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U.S. TROOPS BOMB IRAQ

Congressmen question Clinton's motives on eve of impeachment vote

■ Midland's representatives in the House support troops in Iraq but don't want to delay impeachment vote beyond Friday.

By Rick López
Staff Writer

Midland's congressmen are suspicious of what motivated the president to pull the trigger on Iraq on the eve of his impeachment vote and say they still will vote in favor of ousting him.

"The fact that the question has been raised shows there are doubts about the timing and whether the president is doing the proper thing," said U.S. Rep. Larry Combest after attending an evening caucus meeting.

Before the meeting ended, House Republicans agreed to a brief delay in impeachment proceedings at least for tomorrow, said Combest, of the 19th District.

"It will be a short delay. It won't be set beyond tomorrow," Combest said. "We will meet again within the very near future."

Even though most of his constituents were leery of the president's actions, they made a patriotic decision to focus their attention on the troops who are in the midst of the Middle East crisis, Combest said.

"Our main message is this: We are in strong support of the troops we have risking their lives for the safety of this county," Combest said. "We have to let them know we are behind them."

Rep. Henry Bonilla (23rd District), who serves on the House defense appropriations panel, declared himself unwilling "to pass judgment yet as to whether or not there's any ulterior motive here."

Bonilla said he understands why the public would be skeptical about how the bombing and impeachment vote were forced into the same time frame.

"I think the fact that the president's credibility has been shot in the last several months is causing Americans to question the timing of this thing — and that's unfortunate," he said.

But dangers looming in the showdown between the United States and Iraq should not overshadow the important duty Congress needs to fulfill, said U.S. Rep Lamar Smith (21st District).

"As difficult a process as this has been, it still necessary to go forward," Smith said. "We can't close our eyes and walk from it. We should not let Saddam Hussein interfere with what we have going in Congress."

Smith said he didn't have objections to the air strikes against Iraq, but was among those wary of Clinton's motivation. He also agreed that the vote should not be postponed beyond Friday.

"We could delay it a day or two, but our country needs to finish this by the end of this year," Smith said. "The president has caused this situation we're in. I have been extremely concerned with his actions for several months before the impeachment hearings."

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AP Photo

President Clinton sits silently at his desk after his address to the nation from the Oval Office Wednesday. Clinton ordered a "strong, sustained series of airstrikes" against Iraq on Wednesday in response to Saddam Hussein's continued defiance of U.N. weapons inspectors.

■ Many Midlanders skeptical about timing of strike, others feel attack is necessary.

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

As bombs rained down on Baghdad Wednesday, skepticism reigned among many Midlanders about President Clinton's motive for ordering the attack. A few, however, were willing to give the nation's commander-in-chief the benefit of the doubt.

"I think it is a blatant abuse of authority for the commander-in-chief to put Americans in harm's way to divert attention from his personal crisis," restaurant owner Michael Shapira said.

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As if speaking directly to the president, Shapira, 50, a former U.S. Air Force KC-135 pilot in the Vietnam War, said, "Thank you very much, Mr. President, for announcing the attack before any pilots could have overflown Baghdad. Therefore, that's giving Baghdad every opportunity to prepare for the eventual attack.

"Thanks to an inept commander-in-chief, very possibly some American pilots will pay with their lives."

Shapira said, "The quicker he is out of office, the better off this country will be."

"That's no lie," said his general manager, Alex King, 29.

Many Midlanders were glued to their television sets Wednesday evening. KWES-Channel 9 was the only one of Midland's three stations to scrub its 6

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Producers expect jump in oil prices to be temporary

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer

Crude prices jumped 7 percent to $12.38 a barrel Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange as traders anticipated a U.S. attack on Iraq. However, local producers think that increase is temporary.

"I think the effect is temporary because it doesn't deal with the long-term problem," said Don Sparks, president of Discovery Operating.

He said that long-term gains in the price of crude oil will only come when the current oversupply of oil is reduced, either through reduced production or increased demand or a combination of both factors.

"We've had on the futures market a target between $10 and $11 for some time and we got there last week," said analyst Dennis Elam of Dennis Elam Financial Service in Odessa. "The market is so terribly oversold that we had to have some event to bounce prices off that level — an attack on Iraq or an announcement out of OPEC, and here's that event."

Randy Hall, chairman and chief executive officer of Vista Resources Inc., and Steve Gray, president, said they believe the price spike "is a three-day trend because we're over in Iraq right now, unless it turns into a long spell."

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Elam said that once the action in Iraq is over, "we'll go back to the fact that Venezuela is still sending out every barrel it can. We need to either get Asia back on its feet or have some governing body come in and restrict supplies. That used to be the Texas Railroad Commission and then it was OPEC; now there's no one. And the real irony is, there has never been an oil shortage. The only time we've had price spikes is when someone artificially restricted supplies."

Sparks noted that there is a question about the accuracy of supply estimates, which can also affect price levels.

"Speculators on the Merc, a lot of what they do is based on estimates that come out of the Energy Information Agency," he said. "At one point in time there was a question on a 3 million barrel discrepancy. If there is a good way to estimate supply, we need to come up with a better way. Right now we use our best 'guesstimate,' but speculators are taking that and moving prices higher or lower. That's what's driving oil prices."

By not holding prices at a reasonable stable level, producers are kept from exploring for oil and replenishing supplies, and when supplies shrink and become unable to meet demand, prices will spike sharply, Sparks said.

"The situation is not going to go away as long as the industrial world runs on fossil fuel. We're better off to have stability."

If prices stay at current levels for about two years, producers will shut down their stripper wells — those that produce 10 barrels or less a day — "and that essentially shuts down all domestic production," said Elam, who fears prices will stay low for quite some time. "Then you have these big oil mergers and they'll go to OPEC and say 'OK, boys, here's what's going to happen. It's going to take someone like an Exxon-Mobil, a slimmed down Shell, or a Chevron-Texaco combination to come in like that."

'Operation Desert Fox'

U.S. forces attack Iraq for defying arms inspectors

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton ordered a "strong, sustained series of airstrikes" against Iraq on Wednesday in response to Saddam Hussein's continued defiance of U.N. weapons inspectors. U.S. and British forces unleashed a punishing volley of missiles.

The attack, which the administration said would last up to four days, began less than 20 hours before the House was scheduled to open a formal impeachment proceeding against Clinton — the first against a president in 130 years. Republican leaders decided to temporarily postpone that debate.

Clinton said in a nationally televised address from the Oval Office that the airstrikes were designed to diminish Iraq's ability to produce outlawed nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

In Baghdad, Saddam issued a statement saying several unspecified targets had been bombed by the "wicked people" and urging Iraqis to "fight the enemies of God, enemies of the nation, enemies of humanity."

"Operation Desert Fox," as the Pentagon dubbed the attack, was carried out by American land- and sea-based bombers and British fighters; U.S. warships in the Persian Gulf launched hundreds of satellite-guided cruise missiles. To clear the way, Navy EA-6B planes fired anti-radar missiles at air defense outposts.

The Pentagon announced it was sending extra planes and troops to the area.

The assault began about 5 p.m. EST.

Clinton said he acted "to protect the national interest of the United States" and Iraq's neighbors in the Middle East. He gave the go-ahead after consulting with his top advisers and reviewing a U.N. report that said Saddam had again failed to fulfill its obligations to cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors.

"Saddam Hussein must not be allowed to threaten his neighbors or the world with nuclear weapons, poison gas or biological weapons," Clinton said. "I have no doubt today that, left unchecked, Saddam Hussein will use these terrible weapons again."

Clinton cautioned that unintended Iraqi casualties were a certainty.

Speaking to reporters later, Sandy Berger, the president's national security adviser, said there was nothing the Iraqis could say or do now to blunt or abort the attack.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said the attacks were not designed to "get Saddam Hussein." But she said the United States would step up its contacts with opposition groups and "work with them in a sustained way."

In the charged political atmosphere of the day, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., criticized the military action even before Clinton announced it.

"While I have been assured by administration officials that there is no connection with the impeachment process in the House of Representatives, I cannot support this military action in the Persian Gulf at this time," his statement said.

Asked about Lott's criticism, Defense Secretary William Cohen, himself a former Republican senator, said: "I am prepared to place 30 years of public service on the line to say the only factor that was important in this decision was what was in the American people's best interests."

Former President Bush, who presided over the 1991 Gulf War against Iraq, issued a statement from his Houston office saying he supported Clinton's action "as long as one American military airman, seaman or soldier is in harm's way." It said Vice President Al Gore had called to brief Bush on the decision. Gore also called former Presidents Carter and Ford.

Just a month ago, Clinton ordered an attack on Iraq but called it off at the last minute when Saddam promised to cooperate with the U.N. Special Commission that is in charge of Iraqi disarmament. Since then, the Iraqi president has kept up and even intensified its obstruction of the inspectors' work, Clinton said.

"Instead of the inspectors disarming Saddam, Saddam is disarming the inspectors," Clinton said.

The House had been scheduled to begin debate on four articles of impeachment against Clinton today, with votes likely on Friday, but shortly after the attack began House leaders decided to delay the impeachment debate.

Cohen, CIA Director George Tenet and Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Hugh Shelton held a rare closed-door briefing for House members in the cavernous House chamber.

Incoming House Speaker Bob Livingston, R-La., said House Republicans support U.S. troops in Gulf and would leave it to the American people to decide if the timing of the attack was influenced by the impeachment debate.

The top two Democrats in Congress voiced their support for the attack. "Saddam Hussein should make no mistake that despite domestic political differences in the United States, the American people and Congress stand firmly behind the defense of our nation's vital interests," Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle and House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt said in a statement.

Clinton also alluded to the impeachment debate.

"Saddam Hussein and the other enemies of peace may have thought that the serious debate currently before the House of Representatives would distract Americans, weaken our resolve to face them down," he said. "But once more, the United States has proven that although we are never eager to use force, when we must act in America's vital interests we will do so."

Security was tightened in Washington at "critical installations" such embassies, and the State Department ordered the departure of some dependents of U.S. diplomats in Israel and Kuwait.

At the Pentagon, Cohen told reporters, "The world knows that it cannot trust Saddam Hussein. The world also knows that it can trust the United States." The defense chief added: "We did not use force lightly ... but Iraq has exhausted all patience."

Shelton, the Joint Chiefs chairman, told a news conference the Pentagon was sending an additional 36 combat aircraft to the Gulf, including Air Force fighters, bombers and F-117 stealth planes. He said more ground troops also would go.

In the Gulf region already are 24,100 U.S. military men and women; 22 ships, eight armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles; and 201 military aircraft, among them 15 Air Force B-52 bombers also equipped with cruise missiles. The bombers are based on the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia.

One aircraft carrier battle group is in the Gulf; another is on its way.

Protesters opposing the use of force in Iraq demonstrate near a military recruiting center in New York's Times Square Wednesday as President Clinton appears live, on a large video screen behind them, explaining the substantial military strike against Iraq that began shortly beforehand.

AP PHOTO

Attack against Iraq fails to unite lawmakers

By Bennett Roth
Hearst News Service

■ News analysis

WASHINGTON — For most of the year Monica Lewinsky and Saddam Hussein have competed for Americans' attention.

On Wednesday the two dramas collided when President Clinton approved U.S. airstrikes against Iraq just a day before the House was to open debate on impeaching the commander in chief.

The events did little to unite members of both parties — as military actions traditionally do — but rather inflamed poisonous partisanship that has infected the nation's capital during the past year.

And while the military action forced congressional Republicans to delay the impeachment vote, few believe it is likely to affect the outcome, which appears to be tilting against the president.

However, some observers said the attack will give the president a few precious days to try and halt the momentum growing against him.

Furthermore, it allows Clinton to bolster his image at a time when Republicans are harshly condemning his ethics and questioning his leadership.

Word of the airstrikes spread among House members as they were walking into their respective party meetings to map out strategy for the impeachment debate.

Many Republicans were unable to contain their anger, voicing suspicions that the attack was politically timed to distract the nation from the president's domestic woes.

"He's a liar, and he can't be trusted," shouted Rep. Dana Rohrbacher, R-Calif., as he walked into a meeting.

A number said it only reinforced their belief that the president should be removed from office.

"The suspicions some people have about the president's motives in this attack is a powerful argument for impeachment," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. "After months of lies the president has given millions of people around the world reason to doubt that he has sent Americans into battle for the right reason."

Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, said that "today's events have reinforced the need for President Clinton to resign or be removed from office."

In a highly unusual move, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss, issued a press release just moments before the bombing saying he opposed the military action.

Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, was hissed by many of his colleagues when he interrupted a briefing by Defense Department officials to ask if there was any reason the impeachment hearing couldn't continue during the bombing.

Democrats accused their colleagues of breaking with tradition by engaging in partisan attacks on the president when troops were engaged in military action abroad.

Rep. Ken Bentsen, D-Texas, called Republican criticism "rather crass" and a "cheap shot." He noted that members of Congress still supported President Reagan when he took military action during the Iran-Contra scandal.

Most political observers said there is little question that the military strike will enhance the embattled president's standing with the voters in the short term.

"Drop a bomb and your ratings go up 10 points," said Larry Sabato, political science professor at the University of Virginia, who believes that the president factored in political considerations in deciding to launch the attack the day before the impeachment debate.

He noted this is the second time the president has taken military action when he was in trouble. In August, Clinton sent cruise missiles into Afghanistan and the Sudan days after he admitted to an improper relationship with Lewinsky.

At the time, the events were likened to the movie "Wag the Dog," where a president embroiled in a sex scandal concocts a fake war to distract the voters.

University of Pennsylvania political science professor Mark Rozell said that Republicans are unlikely to back away from impeachment even if the president gets a short-term popularity boost.

He noted that Clinton currently enjoys high approval ratings but that has has not stopped GOP lawmakers from pursuing impeachment.

"I think the bottom line is the Republicans will do what they have planned on doing," he said.

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov gives his reaction to the U.S. bombing on Iraq to waiting press in his Madrid hotel in the early today. Ivanov condemned the attack, saying, "This military action is a violation of the United Nations Charter."

AP Photo

Traditional allies offer firm backing for strike; others condemn use of force

LONDON (AP) — Staunch allies such as Germany and Canada offered quick support for Wednesday's U.S.-British attack on Iraq, while Russia and China angrily condemned the airstrikes and France said it deplored "the grave human consequences that they could have for the Iraqi population."

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, speaking in Madrid, Spain, blasted the use of force as "a violation of the United Nations charter."

"We are going to call for the immediate cessation of this military action to create the conditions to proceed along the political path," he said.

China's U.N. Ambassador Qin Huasen was visibly angry when he emerged from an emergency meeting of the Security Council after being informed of the attack.

"There is absolutely no excuse or pretext to use force against Iraq," he said.

Sweden's foreign minister, Anna Lindh, told the national Swedish news agency TT that her country deplored the attack and that the Security Council had been presented with a fait accompli.

"It would have been important if the Security Council had been able to act unanimously," she said.

The German government noted, however, that the Iraqi leadership "had been warned" the international community would have to act if it failed to cooperate fully with U.N. weapons inspectors.

"The federal government regrets that, in the face of the attitude of the Iraqi leadership, it had to come now to the use of military measures," its statement said.

And France added that it also "regrets that Iraqi leaders were unable to show proof of the spirit of complete cooperation" demanded by the Feb. 23 memorandum of understanding signed by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Iraq's Tariq Aziz.

Canadian Foreign Minister Lloyd Axworthy said his government supported the airstrikes, adding that Canada had not been asked to contribute militarily.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was noncommittal, saying, "Israel is outside the dispute, and in any case will take care of defending itself if the need arises."

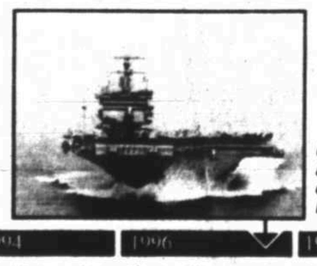
Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiromu Nonaka backed the United States and Britain, saying, "We strongly demand that Iraq immediately and unconditionally implement the U.N. Security Council's resolutions."

U.S. and Iraq standing at the brink once again

Earlier today, President Clinton met with his top national security advisers before launching military strikes against Iraq for defiance of international arms inspectors. Here is a look back at the war of words and bombs between Iraq and the U.S. since 1990.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein

Survivors and rescue workers walk amidst the rubble left by a U.S. cruise missile attack in Baghdad.



U.S. Navy aircraft carrier USS Enterprise

Former United Nations chief weapons investigator Scott Ritter

United Nations personnel leave the U.N. compound in Baghdad.

1990

August
Iraq invades Kuwait, and the United Nations imposes trade sanctions. Those sanctions are still in effect today.

1991

January
A U.S.-led coalition launches an air war against Iraq.

February
Allied troops take control of Kuwait. Among the conditions for lifting the sanctions is the destruction of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

1993

January
Baghdad refuses to remove missiles that the United States says it has moved into southern Iraq. Allied warplanes and warships attack missile sites and a nuclear facility near Baghdad.

June
U.S. warships fire cruise missiles at intelligence headquarters in Baghdad in retaliation for what the United States calls a plot to assassinate former President Bush.

1994

October
Iraqi troops move toward Kuwait, then pull back when U.S. dispatches carrier group, troops and warplanes.

1996

September
U.S. ships and airplanes fire scores of cruise missiles at Iraqi antimissile sites to punish the Iraqi military for venturing into the Kurdish "safe haven" in northern Iraq.

1997

October
U.N. arms inspectors tell the Security Council that Iraq still refuses to disclose full details of its banned weapons programs and is imposing restrictions on the inspections.

1998

February
U.S. and British military build up forces in the Persian Gulf. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan works out agreement with Iraq and defuses the crisis by promising efforts to remove sanctions.

August
Iraq announces it's cutting ties with weapons inspectors, saying it sees no move toward lifting sanctions.

October
Iraq cuts off work by U.N. monitors. United States and Britain warn of possible military strikes to force Iraq into cooperating.

November
The United Nations begins withdrawing from Baghdad. The United States prepares an attack, but it is called off when Hussein says he will accept initiatives to end sanctions. Inspections resumed.

December
U.N. chief weapon's inspector Richard Butler says that Iraq had not met promises to cooperate with U.N. inspectors and had imposed new restrictions on their work. On Dec. 16, U.N. inspectors evacuate Baghdad. Clinton orders airstrikes.

Source: Associated Press Research

AP

Serbs mourn six killed in western Kosovo city

PEC, Yugoslavia (AP) — Church bells pealed and tears and anger mixed freely Wednesday as thousands mourned six young Kosovo Serbs killed in a barroom slaughter blamed on ethnic Albanian rebels.

The attack in Pec — condemned as "appalling beyond words" by U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke — prompted Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to renew his quest to wipe out "terrorism" by separatists. It also raised fears that inflamed ethnic passions would lead to a return to war in the southern province.

Ethnic Albanians make up 90 percent of the 2 million populace in Kosovo, a province in Serbia, the main republic in Yugoslavia. Most want independence. More than 1,000 people have been killed since Milosevic launched a crackdown on separatists in February, and 300,000 people, mostly ethnic Albanians, have been forced from their homes.

Monday's shootings in Pec came on the bloodiest day since an October cease-fire agreement ended months of fighting between Serb forces and rebels. In addition to the Pec slayings, the Yugoslav army claimed to have killed 36 guerrillas in a border clash with the Kosovo Liberation Army.

Milosevic declared Wednesday that the "terrorist bandits" responsible for the Pec shooting would be found and a top government body for Kosovo called the killings "the most monstrous crime in the series of assaults by Albanian terrorist gangs."

Bus loads of Serb police stood by in Kosovo's third-largest city Wednesday to protect an emotional ceremony attended by 5,000 Serbs in the central square. Many wept openly. Some speakers demanded Serb authorities halt "Albanian terrorism" immediately. At least one man in civilian clothing carried a submachine gun.

"Pain and sorrow is in our hearts," said Mirko Simonovic, principal of the high school where four of the victims were students. "They were slain while drinking in a cafe by shots in their back. ... They were killed for the simple reason of being Serbs."

A tense silence permeated the city, punctured by the sound of church bells and the weeping of relatives. Later, about 2,000 people walked in a procession to the cemetery where the six were buried after their wailing mothers kissed them farewell.

"Their only sin was that they came from another religion, another faith, another people," Patriarch Pavle of the Serbian Orthodox Church said in Pec.

The city, 45 miles west of the provincial capital of Pristina, has 150,000 residents, including several thousand Serbs.

In Pristina, about 2,500 Serbs attended a rally Wednesday to protest the slayings.

No incidents were reported at either gathering. But a policeman going to the funeral shot and killed a man in a Kosovo Liberation Army uniform after two suspected guerrillas attacked him, the official Tanjug news agency reported.

Also, ethnic Albanians in at least three towns were the target of harassment, according to the Albanians' Kosovo Information Center. It said Albanian schoolchildren were beaten up by Serb civilians in Kosovska Mitrovica and Obilic, and stone-throwers smashed windows of Albanian-owned shops in Urosevac.

International peace monitors, whose presence is supposed to ease tension and restore public confidence in Kosovo, were nowhere to be seen in Pec on Wednesday. A day earlier, some Serbs took out their anger at the killings by hurling stones or spitting at armored U.S. observer vehicles.

No one has claimed responsibility for the shootings, which happened when masked gunmen sprayed a bar full of Serbs, including some youths playing pool. Rebel spokesman Adem Demaci suggested the Serbian regime may have been behind the attack, saying it did not "fall within the concept of the KLA's liberation fight."

French appeals court upholds author's fine for questioning Holocaust deaths

PARIS (AP) — A French appeals court on Wednesday upheld the conviction of an author for a 1996 book that called into question whether 6 million Jews died in the Holocaust.

Roger Garaudy, 85, received a six-month suspended prison sentence and fines worth $21,400 for disputing facts about the Holocaust in his book, "The Founding Myths of Israeli Politics."

Garaudy, who converted to Islam in 1982, also received a three-month suspended sentence and an additional $8,000 worth of fines for inciting racial hatred.

In his book, Garaudy questioned the number of Jews killed by the Nazis in World War II, saying it was much lower than the 6 million agreed upon by historians, and denounced what he called "Shoah business" — exploiting the Holocaust for money and political gains.

During his trial, he said he was anti-Zionist, but not anti-Semitic.

Garaudy's publisher, Pierre Guillaume, received a six-month suspended sentence and fines equivalent to $5,400.

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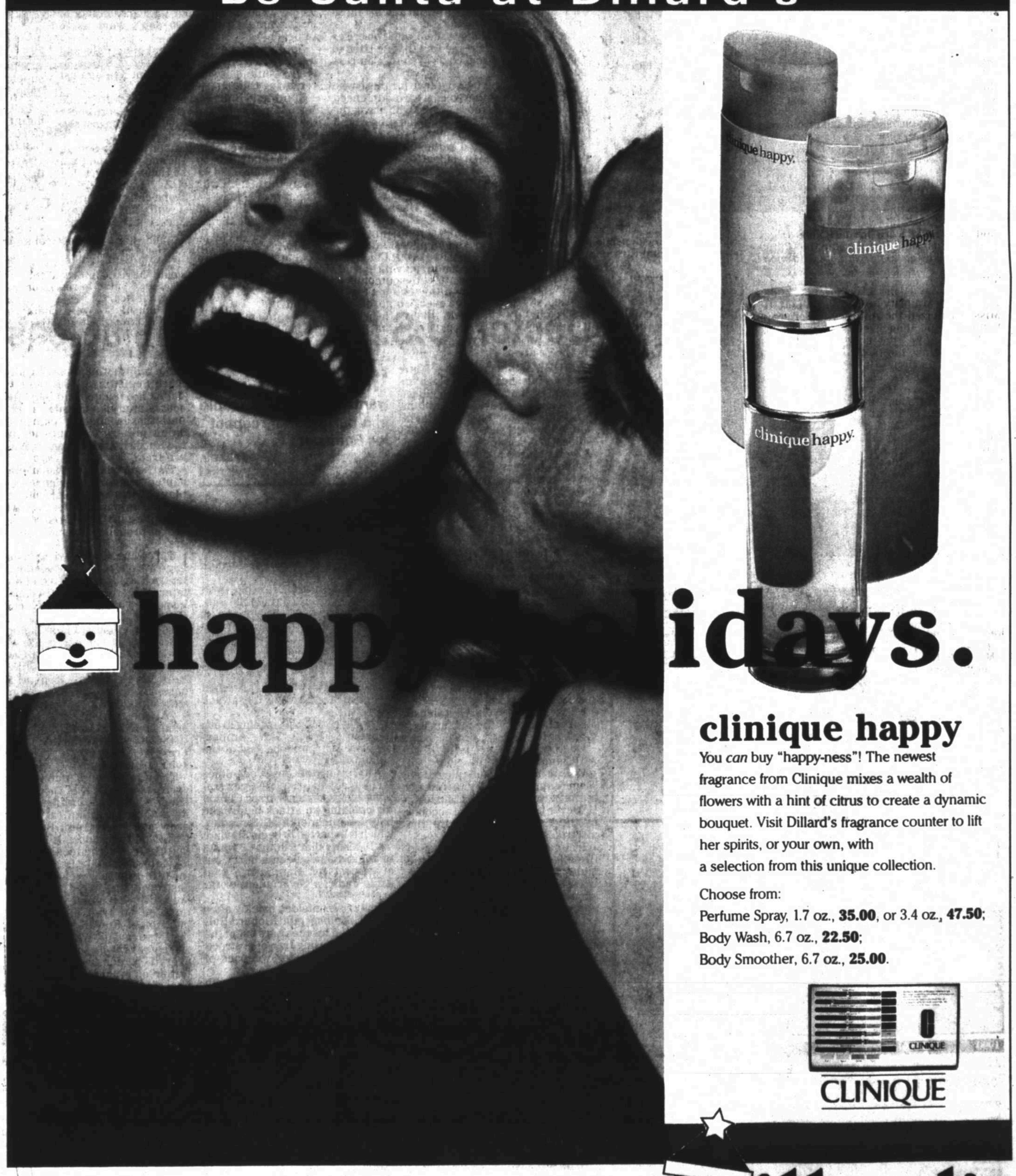

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Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Friday	Saturday
Sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 61	High 64	High 63
Low 35	Low 37	Low 38

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high in the lower 60s and winds becoming southwest at 10-15 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low in the mid-30s.

Friday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of showers and a high in the mid- to upper 60s.

After an overnight low of 29, Wednesday's high reached 62, compared to the record high for that date of 80 set in 1946. The record low was 12 set in 1989.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall	.00 in.
Rainfall	.00 in.
Total for month	.56 in.
Total for year	5.12 in.
Total for year	14.68 in.

