn up last month by ASEAN deputy finance ministers in Manila. That deal so far has failed to generate market enthusiasm.

It offers the promise of additional back-up bailout money from rich countries such as the United States and Japan. But it would be available only if troubled countries agree to the International Monetary Fund's tough economic reform measures.

Monday's statement accepted a central role for the IMF that some countries had sought to diminish because of its austerity conditions. Malaysia in particular has likened those conditions to a return of colonialism.

The leaders also talked about increasing internal trade among themselves.

"We are not forming a trade bloc like NAFTA," Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said. "We are responding to a situation beyond our control."

The leaders said they had watched currencies continue to fall even after Thailand, Indonesia and South Korea "corrected and improved" their policies to meet bailout conditions.

Ramos confirmed that the Philippines is negotiating with IMF for a precautionary standby loan program because of the impact of the crisis there.

ASEAN groups Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Burma, Brunei, Laos and Vietnam. The region's problems put a damper on the group's 30th anniversary commemoration this year.



AP Photo

Chinese President Jiang Zemin, right, and his wife Wang Yeping, far left, are received in audience by Malaysian King Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Queen Raja Permaisuri at the Palace in Kuala Lumpur Monday. Jiang is in the city to join summit meetings by leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Women in the background are unidentified interpreters.

Mass cremation held for over 20,000 of Bangkok's poor

SAMUT SAKHON, Thailand (AP) — Under a macabre pyramid of gilded skulls, Buddhists set fire to stacks of bones Monday in a cemetery-clearing mass cremation of Bangkok's poor — 21,347 people in 10 days.

Firecrackers exploded in cascades as the dead went up in flames, chasing evil spirits away in what 2,000 worshippers believed was a joyful rite sending Bangkok's most wretched to a better afterlife.

The cremation was organized by an ethnic Chinese benevolent association that holds funeral rituals for the unclaimed bodies of accident victims and the poor.

Celebrants knelt and prayed, made offerings of food and spattered scented water on the bones. Coins that had been placed in mouths of now-dessicated corpses for good luck were removed before the bodies were put into the flames.

"People are happy to be here and pray," said Kijja Wiswakoranant, the engineer who built the heavy-duty crematorium.

The benevolent association, Po Teck Tung, sends rescue crews to accidents. The living are taken to hospitals and the dead to a central Bangkok cemetery.

Poor people who cannot afford funerals also sometimes leave bodies of relatives with the association.

The society had delayed a mass cremation — which normally takes place every three years — for a decade to avoid an inauspicious conflict with important events such as the Golden Jubilee of King Bhumibol Adulyadej in 1996.

The current cremation is the biggest in the group's 86-year history and, some members claim, the biggest in the world. The need became urgent when construction of a new freeway began on part of the association's cemetery.

Pickups and army trucks transported the remains of 21,347 people last month to the new crematorium in Samut Sakhon, 25 miles south of the capital.

A pyramid of hundreds of skulls was erected before the crematorium last week in preparation. Each was decorated with gold leaf. A half-dozen fetuses were reverently placed under glass, with tiny toy trucks placed before them as offerings.

The remains of thousands of other people were treated less ceremoniously. Femurs, clavicles, hips, ribs and skulls were stacked in hundreds of baskets near the crematorium, next to wood and coal used for kindling.

Association members believe they gain Buddhist religious merit by taking part in disposing of such bodies. The supreme patriarch of Thailand's Buddhists blessed the ceremony.

The blessings of the ceremony were not easily shared. One observer recoiled in horror when a worshipper tried to hand her a couple of teeth from a corpse as a good luck token.

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Iran's olive branch needs examining

The olive branch extended by Iranian President Mohammed Khatami to the United States should not be misinterpreted. After nearly two decades of tense relations at best, it at least presents the opportunity for improved relations.

That is an opportunity the Clinton administration should not ignore. But neither should the United States rush to embrace Khatami. Too quick action would be foolhardy after Iran's past hostility.

After the death of revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini in 1989, Iran has moderated its views. Khatami, for example, has not referred to the United States even once as 'The Great Satan.'

Khatami's sharp break Sunday with past anti-American rhetoric came in the form of him indicating during a news conference that he wants to have "a historical talk with the people of the United States."

The Iranian leader also expressed respect for the American people, the first call for a possible rapprochement with the United States since the Islamic revolution of 1979 during which Islamic militants loyal to the revolutionary government that ousted the U.S.-backed shah, stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and took 52 Americans hostage for 444 days during the presidency of Jimmy Carter.

During the past 18 years, however, much has changed to alter the political makeup of Iran. After the death of revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini in 1989, Iran has moderated its views. Khatami, for example, has not referred to the United States even once as "The Great Satan," the term used so frequently by Ayatollah Khomeini during the dark years of the Islamic revolution.

While it would be beneficial to both countries to resolve their tense relationship, Americans still have the memory of the U.S. flag being stomped into the streets of Tehran and of U.S. citizens being subjected to a nightmare for longer than a year as hostages. Resolving those animosities will not be simple.

Yet Khatami's indication that Iran may be ready to begin a dialogue is the important first step. It was one that should be taken, however cautiously.

ANOTHER VIEW

Medicare 'bomb' needed long fuse

If you're going to set off a bomb, common sense says to use as long a fuse as possible to be sure you're a long way away when it goes off. The 1983 Congress offers an example. It raised the Social Security retirement age, but attached a fuse that would burn for 20 years before anybody felt the impact.

Congress should have lit a similar fuse to Medicare. ...

"Saving" Medicare means a sacrifice from providers, taxpayers, and/or recipients. We can pay doctors, pharmaceutical manufacturers and medical-device makers less. We can raise Medicare taxes paid by those now working. We can raise co-payments charged to the elderly, or at least the wealthy elderly; we can quit providing the most expensive services. Or we can delay the eligibility age, as we have for Social Security.

Of all the unhappy possibilities, the last step should be the first taken. It is clearly the most sensible. Social Security's intent is to provide a financial safety net for the retirement years; Medicare's intent is to provide a health safety net for the same years, and should by logic kick in at the same age.

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Des Moines, Iowa

A.M. ROSENTHAL

Scorsese gives Tibet an enduring gift in 'Kundun'

Tibet has no army, no weapons. Tibet has no money. In all the world no nation speaks a word for its freedom from captivity. Tibet cannot speak for itself; its representatives are not even allowed to enter the United Nations.

For 48 years, longer than many members of the United Nations have existed, Tibet has endured the most beastly occupation since Nazism.

Its people have been bombed, shot, imprisoned, tortured by the Chinese invaders. At least a million Tibetans died. Their country was carved up, two-thirds of the land and people incorporated into China, vanishing even as statistics. The rest of Tibet has become a colony run by Chinese police terrorism.

Monasteries and temples were burned, monks slaughtered. China understands that only if it could kill Tibetan Buddhism could it kill Tibet.

But Tibet survived — as a nation and as a religion, both woven into the daily life of the people. And this happened: No matter how the other governments tried to forget Tibet, it grew in the consciousness of the world.

Tibet lives because of the inner strength of the people, who could not conceive of surrendering their religion and nation. It lives too because a great man was born among them who fulfilled their prayers and beliefs by embodying the courage through compassion that is the essence of their Buddhism. That is what the Dalai Lama teaches around the world, in his exile.

And it survived because in many nations, particularly America, citizens did what their governments refused to do — take Tibet into their consciences and hearts. They gave Tibet the gifts of their energies, talents, voices and some money, to help those thousands who had escaped and make the world remember the 6 million who remain.

Now Martin Scorsese has given Tibet his own enduring gift — a great river of creativity and succor, the motion picture "Kundun" — The Presence, as Tibetans call their Dalai Lamas.

For Tibetans, this picture is the gift of a flower that will never cease blooming. They will not see it until freedom comes. But in the ways political prisoners find out, they will know all about it and understand that as long as it shown, wherever it is shown, Tibetans cannot be silenced.

For non-Tibetans, "Kundun" is three gifts — knowledge, intimacy and friendship. The knowledge is of a hellish brutalization of a people, a nation and a civilization.

We think we know, but usually abstractly. Scorsese, Melissa Mathison, who wrote the screenplay, composer Philip Glass, producer Barbara De Fina and the cast give us Tibet as beauty, Tibet as faith — and Tibet as Tiananmen, not for a day but for a half-century.

The intimacy is with a whole people and with one man. In all their prayers, all during the day, Tibetans pray for the well-being of all living creatures. This does not make them saints. But I think their ways of life and faith make so many of them good people that there is a goodness in the nation.

The intimacy comes in large part from the cast. Except for a few Chinese roles it is Tibetan — exiles or their children, living mostly in India, Nepal and America. None ever acted before. In the movie they do not seem to be acting — just living, with themselves, with their relatives, God, their country, Kundun and the audience.

Four Tibetans live as the Dalai Lama from early childhood, when the saucy 2-year-old named Tenzen Gyatso is identified by holy men as the Buddha of Compassion, the incarnation of the 13 Dalai Lamas before him. He becomes a boy reared by strict monks and bureaucrats. He grows not only in knowledge but humility. At 16 he has to take on the terrifying responsibility of heading the government and facing China.

The four Tibetans become our friends, and so does the man whose story they are living. That is one of Scorsese's great achievements, making a child become The Presence and The Presence somebody we know would accept and give friendship.

"Kundun" ends in 1959, when his people begged him to leave Tibet, to keep his country alive.

"Kundun" opens Christmas Day. When an advance screening was over, I felt that at least for a bit I would not lessen its affect on me by seeing another movie. One day I will see "Kundun" again, in Lhasa with our friends.

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RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

Louisiana great to visit at Thanksgiving

Slidell, La. — I slid into Slidell about dark and rushed to the aptly-named Shrimp Box. The restaurant is an unpretentious box-shaped building with pink seafood painted on its muddy blocks.


Johnson

Mine was the only vehicle in the entire parking lot, and anywhere else that fact might have given me pause. Usually you can judge a restaurant by the number of pickups outside. Here in Louisiana, an empty lot didn't slow me down one whit.

These people have so many choices for excellent fare, they can't possibly patronize them all. Not every night.

You've heard of starving artists; this is the land of starving chefs. If this restaurant were in Buckhead, the line would be around the block.

The shrimp was cooked just right. The bread was to die for. I stared at the poster with an alligator on it and a wall of empty highchairs and chewed my French loaf.

I finished that sandwich in record time. There's just something about the first meal this side of the state line.

What better place to visit around Thanksgiving than Louisiana, home of fried turkey and Tums? Many tour the Holy Land at Christmas. Why not a Thanksgiving pilgrimage to the birth state of Justin Wilson?

Besides, there's a boat in the bayou with my name on it. I conveniently cooked up a few column ideas in this direction. My plan was to make this Thanksgiving a movable feast.

I have cooked my own Thanksgiving dinners in the past. Well, OK, I have helped. I chopped things.

But the year's most complicated meal is really far out of my range; it's like asking Boxcar Willie to sing opera.

A few years back I wised up and decided to leave all preparations to the big leaguers. One Thanksgiving I spent in Mandeville, the little town across the big lake from New Orleans.

There's not a prettier town on the face of the earth. It's also home to the asylum where they sent Earl Long when he seemed even crazier than usual. Only Earl, as governor, fired those in charge and went on back to the capital to create a lot more mischief.

Mandeville is a great place to observe New Orleans -- from a distance. I sat on a porch of a restaurant that used to be an old house and looked across Lake Pontchartrain at the bright lights. I'm too old for most French Quarter nonsense, but New Orleans sure looks good from a porch across big water.

Last year I went one better. For a few nights I slept on a shantyboat in the Atchafalaya Swamp, enjoying the total dark.

You hear sounds in the swamp and never know their source. You really don't want to know.

For Thanksgiving dinner I ate an oyster po'boy. With cranberry sauce. The next night some friends cooked a duck, Cajun-style. That means it involved a lot of onions, garlic and time. It was the best thing I've ever tasted. Either that, or I was so hungry fried shoe leather would have been good.

Louisiana is smarter than most states about self-promotion. This place knows what makes it different, and knows that's what makes it good.

I used to get aggravated with Memphis, for instance, for billing itself as a transportation hub. Who cares? It was a wonderful city with the blues, barbecue, Graceland and the mother of all rivers. So how did it advertise itself? As the home of Fed Ex. Go figure.

Louisiana, on the other hand, has figured out that people come here to eat. Sometimes on major holidays.

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CHARLEY REESE

Be somebody who loves a child

In most communities there are programs that provide Christmas gifts for children. This year, I was stumped for a way to tell you what a difference in the life of a child a small gift can make.

Then I met a young girl, as lovely and fragile as a fawn, and she said it in five simple words more eloquently than I could ever hope to do.


Reese

I had arranged to visit one of the homes in the Boys Town facility in my community. Despite the name, it also provides residential programs for girls. My plan was to ask the children to talk about their best Christmases. I hoped that from the conversations a story would emerge that would tug at your heartstrings. But it didn't work out that way.

Boys Town is, first of all, a place of paradoxes. The children there are both unlucky and lucky. If they had not been unlucky in their young lives, they wouldn't be there, but they are lucky to be in Boys Town. A lot of foster care in America is straight out of Charles Dickens' "Oliver Twist." Boys Town is tops.

The children live in homes in what looks like just a nice subdivision. Each home has house parents who are carefully selected and well trained. The idea is to provide as close to a home and family atmosphere as possible. The children I visited and shared a meal with (they cooked it) live with Gary and Odalys Kitchings.

So another paradox is, when you see the girls, clean, neatly dressed, polite, living in a home anyone would be proud to live in, you have to remember that behind the pleasant present there is a past full of shadows — extreme poverty, sometimes abuse. Boys Town is protective of its children, as it ought to be, so I won't be telling you their sad life stories. Their pasts are only hinted at by their conversations. These six girls had collectively lived through 90 Christmases, but of all those, only three were called memorable.

One of the three memorable Christmases was marked by the stark fact that the girl's mother had not died. She said her mother was hospitalized and she had convinced herself that she would never see her again, but on Christmas, she came home, held up and helped by a friend.

Another girl recalled a Christmas with her mother, and it was clear from the way she told it that it was being with her mother and not the Barbie doll that made it her one memorable Christmas.

Most of the girls, though, simply had no memorable Christmases.

"We never celebrated Christmas," one girl who hopes to make a career in the Army said. "We couldn't afford it. It was just a regular day, like any other. Birthdays, too. We never paid any attention to them."

The third Christmas story came from a bright, lovely child. The Kitchings said she loves to read so much they have found her in the bed under the covers reading by flashlight. Another girl recalled finding her in a closet, reading. She is so cheerful you would never imagine the sadness she has known.

Her memorable Christmas came in another group home years ago.

"I knew I was not going to get anything for Christmas," she said. "There was nobody to give me anything. So I didn't expect anything. But on Christmas morning, wrapped in one of those bed comforts, were some presents for me." The memory of that morning in an institution lit her face in a delightful way.

"So what did that mean to you?" I asked.

She looked up with those dark, fawnlike eyes, and said without any hesitation, "It meant somebody loved me."

Well, there it is, straight from a child's heart. It didn't matter what those presents were. She never mentioned that. She didn't know who gave them to her. What mattered to her was that "it meant somebody loved me." It didn't even matter who that somebody was.

So the bottom-line, no-bull truth is that when you contribute to a Christmas charity you can let some child know somebody loves them. You can be that child's somebody. I don't know anything better than being somebody who loves a child.

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Consumer group alleges hospitals dump patients

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is failing to enforce the law prohibiting hospitals from "dumping" patients who can't pay their emergency room bills, a consumer group contended Monday.

A report by Public Citizen says nearly 700 American hospitals have illegally dismissed patients in unstable medical condition during the 10 years since the law came on the books.

"The hospitals are paying Russian roulette that they may not get caught," said Dr. Sidney Wolfe, director of Public Citizen's Health Research Group. "They're really gambling with people's lives."

In most cases, dumped patients do not have insurance, Wolfe said, but an increasing number are not treated because their managed-care plans refuse to pay. The insurance companies are wrong, the report said, but hospitals are still required to treat the patient.

The Department of Health and Human Services responded that it has not had enough staff to investigate all the cases until recently.

"The numbers should start going up," said Judy Holtz, spokeswoman for the HHS inspector general's office, which enforces the law.

Holtz added that many complaints have yet to be resolved and may still result in fines.

Between April 1995 and September 1996, the report said, 264 patients were dumped from 256 hospitals.

Since 1986, when the patient dumping law took effect, the government has confirmed violations at 692 hospitals, Public Citizen said. But only 67 hospitals have been fined or dropped from the Medicare program — the ultimate punishment.

Monday's report is the group's fifth since the law took effect. The group noted that an increasing number of violations are confirmed each year, partly due to new reporting requirements on hospitals.

Between April 1995 and September 1996, the report said, 264 patients were dumped from 256 hospitals. Just 26 hospitals and eight doctors were fined.

Among many examples, the report cited the case of a 2-year-old Massachusetts girl brought to an emergency room with fever after experiencing vomiting and diarrhea earlier in the day..

She was not medically screened, but referred to a doctor's private practice. Seven hours later, the girl was taken to the emergency room by ambulance and died that evening. The hospital has not been fined.

Under the 1986 law, hospitals that treat Medicare patients — nearly every hospital — are required to screen each emergency room patient, including women in labor, and give whatever aid is needed to stabilize the medical condition.

Patients in unstable conditions may not be transferred unless a doctor certifies in writing that the benefits of the transfer — such as more specialized facilities — outweigh the risks. They are not allowed to delay treatment to check on health insurance coverage.

Rick Wade, spokesman for the American Hospital Association, said hospitals are doing their best to care for the uninsured, writing off $17.5 billion in 1996 for people who could not pay their bills.

"Some places are dumping patients, no question about it," he said, but he argued the numbers are not as large as Public Citizen suggests. "Our members are doing their best to take care of the uninsured."

Couple eludes international manhunt

Associated Press

MADISONVILLE, Ky. — Nearly a year ago, David and Martha Crowe disappeared in a rented U-Haul, leaving behind frustrated authorities and convictions for a pyramid scheme that raked in millions of dollars.

The Crowes were allowed to remain free after a federal judge sentenced them to jail for mail fraud and money laundering, an arrangement authorities say is routine for some white-collar crimes.

The Crowes simply never showed when they were to report to prison.

Since then, the couple from a quiet community in western Kentucky has eluded authorities in a yearlong international manhunt.

"We don't think they're here anywhere in this country," George Walsh, a supervisor for the U.S. Marshal's Service in Louisville, said last month.

'Obviously, in retrospect, you would treat these people differently. At the time, they were treated just like 95 percent of other white-collar offenders.'
— Kent Wicker, assistant U.S. attorney

During a trial in Owensboro last summer, prosecutors described the family's Gold Unlimited Inc. as a pyramid scheme with 96,000 customers across the country and Canada. Company assets reportedly ranged from $8 million to $13 million.

Participants could buy a $400 coin or invest in the company. They could earn commissions on products they sold and get the gold coin if they brought more people into the company.

But payouts were based largely on others paying in, and the government said two-thirds of Gold Unlimited's customers failed to make a profit.

"It was their version of the American dream, paid for with other people's money," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Campbell, who helped prosecute the case. "It was a scam."

The defense described Gold Unlimited as a legal sales company. But the jury ruled against the Crowes.

In November, U.S. District Judge Joseph McKinley sentenced the couple to more than 10 years in prison each on seven counts of mail fraud and eight counts of money laundering.

The Crowes were allowed to remain free on bond until Jan. 21, the day they had been ordered to report to separate federal prisons.

They never showed. The couple's $277,000 home was bare.

"Obviously, in retrospect, you would treat these people differently," said Kent Wicker, another assistant U.S. attorney. "At the time, they were treated just like 95 percent of other white-collar offenders."

In a letter mailed to their hometown newspaper the day they disappeared, the couple maintained their innocence: "I hope that every day, something will remind you of how you have destroyed our lives." The letter also was sent to prosecutors and apparently to at least some jurors.

How can the fugitives evade an international manhunt that's included the work of federal marshals and Interpol?

"It's not as difficult at you think it is, OK?" Walsh said. "These people obviously have connections, and they're able to hide. Who's to say they don't have the money to obtain some sort of other identity, some other legal means to get to another country? They certainly have the money."

All United States troops to receive anthrax inoculation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary William Cohen ordered all 1.5 million men and women in uniform Monday to be inoculated against anthrax, citing a growing worldwide threat from the deadliest form of germ warfare.

"This is a force protection issue," Cohen said in a statement. "We owe it to our people to move ahead with this immunization plan."

Terrorist bombings aimed at U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia and fears that enemies such as Iraq and North Korea might use biological weapons prompted the Pentagon initiative, officials said. The move comes amid the confrontation with Iraq's Saddam Hussein and the United Nations' efforts to uncover his weapons of mass destruction.

More than one-quarter of U.S. forces who served in the Persian Gulf War were inoculated against anthrax, an infectious disease that usually afflicts only animals, especially cattle and sheep.

Anthrax spores can be produced in a dry form suitable for weapons — in an artillery shell that could explode and spray the poison over a wide area, for example — and can be fatal even in microscopic amounts, Pentagon officials said.

Iraq, Russia and as many as 10 other countries are believed to have the capability to use anthrax in weapons. The Pentagon considers it the easiest biological weapon to make and use, and the most lethal as well.

The inoculations involve six shots over an 18-month period. Over the next six years, about 2.4 million people will receive the shots at a cost of about $130 million, a Pentagon statement said. An annual booster is also required.

Inoculation is considered the best protection. Pentagon officials insisted the vaccine is safe and effective; it has been licensed by the Food and Drug Administration since the 1970s, and is used mainly by those who come into contact with cattle and sheep.

The first shots will be given next summer to about 100,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines deployed to "high threat" areas in the Persian Gulf region and around the Korean peninsula, officials said.

"Our goal is to vaccinate everybody in the force so they will be ready to deploy anywhere, anytime," Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre said in the statement.

Some members of the reserves and the military's civilian work force will also be vaccinated if they are expected to be sent to a high-threat area.

At the Pentagon briefing, an official said extra precautions are being taken in the case of the anthrax vaccine. For example, pregnant women will not be given the drug until after they have given birth and returned to duty.

Inoculations against a variety of diseases are normal for military personnel. They can range from measles to smallpox to typhoid to polio or yellow fever, depending upon the need.

Just like any vaccine, the anthrax vaccine, manufactured by the Michigan Department of Public Health, can cause mild reactions at the injection site, said Bonnie Lee, a senior policy analyst at FDA who deals with vaccinations. Some 4 percent of people have moderate inflammation at the injection site, and a few also have bruising of the forearm, she said.

Less than 0.5 percent of patients have any systemic reaction, such as malaise or chills. Those who do should not receive subsequent shots, Lee said.

Military lab workers and soldiers and Marines involved in chemical and biological warfare units and special operations forces already are given the vaccine, Pentagon officials said.

The decision to administer the shots to all U.S. military personnel was made informally last year but was delayed over concerns about whether a proper procedure could be set up to monitor those who were inoculated.

The Pentagon came under severe criticism for having poor records involving the health care of the veterans from the Persian Gulf War, some of whom years later had concerns about their health and the inoculations they'd received.

About 150,000 of the more than 500,000 U.S. troops in the Gulf War in 1990 and 1991 were given anthrax vaccinations.

No link has been established with Gulf War illnesses.

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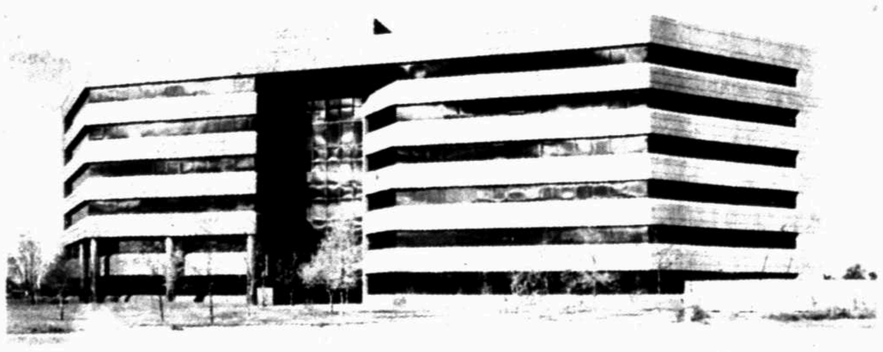
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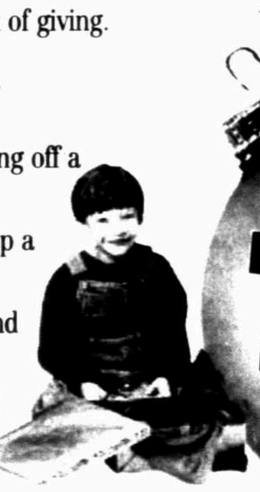
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Denver jury hears closing arguments in Nichols' trial

DENVER (AP) — Backed by two huge photos of the Oklahoma City federal building — before and after the bombing — a prosecutor told jurors in closing arguments Monday that Terry Nichols all but abandoned his family, took up with Timothy McVeigh and set out on a "road to destruction."

That road was illustrated in court with a picture of a two-lane blacktop marked with signs detailing each step the Army buddies allegedly took before the blast: hiding behind aliases, renting storage sheds, collecting bomb components and finally building the bomb that took 168 lives.

"At each stop along the road, Terry Nichols made a choice, a choice to participate in the plot to bomb and kill," said prosecutor Beth Wilkinson.

But Nichols' attorneys contended the government's case is "woefully lacking," and they attacked everything from the FBI's handling of evidence to the testimony of star prosecution witness Michael Fortier.

"The Marine Corps builds men. The FBI builds witnesses," said lead defense attorney Michael Tigar, recalling that Fortier initially lied to FBI agents, but changed his mind and implicated both McVeigh and Nichols.

Tigar said Fortier's testimony was "bought and paid for," reminding jurors that Fortier testified under an agreement in which he may get a reduction in a sentence after pleading guilty to lying to the FBI and failing to warn authorities of the bomb plot.

"The government has skimmed over a lot of holes in the case and asked you to speculate," added Nichols attorney Ron Woods. "It's woefully lacking."

The defense began its argument late Monday afternoon, and was to finish Tuesday.

Wilkinson assailed the defense's case, challenging testimony about others who may have been involved in the bombing as "Elvis sightings," and pointing out that Nichols did not have an alibi for the day when the two men allegedly built the bomb inside a Ryder truck.

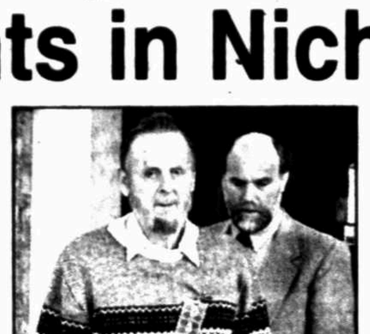
"Terry Nichols chose to quit his job, send his wife and child halfway around the world and joined up with Timothy McVeigh," Ms. Wilkinson said. "The avalanche of evidence is a mountain of proof that Terry Nichols can't dispute."

Nichols, 42, who could get the death penalty if convicted of murder and conspiracy, stared straight ahead at jurors. He gulped and swallowed hard when Ms. Wilkinson said that Nichols intended for there to be "death, destruction and chaos on April 19, 1995 and there was."

About two dozen bombing victims were seated in the rows behind Nichols, along with his parents, two of his siblings and his wife, Marife.

Prosecutors contend Nichols and McVeigh decided to bomb the federal building to avenge the April 19, 1993, government raid at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, which left about 80 people dead.

They say Nichols was not actually in Oklahoma City the day the building blew up but helped build the bomb and arrange McVeigh's getaway.



AP Photo

Robert and James Nichols, right, the father and brother of Oklahoma City bombing suspect Terry Nichols, leave the Federal Courthouse in Denver Monday, during a recess in closing arguments in the trial.

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Airlines plan to install new alert systems

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's airlines announced Monday they are installing improved warning systems to caution pilots when they approach mountains or are too close to the ground.

The "enhanced ground proximity warning systems" are already in use in 175 airliners, and will be installed in some 4,300 more by 2003, said Carol B. Hallett, head of the Air Transport Association, the airline industry trade group.

"Accidents in which aircraft run into the ground or mountains are the No. 1 global aviation safety problem. Installation of this new safety system will largely eliminate this type of accident," she said.

ATA members, which carry 95 percent of all U.S. passenger traffic, have agreed to install the systems, she said.

The new device combines a massive worldwide database of terrain — much of it supplied by the Defense Department — with a Global Positioning System that tracks an aircraft's position using a set of satellites.

By comparing radio signals from at least three of the two dozen or so GPS satellites, the system can calculate the plane's position with great accuracy. It then compares that position, altitude and course with the terrain data to determine if any hazards are nearby.

The new system can issue an advisory of approaching terrain 7 to 10 miles ahead. At about 4 miles it provides a yellow display on a screen with an audible warning "caution, terrain," and at about 2 miles the screen turns red and the voice says "terrain, pull up."

Both Boeing and Airbus now offer the new systems as options and plan to make them standard equipment in future, ATA said.

Federal Aviation Administrator Jane F. Garvey announced that her agency is planning a rule that will require use of the systems, so that eventually they will be on all domestic airliners and on foreign planes flying to the United States.

"This shows what we can achieve when we work together. The airlines are jumping ahead," instead of waiting for a government requirement, commented Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater.

Cost of the installation was estimated at about $92,500 per plane, or about $400 million for the ATA member airliners.

Current ground warning systems use a plane's radar to detect when the ground is too close and warn the pilot to pull up. In some cases, however, such as when a pilot erroneously turns toward a mountain, there may not be enough time to recover.

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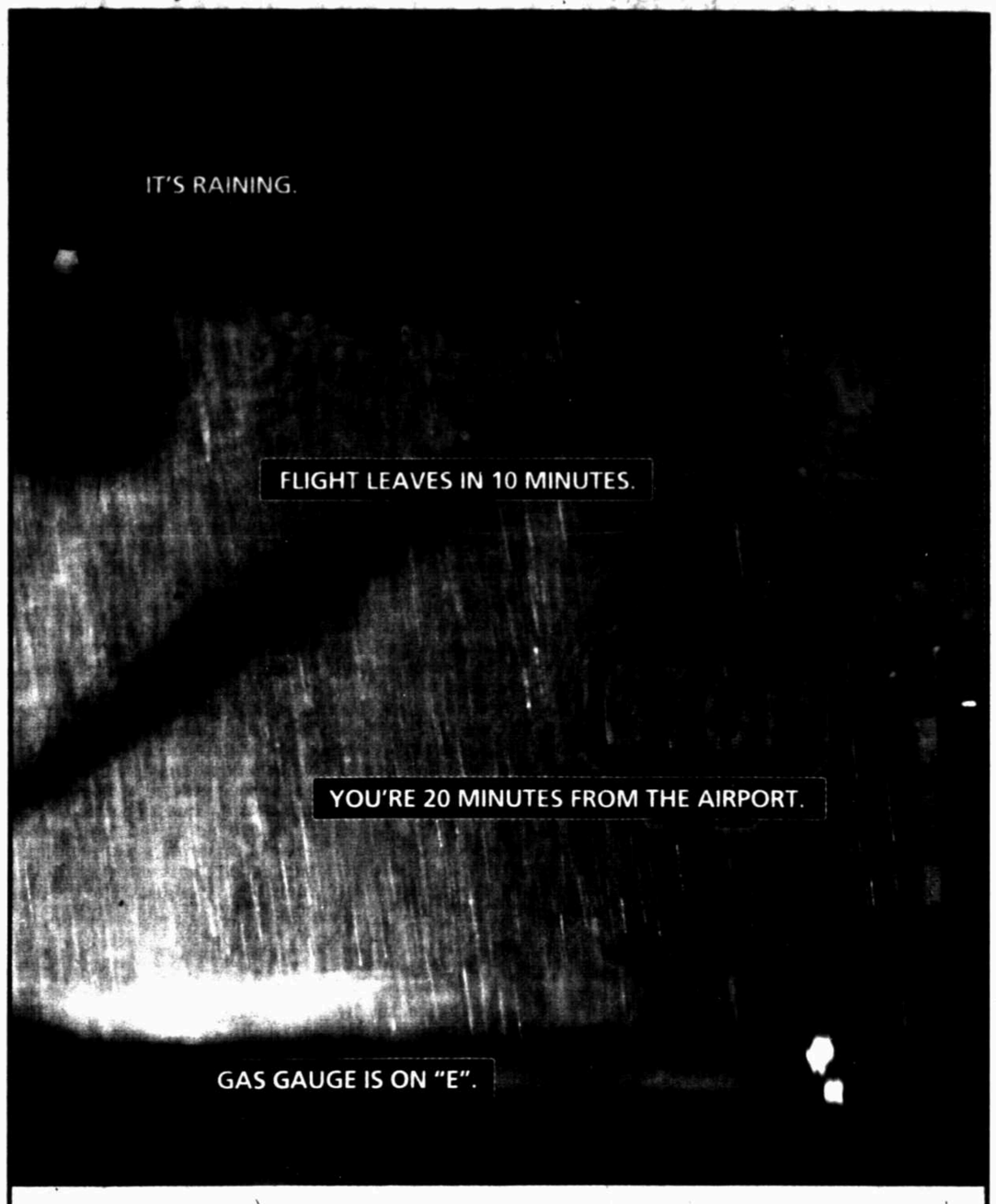
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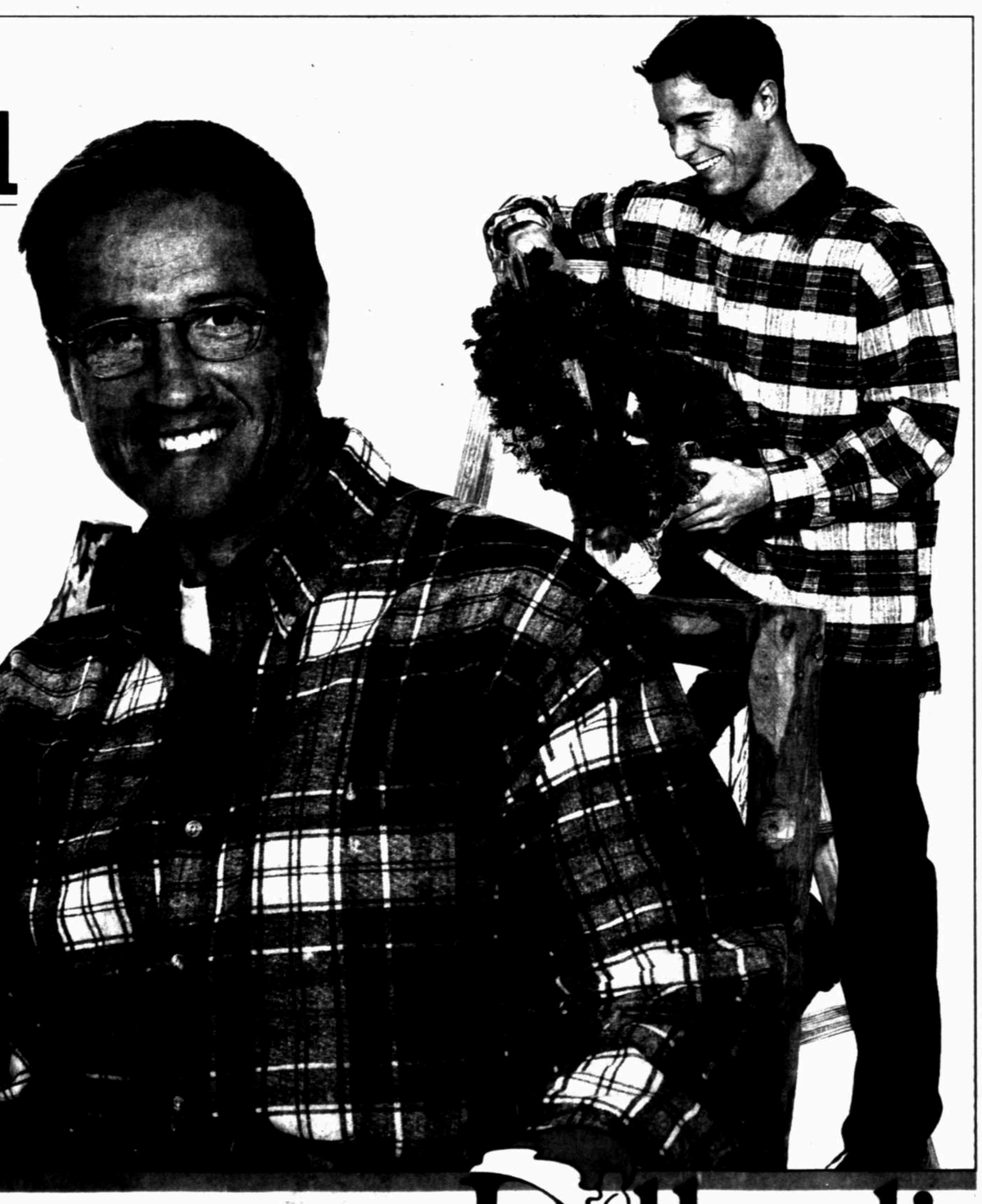
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BASIN BRIEFING

Reading plates

AUSTIN — The first license plate in Texas history to be designed by a child will benefit children by helping fund reading programs.

Laura Bush, wife of Texas Gov. George W. Bush, and state Rep. Helen Giddings on Monday unveiled the "Read to Succeed" license plate designed by 14-year-old Melody Maas of Terrell Middle School.

The license plate, which features an open book with the Texas flag as its pages, is priced $30 above the regular registration fee. A law sponsored by Ms. Giddings, D-Dallas, allows for the special plate.

Of the extra fee, $25 is earmarked for the Texas Children's Literacy Trust Fund to help pay for measures including kindergarten through second grade reading inventories, which determine children's reading strengths and weaknesses; teacher training; and after-school reading programs.

The design by Miss Maas was picked from among 12,000 entries.

"The eye-catching design will be a roving billboard," said Mrs. Bush, a former librarian. "It will remind us wherever we go that reading is a top priority in Texas and that our quest for a more literate state is supported by the people who live here."

"This is your opportunity to make sure that our children are equipped with the one skill that will help them all of their lives — reading."

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400, Category 7100.

Sack Lunch/Parent Education Mtg, for answers and information, Alamo library, 12-1 p.m.

Midland Chess Club, 7 p.m., Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital.

Batterers Anonymous Support Group, 6:30-8 p.m., 689-8428.

Battered Women's support group, 6:45 p.m., 683-1300 or 1-800-967-8928.

Tx TOPS Morning Chapter, 8:30 a.m., Grace Presbyterian Church.

Morning Lions Club, 6:45 a.m., Carrows Restaurant, 2201 W. Wall St.

Pop-Up Toasters, 6:30 a.m., Kay Sutton Realtors, 702 Andrews Highway, 694-4271 or 694-3716.

Midland West Rotary Club, noon, Furrs Cafeteria.

Midland Chapter No. 253, OES, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary, 8 p.m., at the Aerie Home, behind Rogers Ford, 697-3131.

Licensed Vocational Nurses Assoc., 7:30 a.m., Trinity Towers.

Ranchland Hills Ladies Association, 7 p.m., Couples Bridge, RHCC.

Toastmistress Club 7:30 p.m., Memorial Christian Church.

55-Plus Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., Downtown Lions building, 694-3422.

Golden Park Independent Retirement Community, 3100 W. Kansas Ave., 699-0914; Senior Citizens Brunch, 10:30 a.m.

Midland County Young Democrats, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 3802 Avondale Dr., 684-5548 or 694-4152.

Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Guadalupe, #9215, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall, Cherry Lane & Tyler St.

Midland County Child Welfare Board meeting, 4:30 p.m., Department of Human Services, 2301 N. Big Spring St., 683-5411.

ACOA non-smoking, 8 p.m., Holy Trinity Episcopal Parish Hall.

AlphaOmega Group, 8 a.m., 4400 N. Big Spring St., Suite C-41.

Bellydancing classes 7-8 p.m., Hawaiian/Tahitian classes 8-9 p.m., 520-4852 or 694-2250

Study Club, 7:30 p.m., Unity Church of West Texas, 210 E. 12th St., Odessa, 332-5890.

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Lines form for busiest mailing day

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Bearing parcels and stacks of Christmas cards and even the occasional bill, Midlanders stood in line at the post office Monday in what was the busiest mailing day of the year.

"This Monday and next Monday are the biggest mailing days of the year," said Midland Postmaster Stan Sartain. "We expect to handle over a million pieces of mail those two Mondays."

He said he had visited the stations around Midland during the day and found every station had customers standing in line to mail packages and letters.

"It seems the lines are moving fairly quickly and customers have been very patient, which we appreciate very much and we ask them to bear with us, we're trying to do everything we can to get through as quickly as possible," he said.

The post office set up a special Christmas van in the Courtyard Shopping Center to help business flow more smoothly.

Standing in line Monday afternoon, Hope West was waiting to mail a last-minute package because the family is preparing to leave on vacation.

"We don't usually leave town right before Christmas, so we're mailing more this year," she said.

Cindi Bates was mailing a homemade gift she had just finished to Florida. She said she had already mailed out 15 packages and 48 cards this Christmas.

Waiting in line to buy stamps was Denise Latzel, who said she had finished getting her Christmas cards ready to mail.

Pam Williams, who arrived at the van bearing several parcels, said she was mailing gifts to Houston and Arlington. She would be sending out the usual number of packages, she said, about 10 to 15 gifts.

"My husband makes hot sauce so we've mailed hot sauce to everyone from family to customers," she said.

The last few days have brought an increase in mail volume, according to Sartain.

"Up until this week, volume had been down from previous years," Sartain noted. "But in the last week, we've gone up 6 percent in letter mail and parcels are up

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A Day in the Life of Brian Campbell

Packing pro not fazed by hectic holiday pace

By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

For Brian Campbell early December is the crazy time of the year at his job at Pack 'n' Mail.

"It can be hectic," said Campbell. "Mondays are real hectic, and this time of year is very hectic."

For seven years Campbell has been bustling in December, busy packing those parcels people want delivered by Dec. 25.

During the rest of the year, Campbell said, "We average somewhere around 45 and 55 UPS packages a day. Some days are more, especially on Mondays."

This week is different. This week at Pack 'n' Mail, the numbers climb dramatically.

The pace quickens in December. During the first 12 days of the month, Pack 'n' Mail saw 1,191 customers and sent out more than 1,400 pieces of mail.

Last year, over a weekend, the employees packed and shipped "650 packages" via UPS, said Campbell. "We're expecting approximately that this year if not more.

"It's pretty hectic. Boxes everywhere. I'm always at the breakable counter packing the breakables, and we usually have two other people packing the other stuff that's not fragile, that doesn't take a lot of packing."

Although it would try the patience of many a man to spend his time packing breakables, Campbell actually begins each work day doing just that.

" ... I come to work at 9 o'clock. I get here, and my main responsibility is to pack all the breakable items. If there's anything back there to be packed that's breakable, that's what I come in and do first before I do anything else. I

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Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram
Brian Campbell, an employee at Pack 'n' Mail, gets a package ready for shipping.



Bison are transferred to a holding pen at Caprock Canyon State Park near Quitaque Monday. Conservationists believe a small herd of purebread Southern Plains bison roaming a new West Texas home could be the start of a rebound for a species once 60 million strong in these parts.

AP Photo

Conservationists hope to revitalize bison

QUITAQUE (AP) — Conservationists believe a small herd of purebred Southern Plains bison roaming a new West Texas home could be the start of a rebound for a species once 60 million strong in these parts.

Five more bison were transported Monday from the famed JA Ranch southeast of Amarillo to a holding pen 30 miles away at Caprock Canyons State Park, where Texas Parks and Wildlife officials hope to build a flourishing new herd.

Calling it the "most important conservation project in the history of our department," TPWD Executive Director Andrew Sansom said he hopes bison here can rebound as whooping cranes and bald eagles have in other efforts.

"This is the last remnant of pure Southern Plains bison in North America," Sansom said as nine of the animals darted and bucked in a 10-foot-high pen behind him. "Beyond the biology of it, these animals are symbolic of the west and symbolic of our identity as Texans."

The animals are descendants of a bison herd set aside in 1876 by celebrated Panhandle rancher Charles Goodnight, whose wife encouraged him to preserve some of the animals that dominated these badlands before man arrived.

With little interference, the herd had roamed the spacious JA Ranch until its current owners donated them to the state last year. Construction of 330 acres' of pens began last August, and TPWD crews began capturing bison in November.

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GAO: Government lacks way to measure progress of its immigration enforcement

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government has spent billions of dollars cracking down on illegal immigration and beefing up enforcement along the Southwest border yet has no way of assessing whether its strategy is working effectively, congressional investigators say.

The General Accounting Office, which is the investigative arm of Congress, concludes that the Immigration and Naturalization Service and its parent, the Justice Department, lack formal methods to evaluate whether the government is meeting the ambitious enforcement goals set by Attorney General Janet Reno in 1994.

"We believe that the substantial investment of billions of dollars being made in the attorney general's strategy warrants a cost-effective, comprehensive evaluation to demonstrate whether benefits commensurate to the investment have been realized," GAO concluded in a recent report ordered by Congress last year.

While acknowledging that INS doesn't have the "rigorous and systematic evaluation" system desired by GAO, the agency's executive associate commissioner for policy and planning said there are plenty of benchmarks by which improvements can be gauged.

"We have been able to measure and quantify considerable amounts of progress," Robert Bach said Monday. "GAO does acknowledge that in the places where we have mounted our operations that there have been clear signs of progress."

Since 1994, the government has spent $2.3 billion on border enforcement, adding 2,850 Border Patrol agents and 800 immigration inspectors, building more than 50 miles of new fencing, and buying high-tech equipment.

GAO did find that INS "has made progress in implementing some, but not all, aspects of the strategy."

The multi-pronged enforcement plan, designed to tighten a porous 2,000-mile border, called for deployment of new Border Patrol manpower to crossing hotspots and added immigration inspectors at ports of entry; fences and other barriers at key illegal crossing points; and use of newer

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Photo by Curt Wilcott

Operation Gingerbread

Ritzie Williford, a storyteller known affectionately as "Mother Goose" by area children, tells preschool age children about famous Christmas tales and the Gingerbread Man. More than 100 children took part in "Operation Gingerbread" on Monday at the Midland County Public Library.

GARY OTT

Everyone deserves coffee before a crisis on a Monday morning

More rambling thoughts ...

— You know you are mechanically inept if you avoid those "pay at the pump" gas stations because you can never figure out how the credit card fits into that little slot.



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— The only thing worse than having to get up and go to work on Monday morning is arriving at the office on Monday morning and realizing that a giant crisis is awaiting you.

— I mean, let's be fair here. A person should be entitled to at least two cups of coffee on a Monday morning before he has to deal with anything more complicated than reading the latest Dilbert comic strip.

— Best advice I was ever given that I unfortunately did not bother to follow: "Try to learn something new everyday."

— Some people do not know how to properly conclude a conversation so after they run out of things to say they just sort of stand there and look at you.

— I wish they wouldn't do that.

— No matter how fool-proof the industry claims it has become, any time your computer makes a strange bleebing noise it generally means something bad is about to happen.

— James Gould Cozzens once described a cynic this way: "... a man who found out when he was 10 that there wasn't any Santa Claus, and he's still upset."

— I like people, especially women, who wear their glasses on the tip of their nose and then stare at you over the lenses.

— It is a form of stereotyping, of course, but people from the West Coast really are, as a general rule, more laid back than those from the East Coast.

— When involved in a heated, yet friendly, debate, I've always liked to use the line, "Don't confuse me with the facts."

— It was amusing to watch once upon a time, but football players who have just won a big game need to come up with another way of celebrating than pouring Gatorade on their coach.

— Do parents still spend half the summer warning their children not to go swimming after they eat?

— Overheard: "An injury is much sooner forgiven than an insult."

— A man, or woman for that matter, should never fall in love in a dimly lit bar.

— There are certain individuals who can best be described as "sympathy junkies."

— It has been years since I've seen two men try to prove their masculinity by engaging in arm-wrestling contests.

— And today's final quote comes from Garfield the Cat, who once said, "Avoid fruits and nuts. You are what you eat."

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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OBITUARIES



Floyd Armistead

Floyd H. Armistead, 78, recently of Midland, died Monday, Dec. 15, 1997, in a Midland hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services are to be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 18, 1997, at the Sunset Avenue Baptist Church in Littlefield, Texas with the Rev. Benny Goss officiating. Burial will be in Littlefield Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home of Littlefield, Texas.

He was born April 17, 1919, in Durant, Oklahoma.

He served in the 561st Signal Battallion of the Army Air Corps as a corporal during WWII, participating in conflicts in Italy and North Africa.

He married June Lentz in Littlefield, Texas, on November 1, 1945. After more than 50 years of marriage, she preceded him in death on June 6, 1996.

After working for Southwest Public Service for 32 years, he retired in 1982.

He is survived by a son, Bob Armistead of Midland; two daughters, Kathie Stanaford of Midland and Kathy Steidley of Alabaster, Alabama. He is also survived by four grandsons, Todd Stanford of Amarillo, Joy Stanaford of Abilene, Devlin Burran of Huntsville, Texas, and Tim Burran of Brandon, Mississippi; two great-grandsons, two great-granddaughters, eight step-grandchildren and nine step-great-grandchildren.

The family has requested that memorials be directed to The American Heart Association.



Efren Natividad

Efren L. Natividad was born July 8, 1926, in Saragosa, Texas, to Eustaqio and Teodora Lozano Natividad. He was reared in Pecos, Texas, where he lived until moving to Midland three months ago.

Mr. Natividad is preceded in death by his sister, Amada Baeza.

He is survived by his children, Francis Perez of Woodward, Oklahoma, George Natividad of Midland, Texas, Joe Nativadad of Lamesa, Texas, Al (Cat) Natividad of Midland, Texas, Jimmy Natividad of El Cajun, California, Carlos Natividad of Springvalley, California, Mary Cavazos of Abernathy, Texas, Elvia Gomez of Seminole, Texas, Rosalie Sanchez of Odessa, Texas; his brothers, George Natividad of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Ramon Natividad of Pecos, Texas, and Manuel Natividad of Saragosa, Texas; his sisters, Sofia Gomez of Saragosa, Texas, Asensia Segoria of Jal, New Mexico, Cecelia Tarango and Ricarda Salcido, both of Pecos, Texas; 30 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

He died at his home Sunday, December 14, 1997.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 17, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Alex Chavez officiating. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.



Roy Murphy

Services for Roy Murphy, 77, of Midland are scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 17, at Wilshire Park Baptist Church with the Rev. Steve Tims officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

Mr. Murphy passed away Saturday, December 13, 1997, in Midland.

He was born September 25, 1920, in Homer, La. He attended high school in Hobbs, N.M., and married Francis (Kathy) Fredirck August 5, 1939, in Hobbs, N.M. He was a resident of Midland for 37 years. He was a machinist in the oil field. He was a member of Wilshire Park Baptist Church. He helped to build churches in Texas and Hawaii with Texas Baptist Men. In Hobbs, N.M., he had been a member of First Baptist Church, a Boy Scout leader, Civilian Crew Chief at Hobbs Airfield and Carlsbad during WWII. He worked for Drilco in Midland and Sunshine Machine Works in Odessa for years.

He is survived by his three sons, Pat Murphy of Albuquerque, N.M., Bill Murphy of Round Rock, and Mike Murphy of Pecos; five grandchildren, Lara Adams and Kevin Murphy of Albuquerque, N.M., Courtland Murphy of Winter Park, Colo., Sean Murphy of San Antonio and Jim Murphy of Midland; two great-grandchildren, Kailey and Brendan Murphy of San Antonio; one brother, D.C. Murphy of Hobbs, N.M.; one niece and two nephews and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kathy, on April 13, 1995, and his parents, Ella Bea and Bill Ingram of San Angelo.

Pallbearers are Phill Barron, Troy Fox, Dennis Holiday, John Pierson, Bruce Skaggs and Jim Barrett, Jim Murphy, Kevin Murphy and Sean Murphy.

Family visitation has been scheduled for 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, December 16, at Pipkin Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to Wilshire Park Baptist Church, 801 S. Bentwood, Midland, Texas 79703, or Allison Cancer Center, 301 N. "N" St., Midland, Texas 79701.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

There is no charge for death notices of 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 4:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.



Martha Hightower

Martha Stahley Hightower was born February 13, 1928, in Laurel, Montana, and was reared there. In 1949, she moved to Washington. On November 24, 1949, she married Alfred R. Hightower in Billings, Montana.

Mrs. Hightower was a member of the Daughters of the Nile in Butte, Montana, and a member of Christian Womens Fellowship of Memorial Christian Church.

She is survived by her husband, Alfred R. Hightower of Midland; her daughter, Cynthia Wilson of Midland; her brothers, Alec Stahley of Seattle, Washington, and Jake Stahley of Laurel, Montana; her sisters, Clara LaBrenz of Anaheim, California, Frieda Stoltz of Miles City, Montana, and her twin, Tillie Giovanetti of Stockton, California; and her grandchildren, Ryan, Shelby and Garrett Wilson, all of Midland.

She was preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Hightower died Monday, December 15, 1997, at a local hospital.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1 p.m. Wednesday, December 17, at Memorial Christian Church with Dr. Jim Rudd officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Memorial Christian Church, 1001 Andrews Hwy., Midland, Texas 79701.

BORDER: No way to measure program's success, says GAO

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technologies such as infrared scopes and motion detectors.

Since 1994, the government has spent $2.3 billion on border enforcement, adding 2,850 Border Patrol agents and 800 immigration inspectors, building more than 50 miles of new fencing, and buying high-tech equipment.

Last year, the Border Patrol made 1.6 million apprehensions, of which 1.5 million occurred at the Southwest border. Yet the nation's illegal immigrant population, estimated at more than 5 million, continues to grow by 275,000 annually to the dismay of congressional overseers of the INS.

The GAO report "has too much bad news and too little good news," said Rep. Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio, who chairs the immigration subcommittee. "After five years of unprecedented growth in resources, the INS still cannot tell us that they have a way to measure how well they are using those resources."

The agency is meeting its goal of taking control of the two busiest crossings sectors: San Diego and El Paso, Texas, the GAO investigators found. Yet even as illegal immigrants are flushed toward less hospitable terrain and find it harder to slip into the country, the investigators said it remains impossible to measure whether INS is achieving its bottom-line goal: Halting illegal immigration.

Government statistics "do not indicate whether the increased difficulty of entry has deterred the flow of illegal entries into the country, the ultimate goal of the attorney general's strategy," the GAO report said.

INS measures its progress by whether the amount of illegal crossing attempts drop in areas where the Border Patrol has magnified its presence; whether traffic is pushed toward less patrolled areas; alien smuggler fees increase; border crime rates decrease; and anecdotal reports from local law enforcement, Bach said.

"The situation has clearly, visibly changed," he said. "Wherever we have put our resources — that is the people, the fencing, the lights — we have monitored very carefully what the impacts have been."

DEATH NOTICES

D.C. Harrill Jr.

ODESSA — D.C. "Doc" Harrill Jr., 78, of Odessa, died Friday, Dec. 12, at his residence.

Services are to be 11 a.m. today, Dec. 16, at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bruce Troy officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 15, 1919, in Cliffside, N.C.

He was a real estate broker in Odessa. He was a charter member of Grandview Lions Club International. He was also a member of Second Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a sister.

Survivors include his wife, Faye of Odessa; two daughters, Laura Greer and Brenda Atkins, both of San Antonio; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to Second Baptist Church, 711 E. 7th St., Odessa 79761.

Richard Powers

Richard Powers died Monday, Dec. 15, at his Midland residence.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Fred Manning Jr.

ODESSA — Fred Manning Jr. died Sunday, Dec. 14, at a Lubbock hospital.

Graveside services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa with Wylie Hurley officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

He was born Feb. 19, 1955.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Jeff Manning.

He is survived by his wife, Sherrie; his children, Rachel Cole of Odessa; his parents, Faye Manning of Midland and Fred Manning of Gatesville; and sister Kellye Manning of Andrews; grandmother, Florena Harper of West Columbia; and grandfather, William Cole Manning of Gatesville; two nieces and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

In lieu of flowers, friends may make donations to cancer research at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Minnie Lee Jones

STANTON — Minnie Lee Jones, 78, of Stanton, died Saturday, Dec. 14, in Stanton.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, in the Stanton Church of Christ with Ellmore Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

She was born July 19, 1919, in Grapeland.

She moved to Stanton 49 years ago. She was a dietitian in Martin County Hospital before her retirement. She was a member of the Stanton Church of Christ, Martin County Hospital Auxiliary and Martin County Historical Museum.

Survivors include four sons, L.E. Jones of Fort Worth, Hebrew Jones, Jr., of Big Spring, David Jones of Bay City and Marvin Jones of the Woodlands; three daughters, Bonnie Chavez of Capitan, N.M., Marva Scurlark of Odessa and Leatrice Thorns of Dallas; a sister, Fannie McKnight of Houston; 19 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Ben Laster

Ben Laster, 90, died Sunday, Dec. 14, at a local care center.

Services are to be 10:30 a.m. today, Dec. 16, at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home in Snyder with the Revs. C.J. Smith and Jimmy Laster officiating. Burial will be in Snyder Cemetery under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

He was born Aug. 1, 1907, in Eastland County.

He served in the Army during WWII. He lived in Snyder most of his life.

He was preceded in death by one brother.

He is survived by one son, Don Laster of Midland; one brother, C.E. Laster of Dunn; and two granddaughters.

BISON: Study of herd's DNA is a top priority

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Twenty-nine of the approximately 42 bison at the JA have been captured, loaded onto skids and transported into manmade pens for the first time in their lives. Six bison died from the stress of being tranquilized, and one calf died from a gore wound from an adult beast.

"We'd hope to hold the mortality rate to 10 to 15 percent," bison project coordinator Roy Welch said.

At least four bulls and 10 cows have been confirmed as purebred, meaning they've undergone no genetic mixing with other species. Officials might sell off impure members of the herd, Welch said.

The series of pens and fences, reinforced with high-tensile steel cables strung between stands of drillpipe donated by Texaco, is expected to be completed in August by laborers from a prison unit in nearby Tulia. Plans are still in the works on observation platforms for the park's estimated 150,000 annual visitors.

Genetic research and study of the herd's DNA is top priority now. Welch said careful development of the small herd must be monitored closely for six to eight years to prevent inbreeding.

"Eventually, there will be a large enough selection of bulls to rule out (mating) siblings," Welch said, adding the controlled breeding also will create a more docile animal than reporters saw bolting around the pens Monday.

Once the herd gets going, Welch said offspring will be kept all over the state, just in case a catastrophic weather event wreaks havoc on the Caprock Canyons bison. A herd of 500 or more is planned.

The National Bison Association estimates about 250,000 of the animals exist today, mostly in the United States and Canada. There is no reliable figure on how many of those qualify as purebred, TPWD officials said.

Caprock Canyons State Park once was part of Goodnight's ranch, which stretches across miles of scenic canyons in the central Panhandle. Also located in the park is a cliff where, 10,000 years ago, Plains Indians stampeded bison to their deaths during hunts.

In addition to state funding, the project has been bolstered by a variety of corporate donations and a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

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POLICE REPORTS

Armed Robbery

An insurance company employee was robbed at knife point Monday night as she left her job.

The robbery occurred in the alley behind Quicksurance, Inc., 426 N. Andrews Highway, at a little after 6 p.m.

An undetermined amount of cash in a company moneybag was taken when the assailant brandished a knife and demanded the money from the employee.

The suspect is described as a black man in his late teens or early twenties. He fled the scene on foot, according to police.

No one was injured during the robbery and the incident is still under investigation by Midland Police.

False Report

A twenty-year-old Midland woman was arrested Monday on charges of making a false report to a police officer regarding an assault.

The assault was alleged to have occurred in downtown Midland, at 400 S. Main, on Friday, December 5th.

Lt. Ed Krevit, head of the Criminal Investigation Division of the MCSO said the alleged assault was "sexual in nature."

"After an intensive investigation was concluded, the Midland County Sheriff's Office determined that the defendant had made a false report. This determination was based on inconsistent statements from the defendant and witnesses," said a report from the MCSO.

Making a false statement to a peace officer is a class "B" misdemeanor, Krevit said. A class "B" misdemeanor is punishable by up to 180 days in jail and a fine of up to $2,000.

Krevit said the case will be referred to the misdemeanor division of the Midland District Attorney's office.

He said that false reports are rare, "but it does happen upon occasion."

Justice of the Peace David Cobos set bond for the woman at $2,000. The woman is free on bond.

Midland Police Department
Saturday

Deadly conduct: Aldo Amparan, 22, told police that a gun was pointed at him at 1003 W. Kentucky. This incident occurred at 2:09 a.m.

Criminal mischief: Diane Guzy reported vandalism of Christmas lights at 3400 Dentcrest.

Theft: Two puppies were reported stolen from 3807 Gulf Ave. Carrie Woodfin made the report to officers at 5:30 p.m.

Criminal mischief: Betty Wilson of 3103 Lockheed told police that a security light in her front yard was vandalized. The report was made at 7:20 p.m.

Theft: Hubert Anderson reported a leather coat was taken from 105 N. Main St. The theft was reported at 10:15 p.m.

Theft: An air compressor was reported taken from 3601 Andrews Highway, #1403. The theft was reported by Kevin Ison.

Criminal mischief: A vehicle was reported damaged at 312 E. Pecan. Damage is estimated at $600.

Theft from a vehicle: Jewelry valued at over $1,500 was reported taken from a vehicle at the Village Car Wash at 604 Andrews Highway. Dorethe Walker made the report to police at 12:20 p.m.

Sunday

Assault: Victor Menking, an employee of 7-Eleven at 4310 Neely Ave., told officers a subject swung a broom at him.

Criminal mischief: Sabrina Perez told officers a tire was cut on her vehicle while it was parked at the Hollywood Theater at 4915 N. Loop 250. An estimated $100 in damage was done to the vehicle. It was reported at 12:15 a.m.

Criminal mischief: Ricky Patterson and Frederick Mills reported that tires were punctured on two vehicles that were parked at the Hollywood Theater at 4915 N. Loop 250. Damage to one vehicle is estimated at $500, damage to the second vehicle is estimated at $200.

Burglary of a storage unit: Beverly Scott reported a china cabinet was stolen from a storage unit at 1010 N. Loop 250. Force was used to enter two storage units. The incident was reported at 1:30 p.m.

Theft: Thelma Payne reported a theft from a storage unit at 506 1/2 W. Washington. It was reported 5:39 p.m.

Theft: Shoplifting was reported by a Hasting's employee. The theft occurred at 3111 W. Cuthbert. Sandra Medders made the report to police at 3:40 p.m.

Robbery: A 7-Eleven employee was threatened by an unknown subject with a broken bottle at 4601 N. "A" St. The report was made to police by David Mendoza at 2:18 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Monday

Criminal mischief: Susan Bowman of 7701 W. CR 116 told Sheriff's Officers that a trailer was vandalized. The report was made at 8:18 a.m.

Burglary of a habitation: Alice Renya reported a residential burglary at 3117 South CR 1195. A stereo was reported stolen. Entry was gained through the front door of the residence. It was reported at 1:33 p.m.

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

DEAR ABBY

Woman fears talking to herself is a sign of senility

DEAR ABBY: I hope you can help me with my problem. I talk to myself. I have always done this to some extent, just like my mother did, but I'm afraid it's getting worse since my husband died six months ago.



Van Buren

I live alone with my little dog, but I don't feel lonely. I like people very much and have no trouble visiting with them when the opportunity presents itself.

I am 73 years old. Is talking to yourself a sign of senility? Or am I losing my mind? I'm sure I do this in stores when shopping alone (not out loud, but my lips probably move), which is embarrassing. How serious is this? — CHATTY CATHERINE, NASHVILLE, TENN.

DEAR CHATTY CATHERINE: I wouldn't consider this a serious problem. I'll wager most people have at least an occasional chat with their most constant companion — themselves.

A widow once wrote, "I talk to myself whenever I feel the need for intelligent conversation."

DEAR ABBY: I am responding to "Best Friends in Kennesaw, Ga.," the young woman who wanted to be "best man" in her friend's wedding.

I became engaged to a caring, loving, hard-working man who treated me like a queen. I asked my best friend of many years to be my maid of honor. She refused because my fiance and I are of different faiths and she couldn't support our marriage.

I was devastated, but a male friend stepped in and helped me through. He had always been supportive, and I was proud to have him stand up for me in my wedding because he really cared about me. Friends have no gender. "Thomas" was my "Best Man of Honor." — H.R., MELBOURNE, FLA.

DEAR H.R.: Congratulations for making a choice that was right for you. Several readers have suggested names for wedding party members of the opposite sex. My favorite was "Bride's (or Groom's) Honor Attendant."

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PACK: Company estimates it will mail 4,000 packages

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pack a lot of the just big items, too. I get a lot of the hard things to pack."

Dishes qualify for Campbell as being among the "hardest things to pack.

"When you pack all the dishes, you have to make sure you get enough bubble wrap around every edge so you can't feel the object through the bubble. If you can feel the object through the bubble, then it's not bubble- wrapped enough. After you get them all bubble-wrapped and put them in boxes, you make sure that you've got three inches of peanuts around all the sides.

"And pictures are difficult, too, because we have to tape the glass first, then you bubble-wrap it after that. Then you put them in large picture boxes, and we can crate pictures as well for those items that are real high in value. Sometimes people want the best packing, and that is absolutely the best."

Although Campbell spends his time packing breakables and has handled such challenges as packing a recliner, none frustrated him as much as a single item he once wrapped.

A surfboard.

"I got real frustrated with that surfboard because we had to put like six boxes together to get the length and the height right," Campbell recalled. "And it had a fin on it that stuck out about 20 inches or so. It was kind of hard to make a box wide enough that would still get through the door."

He's also packed on location.

"They had a power unit computer that had to be packed. It was like 300 and something pounds, had battery backups in the bottom. We took all the materials up there, got it ready to go and called the freight company."

Campbell, who is the son of Midlanders Bob and Linda Campbell, spends his spare time teaching Sunday School at Bellview Baptist Church and having "a lot of fun" playing on the church's league team. His wife, Donna, is a sales representative at Anthony's.

"She's not a big sports fan," Campbell said. "She likes movies, romantic movies or romantic comedies. If it's got romance, she wants to watch it. I'll watch the romantic ones with her, and I like science fiction and action movies, too."

This month, he's spending more time at work. All the Pack 'n' Mail employees are. The doors are open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

"And we have extended hours Dec. 15-19. We'll be open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday to get all those people who don't get off work 'til 6 and then go shopping and bring their stuff."

He estimates they will pack and mail around 4,000 packages this holiday season. In addition, several of the employees will spend their time gift-wrapping hundreds of packages. Then, on Dec. 23, they turn off the lights and close the doors for two days.

"We're tired," said Campbell. "We don't work Christmas Eve because nothing's going to get there by Christmas if you bring it in Christmas Eve. We close down on the 24th and reopen on the 26th, and we use those two days to recuperate a little bit."

As busy as work becomes this time of year, Campbell still considers himself fortunate.

"I am very lucky to be where I'm at as far as a job. (Owner) Katie's (Grimes) been very gracious to me through the years and taken care of me."

He enjoys his job, even in busy December.

"I have a lot of fun working with the people here. It gets hectic, but for people who have worked here before, it goes pretty easy. We cut up and have fun with one another, because if you don't, you'll go crazy."

At a Glance: Brian Campbell

Born: Chattanooga, Tenn.

Hobbies: I play sports, basketball. I mean just anything. Volleyball. I play softball. I'm just pretty athletic.

Favorite entertainer: I like Celine Dion.

Favorite movie: Oh. "Independence Day."

Favorite book: Well, I haven't read in quite a few years. I read in high school. I like "Treasure Island."

Favorite song: "Because You Loved Me" and that's also by Celine Dion.

Favorite vacation spot: I go to Chattanooga, Tenn., my hometown, just about every year to visit family and friends.

If I could go anywhere in the world, I would go: to Hawaii. Just to go out there and see the sights and get to be on the islands and stuff like that. I think it would be kind of cool.

If I won the lottery, I would: I don't play the lottery, but I'd take a big trip to maybe Europe and around the world, see a lot of places. Take it all in.

If I could change anything about myself, I would: probably try to be a little more outgoing. In high school I wasn't very outgoing, and I would like to have been a little more outgoing, been involved a little bit more.

Houston attorneys plead guilty to misdemeanor

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Houston attorney John O'Quinn, one of the nation's richest personal injury lawyers, on Monday pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge involving the improper solicitation of victims after a 1994 USAir crash.

O'Quinn was allowed to enter the plea in exchange for donating about $250,000 to prevent other lawyers from committing similar crimes.

He pleaded guilty to one count of practicing law without being admitted or sworn in South Carolina and was fined $2,500 by Circuit Judge Thomas Cooper. Seven other counts were dismissed.

Carl D. Shaw, who worked in O'Quinn's Houston law office, also pleaded guilty to improper practice and will contribute about $100,000 as part of his deal. Seven other counts against Shaw were dismissed.

O'Quinn and Shaw were accused of hiring "accident runners" to recruit clients after the July 1994 crash of USAir Flight 1016 near Charlotte, N.C. The crash killed 37 people, most from South Carolina.

State law bars lawyers from personally soliciting accident victims.

O'Quinn told Cooper he regrets what happened.

"I love the law. I respect the law. And I believe the law should be obeyed," O'Quinn said outside the courtroom. "I am very glad these charges have been resolved."

State Attorney General Charlie Condon said O'Quinn's behavior was "extremely embarrassing for the legal profession."

"What he did is not only unprofessional (or) unethical, it is criminal," Condon said.

The contributions will be used largely to fund a full-time investigator and prosecutor in Condon's office for three years. Those people would pursue other cases involving illegal activity by lawyers.

The rest of the money will be used to pay for ethics seminars through the South Carolina Bar; speakers and materials to solicitors through the South Carolina Prosecution Commission; and to reimburse the attorney general's office for court costs.

"We got an ethics opinion that it was proper," Condon said of the contribution agreement. He said the punishment was appropriate and he did not feel as if O'Quinn was buying his way out of further prosecution.

O'Quinn had been charged with conspiracy, solicitation, splitting fees with nonlawyers and practicing law without a South Carolina license.

The charges led to an investigation of O'Quinn's conduct by the State Bar of Texas. While O'Quinn's guilty plea will not result in disciplinary sanctions against him in Texas, the bar association is moving forward with its inquiry. A lawsuit that will present the bar's case against O'Quinn is expected to be filed by the end of the year, said Steve Young, general counsel for the Texas Bar.

Shaw and Houston lawyer Charles B. Musslewhite Sr. were indicted on the same charges. Charles B. Musslewhite Jr., also a Houston attorney, is charged with one count of solicitation.

Solicitor Barney Giese said charges against the Musslewhites are pending.

Two non-lawyers from Houston and a Lexington minister also face charges for recruiting clients.

Giese said his office and Condon's assistants had looked at the evidence and determined Monday's plea was the right thing to do considering the complexity of the case.

"Any time you have a web of deceit as intricate as this, you're going to have a difficult time convicting," he said.

O'Quinn had claimed the charges stemmed from an article in the Wall Street Journal. That newspaper has done several stories on O'Quinn and his run-in with the Texas Bar, which alleged he paid about $100,000 to the elder Musslewhite to help fund the effort to line up clients.

A 12-member jury in April found the airline, now known as US Airways, liable for actual damages but not for punitive damages. At least $40 million has been paid in settlements with the passengers and victims' families.

BUSY: Post office urges that cards be sent by this week

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between 25 and 40 percent over last year."

In fact, he said, employees delivered parcels Sunday in order to keep current and the mail carriers would be running a little late Monday but would most likely stay current with the volume of mail.

"If the weather holds, we don't anticipate any delays or problems," he said.

National experts say the U.S. Postal Service continues to benefit from this summer's UPS strike, which prompted businesses to diversify and begin using different services to ship their packages.

Judging by the volume of mail, Sartain said, "It looks like the Permian Basin, economy-wise, is faring well. The number of packages has a lot to do with the economy ... in the years when the economy is doing well, mail volume increases so it appears that the economy is doing extremely well."

He said it is essential Midlanders get their Christmas cards in the mail no later than this week and encouraged Midlanders mailing packages this week to send them Priority Mail. If they wait until next week, he suggested customers send packages Express Mail.

Southwest makes emergency landing

HOUSTON (AP) — A Tulsa, Okla.-bound Southwest Airlines 737 made an emergency landing Monday at Houston's Hobby Airport because a cockpit warning light indicated the plane was experiencing low pressure.

Southwest Flight 875, which had a 3:05 p.m. scheduled departure from Hobby, was more than 100 miles into the flight when a pilot saw a hydraulic system light flash.

The pilot radioed that he was returning to Hobby to have the system checked out. At about 4:25 p.m., the plane landed safely. None of the 90 passengers or five crew members was injured.

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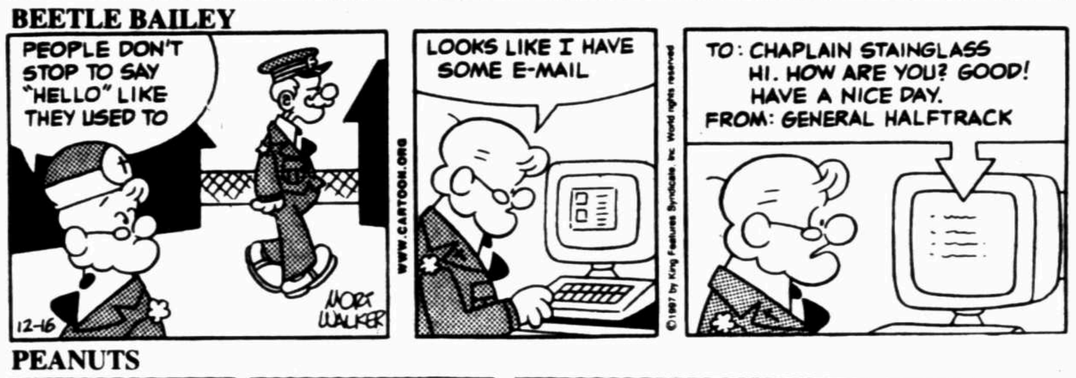
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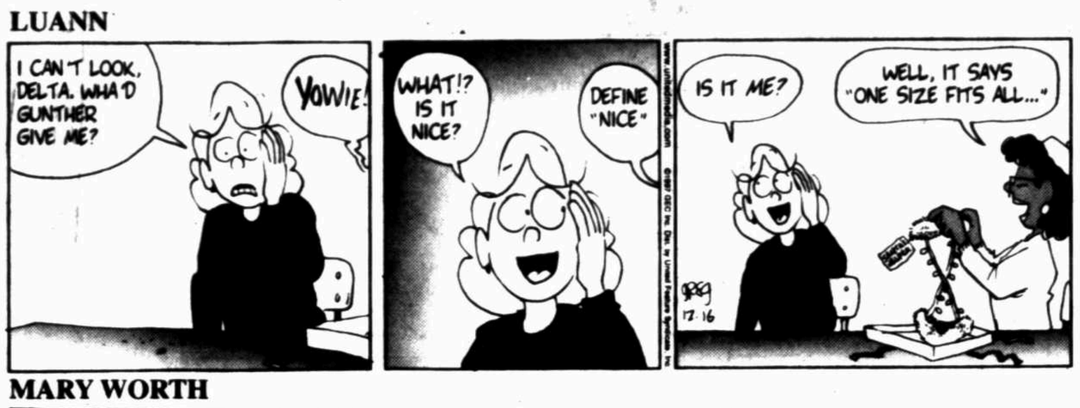
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Take a deep breath rather than react. How you view a professional matter could change. You are challenged to your limit. It will take all your diplomatic skill to handle what comes down the path. Put on your creative thinking cap. Tonight: Be a wild thing.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You gladly play the ostrich. You have many opinions, confusing plans and different directions. You can see several diverse viewpoints, and that, in itself, is really the issue. You have some heavy thinking to do. Tonight: Hang out.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Use extreme caution with your money, be it your wallet, checking account or credit cards. Being direct with others about expectations poses a challenge. Listen to opinions, and refuse to get cornered. Tonight: Talk over a problem with a friend.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You are personality-plus. Discussions are animated. Others seem to want to play devil's advocate. Be aware of why others are contentious: They are teasing you. Don't get uptight; rather, flow with the moment. Tonight: Do some holiday shopping.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Take a second gander at what is going on. Your perspective could change substantially after reviewing others' opinions. Co-workers have a lot to share, and their opinions are grounded. You feel more in control as the day gets older. Tonight: Just ask for what you want.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Aim for goals; you are more successful during the day. Your determination is key because it seems as if others are full of opinions. Discussions are intense yet informative. Take your time when making a decision. Tonight: Be mysterious.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Take the lead at work. You create a lot of flak without realizing it. Family and matters related to the home are confusing at best. Your heart strings feel like they are being tugged. A partner makes a statement about how he feels things should be. Tonight: Consider working late.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ It is wise to pull back, to view the big picture. You could easily get plugged in to seeing another point of view. Your sense of humor comes out with a demanding friend or neighbor. Recognize that a lot of people react differently to the holidays. Tonight: Head out and about.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might be shocked by the demands that others make upon you. Don't worry, you can handle them. You are right on target about what you want. Don't back off, even when criticized. One-to-one relating takes up a lot of time; still, view the long term. Tonight: Go caroling.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You put out a lot of energy, trying to convince others that you are right. Is this what you want to do? Pull back, and talk to a partner who cares a lot about you. Close relating adds a sense of support and fulfillment. Brainstorm together. Tonight: Go for togetherness.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Get to the bottom of what is going on with you. Though you are focused on others, co-workers and the pressures of the season, you might be reacting more on an emotional level than you realize. Honor a premonition, and act accordingly. Tonight: Be among the crowds.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You are surprised by what a friend offers. Consider your limits when presented with this seemingly too-wonderful opportunity. Be realistic about work. Make time, however, for an office Christmas party, and do a little networking at the same time. Tonight: Run errands.