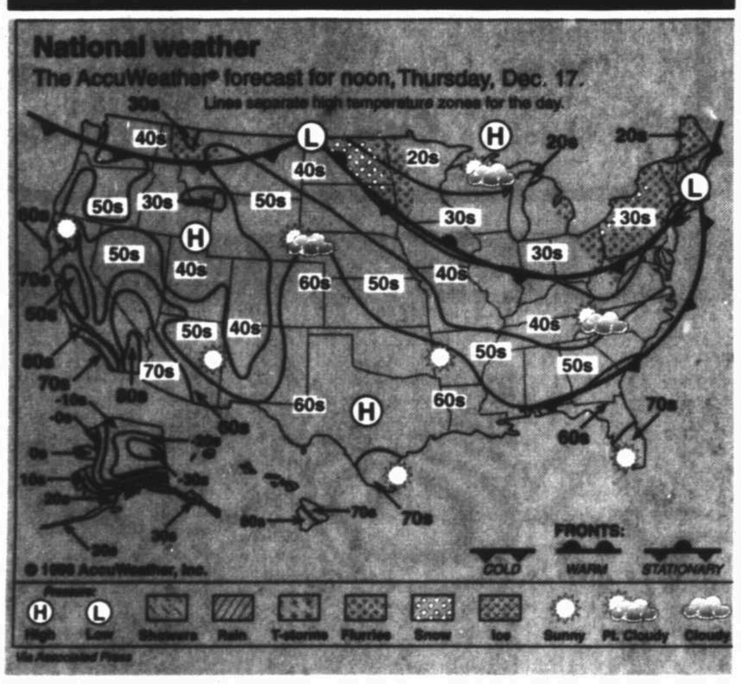
Yesterday's temperatures

High	62
low	29
Normal high	58
Normal low	31

Sunrise ... 7:42 a.m.
Sunset ... 5:47 p.m.

Pollen count
Trees: Low **Weeds:** absent
Grass: absent **Molds:** low
Dust: low
Courtesy: Allergy Alliance of the Permian Basin

National forecast

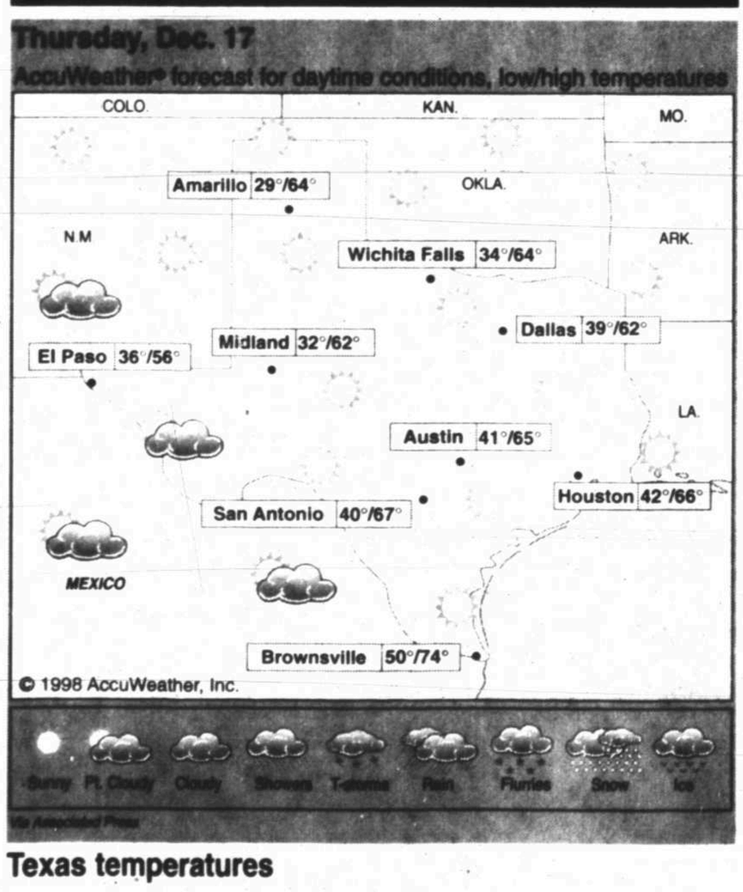


United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:00 p.m. EST.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N Y	45	30	sn	
Albuquerque	56	26	clr	
Anchorage	13	13	clr	
Atlanta	62	36	cdy	
Atlantic City	48	30	cdy	
Baltimore	55	30	cdy	
Billings	49	35	cdy	
Birmingham	59	30	clr	
Bismarck	39	26	cdy	
Boise	44	25	clr	
Boston	48	38	sn	
Buffalo	42	39	sn	
Charleston,S C	66	42	09	cdy
Charleston,W Va	49	25	cdy	
Charlotte,N C	63	35	32	cdy
Chicago	42	35	cdy	
Cincinnati	43	25	05	cdy
Cleveland	44	31	07	sn
Columbia,S C	65	38	50	cdy
Columbus,Ohio	44	27	03	cdy
Concord,N H	47	22	sn	
Denver	46	24	clr	
Des Moines	44	33	cdy	
Detroit	40	29	07	cdy
Fargo	32	22	sn	
Flagstaff	50	32	clr	
Grand Rapids	40	27	sn	
Great Falls	51	30	cdy	
Greensboro,N C	61	37	85	cdy
Hartford Spgfld	44	28	sn	
Honolulu	79	68	clr	
Indianapolis	43	28	cdy	
Jackson,Miss	61	28	clr	
Jacksonville	64	36	clr	
Kansas City	51	33	clr	
Las Vegas	73	45	clr	
Little Rock	66	33	clr	
Los Angeles	83	48	clr	
Louisville	48	29	03	cdy
Memphis	60	34	clr	
Miami Beach	66	56	clr	
Milwaukee	39	33	cdy	
Mpls-St Paul	35	25	03	cdy
Nashville	59	25	clr	
New Orleans	61	38	clr	
New York City	48	43	rn	
Norfolk,Va	51	48	17	cdy
North Platte	49	21	clr	
Oklahoma City	55	34	clr	
Omaha	48	30	cdy	
Orlando	65	43	clr	
Philadelphia	49	35	cdy	
Phoenix	79	49	clr	
Pittsburgh	44	27	sn	
Portland,Maine	47	25	sn	
Portland,Ore	42	34	cdy	
Providence	46	36	sn	
Raleigh-Durham	61	38	66	cdy
Rapid City	46	26	cdy	
Reno	53	25	clr	
Richmond	56	39	11	cdy
Sacramento	63	37	clr	
St Louis	43	34	cdy	
Salt Lake City	40	23	cdy	
San Diego	79	51	clr	
San Francisco	70	52	clr	
San Juan,P R	84	74	cdy	
Santa Fe	55	21	clr	
St Ste Marie	38	34	03	sn
Seattle	50	43	02	cdy
Shreveport	65	30	clr	
Sioux Falls	41	28	cdy	
Spokane	37	30	cdy	
Syracuse	45	36	sn	
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	65	46	clr	
Topeka	54	31	cdy	
Tucson	78	51	cdy	
Tulsa	56	38	clr	
Washington,D C	55	37	cdy	

State forecast



Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. CST

	Hi	Lo	Pcp
Abilene	64	36	
Amarillo	54	27	
Austin	67	39	
Beaumont	65	34	
Brownsville	75	44	
Burnet	64	33	
Childress	59	32	
College Station	64	33	
Corpus Christi	69	45	
Corsicana	66	35	
Cotulla	70	40	
Dallas L	67	36	
El Paso	64	34	
Fort Stockton	62	34	
Fort Worth	66	34	
Galveston	63	45	
Harlingen	73	44	
Hondo	65	32	
Houston	68	33	
Huntsville	65	33	
Kingsville	73	44	
Laredo	73	37	
Longview	65	29	
Lubbock	62	25	
Lufkin	66	29	
Marfa	66	27	
McAllen	74	50	
McKinney	65	31	
Mineral Wells	67	32	
New Braunfels	67	34	
San Angelo	63	30	
San Antonio	65	33	
Tyler	65	33	
Victoria	68	38	

REACT: Midlander thinks strike is good way to slow vote

(From 1A)

'You've got to slow that dad-gum vote down somehow. It's funny, to have a draft-dodger to order a bunch of soldiers in harm's way in order to slow the action of impeachment.'

— Eugene Greenwood,75
Midlander who served in U.S. Army during World War II

p.m. newscast in favor of continuing the national feed.

To Midlander George Neithercutt, 67, the coincidence of the attack and the impending impeachment vote is "all messed up — the impeachment for sure."

Jim Handley, a 26-year-old dispatcher for a recycling operation, said that "the timing and the (Clinton) policy are extremely, highly, highly, questionable.

"The part that really gets me is that we have got a draft-dodging commander-in-chief who has the gall to send good men and women over there to do his dirty work. Those men and women are here to protect the nation (and) not exploit it. I have no respect for Bill Clinton at all."

Handley, whose father is a war veteran who "made it home," said that if he were to get a draft card, "I'm going to burn it. There's no way in hell I'm serving" under Clinton and "doing his killing."

Lonnie Wells, 75, a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, viewed Clinton and his actions more favorably.

"That's going to help a whole lot," he said. "Things work in mysterious ways."

Wells figured that the attack in wake of Saddam Hussein's unwillingness to let United Nation's inspectors ferret out weapons of mass destruction in his country will "be good to (help) clear him and get him out of that (impeachment). Things come in surprising and mysterious ways."

Eugene Greenwood, 75, who served with the U.S. Army in Europe and the Pacific during World War II, surmised that "you've got to slow that dad-gum vote down somehow. It's funny, to have a draft-dodger to order a bunch of soldiers in harm's way in order to slow the action of impeachment."

World War II veteran W.A. Skees said that it is "unusual that all of this happened right here at the same time. I can't help but be skeptical.

In noting that Clinton ordered the attack after conferring with his advisers, Skees said, "You're talking about the establishment the president has ... confidence in regardless of what that confidence is based on."

Midlander Karen Pulliam said that the Allies' attack on Iraq is "just a thing to cover up Clinton."

Patsy Jones, who opposes Clinton's impeachment, said that President Bush "should have finished the job" (disabling Saddam's arsenal) he started in the 1991 Persian Gulf War. The United States and its Allies drove Saddam's military forces out of neighboring Kuwait after Saddam's military invaded that oil-rich land.

Robert "Bob" Darlington, 69, a former U.S. Air Force Korean War and Vietnam War fighter pilot, said that he has "no quarrel with the timing of the attack ... relative to what would have been the House vote (on impeachment). I don't believe there was any 'Wag The Dog' motives in the timing. It had more do with the release of the report" on Saddam's lack of full compliance with the U.N. order for thorough weapons inspection.

"I don't see anything sinister in that fine point of timing" of Clinton's and United Nation's warnings to Saddam and the mid-week report on Saddam's non-compliance with U.N. inspection mandates.

"But the president brought this on himself in the awkwardness of the timing," Darlington said. "The mistakes were made earlier this year when action was not taken at the appropriate time when Saddam gave us the raspberries."

Darlington said that the Clinton administration "is to blame for the awkwardness of this (timing) and particularly in letting this come right down to the beginning of Ramadan (Muslem holy days). Our Muslem allies are very sensitive to the observance of Ramadan. The timing is awkward. I can only hope now that after the rules of engagement are established for the combat pilots involved, that they (Clinton and his advisers) don't chicken out at the top."

Mayor Bobby Burns, 47, said that because many Americans "have a lack of confidence in our government, it causes us to be doubtful and suspicious because of the timing.

"It's important for the presidency, and it's important for the future of the nation that the Congress has the honor the do the right thing (in regard to Clinton's impeachment) — whatever that may be," Burns said.

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Staff writer Daniel Arp contributed to this report.

MOTIVE: Congressmen still in favor of impeachment

(From 1A)

The three congressmen said they are still in favor of Clinton's impeachment.

"The president has tried to redeem himself in the last two days, but he hasn't," Bonilla said. "Unless we see some kind of surprise at the 11th hour, I plan on voting on at least three articles of impeachment."

The president's ability to deal with two crises at once does not erase the fact that he tried to deceive the nation and court system, Combest said.

"Sympathy can't be a defense for those who violated the law; otherwise, we wouldn't need prisons that house those people who break the law," Combest said, adding that he supports all four articles of impeachment.

Smith said that he'd rather take into consideration all of the president's actions since the White House scandal unfolded, instead of the decisions he made this week. Smith said he will vote for all four articles of impeachment, as he did while serving on the House Judiciary Committee.

"This is a sad — and even serious — time for the country. We have a president who committed federal crimes and lied to our Congress, a federal judge and grand jury," Smith said. "He lied many times ... it wasn't just a single incident."

Bonilla said his office has received an "overwhelming" number of phone calls as the House was getting closer to its historical vote.

"The phones have been ringing off the walls," he said. "I got thousands of calls yesterday (Tuesday). About 1,400 are in favor of impeachment, while 300 don't want us to impeach."

Smith said about 60 percent of his calls and letters are from people in favor of impeachment, while close to 40 percent are against removing Clinton from office.

Smith said that most of the calls were made since Monday and that some people were under the impression that the House has the last say in the impeachment process.

"People have to remember that our Senate has the final decision — if and when the time comes," Smith said. "If the House approves, it's likely the Senate will, too."

Combest said he got phone calls and e-mail from Midlanders upset with an organized phone brigade the Midland County Democratic Party launched Wednesday.

The prerecorded message, which is played by a machine programmed to call all Democrats on the party's records, explains how to reach their elected officials, said David Rosen, the local party's vice chairman.

"We're just letting them know, 'Here are the people who represent you, and here are their numbers,'" Rosen said. "We're encouraging them to remind their representatives that they represent all the people, not just the Republicans."

Combest says that the message has the opposite effect on some of his callers.

"The ironic thing is that most of them were supporting impeachment," Combest said. "They're calling us and telling us to impeach."

In Washington, White House aides tried kicking off a strategy to lure large numbers of undecided Republicans to the president's side, Bonilla said.

Instead of addressing the group as a whole, the aides are meeting one-on-one with House members, he said.

However, more than a dozen Republicans — most of them on the White House's original target list of 34 lawmakers — came out in favor of impeachment, Bonilla said.

"The feeling around here is that some of the articles of impeachment will pass," he said.

Doctor: U.S. air strikes kill at least 2, injure 30

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Hundreds of missiles rained down on Iraq today, and at least one fell on an area near President Saddam Hussein's biggest palace in Baghdad, witnesses and officials said. At least two people were killed and 30 were injured, a doctor said.

Iraqi gunners fired volleys of anti-aircraft flak over the capital as explosions flared in the early darkness during the U.S.-British airstrikes.

Saddam urged Iraqis to "fight the enemies of God, enemies of the nation, enemies of humanity." He said "several targets" were hit, in a statement carried by the official Iraqi News Agency.

The Iraqi president said the attackers did not "come to meet you face to face" and depended "on a long technological arm, which is not a measure of bravery."

President Clinton said he ordered airstrikes on military and security targets following the latest U.N. reports on Iraq's alleged obstruction of weapons inspectors.

Dr. Hazim el-Nasri, head of the Aliyarmouk Hospital, said two people were killed and more than 30 were injured, suffering mostly burns in the face, hands and legs. However, no authoritative account of the damage caused by the airstrikes was available.

Iraqi anti-aircraft guns opened fire after air raid sirens broke the night's silence — and just before Washington and London announced airstrikes on military and security installations. The explosions continued into the predawn hours, stopping briefly before morning chants calling Muslims to prayer wailed from the city's mosques.

In Karada, a mixed commercial and residential neighborhood, a missile strike burst water mains, flooding a 1 1/2 mile stretch. Workers were seen trying to plug the bubbling pipe.

Karada is across the Tigris river from the Old Presidential Complex in central Baghdad. It was not clear if the palace was damaged. Saddam's whereabouts also were not known.

State-run television did not mention the attack and instead continued to broadcast pictures of Saddam meeting Wednesday with ruling Baath Party officials.

Along with the anti-aircraft fire, at least two large blasts were heard, and foreign television transmissions showed a huge fiery glow on the horizon. Smoke could be seen trailing into the dark sky in the distance.

'It seems that Clinton ... wants to kill some people in a hurry out of respect for Ramadan.'

— Amin Jadir, government worker

The blasts also violently shook the glass windows of the Information Ministry building near the center of Baghdad where foreign reporters are based.

The anti-aircraft fire began at 12:49 a.m. Thursday (4:49 p.m. EST Wednesday). A barrage of blasts lighted the sky several hours after the Clinton administration warned that it would make a military strike against Iraq at any time.

An Iraqi official seemed resigned even before the attack began.

"We have done everything in our capacity," Iraq's U.N. Ambassador Nizar Hamdoon said at the United Nations.

Earlier in the day, long lines formed outside Baghdad gas stations and customers cursed Clinton for planning an attack before the holy Islamic month of Ramadan, which is expected to begin Sunday.

"It seems that Clinton ... wants to kill some people in a hurry out of respect for Ramadan," said Amin Jadir, a government worker.

The crisis unfolded quickly after chief U.N. inspector Richard Butler ordered his monitors out of the country, accusing Iraq of obstructing their search for weapons of mass destruction.

In Washington, Clinton met with his top national security advisers before ordering the attack, and the U.N. Security Council held an emergency meeting in New York on the crisis.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair blamed Saddam for precipitating the impasse: "This action could have been avoided. ... Our quarrel is with him alone and the evil regime which he represents."

The airstrikes are the first large-scale military action against Iraq since September 1996. Over two days, U.S. ships and jets fired scores of cruise missiles at Iraqi anti-missile sites to punish the Iraqi military for venturing into the Kurdish "safe haven" in northern Iraq.

Earlier, Iraqi television interrupted regular programming to play patriotic music and footage of Iraqi commandos training with machine guns, hand grenades and rocket-propelled grenade launchers.

Three trucks loaded with luggage also left the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad. About a half-hour later, three busloads of weapons inspectors also left the U.N. compound, followed by four white U.N. cars carrying spare tires on top.

Most of the 140 inspectors, who work for the U.N. Special Commission, or UNSCOM, flew aboard a special U.N. plane from an air base outside Baghdad to the gulf state of Bahrain.

"All international staff ... have been pulled out from Baghdad," UNSCOM spokeswoman Caroline Cross said in Bahrain. "There is nobody left behind."

The International Atomic Energy Agency, which is monitoring Iraq's compliance on dismantling its nuclear program, also withdrew its staff from Baghdad. UNSCOM is responsible for eliminating Iraq's chemical and biological weapons.

Until these weapons are destroyed, the United Nations will not lift economic sanctions imposed on Iraq after its 1990 invasion of Kuwait, which led to the Persian Gulf War.

Iraq says it has complied with every U.N. demand, and accuses Butler of prolonging the inspections at the behest of the United States.

On Tuesday, Butler gave a report to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan in which he said Iraq's claim to be free of banned weapons "cannot be accepted without further verification." But verification is impossible as Iraq is obstructing the inspectors, he said.

Pick 3 Texas

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

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Scientists claim step forward in human cloning

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A South Korean medical team said Wednesday that it had made an important advance in cloning human cells to create replacement organs. The work they did could also serve as a first step in cloning people.

The team said it had replaced the nucleus of a woman's egg with the nucleus of one of her body cells, transferring her DNA to the egg.

The team then cultivated the egg until it grew into four cells, an early embryonic stage. The team stopped there because a resolution adopted by South Korean scientists in 1993 banned taking the experiment farther.

The next step would have been implanting the egg into a woman's womb and letting it grow to create stem cells — primordial cells from which all of a human's bodily tissues and organs develop. Scientists want to use stem cells as raw materials for growing organs for transplant.

The South Korean team was headed by Dr. Lee Bo-yeon, a professor at the fertility clinic of Kyonghee University Hospital in Seoul.

American cloning experts said it was the first time they knew of that human DNA had been transferred from a body cell into a human egg, with the egg then developing into embryonic cells. Body cells, as opposed to eggs or sperm, contain the full complement of a person's DNA.

"It's the first step in the Richard Seed experiment," the highly publicized announcement by a Chicago scientist that he planned to clone a human, said Randall Prather, an associate professor of animal science at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

"They stopped it before they got very far," Prather noted. "They could have just let it go, potentially it could have created an individual."

He and Mark Westhusin of Texas A&M University said they didn't know how likely it was that such an experiment could go all the way to making a person.

"Four cells is a long way from a fetus," Westhusin said. It's no surprise that the experiment would succeed in going at least to four cells, he said.

In initially announcing the results of the research on Tuesday, Lee said a team of British scientists previously succeeded in a similar experiment. But he said Wednesday he may have been misinformed. Britain has laws banning research into human reproductive cloning.

"The cloning of human embryos should be encouraged for scientific research to create replacement hearts and other organs. It will eventually help human beings," Lee said.

He said his work needed more research before being reported to international medical journals. So far, there have been no peer reviews of his claims, Lee said.

Following the announcement by the South Korean scientists, about two dozen religious and civic activists held a rally in front of Kyunghee Hospital, shouting for discontinuation of the "inhuman research."

One protest sign read: "Who am I? I don't want to be a cloned human being."

The announcement comes as South Korea's Parliament is pushing legislation banning cloning of human cells except for research on cancer or other diseases.

Russian tycoon calls for ban of Communists

MOSCOW (AP) — A business tycoon appealed Wednesday for a ban on the Communist Party, going so far as to say that force should be used if need be to prevent lawmakers from making anti-Semitic remarks.

"The later they use force the more blood that will be shed," said Boris Berezovsky, who is Jewish.

His comments came a day after top Communist lawmaker Viktor Ilyukhin accused Jews of waging "genocide" in the country.

At impeachment hearings Tuesday against President Boris Yeltsin, Ilyukhin also said Russia's post-Soviet collapse would not have happened if the government was not made up "exclusively of one group, the Jews."

Yeltsin's governments have contained a number of Jews in prominent positions, but they have always been outnumbered by ethnic Russians.

Another Communist lawmaker, Albert Makashov, made similar anti-Semitic remarks at a Moscow rally in October. Berezovsky demanded the Communist Party be disbanded at that time as well.

"Such people as Ilyukhin and Makashov should sit in the dock, and not in the Duma," the Interfax new agency quoted Berezovsky as saying.

Top Russian officials also criticized Ilyukhin.

The Duma "must rigorously curb such statements or else it will utterly discredit itself," Interior Minister Sergei Stepashin said.

Members of the liberal Yabloko faction proposed a resolution denouncing Ilyukhin's statement, but parliament did not immediately act.

Unrepentant, Ilyukhin responded to the motion by accusing liberals of inflaming anti-Semitism in Russia.

"What kind of democracy is it when a Russian man can't speak the truth?" he said Wednesday.

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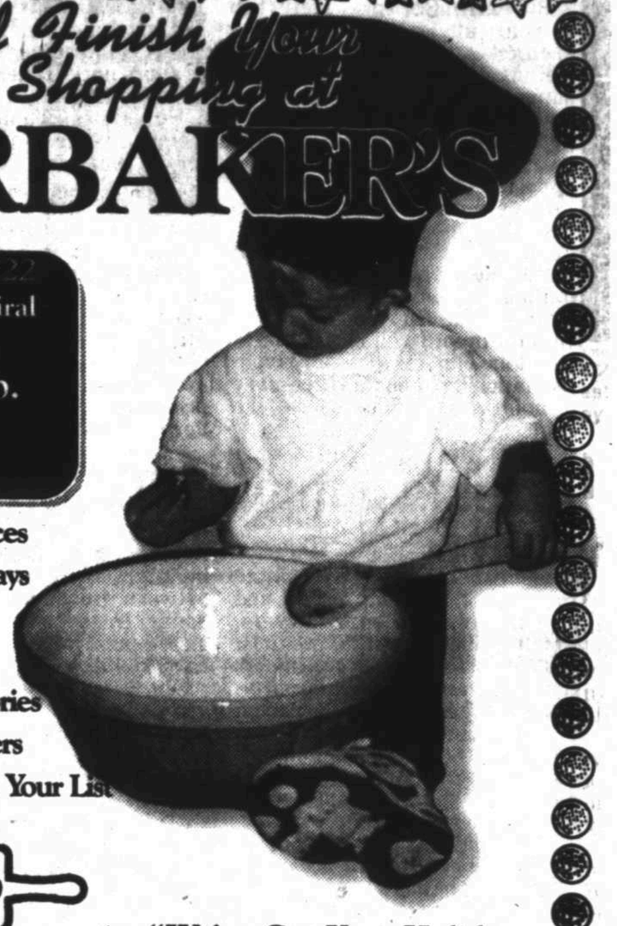
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Netanyahu plans to call elections if he fails to get peace mandate

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Facing crumbling support in parliament, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promised Wednesday to call early elections if lawmakers fail to endorse his peace policies in a vote next week.

Palestinians were outraged by the move because an election campaign would delay implementation of the Wye accords brokered by President Clinton in October that call for the further hand-over of West Bank lands.

But early elections — more than a year ahead of schedule — seemed inevitable because Netanyahu lacks the necessary support to survive a no-confidence vote on Monday amid anger at his peace policies from both far-right coalition members and the leftist opposition.

In a speech broadcast live from his Likud party headquarters in Tel Aviv, Netanyahu said he would put his peace policies before parliament on Monday for approval.

"If the majority won't be found (to approve), I will initiate early elections in order to receive from the nation the mandate necessary to achieve a genuine peace," he said.

'What emerged in Netanyahu's speech is a freeze of the peace process. He knows very well that the Palestinian side has fulfilled all its commitments.'

— Saeb Erekat, the top Palestinian negotiator

Describing the next, final settlement stage of negotiations with the Palestinians as "crucial," Netanyahu outlined his policy: a freeze on further territorial withdrawal until Palestinians meet his conditions.

He said he wanted the Palestinians to swear off inciting violence, round up illegal weapons, reduce the Palestinian police force, and end declared aspirations to statehood or to a presence in Jerusalem.

Saeb Erekat, the top Palestinian negotiator, described the move as likely to "have very dangerous effects on the peace process."

"What emerged in Netanyahu's speech is a freeze of the peace process," said Erekat. "He knows very well that the Palestinian side has fulfilled all its commitments" under Wye.

Clinton was in the region for three days this week to try to salvage the deal. His apparent failure frustrated the president and increased U.S.-Israel tensions.

Netanyahu called for the support of the opposition Labor party, although he stopped short of inviting them into a national unity government.

Labor leader Ehud Barak ridiculed Netanyahu's offer.

"Netanyahu has decided to give in to extremism," Barak told Channel Two news. "We're going to elections."

Netanyahu also lacked the necessary support on his right where hard-liners opposed to offering further territory to the Palestinians say they no longer believe Netanyahu's promises not to make more concessions.

Netanyahu was applauded by the Likud faithful as he laid out his conditions for further territory, presenting them as a platform between the Labor left and hard-line right.

"These are the correct principles which are needed for the state of Israel, to ensure its future," he said. "It is necessary to unite most of the (political) forces behind them."

Barak was already preparing for elections — he was dining with top U.S. political consultants as Netanyahu spoke — and it seemed as if Netanyahu's Likud was also resigned to the likelihood of a vote.

Other issues loomed for Netanyahu: he has failed to pass a budget this year, unemployment is relatively high, and his finance minister — seen as one of the most loyal members of his Cabinet — has just resigned.

In a scathing letter, Yaacov Neeman said he was leaving because of the paralysis occasioned by the crisis in the peace process.

AP Photo

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, right, walks up the stairs to a cabinet meeting in Jerusalem Wednesday, accompanied by cabinet secretary Danny Naveh.

Arrests, intimidation precede trial of two Chinese dissidents

HANGZHOU, China (AP) — After conducting a last-minute roundup of their supporters and scaring away defense lawyers, China is about to put its two most high-profile dissidents on trial for trying to start an opposition party.