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2 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
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Since, in practice, the contract was unlikely to make if trumps were 4-1, South should do everything possible to protect against the distribution that exists. After ruffing the opening club lead, declarer should cash the ace of hearts, cross to dummy with the king of diamonds and lead a heart from the table. As the cards lie, it does not help East to ruff. When East discards a club, declarer wins and concedes a heart to West. Now declarer can win any return, ruff a heart with the king of trumps to establish the fifth heart, draw trumps and claim the balance.

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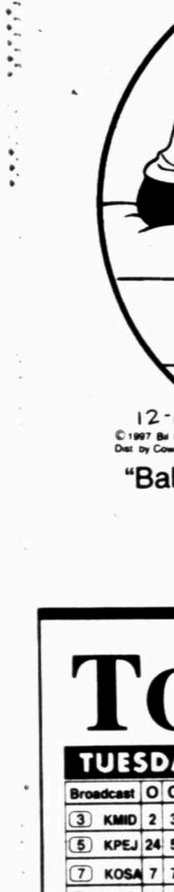
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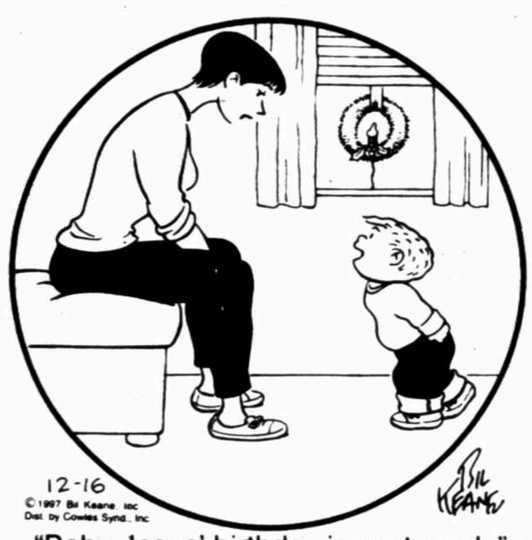
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"Baby Jesus' birthday is next week."
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"WHAT WOULD I LIKE FOR CHRISTMAS? DIDN'T YOU GET MY LETTER?"

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(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	The Beverly Hillbillies (PG, '93) ++ (Jim Varney, Cloris Leachman) 62061				Pensacola: Wings of Gold 26055		Home Improvement	Mad About You	Vibe 68245	
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 8055	Grace Under Fire	JAG: Ghost Ship 56789 (TVPG-L)		Michael Hayes: Retribution 19177		48 Hours 26413		News 7920326	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Married ... Children
(9) KWES	9	9	News 4413	Seinfeld 1993	Mad About You	NewsRadio 7177	Frasier 8500	Just Shoot Me	Dateline NBC 42429		News 7665852	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
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(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	Coach 427429	Heart Condition (R, '90) ++ (Bob Hoskins, Denzel Washington) 845861				News 875697		Beverly Hills, 90210 878784 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night 841245 (TV14)	
(11) WTBS		11	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Moonraker (PG, '79) ++ (Roger Moore, Lois Chiles) 37888971						Goldfinger (8:50) (PG, '64) +++ (Sean Connery, Gert Frobe) 22032061			
(18) BRAV		18	Bravo Profiles 312158		The Four Musketeers (PG, '75) +++ 868626				The Beggar's Opera ('53) +++ 867822				The Four Musketeers	
(20) BET		20	Planet Groove 407210				Hit List 415239		Comicview 591603		BET Tonight		227	Mid. Love
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(23) FAM		23	The Waltons: The Air Mail Man 357993 (TVG)		Rescue 911 994448 (TVPG)		Diagnosis Murder 807968 (TVPG)		Hawaii Five-0: Legacy of Terror 963332 (TVPG)		The 700 Club 983719		The Three Stooges	The Three Stooges
(35) CNN		35	Moneyline	Crossfire	Pri. News	Burden	Larry King Live 734413		The World Today		Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Showbiz
(36) ESPN		36	SportsCenter (5:30)	NHL Hockey: New York Rangers at New Jersey Devils 355264						Extreme Bloopers	SportsCenter 557326		Billiards 330871	
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(34) HBO		34	Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country (PG, '91) +++ (William Shatner) 691328				Breast Men ('97) (David Schwimmer, Chris Cooper) 5555699				Tenacious D		The Godfather, Part III (R, '90) +++ (Al Pacino, Diane Keaton) 6555961	
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PEOPLE

Critics describe Bob Dylan's new album as brooding and gloomy

NEW YORK — Fergie turned down an offer Monday to make a cameo appearance in the Broadway musical "Jekyll and Hyde," the duchess' spokesman said Monday.

"It could have been a walk-on, a part in the chorus," said spokesman Howard Rubenstein. "It would only have been one night or a week at best."



Fergie forgoes the Great White Way.

The former **Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York**, 38, is considering several offers to do a television interview show in the United States, Rubenstein said. He declined to elaborate.

In the meantime, Fergie has renewed her contract as chief spokeswoman for Weight Watchers for 1998, Rubenstein said.

LOS ANGELES — **Bob Dylan** has come out with his most acclaimed album in 20 years. But is the 56-year-old singer-songwriter happy?

"I think that it's hard to find happiness as a whole in anything," Dylan said in a recent interview. "The days of tender youth are gone.

"I think you can be delirious in your youth, but as you get older, things happen. We take our instruction from the media. The media just gloats over tragedy and sin and shame, so why are people supposed to feel any different?"

Critics have described Dylan's new album "Time Out of Mind" as brooding and gloomy.

"It's certainly not an album of felicity," he said. "I try to live within that line between despondency and hope. I'm suited to walk that line, right between the fire. ... I see (the album) right straight down the middle of the line, really."

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Even in the capital of country music, organizers of an AIDS education fund-raiser had trouble selling tickets to concerts with singers such as **Billy Ray Cyrus**, **Pam Tillis** and **K.T. Oslin**.

So next month, the fund-raising concerts will be replaced by a musical starring **Vicki Lawrence**. "Sister Amnesia's Country Western Nunsense Jamboree" is scheduled for Jan. 20-22 at the Grand Ole Opry House.

NEW YORK — After two years away from making films, **Ethan Hawke** has decided to seize the day again as a movie star.

Hawke, 27, who took time off to write a novel, returned to movies this fall in "Gattaca" and also stars in the upcoming "Great Expectations," a modern version of the Charles Dickens classic.



Ethan Hawke is back making movies after being "disgusted" with himself for being famous.

Hawke, who became widely known after his role in the 1989 film "Dead Poets Society," said in the January issue of Details magazine that he was "disgusted" with himself for being famous.

"And for a long time, I was trying hard and trying everything," Hawke told Details. "I tried writing a book, I ran my own theater company, I went to an established theater company, and finally I just thought, you know what? I'm going to stop trying and do some movies."

PARADISE VALLEY, Ariz. — Certainly no "little people" can afford **Leona Helmsley**'s 10-acre estate here.

The New York real estate magnate, who served 18 months in prison for tax evasion after allegedly saying "only the little people pay taxes," wants $25 million for her secluded 20,000-square foot home.

That's five times the price for other luxury homes in the area and $19 million more than what she paid for the property a decade ago.

The estate includes a 36-foot misty waterfall that cascades into a lagoon pool, and a powder room with 24-karat gold faucets. There are 12 bathrooms, elevators, staff quarters and three pools, including an Olympic-sized pool that has an underwater sound system.

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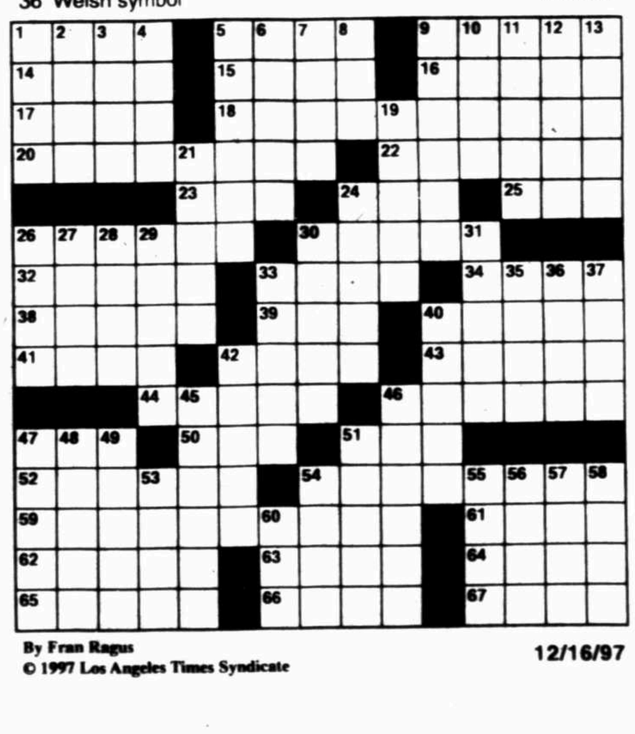
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Gore launches push for more organ donations

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Many people want their organs donated when they die but never tell their families, who turn down the chance to save other lives, Vice President Al Gore said Monday as he announced a new push to persuade Americans to give "the gift of life."

The initiative hopes to encourage hospitals, doctors and families to talk about organ donation before and after death.

"No matter how impressive our technology, we still cannot create a human heart, a liver, a lung, a kidney," Gore said. "The power of our newest technology depends on our oldest values — love of life, love of neighbor."

About 20,000 Americans received organ transplants last year, but some 4,000 died waiting for a donor. More than 55,000 people are on the transplant waiting list, up from 16,000 in 1988.

Yet, according to a study by the Harvard School of Public Health, 27 percent of potential donors are not identified or their families are never approached about donation.

About half of Americans who want their organs donated have not told their families.

"Signing an organ donor card is not enough," said Donna Shalala, secretary of health and human services. "All of us need to share our organ donations decisions with our families."

The initiative announced Monday includes:

■ A campaign by private, public and volunteer organizations to persuade Americans to agree to organ donations and then discuss their decisions with family.

Participants include the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Family Physicians, which will encourage doctors to discuss donation with their patients. The American Bar Association will encourage lawyers to discuss it with clients while preparing wills.

■ A new federal rule requiring hospitals to report all deaths to local organ procurement organizations, which can evaluate possible donors and discuss consent with family members.

The strategy, based on a similar law in Pennsylvania, could increase organ donation by 20 percent in two years, HHS estimates.

■ An effort by federal agencies to notify their employees about organ donation six times a year.

■ An HHS-sponsored conference next spring to discuss strategies for donation.

Monday's announcement was an emotional ceremony, with speeches by people whose lives have been touched by organ donations. Shalala told of her college roommate's fiance, who died in October waiting for a liver.

The Rev. Dalton Downs of Washington remembered telling his congregation that he needed a heart transplant. After the service, parishioner Dawn Alexander hugged him, saying she would donate a heart if she had two.

A year later, Alexander died of an aneurysm, and her heart was transplanted into Downs.

"Anyone who receives a heart of an organ donor receives a very big heart indeed," he said.

Last week, HHS released a report showing patient survival rates are at an all-time high, with 94 percent of kidney recipients and 79 percent of liver recipients surviving at least one year.

Stolen tickets ruin travel agents

Asscociated Press

CHICAGO — When George Hudson's family-owned travel agency was robbed last year, he counted himself lucky because the thieves left behind cash and computers, taking only blank airline tickets.

Nine months later, that robbery put him out of business.

Hudson reported the theft to the police, the airlines and the FBI, but all the major carriers started billing him for stolen tickets they had accepted for travel. Within months, his bill had grown to about $1.5 million.

"I'm embarrassed," said Hudson, whose agency is in suburban Elmwood Park. "It looks like we are criminals. We've been in business 30 years."

Hudson got no help from his insurance company, which argued the thieves took only blank tickets that were worthless at the time of the theft.

Hudson's experience is not an isolated case. During the first nine months of this year, 128 travel agents across the country reported ticket thefts to Airline Reporting Corp., an Arlington, Va., company that issues the blank tickets for 144 airlines.

An organized gang of about 50 people appears to be targeting Illinois, according to Gary Yallelus, a Miami detective who began investigating the theft ring after the 1994 arrest of a suspect.

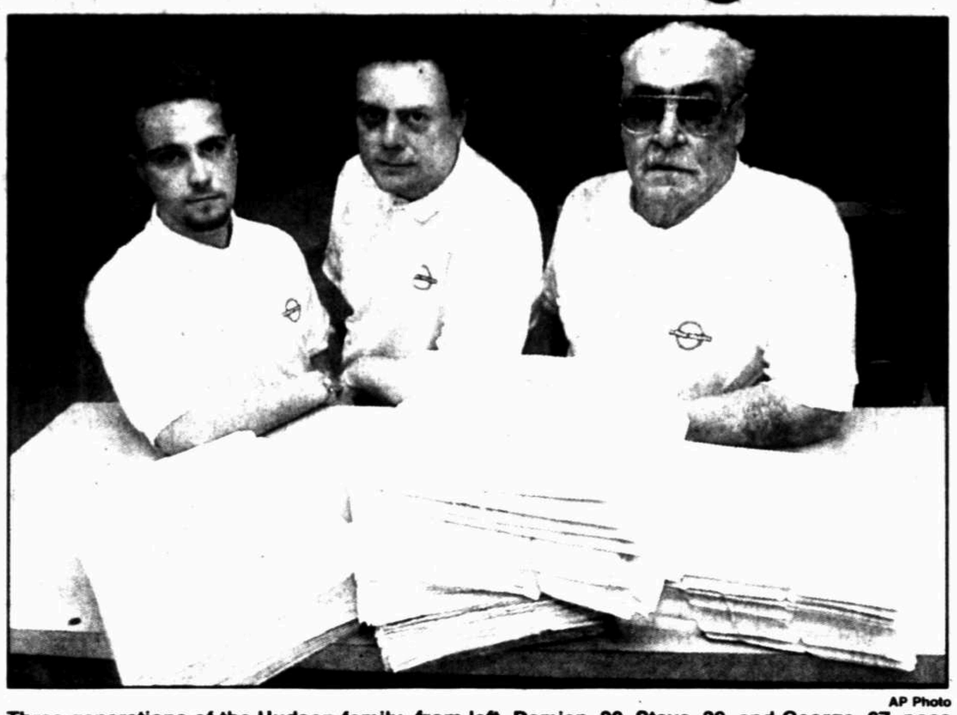
Within hours of a theft, the tickets are sent to Los Angeles, where they are turned into official-looking tickets on computers and distributed on the black market in the United States and overseas — some to drug dealers, illegal immigrants and possible terrorists, Yallelus said.

"There is a real big safety issue," he said. "A lot of people using them are using false identification. Airlines don't know who is on their flights."

Rep. Harris Fawell, R-Ill., has requested a congressional hearing on the possible threat to air safety. "I fly the skies an awful lot, and I would like to think that the person sitting next to me was a legitimate passenger," he said.

This year, airlines have reported $3.1 million in losses from stolen tickets that later were accepted for travel.

Travel agents have had to eat millions more. Over a two-week period last year, 19 Chicago-area travel agencies were robbed. At least three now are out of business, said Barbara Pisa, a Naperville travel agent who has been working to get the airlines to screen for stolen tickets before accepting them for travel.



AP Photo

Three generations of the Hudson family, from left, Damien, 20, Steve, 39, and George, 67, pose with invoices from airlines at their closed travel agency in Elmwood Park, Ill. The Hudsons had to close their travel agency after they were robbed of blank airline tickets and then billed by all the major carriers for the nearly $1.5 million in stolen tickets the airlines accepted.

The sales agreements between airlines and travel agents specifically state that the agents are responsible for ensuring that blank tickets are secured.

But travel agents argue that the airlines could easily screen for stolen tickets before they allow passengers to board.

All blank tickets issued by ARC have control numbers on them. ARC circulates the numbers of all stolen tickets to participating airlines, but carriers rarely perform more than an occasional computer check when tickets are presented, ARC president James Manning said.

"The bottom line is they can't check all those tickets," he said. "There is a lot of pressure on those people to load those planes and get them out in a timely way."

But even if the airlines checked only first- and business-class tickets, 90 percent of the people traveling on stolen tickets would be caught, Yallelus said.

Pisa said many stolen tickets look suspicious at just a glance. She said a Damascus, Ore., travel agency was charged $46,480 for an American Airlines international ticket that was supposedly paid for in cash.

"I have never in 25 years of business had anyone dump $46,000 in cash on my desk," Pisa said.

The agency was held liable for the face value of that ticket and others, going out of business after the bill approached $1 million.

American Airlines spokesman Bill Dreslin said the bill was actually for a series of tickets.

"And quite frankly, when someone is checking in at the gate, no one is looking to see how much you paid for a flight, so any amount could have gotten through," he said. "It all goes back to the travel agencies."

USDA unveils first national regulations on growing organic food industry

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Just what makes an organic apple organic? For the first time, the government began answering that question by proposing rules Monday to help consumers get the all-natural foods they think they're getting.

"The rules are going to clear up the confusion that sometimes exists in the minds of consumers, processors and merchandisers about what is and what is not organic," said Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

But the regulations announced by the Agriculture Department drew criticism from environmental groups and organic farmers worried that the rules could permit use of germ-killing irradiation, growth of genetically altered crops and spreading of sewage sludge as fertilizer.

"These things have no place in organic food production," said Ken Cook, president of the Environmental Working Group. "The public should say no to them, too."

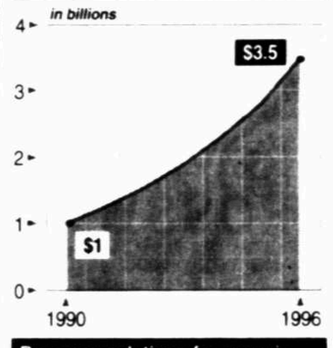
Glickman said more public comment would be accepted before a final version of the rules is issued in 1998. The government itself is already promoting irradiation to kill bacteria and genetic engineering to improve crop yields and reduce use of chemical pesticides.

"I have intentionally left open some of the more divisive questions," Glickman told reporters. "I think it's important to have a full national and international discussion of this issue."

Organic food

The U.S. Department of Agriculture unveiled the first national regulations on organic foods.

Organic and natural product sales



Recommendations for organic standards in consumer products*

- *Multi-ingredient products must contain 95 percent organic ingredients to receive "organic" label*
- *Product could be labeled "made with certain organic ingredients" if it contains 50 percent to 95 percent of organic content*
- *Animals cannot be fed hormones or antibiotics to stimulate growth. Such substances can only be used when livestock are ill*

*Not finalized by USDA until 1998

Organic products account for only about one percent of national food sales but have grown more than 20 percent annually since 1990 and now account for about $3.5 billion annually. Agriculture Department officials forecast a fourfold increase in sales during the next decade and several large food companies have begun marketing organic products.

Although differences remain on those points, the issuance of the proposed rules is a milestone in itself: It has taken seven years, since the Organic Foods Production Act was first passed in 1990, to get this far.

For the fast-growing organic industry, the regulations finally validate their industry as part of mainstream farming, no longer dismissed as "low-tech throwbacks to horse-powered agriculture, or as hippie gardeners," as Cook put it.

Organic products account for only about 1 percent of national food sales but have grown more than 20 percent annually since 1990 and now account for about $3.5 billion annually. Agriculture Department officials forecast a fourfold increase in sales during the next decade and several large food companies have begun marketing organic products.

Yet, because there are no national rules, consumers could never be certain that products with "organic" on the label are actually grown, processed and handled under the principles of nature over synthetics that have developed within the industry. Indeed, there are some 40 state and private organic certification programs around the country.

The new regulations, Glickman said, will improve consumer confidence in the organic label and provide a boost to the roughly 12,000 farmers seeking an edge by marketing all-natural products. The average organic farm is about 250 acres, but there are some very large ones.

"We hope this will help small farmers continue to build a niche for themselves," Glickman said.

Organic farmers face higher costs because their natural fertilizers and pest control efforts tend to be more expensive and they must hire more workers to replace the mechanization common in conventional farming. Thus, their produce costs more.

To gain an Agriculture Department seal, the proposed regulations require that raw products be 100 percent organic and that processed foods contain 95 percent organic ingredients.

Processed foods with 50 percent to 95 percent organic content could be labeled as "made with certain organic ingredients," while those with less than 50 percent organic content must specify the organic ingredients.

The rules also set numerous standards for producing and handling the foods, including a requirement that cropland be free of prohibited pesticides for at least three years before harvest and a prohibition on use of antibiotics or hormones to stimulate growth in livestock.

Those selling or labeling products that do not meet the standards could be fined up to $10,000. The Agriculture Department will certify states and private organizations to oversee the system, and states could adopt their own tougher standards.

The Grocery Manufacturers of America, representing the makers of name-brand foods and packaged goods, called the new uniform standards "a great service to America's consumers and the food-producing industry."

But the group added that the nutrition, health and safety levels of organic and "traditionally produced products" were the same and the conventional food industry was using new techniques to reduce use of crop-protection chemicals.

Since 99 percent of the nation's food is produced using conventional practices, Glickman took pains to say that the regulations should not be viewed as an endorsement of organic methods as superior or safer.

"These rules are not about creating a category of agriculture than is safer than any other," he said. "These rules are about giving consumers choices as to how their food is produced."

Cable rates still increasing despite FCC regulations

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cable prices are soaring despite federal rate regulation, the government said Monday.

The Federal Communications Commission's annual survey, required by Congress, bears out what some consumer groups have been saying for years.

The FCC reported that regulated cable rates rose 8.5 percent between 1996 and 1997, while unregulated rates went up 9.6 percent.

The study also concluded that customers of both regulated and unregulated cable systems are getting more channels.

The FCC said the average number of channels received by unregulated customers went from 38 in 1995 to about 47 in 1997 and for regulated customers, the average number of channels went from 44 to about 49.

The FCC said regulated and unregulated cable systems attributed most of their rate increases to inflation, higher programming costs, adding new channels and technical improvements to their systems.

In September, the Consumers Union and the Consumer Federation of America asked the FCC to freeze rates and come up with stronger price controls, contending that existing regulations are not protecting cable TV customers.

About 80 percent of all cable customers' rates are regulated, with consumers paying about $16 billion a year to the cable industry, the consumer groups have said.

"This report clearly demonstrates that cable rates are going up dramatically, but what it doesn't say is how much rates would come down with head-to-head competition, or with regulations designed to mirror the competitive market," said Gene Kimmelman, co-director of the Consumers Union's Washington office.

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WPHL — Amarillo Rattlers at Odessa Jackalopes, 7 p.m., Ector County Coliseum.

Top 25 Hoops

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 14, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. North Carolina (68)	10-0	1,747	2
2. Kansas (1)	**11-1**	**1,612**	**3**
3. Duke (1)	9-1	1,599	1
4. Kentucky	8-1	1,532	4
5. Arizona	7-2	1,429	6
6. South Carolina	5-0	1,415	5
7. Utah	9-0	1,248	9
8. Purdue	8-2	1,187	8
9. Stanford	5-0	1,129	11
10. Xavier	6-1	1,027	7
11. UCLA	4-1	1,020	12
12. Connecticut	8-1	966	13
13. Arkansas	7-0	925	15
14. New Mexico	**6-1**	**794**	**14**
15. Iowa	7-1	769	10
16. Temple	6-1	721	20
17. Florida St.	7-1	702	16
18. Mississippi	5-1	498	21
19. Princeton	7-1	349	22
20. Georgia	7-2	259	23
21. Michigan	6-2	234	—
22. Maryland	5-3	216	19
23. Wake Forest	6-1	194	25
24. Texas Christian	**9-0**	**158**	**—**
25. Syracuse	7-0	151	—

Others receiving votes: Rhode Island 123, Clemson 117, Hawaii 82, Georgia Tech 80, Miami 78, Saint Louis 72, Fresno St. 55, Marquette 48, Tennessee 41, Ball St. 25, George Washington 23, Oklahoma St. 22, Illinois 19, West Virginia 15, Colorado St. 10, Mississippi St. 8, Massachusetts 7, Arizona St. 6, Indiana 6, N. Carolina St. 6, Miami, Ohio 5, Gonzaga 4, Vanderbilt 4, Washington 4, Kansas St. 2, Murray St. 2, N. Iowa 2, Oklahoma 1, Oregon St. 1, Pacific 1.

Woodson award

DALLAS — Heisman Trophy winner Charles Woodson added another trophy to his collection on Monday night — the Bronko Nagurski Trophy.

The award is given to the player considered college football's best defensive player, regardless of position.

Michigan's junior cornerback won the award over four other semifinalists — Nebraska defensive end Grant Wistrom, Nebraska tackle Jason Peter, Florida State linebacker Sam Cowart and Ohio State linebacker Andy Katzenmoyer.

The award is presented each year by the Charlotte Touchdown Club and the Football Writers Association of America.

Past winners are Arizona's Rob Waldrop in 1993, Miami's Warren Sapp in 1994 and Northwestern's Pat Fitzgerald in 1995 and 1996.

Stars rout Sabres

DALLAS — Darryl Sydor and Jamie Langenbrunner scored two goals apiece Monday night as the Dallas Stars ended a recent scoring drought with an 8-4 rout of the Buffalo Sabres.

Sergei Zubov matched his career-high with four assists and Joe Nieuwendyk, Greg Adams and Pat Verbeek all had a goal and an assist for the Stars, who had been shut out in two of their previous three games.

The Stars' offense had been struggling without top scorer Mike Modano, who suffered a torn knee ligament against Edmonton on Dec. 3 and is expected to be out another month. Dallas had seven goals in the four games following Modano's injury before breaking out with a season-high goal total to win for the 12th time in 15 games.

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Rogers brings unique offense to title game

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

This weekend's football game for the Stanton Buffaloes will be like no other in school history. At 6 p.m. Saturday in Texas Stadium, the Buffs go after the Class 2A state title, and no Stanton team that has ever stepped on the gridiron to play for Texas' highest honor.

So maybe it is fitting that in this most unusual setting, the Buffaloes will face one of the most unique offenses in the state, because that is what 14-1 Rogers will bring.

To say the Rogers is an opponent unlike any other is an understatement. Just listening to Rogers' coach Joel Berry describe his "Four-receiver, shotgun, no huddle offense" is enough that even the most versatile defensive coordinator has to think twice about it.

"We have quite a unique offense," said Berry, who was a defensive coach at Southlake Carroll from 1986-92. It was during this time that Southlake rode one of Texas' hottest streaks, recording a 97-5 record and winning two state titles in 1988 and 1992.

"We feel we can spread defenses out," Berry added. "The offense comes from playing against great teams when I was there at Southlake Carroll). I packaged it, threw in the no-huddle and there it was."

And what Berry has done in this, the first year of running the offense, is rewrite the Texas and national record books. Rogers' senior quarterback Patrick Hutka is the new all-time national record holder for total yards in a season with 5,777 (4,346 passing and 1,431 rushing). Hutka, who never played quarterback before this year, broke the existing mark (5,146) held by Sugar Land's Kenneth Hall in 1953.

And that could be just the tip of the iceberg. With 221 yards this weekend, Hutka would become the national record holder in yards in a season, breaking the mark (4,566) set by Phillip Deas from Shreveport Evangel Christian in Louisiana. Two touchdown tosses by Hutka would equal Texas' all-time record for TDs (54, set by Kirt Saul of Turkey Valley in 1986).

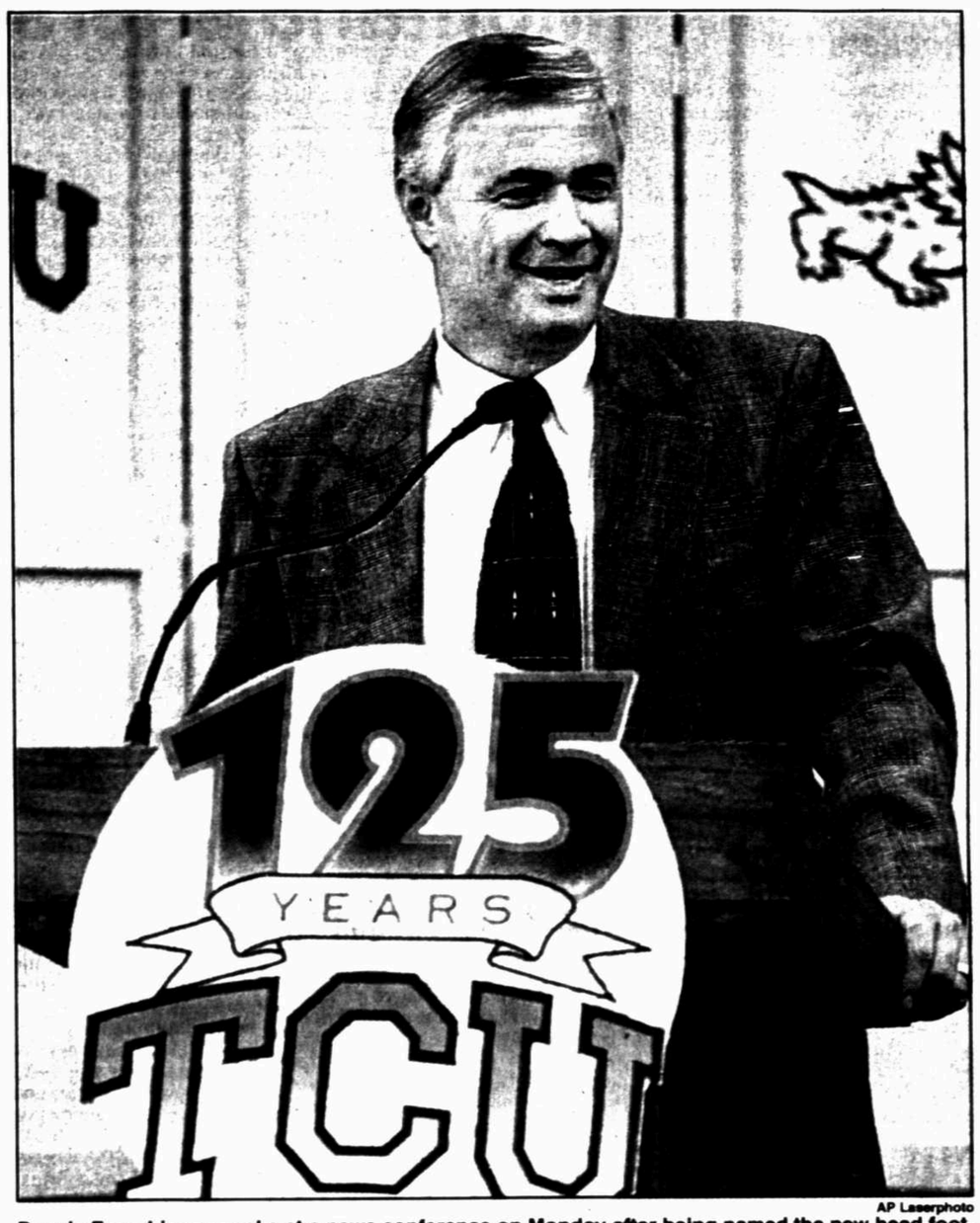
"It hasn't hit me now and it isn't a big deal now," said Hutka, who threw seven touchdowns passes in a win versus Holland. "We are winning and that is what to focus on."

Hutka, a solid Division I college football prospect, isn't the only Eagle who goes into the state championship game with a shot at a national record. Receiver Josh Whatley, who has caught 117 passes for 1,601 yards and 17 TDs, is five receptions away from setting a new national record for receptions in a season. The old mark was set by Las Angeles Wilson's Steve Martinez in 1987.

But records are not the only benefits. The system, which resembles are continual two-minute offense, has proven to be highly efficient as Hutka has completed 273-of-452 passes for a 60-percent clip to go with the 4,346 yards and 52 TDs and only seven interceptions.

It also gets many players in the act.

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AP Laserphoto

Dennis Franchione speaks at a news conference on Monday after being named the new head football coach of Texas Christian University. Franchione says he's looking for a new challenge.

TCU Horned Frogs' new chief-of-staff

Franchione leaves New Mexico to take job at Texas Christian

By Mike Cochran
Associated Press Writer

FORT WORTH — New Texas Christian coach Dennis Franchione, who thrives on rebuilding football programs, believes he can shape the struggling Horned Frogs into a competitive team again.

"I'm not afraid of the challenge. I've been there before," he said Monday at a news conference announcing his appointment. "I'm not sure what the missing ingredients have been, but I'm sure they can be put back in place."

The 1997 Western Athletic Conference coach of the year will take the reigns at TCU while finishing his season with the New Mexico Lobos as they head into the Insight.com Bowl against Arizona on Dec. 27.

"I've never tried to do two football jobs at once, but we'll sure give it a whirl for a week or so," Franchione said. "I don't know why this program cannot be competitive at the highest level, year in and year out."

The appointment is the first major decision for athletic director Eric Hyman, himself just a week on the job after being hired from Miami of Ohio.

"I said on my first day on campus that I would be looking for three cornerstones in a head football coach: intelligence, work ethic and integrity," Hyman said. "I believe that in Dennis Franchione we have found all three and that makes him a perfect match for TCU."

Franchione replaces Pat Sullivan, who resigned in October after six seasons. Sullivan led the Frogs to back-to-back winning seasons in 1994 and 1995 and an Independence Bowl bid in 1994.

But a series of disciplinary problems decimated his roster last year and left the team hapless in 1997. The Frogs finished the season 1-10.

"I feel like the bad years aren't going to be 1-10 when we get stabilized," Franchione said. "The bad years are going to be 6-5 and the good years better than that."

Franchione said he likes the prospects in Fort Worth. He said he sees a strong recruiting base and feels he can dominate the WAC from the private university.

Chancellor William Tucker hopes he's right.

"We're not so foolish to think we can walk on water, but we're foolish enough to try," Tucker told Franchione.

In six years, Franchione has guided the Lobos to three winning seasons and a 33-35 record. In the nine seasons before he took over, New Mexico won only 26 of 106 games and had just one winning season since 1978.

To entice Franchione to stay, New Mexico offered Franchione $90,000 in addition to his $210,000 salary. A Fort Worth Star-Telegram report said that Franchione's has received a seven-year contract with a package averaging $400,000 a year.

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49ers, Rice hand Denver 34-17 loss

By Dennis Georgatos
AP Sports Writer

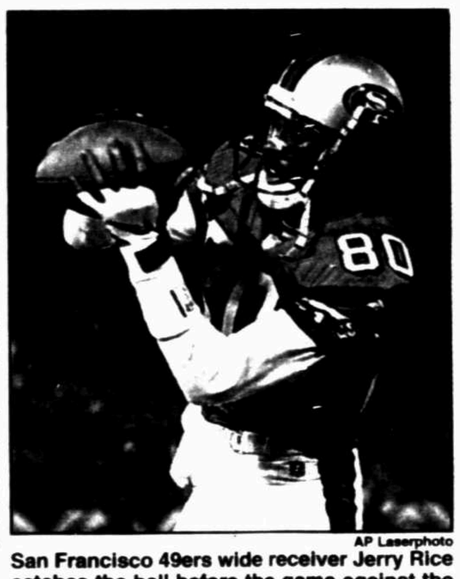
SAN FRANCISCO — Jerry Rice completed a remarkable return from a severe knee injury and then, with his rebuilt leg aching, watched the San Francisco 49ers' defense torment John Elway.

Rice, flashing his old form in the first half in an early return from knee surgery, beat double coverage to make a touchdown catch in the 49ers' 34-17 win over Denver on Monday night.

And unlike the Aug. 31 season opener, when Rice agonized on the Tampa Bay turf with a shredded left knee, Rice bounced back up after taking a hard hit in the end zone from Steve Atwater after the second-quarter score.

The defense took over in the second half, capitalizing on a disastrous outing by Elway, who had two interceptions and a fumble leading to 17 San Francisco points.

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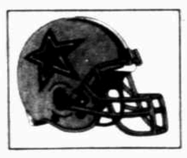
San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Jerry Rice catches the ball before the game against the Denver Broncos on Monday.

Aikman says he'll return; Switzer's future in doubt

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Troy Aikman's future with the Dallas Cowboys is certain even if Barry Switzer's isn't.

Aikman, not a big backer of his head coach, said Monday he'll return next season as the Dallas Cowboys' quarterback.



In the Valley Ranch rumor mill, this was another sign that Switzer might not return because he doesn't teach the discipline Aikman believes is necessary to win.

With a 31-24 loss Sunday to Cincinnati, the mistake-plagued Cowboys are 6-9 and out of the playoffs for the first time since 1990.

"I'll be back," Aikman said. "I've always said 10 years is important to me, so I'll play. I just hope (owner) Jerry Jones takes the necessary steps to get this thing back on track."

As far as the subject of Switzer is concerned, Aikman said he has never tried to influence Jones' coaching and personnel decisions.

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TERRY WILLIAMSON

A week in basketball that was simply unforgettable

There were so many intriguing things that happened on the hardwood over the weekend that it's a little hard to take in with one weekend breath.



Williamson

I have to admit that watching at least parts of 25 basketball games in three days has a way of making events blend into a weird mosaic of memories. I'm not even sure if all the memories go with the right games anymore. It was a basketball overdose that even I'm not used to.

But there are several facts that stay in place and those facts alone make the Tall City Oilman's tournament a memorable happening.

For one, the best was saved for last when No. 7 Midland High defeated No. 4 Killeen 86-78 in the championship game. MHS' Kirby Lemons dumped in 39 points, taking the art of garbage collection to a new art form. Lemons has a 45-point game this year, but that was against Del Rio. This 39 came against No. 4 in a big game with a big crowd and prestige on the line.

In fact, three of Midland High's four tournament wins have to be listed as impressive. First, there was that 31-point win over No. 17 Midland Lee. Then came a win over Alamogordo, N.M., the defending tournament champion and defending New Mexico state champion.

Midland Lee, too, gave some memorable moments. The Rebels won a one-point game in the last second against El Paso Hanks on a free throw by Blake Hinsley and then the Rebels lost a game by one point on a last second free throw by El Paso Eastwood's Ben Karam. That's a lot of drama to take in right there.

But Lee also posted a victory in the tournament over Odessa Permian, one of the District 4-5A teams that the Rebels feel they will have to battle with for a state playoff berth down the line when district play starts on Jan. 3.

And even when the tournament took a break, the excitement didn't end.

No. 4 ranked Midland College climbed to a perfect 13-0 for the season with a 91-63 knockout of Jacksonville College as Harold Arceuneaux had one of his best games with 23 points. MC had previously beaten Jacksonville by five points on the road in a game where Jacksonville had 50 free throw attempts.

It was also a game where Jacksonville coach Mike Kelley tried to get himself thrown out of the game and the officials would have no part of it. Kelley then accused MC coach Pat Rafferty of having the officials, "in his hip pocket." How silly can that be in a game that had a 28-point differential. Rafferty responded, "That's an affront to how well our kids played."

Also, the Midland Lee girls basketball team, the owners of a 2-8 record going into its District 4-5A opener with league favorite Odessa Permian, pulled off a stunning upset of the Mojo ladies 49-45 as junior Keke Strambler scored 21 points. Strambler had a career high 26 points against Lubbock Coronado last Tuesday.

Then in Odessa, the Midland High Lady Dawgs staged a 55-52 win over Odessa High as Heidi Lange scored 25 points. OHS and MHS were both expected to battle for a playoff berth, but OHS was supposed to win this one since they had the home-court edge.

But it was just part of the strange night on the girls opening night front since San Angelo Central, another 4-5A team expected to be near the top of the standings, also tumbled to Abilene Cooper 64-50 as Catherine Weir stunned the Lady Bobcats with 30 points.

Now, you tell me, was this enough to make for a strange weekend? Or, do I just have the games all mixed up again?

Terry Williamson is sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram

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Granger players top APSE 1A all-state team

■ Rankin's Robert Stanaland gets second team honors, while James Gaines gets honorable mention.

Associated Press

DALLAS — Brothers James and Brandon Everage, whose swarming defense and productive offense led Granger to its first state title, topped the Associated Press Sports Editors Class 1A all-state team released Monday.

Rankin's 6-3, 225-pound senior offensive lineman Robert Stanaland received second team all-state honors, while fellow Red Devil Jaimes Gaines received honorable mention recgnition.

James, a senior, was chosen at both receiver and defensive back for the second straight year. Brandon, a junior, joined him in the defensive backfield and was voted defensive player of the year. Brandon also was the second-team quarterback behind Tenaha's Chavis McCollister, the offensive player of the year.

Granger, which capped its 13-1 season with a 40-0 victory over Wheeler this past Saturday, also placed offensive lineman Matthew Bohac and punter Marc Vanek on the first team. Bohac also made second-team defensive line.

Granger coach John Valastro learned of the honors Monday just before going to a school assembly honoring the 1A champs.

"I think everybody is going to go crazy in a minute," Valastro said.

Celeste, which fell to Granger 22-19 in the semifinals, was the only other school with multiple first-teamers, placing Chris Barnard on the offensive and defensive lines and Demetrius Rector at running back and defensive back.


Stanaland

The eighth annual APSE team was chosen by sportswriters around the state, based on players' regular-season performance. Nominees were selected during the season and balloting was conducted during the playoffs.

Offensive lineman Eric Ramos of Bartlett and running back Jonathan Reagins of Munday joined James Everage as the only first-teamers returning from last season.

Other first-team offensive linemen were Kevin Morwietz of Falls City and a tie between Jeff Curlee of 1996 state champ Windthorst and Abel Orosco of Runge.

Bobby Bouse of High Island was the other first-team end, and Dante Hailey of Frost the other running back. Throckmorton sophomore Nick Rankin, who kicked a 1A-record 51-yard field goal this season, was the place kicker.

The linebackers were Bo Allen of Dawson, Blake Guthery of Gorman and Roy Zapata of Menard. Cedric McFall of Fannindel was the other defensive back.

Rounding out the defensive linemen were Brad Blount of Paducah, Barry Fleitman of Muenster and Alan Watts of Wink.

Runge's Alonzo Esparza, a first-team running back last season, was voted second-team at running back and linebacker. Era's Wayne Twiner made second-team receiver after sharing first-team honors with James Everage last season.

How good were the Everages on defense? Opponents threw just two touchdown passes against the Granger secondary during the regular season, while Brandon had 10 interceptions and James grabbed five.

"I really honestly believe we had the best secondary in the state because of the kids we had back there," Valastro said.

On offense, Brandon ran for over 800 yards and five touchdowns threw for 1,000 yards and 14 TDs. James caught 35 passes for 748 yards and nine TDs, plus ran for five more TDs.

"We may go down as one of the overall best teams in the state as far as being able to run and throw," Valastro said, also crediting Bohac and the rest of the offensive line.

James Everage is still trying to bring up his score on his college entrance exams. If he does, Division I schools may be very interested in a 6-foot-3, 210-pound player who can run the 40 in 4.5 seconds.

He also proved he can handle pain, as he played outstanding defense and caught several passes in the championship despite having hurt his knee in the semifinals.

McCollister, who led Tenaha to the finals as a sophomore, threw for 1,867 yards and 31 TDs and ran for another 1,311 yards and 19 TDs.

Local Sports

Laine wins WPHL honor

Odessa Jackalope forward Sami Laine was honored as the Western Professional Hockey League's Player of the Week for week nine.

Laine averaged nearly a hat trick a game, scoring 11 goals in four Odessa games, including five in one period versus the Waco Wizards. Three of those goals came in a span of 97 seconds.

The 5-foot-10-inch native of Helsinki, Finland, has now moved into second in the league's goal scoring race. Laine, who has scored 29 goals this season, trails El Paso's Jamie Thompson by three.

Laine also moved into the league's top 10 scorers with 47 points (29 goals, 18 assists). Laine is tied for eighth.

Laine is the second Jackalope to earn the honor. Dan Lavergne was selected the week of Nov. 17-23. Laine, Lavergne and the rest of Jackalopes host Amarillo today at 7 p.m.

Greenwood boys fall to Denver City

DENVER CITY — The Greenwood boys basketball team dropped a non-district game to Denver City 57-48 Monday.

Greenwood, 7-4 for the season, was coming off a title at the Stanton Tournament but missed 6-of-15 free throws, including two front ends of one-and-ones. Denver City, on the other hand, made eight-of-nine free tosses in a 16-8 fourth quarter run.

John Settles led Greenwood with 17 and Andrew Wootan scored 12.

In JV action, Greenwood lost 57-46. Jared Moore threw in 15.

Greenwood will host Pecos at 8 p.m. Friday.

Denver City 57, Greenwood 48

Greenwood (7-4): Gabriel Pallanez 1 0-0 2, Andrew Wootan 5 0-1 12, Caleb Montes 0 7-10 7, Scott Reed 3 0-0 6, Larry Johansen 2 0-0 4, John Settles 7 2-3 17. Totals 18 9-15 48.

Denver City: Villegas 1 1-2 3, Gonzalez 3 1-2 8, Ocheskey 1 2-2 4, Jordan 1 0-0 2, Arzate 4 0-1 8, Curtis 5 6-6 16, Boyd 6 4-4 16. Totals 21 14-17 57.

Greenwood	**9**	**23**	**8**	**8—48**
Denver City	**13**	**18**	**10**	**16—57**

3-point field goals: G 3 (Wootan 2, Settles 1), DC 1 (Gonzalez). Fouls: G 14, DC 17. Fouled Out: Montes, Villegas.

Area wrestlers place in Austin

AUSTIN — Midland area high school wrestlers competed in a 16-team tournament held this weekend at L.B.J. High School.

Six of those wrestlers from the Midland Wrestling Club placed with fourth-place finsihes or better, and the club as a whole left Austin with a solid 30-22 overall record.

Those wrestlers who placed in the top four were Midland Lee freshman John Hendricks (second in the 119-pound division), Midland Lee freshman Adam Wilson (third at 160 pounds), Lee sophomore Zach Harris (fourth at 140 pounds), Midland High senior Marat Alkahonae (fourth at 130 pounds), MHS junior Chris Sexton (fourth at 145 pounds) and Greenwood senior Brandon Mullins (fourth at 125 pounds). The next tournament will be Jan. 3 in Lubbock.

MHS JV girls win at tourney

SEMINOLE — The Midland High junior varsity girls basketball team defeated Big Spring 49-29 in the Seminole JV Tournament this weekend. Nena McCalister had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Lady Dawgs. MHS JV next plays Frenship at 4 p.m. Friday.

Rockets fall

The Homescholl Rockets fell in seventh and eight grade action to Andrews Monday in Junior high boys action.

Matt Kelton scored 12 but the 2-1 Rockets seventh grade team fell to Andrews "A" team 40-24.

In eighth grade "B"team action, Aaron Austin scored 17 for the 6-5 Rockets, but Andrews came away with the win, 50-35.

Midland Baptist Academy splits

The Midland Baptist Academy boys basketball teams spilt games with Cavalry Christian Monday.

The MBA varsity fell to Cavalry 51-42 despite Andrew Murphy's 14 points for 6-5 Midland Baptist.

In junior high action, Midland Baptist's Marcus Wright scored 30 as MBA won 40-29 to improve to 1-2.

Trinity hoops

The Trinity seventh grade boys basketball team thumped Midland Christian 57-29 to move to 12-0 for the season. Andrew Anderson scored 16 Jeehoun Yi had 14 points Trevor Stoltz 12.

The Midland Christian eighth grade girls basketball team defeated Trinity 37-34 in an overtime game Monday. Nicole Kennerly scored 18 for Trinity.

In seventh grade action, Trinity defeated MC 43-14. Trinity's Susan Stasney scored 14 and Olivia Holland added 12.

San Francisco retires Joe Montana's jersey No. 16

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AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — To the wild cheers of an adoring crowd and the sparkling flashes of hundreds of cameras, Joe Montana returned once more to the windswept field off San Francisco Bay as the 49ers retired his No. 16 jersey Monday night.

Introduced by former coach Bill Walsh, the man who drafted and developed him, Montana was clearly impressed by the reception.

"Back in 1979 when I first stepped on the field, I never imagined I'd be in this position tonight having my number retired," Montana said.

Broadcaster Al Michaels introduced an introspective of Montana's career, calling the quarterback a "Bay Area icon and a man who has come to embody the 49ers franchise."

Eddie DeBartolo, who was the managing owner of the team for 20 years until two weeks ago when he stepped down to face allegations of gambling fraud in Louisiana, also praised Montana. But first he got his own cheers, pausing several times in his speech because of the cheers for him.

"This man has etched his place in NFL history as the greatest quarterback who has ever played the game," DeBartolo said.

The halftime event was just one of several converging story lines Monday night. The 49ers' game against the Denver Broncos also spelled the return of star receiver Jerry Rice, who had been out since the season opener because of a serious knee injury. He caught three passes in the first half, one for a touchdown, before taking off the rest of the night.

Rice, on the receiving end of 55 touchdown passes from Montana, stood in the end zone and applauded Montana during the ceremony.

San Francisco's third-round pick out of Notre Dame in 1979, Montana led the 49ers to the playoffs 10 times, including four Super Bowl championships.

He spent more than a decade as the team's starter before an elbow injury forced him to the sidelines for nearly two years. During his absence, Steve Young asserted himself as the 49ers quarterback.

When the 49ers decided to stick with Young as their starter, Montana was traded to Kansas City before the 1993 season. He spent two seasons with the Chiefs before retiring.

For his career, Montana threw for 273 touchdowns, 244 with the 49ers. He orchestrated 31 fourth-quarter comebacks during his career, including "The Catch," the miracle pass to Dwight Clark in the 1982 NFC Championship game.

On Monday, it was apparent early that it was Montana's night. Huey Lewis and the News, who sang the "Star Spangled Banner," added the line: "Oh say could that old Joe Montana play."

"It's great to see this happen for him," said Lewis.

Young, who obviously was not a part of the halftime ceremony Monday because he was in the game, praised the man who once kept him on the bench as backup.

"He taught me how to learn to play, how you prepare to play football," Young said earlier this week. "He would do things, and I would see it and think, 'That is a tremendous read. That's a tremendous play. That's where I've gotta get. I've gotta be able to do that.'"

Montana joins seven other 49ers who have had their jerseys retired. They are: quarterback John Brodie (12), running back Joe Perry (34), cornerback Jimmy Johnson (37), running back Hugh McElhenny (39), defensive tackle Charlie Kruegern (70), tackle Leo Nomellini (73), and Clark (87).

49ers: Davis injures shoulder in first half

(From 1C)

Merton Hanks' 55-yard interception return for a touchdown broke a 17-all tie in the third quarter. Lee Woodall's 55-yard interception return set up Gary Anderson's second field goal and Kevin Greene sacked Elway, forcing a fumble that he returned 40 yards for the final score.

The win, on a night Joe Montana's No. 16 was retired by the 49ers, clinched home field in the NFC playoffs for San Francisco (13-2) and also gave Kansas City the home field over Denver (11-4) in the AFC.

"It seems like two seasons, maybe three," Young said. "Now we just have to get everyone healthy."

Denver, which lost Terrell Davis to a bruised right shoulder in the first half, lost its second straight and heads into the playoffs as a wild card.

Rice's touchdown proved to be his last play. He spent the rest of the second quarter talking with team physician Michael Dillingham, who operated on Rice the day after the injury. Rice watched the second half from the sidelines with a bandage around what the 49ers said was a bruise to his surgically repaired knee.

Rice, who had three catches for 40 yards, was greeted by a wild ovation when he ran onto the field during pre-game introductions and another rousing cheer when he entered as the third receiver on the third play of the game.

On San Francisco's second offensive series, he caught a 16-yard pass from Young and then made a diving 10-yard catch during the 92-yard march that Young finished by threading a 14-yard pass to Rice. He made the catch between Atwater and Darrien Gordon for San Francisco's first touchdown with 6:53 left in the second quarter.

The score was Rice's 166th career TD, an ongoing NFL record, and gave him 1,000 points for his career, the first non-kicker to reach that milestone. But Rice took a hard hit from Atwater and landed on his left knee. He headed to the sidelines favoring the knee slightly.

With Rice applauding from the sideline, Terry Kirby scored from a yard out with 22 seconds left in the second quarter and San Francisco went in front 14-10 at halftime.

Vaughn Hebron, playing in place of the injured Davis, took a pitch and cut back across the field for a 46-yard gain to the San Francisco 4. He scored on a fourth-down run from the 1, giving Denver a 17-14 lead.

Denver scored the game's first 10 points, getting a 4-yard scoring run from Davis two plays after Iheanyi Uwaezuoke muffed a punt that was recovered at the San Francisco 6 by Dedrick Dodge. Jason Elam also kicked a 49-yard field goal.

During halftime ceremonies, the 49ers retired the jersey of Montana, who led San Francisco to four Super Bowl wins in the 1980s.

"This man has etched his place in NFL history as the greatest quarterback that has ever played the game," team owner Eddie DeBartolo said, addressing the crowd. "We're retiring No. 16 forever with our grateful gratitude for all that he did for us."

UCLA assistant thinking about UNM job

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — UCLA defensive coordinator Rocky Long was a popular and prosperous quarterback during his collegiate days at New Mexico, and there's a growing wave of support for him to become the Lobos' next coach.

Long, however, says he hasn't decided whether he'll apply for the job left vacant by Dennis Franchione's decision to take the head coaching job at TCU.

"I'd have to think about it, because I have a good job now," Long said in a telephone interview late Sunday with The Albuquerque Tribune from his home in Westlake, Calif.

"Coach Franchione has established a great program there, and they're on the upswing. They need someone to keep that winning tradition going. That's important to all Lobo fans, including me," Long said.

Long is among several names that have surfaced as potential candidates to be New Mexico's 28th head football coach. UNM athletic director Rudy Davalos spent much of Monday fielding calls from those interested in the job.

"I've had about 14 coaches call this morning in a 2-hour span," Davalos said. "The calls are coming from the college ranks, the pro ranks, and then there are a bunch of calls from people just telling me they have a good coach who would be interested in the job."

The school has named a 16-member search advisory committee and Davalos said he'd like to hire a new coach as soon as possible. He said a decision could be made by Dec. 22.

Davalos said Long expressed interest in the job even before Franchione confirmed Sunday night that he was leaving. Long was the Lobos' quarterback from 1969-71 and led New Mexico to back-to-back winning seasons in 1970 and 1971.

Among those backing Long is Greg Frost, a member of the advisory committee and former teammate of Long at New Mexico.

"Here's a guy with a pretty good coaching pedigree who was once a Lobo," Frost said. "I think he'd be an exceptional candidate. I truly believe this community would stand up and cheer if UNM hired Rocky Long."

Other names mentioned include North Texas head coach Matt Simon, Baltimore Ravens defensive coordinator Marvin Lewis and Southern Cal defensive coordinator Keith Burns.

Simon was offensive coordinator at New Mexico from 1992-94 before taking the head coaching job at North Texas. Lewis was a linebackers coach at UNM from 1987-89.

ROGERS: Eagles soaring with 14-1 mark

(From 1C)

Two players, Whatley and Nelson Kortis have more than 1,000 receiving yards. Kortis has caught 67 passes for 1,258 yards and 13 TDs. Michael Williams is 59 yards short of giving Rogers its third receiver with 1,000 yards. Williams has caught 52 passes and scored 15 TDs.

To go with the aerial assault, Hutka has rushed for 1,431 an 17 TDs and running back Eric Brown has totaled 682 yards since being moved up from the junior varsity at midseason. There are other options although the pass is what has this offense closing in on 7,000 yards and 600 points for the season.

"The offense is pretty easy. We have great blockers and guys that can catch the ball," Hutka said. "As a quarterback, you know that you are going to throw the ball 30 times a game and run the ball a lot. It is a quarterback's dream."

It's also proven to be a nightmare for a defensive coordinator. The no-huddle part of the offense makes the game as fast paced as the Rogers' offense wants it. That almost leaves its opponents at the Eagles' mercy when it comes to substituting and defensive play calling.

"It helps in that the defense is usually rotating in and getting in the huddle," Berry said. "Now, they have to get different signals and that is challenging in just one week."

Berry, who is in his fourth season as the head coach of Rogers, said the change to the unconventional system was made out of necessity. Like Stanton, Rogers had trouble advancing in the playoffs before this season, falling in consecutive seasons in the area round to Schulenberg, East Bernard and Ganado.

"We felt like we had to level the playing field with big boys," Berry said, "We were getting out-athleted. Speed and size came into play and we felt like we had to do something."

That has translated into the 14-1 record. The lone blemish on Rogers' record came in the second week of the season to then No. 1 Mart, 29-21. Berry says his team learned from that loss and fine-tuned those problem areas that were exposed. Since then, Rogers has outscored its opponents by an average of 41-18.

In the playoffs, the roll continued, but not without a few tense moments, and the biggest nail-biter came again in the area round versus No. 5 Industrial. With the score tied at 27-27, a last -second field goal attempt by Industrial hit the cross bar, sending the game to overtime. In the extra period, Industrial scored the first time they had the ball but missed the extra point. Rogers came back to score its possession and the ensuing point after gave Rogers a 34-33 win.

From there, Rogers defeated Charlotte 56-34, Refugio 35-21 and No. 2 Alto 42-33 to get to this weekend's state final.

"It hasn't hit me," Hutka said of getting to the final. "We have never been there before and we are all new to this. It has been a tough run."

The Eagles' success has hit what Berry said was already, "a big football town." Like Stanton, every playoff game means more space is needed on the bandwagon, and like Stanton, that wagon should be a large one when the two teams do battle with the hope of winning their respective school's first state title.

AIKMAN: QB says changes need to be done

(From 1C)

"Jerry makes the decisions he is comfortable with, and I don't lobby for anybody," Aikman said. "I've removed myself from the process."

"I don't have a magical answer for all this."

But he did say the team needs more focus and discipline, things it lacked this season.

"That (discipline) is just my nature, and maybe it's an extreme approach," Aikman said. "On teams that are successful, there is discipline.

"Something needs to be done about penalties and mistakes. But it is not for me to decide what is done."

Switzer joked about the coaching job Monday afternoon.

When asked about his job status, Switzer said again that Jones "is the only one who can answer that."

"I haven't pulled the trigger yet," Switzer said. "Jerry has the gun and I haven't taken it from him, but maybe I will."

The Cowboys close out the season against the New York Giants on Sunday, and then Jones will decide whether to keep Switzer as coach, dismiss him, or move him to another job such as college talent evaluator.

"I want to help prepare for the draft and be part of the evaluation of talent whether I'm the head coach or not," Switzer said.

Switzer would have two years remaining on his contract, worth about $1 million per season, and Jones would have to pay him anyway.

Jones said he has a plan for 1998, but isn't divulging it.

"I don't have time to have any more bad times," Jones said. "It's not on my schedule."

The Cowboys could get a good draft pick. Only six teams in the NFL have worse records.

Dallas has lost four consecutive games for the first time since 1989.

Switzer said the Cowboys will go all out against the Giants.

"We'll try to go and win the game," he said. "Troy and Emmitt Smith will start."

TCU: Success has followed Franchione

(From 1C)

"We made a commitment to a first-rate football program at TCU some time ago," said William Koehler, TCU provost and chairman of the search committee. "With the signing of Dennis Franchione we continue that commitment. He has the academics. He teaches leadership. And he wins football games. Combine his abilities with Hyman's and 'your home team' is ready for action."

Franchione's overall head coaching record is 113-54-2 in 15 seasons.

His first college head coaching job was at Southwestern (Kan.) College in 1981-82. He led Pittsburg (Kan.) State University from 1985-89 before taking over at Southwest Texas in 1990 and 1991.

Before he went to New Mexico, Franchione never had a losing season at the college level.

The Lobos were 3-8 in his debut season, 6-5 in 1993, 5-7 in 1994, 4-7 in 1995 and 6-5 in 1996.

They finished first in the WAC Mountain Division this year but lost the WAC championship game to Colorado State.


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Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	15	6	.714	—
Orlando	16	8	.667	1/2
New York	13	9	.591	2 1/2
New Jersey	12	10	.545	3 1/2
Boston	10	12	.455	5 1/2
Washington	10	14	.417	6 1/2
Philadelphia	6	15	.286	9

Central Division

Atlanta	18	5	.783	—
Charlotte	14	7	.667	3
Cleveland	14	7	.667	3
Indiana	14	8	.636	3 1/2
Chicago	14	9	.609	4
Milwaukee	11	11	.500	6 1/2
Detroit	11	12	.478	7
Toronto	2	21	.087	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	12	7	.632	—
Utah	13	9	.591	1/2
San Antonio	12	10	.545	1 1/2
Minnesota	9	12	.429	4
Vancouver	9	14	.391	5
Dallas	5	17	.227	8 1/2
Denver	2	19	.095	11

Pacific Division

Seattle	18	5	.783	—
L.A. Lakers	17	5	.773	1/2
Phoenix	13	7	.650	3 1/2
Portland	13	8	.619	4
Sacramento	7	16	.304	11
Golden State	4	16	.200	12 1/2
L.A. Clippers	4	19	.174	14

Tuesday's Games

Utah at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at New York, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 8 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Wizards 88, Jazz 86

UTAH (86): Keefe 3-8 4-5 10, Malone 11-26 4-10 26, Foster 4-9 0-0 8, Hornacek 3-9 2-3 8, Stockton 3-5 1-1 7, Eisley 1-4 5-6 7, Ostertag 2-2 0-0 4, Carr 1-2 0-0 2, Anderson 4-5 1-2 9, Russell 2-4 0-0 5. Totals 34-74 17-27 86.

WASHINGTON (88): Webber 5-17 1-1 11, Howard 7-19 7-10 21, Davis 0-1 5-6 5, Cheaney 5-12 0-0 10, Strickland 4-16 5-8 13, Murray 4-11 4-5 13, Eackles 3-6 2-2 8, Whitney 1-4 0-0 3, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Ham 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 31-89 24-32 88.

Utah	**27**	**18**	**19**	**22 — 86**
Washington	**16**	**23**	**31**	**18 — 88**

3-Point goals—Utah 1-5 (Russell 1-2, Hornacek 0-1, Stockton 0-1, Eisley 0-1), Washington 2-9 (Whitney 1-2, Murray 1-4, Strickland 0-1, Webber 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Utah 57 (Malone 13), Washington 59 (Davis 13). Assists—Utah 25 (Malone, Eisley 6), Washington 22 (Strickland 13). Total fouls—Utah 30, Washington 21. Technicals—Hornacek, Davis, Cheaney, Washington illegal defense.

Celtics 100, 76ers 83

PHILADELPHIA (83): Jackson 4-13 1-2 10, Weatherspoon 3-8 2-4 8, Montross 1-3 0-0 2, Overton 2-4 0-0 4, Stackhouse 7-19 9-9 25, Williams 0-1 0-0 0, T.Thomas 4-7 5-7 14, Walters 1-3 8-8 11, Cummings 1-4 1-2 3, Davis 0-2 3-6 3, Parker 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 24-66 29-38 83.

BOSTON (100): McCarty 5-10 1-2 12, Walker 7-14 3-4 17, Ellison 0-0 2-2 2, Billups 2-7 0-1 5, Bowen 3-8 3-4 10, Mercer 7-16 6-8 20, Edney 3-5 2-2 8, DeClercq 2-5 2-5 6, Minor 1-5 2-2 4, J.Thomas 3-5 0-0 6, Barros 2-5 1-2 6, Jones 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 37-84 22-32 100.

Philadelphia	**18**	**21**	**16**	**28 — 83**
Boston	**19**	**22**	**32**	**27 — 100**

3-Point goals—Philadelphia 6-11 (Stackhouse 2-3, T.Thomas 1-1, Walters 1-2, Parker 1-2, Jackson 1-3), Boston 4-15 (Bowen 1-1, Billups 1-2, McCarty 1-2, Barros 1-2, Jones 0-2, Walker 0-3, Mercer 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 52 (Weatherspoon 9), Boston 56 (Bowen 9). Assists—Philadelphia 17 (Jackson 8), Boston 24 (Billups 6). Total fouls—Philadelphia 24, Boston 34. Technical—Stackhouse. A—17,411 (18,624).

Pacers 108, Raptors 101

INDIANA (108): Mullin 5-13 1-1 11, D.Davis 4-6 4-4 12, Smits 3-5 0-0 6, R.Miller 5-12 10-10 22, Jackson 5-6 2-2 13, A.Davis 2-4 7-13 11, Rose 5-7 5-6 15, Best 2-3 0-0 5, Hoiberg 1-6 4-4 6, Pope 3-5 1-2 7. Totals 35-67 34-42 108.

TORONTO (101): Camby 14-23 0-0 28, O.Miller 4-8 4-4 12, Tabak 6-8 0-0 12, Christie 5-9 1-1 12, Stoudamire 5-15 5-6 16, Slater 0-1 0-2 0, Wallace 3-7 0-2 6, Williams 5-13 0-0 13, Respert 0-0 0-0 0, McGrady 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 43-86 10-15 101.

Indiana	**29**	**26**	**25**	**28 — 108**
Toronto	**28**	**28**	**17**	**28 — 101**

3-Point goals—Indiana 4-12 (R.Miller 2-5, Jackson 1-1, Best 1-2, Mullin 0-1, Hoiberg 0-3), Toronto 5-13 (Williams 3-6, Christie 1-2, Stoudamire 1-4, McGrady). Fouled out—Christie. Rebounds—Indiana 44 (D.Davis 8), Toronto 44 (O.Miller 8). Assists—Indiana 30 (Jackson 8), Toronto 39 (Stoudamire 15). Total fouls—Indiana 18, Toronto 31. Technicals—Toronto illegal defense. A—14,562 (20,125).

Bulls 111, Suns 104

PHOENIX (104): McDyess 10-14 3-8 23, McCloud 3-10 1-2 7, Williams 0-3 0-0 0, Kidd 4-10 0-1 9, Ceballos 8-18 6-9 22, Robinson 2-7 0-1 4, Manning 4-10 3-3 11, Nash 4-9 0-0 11, Bryant 1-3 3-3 5, Milic 2-4 0-0 4, Thompson 3-5 1-2 8. Totals 41-93 17-29 104.

CHICAGO (111): Kukoc 9-16 2-6 23, Rodman 0-4 0-0 0, Wennington 2-4 0-0 4, Harper 3-7 8-8 15, Jordan 10-23 11-12 31, Caffey 6-7 6-7 18, Brown 3-6 8-11 14, Kerr 1-3 0-0 2, Kleine 1-2 0-0 2, Buechler 0-6 0-0 0, Burrell 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 36-79 35-44 111.

Phoenix	**25**	**18**	**21**	**40 — 104**
Chicago	**29**	**37**	**17**	**28 — 111**

3-Point goals—Phoenix 5-19 (Nash 3-5, Thompson 1-3, Kidd 1-4, Robinson 0-1, Milic 0-1, Ceballos 0-2, McCloud 0-3), Chicago 4-15 (Kukoc 3-7, Harper 1-3, Rodman 0-1, Jordan 0-1, Kerr 0-1, Buechler 0-2). Fouled out—McDyess, McCloud, Caffey. Rebounds—Phoenix 55 (Ceballos 10), Chicago 61 (Rodman 21). Assists—Phoenix 19 (Manning, Milic 4), Chicago 25 (Rodman, Brown 6). Total fouls—Phoenix 34, Chicago 24.

Hawks 99, Trail Blazers 90

ATLANTA (99): Laettner 5-13 9-10 19, Corbin 9-14 0-0 19, Mutombo 9-15 1-5 19, Smith 3-10 5-5 11, Blaylock 3-12 0-0 8, Gray 6-11 3-3 16, Recasner 2-5 2-2 7, Brown 0-1 0-0 0, G.Anderson 0-0 0-0 0, Crawford 0-0 0-2 0, Livingston 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-81 20-27 99.

PORTLAND (90): Wallace 7-10 2-4 16, Grant 4-6 2-2 10, Sabonis 5-7,3-4 14, Rider 4-14 0-1 10, K.Anderson 7-16 6-6 20, Augmon 1-2 2-4 4, Williams 1-3 0-0 2, Trent 5-10 0-0 11, Cato 1-4 1-2 3, Brunson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 35-73 16-23 90.

Atlanta	**21**	**33**	**23**	**22 — 99**
Portland	**25**	**22**	**19**	**24 — 90**

3-Point goals—Atlanta 5-14 (Blaylock 2-7, Corbin 1-1, Gray 1-2, Recasner 1-2, Smith 0-2), Portland 4-16 (Rider 2-9, Trent 1-1, Sabonis 1-2, Williams 0-1, Brunson 0-1, K.Anderson 0-2). Fouled out—Mutombo. Rebounds—Atlanta 46 (Laettner 13), Portland 50 (Trent 8). Assists—Atlanta 18 (Blaylock 6), Portland 17 (Rider 5). Total fouls—Atlanta 20, Portland 22. Technicals—Laettner, Portland coach Dunleavy.

NHL Results

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	22	9	0	44	94	55
Philadelphia	19	9	6	44	97	76
Washington	15	12	6	36	99	91
N.Y. Islanders	13	15	4	30	87	87
N.Y. Rangers	9	14	11	29	87	95
Florida	11	17	5	27	82	102
Tampa Bay	6	21	4	16	57	102

Northeast Division

Pittsburgh	18	10	6	42	95	80
Montreal	18	13	4	40	103	88
Boston	16	12	5	37	86	84
Ottawa	14	15	4	32	83	78
Carolina	12	16	5	29	87	94
Buffalo	10	15	6	26	80	89

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Dallas	22	9	4	48	114	75
Detroit	19	8	6	44	110	80
St. Louis	20	12	3	43	101	81
Phoenix	13	14	6	32	88	92
Chicago	10	16	6	26	69	82
Toronto	10	16	5	25	67	84

Pacific Division

Colorado	18	8	9	45	105	88
Los Angeles	12	14	6	30	92	94
Anaheim	12	15	6	30	76	95
Edmonton	11	16	7	29	82	101
San Jose	12	18	3	27	82	97
Calgary	9	18	7	25	87	102
Vancouver	10	19	4	24	98	116

Tuesday's Games

Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Detroit at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Bruins 6, Panthers 2

Boston	**2**	**3**	**1**	**— 6**
Florida	**1**	**0**	**1**	**— 2**

First Period—1, Florida, Sheppard 8 (Washburn, Mellanby), 8:19 (pp). 2, Boston, Khristich 9 (Bourque, Carter), 12:22 (pp). 3, Boston, Heinze 7 (Donato, Allison), 14:43.

Second Period—4, Boston, Donato 14 (Heinze, Allison), 3:56. 5, Boston, Taylor 10 (Bourque), 4:22. 6, Boston, Sullivan 2 (Axelsson), 19:17.

Third Period—7, Florida, Nemirovsky 7 (Laus), 2:23 (pp). 8, Boston, McLaren 3 (Carter, Khristich), 10:13.

Shots on goal—Boston 15-17-8—40. Florida 13-7-8—28.

Power-play Opportunities—Boston 1 of 3; Florida 2 of 4.

Goalies—Boston, Dafoe 12-10-4 (28 shots-26 saves). Florida, Vanbiesbrouck 9-10-3 (32-27), Fitzpatrick (0:00 third, 8-7).

Rangers 3, Canadiens 1

Philadelphia	**2**	**0**	**1**	**— 3**
Montreal	**1**	**0**	**0**	**— 1**

First Period—1, Philadelphia, Prospal 5 (Gratton, Desjardins), 5:04 (pp). 2, Philadelphia, Lindros 14 (LeClair, Niinimaa), 11:59 (pp). 3, Montreal, Recchi 16 (Koivu, Bure), 17:35 (pp).

Second Period—None.

Third Period—4, Philadelphia, Klatt 5 (Brind'Amour, Desjardins), 19:00.

Shots on goal—Philadelphia 12-8-7—27. Montreal 5-11-5—21.

Goalies—Philadelphia, Snow 9-6-3 (21 shots-20 saves). Montreal, Thibault 10-7-2 (27-24).

Senators 3, Blues 1

Ottawa	**1**	**0**	**2**	**— 3**
St. Louis	**0**	**0**	**1**	**— 1**

First Period—1, Ottawa, Yashin 12 (McEachern), 3:17.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—2, Ottawa, Yashin 13 (McEachern, Laukkanen), 7:37. 3, St. Louis, Poeschek 1 (Hull, Courtnall), 9:22. 4, Ottawa, Phillips 2 (McEachern), 12:55. Courtnall, StL, major (fighting), 16:30.

Shots on goal—Ottawa 9-9-8—26. St. Louis 8-5-13—26.

Goalies—Ottawa, Tugnutt 7-5-3 (26 shots-25 saves). St. Louis, Fuhr 16-9-3 (26-23).

Stars 8, Sabres 4

Buffalo	**1**	**1**	**2**	**— 4**
Dallas	**3**	**3**	**2**	**— 8**

First Period—1, Dallas, Langenbrunner 15 (Zubov, Nieuwendyk), 1:48 (pp). 2, Buffalo, Satan 14 (Holzinger, Audette), 6:14 (pp). 3, Dallas, Nieuwendyk 17 (Adams, Verbeek), 6:41. 4, Dallas, Sydor 4, 11:52.

Second Period—5, Dallas, Sydor 5 (Langenbrunner), 4:07. 6, Dallas, Langenbrunner 26 (Zubov, Hrkac), 8:05 (pp). 7, Buffalo, Holzinger 7 (Zhitnik, Woolley), 12:46 (pp). 8, Dallas, Adams 7 (Zubov, Sydor), 16:46 (pp).

Third Period—9, Buffalo, Plante 6 (May, Audette), 2:27. 10, Dallas, Verbeek 13 (Zubov, Reid), 7:05. 11, Dallas, Chambers 1 (Lehtinen), 11:38 (sh). 12, Buffalo, Peca 6 (Woolley, Holzinger), 19:15 (pp).

Shots on goal—Buffalo 7-8-11—26. Dallas 11-13-11—35.

Goalies—Buffalo, Hasek 9-13-4 (12 shots-8 saves). Shields (6:29 2nd period, 23-19). Dallas, Belfour 18-6-4 (26-22).

Avalanche 3, Maple Leafs 2

Toronto	**1**	**0**	**1**	**— 2**
Colorado	**0**	**3**	**0**	**— 3**

First Period—1, Toronto, Berezin 9 (D.King, Sullivan), 1:37.

Second Period—2, Colorado, Messier 4 (Sakic), 9:14. 3, Colorado, Forsberg 12 (Lemieux, Krupp), 17:42. 4, Colorado, Corbet 8 (Sakic, Lacroix), 18:03.

Third Period—5, Toronto, Johnson 7 (Macoun, Sundin), 11:06.

Shots on goal—Toronto 3-11-11—25. Colorado 8-13-14—35.

Goalies—Toronto, Potvin 9-11-4 (35 shots-32 saves). Colorado, Billington 5-3-1 (25-23).

Canucks 7, Kings 0

Los Angeles	**0**	**0**	**0**	**— 0**
Vancouver	**3**	**3**	**1**	**— 7**

First Period—1, Vancouver, Bure 19 (Mogilny, Babych), 3:45. 2, Vancouver, Bure 20, 13:02. 3, Vancouver, Gelinas 4 (Messier), 14:30.

Second Period—4, Vancouver, Linden 6 (Gelinas), 9:09. 5, Vancouver, Bure 21 (Messier, Babych), 15:31 (pp). 6, Vancouver, Scatchard 6 (Odjick, Mogilny), 19:34.

Third Period—7, Vancouver, Odjick 2 (Bure, Messier), 12:09.

Shots on goal—Los Angeles 6-8-9—23. Vancouver 11-16-10—37.

Goalies—Los Angeles, Fiset 11-12-4 (15 shots-11 saves). Chabot (9:09 2nd period, 22-19). Vancouver, Irbe 4-3-0 (23-23).