Qin Yongmin and Wang Youcai could be sentenced to life in prison if convicted in the ruling Communist party's most aggressive crackdown in two years on challengers to its monopoly on power.

Wang's wife expects the court to hand down guilty verdicts.

"Whether he has a lawyer or not, whatever he says, the government has already decided," Hu Jiangxia said Wednesday, a day before the trial begins.

The two are facing charges of subversion without defense lawyers after authorities pressured attorneys to avoid their case, family members said. A lawyer hired by Wang was detained by police and ordered to drop the case.

The trials begin a day before a major Communist Party gathering in Beijing to celebrate the achievements of 20 years of economic reform. The timing of the events highlights the widening gap between growing social and economic freedom in China and a closed political system that deals harshly with dissent.

Qin, 44, a 20-year veteran activist, and Wang, 32, a leader of 1989 student pro-democracy demonstrations, helped found the China Democracy Party.

They are among the most prominent dissidents still active in China. A third leading figure, Xu Wenli, also has been detained, but not yet charged.

More than 30 people associated with the China Democracy Party have been detained or questioned in a 17-day-old campaign.

The two men are standing trial in cities 300 miles apart — Wang in Hangzhou and Qin in Wuhan. Only some family members and a few officially approved observers are allowed in court.

Four law firms turned down Qin's case, according to his brother, Qin Xiaoguang. The Information Center said a lawyer who initially agreed to the take the case withdrew Monday after disappearing for four hours.

At least 10 dissidents have been detained by Hangzhou police to prevent demonstrations outside court, said a Hong Kong-based human rights group.

Police also blocked Wang's older brother and younger sister from attending the trial by detaining them Wednesday and telling them to return today for questioning just as Wang goes on trial.

Qin's brother Xiaoguang and his father are boycotting the trial to protest the unfair conditions, although another brother will attend.

The dissidents' families have not been allowed to speak to them since they were detained — Wang in early November and Qin at the end of the month.

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Asian leaders end summit with 'bold measures'

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Southeast Asian leaders vowed Wednesday to take "bold measures" to battle a lingering economic crisis, and Japan promised to provide billions of dollars in loans to help kick-start a recovery.

But in the end, a two-day summit that began with low expectations finished with little fresh to excite world markets and investors.

The nine leaders from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations clasped hands in a sign of unity at the closing ceremony, belying the divisions that emerged during their deliberations and the exceptions they are allowing in their action plan.

The agreements that they signed include plans to speed up implementation of an ASEAN Free Trade Area and provide incentives for investors over the next two years.

The idea is to liberalize their economies in an effort to encourage a return by investors who have been scared away by the region's worst economic crisis in a half-century.

But Vietnam, Laos and Myanmar were allowed extra time to implement some of the "bold measures," and exceptions are being allowed in others.

The meeting came just a month after the broader Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit, and trying to put together consensus on major initiatives proved difficult in a group that includes both industrialized countries and some of the world's poorest nations.

Unity and cooperation were the best the leaders could really offer.

"You always have difficulties when you have to knock out compromise that meets the minimum interest of all parties," Singapore Foreign Minister S. Jayakumar said. "While there is criticism, they must also appreciate that this is a consensus document."

A joint ASEAN declaration added a number of points from a pre-summit draft, including a commitment to "accelerating economic and financial reforms" and saying the "international community also has a responsibility to support our reform efforts through bilateral and multilateral assistance."

After the summit, the leaders met with three "dialogue partners": Japan, China and South Korea.

Japanese Prime Minister Keizi Obuchi presented details of $5.1 billion in new low-interest loans to help troubled Asian countries rebuild their devastated economies.

China heard concerns about disputes in the South China Sea, and South Korea talked about its approach in dealing with North Korea.

At the closing session, Vietnam's Prime Minister Phan Van Khai emphasized ASEAN's pledge of regional cooperation.

"Now we have sufficient grounds to say that the Hanoi summit is a real bridge joining two centuries, reflecting our determination to strengthen unity and cooperation for the future of peace, stability, and sustainable development, responding to the aspirations of our peoples and the world community," he said.

But there were obvious disagreements on how best to fight the regional crisis.

In speeches that opened the summit Tuesday, some leaders urged more open markets to woo foreign investment and others defended the practice of shielding their economies.

Malaysia and Vietnam were at one end of the spectrum, warning of the dangers of globalization, while Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines said it was inevitable and should be embraced.

As with the opening ceremony, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen again watched the proceedings from the front row.

Khai, who had pushed hard for Cambodia's entry into the Southeast Asian brotherhood, reiterated that the nine-member grouping had agreed to admit Cambodia, fulfilling its founding pledge in 1967 to group all 10 Southeast Asian countries under the ASEAN umbrella.

However, the timing of admission remains up in the air. Some leaders have insisted that Cambodia first must fully establish the credibility of a newly formed coalition government.

Philippine Foreign Secretary Domingo Siazon said

ASEAN foreign ministers will discuss the issue by phone, and a final decision will be made by the chairman of the ASEAN standing committee.

That happens to be Jayakumar of Singapore, which was one of the chief proponents of delaying Cambodia's membership.

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Director served United Way, city admirably

The announcement that United Way of Midland Executive Director Carl Zapora will soon leave Midland to assume the position of Mid-America region director for United Way of America brings mixed emotions.

The Mid-America region is based in Chicago, Ill.

There is joy that Zapora's talents have led him to another position where they may be fully realized, but sadness that his exceptional leadership ability will be lost to Midland. He served here in admirable fashion.

During Zapora's brief three-year stint in Midland he took the United Way to new heights and accomplished much good for thousands of people. In fact, during the 1997 campaign the United Way of Midland surpassed the $3 million mark for the first time, filling campaign coffers with $3,056,000.

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While the 1997 campaign was astounding, this year's effort was hampered by repercussions from the extremely low price of oil and resulting corporate giving restraints. Even with that obstacle, however, Midland still has the prestige of having the highest per capita giving in Texas and one of the highest in the United States, and United Way of Midland volunteers collected an unbelievable $2.9 million! That is impressive and a tribute to Zapora's guidance. There is no question he will be missed in future campaigns.

Zapora admitted that leaving Midland was not an easy decision, calling it "the toughest decision of my life." And finding a replacement of Zapora's caliber will not be easy either. We wish Jim Henry, president of United Way of Midland, and the search committee the best in that endeavor.

To Carl Zapora we extend our thanks for a job well-done and a fond hope for the best of success in his new role!

Another View

'Instant' background checks? Not so fast

"Instant" background checks, my foot.

Gun dealers who called the FBI telephone center where the computerized checks are done got busy signals on Monday. Sometimes for hours.

The FBI computer system crashed twice on its first day, and its 340 operators couldn't keep up with the calls anyway.

Buyers of handguns in Ohio already were required to undergo state background checks. Under the new nationwide system that went into effect Monday, purchasers of all guns except muzzleloaders must pass instant background checks conducted over the phone with the FBI.

This bumbling caused honest businesses big bucks during the busy Christmas season.

Our tax dollars paid for this system. We expect better.

— The Marion Star
Marion, Ohio

George Will

And may all your presidents be like him

WASHINGTON—When Queen Caroline, consort of King George IV, was accused of adultery, one of her critics made a sardonic salute to some of her defenders: "God save the queen, and may all your wives be like her." A similar toast to Democrats opposed even to a Senate trial for President Clinton: And may all your presidents be like him.

Will

Partisan debate about the propriety of a Senate trial proceeds amid bipartisan consensus that there must never be another such president. His fate largely rests with people Democrats praise for their tepid partisanship, people known as "moderate Republicans" and known for inconstancy. (About which Clinton crimes are they *moderately* miffed?)

Such are the spars to which he clings in the shipwreck of his presidency, now that The Washington Post, which opposes impeachment, dismisses his defense as "a compound lie," and The New Republic, which opposes impeachment, calls him "a moral and cultural disaster" who is "shockingly capable of degrading just about anything he touches."

Granted, Republicans have mixed motives, some ignoble, for favoring impeachment. Still, savor the rarity of some people unwilling to palter with the truth in order to pander to public opinion. And salute some of them for an understanding of the popular will far more profound than polls communicate. The reason judicial review—unelected judges invalidating acts of elected representatives—can be compatible with popular government is that the Constitution is the fundamental, the permanent rather than evanescent, will of the American people.

Whoever is scripting Clinton's various contrition skits misses this point: Serial contrition, carefully calibrated, is oxymoronic. Clinton's current confessional theme, displayed again in the Rose Garden on Friday, is: I am ashamed of what I did to conceal behavior I was ashamed of, so now I have nothing to be ashamed of. If there were a parliamentarian controlling the current debate, he would declare such skits ungermane. Enough, already, of Clinton's bulletins on his inner life.

Clinton, whose self-absorption is the eighth wonder of the world, thinks the current controversy is about the purity of his repentance. He is encouraged to think so by those critics who, steeped in today's confessional culture, say we could "get this behind us" if only Clinton would come to the front of the tent and testify to having testified falsely under oath. But this reduces an assault on the rule of law to a problem that is half aesthetic and half pastoral.

The vote to impeach should proceed on the understanding that impeachment is not punishment, it is hygiene for the regime. The vote should turn on three questions:

First, is it *seemly* to spare a president even a Senate trial to consider the Everest of evidence of crimes of a sort for which some Americans are in prison?

Second, is it *necessary* to avoid a Senate trial, lest the nation be jeopardized? Such a judgment effectively amends the Constitution by repealing the impeachment provision as inapplicable to the modern presidency because the presidency has grown too great to discipline.

Third, what standard of presidential behavior will be endorsed by the House if it votes that not even a Senate trial is warranted by Clinton's sustained and calculated "private" behavior, which consisted of lying to the public and in two public (judicial) proceedings about behavior in the symbolic epicenter of the nation's public life, the Oval Office?

Clinton might survive a Senate trial in which the nation's welfare, not his soul, would be the proper subject. But even if only, say, 55 senators, rather than the required two-thirds, voted to remove Clinton, his survival would not mean (as one of his lawyers says) that this all would have been "much ado about nothing." If Clinton clings to office after majorities of both houses declare him unfit to do so, that outcome can accurately be called: censure.

But before assuming that Clinton's support cannot fall below 34 senators, consider: There is scant affection for him among Democrats. Some senior Democrats loathe him for reducing their party, once exemplified by Scoop Jackson, Hubert Humphrey, Mike Mansfield and Paul Douglas, to a party exemplified by Jerrold Nadler and Barney Frank.

And some Democrats have made themselves hostage to polls by citing them as sufficient reason not to remove Clinton. They have planted their feet on the shiftable sand of opinion, and the public may yet come to feel about Clinton as many in England came to feel about Caroline:

Most gracious queen, we thee implore
To go away and sin no more;
Or if that effort be too great,
To go away at any rate.

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Art Buchwald

Put Clinton under White House arrest

The bottom line of President Clinton's impeachment problem is sex. We can't escape it. Even The New York Times talks about it. The air waves are full of it, and lately it has been the subject of rancorous debate in the House of Representatives.

Buchwald

The reason Americans are paying any attention at all to the story is that they can understand sex, but they can't understand Iraq. They are hard put to fathom the economic recession in the Far East, but they're very much at home discussing adultery in a bar.

If the president has any faults, and I'm not saying he does, it is in the area of candor. He did something he shouldn't have, which is okay, but then he lied about it. All of us do things we shouldn't, but all of us are not president of the United States.

So, as far as the Republicans are concerned, it is not the act but the denial that requires punishment.

The problem is that the majority of the people don't want to lose their leader over an intern who could not keep her mouth shut — at least not while the price of heating oil is the lowest it's been in a long time.

At the same time, lying about adultery is a serious crime — in the same class with hitting a Coke machine to see if any coins will spill out.

We can't let the president off scot-free. He has offered to be censured and flogged 10 times by Janet Reno at Camp David. But for the Republicans it is not enough.

Here are some other punishments that have been suggested:

- Have him be given a physical examination by Dr. Kevorkian.
- Attach a steel cuff to his ankle so we'll know where he is at all times.
- Make him apologize to the People's Republic of China in Mandarin.

After this dark nightmare is over, we will have to decide what we really have learned from the scandal.

What we have learned is that if you commit an indiscreet act, gladly admit to it if there are tapes to prove it.

Don't trust people who say that stories about sex bore them. They are lying.

When a sex story breaks, you should be very careful wrapping fish in your newspaper.

Women are not always victims in a sexual situation. Sometimes they are the ones who ask you to RSVP.

The common wisdom is that sex is too serious to be left to Congress.

Art Buchwald's column is distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

Today in History

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Cal Thomas

Poem Clinton cited holds deeper truth: President must go

Commenting on the impeachment proceedings last Friday, President Clinton invoked the words of the Persian poet Omar Khayyam. In his classic poem, "The Rubaiyat," composed more than 800 years ago, Khayyam wrote: "The moving finger writes; and having writ moves on. Nor all your piety nor wit shall lure it back to cancel half a line, nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

Thomas

The president said he took that to mean that neither piety, nor tears, nor wit ("nor torment," he added), "can alter what I have done. I must make my peace with that."

To what was Omar Khayyam referring? What was this "moving finger" and whose finger was it?

The "moving finger" to which Omar Khayyam referred is found in the Book of Daniel, Chapter Five. The King of Babylon, Belshazzar, hosted a great banquet for a thousand people. In the midst of wine drinking and merriment, King Belshazzar called for the gold and silver goblets his father, Nebuchadnezzar, had taken from the temple in Jerusalem. His friends, their wives and concubines drank from them. These were objects sacred to the Jews. As they drank, they praised the gods of gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood and stone.

Beginning in verse five, the record says: "Suddenly the fingers of a human hand appeared and wrote on the plaster of the wall .... The king watched the hand as it wrote. His face turned pale and he was so frightened that his knees knocked together and his legs gave way."

Unable to learn the meaning of the message from his enchanters, astrologers and diviners, the king summoned Daniel. He knew that Daniel once interpreted a mysterious dream for the king's father. Belshazzar offered Daniel riches, but he refused and then translated the inscription: "God has numbered the days of your reign and brought it to an end. You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting. Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians." Belshazzar's reign ended that very night, Persia conquered Babylon, and another king took his place.

Belshazzar and his father, Nebuchadnezzar (Saddam Hussein's hero), were both ruthless and proud men. The difference between them was that Nebuchadnezzar humbled himself before God and was spared. His kingdom was even restored. But Belshazzar refused to humble himself and perished, along with his kingdom.

The poem cited by President Clinton as worthy of his and our consideration contains a deeper and far more important message for him. He also has demonstrated arrogance and pride. He has flouted the law and behaved as if the presidency were his by right. Offered ample opportunities to humble himself, Clinton used his "contrition" as just one of several strategies to preserve himself in office and avoid accountability later.

Given such history and evidence of the president's disrespect for the law, the House is right to move forward with articles of impeachment. The Senate, if it is principled, should vote to convict and remove him from office. Such acts will not tie up the country. They will serve as a purgative. They will affirm that no one is above the law, nor should anyone, including the president, be able to hide behind opinion polls or clever statements to avoid being held accountable to the law.

This president, like the ancient and proud King Belshazzar, is being weighed on the scales and found wanting. The Founders established the process of impeachment because the people are not always right. They often vote their feelings, but the law stands above emotion and holds us all accountable for our mutual benefit. It's time for him to go.

As Omar Khayyam put it in what could be another strong message for the president should he wish to read further:

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Cal Thomas' column is distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

Ex-Nova Scotia leader battles charges of rape, attempted rape in 1956

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia (AP) — At 70, former Nova Scotia Premier Gerald Regan remains one of the province's best-known politicians. His public life, however, is not at issue these days.

Regan

As a Halifax prosecutor has noted, the rape and sexual assault trial that may go to the jury today is about allegations of "a very dark side of his private life."

Two of the three cases at issue in the trial date to events in 1956, when Regan was a small-town lawyer and sportscaster. His accusers say they were 14 when they were assaulted in separate incidents after accepting rides home with a neighbor they trusted. "He changed my life and he ended my childhood," one said.

Regan, Nova Scotia's premier from 1970-78 and later a federal Cabinet minister, testified in his own defense Tuesday after five weeks of prosecution testimony that included the women's emotional accounts.

He emphatically denied each charge — raping one of the teens, trying to rape the other a few months later and, while opposition leader in the Nova Scotia legislature in 1969, trying to rape one of his office workers.

The charges were not filed until 1995; each accuser said she lacked the confidence to press charges in the aftermath of the alleged attacks.

Canada has no statute of limitations for serious crimes. In the past three years, a Roman Catholic bishop and a member of Parliament have faced charges of sexually assaulting young Indian women in the 1960s.

In Regan's case, the charges led to three years of legal wrangling before the trial started Nov. 2. Closing arguments began Wednesday, and the case could go to the jury today.

The first accuser, a 56-year-old woman now living in Quebec, testified that Regan, then 28, raped her in his car in the summer of 1956.

The second accuser said Regan tried to rape her that winter while driving her home from a skating rink. She said she fought him off.

The third woman, 18 at the time of the alleged 1969 incident, said Regan invited her into his office, exposed himself and forced her to the floor.

With so long a lapse since the alleged crimes, and a lack of corroborating evidence, cross-examination has focused on the accuracy of witnesses' memories.

"How can you trust it?" defense attorney Edward Greenspan asked jurors in his summation Wednesday, "There is absolutely no corroboration."

The second accuser admitted in her testimony that she had elaborated on her account since her first police interview in 1993. But she bristled when Greenspan suggested she and the first accuser jointly fabricated their allegations.

"I may have some of these facts wrong," the woman said. "The only thing I can say today is that in fact what happened to me when I was 14 did happen. Mr. Regan picked me up and sexually abused me. He changed my life and he ended my childhood, and I'm not going to go away until there's something done about it."

Greenspan noted the first accuser was unable to locate for police the roadside gravel pit where she allegedly was attacked.

"There was no pit and there was no rape," he said.

But prosecutors later produced aerial photographs from the 1950s showing there were several gravel pits in the area at the time.

The testimony has provided a close-up look at small-town life in 1950s Nova Scotia; the first two accusers lived at the time in Windsor, population 3,000.

Skating parties were popular among Windsor teen-agers; one witness said various townspeople, including Regan, would drive her home from such parties. "There was nothing to be afraid of," she said.

Regan's wife, Carole, whom he wed in November 1956, testified Monday, recounting their honeymoon and other trips that took him away from Windsor for much of the period in question.

She disputed previous testimony that she had been friends with the mother of one accuser, even denying she once gave the mother a favorite chowder recipe.

Regan has been accompanied to court regularly by at least one of his six grown children, and he has been outgoing toward acquaintances and the media.

"No matter what's going on inside him, in the courtroom he's very gregarious," said Stephen Kimber, a Halifax professor writing a biography of Regan. "He's a politician, and he plays that role."

Mexican authorities find body of missing American reporter

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The body of a missing American reporter was found Wednesday in a ravine in western Mexico, a U.S. consular official said.

Philip True, who worked for the San Antonio Express-News, apparently slipped and fell to his death into a deep ravine in a remote mountain range on the border between Jalisco and Nayarit states, a spokesperson at the Guadalajara consulate said on customary condition of anonymity.

True's body was spotted by a one of several army aircraft sweeping the area, military officials said. It took soldiers hours to reach the isolated Chapangana Canyon in the Western Sierra Madre, and several hours more to identify the body.

True, 50, who was based in Mexico City, headed into the Sierra Madre Occidental range on Nov. 29 to photograph and write about the region's Huichol Indians.

He had planned to hike into neighboring Nayarit state and return to Mexico City last Thursday. Since then, the Mexican army and authorities from both states had been searching the region.

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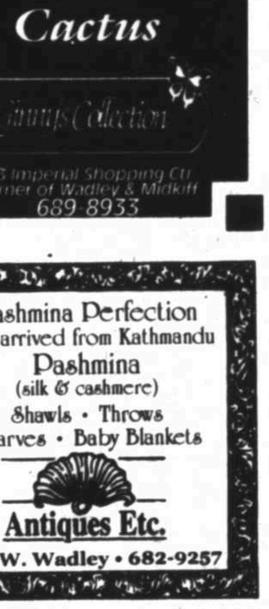
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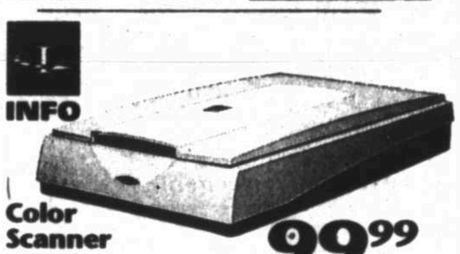
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Pinochet lawyer: Judge should have declared Amnesty ties

LONDON (AP) — Gen. Augusto Pinochet was entitled to know that a judge who denied him immunity from arrest heads the fund-raising arm of Amnesty International, his lawyer said Wednesday.

The human rights group has been a key player in the international campaign to bring the former Chilean dictator to trial for gross human rights abuses during his 1973-90 rule.

A judge "should not be, or be seen to be, in passionate opposition of a defendant," Pinochet's lawyer, Clare Montgomery, told a five-judge tribunal in Britain's highest court.

The tribunal is being asked to overturn the earlier judgment against the 83-year-old general by five other members of the House of Lords.

The decision could come as early as today, judges of the second panel said Wednesday after two days of new arguments over Pinochet's fate.

If Pinochet wins, the judges would order a new hearing in January, setting back Spain's efforts to extradite the general on charges including murder and torture relating to the deaths of Spaniards during Pinochet's rule.

Pinochet's lawyers argue the decision is invalid because one of the judges who voted against him, Lord Justice Leonard Hoffmann, is the director of Amnesty International Charity, the fund-raising arm of the human rights group.

In addition, Hoffmann's wife, Gillian, has worked at the group's London headquarters since 1977.

Lawyers for the Spanish government and for Amnesty told the Lords on Wednesday that neither of the Hoffmanns had played a role in the Pinochet campaign.

The campaign culminated Oct. 16 with the arrest of Pinochet in a London hospital where he was recovering from back surgery. He now is under police guard at a rented mansion west of London.

Alun Jones, representing the Spanish government, said Pinochet's real objection to Hoffmann was that the judge, a South African-born opponent of apartheid, is a liberal.

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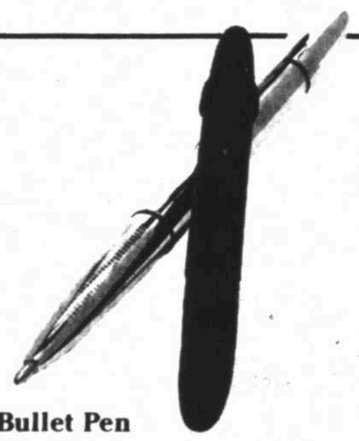
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Officials hear parents' traffic fears

■ Five parents met with MISD administrators and board members to discuss a Travis Elementary School bus lane they believe could prove dangerous.

By Daniel Arp
Staff Writer

None of the children who brave the heavy car and bus traffic outside Travis Elementary School have been hurt, but some parents think changes are in order to keep it that way.

Five parents, a principal, a police officer and two members of the board of Midland Independent School District gathered in a cramped conference room at Travis Wednesday evening to discuss a child safety issue with a long history.

For two years now, parents have been complaining about the school bus lane surrounding Travis. They claim that the lane — which wraps around and empties exiting buses onto the same street where students cross — presents a hazard.

"There have been kids who have almost gotten hit," said one of the parents, Jeanette Castañeda. "The parents of this school district are going to hold MISD and the city of Midland responsible if anyone gets hurt."

Ms. Castañeda said parents sent a message to the district last year when they and other members of the community signed 346 names to a petition. The petition asked that an annex be added to the existing portion of the bus lane behind the school, so that buses could exit out of harm's way.

MISD officials looked into the possibility of acquiring the land for the extended bus lane but decided in recent weeks that it was too expensive and not a real solution.

Wednesday's meeting was the fourth this school year between parents and officials.

"I honestly believe we can't build enough parking spaces and bus lanes to get rid of this problem," said Wilson Heidelberg, executive director of auxiliary and construction services for MISD.

Ms. Castañeda disputed this claim.

"The bus lane will help children's safety, and that's our No. 1 concern," she said.

The reason a bus lane might not help, say district officials, is that traffic around Travis is unusually heavy because of the high number of students who attend at both the new and the old buildings.

A new Travis, which opened January, was the first school built as part of MISD's elementary school renovation bond issue, passed last year. Children whose schools continue to be renovated under the bond issue have been holding classes in the old Travis building, causing a ballooned enrollment and congested traffic during drop-off and pick-up hours. The construction continues through early 2001.

Heidelberg said the problem cannot be easily fixed.

"There's not any one person who can solve it," he said.

The only board members in attendance were Adela

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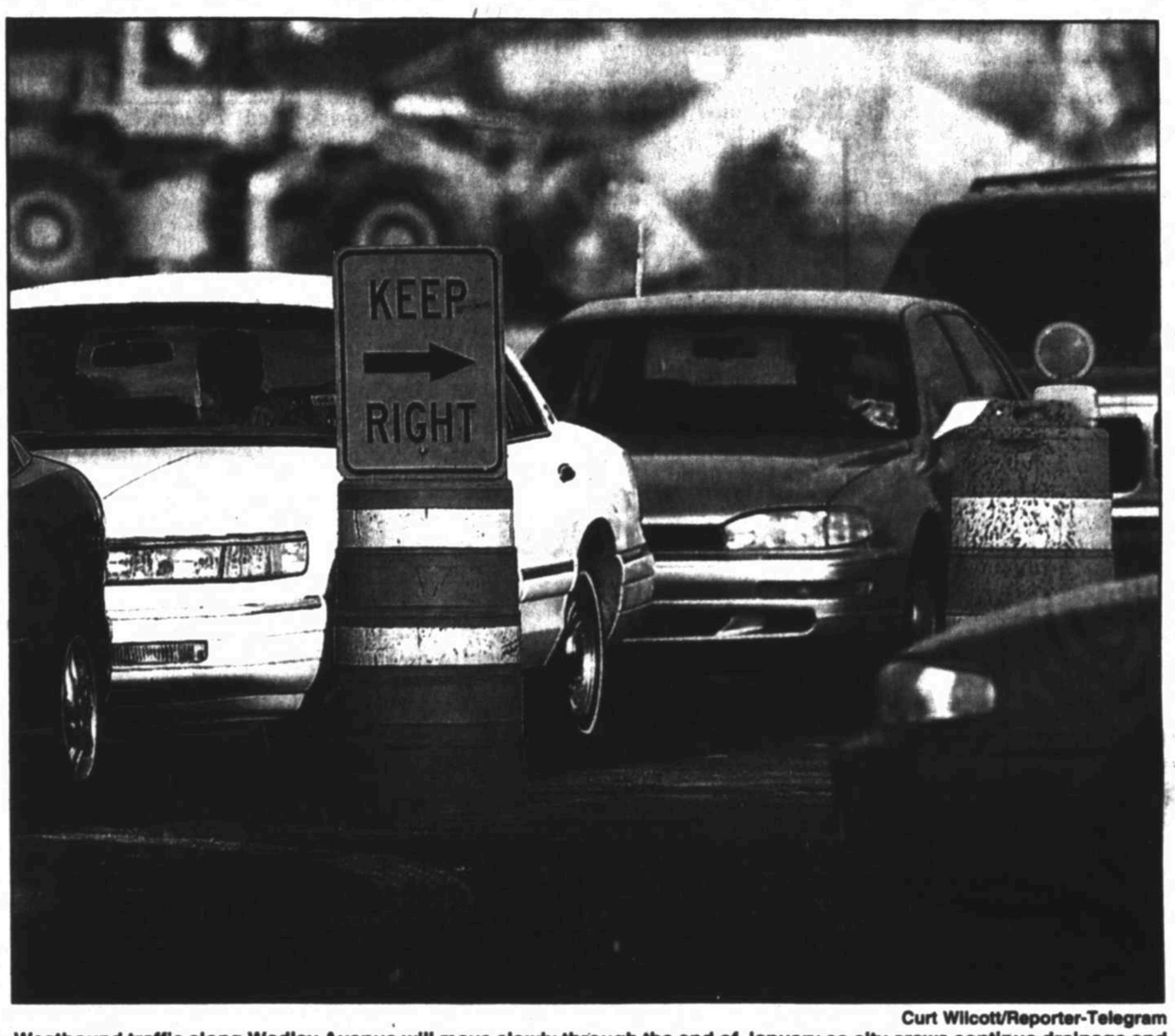

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Westbound traffic along Wadley Avenue will move slowly through the end of January as city crews continue drainage and street-improvement work near the corner of Wadley and Midland Drive.