Inline Standings

Squirt Division

Team Standings

Team	Won	Lost	GF	GA
Bruins	2	0	15	0
Red Wings	1	1	6	7
Sabres	1	1	4	7
Sharks	0	1	0	8
Stars	0	1	1	4

Top Scorers

Player, Team	GP	G	A	Pts
Jon Rubio, Bruins	2	8	0	8
Colin Hemminger, Bruins	2	3	2	5
Timothy Stovall, Sabres	1	3	1	4
Garrett Lang, Bruins	2	2	2	4
Ben Bolia, Red Wings	2	3	0	3

Bantam Division

Team Standings

Team	Won	Lost	GF	GA
Ducks	2	0	8	4
Stars	1	1	6	8
Blues	1	1	12	4
Lightning	1	1	12	4
Penguins	0	1	4	6
Red Wings	0	1	0	9

Top Scores

Player, Team	GP	G	A	Pts
Trevor Hannon, Blues	2	3	5	8
Jordan Orosco, Lightning	2	4	1	5
Chase Okrasinski, Ducks	2	4	1	5

Junior Division

Team Standings

Team	Won	Lost	GF	GA
Islanders	3	0	16	9
Senators	1	1	10	6
Maple Leafs	0	1	4	7
Penguins	0	1	3	4
Red Wings	0	1	4	7

Scorers

Player, team	GP	G	A	Pts
Jacob Guttormson, Islndrs	3	8	5	13
Cody Quintana, Islanders	3	3	3	6
Paul Logan, Senators	2	4	1	5
Russ Wittkiend, Senators	2	3	1	4
Justin Lassetter, Islndrs	3	3	1	4

Senior Division

Team Standings

Team	Won	Lost	GF	GA
Blackhawks	2	0	10	7
Penguins	1	1	12	11
Sabres	1	1	9	10
Panthers	0	1	5	6
Stars	0	1	6	8

Scorers

Player, Team	GP	G	A	Pts
Dave Bruce, Penguins	2	6	4	10
Mike Cowley, Sabres	2	7	2	9
Dale Logan, Hawks	2	4	0	4
Maury Dumba, Stars	1	4	0	4
Andy Good, Panthers	1	2	2	4

NFL Standings

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East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
New England	9	6	0	0.600	355	277
Miami	9	6	0	0.600	327	313
N.Y. Jets	9	6	0	0.600	338	274
Buffalo	6	9	0	0.400	234	336
Indianapolis	3	12	0	0.200	285	362

Central

y-Pittsburgh	11	4	0	0.733	366	291
y-Jacksonville	10	5	0	0.667	374	309
Tennessee	7	8	0	0.467	317	304
Baltimore	6	8	1	0.433	312	329
Cincinnati	6	9	0	0.400	339	391

West

x-Kansas City	12	3	0	0.800	350	219
y-Denver	11	4	0	0.733	434	284
Seattle	7	8	0	0.467	327	353
Oakland	4	11	0	0.267	315	399
San Diego	4	11	0	0.267	263	387

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-N.Y. Giants	9	5	1	0.633	287	258
Washington	7	7	1	0.500	292	257
Philadelphia	6	8	1	0.433	285	337
Dallas	6	9	0	0.400	297	294
Arizona	3	12	0	0.200	254	353

Central

x-Green Bay	12	3	0	0.800	391	261
y-Tampa Bay	9	6	0	0.600	268	248
Detroit	8	7	0	0.533	366	296
Minnesota	8	7	0	0.533	315	331
Chicago	4	11	0	0.267	248	390

West

x-San Francisco	13	2	0	.867	366	227
Carolina	7	8	0	.467	247	284
Atlanta	7	8	0	.467	294	332
New Orleans	6	9	0	.400	224	302
St. Louis	4	11	0	.267	269	341

x-won division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Monday's Game

San Francisco 34, Denver 17

Saturday, Dec. 20

Buffalo at Green Bay, 11:30 a.m.
St. Louis at Carolina, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 21

Baltimore at Cincinnati, noon
Chicago at Tampa Bay, noon
Indianapolis at Minnesota, noon
New Orleans at Kansas City, noon
New York Giants at Dallas, noon
Philadelphia at Washington, noon
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, noon
Atlanta at Arizona, 3 p.m.
Jacksonville at Oakland, 3 p.m.
New York Jets at Detroit, 3 p.m.
San Diego at Denver, 3 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 22

New England at Miami, 8 p.m.

49ers 34, Broncos 17

Denver	**10**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**— 17**
San Francisco	**0**	**14**	**10**	**10**	**— 34**

First Quarter

Den—Davis 4 run (Elam kick), 8:14.
Den—FG Elam 49, 1:31.

Second Quarter

SF—Rice 14 pass from Young (Anderson kick), 6:53.
SF—Kirby 1 run (Anderson kick), :22.

Third Quarter

Den—Hebron 1 run (Elam kick), 10:30.
SF—FG Anderson 32, 6:59.
SF—Hanks 55 interception return (Anderson kick), 5:57.

Fourth Quarter

SF—FG Anderson 20, 9:05.
SF—Greene 40 fumble return (Anderson kick), 4:04.

	Den	SF
First downs	15	18
Rushes-yards	23-96	26-58
Passing	141	265
Comp-Att-Int	16-41-2	22-34-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-9	2-11
Punts	4-48.5	5-36.2
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-46	11-95
Time of Possession	27:46	32:14

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Denver, Hebron 12-64, Davis 10-28, Griffith 1-4, San Francisco, Kirby 15-27, Floyd 7-19, Young 3-11, Levy 1-1.

PASSING—Denver, Elway 16-41-2-150, San Francisco, Young 22-34-0-276.

RECEIVING—Denver, R.Smith 5-73, Sharpe 5-60, Davis 2-0, Green 1-17, McCaffrey 1-5, Carswell 1-0, Hebron 1-(minus 5).

San Francisco, Kirby 6-76, Jones 4-68, Rice 3-40, Owens 3-39, Stokes 3-32, Floyd 3-21.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Denver, Elam 43 (WL). San Francisco, Anderson 35 (WL).

Transactions

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BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with LHP Norm Charlton on a minor-league contract.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with 3B Travis Fryman on a five-year contract.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with 3B Dean Palmer on a one-year contract with an option.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with C Rick Wilkins on a one-year contract. Released INF Brent Gates and OF Lee Tinsley.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Announced the resignation of Julian Mock, scouting director.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Traded RHP Kevin Brown to the San Diego Padres for RHP Rafael Medina, LHP Steve Hoff and 1B Derrek Lee.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Acquired RHP Mike Welch from the New York Mets for LHP Hector Mercado.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Acquired RHP Javier Martinez from the Oakland Athletics for cash. Released LHP Steve Cooke.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Suspended G Allen Iverson one game for violating team rules.

SACRAMENTO KINGS—Named Jack Mielke vice president of ticket sales.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Placed OT Norberto Davidds-Garrido and DE Shawn King on injured reserve. Waived DE Israel Raybon. Signed TE Luther Broughton off the Philadelphia Eagles practice squad.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed WR Carl Pickens on injured reserve. Signed DT Mike Thompson.

Baseball Roundup

Signings

NEW YORK (AP) — The 78 free agents who have signed, with name, position, former club if different, and contract. The contract information was obtained by The Associated Press from player and management sources. For players with minor league contracts, letter agreements for major league contracts are in parentheses:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ANAHEIM (4) — Re-signed Ken Hill, rhp, to a $16.05 million, three-year contract; re-signed Rich DeLucia, rhp, to a $400,000, one-year contract; re-signed Mark Gubicza, rhp, to a minor-league contract; signed Omar Olivares, rhp, Seattle, to a $1.35 million, one-year contract.

BALTIMORE (6) — Re-signed Lenny Webster, c, to a $740,000, one-year contract; re-signed Scott Kamieniecki, rhp, to a $6.1 million, two-year contract; re-signed Brady Anderson, of, to a $31 million, five-year contract; signed Doug Drabek, rhp, Chicago White Sox, to a $1.8 million, one-year contract; signed Joe Carter, of, Toronto, to a $3.3 million, one-year contract; signed Norm Charlton, lhp, Seattle, to a minor-league contract ($350,000).

BOSTON (4) — Re-signed Bret Saberhagen, rhp, to a $1.5 million, one-year contract; re-signed Mike Benjamin, ss, to a $242,500, one-year contract; re-signed Jim Corsi, rhp, to a $650,000, one-year contract; signed Dennis Eckersley, rhp, St. Louis, to a $1.5 million, one-year contract.

CHICAGO (2) — Signed Chad Kreuter, c, Anaheim, to a $675,000, one-year contract; signed Charlie O'Brien, c, Toronto, to a $1.4 million, two-year contract.

CLEVELAND (3) — Re-signed Paul Assenmacher, lhp, to a $2.8 million, two-year contract; signed Kenny Lofton, of, Atlanta, to a $24 million, three-year contract; signed Dwight Gooden, rhp, New York Yankees, to a $5,675,000, one-year contract.

DETROIT (3) — Signed Luis Gonzalez, of, Houston, to a $4 million, two-year contract; signed Frank Castillo, rhp, Colorado, to a $1,750,000, one-year contract; signed Bip Roberts, of, Cleveland, to a $2.3 million, one-year contract.

KANSAS CITY (3) — Re-signed Mike Macfarlane, c, to a $700,000, one-year contract; re-signed Hipolito Pichardo, rhp, to a $4.75 million, two-year contract, re-signed Dean Palmer, 3b, to a $5.75 million, one-year contract.

MINNESOTA (2) — Re-signed Paul Molitor, 1b, to a $4.15 million, one-year contract, signed Otis Nixon, of, Los Angeles, to a $2.3 million, one-year contract.

NEW YORK (3) — Re-signed Luis Sojo, 2b, to an $1.6 million, two-year contract; signed Dale Sveum, 3b, Pittsburgh, to a $1.6 million, two-year contract; signed Chili Davis, of, Kansas City, to a $9.8 million, two-year contract.

OAKLAND (2) — Re-signed Dave Magadan, 3b, to a $475,000, one-year contract; signed Tom Candiotti, rhp, Los Angeles, to a $6.35 million, two-year contract.

SEATTLE (4) — Re-signed Joey Cora, 2b, to a $1.65 million, one-year contract; re-signed John Marzano, c, to a minor-league contract ($300,000); signed David Segui, 1b, Montreal, to a $4.75 million, one-year contract; re-signed Rick Wilkins, c, to a $425,000, one-year contract.

TAMPA BAY (5) — Signed Roberto Hernandez, rhp, San Francisco, to a $22.5 million, four-year contract; signed Wilson Alvarez, lhp, San Francisco, to $35 million, five-year contract; signed Dave Martinez, of, Chicago White Sox, to a $3.75 million, two-year contract; signed Paul Sorrento, 1b, Seattle, to a $5.25 million, two-year contract; signed Wade Boggs, 3b, New York Yankees, to a $750,000, one-year contract.

TEXAS (4) — Re-signed Scott Bailes, lhp, to a $200,000, one-year contract; signed Kevin Elster, ss, Pittsburgh, to a $1.65 million, one-year contract; signed Luis Alicea, 2b, Anaheim, to a $1,575,000, two-year contract; signed Robert Kelly, of, Seattle, to a $3.85 million, two-year contract.

TORONTO (6) — Signed Randy Myers, lhp, Baltimore, to an $18 million, three-year contract; signed Darrin Fletcher, c, Montreal, to a $4.35 million, two-year contract; signed Pat Kelly, inf, New York Yankees, to a minor-league contract; re-signed Juan Samuel, 2b, to a minor-league contract ($420,000); signed Tony Fernandez, 2b, Cleveland, to a $2.5 million, one-year contract; signed Mike Stanley, c, New York Yankees, to a $6.15 million, two-year contract.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

ARIZONA (2) — Signed Jay Bell, ss, Kansas City, to a $34 million, five-year contract; signed Willie Blair, rhp, Detroit, to an $11.5 million, three-year contract.

ATLANTA (3) — Signed Andres Galarraga, 1b, Colorado, to a $24.75 million, three-year contract; signed Walt Weiss, ss, Colorado, to a $9 million, three-year contract; re-signed Rafael Belliard, ss, to a minor-league contract ($250,000).

CHICAGO (1) — Signed Jeff Blauser, ss, Atlanta, to an $8.4 million, two-year contract.

COLORADO (2) — Re-signed Jeff Reed, c, to a $2.6 million, two-year contract; signed Darryl Kile, rhp, Houston, to a $24 million, three-year contract.

HOUSTON (4) — Signed Dave Clark, of, Chicago Cubs, to a $1.4 million, two-year contract; re-signed Bill Spiers, 3b, to a $2.9 million, two-year contract; signed Doug Henry, rhp, San Francisco, to a $1,375,000, two-year contract; signed Jack Howell, 3b, Anaheim, to a $1.05 million, two-year contract.

MILWAUKEE (2) — Re-signed Doug Jones, rhp, to a $3 million, one-year contract; re-signed Darnin Jackson, of, to a minor-league contract ($550,000).

LOS ANGELES (1) — Signed Jose Vizcaino, ss, San Francisco, to a $10.5 million, three-year contract.

NEW YORK (1) — Re-signed John Olerud, 1b, to an $8 million, two-year contract.

PITTSBURGH (1) — Signed Doug Strange, 3b, Montreal, to a $1.1 million, two-year contract.

ST. LOUIS (3) — Signed David Howard, 2b, Kansas City, to a $1.8 million, two-year contract; re-signed Willie McGee, of, to a $1.4 million, one-year contract; re-signed Gary Gaetti, 3b, to a $1 million, one-year contract.

SAN DIEGO (2) — Re-signed Carlos Hernandez, c, to a $650,000, one-year contract; signed Greg Myers, c, Atlanta, to a $1.6 million, two-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO (5) — Signed Brent Mayne, c, Oakland, to a $1.45 million, two-year contract; re-signed Stan Javier, of, to a $3.5 million, two-year contract; re-signed Rich Rodriguez, lhp, to a $1.42 million, two-year contract; re-signed Danny Darwin, rhp, to a $550,000, one-year contract; signed Orel Hershiser, rhp, Cleveland, to a $3.45 million, one-year contract.

Free Agents

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Early in the afternoon of April 21, 1836, Generalissimo Santa Anna is enjoying a late lunch with one of his generals (and his brother-in-law), Martin Perfecto de Cos, whose troops had arrived at San Jacinto just that morning.

S.A.: Thank you for coming, my brother-in-law. With your troops, we can rout these Texians and get back home very soon.

Cos: That will be good. I have never understood why you insisted on keeping this desolate place. Why don't you just let them go?

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Cos: It has a wonderful aroma. May I try a piece?

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Just then, a young scout rushed into the tent.

Scout: Sir.... Generalissimo.... Your Excellency....it is awful....Sir...

S. A.: Come, now corporal, speak up. It can't be as bad as all that.

Scout: But sir, the Texians...they are attacking...they have surprised our flank...our army is being defeated....

S. A.: Corporal, corporal, calm yourself. The Texians are a ragtag lot...we have them outnumbered better than 10 to one...I haven't finished my Jib's catfish and I will *not* be bothered until I have. Cos, go see what this fuss is about.

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VAN PEARCY of Edward Jones & Co.

Understand the cost of investing

Most of the articles regarding investment deal with stock market ups and downs, as well as the recent tax law changes that affect us in 1997 and in future years. All of these are terrific articles. However, one of the most important elements to investing is often overlooked—*understanding the costs of the specific investments*. This article is intended to help West Texas investors to know what questions to ask your investment professional when discussing investment purchases.



Van Pearcy

Suppose you needed a major operation here in Midland. Would you shop around Midland or Odessa for the physician with the lowest cost? Would you solicit bids from hospitals? Probably not. Your main concern would be the quality of your results.

Most of us wouldn't put a price tag on maintaining good health and quality of life, but attention to our financial health is very often compromised by cost. Investors will risk large sums of money simply because an investment doesn't appear to cost anything. Others pay an annual percentage of their assets to fee-based advisors or institutions touting no-load mutual funds that investors believe don't cost anything.

Professional advice, whether from a physician, attorney or financial professional, is rarely free. It's important to understand what your costs are and what services to expect in return.

When selecting mutual funds, a financial professional—whether commissioned or fee-based—should direct you to a mutual fund that's right for you. This means helping you develop a good financial plan with realistic expectations to meet your goals. The key words are plan, expectations and goals. Meet these, and costs are inconsequential.

Another important service of a financial professional is to be there for the long term—even through those inevitable market declines which we've seen recently. For example, after the severe market crash of 1987, many financial professionals simply disappeared. At the same time, The Wall Street Journal discovered that investors were pressing for more reliable guidance. One large mutual fund group offered a worksheet to help investors set goals. There were 40,000 immediate replies. Another mutual fund group received several thousand requests in response to an advertisement offering a free brochure explaining how to be your own portfolio manager.

You're also paying your professional to help fine-tune your plan as your life changes. For example, the family whose plan focuses on children's education may look to retirement after the children are grown. The retiree may shift focus from growth to income. These are life events that call for adjusting an investment plan, and your representative should be there to give you direction.

Finally, *your professional should be open and honest about costs and expenses*. Financial experts suggest that, when considering costs, you should view commissions in the context of *all* expenses. The longer you plan to be in an investment, the less you should be concerned about the sales charge.

The holiday season is one of the busiest times of the year. As 1997 draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank you" to all our clients and friends. My staff, Cheryl Werner and Lacy Holmes and I have enjoyed working with you this past year, and we appreciate your confidence in us. We know you have many options in deciding who you want to handle your investment portfolio, and we want you to know we're committed to providing you with the best possible service and counsel available in the West Texas area.

Thank you again—and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous 1998!

Van Pearcy, a native West Texan, joined the full-service investment firm of Edward Jones in 1987. He received his BA in economics and his Master's degree in business administration from the University of Notre Dame. If you need help with investment or retirement planning, you may call Van's office at 683-1516 for a no-fee, no obligation appointment. His office is located at 2020 West Cuthbert, directly across from the high school football stadium.

Van will be teaching his Advanced Investment class at Midland College February 17 through March 24 on Tuesdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Call Midland College at 685-4518 for more information about the class.

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Booster Clubs...

The Midland High Softball Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 15 in Conference Room A at Midland High School.

The **Lee Softball Booster Club** will meet on the first Thursday of every month. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Lee High School cafeteria...

The **Midland High Soccer Booster Club** is holding its meetings in Conference Room A at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month through April.

The **Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club** is holding its meetings the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lee library.

Aquatics...

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., 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There will also be a pre-school excercise class offered in conjunction with the 9 a.m. water aerobics class. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Julie Harvey at 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is offering beginning diving lessons throughout the school year in its indoor heated Olympic Diving Pool. Participants need to be able to swim in deep water. The COM diving progran also offers competitive team practice and competitions for most ability levels all year long. Please contact coach Maxwell for more information at 684-7755...

Volleyball...

Registration for **YMCA youth volleyball** for boys and girls in grades 3-8 is underway. The fee is $25 for YMCA members and $38 for non-members. For more information, call 682-2551...

The **Midland Volleyball Program** is looking for players for a girls 12-under team. Must be born on or after Sept. 1, 1985. Deadline for registration is Jan. 9. For information, call 570-6700...

Basketball...

Tickets go on sale Friday, Dec. 19, for **Midland's only appearance of the 1998 Harlem Globetrotters World Tour.** Known as the most recognized, most popular and most revered basketball team in the world, the Harlem Globetrotters are suiting up for an all-star performance at the Chaparral Center on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $12.75, VIP tickets are $17, and are available at Endless Horizons, CD Warehouse and Sound Decision. To charge by phone call 1-800-462-7979. A $2 discount is available to seniors and youth 12 and under, $3 discounts are also available to groups of 25 or more. All tickets are subject to service charge..

The Permian Basin Basketball Official's Association is seeking persons interested in officiating basketball games from the junior high to varsity level in the area. For more information call Mike Lowrance at 520-9602, 682-1726 or Jeff Ryan at 699-5001, 688-0700...

The Converse Midwest Winter Youth Shootout is scheduled for Jan. 10 at Frontier High School in Red Rock, Oklahoma. Boys and girls in grades 3-8 are eligible. For information, call (405) 377-HOOP...

The **Boys & Girls Club** of Midland is offering a youth coed basketball league for children in the following grade divisions: 1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th. The league is scheduled to start in January 1998. Registration is now being taken for all three grade divisions. A $15 fee will be charged. This fee includes the 1998 Club membership, 10-game season, t-shirt and tournament. Participants may register at any of the club's three locations. Registration will continue until all teams are filled. For more information call of the clubs nearest you after 2 p.m. daily — Halff Park Unit, 110 E. New Jersey, 683-5297; Taylor Park Unit, 1321 S. Goode, 683-0050, NE/YMCA Unit. 2800 Butternut, 682-8469. Volunteer coaches are needed for all three grade divisions.

Soccer...

Midland Soccer Association Spring Registration runs through Feb. 1, 1998. Participants must be four years or older before Dec. 31. Fee is $40 for recreational players and $44 for club players. There will be a $10 late fee after Feb. 1. Signups will be from 10 a.m-2 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1909 W. Wall, Suite N. For more information, call 684-5425...

Baseball...

The Midland Winter Baseball Camp is Dec. 29-31 at Zachary Field. Three-day camp is $75. Ages 12-under, 9 a.m. to noon; and ages 13-14, 1-4 p.m. Camp directors are Danny Jordan (hitting) and Barry Russell (pitching). Call 699-4501 to pre-register, or come early to register. All players need to bring a glove and bat if available...

Texas Tech is conducting the **Larry Hays Holiday Baseball Camps** in January 1998. Sessions for 6-13-year-olds will be held Jan. 4, 1998 with registration beginning at 1 p.m. at the athletic training center. Instruction runs from 1:30-5:30 p.m. with a fee of $55. Camp for those 14 and older runs Jan. 2-3 with registration at 8:30 a.m. and instruction running from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. The fee is $110. To register, send name, address, t-shirt size and age with a $15 deposit for the 6-13-year-olds and a $25 deposit for 14 and older to Red Raider Baseball Camp, Texas Tech University, Box 43021, Lubbock, Tx. 79409-3021. For more information, call Greg Evans at (806) 748-1146...

The **Midland Junior Baseball Association** is accepting applications for anyone interested in coaching an AABC club team. The team club age brackets are for players 13, 14, 16 and 18 and under. Applications will be accepted through Jan. 3, 1998. For more information, contact Ronnie Lynch at 699-1405 or 559-8514...

Softball...

A **Softball Clinic** for both defense and hitting will be held Dec. 19-20 at the MUGS Softball Complex and will feature coaches from the University of Oregon, including head coach Rick Gamez, a former head coach at New Mexico State, and Richelle Woodard, former Midland High softball coach. Defense will be stressed from 9 a.m. to noon and hitting from 2-5 p.m. Registration is limited. For more information, call 694-5508 or 520-6502...

Umpires are needed to work high school softball games in West Texas. Find out more by contacting Mack Gipson at 520-5961 or Freddie Ezell at 694-5508...

Tennis...

Two camps are scheduled for the **Kimber-Lea Tennis Club.** An advanced junior tennis prep camp featuring four clinic days and four travel match days is scheduled along with the Christmas Holiday Camp for beginners from Dec. 22-Jan. 3. The camp for beginners will be conducted for first through seventh grade beginners from 12:30-2 p.m. and for fifth through ninth grade intermediates from 2-3:30 p.m. Deadline for both camps is Dec. 17. For more information, call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5360...

The United States Tennis Association will have a **Certification School** for tennis officials on Jan. 2 & 3 at the Tennis Center at Odessa College. On Friday night, the school will run from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. On Saturday, it will begin at 9 a.m. and will continue to approximately 2-4 p.m. The cost is a USTA membershi, purchase of the "Friend at Court (rule book)" for $3 and joining Permian Basin Tennis Umpires Association, dues are $5 per year. Once certified, some uniform will be required. If interested, please contact one of the following before Dec. 25: Brookie Green at 694-2847; David Whiteside at 689-2332; or R.F. "Buddy" Fort at 683-6627...

Miscellaneous...

The **Flatlanders Ski Club** is planning the following trips: Steamboat Colo., Jan. 14-18, 1998; Telluride, Colo., Feb. 18-22, 1998; Lake Louise, Canada, March 22-29, 1998 and New Zealand, July 24-Aug. 1, 1998...

The **Dust Devil Divers Scuba Club** is planning a trip to Grand Cayman Jan. 4-11. For more information, call 570-8761...

The **Odessa Jackalopes** are offering five skating programs at the Ector County Coliseum. There skating lessons ($50), public skating ($4 per session and $2.50 for skate rental), hockey lessons for ages 7-17 ($75 includes skae rental, Jackalopes Youth Hockey League for ages 7-17 (Registration is $64 and for more info on league contact Bob Flanner at 683-4251, "Stick Time", which ice is open for pick-up hockey games. ($7 per session). For more information on any of these programs call 683-4251...

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...

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Tennessee fans give stiff arm to Heisman vote

By Marta W. Aldrich
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Peyton Manning's legions of fans — including the Tennessee governor — are carrying a Heisman-sized chip on their shoulders.

"I think it stinks," Gov. Don Sundquist said. "I think the Heisman award has been diminished."

Charles Woodson's selection on Saturday night as the nation's top college football player prompted irate calls to radio talk shows across Tennessee, angry newspaper columns and crude campus graffiti. An editorial cartoon in The Chattanooga Times on Monday depicted sports writers as "The Heistmen."

Meanwhile, Manning was hospitalized Monday because of an infection from the ruptured bursa in his right knee. He was expected to receive bed rest and antibiotics for two to three days along with physical therapy, according to a statement from the university.

In Knoxville, students watched the televised presentation from dorm rooms, fraternity houses and at nightspots along the row of eateries and bars next to the campus.

"When they announced Woodson's name, it was like a huge collective gasp. Everybody went into shock," said Tausha Carmack, vice president of the Student Government Association.

At Knoxville Center mall, holiday shoppers crammed department stores with television sets to watch the ceremony. They booed loudly when the winner was announced.

The Downtown Athletic Club in New York, which presents the trophy, was flooded with faxes and phone calls, many of them abusive.

"I've only been here five years, but I can say I've never had one phone call after the Heisman, one way or the other," said Sean Ingram, who handles publicity for the club. "This is a new one for me."

Several full-page ads have run in The Knoxville News-Sentinel, including one Sunday from a local bank declaring: "We've always believed Peyton is the best. We still do."

Graffiti disparaging Heisman voters appeared Monday on an elephant-sized boulder on the Tennessee campus. By noon, school maintenance workers had painted over it.

Knoxville radio station WNOX, the morning show that normally sticks to politics and religion, began to resemble a sports talk show when the phone lines lighted up.

"There will be no news story that gets this kind of attention from the public, no matter what happens today," said Mike Keith, who hosts SportsTalk in the afternoons.

Throughout his career at Tennessee, Manning has endeared himself to fans. Whether reading to children at a public school, signing autographs for hours, buying pizza for students waiting in line for football tickets or leading the school band in "Rocky Top" after victories, he has become a state icon.

Manning has rewritten Tennessee and Southeastern Conference record books. He threw for 3,819 yards, 36 touchdowns and only 11 interceptions this year. His team won the SEC championship, is ranked third in the country and plays No. 2 Nebraska in the Orange Bowl.

If No. 1 Michigan loses to Washington State in the Rose Bowl and Tennessee beats Nebraska, the Volunteers probably will be national champions.

All that has Volunteer fans asking: How could Manning lose the Heisman — and lose so convincingly?

"There are more theories on this than the Kennedy assassination," Keith said. "My own personal theory is that many of the national media just got sick and tired of hearing all the good stories about Peyton Manning."

In a column Sunday in The Tennessean, David Climer wrote Woodson's selection "smacked of more style than substance.

"He (Manning) is an ambassador for college football at a time when the game can use a few kind words on its behalf," Climer wrote.

Manning is not the first UT player to finish second in the Heisman voting. Johnny Majors, Hank Lauricella and Heath Shuler were the others.

"Many Tennessee fans to this day are bitter that John Majors lost the Heisman to Paul Hornung, who played for a 2-8 Notre Dame team in 1956," Keith said. "I don't know if Tennessee fans will ever get over this one."

Marlins trade Kevin Brown to San Diego

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — While H. Wayne Huizenga didn't want Kevin Brown, Kevin Towers certainly did.

Towers, the San Diego Padres' general manager, sent three prospects to Florida on Monday for Brown, the fifth significant player let go by the Marlins since their World Series victory. The Padres didn't have to give up Matt Clement, their top minor-league pitcher who was coveted by the Marlins.

Brown, a right-hander who will be 33 next season, was 16-8 with a 2.69 ERA in 33 starts this year with 205 strikeouts in 237 1-3 innings. He will make $4.8 million next season, then become eligible for free agency.

"We feel like we got one of the top two or three pitchers in baseball," Towers said. "He'll be the guy at the top of our rotation, who can help guys like Joey Hamilton and Andy Ashby become better pitchers.

"That's not to take anything away from Joey and Ash, because both have No. 1-type stuff," Towers said. "Now we've got a guy who's a proven No. 1 starter with postseason experience. Now, with the likes of Kevin Brown, we feel we match up pretty well with everyone else in the division."

The Padres went from first place in the NL West in 1996 to last place this year with a franchise-worst 4.99 ERA. Towers, who has rebuilt San Diego's bullpen, had been talking with the Marlins about Brown on and off for nearly a month.

Florida gets pitcher Rafael Medina, obtained by San Diego earlier this year from the New York Yankees in the Hideki Irabu deal; Steve Hoff, another minor-league pitcher; and first base prospect Derrek Lee.

"We had a lot of offers for Brown but we like these guys a great deal," Marlins general manager Dave Dombrowski said. "We've got two guys on the verge of playing at the big-league level (Medina and Lee) and a good prospect."

Towers said the Padres want to hold onto Clement because of his potential to be a No. 1 starter.

After beating Cleveland to win the Series on Oct. 26, Florida traded outfielder Moises Alou to Houston, closer Robb Nen to San Francisco, outfielder Devon White to Arizona and first baseman Jeff Conine to Kansas City.

Florida also would like to trade outfielder Gary Sheffield, and infielder Bobby Bonilla but they may wind up at spring training with the Marlins.

"You never want to say never, but at this point there's a real strong chance they will," Dombrowski said.

Huizenga, the Marlins' owner, is negotiating to sell the franchise to a group headed by team president Don Smiley and has said he will try to cut payroll from $54 million to about $20 million.

■ Baseball Moves

Florida also talked with the New York Mets and New York Yankees. The talks with the Mets stopped last week the Marlins decided they didn't like the medical reports on pitcher Jason Isringhausen.

San Diego had interest in acquiring Pedro Martinez from Montreal but was outbid by the Boston Red Sox, who then signed the NL Cy Young Award winner to a record $75 million, six-year contract. The Padres also talked with free agent Darryl Kile but didn't come close to the $24 million, three-year deal he accepted with the Colorado Rockies.

In November, Florida had extensive talks with the Mets about Sheffield, but New York wanted the Marlins to assume at least one-third of the outfielder's $61 million, six-year contract that starts next season.

Palmer agrees to stay for $4.8 million, one-year contract

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Royals, who lost two key elements of their offense to free agency, kept Dean Palmer on Monday by agreeing to a $5.75 million, one-year contract.

Palmer, who has a $4.75 million player option for 1999, hit .256 with 23 home runs and 86 RBIs in 143 games for the Royals and Texas Rangers last season and made $4.8 million. He hit .278 with nine homers and 31 RBIs for Kansas City after he was acquired July 26 in a trade for Tom Goodwin.

Palmer, a seven-year veteran, has a career average of .249. He had his best year in 1996 when he batted .280 with 38 homers and 107 RBIs as the Rangers won their first division title.

"He helps solidify our batting order and fills a major void in the infield," Royals general manager Herk Robinson said. "The contract agreement allows a lot of flexibility to both sides for the 1999 season."

Kansas lost shortstop Jay Bell, who had the best offensive season for a shortstop in club history, and designated hitter Chili Davis.

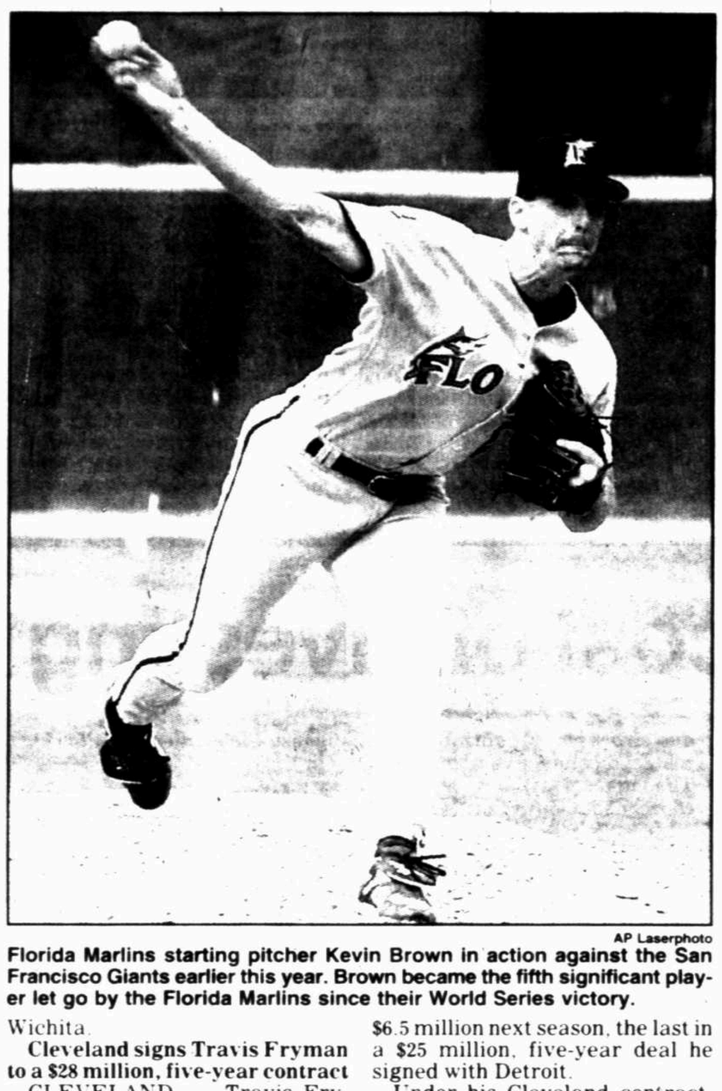
Bell, who hit .291 with 21 homers and 92 RBIs, signed a $34 million, five-year contract with the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Davis, who led the Royals with 30 homers, signed a $9.8 million, two-year deal with the New York Yankees.

Only Milwaukee and Toronto scored fewer runs in the American League than Kansas City's 747 last year.

Kansas City also selected three players in the major league draft and assigned them to their minor-league organization: pitcher Brett Newell from Seattle, first baseman Raymond Brown from San Diego and pitcher Tomas Medina from Houston.

Newell and Brown were assigned to Triple-A Omaha, and Medina was assigned to Double-A Wichita.



AP Laserphoto

Florida Marlins starting pitcher Kevin Brown in action against the San Francisco Giants earlier this year. Brown became the fifth significant player let go by the Florida Marlins since their World Series victory.

Cleveland signs Travis Fryman to a $28 million, five-year contract

CLEVELAND — Travis Fryman spent eight years with the Detroit Tigers. Then, in two weeks, he was traded twice. He didn't want it to happen again.

Fryman put an end to his travels — and got the chance to play for a contender — by agreeing Monday to a $28 million, five-year contract with the Cleveland Indians.

The deal also includes a club option for the 2003 season, that could boost the third baseman's contract to $33,375,000.

"It's been strange to say the least," Fryman said. "I've always been a player who desired to spend his career with one team. It's difficult to explain exactly what I've been feeling the last several weeks, but today I'm very happy. I'm happy to have some degree of stability and security."

Cleveland obtained Fryman, 28, from Arizona in a trade that sent Matt Williams, who wanted to live closer to his children, to the Diamondbacks. The Indians also received left-hander Tom Martin and $3 million.

Fryman went to Arizona as part of a Nov. 18 trade with Detroit. The four-time All-Star was a little shaken to be shuffled around after spending his entire major league career with the Tigers.

Knowing the Indians were willing to trade him yet again, Fryman signed a long-term deal with Cleveland despite the fact that his new contract pays him $1.5 million less for next season than he would have otherwise earned.

Fryman had been due to make $6.5 million next season, the last in a $25 million, five-year deal he signed with Detroit.

Under his Cleveland contract, Fryman gets $5 million in 1998, $5.25 million in 1999, $5.55 million in 2000, $5.75 million in 2001 and $5,825,000 in 2002. Cleveland's option is for $6 million with a $625,000 buyout.

The deal also includes a no-trade clause for 1998.

Fryman said he first heard about the Indians' offer Friday night from his agent, Alan Meersand.

"It was not a real difficult decision," Fryman said. "It was a very good contract and a great place to play."

Indians general manager John Hart called Fryman one of Cleveland's "core players" as he announced the deal. Fryman hit .274 last season with 22 homers and 102 RBIs, topping 20 homers and 100 RBIs for the second straight season.

"Travis is a guy that can hit just about anywhere in the lineup," Hart said. "He's obviously a good player and a good hitter."

Hart, who has already had a busy off-season dealing Williams and Marquis Grissom and obtaining Fryman, Kenny Lofton and Dwight Gooden among others, said the Indians starting lineup for 1998 is basically set.

Still, he wouldn't rule out a trade for a veteran second baseman to compete with Enrique Wilson, who made his major league debut in September. Cleveland could also try to obtain more pitching, Hart said.

NBA slams dunk contest for '2-ball'

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — The slam dunk contest is going the way of short shorts, the two-handed set shot and Latrell Sprewell — out of the league.

The NBA has decided to discard the high-flying competition that once was the highlight of All-Star Saturday.

It will be replaced by an event called "2-ball" that will team one NBA and one WNBA player from the same city in a shooting contest in which points are awarded for shots taken from different spots on the court.

"It's a big change. The NBA slam-dunk contest is kind of a tradition, but it's been down in the past few years and the competitors have not stepped up," said Kobe Bryant, who won the dunk contest last season in Cleveland.

All-Star Weekend is being held at Madison Square Garden this season, and there will be no chance for someone to leap into the national spotlight the way Brent Barry did two years ago or Spud Webb did more than a decade ago.

Dunking, apparently, isn't what it once was.

"For whatever reason, the competition has been down," Bryant said. "So I think a little change right now would be appropriate. But in a couple of years, they'll probably go back to it."

The NBA has been tinkering with the dunk contest for the past couple of years, changing the format in an effort to spice up a competition that has not been as riveting as it was back in the old days.

When Dominique Wilkins and Michael Jordan engaged in their epic dunk-off in 1985, the idea was relatively new. It had been copied from the old ABA, a league that was a trendsetter in terms of the 3-point line, dancing girls and, of course, the slam dunk contest at halftime of the All-Star game.