Police search for driver in alleged Dec. 9 hit-and-run

From Staff Reports

Police are looking for a driver involved in an alleged hit-and-run accident on Dec. 9 that left a 14-year-old boy with minor injuries.

Three youths were washing a car at a car wash on Florida Avenue, police said. One of them, Albert Guevara, 14, was walking to a convenience store to get change when he was hit on Florida Avenue just south of Terrell Street, police said.

A 14-year-old Midlander was struck by a pickup, two other youths say. He was later treated for minor injuries at Memorial Hospital.

The other two boys heard Guevara yell out and went to see what happened, police said.

The boys told police they saw a black 1980's model Ford pickup, with chrome wheels, tinted windows and loud mufflers, police said.

The kids told police that after Guevara was hit, the truck cut through the convenience store's parking lot and headed north on Terrell Street.

Guevara was not seriously injured, said Tina Sanders-Jauz, public information officer for the Midland Police Department.

His injuries included broken bones and several scrapes, bumps and bruises, according to reports.

Anyone with information about the hit-and-run can call Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP. Information leading to an arrest or indictment for this case can be worth up to a $1000 reward.

Crisis Intervention Unit got new volunteer when they helped Midland crime victim

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

The Midland County Crisis Intervention Unit went out one morning last May to help a victim and ended up recruiting a volunteer.

CIU was called out by Midland police to help Hazel Barnes at her Wall Street floral shop after she had been attacked and beaten up that morning, Ms. Barnes said.

"I was just beautiful," Ms. Barnes said sarcastically. "I had two black eyes, stitches on my lip and on my head ..." She said a foot still has not healed.

Ms. Barnes said that because of the way the CIU helped her after the incident she decided to become a volunteer.

"I was so impressed," Ms. Barnes said. "After I reported the attack the unit was here in just 15 minutes.

"I didn't want to leave my assistant alone, so a member of the unit stayed with her at the store. By the time I got back from the hospital, the store had already been cleaned up and CIU members were still there wanting to help us out.

"All we heard from them was, 'What can we do? Do you need any help? Is there anyone you need to talk to?' They were great.

"That is why I decided to join. I thought I could redirect some bad feelings in a positive way."

Ms. Barnes said she thinks that being around the unit has prepared her to deal with her first holiday season since the incident.

"I am still a little weary and apprehensive," Ms. Barnes said. "It becomes a realization when I have nightmares about this turkey (her assailant) coming at me.

"When I wake up at three in the morning I just have to have a little prayer meeting with myself and say, 'I will not let this ... run my life.'

"I don't think I can forget what happened to me. I

Please see CIU/2B

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram
The Midland County Crisis Intervention Unit came to the aid of Hazel Barnes after she was attacked at her floral shop in May. Ms. Barnes now volunteers with the unit.

BASIN BRIEFING

Furby auction

A Furby is to be auctioned off for the benefit of Helping Hands, a local charity that assists needy families with food, medical assistance and funds for rent and utility bills. Listeners of radio station KCRS can call in bids through Friday; the highest bidder will receive the black and purple toy. For more information call 697-2148 or 697-3072.

Food concert

The group Ricochet is to perform 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Midland Center. Their concert is part of the KNFM Christmas Food Drive Listener Appreciation Show. For more information call 563-5636.

Christmas cheer

DALLAS — Garland hangs from every window and door. Sixty-five artificial trees explode with bulbs, balls and bows. And in a yard lighted for the highest sleigh route, wooden reindeer and snowmen play where giant candy canes grow. "My house is extremely overdone," 66-year-old June Arnold says proudly. "It's almost gaudy."

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Guard rape case

ABILENE — A female prison guard was dragged into a cell, held hostage for two hours and sexually assaulted by an inmate armed with a knife, prison prosecutors said Wednesday. The Robertson prison unit guard was conducting bed checks at 2:40 a.m. Sunday when Jesse Trevino Cortez, a convicted rapist, somehow opened his cell door and grabbed her, prison officials said.

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Mowbray demand

HARLINGEN — Susie Mowbray, who spent nine years in prison for her husband's murder only to be found innocent at a retrial, has asked Cameron County for $10 million in a demand letter. The letter, written by Ms. Mowbray's attorney Judith Bagley, offered to settle with Cameron County and other potential defendants for $10 million.

Story page 2B

Strauss honored

DALLAS (AP) — It was only fitting that former Mayor Annette Strauss be remembered at Morton H. Myerson Symphony Center. An avid supporter of the arts, Mrs. Strauss helped get the center built.

More than 1,600 people honored her Wednesday at a public memorial service. The ceremony followed a private funeral and burial in North Texas.

Mrs. Strauss died Monday, less than five months after undergoing surgery for a malignant brain tumor. The Houston native was 74.

She was the first and only woman to be elected to the city's highest position and served two terms starting in 1987.

Rabbi David Stern of Temple Emanu-El presided over the service, and notables including Mayor Ron Kirk, former Cowboys coach Tom Landry and Dallas Symphony director Andrew Litton paid their respects.

During her first term alone, a congressional committee held hearings on police shootings of civilians, five police officers were killed, the FBI released unsettling figures about Dallas crime and a community group blasted the city's record on race relations.

She also led during the turbulent and racially divisive realignment of the City Council into single-member districts.

TODAY'S AGENDA

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

Post traumatic stress disorder support group for women, 6 p.m., Community National Bank, 601 E. Florida Ave., 570-9412.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) No. Tx139, 7 p.m., 1007 Austin St., 694-8643.

VFW Post No. 4149, 7:30 p.m., 500 Airpark Road, 684-9226.

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

Parents Anonymous, 7 p.m., for location and other information, 570-1084.

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous, noon, First United Methodist Church, 694-2860.

LINDA ANDERSON

Two daughters, two schools, one championship equals headache for mom

What may be a high school student's dream scene became this parent's nightmare last Saturday when both Lee High School and Katy High School won their respective playoff football games.

Now these two schools are scheduled to play each other for the Class 5A Small School state championship Saturday at Texas Stadium in Dallas.

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Why on earth should this cause a dilemma of monumental proportions for a Midlander who lives in the LHS district, you may ask? Because one of my daughters is a senior at Lee and the other is a sophomore — and a proud member of the marching band, I might add — at Katy High School.

(We have one of those extended divorced families where one child lives with mom, one lives with dad and they switch with each other every now and then. Works out well for the kids, who get to live with both their parents part of the time, and for the parents, who get to live with both children part of the time and end up putting a lot of miles on both their cars during holidays and spring break when they meet on the road somewhere to do the Divorced Parents' Kid Switch. But I digress.)

To quote an old commercial, what's a mother to do?

We all know what a Major Big Deal high school football is in this state. Even those of us who don't follow the sport all that closely know to get out of the way when fans are on their way to or from the Big Game(s), whatever that game happens to be at the time. (Although after the kickoff and before halftime may be the best time to visit Albertson's, H-E-B or Wal-Mart.)

I know I have to cheer for somebody this weekend, but the problem is: who?

Parents know that children are the world's greatest experts at assessing the value of a gift or gesture. Everything must be exactly equal or the parent will never hear the end of it. For example, when the girls were little they had to have similar-but-equal toys, clothes and gifts. If one got a Barbie, the other had to get one too, but they couldn't be the same Barbie and heaven forbid if one child decided her sister's Barbie was better than hers!

So here I've got one child in one championship school, and one child in the other, and the game is getting closer. Some solutions have been suggested:

■ I should cheer for one team during even-numbered quarters, and the other during odd-numbered quarters. But that would mean I'd have to decide which team to cheer for first, which would open up another set of football-related problems.

■ Cheer for both teams at the same time. That would never work. I can picture it now: The eyes rolling and the young voices expressing their contempt — "Oh, Mooooooommmmmm!"

■ Cheer for neither. Yeah, right.

One suggestion sounded like the only solution: Head for the hills and don't come back until the game is over. I thought that would be the perfect solution, until I realized the most likely hills to head for would be in the Hill Country. Near Austin. Where my oldest daughter lives. She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin.

My father — her grandfather — is an Aggie. He hasn't quite recovered from Texas A&M University's last-minute defeat at the hands of the UT Longhorns during Thanksgiving week.

Will these football-related dilemmas ever stop?

Maybe I'll just go back to bed. Somebody wake me up when football season is over.

Linda Anderson is a Reporter-Telegram staff writer.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department
Wednesday

Burglary: A residence was broken into at 3330 W. Dengar Ave. It was reported at 10 a.m.

Criminal mischief/theft: Criminal mischief and theft were reported at 2003 Abbey Place. It was reported at 12:01 a.m.

Theft: A cell phone was taken at 9506 La Force Blvd. It was reported at 8:30 a.m.

Criminal mischief: Criminal mischief was reported at 2612 N. A St. It was reported at 6:07 p.m.

Theft: A theft was reported at 1201 Camp St. It was reported at 10 a.m.

Theft: A theft was reported at 4735 Country Club Road. It was reported at 10:30 p.m.

Criminal mischief: Criminal mischief was reported at 1727 E. Oak Ave. It was reported at 12:23 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Wednesday

Theft: A gray 1986 Mazda 626 was taken at 6401 E. County Road 86. It was reported at 10:31 a.m.

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

High-tech air traps fail to identify Houston haze

HOUSTON (AP) — Despite an elaborate array of chemical air traps and pollution alert systems up and down Houston's ship channel, officials were stumped Wednesday when a gassy brown cloud materialized over the active shipping corridor.

For at least three hours, 10 miles of the 55-mile Houston Ship Channel was closed to freighter traffic while authorities rerouted cars traveling near Houston's eastern side — home to miles of petrochemical plants. Residents and plant workers were told to stay indoors while pollution experts took air samples.

The Fred Hartman Bridge and the Lynchburg Ferry, both of which traverse the channel, were closed. Also shut down briefly was a section of Battleground Road, which is located near the San Jacinto Monument.

No injuries were reported, but by the end of Wednesday, experts had no more idea what caused the haze or what it was comprised of then when worried residents alerted them to the could at about 9 a.m.

"We don't know very much," said Pat Shaughnessy, spokesman for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Austin.

"So far we do not know a source and we do not know the chemical involved," said Darhl Ferraro, technical manager for Harris County Public Health and Environmental Service Pollution Control Division. "We do know it impacted a large area ... and there were odors involved."

Unlike with most of the hundreds of other chemical leaks and spills that take place each year in Houston, no company came forward to claim the cloud. Air monitors located near chemical plants only are set up to identify specific chemicals, usually a chemical produced by that company.

Contrary to early reports that the cloud was cancer-causing vinyl chloride, Deer Park City Manager Ron Crabtree said vinyl chloride sensors were not triggered.

"We are treating it as a serious chemical, even though we do not know what it is," said Crabtree, who added that it did not appear to be emanating from one of the Houston-area city's 20-odd chemical plants.

TRAFFIC: School officials hear parents' concerns over safety

(From 1B)

Marmolejo and James Fuller, both of whom Ms. Castañeda said have been supportive of parents' efforts.

"It seems to me to it's a problem of a lack of enforcement," Fuller said.

Bus drivers are supposed to turn right on Gist Street as they exit the bus lane, avoiding the crosswalk. Some, however, have been turning left.

"I want to make a suggestion here," Fuller said. "Either they don't turn left or (they) find another job."

"We can do that," Heidelberg said.

Fuller and others also pointed to the need for parents to get involved, by helping children cross the street and enforcing the traffic laws, for example.

Patrick Mayers, an officer with the Midland Police Department, suggested that members of the volunteer police academy could be used to direct traffic and students, an idea to which all seemed amenable.

Most in attendance agreed progress had been made but said they were prepared to continue working if it wasn't enough.

"We need to allow those suggestions (that have been agreed to) ... and see what happens," Fuller said. "I have no problem with meeting and meeting and meeting like we have."

CIU: Crime victim became one of the team, now helps others

(From 1B)

just put it in the back of my mind and go on. I will not let it run me.

"I am very lucky," Ms. Barnes said. "I have the support of my loved ones and family to help me through. Being here for years and years you make friends. And friends just don't happen. Your good, strong friends are not necessarily always in your hip pocket, but they are there when you need them. Kinda like the CIU, they are there when you need them and then slowly fade into the woodwork as you need them less."

The CIU began eight years ago to provide support to all local law enforcement agencies by comforting those affected by any kind of incident, notify next of kin in case of death, make arrangements for care of children, call funeral homes or do anything else the officers ask of them.

"Any time the police need us, we are there," said unit coordinator Sue Slaton. "We are called out to the scenes at the request of the officers. We are trained to preserve the crime scene and deal with the people there."

She said that the holiday season can be hard for victims of crimes like Ms. Barnes.

"This can be a great time of the year for some people," Ms. Slaton said. "But, if you are despondent it can be very bad. There are some people out there who just need someone to talk to.

"Sometimes the holidays bring up issues of guilt about things that happened in the past or memories about lost loved ones. We just try to be there for the people who need us."

One of the strong qualities of the group is their training, Ms. Slaton said. However, more than the training, Ms. Barnes said she thinks it is more the type of people who volunteer that make the CIU what it is.

"We were having our CIU Christmas party when we got a call," Ms. Barnes said. "Two members of the team were needed at an attempted suicide. One of the other members got up, picked up her purse and said, 'let me go with y'all.'

"She didn't have to go, but she wanted to help. We are just like a big family. I don't know a single person in that group who would not be out the door if they where needed. You can't teach people to care like that."

OBITUARIES

Clelan Atchison

Clelan Atchison was born December 19, 1926 in Stanton, Texas, to Frank and Clara (Shipman) Atchison. Mr. Atchison was a certified public accountant and had lived in Midland for the past 46 years. He was a member of the Westside Church of Christ and a lifetime member of the American Legion.

Mr. Atchison is survived by his wife, Peggy Atchison of Midland; his sons, Bob Atchison of Bedford, Texas, and George Atchison of Wichita, Kansas; his brothers, John T. Atchison and Charles Atchison, both of Midland; his sister, Ruby Davis of Odessa; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. Atchison died at a local hospital Sunday, December 13.

Family visitation was Tuesday evening at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services were 2 p.m. Wednesday at Westside Church of Christ with Gary Montgomery officiating. Interment followed at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Tommy Atchison, Charles Atchison, Kenneth Atchison, Wayne Atchison, Frank Atchison, and Don Davis. Honorary pallbearers were Leonard Busby, Monty Mount, Hoot Leonard, Gerald Hanson, Bob Midkiff, Jimmy Henson, and Ruel Hoffman.

The family requests memorials be directed to: American Lung Association, P. O. Box 26460, Austin, Texas 78755.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

DEATH NOTICES

Toots Mansfield

BIG SPRING —Toots Mansfield, 84, of El Paso died Wednesday, Dec. 16, in El Paso.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

Tommy Crawford

JONESBORO, Ark.—Tommy Edward Crawford, 60, of Jonesboro, Ark., father of Midlander Rhonda McCarty, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, at his residence.

Services are to be 1:30 p.m. today, Dec. 17, at Cobb Funeral Home Chapel in Blytheville, Ark., with the Revs. Tommy Carney and Patrick Murray officiating. Burial is to follow at Elmwood Cemetery in Blytheville under the direction of Cobb Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 29, 1938, in Gosnell, Ark.

He was a retired Baptist minister. He was a member of the Jonesboro Bass Club.

He was preceded in death by his father, Thomas M. Crawford, and a brother, Rick Crawford.

Other survivors include his wife, Nancy T. Crawford of Jonesboro, Ark.; two sons, Marty Crawford of Blytheville, Ark., and Tommy O. Crawford of Jonesboro, Ark.; another daughter, Kelly Arnold of Jonesboro, Ark.; his mother, Lonese R. Crawford of Gosnell, Ark.; a brother, Joey Crawford of Gosnell, Ark.; and 11 grandchildren.

Shirley Bradshaw

BIG SPRING — Shirley Bradshaw, 63, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Dec. 16, at her residence.

Services are to be 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Randy Cotton officiating. Burial is to follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 30, 1935, in Albany.

She moved to Big Spring in 1961 from Colorado City. She taught school in Big Spring and Coahoma. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, R.D. Bradshaw of Big Spring; one son, Bobby Bradshaw of Midland; one daughter, Mari K. Eglof of Lake Mary, Fla.; three brothers, Ronnie Miller of Dimmitt, Bruce Miller of Lubbock, and Don Miller of Breckenridge; and three grandchildren.

Pearl Jewett

BIG SPRING — Pearl Frances Roberts Jewett, 95, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Dec. 15, at her residence.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at West Highway 80 Church of Christ with Bill Jewett and W.R. Loper officiating. Burial is to follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 26, 1903, in Canon County, Tenn.

She was a homemaker and a teacher. She also lived in Greeley, Colo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George W. Jewett.

Survivors include two sons, William Jewett of Big Spring and Jack J. Jewett of Milam; one daughter, Pansy P. Jewett of Big Spring; 24 grandchildren; and 40 great-grandchildren.

Rosie Parum

ODESSA — Odessan Rosie Marie Parum, 62, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, at an Odessa hospital.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Frank W. Wilson funeral chapel in Odessa with the Rev. Glenn Harlin officiating. Burial is to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa under the direction of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

She was born Oct. 30, 1936, in Gainesville.

She was a housewife and a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Joe K. Parum of Odessa; two sons, Kenneth M. Parum and Steven A. Parum, both of Odessa; three daughters, Brenda S. Tucker, Glenda L. Rushing, and Karen J. Cox, all of Odessa; a brother, David C. Meek of Garland; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mowbray requests $10 million for wrongful conviction

HARLINGEN (AP) — Susie Mowbray, who spent nine years in prison for her husband's murder only to be found innocent at a retrial, has asked Cameron County for $10 million in a demand letter.

The letter, written by Ms. Mowbray's attorney Judith Bagley, offered to settle with Cameron County and other potential defendants for $10 million.

"As a result of her wrongful conviction, Ms. Mowbray was denied millions in insurance proceeds and inheritance," stated the two-page letter dated Dec. 3. "In addition, the clear constitutional violations and intentional conduct in this case make a large punitive damage award very likely."

Cameron County commissioners discussed the letter in an executive session at their meeting Tuesday night in Brownsville.

The letter stated that the county had until Wednesday to settle, but commissioners decided against a settlement. As of Wednesday afternoon, Ms. Mowbray had filed no federal or state lawsuits in Cameron County.

'It's going to cost the county to defend it but we don't believe that there's much substance to it.'
— Cameron County Judge Gilberto Hinojosa

"It's going to cost the county to defend it but we don't believe that there's much substance to it," said County Judge Gilberto Hinojosa. "We don't believe that either the district attorney or any of the assistant district attorneys did anything in violation of the law."

Ms. Mowbray was convicted in 1988 of murdering her husband, Bill Mowbray, in their Los Fresnos home, although she insisted he committed suicide. Her alleged motive was $1 million in insurance money.

In November 1995, a state district judge overturned the conviction and recommended a new trial. A Texas appeals court affirmed that decision, finding that prosecutors suppressed expert testimony about blood evidence that contradicted their homicide theory. Ms. Mowbray was found innocent at her retrial in January.

The demand letter says the violation of Ms. Mowbray's civil rights "has already been conclusively established" and says her nine years in prison resulted in "mental and emotional distress, harm to reputation and loss of the companionship of her family."

Hinojosa, who was also the judge who presided over Mowbray's 1988 trial, said the blood expert's report was made available to defense attorneys at the original trial, but they chose not to use it. Although prosecutors also had the report, they were not obligated to use it, Hinojosa said.

"They can simply disagree with the expert and find an expert they feel is more credible," he said.

Hinojosa said the evidence presented at trial by prosecutors "was put on responsibly and, I think, in good faith by them."

"I bent over backwards to make sure that Susie got a fair trial," he added.

Among those named in the demand letter as potential defendants are state District Judge Ben Euresti, who was the Cameron County district attorney during Ms. Mowbray's 1988 trial; South Padre Island Mayor Ed Cyganiewicz, a former assistant district attorney; and feilow former assistant district attorney Luis Saenz.

George Gavito and Estela Mauricio with the Cameron County Sheriffs Department were also mailed copies of the demand letter.

Phone calls to Ms. Mowbray and Ms. Bagley were not returned to The Associated Press Wednesday.

Atheist gets to put sign next to Nativity

N.Y. Times News Service

WEATHERFORD — The only recognized atheist in town has scored a victory with an agreement that allows him to place a pagan sign next to the Nativity scene in front of the county courthouse.

Dick Hogan, a retiree in this town west of Fort Worth, is a member and former state director of the American Atheists Inc., a group founded by Madalyn Murray O'Hair prior to her disappearance three years ago.

Hogan sued Parker County two years ago over its display of the Christmas manger scene.

That lawsuit was settled recently with the stipulation that Hogan be allowed to erect a sign beside the display, stating: "Happy Winter Solstice, the REAL reason for the season!"

The winter solstice marks the time when the sun travels in its lowest arc across the horizon and results in the shortest day of the year. It usually falls on Dec. 21 in the Northern Hemisphere.

The sign refers to a ritual staged by some ancient religions to honor sun gods and encourage the sun to return and warm the Earth.

Hogan plans to put up the sign Saturday.

"Then I guess we'll see how long it stays up there," he said.

The county was joined by the Young Business Leaders of Parker County in efforts to fend off the atheist's lawsuit, which was filed in federal district court in Fort Worth.

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Stenholm ponders impeachment decision; Reyes to vote against

WASHINGTON (AP) — The telephone calls, e-mail messages and faxes keep pouring into Rep. Charlie Stenholm's office, where aides have been busily fending off entreaties from reporters and TV bookers anxiously vying to land the West Texas Democrat.

It hasn't been easy being one of the few remaining House members still viewed as up for grabs in advance of the historic vote on whether to impeach President Clinton. The U.S.-Iraqi showdown, however, complicated the timing of that vote.

A conservative Democrat, Stenholm was one of a dwindling number of lawmakers from both parties on the White House's impeachment target list.

Stenholm's public silence on Clinton's fate prompted an onslaught of calls and e-mail messages — both from his sprawling West Texas district and beyond. "We're getting calls from all over the country," spokeswoman Julie Turner said Wednesday. "We're getting hundreds, if not thousands, of e-mails.

Another Texan removed himself Wednesday from the uncommitteds.

Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-El Paso, announced his opposition to impeachment, joining 12 other Texas Democrats. Twelve Texas Republicans and one Democrat, Ralph Hall of Rockwall, have said they have found grounds for impeachment.

Reyes found the evidence lacking, saying there is a distinction between criminal and impeachable offenses. "After a careful review of the testimony before the Judiciary Committee and the report of the committee about its findings, I am opposed to impeaching President Clinton," he said.

With Reyes' announcement, only four of the state's 30 House members remain publicly uncommitted — Republican Mac Thornberry of Clarendon, and Democrats Stenholm, Chet Edwards of Waco and Solomon Ortiz of Corpus Christi. Edwards said he is leaning against impeachment.

As an influential voice in the Democratic caucus, Stenholm's decision was being eagerly awaited on and off Capitol Hill.

The folks from "Nightline," "Larry King Live," "Hardball" and other news programs — including the British Broadcasting Corp. and the Canadian Broadcasting Co. — have been calling for days, clamoring to land an interview with the conservative Democrat.

Stenholm, however, was keeping his own counsel.

Calls from the district are "pretty evenly" divided between pro- and anti-impeachment supporters, Ms. Turner said.

DeLay helps guide House toward Clinton impeachment

'Whatever power (Rep. Tom DeLay) has over members, he's certainly proved to be a persuasive fellow.'
— White House spokesman Joe Lockhart

WASHINGTON (AP) — As undecided House Republicans fall relentlessly in line behind impeaching President Clinton, Democrats say they detect the work of the man called "The Hammer."

GOP lawmakers and aides insist that this time, their No. 3 leader, Majority Whip Tom DeLay of Texas, is not twisting arms in an effort to depose a president whom DeLay has fought bitterly for years.

"This is not a jihad," said his spokesman, Mike Scanlon.

But clearly, the one-time bug exterminator and 14-year House veteran has helped guide the House toward an increasingly likely vote to impeach Clinton by limiting the options of Republicans to do anything else.

When House Speaker-to-be Bob Livingston, R-La., said last weekend that he would not allow an alternative vote on censuring Clinton, DeLay had laid the groundwork by having argued for months that censure was not constitutional.

And in the GOP's crucial, rudderless days after its Election Day losses and the abrupt resignation by Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., it was DeLay who kept arguing for impeachment amid second thoughts by colleagues. And it was DeLay who supplied lawmakers with research materials on impeachment and who arranged conference calls among legislators to discuss the issue.

"I think he feels very strongly about it," said Rep. George Nethercutt, R-Wash.

Democrats say that would be an understatement. They note that DeLay was the first House leader to call for Clinton's resignation. They insist — without producing hard evidence — that DeLay has pressured undecided Republicans to back the impeachment drive.

"Whatever power he has over members, he's certainly proved to be a persuasive fellow," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said Wednesday, adding, "There certainly is leverage. The leadership decides committee assignments. There's a lot of political power within the leadership."

When Republicans recently accused the White House of pressuring GOP moderates, Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said, "Any discussion of pressuring ... that leaves out the name of Tom DeLay is equivalent to debating impeachment without mentioning Monica Lewinsky."

Democrats also note that in January 1997, DeLay was one of just 26 Republicans to oppose reprimanding Gingrich and imposing a $300,000 penalty on him for giving incorrect information to the House Ethics Committee.

One of the few Republicans opposing impeachment, Rep. Peter King of New York, said DeLay was "not exactly Mother Teresa and the fact is, you know, there's pressure being brought all around."