The inaugural dunk contest was held in 1976 at the ABA's All-Star game in Denver and was called by Sports Illustrated "the best halftime innovation since the rest room." There were five competitors in the first contest — Julius Erving, Larry Kenon, Artis Gilmore, David Thompson and George Gervin — and the top prize was $1,000 and a stereo system.

Erving won it with a dunk in which he leaped from the foul line — a move later copied by Michael Jordan and Barry.

The contest lost some of its luster over the years, even with the prize money rising to $20,000, because of a growing sentiment that all the great dunks had been done.

"It was the same dunk over and over," Charles Barkley said. "There's really nothing else you could do. I think some dunkers were really good, but nobody got excited about it because they had seen it before. So it's going to be good that they try something new."

Bryant, for one, doesn't agree.

"No, I know I haven't (run out of creative dunks)," he said. "I've got a lot of new dunks. I don't know if other players have tried them. Maybe they have, but I have a lot of patented dunks in my mind."

The league plans to unveil it's "2-ball" plans at a new conference Wednesday, and no one at the league office was willing to comment Monday on the demise of the dunk contest.

The NBA's first dunk contest was held in 1984 and was won by Larry Nance. Jordan won the contest twice, in 1987 and 1988, Wilkins won in 1985 and 1990 and Harold Miner was the other two-time champion, winning in 1993 and 1995.

Some of the more memorable winning dunks were Dee Brown slamming the ball through with his forearm covering his eyes, Cedric Ceballos making a blindfolded slam and Webb, all 5-foot-7 of him, showing an astonishing vertical leap and making a 360-degree midair turn in 1986.

"It's probably something that will be missed because a lot of fans, a lot of little kids that was probably the part of the All-Star weekend that they enjoy," said Shareef Abdur-Rahim of the Vancouver Grizzlies.

"Growing up, I looked forward to the slam dunk contest," Rockets rookie Rodrick Rhodes said. "But they changed the format a little bit the last couple of years and kind of screwed up the whole dunk contest.

There were lowlights, too, such as Darrell Armstrong failing so many times that he shot a layup on his final attempt in 1994. Or Jamie Watson missing three of his four attempts in the 1995 finals.

Fans will be paying $100 per ticket this season for seats at All-Star Saturday, and it remains to be seen how they'll react to a dunk-less show.

"It would have been fun if I could compete against Michael (Jordan) and Dominique (Wilkins) and Doc (Erving)," Bryant said.

"The slam-dunk contest is still electric. It's still the slam-dunk contest, and there's a lot of tradition. Everybody looks forward to it. Everybody wants to see if there's a new dunk, if somebody's come up with something new. Everybody's on the edge of their seats to see that."

Bryant laughed when asked how it felt to retire the trophy, but wouldn't reveal what he had planned for defending his title at Madison Square Garden.

"I'm not going to tell you, because (the contest) is going to come back. So I'm still going to have these ideas ready, and I'm going to perfect 'em.

"I'll break 'em out the next time the slam-dunk contest comes around."

Reports: Holtz turns down USC job

By John Nadel
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Former Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz has reportedly declined an offer to become football coach at Southern California, and it appears John Robinson will keep the job.

Holtz, speaking from his home in Orlando, Fla., wouldn't directly address the reports Monday.

"I am busy with my wife right now, trying to get her to eat something," said Holtz, whose wife, Beth, has throat cancer. "The only thing I'm concerned with right now is my wife. I've commented previously."

The Los Angeles Times and Long Beach Press-Telegram said Monday that Holtz had turned down the job.

Over the weekend, Holtz denied getting an offer, telling the Times: "Absolutely not. Nothing could be further from the truth. I've never been offered the job at USC."

Asked if he at least talked with USC, Holtz said only: "I have not been offered the job."

USC spokesman Tim Tessalone said it would be "inappropriate" to comment on the latest reports.

"Athletic director Mike Garrett is evaluating the football situation and plans to announce a decision in the coming days," he said. "At this time, John Robinson is still our football coach."

Robinson survived at USC after last season despite a 6-6 record. After a 35-7 loss to Arizona State on Oct. 11, dropping the 1997 Trojans to 2-3, he said he would leave if things didn't turn around.

USC then won four of its next five games, including a 20-17 victory at Notre Dame before losing to No. 5 UCLA 31-24 to finish the season. The Trojans (6-5) did not receive a bowl bid.

Robinson, 62, has a 104-35-4 record in 12 years as USC's coach — from 1976-82, and 1993-97. He coached the Los Angeles Rams from 1983-91.

Garrett would not comment Sunday when asked if Holtz had been given a firm offer.

Asked when the USC coaching future might be decided, Garrett told the Press-Telegram: "I think Wednesday is the target date."

Holtz, 60, left Notre Dame following the 1996 season. In his final game, the Irish lost to USC 27-20 in overtime, knocking them out of the bowl picture. Holtz was 9-1-1 against the Trojans while at Notre Dame.

Holtz, a college football commentator for CBS, was quoted in the January 1998 issue of Sport Magazine as saying, "There's a possibility I'd coach again. Coaching is all I've ever done. The most appealing job would be a major college or the pros. I enjoy teaching."

When asked if that desire to teach indicated a preference for the college game, Holtz replied, "Yeah, it probably does." However, his wife's battle with throat cancer is clearly his top priority.

Three NFL coaches have denied receiving overtures from USC — Jeff Fisher of the Tennessee Oilers, Dennis Green of the Minnesota Vikings and Dave Wannstedt of the Chicago Bears.

The Press-Telegram said if Holtz doesn't take the job, Robinson would be retained as long as he changes his coaching staff, which he reportedly has already agreed to do.

Garrett said last week he would be "pretty deliberate" with his evaluation of Robinson and he wanted to "make a rational decision."



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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Compaq s	188269	54½	–1 13/16
Texinst s	69781	42½	+1 5/8
CypSem	68231	7¾	–13/16
GreenTrF	64562	20½	–2
IBM s	58469	100⅞	+½

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HandH	32 7/16	+10 3/16	+45.8
PacSci	22	+6 9/16	+42.5
Lukens	23⅞	+6⅜	+36.4
SK Tlcm	6⅛	+1⅛	+22.5
PiperJaf	36⅜	+6⅝	+22.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EK Chor	2⅝	–¾	–22.2
NatAutoC	4⅞	–1 1/16	–17.9
Mossimo	3 7/16	– 9/16	–14.1
Varco s	20 3/16	–3 3/16	–13.6
PlanHlty	12½	–1⅞	–13.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,604
Declined	1,375
Unchanged	475
Total issues	3,454
New Highs	164
New Lows	102
Volume	719,141,080

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR	46747	96 23/32	+3 1/32
ViacB	29635	39⅛	+1 9/16
Nabors	15480	31½	–2⅛
EchoBay	14417	2½	+⅛
GreyWolf	14097	6	+¼

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Jetronic	2⅝	+1 9/16	+147.1
Diodes	9¼	+1½	+19.4
CmdrAp	2 3/16	+¼	+12.9
MarqGrp	3⅞	+⅜	+10.7
MSB Bcp	33¾	+3¼	+10.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LehSTc wt	14	–3¾	–21.1
Neophrm	6⅝	–1 3/16	–15.2
KeyEng	20	–3	–13.0
ThCardio	21⅞	–3	–12.1
AndreaE s	16¾	–2¼	–11.8

DIARY

Advanced	257
Declined	340
Unchanged	171
Total issues	768
New Highs	32
New Lows	27
Volume	43,491,550

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Cisco	278645	77½	+15/16
Intel s	271349	72⅛	+1⅝
ApldMat s	158862	28 1/16	+1 15/16
DellCpt s	150797	83 7/16	–4 13/16
Oracle s	150453	23 3/16	+7/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Gliatech	11⅞	+4¼	+55.7
DynaMot	2½	+¾	+42.9
SantoCo	32¼	+9¼	+40.2
ShrdTch	4 1/32	+1 7/32	+39.0
FAmHlt	3⅞	+1	+34.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cvntryl n	4⅛	–1⅞	–31.3
DtTrns	2	–13/16	–28.9
ThkTools	5	–2	–28.6
TchCom	5¼	–1¾	–25.0
Ionica n	3¾	–1¼	–25.0

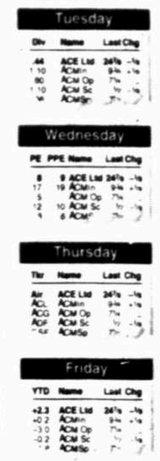
DIARY

Advanced	1,731
Declined	2,500
Unchanged	1,523
Total issues	5,754
New Highs	126
New Lows	276
Volume	792,568,600

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:

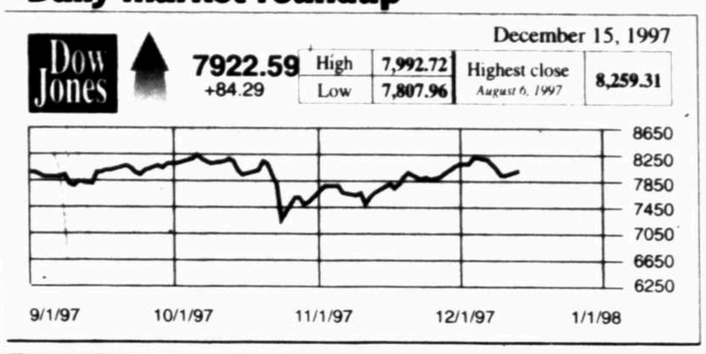
Div: Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly or semiannual declaration, unless otherwise footnoted.
Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.
Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.
Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...



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. q – Closed-end mutual fund; no PE calculated. 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-week 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.
Dividend Footnotes: a – Also extra or extras. b – Annual rate plus stock dividend. c – Liquidating dividend. e – Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos. f – Annual rate, increased on last declaration. i– Declared or paid after stock dividend or split. j – Paid this year, dividend omitted, deferred or no action taken at last meeting. k – Declared or paid this year, accumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m – Annual rate, reduced on last declaration. p – Initial dividend, annual rate unknown. r – Declared or paid in preceding 12 months plus stock dividend. t – Paid in stock in last 12 mos, estimated cash value on ex-dividend or distribution date. x – Ex-dividend or ex-rights. y – Ex-dividend and sales in full. z – Sales in full. vj – In bankruptcy or receivership or being reorganized under the Bankruptcy Act, or securities assumed by such companies.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

Daily market roundup



INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
8,299.49	6,236.05	Dow Jones Industrials	7,922.59	+84.29	+1.08	+22.86	+26.39
3,372.42	2,206.04	Dow Jones Transportation	3,272.40	+35.59	+1.10	+45.07	+47.49
261.52	208.98	Dow Jones Utilities	263.85	+2.36	+.90	+13.47	+15.87
515.24	378.87	NYSE Composite	504.12	+4.12	+.82	+28.50	+32.37
723.03	541.02	Amex Index	665.27	–.63	–.09	+16.24	+18.37
1,748.78	1,194.16	Nasdaq Composite	1,536.56	–.02	...	+19.02	+21.85
986.25	716.69	S&P 500	963.39	+10.00	+1.05	+30.06	+33.62
466.21	248.65	Russell 2000	420.76	–1.87	–.44	+16.04	+20.05
9,486.69	6,998.62	Wilshire 5000	9,162.76	+64.91	+.71	+27.29	+30.92

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Div	Name	Last	Chg
	A B C		
98f	ACE Ltd	92 5/16	+5/16
90	ACM Sc	10 1/16	
57	ACMSp	6 9/16	–1/16
1.35	ACMMD	13 5/16	–1/4
90	ACM MI	9 15/16	+1/16
	ACNiels	22 5/16	–1/16
	AES Cp s	43 3/16	+1/16
46	AFLAC	49	+1
04	AGCO	28 3/16	–5/16
50	AK Steel s	16 13/16	+1/16
	AMF n	24 9/16	–7/16
	AMR	128 7/16	
+1 7/16			
2.80	**ARCOCh**	43 13/16	...
+1 20	ASA Ltd	20 1/8	+3/8
1 32	AT&T	57 1/4	–7/16
24	AVX Cp	19 7/16	–1/4
13	Aames s	12 1/4	–9/16
1 08	AbtLab	67 5/8	+1
	AberFitch	30 3/8	–2 3/8
40	Abitibi g	12 13/16	+3/16
	AccuSti	27 1/4	+1/16
1.96e	**AdaEx**	**23**	**+1/4**
	AMD	d18 7/16	+1/4
80	AeroVick	48 9/16	–3/16
80	Aetna Inc	80 3/8	
+1 7/16			
...	**AffCmpS**	**s23 1/2**	**+15/16**
	AftMgrs n	24 7/8	+3/16
10e	Agnico g	5 1/16	+1/16
11	Agnium g	11 7/16	+1/4
88	Ahmans	63 1/16	+2 1/4
1 20	AirProd	75 5/16	–15/16
30	AirFrt	68 7/8	–1/8
	Airgas	13 11/16	+1/16
	AirTouch	38 1/16	–11/16
1.70	**AlaP pfB4**	**25 1/16**	**–3/16**
1.60	**AlaP pfC**	**25 1/16**	**–3/16**
1.33e	**AlaP adj pf**	**24 3/4**	...
1.84	**AlaPC pfD**	**25 1/16**	
+ 1/16			
	AlskAir	38 11/16	–3/16
36	Albemar	24	–7/16
64	Albertsn	47	–1/2
60	Alcan	26 11/16	–1/16
34e	Alcatel	24 5/16	+5/16
1 72	AlgEngy	30 3/4	+1/2
64	AlegTeldy	24 7/8	–1/16
40	Allegiance	33 3/16	+1/2
	AllenTel	18 1/16	+1/16
52	Allergn	33 5/16	+1/16
2 57e	AlnCap	36 3/4	+1/16
1 42a	AlsWrld2	13 5/16	+3/16
52	AldSgnl s	36	–9/16
96	Allstate	90 9/16	+3/4
1 18f	Alltel	40 9/16	+15/16
18	Alpharma	22 3/4	–5/16
	AlpineGr	18 9/16	–5/16
	Alumax	31 7/16	–1/16
1 00	Alcoa	69 3/8	+15/16
58t	Alza	28 1/4	+5/16
	AmaxG	21	
36	AmbacF	s43 3/16	+1 1/4
80	AmHes	52 7/16	+1 1/16
	AmOnline	84 3/16	–1 1/4
	AmWest	18 1/16	–1/16
44	ABankrs s	41 7/8	
+1 1/16			
	AmBkInt	4 3/4	+1/16
2 40	AEP	u50 9/16	+1/16
90	AmExp	u88 9/16	
+1 5/16			
1 40	AGenCp	55 1/16	
+1 7/16			
1 71f	AGnHosp	25 3/4	–1/8
36	AmGvl	6 5/16	
42a	AGIP	6 5/16	
1.72f	**AHome**	**74 13/16**	**+2 3/4**
30	AmIntG s	103 1/4	
+1 7/16			
...	AlPC n	24 5/8	–3/4
	AmIF	6 1/16	
42	APadP	12	–1/2
	AmRadio	u52 1/8	+1/2
	AResIT n	13	+1/8
	ASking n	16 1/16	+3/8
	AmStd	40 3/16	+5/16
36	AmStor s	19 7/8	+3/16
99a	AmSIP3	11 3/16	
	AmSste	1 9/16	–1/16
76	AmWtr	25 5/16	–1/16
	AmercrdI	23	–5/16
	AmeriqTc	1/4	
	AmerisrcL	57 1/16	–3/16
2 26	Ameritch	79 5/16	
2.80	**Amoco**	**86 1/4**	**–**
1 3/16			
1 04	AMP	40 5/16	+1/4
1 20f	AmSouth s	55	+1
12	AmvestF	22 1/8	
.88	**AmwyAs**	**18**	...
1.30	**AnaDrk**	**59 3/4**	**–**
1 1/16			
	Analog s	24 1/4	–1 1/4
1 04	Anheus	42 11/16	+1/16
	Anixter	15 1/2	–1 1/16
	AnnTayl	13 7/8	+3/8
	Annaly n	d10	–5/16
1 04	Aon Cp s	55 1/16	+1/4
.28	**Apache**	**34 1/4**	**–1/4**
1 85	Aptinv	35 1/8	+3/8
	ApexMrt n	14	–1/16
	AppIMg d	12 13/16	+1/16
	Apria	14 7/8	
	ArcadiaFn	6 13/16	–5/8
20b	ArchDan	21 1/2	+7/8
1 60	ArdenRlt	29 1/2	–3/8
	Armco	4 13/16	–1/16
1 76	ArmWEl s	32 1/4	–11/16
+2 3/16			
80f	Arvin	32 5/8	+5/8
80	Asarco	d23 1/4	–1/4
37e	Ashanti	7 3/4	+1/16
1 10	Ashland	49 3/4	+2 1/16
94e	AsiaPc	7 15/16	–1/16
05p	AsiaPac	d9 11/16	–5/16
01e	AsiaTigr	7 3/8	+1/16
40	AscFCapu	69 1/16	+13/16
19e	AstraA s	17 5/16	+7/16
1 54	AtlEnrg	21	+3/8
2 85	AtlRich s	78 3/16	
+1 13/16			
	AtlasAir	25 11/16	
1.06f	**ATMOS**	**27 1/8**	**–1/16**
	AtwdOcn s	42 1/2	–3
05	AuthFlt	18 11/16	–1/4
44	Autoliv n	35 3/16	–7/16
53f	AutoDt	55 1/2	–5/16
	AutoZone	28 3/16	–1/2
	Avatex	2	+1/16
84f	AveryD	43	+1
	Avis n	32 5/16	–11/16
60	Avnet	67 1/2	–3/4
1 26	Avon	61 15/16	–1/16
	Aztar	6 3/16	
1 24	BB&T Cp	63 3/4	–3/16
1 36	BCE g s	32 3/16	–9/16
	BJS	70	–
2 5/16			
	BJs Wh n	29 5/16	–1/16
06	BMC	17 1/2	–3/8
2 04e	BP Pru	15 7/8	–5/16
1 38	BRE	28 1/16	+1/8
46	BakrHu	40 1/8	–7/8
60	Ball	37 1/4	+1/8
1 64	BaltGE	31 3/16	+1/16
1 52	BanoOne	s56 15/16	+3/16
60r	BncoFrn	26 1/4	–3/8
	BcoRioP	n 11 3/4	–1/8
42e	BcSantCh	15	+1/8
66e	BcoAEdwd	15 7/16	+1/16
18j	BangH	8 1/4	+3/16
07e	BkTokyo	14 3/8	+5/16
1 04f	BkNY	56 7/16	+15/16
1 22	BankAm s	77 1/4	+15/16
13f	BkAtlA s	15 3/4	+1/16
2 04	BkBost	96 5/8	+3/16
4 00	BankTr	130 5/8	+3/4
72	Bard	30 3/8	+1/16
	BarnNbl s	32 1/16	–13/16
1 24	Barnett	75 7/32	
+1 23/32			
	BarrettRs	28 1/16	+3/16
16f	BarrickG	17 3/16	+1/2
05	BattlMt	5	
1 04	BauschL	39 1/4	+5/16
1 16f	Baxter	50 15/16	+7/16
1 68f	BayApt	39 11/16	
	BayNtwk	23 3/8	–9/16
2 00	BeacnPr	45 7/8	–3/8
2 24	BeacnPr pf	26 1/2	+1/16
60b	BearSt	47 7/16	+11/16
60	BckIns	41 5/8	+1/16
58f	BectDk	52 3/16	–7/16
	Bell&Howl	22 5/16	–5/16
3 08	BellAtl	u90 7/16	+15/16
1 44	BellSo	56 13/16	+3/4
44	BelloAH	u52 3/4	–5/16
80	Bemis	43 13/16	+5/16
	Benckisr n	u37	+11/16
2 28	BenefCp	81 11/16	
+2 5/16			
	BentonOGd	12 1/4	–1 3/8
	BergEl s	19 5/16	–11/16
48	BergBr s	37 11/16	–
1 3/16			
	BerkHa	**A46000**	**+300**
.40	**BerryP**	**19 1/8**	**–3/16**
	BestBuy	35 13/16	–3/16
3.25	BestBpf	48 1/4	–
2 5/16			
	BethStl	8 5/16	+3/16
1 52	BetzDearb	60 7/16	+9/16
	Beverly wi	12 9/16	+1/16
08	Bindty	u31	–3/8
	Biovail	35 3/8	
+1 3/16			
40	BirStl	15 3/16	+1/2
48	BlackD	38 7/16	+5/16
1.42	**BlkHlCp**	**33 7/16**	**–3/16**
50	Blk1998	9 11/16	–1/16
40	Blk2001	8½	
56	BlkIT	7 1/16	
84	BlkNA	10 1/2	–1/16
58	BlkTT	9 1/4	–1/16
80	BlckHR	u44 3/16	+1/16
	Blyth s	31 1/4	+5/16
56	Boeing s	48 15/16	–1/16
60	BoiseC	30 13/16	+3/16
2.35	**BoisC pf**	**F25 1/16**	**–1/8**
	Bombay	4 7/8	+1/16
83e	BordCh	8 1/16	–1/16
	Borders s	30 5/16	–1/16
60	BorgWAu	48 1/2	+1 1/8
1 88	BostEd	u37 1/4	+7/8
44p	BostPrp n	34 1/16	+9/16
	BostSc	43 5/16	+11/16
	BostTech	21 11/16	–5/16
80	Bowatr	43 1/16	+11/16
	BoxHill n	10 5/16	–3/8
29e	Brahma n	12 13/16	+7/16
1 48f	Brandyw	24 5/8	+3/8
1 36e	Brazil	21 15/16	+5/16
4 97e	BrazilEF	12	+1/8
21j	BredTch	20 7/8	
08	BrillChA	7 5/16	
	Brinker	15 13/16	+1/16
1.56f	**BrMySq**	**su97 13/16**	**+7/8**
2 65e	BrstPet s	80 3/16	–3/8
2 02e	BrstStl	22 15/16	+7/16
73e	BHP	d17 1/16	–1/16
1.12f	**BrwnFA**	**51**	**+3/4**
1.08	**BrwnFB**	**53 7/16**	
+1 1/16			
40m	BrwnGp	14 1/4	+3/16
76	BrwnFr	34 13/16	–1/2
50	Brnwk	26 11/16	–7/16
	Bryl ane n	50 5/16	–7/16
	BudgetGp	33 7/16	–5/16
02	BurlCoat s	16 7/16	–3/16
1 20	BurlNSF	95 11/16	+1 1/2
55	BrlRsc	42 15/16	–1/16
64e	BurlRsCl	6 1/16	–1/16
1 00	BurnPP	14 7/16	–1/16
19p	CANTV	39 5/16	+1 7/8
20	CBS	30	+1/2
77e	CCA Prns	nu40 1/4	+7/8
3 32	CIGNA	161 5/16	+1 5/8
81a	CIGHn	9 1/16	
	CIT Gp n	32 1/4	+1/8
08	CKE Rst s	40 15/16	+3/16
12	CMAC Inv	56 5/8	+1 5/8
	CML Gp	2 15/16	–3/16
1 20	CMS Engu	40 3/16	+1 1/16
40	CNF Tran	43 3/4	+2 1/16
1 80	CPC	107 5/16	–3/8
56	CPI	21 5/8	+1/16
1 20f	CSX	53 1/2	+7/8
24	CTS s	29 1/2	–1/16
	CUC Intl	30 9/16	–5/16
44	CVS Corp	65 9/16	–1/4
65e	CablWire	27	+1/16
	CablDsgn	36 1/16	–7/16
	Cabltrn	d14	–1/16
40	Cabot	27 7/8	+3/8
	Cadence s	22 5/16	–9/16
	CadFasr n	23 1/8	–1/2
	Calenergy	29 9/16	+9/16
40	Caliber	50	–1 3/8
10.63	CalFd pfB	110 1/2	+1/2
11 50	CalFd pfC	113	–2
2 28	CalFPC pf	26 45/64	–
21/32			
28	CalGolf	29 1/16	–9/16
	Calpine	15 9/16	+1/16
20	Camco	56 3/8	–2 1/2
1 96	CamdnP	32	
	CmpR g	7/16	
84f	CampSp s	u58 3/16	
+1 3/16			
92	CdnRy g	48 1/8	–1 3/8
48	CdnPc g	26 5/16	–1 1/2
32	CapOne	48 5/16	+1
	CapitalTr	11 1/4	–3/8
08	CapMAC	34 7/16	+1/4
	Capstar	33 7/16	–3/16
2 44f	Capstd	21 13/16	–5/16
10	CardnlH	72 5/8	–
1 3/16			
	Carbnr s	38 1/16	–
3 9/16			
60f	CarnvCp	51 3/16	–3/8
1 94f	CaroPw	38 1/16	+3/16
1 75	CarrAmR	30 15/16	+3/16
	Carson	d6 15/16	
20	CaseCp	60 3/8	–3/4
	Catelus	18 3/4	–1/4
1 00	Caterp s	50 11/16	–1/16
28	Centex	61 3/4	–1/4
1 74	CenSoWstu	s26 5/16	
+ 7/16			
1.58	**CenLAEl**	**29 5/16**	**+3/8**
1 08	CentBk	u66 13/16	
+1 15/16			
37	CntyTl	u48	+7/8
	Ceridian	46 1/2	+3/4
	ChmpE	19 7/8	+1/8
20	Chmpln	46	+7/16
	ChartwllRe	32	–3/8
2 48	ChaseM	112 1/4	
+1 3/16			
01	Checkpnt	15 13/16	+1/16
2 76f	ChelGCA	37 13/16	+3/16
80	Chspk	32 7/8	+5/8
08	ChesEng s	7 1/4	–1/16
2.32	**Chevron**	**76 3/16**	**+11/16**
24	ChicB&I	nd14 15/16	–
3/16			
79e	ChileTel s	26 3/8	–1/8
	ChinSAir	n 15 5/8	–5/8
	ChinaTlc	n 33 1/16	–1/16
20	Chiquita	16 1/4	
	Chrysler	36 1/16	+1/16
1 60	Chrysir	36 1/16	+1/16
1 16	Chubb	u78 1/8	+2 1/16
40	CinnBell s	28 1/2	–7/16
48	CinMil	25 1/2	–5/16
	CineOd	1 1/4	
1 80	CiNergy	35 13/16	+7/16
	CircCCar	n 9 7/16	–7/16
14	CircCtyCC	34 1/8	+1/16
	Circus	21 3/16	–3/16
2 10	Citicorp	132 1/8	
+5 5/16			
6 00	Citcp pf	99 7/8	+3/8
75t	CitzUtl	9 1/4	
44	CityNC	u34 7/8	+5/16
12	ClairesStr	19 15/16	+1/16
08	ClaytH	16 5/16	–1/16
	ClearC	7 7/16	+1/4
	CliffsDr s	50 3/16	–21/16
1 28	Clorox s	80 4/16	
20	Coachmen	22 3/16	
+5/16			
40	Coastal	59 15/16	+1/16
	CstlPhys	15	–3/16
.56	**CocaCl**	**65 7/8**	**+15/16**
10	CocaCE	s33 13/16	+3/16
27e	CCFemsa	54 3/8	+2 1/8
	Coeur	8 3/4	
1 49	Coeur pfd	12 7/16	–3/8
12	Cogniznt	44 1/16	+7/16
	ColeNatl	32 1/16	–
2 9/16			
1.10	**ColgPal s**	**66 3/4**	**–**
1 11/16			
	Coltec	21 3/4	–3/8
1 00	ColumGasu	76 1/4	–3/4
08	ColtHCA	29	–11/16
20	Comdisc s	31 5/8	+5/16
1 72	Comericu	92 13/16	
+2 9/16			
54	CmlTek	u19 7/8	+9/16
	ComScop	n 12 1/4	+3/16
	CmpUSA	32	
03i	Compaq s	54 1/2	–
1 13/16			
	CmpMan	15 5/8	+1/2
07	**CompAs s**	**49 1/4**	
	CompSci	77 9/16	+2 1/16
05	CmpTsk s	30 1/4	–1/16
04	Cmptvsn	3 3/16	–1/16
20	Comsat	23 1/16	
	ComstkRs	11 15/16	–1/2
63	ConAgra s	u37 13/16	
+9/16			
1.32	**ConnEn**	**u27 5/8**	**+15/16**
50	Conseco s	43 9/16	
+13/16			
	Consc pf	F49 7/16	+3/8
2 10	ConEd	39 15/16	–1/16
	ConsGph	s46 15/16	–
2 3/8			
1 94	ConsNG	59 3/8	–3/8
	ConStor s	47 7/16	–
1 5/16			
	Contfinci	d23 3/4	–
1 15/16			
	CtlAir B	48	
+1 11/16			
20	CtlHme	35 1/8	+7/16
	CoopCa s	55 7/8	–3 1/2
1 32	Cooper	50 3/16	+3/16
81	Cooper99	17 7/16	–3/8
38f	CooprTr	24 1/4	+7/16
71e	Copel n	12 7/16	–3/16
	CoramH	2 7/8	–3/8
	Cordiant n	8 15/16	
2 00f	CoreStF	80 1/4	+1 1/4
	CornPd wru	30 3/8	+1
1 20a	CorPrpt n	18 13/16	+5/16
1 00	CornRit n	12 1/4	+1/16
72b	CorningIn	38 1/16	–5/8
	CorrectCp	33 7/16	–1
32	CntwCrd	41 3/4	+1 1/4
	Covance	18 3/16	–3/8
	CoxCm u	39 15/16	+3
50	Crane s	41 9/16	+1 1/4
42e	Credicp s	18	+5/16
1 52f	CresRE s	37 7/16	–1/4
1 16	Crestar s	56 1/16	+1/2
1 48f	CrimmMa	15	–3/16
05m	CrmpKni	24 5/8	–3/8
.22	**CrosTbr s**	**23 1/4**	**–9/16**
1.88e	**CrosTim**	**16 11/16**	**–1/4**
1 00	CwnCork	49 15/16	+3/8
2 15	CwnPac	22 15/16	–7/8
1 10	CumEng	61 7/16	+1 1/16
	CypSem	g7 3/4	–13/16
80	Cyprus	15 1/2	–1/4
	Cytec	45 1/8	+1/8
	D-E-F		
	DDL Elc	13/16	–1/16
1 36	DPL	u26 3/4	+1/2
	DSP Com	11	–7/16
2 06	DTE	33 5/16	+5/16
14	DalSem	37 9/16	
+1 13/16			
	DanRivr	n 15 3/16	+3/16
1 08	DanaCp	45 5/16	–
1 3/16			
08	Darden	11 1/16	–1/16
	DataGn	16 1/2	+3/16
72f	DaytHud	71 5/16	+3
80	DeanFd	u55 1/4	
+1 5/16			
60	DWGl	8 9/16	+1/16
97	DebtStrt	n 10 5/8	+1/8
88f	Deere	56	+1
54	DeimPL	u22	+5/16
12	DeltPne	s25 11/16	+3/4
20	DeltaAir	118 7/16	
+1 7/16			
1 48	Deluxe	36 3/16	–1/4
92f	DepGty	56 9/16	–3/4
35e	DeutTel	18 13/16	–1/4
2 52	DevlDv	38 1/16	+1/8
96	Dexter	41 1/2	–1/2
32	Dial	20 1/4	+9/16
07i	DiaOffs s	42 3/4	–3/16
50	Diebold s	47 1/2	
+1 5/16			
	Digital	39	+1/8
16	Dillards	35 7/8	+1/16
16e	DimeBcp	u27 1/8	+1/8
68f	Dimon	25	
.53	**Disney**	**97 1/8**	**+3 1/2**
16	DollarG	s32 15/16	–
1 7/16			
2 58	DomRes	40 3/16	
+1 3/16			
50	DonLu	85 7/8	–3/8
	DKaran	13 1/16	+3/16
80	Donlley	37 5/8	+1/16
76	Dover	69 1/16	+1 1/16
3.48	**DowCh**	**98 1/2**	**+1**
96	DowJns	53 15/16	–3/16
76	Dressr	40 1/16	–3/8
	DriQuip	n 29 1/2	–1
1 26	DuPont s	61	+1/16
78a	DuffPUtil	10 1/16	
2 20	DukeEngy	u54	+1 1/2
1 59	Duke pfA	27 1/4	
1 20f	DukeRlt s	22	–1/4
88	DunBrd	29 9/16	+1/4
	Dynatech	34 7/16	–1/16
1 38f	DynexC s	13 9/16	–1/16
	EAInds s	6 5/16	–1/16
56	EGG	19 1/16	+1/4
	EMC s	25 7/8	–3/8
1 42e	ENI	55 3/16	+9/16
	EVI Inc s	4 11/16	–5/16
20	Earthgr s	4 5/16	+1/4
1 64f	EastEn	39 9/16	–1/16
1 76	EastChm	58 1/16	+15/16
1 76	EKodak	54 1/8	–1/8
1 76	Eaton	93 1/2	+15/16
90	Echlin	33	+5/8
64	Ecolab	u53 5/16	–1/4
1 00	Edisonint	26 1/16	+3/16
52f	Edwards	s35 9/16	+1/4
1 46	ElPasNG	58 3/8	–1/8
4 13	ElPasT pf	55 23/28	–
49/28			
	Elan	49 13/16	–
3 13/16			
.24	**Elcor s**	**25 1/4**	**–1/8**
60	EDS	39 9/16	+1/16
1 20e	EffAqut	54 1/4	+1 1/16
1.91	**EffOv pfB**	**25 1/2**	**+5/16**
18e	EFAdnInB	n 20	+3/8