For years, his political allies and foes alike have credited the 51-year-old DeLay with being amazingly effective in counting — and drumming up — votes.

"He tries to make members understand there are benefits to voting a certain way, such as with the core groups of Republicans in their districts," said Ralph Hillman, a lobbyist who once worked for DeLay.

Part of his persuasiveness also comes from a willingness to help lawmakers with projects in their districts, they say.

"I've gone to him and said, 'I need help on this particular measure or project for my region,'" said Nethercutt. "He's there to help you when you need something."

"I'm not a very articulate guy," DeLay said in 1996. "I think my talent is in putting together the votes."

His dealings with lobbyists leave little to subtlety. He openly pushes lobbying firms to hire Republicans, and has kept a book on his desk listing trade associations and the campaign contributions they have made to each political party.

If a trade group that has given more money to Democrats than Republicans contacts him, "He'll say, 'You gave 60-40 to Democrats, why are you here,'" Hillman said.

He has also rarely shied away from confronting Clinton. During the GOP's 1995-1996 budget war with the president, DeLay was one of the most steadfast supporters of the federal shutdowns that Republicans thought would force Clinton to accept their budget demands.

Even as the House in January 1996 approved a measure allowing federal workers to go back to work during the budget standoff, DeLay said, "We have not caved. We will not cave."

DeLay, a staunch conservative, seemed in peril of losing his leadership job when he joined the failed coup to depose Gingrich last year. But he made a well-received mea culpa speech to Republican lawmakers, and cemented ties to Christian conservative groups by arranging a summit on social issues between them and congressional GOP leaders.

When challenges began emerging to top House Republicans after they lost five seats in last month's elections, no one faced off against DeLay. He threw his support behind Livingston's candidacy for the speakership, and Livingston's victory bolstered DeLay's power.

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Party host brings Christmas cheer to children with disabilities

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June Arnold, known to many as The Christmas Lady, poses with some of her hundreds of Christmas items.

DALLAS (AP) — Garland hangs from every window and door. Sixty-five artificial trees explode with bulbs, balls and bows.

And in a yard lighted for the highest sleigh route, wooden reindeer and snowmen play where giant candy canes grow.

"My house is extremely overdone," 66-year-old June Arnold says proudly. "It's almost gaudy."

Starting each July, Mrs. Arnold transforms her north Dallas home and corner lot into a holiday extravaganza. It's magical to her guests, many of whom can't hear the Christmas carols or dance around the decorations.

Some of the children are deaf, like her teen-aged grandson. Others have terminal illnesses, like the daughter she lost to cancer in 1990. But their spirits soar when they enter the wide-eyed wonderland of Mrs. Arnold's home.

She invites all the children she knows to the party she hosts each December. Some she met at area hospitals, where she portrays Mrs. Santa. More than 100 people are expected this year on on Dec. 19.

"When I realize there are children on this planet for such a short time, I do everything I can for them," she said. "Little handicapped people need love and attention and parties too."

Last year, when someone asked her which of the childrn were handicapped, she responded: "Isn't it terrific — you can't tell."

When people offer to defray the cost of her electric bill or party favors, Mrs. Arnold said she sends the money to the Cancer Research Foundation in Arlington. She and her husband incur most of the expense for the party, although area merchants often donate toys.

She's collected most of the decorations over the past 30 years. Hundreds of Santas and other holiday figures line tabletops draped in pink and red cloth. A picture of Santa is even painted on a door to the bathroom, wallpapered year-round with Christmas wrapping paper.

For 8-year-old Kelsey Rohr, Mrs. Arnold's house is like home. The second-grader has gone to parties there for most of her life.

"It's neat for Kelsey to see other hearing-impaired kids," said her mom, Pam Rohr. "It gives her a sense that somebody's out there besides her."

Mrs. Arnold also hosts an Easter egg hunt and party, and decorates for the Fourth of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day.

Neighbors admire the festivities.

"When I first saw it, I thought that lady needs to get a life," said Abilene Marks, owner of a shop across the street. "Then I realized how many lives she touches. She does it just because of the joy it brings."

Prosecutor: Inmate to be charged in prison guard rape

ABILENE (AP) — A female prison guard was dragged into a cell, held hostage for two hours and sexually assaulted by an inmate armed with a knife, prison prosecutors said Wednesday.

The Robertson prison unit guard was conducting bed checks at 2:40 a.m. Sunday when Jesse Trevino Cortez, a convicted rapist, somehow opened his cell door and grabbed her, prison officials said.

Wielding an 8-inch piece of sharpened metal, Cortez only released the guard after two hours of negotiation with prosn officials.

Prosecutors say they are pursuing charges of sexual assault and kidnapping against the Cortez, 22.

"We don't know how Cortez managed to open his cell door," said Latham Boone, chief prosecutor for the Special Prison Prosecution Unit, "That is something we'll be trying to determine. However, we expect to charge Cortez with sexual assault in this case."

Prison employees who asked to remain anonymous say the prison may have had trouble with faulty cell door locks. Some employees complained to the Abilene Reporter-News, a local newspaper, that the prison was trying to cover up the incident by releasing a report Monday that failed to mention the sexual assault. The report said the guard was treated for scratches on her neck.

Workers at the prison also criticized Warden Tim Morgan for negotiating for the guard's release instead of using force.

"It wasn't handled very well and because of that, some very bad things went on," an employee said. "Someone needs to take responsibility for this."

Morgan would not comment on the matter.

State prison officials refused Wednesday to confirm the officer was sexually assaulted.

Larry Todd, a Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman, said only that the internal affairs department was investigating the matter.

"It is not our policy to comment on specific charges in an ongoing investigation," Todd said, "If the Special Prosecutor wants to talk about the case, that is up to him entirely."

He defended Morgan's decision to negotiate with the inmate rather than have officers rush the cell.

"If a person wants to armchair-quarterback an emergency hostage situation, then so be it," Todd said. "But the good news is that she survived."

Todd said investigators will determine whether the warden followed proper policy.

He also said the incident had nothing to do with a lockdown and search for illegal items that began Monday at 106 state prison, jail and substance-abuse units throughout the state.

"No, it had nothing to do with that," Todd said. "There was no specific situation that led to statewide lockdown."

Austin to end 27 years of busing

AUSTIN (AP) — Twenty-seven years after launching the program designed to integrate schools, Austin school district trustees have decided to stop busing.

A Feb. 25 vote will finalize school boundaries that will send students to schools closer to their homes.

The trustees said they were swayed in part after hearing pleas from Austin parents. Many parents have told board members they have trouble visiting their children's schools if they're beyond walking distance.

But the vote also raises concerns for members of minority groups, who say they fear a return to discrimination in Austin public schools.

Olga Cuellar, education director for the Central Texas district of the League of United Latin American Citizens, said an end to busing will create inequities in the school system.

"If we were getting the same curriculum and the same tools at every school, then there would be no problem, but I would hesitate about ending busing now," Ms. Cuellar said.

Nationwide, the focus on desegregating schools has shifted from creating diverse student bodies to closing the academic achievement gap between minorities and whites. Trustee Loretta Edelen said that Austin has not yet closed that gap.

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Impeachment proceedings

Debate delayed, but Clinton's hopes of avoiding impeachment dim

By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans agreed Wednesday night to a brief delay in impeachment proceedings against President Clinton because of airstrikes in Iraq, even though many questioned whether the attacks were politically motivated.

Republican lawmakers said they expected a delay of a few days at most in the historic debate that had been set to begin Thursday.

"We're not going to put off this impeachment matter indefinitely," said Rep. Steve Chabot, R-Ohio, one of several lawmakers who stopped to talk with reporters after a closed-door meeting.

"I anticipate we'll take it up over the weekend or early next week," added Chabot. He and other Republicans said no firm date had been set.

Clinton's prospects for avoiding impeachment flickered ominously during the day, as a fresh batch of Republicans announced plans to support at least one of the four articles of impeachment the House Judiciary Committee approved last week. Among them was Rep. John Porter, R-Ill., who had previously declared his intention to oppose impeachment.

There was GOP skepticism all around about Clinton's motives in ordering airstrikes, though.

"Suddenly, on the eve of a vote to impeach him, after six years of a weak approach to Saddam Hussein, we are now told bombing is an urgent necessity," Rep. Matt Salmon, R-Ariz., said.

One Republican lawmaker, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Rep. Bob Livingston, the House speaker-in-waiting, had stressed inside the meeting the importance of "supporting our troops and not sending any signal to the contrary."

Republicans intend to convene the House on Thursday and approve a resolution of support for military personnel, rather than launch what had been scheduled as a historic debate over the fate of the nation's 42nd president.

Democrats, who had urged a delay in the vote, leapt to the president's defense. "Saddam Hussein should make no mistake that despite domestic political differences in the United States, the American people and Congress stand firmly behind the defense of our nation's vital interests," Sen. Tom Daschle and Rep. Dick Gephardt, the party's top leaders in Congress, said in a statement.

Clinton himself made a brief reference to the juxtaposition of events, saying that "Saddam Hussein and the other enemies of peace may have thought that the serious debate currently before the House of Representatives would distract Americans or weaken our resolve to face them down."

And perhaps mindful of the skepticism, the administration laid plans for Defense Secretary William Cohen, CIA Director George Tenet and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Hugh Shelton, to travel to the Capitol Thursday night to brief lawmakers in an extraordinary closed-door session on the House floor.

There was no definite word on the length of the delay under consideration before the House convenes for the first presidential impeachment vote in 130 years. All day Wednesday, prospects had seemed to grow grimmer for the president.

"I am convinced that in this case, we do need impeachment as a shield to protect the integrity of our institutions," said Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, a moderate Republicans whom the White House had long counted on to support the president. He was one of several GOP lawmakers to announce plans to vote for at least one article of impeachment.

AP photo
House Judiciary Committee Chairman Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., meets reporters on Capitol Hill Wednesday after attending a meeting of Republican leaders. Hyde said they were discussing whether to recess impeachment proceedings if the U.S. launched an attack on Iraq. The U.S. did attack, and impeachment debate has been delayed.

Some Republicans responded with fury as word spread that Clinton had ordered military action on the eve of the impeachment debate.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott issued a statement saying that "while I have been assured ... that there is no connection with the impeachment process ... I cannot support this military action."

"Never underestimate a desperate president," said Rep. Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y. "This time he means business. What option is left for getting impeachment off the front page and maybe even postponed?" Solomon is retiring at the end of the year.

At the White House, spokesman Joe Lockhart dismissed any suggestion that Clinton was using his awesome powers as commander in chief to escape punishment. "The president of the United States makes national security decisions based on the best interest of the United States," he told reporters.

The articles of impeachment cover perjury, obstruction of justice and abuse of power in connection with Clinton's efforts to conceal his sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky. Passage of any of them would send the issue to the Senate for a trial, the likes of which hasn't occurred since Andrew Johnson sat in the White House in 1868.

"I get the impression that the president considers himself above the law," said Rep. John Porter, R-Ill., indicating he had switched his position after earlier announcing he would oppose impeachment on the floor of the House.

Rep. James Leach of Iowa, an independent-minded Republican, declared his plans to vote for two of four articles of impeachment.

The White House did get one piece of good news from the ranks of Republicans. Rep. Jay Kim of California, who pleaded guilty to accepting illegal donations in 1997, said he was leaning toward opposing impeachment. A Senate trial "is going to be an international embarrassment," Kim told the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin in Ontario, Calif.

But Kim was bucking the trend. Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., a former Democrat, announced his support for impeachment.

And Rep. Mike Pappas, defeated last month in his bid for re-election, said his last act in Congress would be to support impeachment. Clinton should "do the honorable thing and resign," he said.

The White House continued to reject all such suggestions, even as aides emphasized the president's willingness to accept censure and some kind of financial punishment.

Most lawmakers already were back in the Capitol, or else en route, for a post-election session that all sides said they had hoped would not be necessary.

One lawmaker, Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., was returning to Washington by military plane, a special arrangement necessitated by his recovery from hip replacement surgery.

An Associated Press telephone survey of House members found 178 said they would support impeachment, 182 said they would oppose it, 53 remained undecided, and 22 wouldn't answer or didn't return phone calls. The totals include members who said they were leaning toward a position. The undecided and those not responding included 27 Democrats and 48 Republicans.

Clinton met at the White House with New York Rep. Amo Houghton, one of a handful of Republicans to announce he would oppose impeachment. The New York lawmaker took with him a proposal for censure of Clinton, including a $500,000 payment to the Treasury, described as a donation, cancellation of this year's State of the Union address, and a provision requiring that the president not be involved in Democratic fund raising.

GOP leaders have already declared they will not permit a vote on the House floor on censure. Democrats have demanded one, as have a few Republicans who have expressed unhappiness over the prospect of a prolonged impeachment trial in the Senate.

Under the schedule that had been set, the House was to convene at midmorning on Thursday to begin debate on the articles of impeachment approved by the Judiciary Committee. Final votes were expected by Friday.

Any Senate trial would not begin until January.

Retiring Texas Dem Gonzalez condemns impeachment move

By Gary Martin
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — A veteran House Democrat who called for the ouster of two Republican presidents said Wednesday he was saddened that the last act of his 37-year career in Congress will be voting on the impeachment of President Clinton.

Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez of San Antonio said impeachment should not be used by Congress to "coerce private moral standards."

"If we start impeaching presidents for moral acts, it just becomes a bottomless hole," he said.

Gonzalez, 82, will be one of 40 House lawmakers leaving office when the 105th Congress adjourns at the end of this year. First elected in 1961, he is retiring due to health problems.

He vowed in August to defend Clinton from impeachment.

"I consider this one of the most important votes ever," Gonzalez said.

"What is at stake here is the coequality of the branches of government and the stability that that has given us through history. Once that is gone, there is no end to the possible reoccurrences and imbalance of government," he said.

The Gonzalez name has been synonymous with impeachment. He called for President Ronald Reagan's ouster twice, when U.S. forces carried out a rescue invasion in Grenada and when the Iran-contra scandal came to light.

President George Bush's military strike against Iraq in the Gulf War also drew Gonzalez's ire and an impeachment resolution that lacked support from the House.

"They were actually distorting the constitutional process in the War Powers Act. In other words, my contention was that only Congress could declare war, and unless the president receives congressional approval, he would be declaring an unconstitutional war," Gonzalez said.

With Clinton, Gonzalez accused the Republican leadership in the House of engaging in a partisan ploy to overturn the president's election in 1992 and re-election in 1996.

"The motivation is to get control of the executive branch. The people haven't given them that. They haven't been elected to that, and they want that by hook or by crook," Gonzalez said.

When the House convenes, it will debate impeachment charges that Clinton committed perjury, obstruction of justice and abuse of power in connection with the cover-up of his affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Republicans have a 228-207 majority in the House where a majority vote in favor of one or more articles of impeachment would trigger a Senate trial. If convicted by a two-thirds majority in the Senate, Clinton would automatically be removed from office.

The dean of the Texas congressional delegation, Gonzalez called the impeachment vote unprecedented.

"It saddens me very much to return for this," Gonzalez added.

"It seems to me the Congress is acting beyond its constitutional authority. As much as I defend against executive encroachment, I'm also sensitive about legislative branch excess," he said.

Clinton's balancing act offers peril, opportunity

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

'He's playing politics with national security.'
— GOP consultant Alex Castellanos

WASHINGTON — Bill Clinton struggled Wednesday with two of the most profound issues a president can ever face: war and impeachment.

In a blur of high-stakes meetings, Clinton ordered military strikes against Iraq while making last-resort plans in his effort to avoid impeachment in the House. The two tracks of crises converged in dramatic fashion for an Oval Office address Wednesday evening, as the president explained his decision and addressed skepticism about his motives.

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"Saddam Hussein and the other enemies of peace may have thought that the serious debate currently before the House of Representatives would distract Americans or weaken our resolve to face them down." They were wrong, he said.

Several Republicans didn't wait for the bombs to drop to accuse Clinton of manufacturing the showdown to boost his political standing at the brink of a House vote on impeachment. They risked a backlash by breaking with tradition to criticize an American military strike so quickly.

And Clinton risked emboldening Republicans if there is a widespread view that the strikes were politically motivated.

"It's certainly rather suspicious timing," said Rep. Tillie Fowler, R-Fla. "I think the president is shameless in what he would do to stay in office."

"He's playing politics with national security," said GOP consultant Alex Castellanos.

"What he's doing here," said leading conservative activist Paul Weyrich, "is more of an impeachable offense than anything he is being charged with in Congress."

Without mentioning the critics, Clinton said the timing was driven by the need to catch Saddam by surprise and avoid military action during a Muslim holiday. He said twice that his entire national security team signed off on the decision. Defense Secretary William Cohen, a former GOP senator, said he was "prepared to put 30 years of public service on the line" to defend the attack.

Democrats were outraged that Clinton's motives were being questioned.

Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., said called the GOP reaction to strikes against Iraq "as close to a betrayal of the interests of the United States as I've ever witnessed in the United States Congress. It's unforgivable and reprehensible."

It was unclear how the public would react.

Americans showed some skepticism when the United States attacked alleged terrorist facilities in Afghanistan and Sudan days after Clinton's August grand jury testimony in the Monica Lewinsky case. Polls showed about one-third of Americans suspected those attacks were diversionary tactics.

Yet independent pollster Andrew Kohut chalks those figure up to anti-Clinton voters who never trust him. Kohut said the public's view of the Lewinsky case did not change after the August attacks, a sign that a strike against Iraq wouldn't affect impeachment proceedings.

"I think people can keep the (impeachment) predicament and Iraq in separate sides of their brain," he said.

Still, the president could be helped by the timing of the attack.

Republican pollster Neil Newhouse said GOP leaders could lose momentum now that Thursday's vote has been postponed because of the airstrikes. Party moderates, falling one-by-one in line behind the pro-impeachment leadership this week, could get skittish about public opinion polls that already show little support for ousting Clinton.

"These guys are ready to vote but, truthfully, I don't know how much more pressure they can stand up to," Newhouse said.

The public will be skeptical about action against Iraq, but "that cynicism takes a long time to kick in," maybe long enough to buy Clinton critical time, Newhouse said.

The White House has argued for days that impeachment and a Senate trial would be damaging to the nation. Castellanos, the Republican strategist, says the showdown with Iraq is part of that strategy: Clinton wants to showcase the need for a strong president.

"He's magnifying the risk to us if we don't protect him," Castellanos said. "He's the blackmailer-in-chief now."

In all of this, Clinton suffers from a lack of credibility. Did he lie under oath? Did he lie about the need for going toe-to-toe with Saddam right now?

"Both the timing and the policy are subject to question," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said, objecting to the military strike even after talking to Clinton and being promised that there was no connection between the day's twin troubles — impeachment and Iraq.

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Some lawmakers' dilemma is no problem for others

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two-thirds of the country is against impeaching President Clinton, and for some lawmakers who want to put him on trial in the Senate that presents a gut-wrenching quandary: Who rules, conscience or constituency?

Rep. Sue W. Kelly, a Republican from a middle-of-the-road district along the Hudson River in New York state, faced the dilemma and, like most Republicans, came down for impeachment.

"There are those who say I'll pay a political price for my vote," she said. "Maybe so. I have searched my conscience, I've prayed long and hard and I believe that this is the right decision."

She's exaggerating, suggests one who has been in those shoes, Bill Frenzel, retired now after 18 years as a Republican congressman from Minnesota. The price is rarely that high, he said.

"Americans are quite forgiving, no matter what kind of nasty letters they write," Frenzel said. "If in the end they think the representative had a good reason for doing what they did, he or she will be forgiven."

As for that ancient question, as old as democracy, whether a lawmaker's vote should reflect his own ideas or his constituents', Frenzel quoted Edmund Burke. The English statesman told the voters of Bristol in 1774 that a representative owes his people nothing more than his best judgment and betrays them if he sacrifices it to follow popular will.

For most members of the House the impeachment vote isn't such a tough call. Most Republicans think Clinton should be impeached and sent to trial in the Senate; most Democrats don't.

> **'Americans are quite forgiving, no matter what kind of nasty letters they write.'**
> — Bill Frenzel, retired GOP congressman from Minnesota

Lawmakers usually reflect back-home sentiment. If they didn't, they wouldn't have been elected.

"No, it's not going to be a tough vote because it's not very often where you get a tough vote where the Constitution, your conscience and your constituency all come together," commented Rep. Bill Redmond, R-N.M.

It's especially easy for Redmond; he was defeated for re-election in November.

A few days ago, Caldwell Butler of Roanoke, Va., who voted in committee to impeach President Nixon when Butler was a first-term Republican congressman in 1974, came across a letter from those days.

"You cannot join the thieves," said the writer. "Your future will go down the drain if you do not stand with your party at this critical time."

Butler could hardly let that go without a response.

"Dear Mother," he wrote his scolding parent. "You are probably right. However, I feel that my loyalty to the Republican Party does not relieve me of the obligation which I have."

The congressman survived for 11 more years in Congress, his mother's prediction notwithstanding.

"I long ago concluded that you've got to live with yourself," Butler said in an interview. "It served me well. I've made mistakes of judgment, but not of conscience."

Of course, much more comes into play than majority opinion, says ex-Democratic Sen. Adlai E. Stevenson III of Illinois. A militant 20 percent can take vengeance even when the lawmaker votes majority sentiment.

And, largely unseen by the public are pressures from party leaders within the institution. "You can lose committee assignments, a bill, pet project," said Stevenson.

Still, independence is possible, sometimes rewarded. When he was in the Illinois Legislature, he said, "we had a very strong Cook County organization. Every morning we received our orders in writing on how to vote. I think I launched my career by not taking those orders."

Frenzel says a lot of lawmakers' breast-beating about conscience and conflict is merely for-the-record froth.

"If you ask most members, they'd say they owe a high duty to the Constitution and voting their best judgment," he said. "If you look at their voting records, you might be persuaded that they are giving in to a fair amount of regional pressure and party pressure as well."

Networks make quick shift from impeachment to Iraq

NEW YORK (AP) — Proving real fireworks make better television than verbal ones, TV networks rapidly switched gears Wednesday from an impending impeachment debate to breathless coverage of the U.S. and British military strike against Iraq.

For several hours, cameras were trained on Baghdad at night, catching the lights of what appeared to be anti-aircraft fire darting across the sky and the fireball from a distant explosion.

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Operation Desert Fox stood in contrast to Desert Storm in 1991, when reporters had to rely on phone lines to describe the Gulf War's beginnings. Iraqi censors allowed telephone reports but no pictures as the Gulf War attack began.

Here cameras were in place apparently before missiles were even in the air. It made for riveting TV — a front-row seat for computer-age warfare — and seemed to energize networks that were wrestling with a decision of how much of a House impeachment debate they could broadcast before viewers became bored and tuned out.

Broadcasters were reluctant last week to cover the Judiciary Committee's lengthy impeachment debate.

"This is an unprecedented time," NBC's Tom Brokaw marveled. "There has never been, in my memory, this kind of a confluence of events."

Cable networks were left to set the stage earlier Wednesday as it appeared the attack was imminent and it was unclear how it would affect impeachment. "It's a very tense day in Washington," CNN's Lou Waters said.

CNN's Christiane Amanpour, who had just made a 15-hour drive across the desert to Baghdad, was standing on the roof of the Information Ministry talking to Bernard Shaw shortly after 4 p.m. EST when she was startled by air raid sirens.

"What can you see?" Shaw asked.

"Show the skyline," Amanpour ordered her camera operator. There wasn't anything to see yet.

The sirens were an immediate signal for CBS and NBC to break into programming.

"We don't know whether it is incoming or just a practice session," NBC's Kevin Tibbles said, gulping for air after bounding up four flights of stairs. "There are no cars on the streets. I've seen people running for cover."

ABC followed to the air 10 minutes later than their rivals, and briefly returned to regular programming before the first explosions were heard. "We certainly don't think we missed anything," spokeswoman Eileen Murphy said.

On CBS, a grave-looking Dan Rather set the scene: "There's a widespread expectation that you'll see the rockets' red glare in Baghdad sometime this evening."

Cameras showed cars still moving, although quickly, on the Baghdad streets. One couple was even caught in a late-night stroll. Streetlights stayed on and it seemed like a normal city night — except for the occasional deafening explosions and lights streaking through the sky.

Networks showed off night-vision cameras, enabling them to catch shadowy figures moving across a green-tinted screen.

After the first burst of gunfire, a nervous Tibbles appeared in a flak jacket and helmet. ABC's Bill Blakemore ordered his camera operator to duck for cover when metal, perhaps shell casings, rained from the sky.

"We're in the middle of an attack," Blakemore said. "No question about it now."

Teen gets maximum sentence in school shooting case

Associated Press

PADUCAH, Ky. — A teen-ager who opened fire on a group of his classmates at their high school, killing three and injuring five, was sentenced Wednesday to spend at least the next 25 years in prison.

Victims and members of their families were allowed to speak during the emotional court hearing for Michael Carneal. Many of them hugged and comforted each other and cried together when it was over.

"As a mother, my life has forever been changed," Gwen Hadley, the mother of one of the slain students told the court. "My family is no longer whole."

Carneal, 15, pleaded guilty but mentally ill on Oct. 5 to three counts of murder and six other charges related to the shooting spree at Heath High School on Dec. 1, 1997.

Using a .22-caliber semiautomatic handgun that he took to the West Paducah school that day, he opened fire on a student prayer group that meets each morning in the lobby.

Carneal spent most of the time quietly sitting in the same position at the defense table — hunched over, hands clasped in his lap, looking straight down. His parents, John and Ann Carneal, sat at the front of the courtroom.

The boy's sullen expression didn't change after McCracken Circuit Court Judge Jeff Hines sentenced him to life in prison without possibility of parole for 25 years. The sentence was the maximum penalty a juvenile can receive in Kentucky after a conviction in an adult court.

Hudson Foods, two employees indicted over meat recall

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Hudson Foods Inc. and two employees were indicted on federal charges of providing false information to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in what became the nation's largest meat recall.

The indictments handed up by a grand jury in Omaha and released Wednesday also accuse the Arkansas-based company, Brent Wolke of Columbus, Neb., and Michael Gregory of Springdale, Ark., each on one count of conspiracy in providing false information to the USDA.

Wolke was manager of Hudson's Columbus plant. Gregory was director of customer relations and quality control for Hudson.

The charges stem from the recall of 25 million pounds of ground beef in August 1997 that had been produced at Hudson's Columbus plant.

Hamburger produced at the Columbus plant had been linked to an outbreak of E. coli contamination in July 1997 in Colorado, forcing a nationwide recall. The recall closed the plant, which was later sold to IBP Inc. of Dakota City.

According to the indictment, Gregory, Wolke and Hudson Foods falsely told representatives of the USDA Food Safety Inspection Service and USDA Office of Inspector General that the company had been able to link the tainted beef to a single lot.

That link allowed the company to limit the scope of the recall to only three days, said Thomas Monaghan, U.S. attorney for Nebraska.

But the grand jury found that the purported link did not exist because the meat produced on the days in question had not been sent to Colorado.

The indictment alleges that Wolke and Gregory knew this, but they told USDA investigators that the illnesses could be traced to that particular lot.

"Brent Wolke hasn't done anything wrong and we look forward to the chance to prove it in court," said Wolke's attorney Peter Romatowski of Washington D.C. "Any criminal charges against him are false."