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... ABR Inf s 22⅜ –⅞
... ACC Cp 50⅞ –9/16
... ACT Mf 13½ –⅜
... ADC Tel 36½s –6/16
... ADECp 17¾s +1/16
... ADFlex 14⅝s –1/16
... APACT 13¾s –1/16
... APS Hld 2¹¹/₁₆s –3/16
40 ASA Hold 30⅜s –9/32
... ASE Tst 67⅜s +5
... ASM Lith s 62¹/₁₆s +2⅜
... ATC Com 12⁹/₃₂s –1/32
... ATMI Inc 21⅜s –2⅜
... Abacan 1 9/16s +3/32
... AbleTel 7⅜s – 1/16
... Abraxas 14½s –⅝
... AccGrph n d3⅜s –⅛
... AccCSci 2⅜s –1/16
... AccentS 4¹³/₁₆s +1/16
... AccesHlt 29½s +1½
... Acclaim 3⅝s +1/16
... AcresGm 4⅝s +3/16
... ActPerf 33½s +3/16
... Activisn 15½s –1
... Actrade 21¾s –2½
... Acxiom 16 –3/16
... AdacLb 16⅝s –2½
... Adaptec 34⅝s –1½
20b AdobeSy 36¼s +1
... AdrianR 25/32s –3/32
... Advran 31¾s –13/16
... AdvPara 31 +3⅞
... AdvDtn 13¹³/₁₆s –1⅝
... AdvEnid 14⅜s –1⅞
... AdvFCm 24⅝s +3/16
... AdvLight 19
... AdvMat 3¼ –1/16
... AdvPoly 6⅞ +1/16
... AdvTiss 13⅝s –1/16
44 Advanta 27⅛s –1/16
53 AdvantB 25¹⁵/₁₆s –1/16
... Aegis 3/32 –1/32
60f AfriCom s u36⅝s +4
... Agourn s 30⅛s +1/16
... AgriBio 14¹⁵/₁₆s –5/16
20 AirExp s 27⅛s +1/16
... AirTran 4¹³/₁₆s
2.20e Akzo 85⅝s –1/16
... AlaASam 1⅞s –1/16
... AlianPh 7¹⁵/₁₆s –1/16
... AlnSam d4¹³/₁₆s –5/16
... AldWste 21 –1/16
... AlphaBta 2⅞
... AltaGld 1¼
... Altera 34¹/₁₆s +3½
... AlrResc 19½ –⅛
... Alteris d3⅝s –5/16
... Altron 14⅜s –1/16
... Amat 19¹³/₁₆s –1/16
... AmTrade n 28 –1
... AmBiogn d1¹¹/₁₆s –1/16
... AComS 11⅞s +1/16
... AmerEco 9⅞s –1/16
72 AGreet 36⅜s –1/16
... AmintPt 32³/₃₂s –15/32
... AnOncol 16¹/₁₆s –1/16
... APwrCnv 27–11/16
... ASoft 8½s –1/16
... AUtdGlb 2
... Amerin 26 +1½
... Amgen 53¹⁵/₁₆s
+1 3/16
... Amresco 24⅜s –1¼
... Amylin d5⁷/₃₂s –11/32
... Anadigc s d23¼s
... AnchGm 51¹⁵/₁₆s+8⅞
... Andrew s 24+1¹/₁₆s
... Angelon 2⅜s –⅜
... Anicom 16⅛s +⅛
... Antec 14⅜s +⅛
... ApexPC n 21⅜s +⅛
.20f ApogeeE s 19½ –2⅛
... ApolloG 44 +⅝
... AppleC 13⅝s –⅜
08f Applebee 20⅝s +⅛
... ApliCell n 3⅜s–11/16
... ApldMat s28 1/16
+1 13/16
... AppMcC n 10 –⅜
... ApldSig 14⅝s +⅞
... Aquila d2 1/16s –1/16
... ArborSft 32⅜s +1/16
... ArchCm 5¹/₁₆s –7/16
24 ArcticCat 10¼s –1/32
... ArkBest 10⅛s +1/16
... ArmaPh 9 7/16s +1/16
... ArtVasc 59¼s –11/16
... Artsft 1⅝s –1/32
... Ascend 27½s –1/16
... AspctTel s 20⅞s –⅜
... AspenTc s 31¼s–3⅛
... AsystTch s20⅝s –⅜
... AtHome n 25⅛s –
1 11/16 s
... Atmel 19¼s +⅜
... AuraSy 3 3/16s+ 7/32
... Auspex 9⅜s –1/16
24 Autodesk 32½s –1⅜
... Avanti 18⅜s –4⅛
... AvidTch 25¼s –1½
... Aviron 23¼
... Avtar d⅛
... AwrdSft 8⅜s –1⅜
... Aware 10⅜s +1⅜
... AxentT 17 –⅜
... Axiom n d4¼s –⅜
... BE Aero 23⅞s –
1 15/16 s
... BEA Sys n14 3/16s –⅜
... BMC Soft 56⅜s –1/16
... BOSLtd 4⅜s –1/16
... Baan s 34⅛s +27/32
... Ballard n 69¹¹/₁₆s
+6 13/16s
26e BncGalic 24⅝s +3/16
... BankPlus 13 +1/32
... BedBath 33½s –⅜
... Bellweth 10¹⁵/₁₆s –1/16
... BioPhar s 26½s –1/16
... Bioctrl 7/32 –1/16
... Biogen 36⅛s +⅛
11e Biomet 24¼s +1/16
... BioTcG 11⅞s –⅜
... BlackBx 31½s–1¹/₁₆s
32 BobEvn 21⅜s
... Borlnd 9¼ –1/16
... BostChk 6⅞s –9/32
... BostnCom 10⅛s –⅜
... BstLfSci 2¹¹/₁₆s –5/16
... Boundiss 23/32 –1/32
... BrasseG 9/16s –1/16
... Brightpt s 15 –⅜
... BdwySey 8½s +⅛
... BrodSft 35¹⁵/₁₆s
+1 11/16 s
... BrooksAu 14⅜s +1½
... BrooksF 55¹⁵/₁₆s +⅝
... BrownTom 19 –1⅜
... BrushCrk 1⅝s –1/32
... Buffets 8 –⅛
... C-CUBE 18¼s +⅛
... CAI Wire 1¹/₃₂s –1/32
... CBT Gp 66
... CDW Cpt 47⅝s +1⅞
... CFM T 16⅛s +1
... CHS El s 16½s –1⅛
... CNET 26⅛s –1/32
... CNS 6⅛s– 9/16
... CSL Lgt ⅛ –1/16
... CV Thera 9⅛s +⅛
... CableCo 4/32 –
... CalAmp d2 7/16s –5/16
... CambTch 35 –1⅛
56 CarnegBcu34⅛s+2¹/₁₆s
... CasinoD 3½ –⅛
... Catalyt 11⅝s+ 7/16
... CellPro d2 –⅛
... CellexB 1⅜s– 3/16
... Cellstar s 20¼s –
1 13/16 s
... CellTch d2¼s –⅛
... Centocor 39⅛s +1½
96 CentFdBku51 7/16s +1/32
... CPcMin d6⅞s –1
... CntyCm u9 7/16s +1/32
... Cephlin 11⅛
... Cerner 21¼s –
1 5/16 s
36e Cervecer 27½s +⅜s
... ChancMdau65⅜s +2½
... Chantal 3/32
... Chapral 24¹/₃₂s –7/32
... ChrmSh 4⅝s –1/16
1 00b ChtOneF 61⅞s –1/16
... ChkPnt n 39 +1⅜s
... Checkers d3½s –1/16
... Chkfree 28½s +⅛s
... Cheeseck 30 +1
... ChipsTc 14⅜s –1/32
... Chiron 18½s +⅜s
... CienaCp n 56⅛s +⅜s
... CinarF B 38⅛s –1⅜s
... Cinergi 2¹³/₃₂
60 Cintas s 38⅞s –⅛s
... Cirrus 12⅛s +1/32
... Cisco 77½s+⅝s
... CitrixS 64⅜s –6⅛s
... Cityscape ⅝s –3/32
... Clarify 11¹³/₁₆s –⅛s
... ClayEng 13⅜s –1/32
09e Cofiexip 53 –1⅛s
... Cognex 22⅝s –1⅞s
... Cognos g 20⅝s –1/32
... Cohernt 34 +1⅛s
... CohoEn 8⅝s +1/16s
... Coinstar n d8⅜s –⅛s
16 Comair s 24⅜s+1⅝s
09 Comcast u32⅞s+1⅞s
09 Comc sp u32⅞s+1⅞s
... Comintell 1⅝s –1/16s
... CmpuSrv 13 +1/16s
... Cmpcm 9¹³/₁₆s –1/16s
... CptConc 15/32 +1/32
... CmptHz s 34⅜s –⅛s
... CptrLrn s 57¼s –1/32
... CmpPr 16½s –1⅛s
... Compwr s 29⅜s –1⅜s
... Comvers 33½s –1
... ConcMngd 33⅝s +1⅞s
... CncEFS 23¼s –1/32
... ConcCm 2⅛s
... ConsCap n20 9⅝s +1/16s
... CnsFnCn 13⅜s –5/16s
... ConPort 8⅜s –1/16s
... Copytele 3⅝s –3/32
... CoreCp g 2⅛s
... CoreStaff 27⅛s –5/16s
... Corimag 5⅞s +5/16s
... Cornucp ⅜s +1/16s
... CorpExp s 12⅞s –⅞s
... Costco 42¹¹/₁₆s
+1 11/16 s
... CostEner 12
... CtryStr 1/32 –1/32
... Coventry 14⅝s +⅜s
... Cvntryl n 4⅛s –1⅞s
.02 Crtcrlnt 32 +⅜s
... CreTcLid 16½s –1/32
... CredSys 19¹⁵/₁₆s + 7/16s
... CrdAcp 5¹¹/₁₆s –
... CreoReah 17⅜s –1¼s
... CMathes d¼
... Cusac g 7/32 –1/32
... CyberMd 13⅝s –2⅜s
... Cymer s 16⅞s –1/16s
... CyprBio 1⅝s2 –1/32
... Cytogn d17⅜s –1⅛s
D E F
... Dll Grp s 21⅞s –⅜s
... DSC 21⅛s –⅜s
... DSP Gp 22¼s –⅞s
22e Dankia 31 –3 1/16s
... DaouSys n 25⅝s –1/32
... DtaDimn s 19
... DtaWks 14¼s –2⅝s
... Datastr 26⅛s –⅞s
... Dataware 21⅝s
... Datum 12⅞s –⅞s
... Davox s 26 9/32s–2½s2
... Dawson 16¼s –¼s
... DawsnP 17⅜s –1
1 07e DBeer 20¾s +⅞s
... DellCpt s 83⅞s –
4 13/16 s
... Delphinf 1 +1/32
... Dentsply s29¹⁵/₁₆s + 7/16s
... Dialogic 37⅞s –4½s
... Diametrc 4¾s –⅜s
... DiamM 9 –1/16s
... DigtlGen 3⅛s –5/16s
... DigLght n 16 –¼s
... DigMic s 13¼s +⅝s
... Documnt 33 –¾s
22e DrasfC 6³³/₆₄s +9/64s
... DuPontP d34⅜s –1⅞s
... DuraPh 44¼s –⅞s
... Duramed 3¼s –⅜s
... Dynagn 7/32 –1/64s
... ETrade 20 –1/32s
10 ECI Tel 24 –1/32
... ESCMed 34⅞s –⅜s
... ESG Re n 21½s –⅜s
... ESSTech n d9¾s +1/32
... EV Env 1⅝s +1/32
... EarthSc 1⅝s –1/16s
... EchoStar 16⅞s –1
... EdyCp 17¼s +9/16s
... Egghead 7 +¼s
... EinstnN d5¼s–15/16s
... ElectGas u1⅜s –9/32
... ElectLght n 14⅛s –¼s
... ElcSci 35¼s –¼s
... Elctrgls 15⅜s +⅞s
... ElcAri 33⅝s +⅜s
... EFII s 14¹/₁₆s–13/16s
... Elctsrc 2⅝s– 3/16s
.24 ElronEl 15 9/16s+ 3/16s
... EmplySi 4⅝s –9/32
... Enamelin 14⅜s –
1 13/16 s
... Encad 32¹¹/₁₆s +5/16s
... Envsrc 2⅝s –1/16s
... Epitope 5⅜s –¼s
... Equinox 16⅛s –⅜s
... EqCompr 2¼s– 1/32
32e EricTel 36 5/16s +¼s
06e Ericf ADD 5
... EtecSys 36⅝s +¼s
... Exabyte d7⅜s –3/16s
... Exar 18 –⅜s
... ExctSwtr n d17¼s –2
... Excite n 23¹⁵/₁₆s +⅛s
.48 FFVAF 35⅛s +1⅜s
... FPAMd 18⅜s –1/32
... FTP Sft d1⅛s –1/16s
... FX Enter 5⅞s –3/16s
... FamGolf 29⅞s +1⅝s
... Farouqja n 7⅞s+ 9/16s
... FastCm d2½ –⅜s
02 Fastenl 38⅞s –1
... Fibchm 3⅛s
15 FideliNtl 9⅝s +⅜s
88 FifthThrd s u82⅝s +2⅜s
... FileNet 27⅝s –1/2
... FilBsmt 4⅞s +1/32
... FinLine 13½s +1/16s
80 FtATrn s 49⅛s –⅝s
1 80 FComceC 70⅛s –⅜s
88 FSecCp s 38 +2⅛s
1 32f FstTenn 66⅛s +⅛s
... Frstplus 35⅛s +⅛s
... Fiserv 44⅜s –⅜s
... Flanders 7¼s –⅛s
... FlxIntlS n 11⅛s +⅛s
... FocusEn 3¼s +⅛s
... Fonar 2⁷/₃₂s –1/32
... FonixCp 4⅛s –⅛s
13 FdLioB 8¼s +⅛s
13 FdLioA 8⅞s +3/32
... ForeSys 15⁵/₈s +⅛s
... ForteSft 9 –⅛s
... FGoldmn s29⅜s–11/16s
... Friendly n d11⅛s
12 FrozenFd 9½ +¼s
... FuiszT 8⅝s +⅛s
G-H-I
... GT Interac 6⅝s –1⅜s
... Gadzooks 24⅞s –2⅞s
... GlxyFd 13/16s –⅛s
... GalileoT n 26⅞s –⅛s
... GardenBot d2¼s –1/16s
... Garnet 1/16s
... Gartner 34 +⅛s
... Gasonics 8⅜s –⅛s
... GateField 11½ –1/16s
... Gemstr 22¼s –1/16s
... GeneLTc 2⅜s –1/16s
... GeneMed 4 1/16s –3/16s
... GnCom 6⅞s +1/16s
... GMagic 1½s –1/32
... GenNutr 33 –⅜s
... GeneTie n 25¼s –⅜s
... Gensia 6⅝s +⅜s
... Gentex 23¼s –
+1 11/16 s
... Genus 3⅜s –1/16s
33t Genzym 27⅛s –1/16s
... GeoTk d1¹¹/₁₆s –9/32
... Geoworks 9¼s –1/16s
... GilatSat 29½s –⅞s
... Gilead 33⅝s +⅞s
... Glasgal 4 –1/16s
... Glenayre 10¾s +1/16s
... Glsatech 11⅞s +4¼s
... Globlind s 14⅞s –⅜s
... Globalstr s 46¼s –1½s
... GolfTSy d 7⅛s– 3/32
... GothicEn 3 +1/16s
... Greenman 23/32 +1/16s
... Gtflsind s 21¾s –1/16s
... GulfSou 31½s+2½s
08 HBO s 43⅝s –⅜s
... HMTTch 12⅞s –1/16s
... HNC Sft 34½s –1⅛s
... Hadco 43 13/32 –
3 27/32 s
... HarcorE d2⅜s –1/16s
... Harbngr s 21⅜s –1/16s
... HarmLgt 12⅜s –1/16s
... HthMSys 5⅞s –1/16s
... Heartprt 21 –⅜s
... Hehel s 41 +1/32
... HSchain 35¾s +1/16s
... Hersey s 11½s –⅜s
... HbnF wtD ⅝s –
.80i HlywdCa 2 +3/16s
... HlywdE 8⅞s –7/32
... HmeHlth n 9⅛s –
... HmecmC n⅛ 9⅜s+1 1/16s
20 HuntJB 17¹⁵/₁₆s + 9/16s
80b HuntBnk 37½s + 7/16s
... HutchT s d19¼s –⅝s
... HydeM 25½s –1⅞s
... HyprSf 33¾s –⅜s
... I–Link 5⅞s –⅛s
... I–ST At 15⅝s –3/16s
... i2 Tech 40⅞s –¼s
... ICG Com 26½s –9/16s
... ICOS n 17 –1/16s
... IDEC 32⅝s –1
... IdexxLb 13½s –⅛s
... IDM Env 5²⁵/₃₂s –⅛s
... IDTCorp 21½s –¼s
... IEC Elc 13 –¼s
13 IFR Sys s 22½s +⅛s
... IMC Mt 12⅝s –⅜s
... IMP d2⁵/₃₂s –7/32
... ImagynMd 2⅜s –1/16s
... Imatrn 2²⁵/₃₂s –7/32
... Imcine 6⅜s –1/16s
... Imunex 48½s +1
... ImpctSy u2 9/32
... ImpCrdt n d14⅜s –7/16s
... ImpCrd 19½s –2¼s
... InFocu 30⅜s –1
... IndusMate 23¾s –1
... Infinium 13⅞s –⅜s
... InfMgeR 25 9/32 –31/32
... InfoRes 14⅜s –⅛s
... Informix d5½s –3/16s
... Infoseek 8⅞s –3/16s
66 IngiMkt 13⅞s +5/16s
.12 Innovex s21 7/16s
+2 9/16s
... InSteVis d2⁹/₁₆s –1/16s
... IntegCirc 22⁷⁵/₆₄s2 9/16s
... IntgDv 9 7/16s +5/16s
... IntPack d⅛s –1/16s
... ItgPrc 15⅛s +1/16s
... ItgSys 15⅛s –11/32
.12 Intel s 72⅛s +1⅝s
... Intel wt s 51⅜s
+1 15/16 s
... Inteliect 4¾s +1/16s
... InteliDta d1⅝s –1/16s
... InteliEl 5⅝s –⅜s
... IntrTel s 19⅞s–1¹/₁₆s
... IntrFlt n 25/32s +3/32
... IntrCm 53⅝s –⅝s
... IntlAtlSv 14⅜s +1/16s
... IntlMatnf n d6¼s–11/16s
... IntlNtwk 16⅝s +⅝s
... IntlPrecM 1⅛s
... IntlSprts d1¼s –1/16s
... Internaur 9⅞s –1/16s
... Intrvoice 7¹³/₁₆s
... Intuit 35½s +1½s
... InVision s 8¾s –1/32
... IrdmWr 4¼s –1/16s
... Isis 12⅞s –⅛s
... Isolyser d2 –⅜s
... Itron d15¼s –1¾s
J-K-L
... JD Edwr n 27 –⅝s
... Jabil s 34⅞s +2⅜s
... JacorCm 45⅝s +1¼s
... JavaCtrl 1¼
... JetForm 12¼s –1⅛s
... JevicTrn s 16⅝s –⅜s
... JohnstnA 9⅝s –3/32
10 JonesM 34⅞s –1/32
... JstFeat 13¹¹/₁₆s–9/16s
... KLATenc 34⅜s +1⅛s
... Kaynet 17⅝s –1/16s
... Komag 15⅞s –⅛s
... KookKR 2⁹/₃₂s +1/32
... Kopin 16¹¹/₁₆s –1/32
... Kos Phr n 14⅞s+1⅝s
... Kulicke d17⅞s –⅞s
... LTX 4⅝s –⅞s
... LaTeko 15/32s– 3/32
... LabrRdy s 20⅞s +⅛s
... LamRsch 27½s +1⅞s
... Landrys 22¼s
... LasVEnt ⅛s –1/32
... LaserSt d1⅝s –3/64s
... Lasertech 9/32
... Lattice 50¾s –1/16s
... Layne d12⅝s –⅛s
... Legato 34 –2⅛s
... LrnHaus n 36⅛s –⅜s
... LevelOne s26 7/16s+⅝s
... LifeFinl n d11¼s –1
... Ligand B 13½s –1/16s
... Lincare 52⅝s –2⅜s
24 LinearT 53⅝s –1½s
... Liposm 5 –1/16s
... Litelfuse s 23¼s –⅝s
... Liuski d⅛s –3/16s
... Logility n 10½s +1/16s
... LneSStk d17 +1/16s
... LngBchF n 9⅞s –⅝s
... Lycos 33½s +1/16s
M-N-O
05 MCI 43¹¹/₁₆s –1/16s
... MMC Nt n 15 +2½s
... MRV Cm 21½s +⅜s
... MVSI n 6⅞s +⅜s
... MVSI wt 2⅛s +⅜s
20 MacBloe gd9¹⁵/₁₆s –1/16s
... MacroCh 8²⁵/₃₂s –9/32
... Macrmdia 7 ⅛s –1/32
... MadgeNt 4⅜s –1/16s
... Manugist s 41 +⅜s
... Mapics 8⅞s –3/16s
... MarDri 18¹¹/₁₆s–2⅜s
... MarinerH 14⅜s –1/16s
80 Marshlis 58⅞s +⅜s
... Matheft 3⅞s –
... Matritch 3¹⁵/₁₆s –3/16s
... Mattson d7⅞s –1/16s
... MavTube s 26⅜s –1/16s
... Maxcrht 10⅞s +⅜s
... Maxim 61⅝s –⅞s
60 McCor 27¼s +⅛s
... McMoRn 37⅜s –1/16s
... Medimun 39⅞s –1/16s
... Medaph 6³¹/₃₂s +⅛s
... MegoMrt 4⅛s
... MehlBio 1¹³/₁₆s +1/16s
10 Mentor 32 –⅝s
... MentGr 9⅜s +⅛s
80 MercBkSs38¹¹/₁₆s +½s
03e Mercer 8⅝s –1/16s
... Mercintac 24 +⅜s
... MeridDta 3⅞s +1/16s
... MertMd 5¹¹/₁₆s– 1/16s
... MetaCreat 8⅝s –1/16s
... MetalR g 1⅞s +3/32
20 MethdA 15⅝s –⅝s
... MetroNt n 16⅝s
... MichStr 34⅝s– ⅝s
... Micrels 25⅜s –1/16s
... Micrion 16⅝s +⅝s
... MicroLin 6⅞s –1/16s
... MicroWre 13⅜s –1/16s
... MicroAge 13⅞s–1⅞s
... Microchp s 27⅛s –2⅜s
... MicronEl d8⅝s –⅝s
... MicroPrse d2 –1/32s
... Microsft 136⅛s –⅝s
... MidlothSy 15s+1⅛s
... vjMidcom 19/32 –1/32
... MidPhar 17⅜s +⅜s
29 MillrHer s 48½s–⅝s
... Milcmin 34 +3
... MindSpr 31 –1⅞s
... Miramr 1½s –1/16s
... Miravant 35⅛s +2⅛s
... Mitcham 18⅛s –1
... MobTel u19⅛s +1⅛s
06 Molex s 27¹¹/₁₆s +1⅛s
06 MolexA s 25⅛s +1⅛s
... vjMoltenM 1/16 –1/16s
... MontPas ⅛s
... Mylex 8¹⁵/₁₆s –1/16s
... NABI 3½s +3/16s
... NAI Tech 2¼s –1/16s
... NAI Tc wt ⅞
... NAL Fn 9/32
... NBTY 26⅜s+3½s
... NICESys 36½s –½
... NatAuto n d2⅜s –⅝s
... NatEng 3¹¹/₁₆s +1/32
... NatlFlV u31⅛s –1⅝s
... NatlVisn 6 +1/2
... NatlHlth 1¹³/₁₆s –1/16s
... NatlMicr 42⅛s –3⅝s
... Nautica 25⅛s +⅞s
... NeoMagic n 13¾s –⅜s
... Netmng d2 9/32s –7/32
... Netscpe 26¹¹/₁₆s –1⅜s
... NetwkAp 52½s –⅜s
... NetwkAsc 45⅞s +⅝s
... NwkCmp d8¼s –⅞s
... Nwkimg 1⅛s –1/32
... NtwkPers 5¹⁵/₁₆s +11/16s
... Neurgn 13¾s –⅜s
... NewDSoft 17⅜s +½s
... NextelCm 22⅞s +½s
... Nextlink n 25⅛s +⅞s
... NiagCp n 9¹¹/₁₆s –⅝s
... NoiseCT 1⅛s +1/16s
56 Nordst 60½s +3
... NrthFce 22⅞s +1
84f NorTrst 65¾s
... NthfldLb 9¼s +⅜s
... NwstAirl 43⅝s +1¾s
... NortonDril 21⅜s –3⅜s
... Novell 7¾s –3/32
... Novlus s 31⅜s +1⅞s
... Nu–Tech 9/32 +1/64s
... NuKote ⅝s –3/32
... OPTI 6 –1/16s
... OakTech d7¹/₁₆s –1/16s
... ObjDes 8⅝s –1/16s
... ObjCom n 15⅜s –2½s
... ObjSys 9½s
... OcwenAs n 18⅜s –1/16s
1 44f OldKent u79⅛s +2⅜s
... Olicom 26–11/16s
... OlympStl 13⅞s +1¼s
... Omnipoint 19 –1
... Onsale n 13¼s –2¾s
... Optimag 3½s –1/16s
... OptnCr 3 ⅜s– 1/16s
... Oracle s 23⅜s +1/16s
... OrbSci 23⅞s –1/16s
... Orbotch 31¹¹/₁₆s –2⅛s
... OrckitCom 20 +1
... OregMt 31⅜s +1/16s
... OrionNS 17⅛s –1/16s
... Ortel 16⅜s +1/16s
... Orthlog 4⅞s –1/16s
... Osicom 2⅜s
... OutbkSft u31½s +⅛s
... OvrlndD n 5⅝s –⅜s
... Oxfordhlt d15⅜s +⅜s
P-Q-R
... P–Com s 16⅛s +1/16s
... PC Svc 5¼s –
... PMC Sira 26½s
... PMT Svc 13½s –1/16s
... PRI Auto s 28⅞s +1/32
... PRT Grp n 13 –
... PSINet d5⅛s –1/16s
60a Paccar s 55⅝s
+3 15/32 s
... PacGate n 45⅞s +⅞s
... PacSun s 30⅛s –1⅜s
... PacfCB 53⅞s +⅛s
... PagingN 11¼s +1/16s
... PairgTch 18⅜s –1/16s
... PalmEx n 11⅛s –1/16s
... PalmInd 1¼s –1/16s
... PanASiv 10⅜s –7/16s
... Panaco 3⅜s +1/16s
... PandaPrj 4½s –⅝s
... PapJohn 32⅞s +2⅛s
... Pardgm 21/32 +1/16s
... ParPet 6 ⅜s– 1/16s
... ParmTch 40⅝s –1⅜s
... Parexel s 33½s –1/16s
... Parlux 1⅝s +⅜s
... PatEng s 35 –1½s
... PHarris 13⅞s –1/16s
36f Paychex s40¹⁵/₁₆s+1¹/₁₆s
... Pegasys 18 –1/16s
... PenskeM 26 ⅜s– 1/16s
76f PeopCT s 36⅜s +1⅜s
84f PeopHrt 43⅞s +7/16s
... Peoplefx 32¹⁵/₁₆s+1 1/16s
... PetcoAn 22¹⁵/₁₆s +⅝s
... PetsMart 6⅝s –1/16s
... PharM 11⅝s +⅜s
... Pharmos 1¹⁵/₁₆s –3/32
... Photrin s 20⅜s
+1 11/16 s
... PhyCor 25⅛s+13/16s
... PhysRell 10+ 1/16s
... PhySale 18⅝s –
4 11/16 s
... PhyCpt 4⅝s –1/16s
... PhysioCon 15⅛s –⅜s
... PicTel q7 +1/16s
40 PrionGp 28⅞s –1
... PixTech d2½s +1/16s
... PlasThrm 6⅜s +1/16s
... PlatTc 24½s –1/2
... PlayBy 18⅜s –3/32
... Players 2⅜s –1/16s
... Plexus s 22⅝s –11/16s
... Pomeroy s 18⅜s –1⅞s
... Ponder 12½s +1/16s
... PoolEn 22⅝s –3⅛s
... Powrint n d8 –1/16s
... Powrwrv 16¹⁵/₁₆s –1⅞s
... Praegtzr 9¼s –1/16s
... PrecResp 9⅛s +1/16s
... PrmLasr 7⅜s –⅜s
... PLas wtB 1⅜s –1/16s
... PremT 24⅜s –⅜s
... Primsy 22⅝s –2⅜s
... Prestek s 26½s –1⅜s
52 PriceTR 66⅞s +1⅞s
... PrmEgy 8¼s
... PrmeMd 13⅛s
... Procyt ¹⁵/₁₆s +3/16s
... ProjSft 17½s +¼s
... ProtDg 37½s +⅝s
... PrvAm 2⅜s +⅛s
... PureTec 3½s
... Quadrax d⅝s –1⅛s
... Qualcom 50⅞s +⅜s
... QuadDin d3⅛s –1/16s
... QtkGrp n d3⅜s –9/32
... Quantum s 19½s +⅜s
... Quartrdk d1½s –1/32
... Quintiles s 34⅜s +3⅛s
... QuormH s 26⅛s +⅞s
... QwestCo n 69½s +⅞s
.45 RPM s 15⅝s +⅛s
... RadiSys 36⅜s –1⅛s
... RadicaG 17⅞s –⅛s
... Radius 9/32 –1/32
... Rambus n 48⅜s+1 7/16s
... RatnSft 11¼s +⅜s
... Rawlings 10⅜s
... ReadRt d17+¹⁵/₁₆s
... Recycling 6⅝s2 –9/32
1 40m Redwd 20⅞s –⅝s
.80 RegnFn s 42⅞s +1
... Registry 41¹/₁₆s
18j ReliAcc ⅝s +1/16s
64 ReliBcp 34½s +½s
... Remec s 19
... Remedy 32⅜s –1
... Rentch 1⅝s –9/32
... RepFBcp s 13⅛s
... Retrx 4⅞s +1/16s
1 46e ReutrHd 63⅜s +1/16s
... RexISun s 24⅞s –1/16s
... RobotVs 12⅞s –9/16s
... RockBott d7¹/₁₆s –1/32
... RomTch 2⅝s +1/16s
... Romac s 19⅞s +⅝s
18 RossStr s 37⅛s –1
... RyanF 8⅝s –1/16s
S-T-U
... S3 Inc d4⅞s +1/16s
... SBS Tech 25½s +⅛s
... SCPPool s 18⅜s +⅝s
... SED Intl 11⅛s
... SOS Stf 22⅛s +⅜s
1 28 Safeco 50⅛s +1/32
... Saleskin s u57¹/₁₆s+2⅞s
... Samsnte 28 –1/32
.20 SandFm 14½s +⅞s
... SanDisk n 19½s –1/16s
... Sangstat 36⅛s –1⅛s
... Sanmina 60⅛s
+2 11/16 s
... SanoCo u32⅛s +9⅛s
... SantCrz 4⅝s +1/16s
... Sapient 51¾s –1⅜s
... Saville s 29⅝s –1⅛s
... Sawtek d23⅝s +2⅛s
... SciClone d3 –⅜s
... Scios 8¾s +9/32
... Scitex 11 –⅜s
... Scopus s 9¾s –1/16s
... SecComp n 11¾s +1/16s
... SecDyn 33⅞s –1/32
... SEEQ 2¹⁵/₁₆s
... SelectSoft 5¾s –7/16s
... SemPck d7 3/32 –31/32
... Semtch 37 –1⅛s
... Senetek 4⅛s –1/32
... Sepracr 39 –1⅛s
... Sequnt 21
... Sequus 7⅛s
... Shiva 9⅞s –⅜s
... SiebelS 36⅞s –3
.28f SigmAl s 38 +⅞s
... SigResrt s 24⅜s +7/16s
... SilconVl 20 –¹⁵/₁₆s
03t Silverado 9/32 +1/32
... SimsCm 39/64s +1/64s
... SpexCp s 25¾s –⅝s
20 SkyWest u26⅞s +1
... SmartMod 43¼s –3
... SmarTlk 23⅝s –⅛s
... Somatgn 5¹³/₁₆s –1⅛s
... SthnEH 8¼s –1/16s
... SoPacPet 3⅜s –
... SouthldCp 2 –
1.00 Southtrst 59¼s –1⅛s
.08 SovBcp s 20 7/16s–1 3/16s
... Spectrian 16⅞s –⅜s
... SpdFam n 21⅜s +1½s
... SpineTch 45½s +1¼s
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Prices drift

NEW YORK — Oil prices drifted lower in quiet trading Monday, while gasoline prices edged higher.

Traders said energy markets were quiet amid an absence of major news to influence prices.

There was little market reaction to a trip to the Iraqi capital of Baghdad by the chief U.N. weapons inspector, Richard Butler.

Traders said that while Iraq may continue to block Butler's inspectors from sites believed to be related to Iraq's outlawed weapons program, markets would likely wait to see whether the United Nations takes any further action that might restrict Iraq's oil exports.

Crude oil for delivery in January settled at $18.17 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, down 4 cents.

Natural gas prices were down, with contracts for delivery in January settling at $2.307 per 1,000 cubic feet, down 5 cents.

Dollar mixed

NEW YORK — The dollar rose against the Japanese yen but fell vs. the German mark Monday after a report showed that Asia's currency crisis has severely eroded Japanese companies' confidence in the country's economy.

In late New York trading, the dollar settled at 130.68 yen, up from 130.45 late Friday. The dollar also was changing hands at 1.7740 marks, down from 1.7753.

The pound was quoted at $1.6316, down from $1.6496.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Friday: 1.4318 Swiss francs, down from 1.4335; 5.9404 French francs, down from 5.9475; 1,738.50 Italian lire, down from 1,741.25; and 1.4206 Canadian dollars, unchanged.

World's economy

PARIS — The recent financial turbulence in east Asia has forced the OECD to twice revise its forecast of world growth for 1998.

On Monday, the same day the think tank published its semiannual economic survey putting 1998 growth at 3.0 percent — down from an earlier forecast of 3.8 percent — it told an afternoon news conference that potential for growth next year is now more like 2.5 percent.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, a Paris-based economics group representing mostly Western industrialized countries, explained that its official economic survey was based on estimates compiled by Nov. 10.

Microsoft appeal

SEATTLE — Microsoft Corp. is appealing a court order that it stop pressuring computer makers to include its Internet software in PCs and said it would sell stripped-down versions of its Windows operating system to comply with the preliminary injunction.

But an official with the Justice Department said the company's latest actions fail to comply with the judge's decree. Computer makers aren't likely to buy software that works without Microsoft's Internet Explorer browser. Moreover, Microsoft this summer is selling updated software that more fully weaves in the browser functions.

The Microsoft strategy was part of a two-pronged response Monday to the preliminary injunction ordered last Thursday by U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson.

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Dow jumps 84 points as investors calm

■ Positive news from Asia calms investor nerves.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Investor jitters over the impact of Asia's economic crisis on U.S. businesses eased Monday, sending the Dow Jones industrial average to its first gain in more than a week.

The world's best-known stock barometer, which rose more than 109 points in afternoon trading, ended the day with a gain of 84.29 at 7,922.59.

Broad-market indexes were mixed, but well above early morning levels. Bargain-hunting of technology stocks helped lift the Nasdaq composite index from a nearly a 21-point decline to finish almost unchanged.

For weeks, uncertainty about the economic climate in Asia has plagued U.S. financial markets. Investors worry that stalled Asian growth may hurt profits of U.S. corporations that sell products or services in Asia or compete with products made there.

The Dow dropped nearly 311 points last week on Asian concerns.

But there were some encouraging developments to help soothe investors' nerves Monday.

Behind much of Monday's gains was news from South Korea that it pledged to restructure its financial sector and open it to foreign investment.

The South Korean government indicated that it will sell at least one debt-ridden commercial bank to foreigners and planned to raise badly needed foreign currency by issuing state bonds overseas.

Also boosting stocks were hopes that Japan would soon announce a plan to aid its ailing financial system.

Bank and financial services companies with interests in Asia benefited from the fading worries.

Concerns, however, continue to linger in certain industries that depend greatly on Asian growth. Computer stocks were hardest hit Monday.

"Asia is the growth vehicle of the world," said Brian Belski, technical analyst at Dain Bosworth in Minneapolis. "If there was going to be growth anywhere, it would have been in Asia. Now, we're not sure about that."

Many of the technology stocks that have been battered in recent weeks due to the problems in Asia bounced back Monday as bargain-hunters took advantage of the cheap prices now available.

The turnaround in technology issues lifted the Nasdaq composite index from a 21-point drop to finish with slight 0.02-point decline at 1,536.56.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 7-to-6 margin on the NYSE, where volume totaled 596.39 million shares, vs. 572.52 million in the previous session.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock list was up 10.00 at 963.39, the NYSE composite index was up 4.12 at 504.12 and the American Stock Exchange composite index was down 0.63 at 665.27.

Shoppers stop browsing, start making purchases

■ Retailers thrilled but hope for last-minute surge to make Christmas season respectable.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — After weeks of just browsing, shoppers finally began making some of their holiday purchases over the weekend, crowding many of the nation's stores and malls.

While thrilled with the throngs of shoppers, retailers are counting on a big burst of buying in the next week to make this a respectable holiday season.

"We've learned that the last weeks are very important — the most important — of the season," said Gail Dorn, spokeswoman for Dayton Hudson Corp. "The closer we get to Christmas, the busier it should be."

Christmas arrived at retailers months ago, with trees and lights lining store corridors. But the holiday shopping spirit is just hitting many Americans.

Many merchants reported Sunday that sales picked up over the weekend, with jewelry, home furnishing and toys among the top sellers.

Extra discounts drew some consumers to stores like Sears, Roebuck & Co., which offered 10 percent off everything early Saturday. J.C. Penney was busy during its Friday night sale, while half-off discounts boosted traffic at Lord & Taylor.

"Consumers are more loyal to value and sales promotions than any particular store," said Ken Volk, marketing director for mall developer Simon DeBartolo Group in the New York area. To many shoppers, "good prices are most important."

Other shoppers flocked to stores once they realized that there's only one more weekend left before Christmas. Hanukkah begins the eve of Dec. 23, much later than a year ago.

A slow start to the holidays left many retailers nervous about how much consumers would be willing to spend this year. And while signs of strengthening sales were welcome, analysts warned that sales must rise significantly in the next week to salvage the season.

Any sign of a weakness may force stores to slash prices to clear inventory, which would likely erode their profits during the most critical part of the retailing year.

"They need that final big push," said John Konarski, vice president of research at the International Council of Shopping Centers. "They saw some good sales this weekend, but the surge needs to really come next week."

Last year, the four biggest shopping days came in the 11 days before Christmas, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers, a New York-based trade group.

Many merchants are now counting on shoppers like Percy Thornbor of New Orleans, who hasn't bought a gift yet, and Christina Shenouda-Porrino, who plans of doing the bulk of her holiday shopping on Dec. 24.

With nine days to go, they may spend more freely.

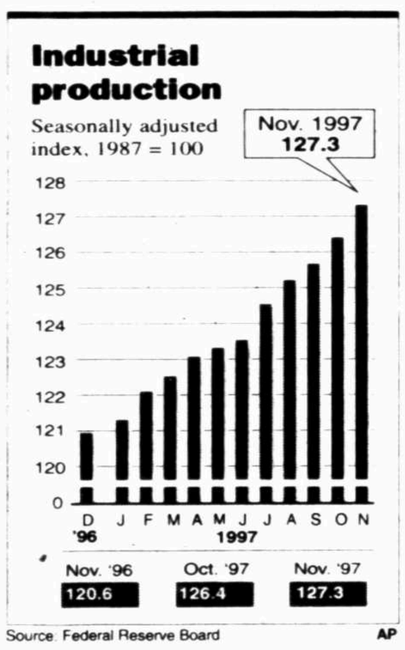
"I don't look for discounts. I don't have time," said Shenouda-Porrino, of Summit, N.J. "I see it. I buy it."

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AP Photo

Christmas shoppers use the escalator of the Glendale Galleria shopping mall as they make their way to the numerous shops and stores Sunday in Glendale, Calif. Shoppers piled into the nation's stores and malls over the weekend, finally making their holiday purchases after spending weeks browsing.



Source: Federal Reserve Board AP

Fed expected to take output surge in stride

■ Disinflationary implications of Asia's economic woes will cause Fed to hold rates steady.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — American industry's output soared 0.8 percent last month, pushing the strain on factories, mines and utilities to the highest level in more than two years.

Normally, that would ring alarm bells on inflation-wary financial markets and at the Federal Reserve, where policymakers are scheduled to meet Tuesday to decide whether to raise or lower interest rates.

But not this time. The reason: Asia. The unraveling of the Asia economic miracle means U.S. companies are losing valuable export markets. And they face intensified competition from Asian manufacturers willing and able, because of sharp currency devalutions, to sell their products cheaply in the United States.

Most economists believe the disinflationary implications of what's happening in Asia will cause the Fed to hold interest rates steady into early next year. The central bank hasn't changed the benchmark rate on overnight loans between banks — now at 5.5 percent — since late March.

In its report Monday, the Federal Reserve said U.S. industry's operating rate increased from 82.9 percent in October to 83.2 percent in November, the highest level since September 1995. But that doesn't carry the inflation worries that it normally would, analysts said.

"Eighty-three percent is a key level of capacity," said economist Mark Zandi of Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa. "In the past, manufacturers started raising prices more aggressively at that point. But my sense is this time they'll probably hold the line, if only because they're getting stiff competition from Asia."

To put the number — reported Monday by the Federal Reserve — in perspective, use of capacity averaged 82.1 percent from 1967 to 1996. It sank as low as 71.1 percent after the recessions of the late 1970s and early 1980s and climbed as high as 85.4 percent at the end of the boom of the late 1980s.

Economists said they wouldn't be surprised to see capacity use fall next year, for two reasons. First, U.S. corporations have been on an investment binge, buying everything from computers to production machinery. That has resulted in a big 4.7 percent increase in their capacity to produce over the past year.

Secondly, the robust production increases are coinciding with slacker domestic demand. Retail sales rose lethargically in November after slipping in October and September. That probably presages an unwanted buildup of inventories of unsold goods.

Monetary policy-makers also are assessing the inflationary implications of another sort of capacity constraint — a shortage of qualified workers. The nation's unemployment rate hit a 24-year low of 4.6 percent in November and wages over the past year have risen more than 4 percent — the best in eight years.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Visionary companies stand apart from rest of the pack

By Eric Tyson

I recently had the opportunity to attend a talk by Jim Collins in which he outlined the themes from "Built to Last: Successful Habits of Visionary Companies" (Harper), the best-selling book he co-authored with Jerry Porras.



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The book studies the habits of 18 companies — including 3M, Merck, Disney and Ford — that have achieved great success in their respective industries and have stood the test of time.

Collins' insights on what makes for successful companies are applicable not only for those running companies but also for investors who select individual stocks. During the past six decades, Collins' visionary companies have outperformed the stock market averages by a factor of 15-to-1.

"Built to Last" is based on six years of research Collins and Porras conducted at the Stanford Graduate School of Business.

The book's 18 outstanding companies have an average "age" of 100 years. The authors compared them to less-successful competitors. For example, successful Motorola was compared to Zenith.

Contrary to common wisdom, great companies are not created by a charismatic leader or revolutionary idea, Collins and Porras say. Their research shows that what separates the visionary companies from the rest of the pack is a deeply held set of core values and the ability to translate those values into daily operating practices that allow for adaptability to the changing business landscape.