After purchasing the plant, IBP kept Wolke as Columbus plant manager. IBP spokesman Gary Mickelson said Wednesday Wolke had done a good job and would remain plant manager.

After the recall, Hudson Foods was merged into longtime rival Tyson Foods in a $632 million deal approved by shareholders in January.

"The company has no basis to believe that any mistakes that might have been made in the handling of the recall amount to actionable offense," the Hudson Foods subsidiary of Tyson said in a written statement issued by its attorneys. "Hudson believes it cooperated fully with the government during the recall period and withheld no information."

Gregory, who now works for Tyson, declined to comment through his attorney, J.R. Hobbs of Kansas City, Mo.

If convicted, Gregory and Wolke could be sentenced up to five years in prison and fines up to $250,000. Hudson Foods, if convicted, could be fined up to $500,000.

GM offers escape handle for kids trapped in trunks; Ford to follow

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seeking to prevent the deaths of children, General Motors Corp. said it will offer an escape handle inside car trunks starting next year.

Ford Motor Co. officials also said Wednesday they were working on a similar mechanism to offer a way out for children trapped in the extreme heat of automobile trunks in the summer months.

GM and Ford Motor combined control more than half the car market, and GM said it would share its trunk handle with other automakers.

Nineteen children have died in the last decade after inadvertently locking themselves into trunks, often while playing, government officials said. Last summer, 11 children ages 2 to 6 died inside trunks — five in Utah, two in Greensboro, Pa., and four in Gallup, N.M.

GM officials say their 8,000-plus dealerships will have the trunk handles available for installation as optional equipment by March. The yellow handle is illuminated in the dark cargo area, below the trunk lid, so a child can see it and figure out how to escape without being told.

A mechanism also would be installed on the trunk latch to prevent the trunk from shutting unless an adult manually resets it.

The system will cost $50, including installation, GM officials said.

Ford Motor spokesmen said the company's system would be available by mid-1999 but declined to specify how it would work.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has appointed a panel to study how to reduce trunk entrapment deaths and injuries.

"This issue of trunk entrapment may seem simple, but it is not simple at all," said Phil Recht, NHTSA's deputy administrator.

Heather Paul, head of the panel and executive director of the National Safe Kids campaign, said the panel will review more than 700 known cases of trunk entrapment of children and adults over several decades.

Escape handles sound like a good idea, she said. "I would expect a trap-resistant solution should be available to all car owners eventually," she said.

Some critics have said criminals might be more likely to kill adults they place in trunks if they know victims can escape. In the case of the GM trunk kit, criminals would not be able to shut the trunk without manually adjusting the latch.

Ms. Paul said the panel would be working with law enforcement experts and examining the known cases of trunk entrapment to see if that is actually a problem.

Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., a former state trooper and author of legislation to require trunk safety latches, doubts it would increase the threat of harm.

"Those cases don't happen that way. They're more spontaneous," Stupak said. Criminals "are going to put you in the trunk and get the heck out of there."

DaimlerChrysler officials said their engineers were looking at the problem of trunk entrapment but want to work with the safety panel on an answer. "We're looking for a universal solution that would work for all vehicles," said spokeswoman Devon Williams.

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Gov. Chiles remembered as uncommon statesman

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — In a church packed with political leaders and citizens willing to wait hours for seats, Gov. Lawton Chiles was remembered Wednesday as an uncommon statesman and a common man.

"One of Lawton Chiles' most talked about qualities is his unique common touch, but Lawton himself was anything but common," said Democratic Sen. Bob Graham, who knew Chiles for more than 30 years.

More than 1,000 people attended the service. The 68-year-old Democratic governor and former U.S. senator died of heart disease Saturday, just 23 days before turning his office over to Republican Gov.-elect Jeb Bush.

Florida Senate President Toni Jennings used the symbolism of Chiles' 1,033-mile campaign walk across the state in 1970 — a trek that earned him the nickname "Walkin' Lawton — to parallel his legislative accomplishments.

"Lawton Chiles has left a clear trail to follow, but he has also left us some mighty big shoes to fill," she told the more than 800 mourners who packed Faith Presbyterian Church.

Vice President Al Gore, who buried his father a week ago, told Chiles' four children he understood how much they lost. Gore, who served with Chiles in the U.S. Senate, called him a "quiet and unassuming spiritual leader" who was chosen by Democrats and Republicans to lead a weekly prayer breakfast in the Senate.

"While Lawton rarely spoke of it, he carried a well-worn Bible with him wherever he went," Gore said at Faith Presbyterian Church, the largest Presbyterian church in Tallahassee.

Chiles' two-time running mate, Buddy MacKay gave a eulogy laced with anecdotes from their longtime friendship.

"I enjoyed the way Lawton mangled words," said MacKay, who became governor upon Chiles' death. "I came to look forward to it because once he got a word in his mind wrong, it never got straightened out."

For example, Chiles once said "perential consent" when he meant "parental consent," MacKay said as mourners laughed and dabbed at their eyes.

Earlier, mourners watched the motorcade taking Chiles' body to the funeral service.

"He was a people's man," said Edna Mary, who lives in a nearby retirement home. "He could come into your living room, sit down and chat with you and you would not even have known he was governor."

Four F-15 Eagle fighters flew over the cemetery, one breaking away toward the sky in "missing man formation." The lead jet had Chiles' name on it, a gift to the governor years ago from the Florida Air National Guard's 125th Fighter Squadron based in Jacksonville.

AP photo

The casket of late Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles is brought down the stairway of the Old Capitol building Wednesday in Tallahassee, Fla., where he had lain in state. Florida Gov. Buddy MacKay and Major Gen. Ron Harrison, adjutant general of Florida, follow at upper right. Chiles, who died at age 68 Saturday of heart disease, will be buried today in Tallahassee.

Study: In El Niño, rain forests might add to global warming

Associated Press

Instead of inhaling extra carbon dioxide, Brazil's rain forest does the opposite in an El Niño year, exhaling millions of tons of the heat-trapping gas and potentially adding to global warming, scientists say.

The rain forest, under normal conditions, acts as the "lungs" of the planet. Its dense canopy of trees stretches for thousands of miles, releasing oxygen and absorbing as much as 700 million tons of carbon dioxide a year.

But when global climate conditions are scrambled by El Niño and the rain forest becomes parched, scientists from the Woods Hole Research Laboratory in Massachusetts determined the Amazon Basin produces as much as 200 million tons of excess carbon dioxide a year.

The calculations by Hanqin Tian and others are in Thursday's journal Nature.

The study examined three El Niño episodes from 1980 to 1994. It did not include measurements of the record-setting El Niño in 1997-98, but the trend is clear, researchers said.

"In El Niño years, which bring hot and dry weather to much of the Amazon, the ecosystems act as a source of carbon," Tian said.

Scientists say understanding the planet's fluctuating carbon cycle is a key step in accurately predicting — and managing — global warming in the 21st century.

Some studies show global temperatures have been creeping up by as much as one degree as industry, traffic, deforestation and other human activities generate more carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases — so called because they trap heat from the sun.

Many natural features on the planet act as "carbon sinks" to absorb excess carbon and help to stabilize the planet's climate. The oceans and the rain forests absorb the largest shares, along with tundra and rangeland.

But not always.

During an El Niño, a vast pool of warm water expands in the equatorial Pacific. It upsets weather patterns around the world. In the Amazon, it triggers severe droughts.

Under such severe stress, the forest can't adequately photosynthesize and store carbon dioxide, Tian said.

His results correspond with the results of carbon cycle simulation developed at the Max Planck Institute in Germany, which developed a computer model showing the Amazon acting as a carbon source during three El Niño episodes between 1982-94.

Researchers at Max Planck said the Woods Hole study is based on limited field measurements in a small sampling area, and failed to answer the fundamental question of what is canceling the rain forest's role as a carbon sink.

"Such understanding is crucial for long-term predictions," said Colin Prentice, who with Planck colleague Jon Lloyd reviewed the new study for Nature.

Several groups of scientists are trying to understand the world's carbon cycle.

Last week, researchers launched a three-year study to find the "missing sink" to account for lower-than-expected carbon dioxide levels in the Northern Hemisphere. A likely suspect: trees that have regrown in previously logged forests and farmland.

"Something in the Northern Hemisphere is sucking up the carbon," said climatologist Kevin Gurney of Colorado State University. "The missing sink isn't new, but where it is located and how it works are still unresolved."

Government expected to act against phone 'slamming'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Swamped with complaints, the government is expected to adopt tougher rules Thursday to reduce illegal "slamming," in which telephone companies switch customers' long-distance service without their consent.

The biggest change expected from the Federal Communications Commission: Exempting slamming victims from paying any long-distance phone charges to the offending company for a period of time, probably 30 days, according to telecommunications and government sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Slamming victims don't have that flexibility under current rules.

"I believe that slammed consumers should be off the hook for phone charges," said FCC Chairman Bill Kennard.

The proposal anticipates that customers would be switched back to their designated long-distance carrier during that time. But if that didn't happen and the customer continued to be billed after 30 days, the person would not have to pay the offending company anything, the sources said.

Instead, victims would pay their designated carrier at their normal rate, they said.

Most of the time, customers — whether they realize they were slammed or not — pay for long-distance charges out of fear of having credit problems or telephone service turned off, experts say.

Victims who do pay the full amount would be liable only for the amount they would have paid to their designated carrier. That means a victim would get a refund or credit for the difference.

And under the new plan, victims would be entitled to this relief without having to first file a complaint to the FCC, as now required.

The biggest change expected from the FCC, say sources: Exempting slamming victims from paying any long-distance phone charges to the offending company for a period of time, probably 30 days.

Millions of people deliberately switch long-distance companies each year. But nearly 20,000 people this year have complained to the FCC that they were switched without their consent. It's the No. 1 source of complaints.

The agency also is expected to restrict the ways that long-distance companies can switch people.

Specifically, it's considering doing away with one controversial method: Often after a telemarketing call, phone companies mail to prospective customers a package of information, including a post card. Customers who don't return the post card in 14 days are automatically switched.

If that's outlawed, long-distance companies would continue to have three other ways to obtain consent. They are: A written letter from a would-be customer authorizing a switch; A third party verifying that the person wants to change; And giving people a toll-free number to call to change.

If the commission decides that slamming victims don't have to pay anything for 30 days, then the verification procedures become even more important, government officials say.

For example, long-distance companies could use verifications in cases where a consumer claims to have been slammed simply to avoid paying a bill.

The nation's largest long-distance company, AT&T Corp., called the expected changes a step in the right direction. "But they won't get the job done," said Jim Spurlock, director of government affairs.

AT&T — bracing for the day when the Baby Bells offer long-distance service to their local customers — wants a neutral third party to implement requests to change long-distance.

The FCC, planning for the day when consumers will have more choice of local phone service, plans to extend the rules to local phone companies.

Congress was unsuccessful this year in efforts to pass any anti-slamming legislation. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., and other lawmakers say they want the FCC to get companies to voluntarily follow anti-slamming provisions instead.

The agency has stepped up its enforcement, proposing roughly $10 million in fines and fees against companies this year for slamming, and it's expected to take action against more soon.

The new rules would go into effect by March.

The FCC also is expected Thursday to:

■ Adopt rules making it easier for Americans using new mobile satellite phones to protect them from being confiscated, or paying hefty duties, when they travel overseas.

■ Provide additional airwaves space for satellite and wireless ventures. That would benefit a project called Sky Station to provide worldwide high-speed wireless Internet access and mobile phone service via blimp-like aircraft. The project involves President Reagan's secretary of state, Alexander Haig Jr.

■ Release a report showing that although the cable TV industry is losing some market share to satellite TV companies, it retains the lion's share for delivering multiple TV channels into American homes.

Judge reduces sentence, citing traffic stop bias against blacks

Associated Press

BOSTON — A federal judge reduced the sentence of a black man because his criminal record was mostly made up of traffic offenses, saying research shows black motorists are stopped more than whites.

Because of his lengthy rap sheet, Alexander Leviner had been placed in the court system's second-highest criminal category — one usually reserved for violent offenders — after he pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

But the crimes that upped his maximum sentence were mostly minor traffic and smalltime drug offenses, which Judge Nancy Gertner suggested may have had something to do with Leviner's race.

The record raises "questions about what drew the officer's attention to Leviner in the first place," Gertner wrote in a Dec. 3 ruling in which she sentenced Leviner to 2 1/2 years. Prosecutors recommended four years.

Gertner said Leviner's four convictions for driving without a license, with a suspended license or without insurance, showed no evidence of erratic driving or broken traffic laws.

The length of one's criminal record is especially important in federal court, where judges generally use calculations based on a defendant's criminal background to impose a sentence. Judges, however, are free to give lesser sentences.

A record of steady employment and close family connections were further proof that Leviner should not be grouped with violent, career criminals, Gertner said.

To impose a lengthy prison sentence on a man who may have accumulated a criminal history due to racial discrimination would "create a new, and even more grotesque disparity than in the past," she wrote in a Dec. 3 ruling.

Although the judge cited no specific studies to back up her assertion of bias in motor vehicle stops, there has been some research in the area.

In Florida, police documented 1,100 videotaped stops along Interstate 95 in the late 1980s. While blacks and Hispanics made up just 5 percent of the drivers, they made up 80 percent of those stopped and searched.

Maryland state police found that 70 percent of the drivers stopped during a 20 month period between 1995 and 1996 were minorities, Harris said.

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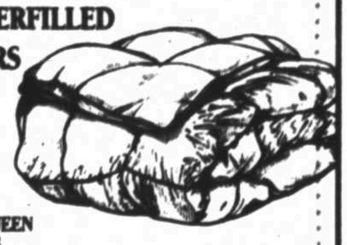

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Spacecraft to orbit asteroid in yearlong study

By Paul Recer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For the first time, a robot spacecraft is set to rocket into the orbit of an asteroid to dip within nine miles of its dusty surface. Eventually, scientists might land the craft to test ways to save the Earth from killer asteroids.

The Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous spacecraft, or NEAR, is in good shape and on target for a Jan. 10 rendezvous and orbit of a 24-mile-long chunk of rock known as Eros, officials said Wednesday.

A series of rocket firings starting on Sunday will send the small spacecraft into an orbit of Eros to complete a journey of almost three years, said Robert W. Farquhar, a Johns Hopkins University scientist and the NEAR mission manager.

"This is the most critical phase of the mission — the rendezvous phase," said Farquhar. "We should have a very exciting three weeks coming up. I just hope they aren't too exciting."

NEAR will spend almost a year orbiting down to within nine miles of the surface of Eros, a fast-moving, giant space rock millions of miles from Earth. The craft will use six instruments to probe the asteroid and determine its chemistry, mineral content, mass and density.

After the craft has completed 99 percent of its science goals, Farquhar said, "We'll become a little more adventurous."

The craft may be lowered until it skims within 390 feet of the surface. The asteroid's gravity may be so low "we should be able to actually hover," the researcher said.

If that goes well, he said, "It should be possible to land softly and then go back up again. We want to sort of test the waters."

Science is driving the mission, but Carl Pilcher of NASA said any information gathered could one day help save Earth from a disastrous collision with some other asteroid.

"From time to time, these things hit Earth," Pilcher said. Most such collisions are small and harmless, but if a big one hits, "all hell breaks loose."

An asteroid six miles across is thought to have smashed into Earth 65 million years ago and wiped out the dinosaurs. Smaller ones have been linked to regional extinctions.

To protect Earth, scientists need to know the density and composition of asteroids so they can determine how to shatter or divert them with explosives, Pilcher said.

"It is prudent for us to learn the properties of these objects, if one day we find one with our name on it, and we have to do something about it," Pilcher said.

Flying the craft near the asteroid's surface and perhaps even landing could be critical to learning how to divert an asteroid from an Earth collision, said Joseph Veverka of Cornell University, leader of the NEAR science team.

"If you are going to do anything about an asteroid, then you have to learn to operate in close proximity," Veverka said.

NEAR was launched from Florida in early 1996. It took a wide swing around the sun, and then whipped back around Earth last January to pick up a gravitational boost that carried it on toward the asteroid.

Last June, the craft flew within 753 miles of another asteroid, Mathilde. It took photographs and measurements that determined Mathilde was a low-density object, probably what some astronomers described as a "pile of rubble" instead of a solid slab of rock.

Next Sunday, the spacecraft will fire its main rocket engine to slow to about 700 miles an hour. A second burn a week later will drop the speed to 68 miles an hour. That slowing is necessary to allow the spacecraft to be captured by Eros' very low gravity.

On Jan. 10, NEAR will fire small thrusters to settle into high orbit, and later firings will slowly spiral it closer to Eros.

At the time of the rendezvous, the spacecraft will be about 240 million miles from Earth and 161 million miles from the sun.

Eros is a brick-shaped object 25 miles by nine miles by 8.8 miles in size. It orbits the sun, crossing Mars' orbit but not the Earth's orbit. It sped by the Earth in 1975, passing no closer than 14 million miles.

NEAR is one of the first NASA robot craft built under a program that emphasizes "cheaper, faster, better" ways of exploring the universe. It cost $129 million to build, and the whole mission so far has stayed within its planned budget of $211.5 million.

Colleges coddle freshmen to keep them coming back

WESTMINSTER, Md. (AP) — Fun isn't just tolerated at Western Maryland College, it's a freshman requirement.

Professors are allotted funds for extracurricular class activities, and have taken their freshmen to movies, dinners, a rock concert and a pumpkin carving party.

Chemistry instructor Brian Wladkowski went to war with freshmen in his forensic science course — on the paintball battlefield.

"I was shot many times," he recalled.

The social events at the private, liberal arts school are aimed at easing first-year students into college life in hopes that more of them will come back as sophomores.

"It would be a shame to lose students who would otherwise succeed and excel at a place like this if you lose them for reasons related to their inability to make friends, to socialize or to participate in the college community," Wladkowski said.

Nationally, about three in 10 freshmen at private schools and one-third at public schools don't return to the same institution as sophomores, according to the American College Testing Program.

Replacing dropouts is costly, according to Ben Gose, a senior editor at the Chronicle of Higher Education in Washington.

"My impression is that colleges are putting a lot more time, effort and money into making sure students have good experiences the first year so that they come back," he said. "They have the best interests of the students at heart, but certainly they have their own bottom line in mind."

At Western Maryland, with an undergraduate student body of 1,500, freshman must enroll in a "first-year seminar," a four-credit course that combines traditional academic study with experience outside the classroom.

Instructors get $200 for extracurricular activities of their choosing. They also must set aside classroom time to teach basic college survival skills such as writing, public speaking and critical thinking.

Freshmen even get their own assistant, an upperclassman who helps them adjust to campus and the community.

Study: Risk of rare disorder from flu vaccine is slight

Associated Press Writer

Flu shots taken by millions of Americans each year slightly increase the risk of contracting a rare nerve disease, but that chance is so slim that vaccination is still a good idea, a new study found.

Of every million people who receive influenza vaccines, only one to two people contract Guillain-Barre syndrome, researchers say.

That would mean roughly 60 to 70 cases of the disease would be likely to arise this year from the flu shot. By comparison, about 20,000 people die in the United States each year from influenza.

"We say very clearly that it's a small risk," said Tamar Lasky, lead author of the study in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

That low risk makes the argument in favor of getting vaccinated more compelling, said Lasky, who is affiliated with the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

And in light of the study's findings, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continues to encourage people to receive the vaccine.

Until now, only the the type of vaccine given for the swine flu strain of influenza in the 1970s was clearly linked to Guillain-Barre, a disease that can damage the nerves, cause weakness in the limbs and, in some cases, produce paralysis.

Between 60 million and 70 million Americans will be vaccinated for the current strain of flu this year, the CDC estimates. Doctors recommend the vaccine particularly for people over age 65 and anyone with acute health problems, such as heart disease, lung disease or diabetes. Of the thousands of people who die each year from influenza, 90 percent are over age 65.

Although most patients make a full recovery from Guillain-Barre after a few months, symptoms can persist in 15 to 20 percent of patients.

The study, performed in collaboration with the CDC, examined 180 of 273 adult cases of Guillain-Barre reported in Illinois, Maryland, North Carolina and Washington state during the 1992-1993 and 1993-1994 flu seasons.

The researchers found that 19 had been vaccinated for influenza in the six weeks prior to the onset of Guillain-Barre syndrome, and about half exhibited symptoms in the second week after vaccination. The data showed the risk of contracting the disorder was 1.7 per million people immunized.

An increased risk of the syndrome was first associated with the flu when the swine flu vaccine was administered in the 1976-1977 flu season. The risk at that time appeared to range from 4.0 to 7.6 per million people vaccinated.

In an editorial accompanying the study, Drs. Allan H. Ropper of St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Boston and Maurice Victor of Dartmouth Medical School called that late 1970s experience "truly an aberration."

"In the final analysis, it is fair to say that influenza vaccines over the past 30 years or more have carried a minimal risk of inducing the Guillain-Barre syndrome," they wrote.

However, they advised that doctors consider the risk to each patient. For example, immunization should probably be delayed for a year after a patient suffers a neurological illness, they wrote.

Even as retailers boost pricing accuracy, consumers need to look twice

WASHINGTON (AP) — The accuracy of prices scanned at store checkout counters has improved, but shoppers shouldn't let down their guard altogether. One of every 28 sale items in food, department, drug, hardware and other stores rings up at the wrong price, according to a study released Wednesday by the Federal Trade Commission.

Overall, this year's survey of scanner pricing found an improvement in accuracy from a smaller study done in 1996. Of the 107,096 items checked, one of every 30 was mispriced. Two years ago, scanners showed an incorrect price for one of every 21 items.

Jodie Bernstein, director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection, called the findings "good news for consumers who depend on retailers to provide accurate prices." But, she added, "there is still room for improvement."

Two-thirds of the time that sale items scanned the wrong price at checkouts, customers were overcharged. The rest of the time, the inaccurate price was too low, undercharging the consumer.

"That's an incredibly low error rate given the amount of price changes that take place in a single department store," said Pamela Rucker, spokeswoman for the Washington-based National Retail Federation. "It's nothing for retailers to be ashamed of."

Retailers have made concerted efforts to improve their pricing accuracy, she said, for example by making in-house auditors responsible for overseeing price changes or by levying financial penalties against managers who don't emphasize accuracy.

Some new inventions have helped to ensure accuracy, said Mona Doyle of the Philadelphia-based Consumer Network, such as electronic shelf labels at supermarkets. The digital screen automatically shows an item's new price when it is changed in the store's computer.

"I think you have more attention to it in the industry," she said. "It has definitely gotten better — not that it still doesn't drive consumers up the wall."

Consumers headed to grocery stores can be less cautious than those doing home repairs: Food stores were the most likely to meet standards for acceptable accuracy; hardware stores were the least likely to do so.

More stores today have acceptable accuracy in pricing — defined as having at least 98 percent of the items scan correctly — than they did two years ago, according to the survey conducted by weights and measures officials in 36 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The study found 71 percent of stores passed inspections, compared with only 45 percent in 1996.

In 29 percent of the stores inspected, officials found an average of only 91 percent of the items scanned correctly — a figure that the survey and most states consider an accuracy problem. An error occurs when the price charged for an item at checkout does not agree with the lowest advertised, quoted, posted or marked price.

The report, prepared in conjunction with the Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology, also showed that consumers are doing even better than they did two years ago when scanners undercharge for an item. Undercharges run an average of $5.28, compared with $2.96 in 1996. The cost of overcharges averaged $3.20.

The frequency of errors in non-sale items was slightly lower than for sale items. One of every 32 non-sale products came up with pricing mistakes. More than one-third of the errors were overcharges.

Inspectors attributed incorrect prices on sale items to several factors, including incorrect prices displayed on shelves, out-of-date signs and incorrect prices in the computer.

Rucker said the problem lies not with the electronic scanners but in "human error," as employees try to keep all the posted material updated with the latest price.

The National Consumers League favors "item pricing," particularly at grocery stores, so that each product carries a price tag listing its exact cost, including markdowns or discounts. Exact prices on each item "doesn't put the onus on the consumer to remember what the price should be," said spokeswoman Cleo Manuel.

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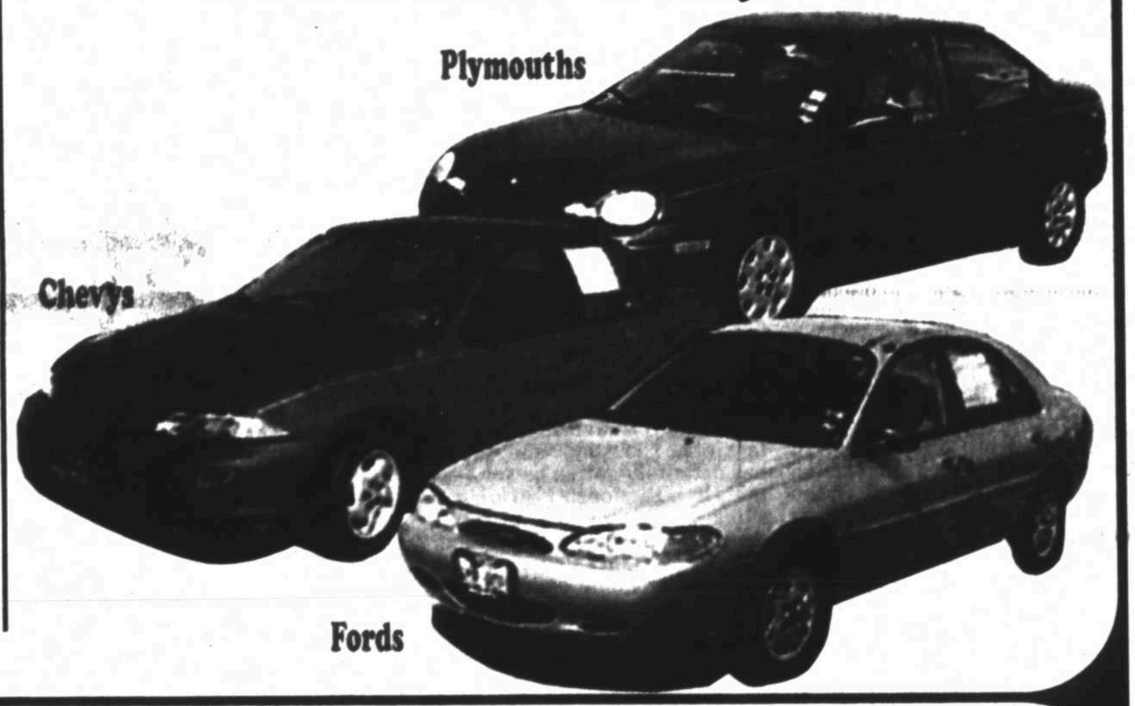

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Stanford at Nevada, 11 p.m., ESPN.

NCAA VOLLEYBALL — NCAA Semifinal 1, Penn State vs. Nebraska, 7 p.m., ESPN2.

NHL — Colorado Avalanche at Vancouver Canucks, 9 p.m., ESPN2.

Texas Scores

NCAA BASKETBALL — **Women**, No. 4 Louisiana Tech 91, Southern Methodist 63.

Men, Samford 84, UT-Arlington 76.

Southern Methodist 80, Liberty 66.

Texas-San Antonio 85, Missouri-Kansas City 83.

Baylor candidates

WACO — Baylor athletic director Tom Stanton is considering about a half-dozen candidates to take over a team coming off three straight losing seasons.

Top candidates include former Alabama and Texas A&M coach Gene Stallings, Southern Mississippi coach Jeff Bower, and Kevin Steele, the Carolina Panthers assistant attacked on the sidelines by linebacker Kevin Greene.

Stanton also has interviewed Highland Park coach Scott Smith, a former Baylor quarterback and safety. A popular theory has the 63-year-old Stallings being hired as the head coach and Smith, 40, joining his staff as a coach-in-training.

Baylor offensive coordinator Eddie Williamson reportedly interviewed Monday. Arkansas defensive coordinator Keith Burns said he was contacted by a Baylor assistant athletic director on Tuesday and "they're trying to work out a day for me to come in."

"We interviewed another candidate (Tuesday) and we'll do this again for the next couple days," Stanton told the Waco Tribune-Herald Tuesday night. "Our advisory committee will meet ... to discuss the situation. Part of our strategy has been to talk about where we are in the process after each interview."

Stallings interviewed with Stanton and Baylor president Robert Sloan last Wednesday in Dallas.

"I know they need to know something soon," Stallings said Tuesday night. "I hope to talk to them by the end of the week. My schedule's just been so packed."

Stanton denied a television report from Mississippi that Bower was offered the job. Bower and his wife, Debbie, were in Waco on Tuesday to interview with Stanton and the informal advisory committee.

Bower, 44, is 50-39-1 in eight seasons at his alma mater, earning earned back-to-back bowl bids.

Roberts was reassigned Dec. 6 following back-to-back 2-9 seasons, the school's worst showing since 1970-71. He is being considered for a job as an assistant at South Carolina to work under Lou Holtz, his boss at Notre Dame before being hired by Baylor.

Williams on parade

PHOENIX — The game to decide college football's national champion is so big that it requires two Heisman Trophy winners to serve as grand marshal for its parade.

This year's Heisman choice, Ricky Williams of Texas, will join 1976 Heisman winner Tony Dorsett as marshals of the Fiesta Bowl Parade on Jan. 2.

Six space shuttle Discovery astronauts, including John Glenn, will serve as honorary grand marshals. The parade's "special guests" will be former Florida State star Charlie Ward, former NFL star Gale Sayers and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

Tennessee meets Florida State on Jan. 4 in the Fiesta Bowl for college football's national championship.

Reeves' condition

ATLANTA — Atlanta Falcons coach Dan Reeves, recovering from heart bypass surgery, was in good condition Wednesday and could be released from the hospital as early as Thursday.

Nina Montanaro, a spokeswoman for Piedmont Hospital, said it was still likely that Reeves would go home on Friday, but there's a chance his release might be pushed up a day since his recovery is going so well.

Reeves has been able to walk in his hospital room and called the Falcons offices on Wednesday looking for offensive coordinator George Seifert.

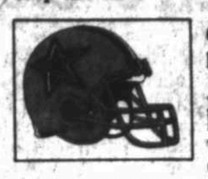
"He probably wanted to get the offensive game plan," said assistant Rich Brooks, who will fill in for Reeves.

Reeves will miss the rest of the regular season, but expects to return for the playoffs.

Cowboys grounded by lack of ground game

Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Coach Chan Gailey grew up learning that a football team can't win at any level if it can't run or stop the run.



In the last three games, the Dallas Cowboys are living proof of that premise.

They have rushed for only 117 yards in their last three losses and have given up a total of 414 yards on the ground to Minnesota, New Orleans and Kansas City.

Emmitt Smith hasn't had any place to run the last three weeks. New Orleans held him to a career-low six yards. Smith had six 100-yard games rushing before teams began shutting him down.

The dual problem — running and stopping the run — has sent the Cowboys into a three-game losing spin.

"We've got to get it turned around now," Smith said. "We have to make a strong run into the playoffs. We're in a bad spell right now and we have to shake out of it. I take it personally when the running game doesn't do well."

Guard Nate Newton said the Cowboys have always lived and died by the run.

"It's hurting us bad not being able to run the ball," Newton said. "We have to run the ball to take the pressure off Troy (Aikman). If you can't get your running game going you're not going to go very far in the playoffs."

Newton said nobody in particular is to blame.

"It's become glaring that we can't run the ball and I don't have the answer," Newton said. "We just have to let everything go in the next two weeks that doesn't pertain to football and get the job done. This losing is devastating."

Gailey has planned some unspecified personnel changes for Sunday. The Cowboys (8-6) can clinch the NFC East with a victory over Philadelphia (3-11).

"We've got to get going in the right direction and there may be some personnel changes, primarily on offense," Gailey said. "We've got to start running the ball."

Defensively, the Cowboys have been tackling poorly.

"Sometimes we don't get in the right gaps and a four-yard run becomes a 24-yard run," Gailey said. "All 11 players aren't doing their jobs on a consistent basis. Our No. 1 goal has been to stop the run and we haven't been getting the job done."

Tight end Eric Bjornson said the Cowboys have to get

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THE REBEL MARCH TOWARD A STATE TITLE

Undersized but rock solid

Lee linebacker trio proving worth on football field

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

It seems like every team Lee plays in the state playoffs, the opponent always have a huge linebacker of note.

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The latest was Richardson Lake Highlands' Patrick Hendrix, listed as one of the top 100 recruits in Texas. Hendrix is 6-0, 230 pounds and moves like the wind.

But also in every game Lee has played, it has been the Rebel linebackers who keep turning up around the ball. Lee's linebackers Drew Anderson, Paul Anderson and Bobby Subia can't top 185 pounds between them. Yet, they have been rock solid through Lee's march to the championship game, which is at 12:08 p.m. Saturday in Texas Stadium against defending state champion Katy.

Lee defensive coordinator Kelvin Ratliff wouldn't trade his smallish trio. They continue to amaze him weekly.

"Our linebackers are smart, tough, quick, mean — and little," Ratliff says with a smile. "They just don't know they are small. They think they can play against anyone."

Lee's linebacker corps looked deep and strong last spring. But that was before Stuart Ledgerwood had to give up football with a head injury.

"When we lost Ledgerwood, I had to move Paul to the strong side linebacker," Ratliff said. "Paul was a good player anyway and was going to get a lot of playing time. We were going to use them all. Paul is a smart kid and that was why I was able to make the move.

"And now I can move Paul back to the weak side and put Jared Martin in at the strong side when needed. Paul can play both positions well."

Subia, the weakside linebacker, has been bothered by an ankle injury this year and received a deep thigh bruise against Lake Highlands. Martin could become a key factor in Saturday's game if Subia can't go.

However, you may have to find a witch doctor to keep Subia out of Saturday's game.

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

The linebacker corps of the Lee Rebels, from left, Paul Anderson, Bobby Subia and Paul Anderson, is a big reason Lee is playing for a state championship this weekend. Like the Katy Tigers towel in the background, most Lee opponents get turned upside down by this trio.

"With all the hard work and sweating we've done since August, there is no way I'm going to get this far and not play in the championship game," Subia said. "I'll do whatever it takes to play in this game. There's no way I will miss it."

Ratliff said, "Bobby has been hurt a lot of this season, but he keeps playing. He's a tough kid."

Drew Anderson is the middle linebacker. He turned in a huge game against Lake Highlands last week, drawing the assignment of staying with highly touted Wishbone quarterback Peter Ruth. Drew was like an extra T-shirt on the back of Ruth all night.

"I knew what I was supposed to do, so I was dreaming about No. 10 (Ruth) every night," Drew said.

"Drew is the leader of our defense," Ratliff said. "He has been real good this year. He doesn't lack for confidence and he knows the job of everyone on the team. He takes control of our defense. He even

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Stanton faced playoff dilemma: Forfeit or hazardous roads

By Jeff Caplan
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

On Friday, the Stanton Buffaloes, the defending state champions, awoke to fast-falling snow. The small community between Midland and Big Spring on Interstate 20 had been primed to leave for Stephenville, about 200 miles or a four-hour drive away, where the Buffaloes were to take on Celina in the Class 2A state semifinals.

At 4:37 Friday morning, the National Weather Service in Midland issued a winter weather advisory. At 9 a.m., the advisory was upgraded to a heavy snow warning from Midland stretching close to Abilene along I-20.

The Buffaloes were scheduled to leave Stanton around 10 a.m. heading for Abilene on I-20 for the 7:30 p.m. game. Heavy snow continued to fall.

"My office is a half-mile from the highway," Stanton coach Mark Cotton said. "You couldn't see it."

From here, what's really hard to see is why Stanton would be allowed to travel to play a game in such treacherous conditions.

On Thursday, Stanton superintendent Jim White said he called Celina superintendent Ken Burks to warn him of incoming inclement weather. At 9 a.m. on Friday, White phoned Burks.

"I told them it's snowing pretty bad," White said. "In the meantime, I called the UIL to see what our options were. They told me both teams had to agree to change once we accepted a date and location."

From the outside looking in, maybe the UIL should have the ability to step in or at least consult a third party.

"I told him (Burks) we wanted to play on Saturday in the middle of the afternoon," White said. "He wanted to talk to his coach about it. They called back and said they want to play tonight."

Cotton found himself with little choice: forfeit or bat-

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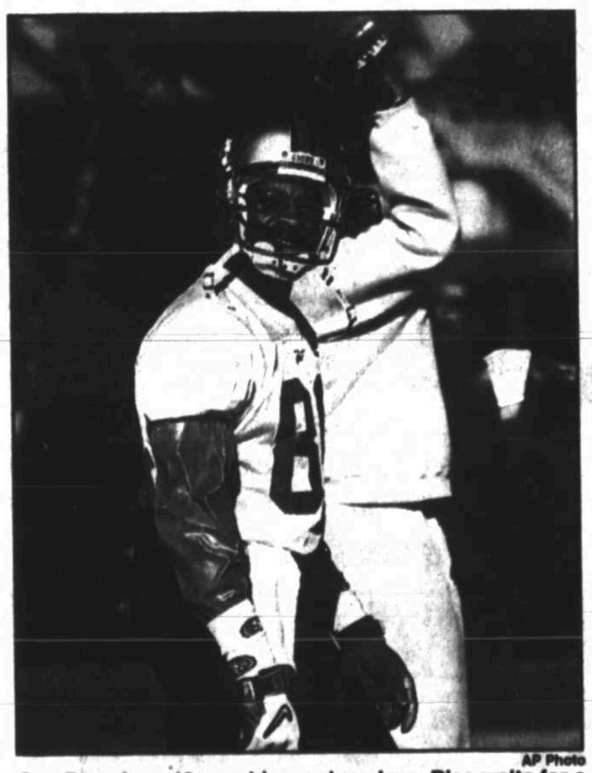

AP Photo

San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Jerry Rice waits for a pass during practice on Wednesday. Rice was one of four 49ers selected for the Pro Bowl.

Rice heads Pro Bowl picks

■ Cowboys place five, but no Emmitt Smith.

NEW YORK (AP) — Jerry Rice, who missed almost all of 1997 with knee injuries, made it back to the Pro Bowl today along with the man who may someday break his receiving records, Minnesota rookie Randy Moss.

Not surprisingly, the Denver Broncos and Minnesota Vikings, who lead their conferences with 13-1 records, placed the most players on the team, nine each.

The Vikings on the roster for the Feb. 7 game in Honolulu are: Moss, receiver Cris Carter, tackle Todd Steussie, guard Randall McDaniel, center Jeff Christy, quarterback Randall Cunningham, defensive tackle John Randle, inside linebacker Ed McDaniel and kicker Gary Anderson.

Moss, the only rookie on either squad, is a starter, along with Randall McDaniel, Christy and Randle.

The nine Broncos are: quarterback John Elway, running back Terrell Davis, wide receiver Ed McCaffrey, offensive tackle Tony Jones, center Tom Nalen, tight end Shannon Sharpe, linebacker Bill Romanowski, safety Steve Atwater, and kicker Jason Elam.

McCaffrey, Sharpe, Elway, Davis and Atwater are starters.

Five Dallas Cowboys made the NFC Pro Bowl including cornerback Deion Sanders and offensive lineman Larry Allen, both starters.

Cowboys making the reserve squad for the game to be played in Honolulu on Feb. 7. were safety Darren Woodson, defensive lineman Leon Lett and offensive lineman Nate Newton.

Sanders, who made his seventh career Pro Bowl squad, was selected as a starter at both cornerback and kick returner. It's the first time a Dallas player has ever made the team as a returner.

Allen was selected as a starter at tackle in just his first season at the position. He had made it three other times as a guard.

It's the fifth appearance for Woodson and the second for Lett.

Newton returns to the Pro Bowl squad after a year's absence.

"It's a great honor for me particularly since I switched positions," Allen said.

"It never gets too old making the team because you are selected by your peers," Sanders said.

"I've got to be one of the oldest guys going over there (to Honolulu) at the ripe old age of 37," said Newton. "I've worked hard and it feels good. Having Larry Allen next to you didn't hurt any, either."

Among the notable absentees is Brett Favre, the three-time league MVP, who was beaten out at quarterback in the NFC by San Francisco's Steve Young, Cunningham and Atlanta's Chris Chandler. Also missing are Dallas running back Emmitt Smith, beaten out by Detroit's Barry Sanders, Atlanta's Jamal Anderson and San Francisco's Garrison Hearst.

Also among the missing is 49ers wide receiver Terrell Owens, who is averaging 16.1 yards a catch to 13.6 for Rice and has 12 touchdowns to Rice's seven, and linebacker Zach Thomas of Miami, leader of the league's top defense.

The teams by position:

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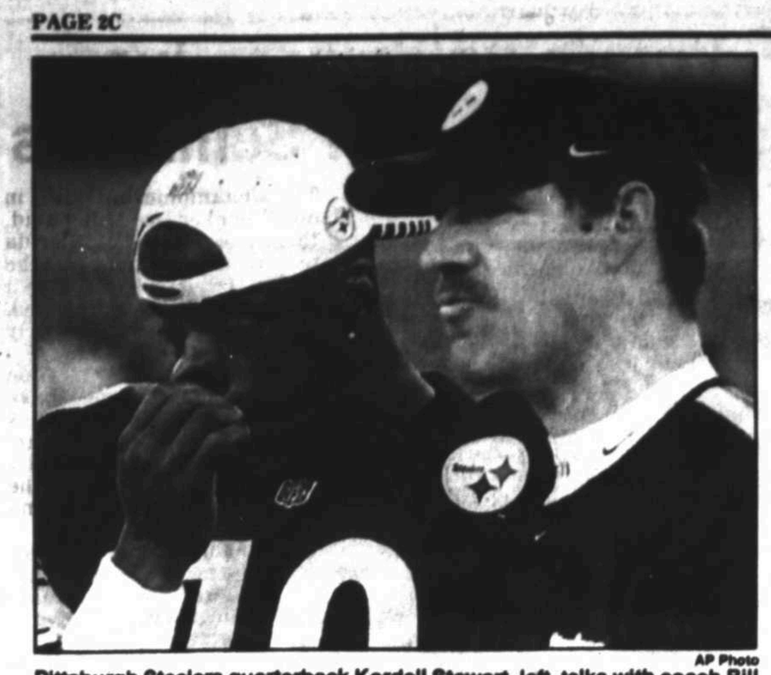

AP Photo

Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Kordell Stewart, left, talks with coach Bill Cowher as the final seconds tick off the clock in the 23-9 loss to the New England Patriots in this Dec. 6 photo. Stewart hit the boiling point in Sunday's loss to Tampa. Stewart apologized for his outburst on Wednesday.

Stewart apologizes to Steelers, Bill Cowher

By Alan Robinson
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Kordell Stewart talked to his Pittsburgh Steelers teammates and his coach on Wednesday, and this time there was no finger pointing.

There were apologies — lots of them, not only for his sideline temper tantrum in Sunday's 16-3 loss in Tampa, but also for the way he is playing.

"It happened, so be a man about it," said Stewart, who has only 11 touchdown passes and 16 interceptions a year after leading the Steelers to the AFC title game. "I told them I'm still Kordell, and I'm a fighter and not a loser."

Stewart's mea culpa came during a players-only meeting that was called to deal with a three-game losing streak, the Steelers' longest in eight years. They have only a slim chance of making the playoffs.

The Steelers (7-7) said afterward the meeting cleared the air, and Stewart wasn't the only player to talk.

"Things that were said were great and, hopefully, when we came out of the meeting we had a better feeling for one another," said offensive lineman Jim Sweeney, who was among those calling the meeting. "I never really questioned the unity of this team because this is a close bunch, but sometimes things need to be said."

Most of all they were said by Stewart, whose tearful blowup during Sunday's loss was called seriously disruptive even by some of his closest friends on the team.

Stewart agreed.

"I saw it (on TV), and it wasn't too pretty, believe me," said Stewart, whose judgment and leadership were publicly questioned Tuesday by Steelers coach Bill Cowher. "It was embarrassing to see. I said, 'That's not me, that's my emotions getting the best of me and, believe me, it won't happen again.'

"I don't want to say I was upset or crazy ... (but) I was frustrated and very selfish. I talked to coach Cowher and he wasn't too happy with me and we had a discussion. ... I apologized and now I need to move on."

But unless the Steelers win their final two — after losing four of five — and New England and Tennessee lose twice, the Steelers won't be moving on to the playoffs as they have every year since 1991.

"We have a chance and as long as we have a chance, there's something worth playing for," Sweeney said. "I was on a few teams that were 4-10 at this time of year, and you're just basically playing for pride. This is different because we still have a chance at the playoffs."

Backup quarterback Mike Tomczak tried to lighten up what admittedly has been a team under pressure — the Steelers haven't scored a touchdown in nine quarters — by wearing a goofy moose head cap in the locker room.

But if the Steelers needed any reminder of the downturn their season has taken, it came when only center Dermontti Dawson made the AFC Pro Bowl team. At least five Steelers had been picked every year since 1992.

Jerome Bettis said this isn't the time for yelling or screaming — despite Stewart's tirade — but rather a resolve to play better as long as the season lasts. Even if it is only two weeks.

"I don't think it's a situation where guys need to be in your face and say, 'Hey, you'd better pick it up or we're going to beat you up,'" Bettis said. "We need to get it together."

And, for all of the controversy and chaos swirling around him, Stewart felt absolved after the meeting.

"I feel much better after talking to coach Cowher and my teammates," he said. "I have to be excited that I still have another opportunity because he (Cowher) easily could have set me on the bench for the rest of the year, but he's still sticking with me, and that's a plus."

Dayne unsure on NFL future

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Despite statements this week by Ron Dayne's uncle, the Wisconsin running back has not decided whether he will make himself eligible for the NFL draft, coach Barry Alvarez said Wednesday.

Dayne's guardian and uncle, Robbie Reid of Blackwood, N.J., said the junior tailback decided to stay in school another year to improve his rushing yardage, make himself more attractive to professional teams and get his college degree.

"He's not ready to make a decision, or a statement," Alvarez said after practice Wednesday. "We're going to make an official statement when it's time, when he feels comfortable with it."

Dayne declined to comment on the matter, sports information director Steve Malchow said.

Dayne is in position to break the Big Ten career rushing record of 5,589 held by Archie Griffin of Ohio State and the NCAA Division I record of 6,279 yards set this season by Ricky Williams of Texas.

Dayne, with 4,945 yards, is Wisconsin's career rushing leader.

Wisconsin is preparing for the Rose Bowl game against UCLA on Jan. 1.

Instant replay debate unlikely to reach college football

By Pete Coates
Bloomberg News

COLUMBIA, MO. — Even though instant replay is the subject of renewed debate in the National Football League, it isn't likely to show up in college football anytime soon, NCAA officials and coaches said.

The NFL is considering reinstating instant replay review of officials' calls for the 1999 season after several high-profile disputed calls in recent weeks. The league used it from 1986-91, then scrapped it largely because it took too much time.

While debate rages over instant replay in the NFL, it probably won't even be a topic of discussion at the NCAA rules committee meeting Feb. 14-16 in San Diego. Ensuring that video equipment would be available for every college football game would be too expensive for some programs, even though some coaches favor it.

"We make rules for over 700 schools, and 700 schools can't have the same equipment — that would be the big objection," said John Adams, former head of officials for the Western Athletic Conference and a member of the rules committee.

The lack of television coverage, especially below Division I-A, would make it near impossible for the NCAA to implement, said Adams, who is a liaison between the committee and referees. Rules have to be the same for Divisions I-A, I-AA, II and III.

The committee considered instant replay during the mid-1980s, although it hasn't come up since, Adams said.

BOWL: Elway, White are again selected

(From 1C)

AFC

Jimmy Smith of Jacksonville and McCaffrey are the starting wide receivers, backed up by Eric Moulds of Buffalo and Keyshawn Johnson of the New York Jets; Jacksonville's Tony Boselli and Baltimore's Jonathan Ogden are the tackles, with Jones in reserve; Buffalo's Ruben Brown and Tennessee' Bruce Matthews are the guards, backed up by Kansas City's Will Shields, and Pittsburgh's Dermonnti Dawson is the center, backed up by Nalen.

Sharpe and New England's Ben Coates are the tight ends.

Elway is the starting quarterback with Vinny Testaverde of the Jets and Buffalo's Doug Flutie in reserve; Davis and Indianapolis' Marshall Faulk are the running backs, with Tennessee's Eddie George in reserve, and the Bills' Sam Gash is the fullback.

On defense, the ends are Baltimore's Michael McCrary and Buffalo's Bruce Smith, backed up by Seattle's Michael Sinclair; Darrell Russell of Oakland and Tim Bowens of Miami are at tackle with Buffalo's Ted Washington in reserve.

The outside linebackers are Chad Brown of Seattle and Mo Lewis of the Jets, along with Romanowski. Junior Seau of San Diego starts at inside linebacker backed up by the Ravens' Ray Lewis.

The cornerbacks are New England's Ty Law and the Jets' Aaron Glenn backed up by Seattle's Shawn Springs, and the safeties are Rodney Harrison backed up by Lawyer Milloy of New England at strong safety with Atwater at free safety.

The specialists are punter Craig Hentrich of Tennessee, Elam at kicker and two Ravens — kick returner Jermaine Lewis and special teamer Bennie Thompson.

The NFC team features Moss and Green Bay's Antonio Freeman with Carter and Rice behind them at wide receiver; tackles Larry Allen of Dallas and William Roaf of New Orleans, backed by Steussie. Randall McDaniel and San Francisco's Kevin Gogan are the starting guards and the Cowboys' Nate Newton the backup; Christy and Tampa Bay's Tony Mayberry are the centers and Green Bay's Mark Chmura and Carolina's Wesley Walls the tight ends.

Young is the quarterback, with Barry Sanders, Anderson, and Hearst the running backs and Tampa Bay's Mike Alstott at fullback.

On defense, Green Bay's Reggie White and the New York Giants' Michael Strahan are the ends, with Joe Johnson of New Orleans the backup, and Randle and Tampa Bay's Warren Sapp are the tackles backed by Dallas' Leon Lett.

The outside linebackers are Derrick Brooks of Tampa Bay, Kevin Greene of Carolina and Jessie Armstead of the Giants, and the inside linebackers are Jessie Tuggle of Atlanta and Ed McDaniel.

Dallas' Deion Sanders and Atlanta's Ray Buchanan are the starting cornerbacks backed up by Arizona's Aeneas Williams. The starting safeties are Green Bay's LeRoy Butler and Atlanta's Eugene Robinson, a former Packer. The backup is Dallas' Darren Woodson.

The NFC specialists are punter Matt Turk of Washington; Anderson; kick returner Roell Preston of Green Bay and special teamer Michael Bates of Carolina.

BOYS: Dallas senses urgency

(From 1C)

Smith some running room.

"This is our championship week and we need to start fast," Bjornson said.

Dallas ran well in a 34-0 win over Philadelphia in November. Smith rushed for 101 yards and scored a touchdown. Eagles coach Ray Rhodes is not sure what's happened to the Cowboys since.

"They still look pretty potent to me," Rhodes said. "They've had some injuries. Maybe that's it."

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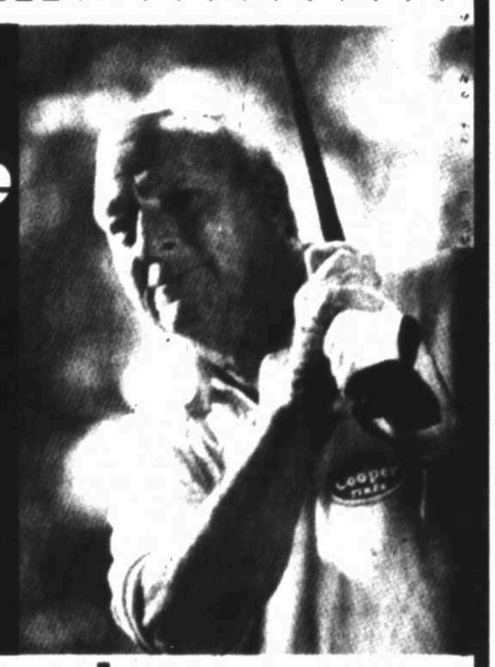

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By The Associated Press

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Tackles — x-Tony Boselli, Jacksonville; x-Jonathan Ogden, Baltimore; Tony Jones, Denver.

Guards — x-Ruben Brown, Buffalo; x-Bruce Matthews, Tennessee; Will Shields, Kansas City.

Centers — x-Dermontti Dawson, Pittsburgh; Tom Nalen, Denver.

Tight ends — x-Shannon Sharpe, Denver; Ben Coates, New England.

Quarterbacks — x-John Elway, Denver; Vinny Testaverde, New York Jets; Doug Flutie, Buffalo.

Running backs — x-Terrell Davis, Denver; x-Marshall Faulk, Indianapolis; Eddie George, Tennessee.

Fullback — Sam Gash, Buffalo.

Defense

Ends — x-Michael McCrary, Baltimore; x-Bruce Smith, Buffalo; Michael Sinclair, Seattle.

Interior linemen — x-Darrell Russell, Oakland; x-Tim Bowens, Miami; Ted Washington, Buffalo.

Outside linebackers — x-Chad Brown, Seattle; x-Mo Lewis, New York Jets; Bill Romanowski, Denver.

Inside linebackers — x-Junior Seau, San Diego; Ray Lewis, Baltimore.

Cornerbacks — x-Ty Law, New England; x-Aaron Glenn, New York Jets; Shawn Springs, Seattle.

Strong safeties — x-Rodney Harrison, San Diego; Lawyer Milloy, New England.

Free safety — x-Steve Atwater, Denver.

Specialists

Punter — Craig Hentrich, Tennessee.

Placekicker — Jason Elam, Denver.

Kick returner — Jermaine Lewis, Baltimore.

Special teams — Bennie Thompson, Baltimore.

NFC

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Guards — x-Randall McDaniel, Minnesota; x-Kevin Gogan, San Francisco; Nate Newton, Dallas.

Centers — x-Jeff Christy, Minnesota; Tony Mayberry, Tampa Bay.

Tight ends — x-Mark Chmura, Green Bay; Wesley Walls, Carolina.