In the financial world, some investors and companies have become increasingly fixated on quarterly earnings reports. Collins points out, however, that successful jet manufacturer Boeing suffers no such fixation. During the developmental stages of its various jets, Boeing's corporate profits took a big hit.

Had it worried about the next quarter's profits, Boeing probably never would have developed the 737 or 747. But, Collins argues, Boeing takes big risks with its projects because that is what the company is all about. It is on the cutting edge of aeronautical engineering.

Not incidentally, Boeing's corporate profits have soared. Over the decades, the company's stock has outperformed the broad stock market averages by a 25-1 margin.

Collins used the example of Nordstrom to show how a company translates an ideology — in this case, top-notch customer service — into daily practice. Strong corporate values also coincide with a cultlike culture among a company's employees. Some Nordstrom employees call themselves "Nordies."

Nordstrom's faith in its operating systems and employees is reflected by the fact that its employee handbook consists only of this: "Use your good judgment in all situations. There will be no additional rules."

Collins advocated another notion that contradicts the extensive publicity surrounding the venture-capital-funded, quick-to-go-public model of company building. The long-term successful companies he studied took many years to perfect their businesses before they started expanding.

For example, Sam Walton, founder of Wal-Mart, did not start his company with the "great idea" of rural discount retailing. In fact, his first Walton 5 store, which he opened in 1950, was a main-street variety store in Bentonville, Ark. He didn't open his first discount retail store until 1962, and Wal-Mart Stores went public in 1970.

"Like most overnight successes," Walton once said, "it was about 20 years in the making." Indeed, Collins says Walton spent those early years building the most profitable and well-run main-street variety store in Arkansas.

Walton said he was guided by a simple maxim: "Make things better than they were the day before." Collins says that drive is common to all visionary companies, even though it sometimes leads — especially in the short term — to lower profits.

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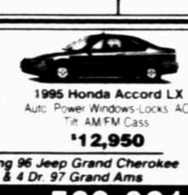
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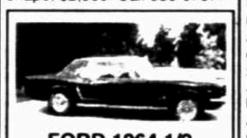
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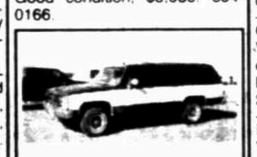
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311 Medical Help Wanted

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*Full Time
*RRT Preferred
*CPR Certified
*Texas License
*NICU Experience Preferred

For more information contact
Odessa Regional Hospital
Human Resources
334-8397

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312 Professional Help Wanted

INTERNATIONAL OILFIELD Company has a local opening for a Sales Engineer. Must have an engineer degree. Should have a personable manner. Full benefits. Company vehicle. Salary depends on experience. Send replies to Box PJ- 3018, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

·LAND PERSON

Generate Division and Transfer Orders. Assignments. JOAs. Farmouts. Questa or Enertech, WordPerfect and Excel. Salary DOE. Good benefits. No Fee. Bring or fax resume to Vickey.

Temporary Resources
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LEASE ANALYST- Contract/ Full- time 3 to 5 years experience. Landpro experience preferred. Independent oil and gas operator. Send resume to: Box P-06054, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

NEWS PRODUCER

KOSA is accepting applications for a News Producer. Must have a college degree in related field and strong writing skills. Send tape and or resume to KOSA News Director, 1211 N. Whitaker, Odessa, Texas 79763.

OIL & GAS Tax accountant needed. 4 Years experience. Call Keith, 687-1410.

PRODUCTION/ DRILLING SECRETARY

Midland Independent seeks dependable, enthusiastic secretary to assist the operations department. Duties include: daily drilling report, filing, telephone, AFE's and invoice handling with some state production reporting and other internal reports. Candidate must have computer skills using WordPerfect, Lotus 1-2-3, and Excel. Previous experience in production/ drilling will be a plus. Benefit package applies. Send resume, references and salary expectations in strict confidence to: Box T-5072, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

QC PERSONNEL with a minimum of 1 year experience in a fast paced manufacturing environment. API Q1 and ISO background preferred. Submit resume and salary requirements to the Quality Manager, P.O. Box 11367, Midland, TX 79702.

TAX PROFESSIONAL. Part time opening for tax professional with local well established small CPA firm. Self starter with previous tax experience and proficiency in computer tax software required. Responsible primarily for tax compliance work with occasional research project. Non smoking environment. Send complete resume including experience with tax and other software along with compensation requirements to: Tax Position, P.O. Box 10833, Midland, Texas 79702 or fax to 915-685-0096.

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

CLERICAL OPENINGS, at least 6 months experience. Call OLSTEN today, 689-6607.

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

***ASSISTANT TO THE FINANCE MANAGER-**

Duties include: general office plus handling of health insurance; WordPerfect/ Lotus required. Please send your resume, salary requirements and references to: Jim Roye, P.O. Box 2237, Midland, TX 79702.

·SECRETARY

Excellent skills needed for this professional one person office. Quickbooks, Land experience most helpful. M- F, 8- 5. Possible temp to perm. Bring or fax resume to Vickey ASAP!

Temporary Resources
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FAX 915-684-0836

·TEMP TO PERM

Clerk/ Receptionist for independent oil company. Proficient on MS Word and Excel. Oil and Gas experience helpful. No Fee. Bring or fax resume to Vickey ASAP!

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Select Staff
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LANDPERSON

wanted for Independent Oil & Gas Company Able to generate division/ transfer orders, assignments, farmouts, JOA's etc., Questa (Enertech), WordPerfect, Excel and Access programs experience a plus. Send resumes to: 500 W. Texas - Ave., Suite 1190 Midland, TX 79701 or fax to: 686-9449.

OFFICE MANAGER wanted for small business. Non- smoking environment. Needs good attitude. Flexible hours (approximately 30 hours/ week). Computer skills preferred. Send resume to 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite A-7, Midland, Texas 79705 or fax to 682-3571.

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SECRETARY- Non Smoking office needs Secretary with good foundation of WordPerfect 6.1, excellent typing, good telephone skills. Needs to be able to work well with others. Having worked in an area law office, a plus. Needs to be self motivated and have organizational skills. Also, position open for Copy Clerk. Heavy copying of important documents. Accurate typist, some WordPerfect 6.1 knowledge, and good telephone skills. Needs to work well with others. Call Loretta at 683-3032 for appointment.

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316 Sales Help Wanted

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318 Management Help Wanted

MANAGER TRAINEE- National firm seeking Manager Trainee for production plant. Benefits, good pay and advancement opportunities. Candidates should be motivated, self starter, mechanically inclined and have supervisory abilities. Send resume to Box PJ-3002 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

MANAGER WITH experience needed for 68 unit complex. 694-2549 for interview.

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319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

Fabrication Manager

Fabrication Manager Needed in the Midland Odessa area. Must have prior experience in the fabrication of oilfield equipment. Excellent Salary, insurance and 401K. Please send resume to:

P.O. Box 3333
Midland, TX 79702-3333

MANAGER for Pipe Inspection company. Must have experience in all phases of pipe inspection and testing including background with certification of electronic inspection. 684-6755.

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320 Skilled Trades

***EXPERIENCED* CABINET MAKER**

Campbell Construction Company seeking experienced Cabinet Maker. 401(k) and Cafeteria Plan available. Apply at 241-A Spring Park Drive, Midland, Texas 79705 or send resume to P.O. Box 11293, Midland, Texas 79702. Salary DOE.

A OR B MECHANIC for small gas compressor company in Midland. Shop and field work but no overnight travel. Minimum of 5 -10 years experience. Send resume, salary requirements and history to: Aztec Gas, Inc. 7824 W. Interstate 20, Midland TX 79706.

CARPENTER with own tools and experience; also, carpenters helper needed. References required by both. Call 684-3843.

Experienced Gas Compressor Mechanic

Local manufacturing company needs experienced gas compressor mechanic. Stable, full time employment with full benefits. Non- smoking facility. Send work and salary history Box T-5077, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

Experienced Welder/ Fabricator

Local manufacturing company needs experienced welder/ fabricator. Stable, full time employment with full benefits. Non- smoking facility. Send work and salary history to Box T-5076, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

LOCAL INSTRUMENT Company needs Electronics Technician for field service work. Requires AAS in electronics or equivalent military experience, clean driving record and drug test a must. Send resume to: Box B-1040, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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320 Skilled Trades

MECHANICS /MACHINISTS. Growing company looking for experienced shop and field mechanics and day and night shift machinists. Top Pay, benefits include: excellent health and dental plan, invested simple IRA and AFLAC offered. Please send resume to: Petroplex Machine & Supply, P.O. Box 13714, Odessa, Texas 79768 or apply at 280 South Industrial, Odessa. If any additional questions, please call 915-580-3043 Monday- Saturday 7 am- 6 pm. EOE.

MUDLOGGERS. Experienced mudloggers! Discovery Logging will interview candidates with two years minimum experience: Geology degree preferred. Candidate needs good communication, analytical and mechanical skills. Candidate must be willing and able to adapt to Discovery Logging and its client based working environments. Candidate must be in good physical condition. Job requires light lifting and agility. Must have good transportation. Logging units are well maintained and all units have user friendly logging computers. Drug screen required. Competitive pay, matching retirement plan and health insurance available. Discovery Logging, P.O. Box 80531, Midland, Texas 79708, 687-1823.

REECE ALBERT, Inc., a large Texas based construction company is looking for experienced Motor-Grader Operator. Salary range based on experience. 7600 North County Road 1150. Located North East Midland County. Phone 682-3769, 8- 5, Monday- Friday.

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336 Adult Care Providers

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340 Child Care Needed

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341 Child Care Providers

NICKI'S PLACE- were your children are treated like family! Registered quality child care. Monday- Friday, 7:30 am- 5:30 pm. Lunch and snacks. 18 months and up, only. 697-5226.

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Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and 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.

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UNBELIEVABLE OPPORTUNITY! Looking for Internet Representatives. No computer experience necessary. Earn $500 to $2,500 part time. Not MLM. 1-800-489-1628 ext. 24.

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410 Misc. Sales

LITTLE TYKES work bench, Fisher Price toys, Play School electric car track. 694-6314.

MOVING SALE. Dish network satellite and equipment, $100. Queen size 4 poster bed, $250. Vanity dressing table, $75. Call after 5 pm 694-7118.

REAL TALKING Bubba. $300. Call 686-7686.

WATERFORD "Shelia" CRYSTAL. 4 Liqueur, 4 Hock, 4 Continental Champagne, 4 Saucer Champagne, 4 Wine, 4 Water Goblets, 2- 12 oz. Tumbler and 2- 6 oz. Tumblers. Call to see (915)528-5407.

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6 PERSON HOT tub. Excellent condition. Asking $2,000. 683-5629 or 528-5168.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE.

Notice is hereby given that James W. Welty and Jean Welty ("Secured Party") of 4113 County Road 1244 North, Midland, Texas 79707 (915/694-7459) intend to sell, at public sale, for cash, the following described property:

"All assets of the Debtor, including but not limited to, all accounts, inventory, furnishings and fixtures of the Debtor now or hereafter acquired and all proceeds thereof."

The Debtor is J. Welty Investments, Ltd. d/b/a Adventure Sports & Clothiers, a sporting goods store located at 4610 N. Garfield, Suite D-4, Midland, Texas 79705.

The public sale will take place at 4610 N. Garfield, Suite D-4, Midland, Texas 79705 on December 19, 1997 at 8:30 a.m. The property will be available for inspection between 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on December 18, 1997 or by appointment.

James W. Welty
Jean Welty

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410 Misc. Sales

PAT WALKER reducing machine for sale. Call collect (281)448-3405 or (409)295-6717.

HOT DOG Machine, Cotton Candy Machine, Popcorn Machine, Nacho Warmer, Oxygen tank with balloon adapter, Ice Machine, Menu Board with letters and numbers. Persons interested call 694-9940.

GO KART- Manco 2 passenger with 5.5 HP. Excellent condition. $975. 694-3941.

SLEEP & SNORE ERNIE for sale. Brand new. Still in box. $100. 915-697-6801, leave message.

WESLO CARDIO Glide, excellent condition, great Christmas gift! $90. Call 689-7220.

NORDIC TRAC Pro for sale! $400 negotiable, Please call 687-0584.

TWO DALLAS Cowboy tickets, with parking pass, December 21st game Dallas Vs. NYG. $175. Call 570-1220 or 685-3570.

DAVE'S TRADING POST- 1222 S. Big Spring St. 684-6530. Christmas specials on recliners, wing back chairs, large wood rockers, new pillow top mattress sets, full size $289. Queen size $389. CD Walkman players, new cordless power tools. Shop now for Christmas!

POOL TABLE, 4X8, Olhausen Drake, oak finish and accessories $1,000. Call 697-5892.

ALVAREZ ACOUSTIC 6 string guitar, $300. Complete set of golf clubs with pull cart, $150. Sears portable rowing machine, $40. Call 458-3541.

★LEE HIGH Band earning money for trip to New York. Will Rake Leaves. Also taking orders for Turkeys and Hams for Christmas. 694-5068.

CORNER COMPUTER desk, steel gray, white leather sectional, white spider floor lamp beautiful wedding dress, must see to appreciate. Serious inquiries only. 520-8730.

EXERCISE ON your own Brenda Dy-Graf UltraGlide XL (total gym) new, with video, $190 684-5418.

THREE CEMETARY Plots in Resthaven. $2,500 for all. Call 687-2198.

COOK STOVES, Heaters, Refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers 3/4 wood bed complete, dining furniture/ other. 570-4851.

★BIBLE TALK. "Does God Tolerate Divorce for Every Cause?" 520-0381. Free recorded message.

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SANTA COSTUME for rent. New. Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Call 520-8016.

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SLEEPER SOFA, Loveseat, glass/ brass dining table and chairs, full size bed set. Call 694-4760.

FOR SALE: Bank Liquidation; Commercial Embroidery Equipment; 1992 Tajima TMFX-C902 with LKS system, two head with caps and tubes extra sash and frame units; 1993 Brother BAS-415 with caps and tubes with PG1LKS software and extra cash and frame units. Mr. Allen, 915-336-3331, Daytime.

IMPULS LUGGAGE. 26" and 30" pullman, black nylon, many special features, 20 year warranty. Excellent for international travel. Paid $700 asking $485. Like new. 689-8122 after 6 pm week days.

GOOD FILL DIRT For Sale, eleven miles east of Midland, $2.00 per yard. Call 458-3541.

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200 SELECTION AMI Juke Box. $750. Call 686-9408.

NEW IN box Toys: Talking Rosie O'Doll; Sleep & Snore Ernie; (4) Real Talkin' Bubbas; (3) Swan Lake Barbies; Hot Wheels Limited Editions, Action Packs; Kiss Action Figures. Much miscellaneous. 522-7494.

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410 Misc. Sales

AMANA RADAR Range- oven, $65. O'Keefe & Merritt, built in oven, $135, country sofa/ matching chair, green/ gold/ blue tweed, with maple trim. $165. Tecumseh A/C compressor, new, $55. Two squares of taper sawn, red, cedar shingles, $35. each. Call 684-8580.

SATELLITE DISH for sale, box, and all accessories. $400. Please call 684-3807, ask for Mary.

TREADMILL- Like new, excellent condition, $150. Please call 686-7168.

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413 Jewelry & Furs

WEDDING'S OFF. Must sell magnificent wedding set (hardly worn). Original retail $3,750, $2,200 or best offer. Call Tony at 686-8447.

LOVELY, LARGE gold nugget necklace with 1.1 carats quality diamonds. Appraised $6,000 selling $1,800 or best offer. 520-4348.

LARGE STONE Tennis bracelets. Please call 697-6604.

14K YELLOW GOLD pendant. 17 diamonds circling emerald of approximately 3 1/2 carats. $2,750. Can be viewed at Houk's Jewelers, 216 N. Main.

PATAK PHILIPPE 14k gold hunting case pocket watch. Collectable investment. Excellent condition. $3,000. 697-1304

ROLEX MEN'S, tutone, 14k and stainless steel. Also all stainless. Call 520-7227.

STUNNING HEART diamond solitaire, 1/2 carat, sacrifice $900, also smaller diamond rings. Call Houck's 684-4851.

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415 Misc. Wanted

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687–5039.

WANT TO BUY Jena, stuffed dog, girlfriend to Balto. Released approximately 3 years ago, must be in good shape. Call 699-6375.

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420 Good Things To Eat

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432 Household Furniture

BOY'S solid wood bedroom collection by Young Hinkel. Includes dresser with mirror, chest with bookcase, desk, chair, and trundle bed. Excellent condition, $1,200 cash. 687-1868 days. 697-3833 evenings.

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2 BOOKCASES, 1 entertainment center, matching hand crafted, Henredon copy, lighted, excellent condition. $850. Soft sided king size waterbed, baffled and bladdered, good condition. $275. dishwasher, $50. 697-7168.

OAK rolltop desk. Hand finished. $300. 697-2288.

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435 Household Appliances

APPLIANCES reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699–1224.

SUB- ZERO Side By Side, Refrigerator/ Freezer. Stainless steel exterior, looks new, sacrifice $750. 683-1500.

435 Household Appliances

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VERY NEW Magic Chef refrigerator, white, $250. Call 570-6808.

LAST MINUTE gift idea. Nearly new dishwasher, $150 and large Sears Refrigerator with ice maker, $200. 520-9257 leave message.

DRYER- Frigidaire, heavy duty, excellent condition, $125. Call after 5:30 pm, 683-7969.

A & B APPLIANCES- Washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers stoves $100 up. Delivery, warranty. 550-6540.

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EXERCISE ON your own Brenda Dy-Graf UltraGlide XL (total gym) new, with video, $190 684-5418.

TREADMILL- Vitamaster 1700 Great shape. $290. Perfect Abs machine with video- $40. Call 520-9016.

HOGAN APEX 2- PW, $100. Child's clubs $20. Child's left handed clubs/ bag, $25. 699-7568.

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DUNCAN PHYFFE Table, 6 chairs, secretary. Occupied Japan, clocks, mirrors, tables, chairs, glassware. 362-3200.

ANTIQUE BRUNSWICK, Balke & Collendeor medallist- 4 1/2'x9' pool table. 1 1/2" thick slate. Beautiful condition. $7,500. 697-1304.

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480 Cameras & Supplies

GE VHS Camcorder with charger. $125. Or best offer. Call 684-9611.

485 Electronics

8" BAZOOKA BASE tube with 100 watt acoustic amplifier with crossover, $275. Call 682-3748.

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500 Pets and Supplies

ROTTWEILER PUPPIES. $150 males, $100 females, ready to go before the new year. 694-4251.

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ADORABLE AKC Lhasa Apso puppies, males & females- 6 weeks old. 524-7441, Andrews.

AKC CHOCOLATE Lab puppies, $300. Parents on premises. Call 520-7403.

AKC BORDER Collie, Champion- Sired, puppies. Just in time for Christmas. $300 and up, parents on premises. 915-367-9994.

SIAMESE indoor companion kittens, completely vaccinated, wormed, papers optional. From $100. 697-2046 afternoons and evenings.

4 YEAR OLD Bay Tennessee Walker, Includes saddle, all tack, feed and hay. $1,500. Must have good reference. 570-1478.

PERFECT PETS- AKC, parti colored Cocker Spaniels. Parents on premises. Please call after 5:30 520-8696.

AKC COCKER Spaniel puppies, 6 weeks old, shots, $150. Call 523-2703.

55 GALLON AQUARIUM, 2 small Albino Oscars, all accessories and wooden stand, $250. 684-5886.

AKC REGISTERED Chihuahuas, ready for Christmas. Reserve one now! Call 686-0065.

KITTENS, ELEGANT, beauties, looking for a home to be pampered and loved for a lifetime. $20 each 520-8802.

AKC BRITTANY Spaniel puppies, parents imported from France. Exceptional , with children. Pets $250, show $350. 570-4401.

AKC REGISTERED Shih Tzu male puppy 8 months old Has shots., $250. 570-6731.

POODLES AKC Standard/ mini, top quality. $395 up, can deliver. Christmas deposits, most colors. 636-4493.

CHRISTMAS PUPPIES- AKC Bassett Hounds, price negotiable. Please call 337-3797.

CARALOT Obedience Training Center. Puppy, beginner and advanced classes. Board and train service available. 683-4718.

J & L's CHIHUAHUAS. Puppies, bred for quality and temperament. Excellent pedigrees. By appointment. 580-5193.

JUNIOR SIZE English all purpose saddle. $80. 694-6314.

MINIATURE Dachshunds. Parents on premises. No papers. $150. 689-7107.

★ DQG & PUPPY obedience classes starting January 14, 1998. Permian Basin Obedience Training Club. Call 570-HEEL.

AKC WEST HIGHLAND white Terriers "Westies" Females $450, males $400. Ready December 23rd Taking deposits, will hold for Christmas. 689-6060.

AKC MALTESE, puppies, 4 females. Taking deposits to hold. $500 each. Also 1 AKC Lhasa Apso female 5 months old. $200. Call 558-2717.

AKC REGISTERED West Highland White Terriers. Call 915-550-3237 weekends and after 5pm or leave message.

JACK RUSSELL Terrier pups, taking deposits now, 699-4000.

PIT BULL puppies for sale, $125 each, born 8/26/97. Also 2 adult females $100- $175. 699-0312.

FERRET CAGE, black 2 story, litter pan, food/ water dispensers and ferret food. $60. 520-5528.

AKC RED SIBERIAN Husky pups, beautiful markings, price $250- $275. Days 550-9200, Evenings/ Weekends 332-9000.

AKC "WESTIE", males, 3 months, champion blood line, shots, trained, $375, with papers, $300 without.694-2232.

ADORABLE AKC registered Lhasa Apso puppies, $250 each. Will be 6 weeks on January 3rd, 1998. Buy for Christmas now and receive picture for stocking stuffer until ready. Parents on premises. Call 689-0991.

NOTICE

Permian Basin Community Centers will hold a Public Hearing at 502 North Carver, at 6:00 p.m. on January 15, 1998. Permian Basin Community Centers are moving an existing program from 509 North Lorraine to 502 North Carver. This facility serves fifteen (15) men or women who have been released on community supervision, parole or mandatory supervision and referred by the Community Supervision and Corrections Department or Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

500 Pets and Supplies

PEMBROKE WELSH Corgi. Male 4 months old, red in color, good blood line. Call 683-1731 after 6 pm.

BULL TERRIER pups, 9 weeks old, excellent markings, 3 with spots on eye. Both parents on premises, no papers, $450 each. Call 915-263-7351 or 915-267-3540, Big Spring..

Heloise Classified Hints!

Heloise Hint: Heard of a sugar glider? The newest exotic pet is the sugar glider, a 6 inch, 6 ounce furry, gray nocturnal creature from Australia. They can leap 15 feet in a single bound! They also are high- maintenance pets that need plenty of attention, and they can bite. Check with a pet store to see if this unusual pet is for you or legal in your area. Write to Heloise, PO Box 795000, San Antonio TX 78279-5000.

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505 Livestock & Poultry

A HORSE FOR CHRISTMAS.. AQHA yearling sorrel filly, granddaughter of Noble Tradition (the only 4 time World Halter Champion and producer of 9 other Halter Champions). Ready to start, $2,500/ negotiable. consider trade for trailer. Call 570-8965.

510 Office Furniture & Misc.

MISCELLANEOUS Office furniture. Call 570-5267, ext 327.

520 Store & Cafe Equip.

RESTAURANT EQUIPMENT for sale: 2 door refrigerated cabinet with overshelf; cambro camcarriers (6 tray) with camdolly; Blodgett MG32 gas conveyor oven. 520-8016.

540 Building Materials

2 STEEL buildings. Public Liquidation. 50x30 was $6,113 now $3,896, 40x75 was $11,990 now $8,280. Must well, can deliver. 1-800-292-0111.

560 Machinery/ Tools

MONTGOMERY WARD powerkraft 10" radial arm saw. Good condition. $150. 697-1304.

570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies

19,000' #1 USED 2 3/8 Tubing. Drifted & Tested to 7,000 lbs. Phone 970-247-4547.

FOR SALE -- 10,600' - 3 1/2, 9.3#, L-80, 8 rd tbg w/ ICO 505 internal plastic coating, 2,100' - 3 1/2", 9.3#, J55, 8 rd tbg w/ ICO 505, 5,700' - 2 7/8, 6.5#, L-80, 8 rd tbg w/ ICO 505. FOB Odessa. Call Fritz or Greg at (915)687-1664.

FOR SALE: Structural rods and pipe of all sizes at bargain prices. Call 682-1546.

580 Farm Equipment

MIDLAND FARMERS CO-OP. is looking for more cotton. Just changed saws, good turnouts, free module hauling. Call Mike Denny at 685-3771 or come by at 1409 S. Fairgrounds in Midland.

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590 Legal Notices

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 3.269 km of grade, flexible base, one course underseal, hot-mix structures, etc. on FM 1882 from South frontage road of IH 20 to 3.269 km South, on FM 1882 covered by CSR 2005-2-11 in Ector County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., January 7, 1998, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Dan Dalager, Area Engineer, Midland, 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.

The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award.

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06-D-2407 06-76-2005-02-011

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 12.347 km of grading, structure, base, 2 course surface treatment on IH 20 the South frontage road from FM 866 to FM 1936 covered by STP 98(35)UM in Ector County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 P.M., January 7, 1998, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal Laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award. Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Dan Dalager, Area Engineer, Midland, 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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EDDY DEAN KELLY HAS MADE APPLICATION WITH THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION FOR A MIXED BEVERAGE PERMIT AND MIXED BEVERAGE LATE HOURS PERMIT TO BE LOCATED AT 200 N. LEE, CITY OF MIDLAND, COUNTY OF MIDLAND AND WILL OPERATE UNDER THE TRADENAME OF DOGG POUND.

590 Legal Notices

NOTICE OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that T-STAR, P.C., will acquire all of the business its assets, tangible and intangible, and all other presently owned by T-STAR whose principal business office is located at 4610 Garfield, Suite B-5, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79705. Firm name will not change.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION/ DISCONTINUANCE

Notice is hereby given that the partnership T-STAR, G.P. is now solely owned and operated by Rick Gordon, L.P.T. The business located at 4610 N. Garfield, Suite B-5, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79705 will be acquired by a Texas Corporation on or before December 30, 1997, whose name will be T-STAR, P.C. Payment of debts owing the business and presentation of demands for payments of debts due by the business should be mailed to the corporation at the above address. November 21, 1997. Rick Gordon (Owner).

NOTICE FOR SURFACE COMMINGLE

ARCO PERMIAN seeks to surface commingle production from the Charlotte Parks "18" and Charlotte Parks "27" Leases, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field. These leases are located on Sections 18 and 27, Block 40, T-3-S, T&P RR Survey in Midland County, Texas, fifteen (15) miles Southwest of Midland. These properties produce from the Spraberry Zone. Production will be allocated to each well based on well tests. Any questions or concerns should be addressed to Elizabeth Casbeer at 915-688-5570.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Statewide Rules 26 and 27 (3)(b) of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Rules 26 and 27, this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received within 21 days of notice of the application being mailed by the applicant to all working and royalty interest owners, or if publication is required, within 21 days of the date of last publication.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's Representative, Elizabeth A. Casbeer, Regulatory Compliance Analyst at 915-688-5570, ARCO Permian, PO Box 1610, Midland, Texas 79702. If you have any questions regarding the protest procedure, please contact the Commission at 512-463-7307 or in writing, within twenty-one (21) days of publication to the Railroad Commission of Texas, Oil and Gas Division, PO Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967.

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 123.025 km of seal coat on SH 118 from 30 miles South to 45 miles South of Alpine covered by CPM 358-3-33, on SH 118 from 45 miles South of Alpine to 65 miles South of Alpine covered by CPM 358-4-16, on US 385 from Reeves County line to US 90 covered by CPM 866-8-9, on RM 1832 from State Highway 17 to Boy Scout Ranch covered by CPM-2257-1-6 and on US 385 from 28.7 miles South to Big Bend National Park covered by CPM 485-2-16 in Brewster and Jeff Davis County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, until 1:00 pm, January 7, 1998, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Tom R. Mangrem, Area Engineer, Alpine, 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

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ONE BEDROOM Duplex, 3227 Franklin St. Gas, water paid. $250 month/ $250 deposit. 697-3291, after 3pm.

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Efficiency 1 bdrm. 2 bdrm.
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FOR RENT Large 2 bedroom apartment, very quiet neighborhood. 3007 W. Louisiana. 699-7788, will return calls after 5 pm.

615 Apartments Furn./Unfurn.

COUNTRY APARTMENT, 1 bedroom, kitchen and living area, nice, $275 plus $75 deposit. Co. Rd., after 5pm.

QUIET, downtown complex 1 or 2 bedroom. Furnished or unfurnished. Bills paid. Laundry room. Contact Rose 500 W. Tennessee, Apt. 6. 682-3589.

625 Houses Unfurnished

NICE 2 BEDROOM houses, $365 and $375 monthly. 3 Eastside & 1 Westside. Agent, 694-9853.

ATTRACTIVE Home for lease. 4725 Crockett. $550 per month, $350 deposit. (3 Bedroom, 1 Bath/ 1 Carport) Contact Cindy Brown, broker with Realty Unlimited 550-5609.

WESTSIDE CLEAN 3 bedroom, bath, large den, garage, fenced yard, appliances. $385. 682-2795. Deposit required.

4716 CINDY Pl., 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas, fireplace double garage. $900 per month & $750 deposit. Non-smokers. Call 686-9627. Mobile # 528-3224.

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DUPLEX FOR LEASE
3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Fireplace, 2 Car Garage. $750 per month, $400 deposit. Call
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5127 Sunnyside
3/2. $650 + 500 Deposit
Call Carnage Co. Realtors
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2 BEDROOM, 2 Bath, tile house. 510 ECR 129. $400 month, $200 deposit. Call 682-9847.

ONE BEDROOM. 1 bath duplex in quiet neighborhood. 4801 Bedford. $375 monthly, $200 deposit. No pets. 699-6724.

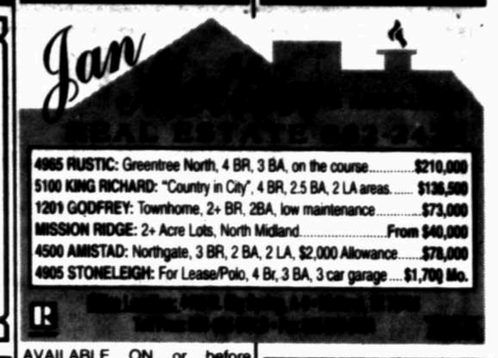
EXECUTIVE HOME, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, large rooms, 3,000 square feet, good location, $1,050 per month rent, 1 month as deposit. Call 682-9784 days, and 683-2996 nights and weekends.

2 AND 3 BEDROOM houses. $395 to $750/ month plus deposit. Williams & Assoc., Realtors 694-9663.

3 BEDROOM, 2 LIVING Areas, 1 bath, 3315 Andrews Highway, $595 per month plus deposit. 694-4648 or 570-1730.

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL family wants to lease purchase home in Midland. $950 to $1,200 per month. Will assume non qualifying loan with small equity or terms. 520-6650.

710 Open Houses



610 Apartments Unfurnished

AVAILABLE ON or before 1/1/98, 3002 Rear Franklin; 1 bedroom, 1 bath, all utilities paid, $265 per month, $125 deposit. Call 685-5066 (8- 5) or 697-6515 (6- 9 pm) and weekends.

SALE/ LEASE: Non- Qualifying Assumption!!! 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, garage, fireplace, central heat/ air. $700 monthly or $10,000 equity. 4601 Gulf. 686-0734, 687-6406.

4 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, den with fireplace. $400 monthly. Call 520-0924, ask for Lydia.

3503 DOUGLAS; available January 1st. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Large kitchen, much cabinetry. Range, oven, microwave, living room with fireplace, bookshelves, music or dining room, double garage, fenced. Pauline Turney, 694-7987.

MOBILE HOME, 3 bedroom, 2 baths, in Greenwood, $375 monthly, plus deposit. Please call 684-4140.

3 BEDROOM, 2 Bath, 2 Carport Duplex on Haynes. New carpet and paint. Fireplace. Very nice! References and good rental history required. Outside pets OK. Call Skeet at Langston Realtors, 563-7300. $750 Month.

WYDEWOOD- 2103 Regal 1,850 square feet 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 garage, on cul-de-sac. $875 monthly, $850 deposit. 520-0900.

CRESTGATE - 4703 FIELDER, 2 bedroom, study, 2 bath, appliances, double garage. $675. plus $300 deposit. No pets, no exceptions. Call 683-5371.

2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, duplex near Lee High School. $440 monthly. 570-1745 or 638-6978.

3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, fireplace, West side, Midland, $600 per month. Call 697-3137 after 5pm.

3 BEDROOM, 1 3/4 Bath, 414 N. Bentwood Drive. $500 monthly, $300 deposit. 570-6178.

$1,500 PER MONTH, $500 deposit. Located at 3414 Wedgwood. Call 699-1448.

NICE 3 BEDROOM houses, $435 & $550 monthly. Agent, 694-9853.

SEVERAL nice homes & apartments, $250-$725. Jeannie Printz, Agent 684-8202.

DUPLEXES, 1 & 2 Bedroom, quiet neighborhood. $325 to $435 monthly with $200 deposit. Call 682-1659.

4302 CEDAR SPRINGS. 3 Bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, large utility room, garage, fenced yard. $450/ $225 deposit. 699-7538.

HOLIDAY SPECIAL- Golden Park; 2 bedroom, 1 bath, some washers & dryers. Call for details. 520-0998.

3 BEDROOM, 2 1/2 BATH duplex, 2303 B Haynes. 2,300 feet of spacious living, walk in closets, washer dryer hookup, fireplace, carport, no pets. $800 plus deposit. 699-6258.

FOR LEASE. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex, fenced, double garage, fireplace, central heat/ air and storage. Call 520-8693.

2 BEDROOM, 2 bath, fireplace, carport. Nice duplex $475 monthly near Clay Desta. Available 1-1-98. 570-1745 or 638-6978.

630 Houses Furnished

SAGEWOOD CONDOS, upper flat, large single bedroom, washer dryer hookup and fireplace. Call 697-4694.

640 Condo Townhome Unfurn.

1, 2 BEDROOMS 950- 1,186 ft. $295 up. Garage, washer/ dryer, pool, fans. 689-8115.

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ALLOW YOUR lifestyle to equal your success! Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, washer/ dryer connections, heated pool, intrusion alarm. $1,000 a month. 563-4554.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH Townhouse near Alamo YMCA. Call 683-1091.

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3 BEDROOM, 2 bath on Cloverdale. $325/ $150 deposit. Water furnished. No pets. 694-2047.

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LARGE, NICE 3 bedroom, 2 bath on Cloverdale. $400/ $150 deposit. No pets. Call 694-2047.

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660 Mobile Home Space for Rent

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PROFESSIONAL Office building space for lease. Prime location. Covered parking & 24 hours security. 4305 N. Garfield. 683-3085.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE Suites, two rooms for lease, $195 monthly. Secretarial and phone answering available. 3416 W. Wall. 697-3291 ext 3.

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667 Commercial Property

FOR SALE/ LEASE: 80' X 200' X 16' metal building on 5 acres. Yard fence and caliche surfaced, located between Midland/ Odessa North of Highway 80. Call Gene Abbott, 563-2422.

FOR SALE OR LEASE: 10,000 sq. ft. shop with 1,500 sq. ft. Office on 2 to 6 acres of land between Midland & Odessa on US Hwy 80. Call Gene Abbott at 563-2422.

APPROXIMATELY 3,000 square feet, for lease. $550 per month plus $550. deposit. Call 697-4362.

668 Retail/ Stores

RETAIL/ OFFICE space for lease next to McDonald's at 1115 Andrews Highway. For information 915-694-2052. Jerry.

1407 N Big Spring. 1,472 sq ft. Already set up for 2 businesses. $375 month. 684-1107.

670 Warehouses/ Storage for Rent

OFFICE/ WAREHOUSE, commbination, 2,000 square feet, I-20 & Warehouse Rd. Also 1,000 square foot, 30 W. Industrial Loop. 682-4789 or 683-5697.

OFFICE WAREHOUSE space for lease. 800 to 40,000 Square Feet. Some with fenced yards. 683–8681.

675 Recreation Resort

RUIDOSO- 1 bedroom condo. Nightly/ weekly rentals. Accommodates 4. Maid service, hot tubs. 682-8314, 694-2500.

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"GO SOUTH" lg. home, 4/2-ba, brick, spacious. Call **BEN** **$34,500**
ASTONISHING price! 2/1 fenced yds, 1-gar, see it with **ANNA** **$24,000**
COUNTRY HAVEN lg. home & *pool*, guest qrtrs, acres. **LINDA** **$129,000**
3-LIVING-in Fannin 3/2/2, just great! See it with **DENE** **$79,500**
FOUR BEDROOMS, 2 baths, 2-liv. areas, appeals. See with **BEN** **$62,500**
HELP WITH closing costs. 3/2/2, Fannin area. See it with **DENE** **$47,000**
9 ACRES off 1788 on c/r 40. Your own ranchette. Just call **DENE** **$35,000**
5 ACRES, GREENWOOD, 1 or more, $3,000 ea. Call **ANNA** **$15,000**
3-NEW, GREENWOOD 3/2/2 Call **DENE**. Prices start at just **$83,000**
2-LOTS, GREENWOOD. Call **DENE** ..... **$15,000 & $18,000**

GREENWOOD-*call*-LISA - 687-0595, 687-4419

RUSTIC APPEAL wood floors/trim, 2 liv., study, dining, 6.5 ac **$199,000**
BRING OFFER-2 story, built in '96, family rm, study, formal din **$190,000**
LEASE/PURCHASE possible. 2/2 w/shop on /2 acre...Cute! **$57,000**

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2.6 ACRES near Hospital, commercial zoning ..... Call **LYNN**
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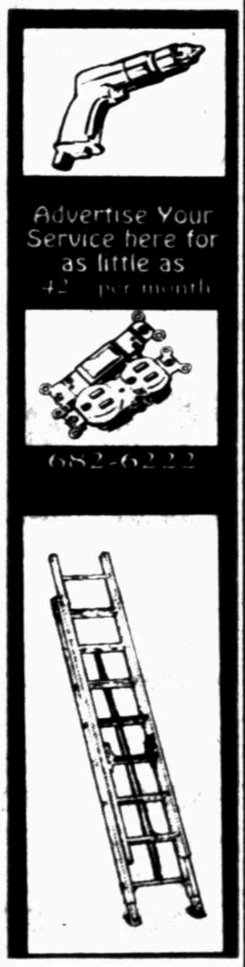
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KEY To Abbreviations

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.

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