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Standings

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Buffalo	9	5	0	.643	345	283
Miami	9	5	0	.643	274	206
New England	8	6	0	.571	303	277
Indianapolis	3	11	0	.214	268	390
Central						
Jacksonville	10	4	0	.714	361	285
Tennessee	8	6	0	.571	292	264
Pittsburgh	7	7	0	.500	236	257
Baltimore	5	9	0	.357	247	301
Cincinnati	2	12	0	.143	243	393
West						
y-Denver	13	1	0	.929	452	257
Oakland	7	7	0	.500	247	315
Seattle	7	7	0	.500	324	259
Kansas City	6	8	0	.429	289	311
San Diego	5	9	0	.357	218	309

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	8	6	0	.571	345	259
Arizona	7	7	0	.500	290	348
N.Y. Giants	6	8	0	.429	239	292
Washington	5	9	0	.357	292	382
Philadelphia	3	11	0	.214	142	311
Central						
y-Minnesota	13	1	0	.929	480	270
Green Bay	9	5	0	.643	362	284
Tampa Bay	7	7	0	.500	263	275
Detroit	5	9	0	.357	279	335
Chicago	3	11	0	.214	239	349
West						
x-Atlanta	12	2	0	.857	380	256
x-San Francisco	11	3	0	.786	420	285
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429	255	295
St. Louis	4	10	0	.286	253	320
Carolina	2	12	0	.143	289	381

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched division title

Saturday's Games

New York Jets at Buffalo, 11:35 a.m.

Tampa Bay at Washington, 3:15 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Baltimore at Chicago, 12:01 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 12:01 p.m.
Kansas City at New York Giants, 12:01 p.m.
St. Louis at Carolina, 12:01 p.m.
San Francisco at New England, 12:01 p.m.
Tennessee at Green Bay, 12:01 p.m.
Indianapolis at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
New Orleans at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 3:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 3:15 p.m.
Jacksonville at Minnesota, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Games

Denver at Miami, 8:20 p.m.

Playoff Scenarios

NEW YORK (AP) — National Football League playoff scenarios for this week as provided by the league:

AFC EAST

BUFFALO—Can clinch playoff berth with a win or with a loss by less than 20 points and a Tennessee loss.

MIAMI—Can clinch playoff berth with a win and any of the following: a New England loss or tie; a Tennessee loss or tie; or a Buffalo loss by more than one point.

NEW ENGLAND—Can clinch playoff berth with a win and a Tennessee loss.

NEW YORK JETS—Have clinched playoff berth. Can clinch AFC East title with a win. Can clinch first-round playoff bye with a win and a Jacksonville loss.

AFC CENTRAL

JACKSONVILLE—Can clinch AFC Central title with a win or tie or a Tennessee loss or tie. Can clinch playoff berth with either a Miami loss or a New England loss or tie.

AFC WEST

DENVER—Have clinched AFC West title and home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs.

NFC EAST

ARIZONA—Can clinch playoff berth with a win and a New York Giants loss or tie and a Tampa Bay loss.

DALLAS—Can clinch NFC East title with a win or an Arizona loss. Can clinch playoff berth with a Tampa Bay loss.

NFC CENTRAL

MINNESOTA—Have clinched NFC Central title and a first-round playoff bye. Can clinch home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs with either a win and an Atlanta win over Detroit by less than 68 points or an Atlanta loss.

GREEN BAY—Can clinch playoff berth with a win or tie or either an Arizona loss or tie or a Tampa Bay loss or tie.

NFC WEST

ATLANTA—Have clinched playoff berth. Can clinch NFC West title and a first-round bye with a win.

SAN FRANCISCO—Have clinched playoff berth.

WPHL

By The Associated Press

Western Professional Hockey League Standings, Results

Eastern Division	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Lake Charles	18	10	2	38	128	103
Arkansas	18	8	1	37	117	82
Shreveport	16	9	4	36	126	99
Monroe	14	12	2	30	105	115
Tupelo	10	18	2	22	89	133
Alexandria	7	16	5	19	112	154
Central Division						
Corpus Christi	17	10	1	35	117	96
Waco	14	11	2	30	101	94
Fort Worth	14	13	2	30	86	105
Austin	12	14	4	28	90	122
Central Texas	11	10	5	27	99	106
Western Division						
Abilene	22	7	0	44	121	87
San Angelo	16	8	3	35	113	99
New Mexico	14	12	4	32	111	118
Amarillo	13	12	2	28	109	111
El Paso	13	13	2	28	90	93
Odessa	12	14	3	27	96	94

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; one for a shootout loss. Shootout losses are separate from losses.

Wednesday's Game

San Angelo 5, Lake Charles 4

Thursday's Games

Shreveport at Alexandria
Waco at Fort Worth
Amarillo at Arkansas

College Bowls

By The Associated Press

Saturday, Dec. 19
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
San Diego State (7-4) vs. North Carolina (6-5), 5 p.m. (ESPN2)

Wednesday, Dec. 23
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Marshall (11-1) vs. Louisville (7-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN2)

Friday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, Noon (ABC)
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Colorado (7-4) vs. Oregon (8-3), 2:30 p.m. (ABC)
Oahu Classic
At Honolulu
Air Force (11-1) vs. Washington (6-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 26
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Bethune-Cookman (8-2) vs. Southern U. (8-3), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Insight.com Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Missouri (7-4) vs. West Virginia (8-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 29
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Alabama (7-4) vs. Virginia Tech (8-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
MICRON PC Bowl
At Miami
North Carolina State (7-4) vs. Miami (8-3), 6:30 p.m. (TBS)
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Kansas State (11-1) vs. Purdue (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 30
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Idaho (8-3) vs. Southern Miss (7-4), 2 p.m. (ESPN2)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Nebraska (9-3) vs. Arizona (11-1), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 31
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Brigham Young (9-4) vs. Tulane (11-0), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Southern Cal (8-4) vs. Texas Christian (6-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Virginia (9-2) vs. Georgia (8-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Mississippi (6-5) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Penn State (8-3) vs. Kentucky (7-4), 10 a.m. (ESPN)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Michigan (9-3) vs. Arkansas (9-2), noon (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Mississippi State (8-4) vs. Texas (8-3), 10 a.m. (FOX)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Wisconsin (10-1) vs. UCLA (10-1), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Texas A&M (11-2) vs. Ohio State (10-1), 7:30 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 2
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Syracuse (8-3) vs. Florida (9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Monday, Jan. 4
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe Ariz.
Tennessee (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 16
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
East vs. West, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 23
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 1:30 p.m. (TBS)

Sunday, Jan. 24
Hula Bowl
At Kahului, Maui
South vs. North, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jerry Spradlin on a two-year contract.

National League

FLORIDA MARLINS—Announced the resignation of Don Smiley, president, at the end of the year.

BASKETBALL

Women's National Basketball Association

NEW YORK LIBERTY—Named Patty Coyle assistant coach.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed LB Tim Terry and S Lawrence Wright to their practice squad.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed FB Jim Kitts. Placed C Frank Winters on injured reserve.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed S Blaine McElmurry. Signed G Andrew Greene to the practice squad.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed QB Dan Gonzalez.

NEW YORK JETS—Placed RB-KR Leon Johnson on injured reserve.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed QB Ron Powlus to the practice squad.

TENNESSEE OILERS—Re-signed G Evan Pilgrim. Returned RB Spencer George to the practice squad.

HOCKEY

International Hockey League

FORT WAYNE KOMETS—Recalled G Rob Laurie from Flint of the UHL.

MANITOBA MOOSE—Released C Bobby Brown.

COLLEGE

AUBURN—Named Phillip Lolley conditioning coach.

IOWA STATE—Named Jeff Reinardy strength and conditioning coordinator for Olympic sports.

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA—Named Larry Edmondson offensive coordinator.

SUSQUEHANNA—Announced that it will add men's lacrosse as a varsity sport, to begin play in the spring of 2000. Named Scott Rynne lacrosse coach and assistant football coach and Tim Briggs baseball coach.

THOMAS MORE—Announced the resignation of Victor A. Clark, football coach and athletic director, effective Dec. 16.

Class 3A All-State

DALLAS (AP) — The Class 3A All-State high school football team, released Monday, as voted on by The Associated Press Sports Editors based on regular-season performance:

First Team

OFFENSE

Linemen

JOSH ARRINGTON, Iowa Park, Sr., 6-1, 255 — 3-yr starter, 88 percent grade for offense that avg. 327 ypg. had 13 TD blocks, 95 knockdown blocks, avg. 16 excellent blocks per game.

ADAM FETSCH, Waco La Vega, Sr., 6-7, 305 — offense averaged 455.9 ypg

JOSH POWER, Breckenridge, Sr., 6-2, 215 — 101 outs, 50 pancakes, top blocker for offense that avg. 271 rushing and 388 ypg.

MICHAEL REYNAN, Cuero, Sr., 6-4, 260 — avg. 12 pancake blocks for offense that averaged 31 points, 320 yards. Avg. 7 yard per run on his side.

CHRIS THOMPSON, Corrigan-Camden, Sr., 6-3, 285 — three-year starter at center; first-team all-district all three years; top blocker for a 9-1 team that had 3,278 yards rushing

Ends

DOUG EVANS, Bowie, Sr., 5-11, 170 — 48-867, 9 TDs

GARVIN GRAVES, Waco La Vega, Sr., 6-0, 195 — 61-1,282, 13 TDs

Quarterback

MARIO KINSEY, Waco La Vega, Jr., 6-1, 185 — 135-237-2,553, 24 TDs, 8 INTs; had 503 yards vs. Waco Connally

Running backs

BRYSON CARTER, Bridgeport, Sr., 5-0, 190 — 211-1,777, 21 TDs; 23-230 receiving

JERRY DIMERSON, Waco Connally, Sr., 6-0, 195 — 174-1,581, 22 TDs

GIOVANNI GONZALEZ, Carrizo Springs, Sr., 6-0, 190 — 1,600 yards rushing through 11 games, 24 TDs; 4,300 yards rushing for career; three-time all-district, all-South Texas

Kicker

WHITNEY KEILBERG, Giddings, Sr., 5-10, 165 — 25-26 PATs; 7-10 FGs, long 58

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Mario Kinsey, Waco La Vega

DEFENSE

Linemen

DERRICK BUCHANON, Cuero, Sr., 6-1, 220 — 40 solo tackles, 60 assists, 14 tackles for losses, 10 sacks, 4 forced fumbles, one blocked kick, 11 QB pressures

SHAUN ECKHARDT, Perryton, Sr., 6-0, 205 — 21 solo, 74 assisted tackles, 34 tackles for loss, 14 sacks, 15 qb pressures

JAMIN PHIPPS, Crane, Sr., 6-4, 200 — 42 tackles, 11 sacks, 7 tackles for loss

RAY WILLIAMS, Coldspring, Sr., 6-2, 200 — 78 tackles, 16 sacks, six fumble recoveries, five caused fumbles, one INT

Linebackers

NEAL AUFFLERDACH, Lorena, Sr., 6-2, 205 — 166 tackles, defense allowed 209 yards per game

ZEB FERRIS, Brady, Sr., 5-11, 192 — 128 tackles, 25 for loss, 3 caused fumbles, all-state last year at defensive back, key player on defense that allowed 13 pts

JOSH HARRELL, Newton, Sr., 5-10, 190 — leading defensive player on No. 2 team in the state; 84 tackles, two fumble recoveries and five sacks in nine games

Defensive backs

ED CHERRY, Vernon, Sr., 5-11, 160 — 16 solo and 42 5 assisted tackles, 5 INTs, 12 PBU, 2 caused fumbles, 2 recoveries, one blocked punt

ROD GULLEY, Newton, Sr., 6-3, 180 — top secondary player on state's No. 2-ranked team; had 38 tackles and 3 INTs

KENNETH HARPER, Hallettsville, Jr., 6-0, 180 — 9 INTs, 93 yards, 7 KO returns for 25.9 avg., 5 punt returns for 10.4 avg

BRENTT RAYBION, Brady, Sr., 5-10, 155 — 8 INTs, 68 tackles

Punter

BRANDON KARL, Vanderbilt Industrial, Sr., 6-3, 190 — 46.4 avg on 24 punts, long 77, nine punts downed inside the 10-yard line

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Josh Harrell, Newton

Second Team

OFFENSE

OL JOHN GLUD, Waco Robinson, Sr., 6-7, 310

OL BRANDON GREEN, Vanderbilt Industrial, Sr., 6-3, 230

OL THOMAS PACK, Madisonville, Jr., 5-11, 200

DL JONATHON OCHOA, Vernon, Sr., 5-10, 205

OL BLAKE WEST, Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson, Sr., 6-2, 265

E JUSTIN GROBAN, Abilene Wylie, Sr., 6-0, 155

E JAMES McCRAY, Gonzales, Sr., 6-0, 175

E COREY SEETON, Alvarado, Sr., 6-1, 170

QB CLIFF WATKINS, Breckenridge, Sr., 6-4, 195

RB BEAUX DAVILLE, Orangefield, Sr., 5-11, 185

RB CHRIS NELMS, Teague, Sr., 5-10, 220

RB CHEDRICK RICKS, Vernon, Sr., 5-10, 190

PK KEITH BOGGESS, Ballinger, Jr., 5-10, 140

DEFENSE

DL KEITH BUSH, Industrial, Sr., 6-1, 260

DL ROY LEWIS, Buna, Jr., 6-1, 185

OL BEN RHODES, Childress, Jr., 6-4, 255

DL ROBERT TAYLOR, Breckenridge, Sr., 6-2, 190

LB JUAN SIERRA, Childress, Sr., 5-9, 165

LB CASSIUS JOHNSON, Marlin, Sr., 6-3, 215 (tie)

LB JOSH SHIELDS, Pottsboro, Sr. 5-10, 180 (tie)

LB TOMMY VINES, Splendora, Sr., 6-0, 192 (tie)

DB TREY BEHN, Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson, Sr., 6-1, 165

DB DONNY BISHOP, Crane, Sr., 5-11, 185

DB JUSTIN KNIGHT, Bandera, Sr., 6-3, 185

DB ANTHONY MERCHANT, Madisonville, Sr., 6-0, 175

P RANDY BYINGTON, Colorado City, Sr., 6-2, 180

Honor. Mention

OFFENSE

Linemen

Adam Collavo, Mathis; Lionel Garr, Diboll; Matthew Graves, Seminole; Samuel Johnson, Carrizo Springs; Blake Lewis, Brady; Josh Logsdon, Perryton; Josh Martin, Hamshire-Fannett; LaMarquin McGrew, Hearne; Shawn Morse, Sanger; Jones Reagan, Sinton; Wayne Thompson, Gainesville; Matt Thurston, Sanford Fritch; Matt Turney, Muleshoe; Jamie Whitt, Breckenridge.

Ends

Randy Byington, Colorado City; Kaleb Clay, Seminole; David Ferril, Amarillo River Road; Jerrad Greenfield, Whitewboro; Rod Gulley, Newton; Jake Herring, Breckenridge; Bo Schobel, Columbus; Neil Williams, Newton.

Quarterbacks

Marcus Carter, Rusk; Anthony Chambers, Liberty; Adam King, Amarillo River Road; Joel Laminack, Aledo; Chris Lane, Bonham; Clay McGuire, Crane; Jeff Vanover, Diboll; David Walker, Newton.

Running backs

Travey Brown, Childress; David Cantu, Bandera; T.J. Clark, Sanford Fritch; Bobby Dale, Seminole; Noel Grajeda, Friona; Carl Johnson, La Vernia; Chris Methner, Barbers Hill; Trenton Mills, Amarillo River Road; Byron Polley, Breckenridge; Chad Proske, Giddings; Marcus Wade, Hearne; Mike Whalen, Wimberley; Ivan Williams, Cleveland.

Kickers

Randy Byington, Colorado City; Cord Dowd, Aledo; Mason Grimes, Breckenridge; Pat Mazurek, Bandera; Brentt Raybion, Brady; Adam Stowers, Bridgeport.

DEFENSE

Linemen

Andrew Ball, Cuero; Andy Barton, Brady; Ricky Beasley, Cleveland; Steven Beck, Amarillo River Road; Patrick Boyd, Denver City; Dustin Cleavinger, Muleshoe; Todd Dent, Cameron Yoe; Thomas Garcia, George West; Josh Martin, Hamshire-Fannett; Steve Nelson, Crane; Jonathon Ochoa, Vernon; Trey Oliver, Diboll; Mickey Parrish, Corrigan-Camden; Jonathan Phillips, Crane; Brian Portillo, Alpine; Bo Schobel, Columbus; Murrell Stewart, Corrigan-Camden; Justin Stone, Alvarado; Matt Turney, Muleshoe; Coby Walker, Breckenridge; Jeremy Wood, Wimberley.

Linebackers

Josh Goolsby, Bridgeport; John Hall, Bonham; Wes Henry, Comanche; Justin Holland, Sanford Fritch; Thomas Houchin, Sanger; Ronald Jenkins, Lindale; Logan Jones, Breckenridge; Ricky Lira, Vernon; Justin McSpedden, Sanger; Greg Pena, Muleshoe; Jordan Porter, Aledo; Hugo Rivera, Muleshoe; Marco Screws, Cuero; Justin Simmons, Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson; Matt Trissel, Teague; Jim Woolard, Alvarado.

Defensive backs

Kalen Clay, Seminole; B.J. Gonzales, Muleshoe; Cameron Hill, Aledo; Timothy Hulett, Corrigan-Camden; Nam Nguyen, Alvarado; Rodney Rodriguez, Sinton; George Smith, Hearne; Nathan Sprabary, Sanger; Tony Wilcoxen, Lake Worth.

College Basketball

Top 25 Men

No. 16 Clemson 70, South Carolina 66

CLEMSON (9-1): Whitt 1-5 0-0 2, Jamison 4-6 3-6 11, Wideman 2-4 1-5 5, Miller 3-7 2-2 10, McIntyre 10-13 5-5 27, Jurkunas 2-4 0-0 6, Solomon 0-5 1-2 3, Gilmore 0-0 0-4 0, Christie 0-5 0-1 2, Allenspach 1-2 2-2 4. Totals 29-51 14-26 70.

SOUTH CAROLINA (4-4): Davis 3-10 0-0 8, Gallman 2-3 0-0 4, Johnson 2-4 3-4 7, McKie 7-17 4-7 23, Rouse 0-1 0-0 0, Lucas 4-8 2-2 11, Nix 0-2 0-0 0, Williams 1-2 2-7 4, Kinloch 0-1 0-0 0, Grant 4-6 0-0 9. Totals 23-50 11-20 66.

Halftime—Clemson 35, South Carolina 27. 3-Point goals—Clemson 6-16 (McIntyre 2-3, Jurkunas 2-4, Miller 2-5, Whitt 0-1, Solomon 0-1, Christie 0-2), South Carolina 9-22 (McKie 5-10, Davis 2-4, Grant 1-3, Lucas 1-4, Nix 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Clemson 36 (Jamison 9), South Carolina 26 (Johnson 8). Assists—Clemson 13 (McIntyre 7), South Carolina 11 (McKie 5). Total fouls—Clemson 24, South Carolina 23. Technicals—Wideman, Gilmore, Williams, Johnson. A—12,005.

No. 20 Arkansas 95, Southeastern Louisiana 57

SE LOUISIANA (2-5): Clark 7-12 0-2 18, Mackey 1-6 2-2 4, Randolph 0-6 1-2 1, Hall 2-10 0-0 6, Lawton 1-2 0-0 2, Evans 0-1 0-0 0, Elloie 0-5 0-0 0, Carney 1-2 0-2 2, Payton 4-9 3-4 11, Combs 5-11 2-2 13, Green 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 21-65 10-14 57.

ARKANSAS (7-2): Gipson 2-7 0-0 5, Hood 2-4 2-2 6, Jennings 5-8 0-0 10, Reid 5-13 3-3 14, Bradley 5-10 5-5 19, Jefferies 2-7 0-3 4, Dean 4-5 1-3 10, Cleveland 0-3 0-0 0, Walker 4-7 0-0 8, Gilbert 4-6 2-3 14, Davis 0-2 0-4 3, Hankins 1-2 0-0 2, Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Keeling 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-75 16-26 95.

Halftime—Arkansas 43, SE Louisiana 28. 3-Point goals—SE Louisiana 5-17 (Clark 2-5, Hall 2-7, Combs 1-2, Green 0-1, Elloie 0-2), Arkansas 11-27 (Gilbert 4-5, Bradley 3-8, Dean 1-2, Gipson 1-3, Reid 1-5, Jefferies 0-1, Walker 0-1, Smith 0-1, Davis 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—SE Louisiana 46 (Payton 11), Arkansas 46 (Hood 9). Assists—SE Louisiana 5 (Carney 3), Arkansas 19 (Reid 8). Total fouls—SE Louisiana 21, Arkansas 17. A—14,104.

Texas Men

SMU 80, Liberty 66

LIBERTY (1-6): Cowgill 2-10 0-0 4, Boykin 1-3 0-0 3, Marks 1-2 1-1 3, Grandison 3-10 11-12 17, Hopkins 0-0 0-0 0, Caldwell 2-10 0-0 4, Bennett 5-10 2-2 15, Benjamin 3-5 3-5 9, Rios 3-6 4-4 11, Manley 0-0 0-0 0, Day 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 20-58 21-24 66.

SMU (2-4): Sasser 9-12 3-3 21, Woods 2-7 0-0 6, Elsey 8-15 0-0 17, Davis 5-11 1-5 11, Smith 2-4 6-10 10, Bratton 0-2 0-0 0, Hancock 3-7 3-3 10, Anderson 0-2 0-0 0, Ihde 0-0 0-2 0, Floyd 1-3 0-2 2, Forinash 0-1 0-0 0, Klem 1-2 1-2 3, Broer 0-0 0-0 0, Nabity 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-66 14-27 80.

Halftime—SMU 41, Liberty 22. 3-Point goals—Liberty 5-20 (Cowgill 0-1, Boykin 1-2, Grandison 0-1, Caldwell 0-4, Bennett 3-5, Rios 1-3), SMU 4-21 (Sasser 0-1, Woods 2-6, Elsey 1-6, Davis 0-1, Bratton 0-2, Hancock 1-3, Anderson 0-1, Floyd 0-1). Fouled out—Day. Rebounds—Liberty 42 (Bennett, Benjamin, Rios 6), SMU 40 (Floyd 4). Assists—Liberty 6 (Rios 2), SMU 16 (Sasser 6). Total fouls—Liberty 22, SMU 19. A—1,835.

Texas-San Antonio 85, Missouri-Kansas City 83

TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO (4-4): Meyer 1-4 2-4 4, Reed 3-3 0-0 8, Watson 4-7 0-3 8, Williams 3-6 2-2 10, Brown 7-12 3-5 21, Minnieweather 5-8 0-0 10, Powers 5-5 2-4 12, Riley 4-9 3-4 12, Jones 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 32-55 12-22 85.

MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY (4-7): Richmond 5-10 5-5 18, Keller 2-3 2-3 6, Lewis 1-9 3-7 5, Graves 3-3 3-4 9, Smith 8-16 3-5 19, Love 0-1 0-0 0, Savage 0-0 0-0 0, Dent 4-7 3-4 11, Stricker 1-5 3-3 6, Palmer 2-6 3-4 7, Breuetz 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 27-62 25-35 83.

Halftime—Missouri-Kansas City 50, Texas-San Antonio 47. 3-Point goals—Texas-San Antonio 9-16 (Meyer 0-1, Reed 2-2, Williams 2-4, Brown 4-5, Minnieweather, 0-1, Riley 1-3), Missouri-Kansas City 4-11 (Richmond 3-6, Smith 0-3, Stricker 1-2). Fouled out—Texas-San Antonio, Williams, Powers. Rebounds—Texas-San Antonio 32 (Brown 7), Missouri-Kansas City 36 (Palmer 6). Assists—Texas-San Antonio 17 (Riley 6), Missouri-Kansas City 18 (Richmond, Graves 4). Total fouls—Texas-San Antonio 30, Missouri-Kansas City 19. A—1,283.

Samford 84, Texas-Arlington 76

SAMFORD (5-2): Lopez 2-8 4-7 10, Daniel 7-15 2-5 20, Salyers 7-8 0-0 20, Rawlings 6-10 10-12 25, Kaiser 0-0 0-0 0, Sparks 2-6 4-4 9, Weaver 0-1 0-0 0, Green 0-0 0-0 0, Skypala 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-48 20-28 84.

TEXAS-ARLINGTON (1-5): Green 7-17 2-2 19, Johnson 3-7 0-1 7, Hipie 3-8 4-4 10, Harris 8-14 1-1 20, Washington 4-8 4-4 12, Louis 0-0 0-0 0, Marable 3-8 0-0 6, Jones 0-6 2-3 2. Totals 28-68 13-15 76.

Halftime—Texas-Arlington 34, Samford 30. 3-Point goals—Samford 16-37 (Lopez 2-7, Daniel 4-11, Salyers 6-6, Rawlings 3-7, Sparks 1-5, Weaver 0-1), Texas-Arlington 7-20 (Green 3-10, Johnson 1-1, Harris 3-3, Marable 0-2, Jones 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Samford 28 (Daniel 9), Texas-Arlington 44 (Hipie 12). Assists—Samford 22 (Lopez 9), Texas-Arlington 11 (Johnson, Harris 3). Total fouls—Samford 18, Texas-Arlington 19. A—568.

LSU 84, Prairie View 62

PRAIRIE VIEW (1-6): Lee 4-13 6-7 14, Coulter 0-1 1-2 1, Thompson 3-11 1-2 7, Lilly 0-10 0-0 0, Arch 8-15 0-0 19, Crockrom 1-2 0-0 2, Burks 2-9 0-0 5, Anderson 0-0 2-2 2, Bibbs 0-0 0-0 0, Jones 2-7 1-2 5, Willybiro 0-1 0-0 0, Toney 1-2 0-0 2, Graves 0-2 2-2 2, T. Smith 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 22-74 13-17 62.

LSU (5-1): Beshara 6-10 1-2 14, Anderson 5-9 3-3 14, J. Smith 3-7 2-4 8, Cooper 4-6 0-1 9, M. Carter 4-12 6-7 15, Mance 2-4 0-0 4, Wolfe 1-2 0-0 2, Landry 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 1-3 0-0 2, Ledoux 2-3 1-2 5, C. Carter 2-6 0-1 4, Warner 0-2 0-0 0, Bridgewater 2-4 3-4 7. Totals 32-68 16-25 84.

Halftime—LSU 39, Prairie View 18. 3-Point goals—Prairie View 5-17 (Lee 0-2, Lilly 0-1, Arch 3-7, Burks 1-3, Jones 0-3, T. Smith 1-1), LSU 4-15 (Beshara 1-4, Anderson 1-3, J. Smith 0-1, Cooper 1-1, M. Carter 1-4, Mance 0-1, Warner 0-1). Fouled out—Thompson, Arch. Rebounds—Prairie View 36 (Lee 7), LSU 59 (J. Smith 12). Assists—Prairie View 10 (Lilly 5), LSU 21 (Anderson, Cooper 5). Total fouls—Prairie View 21, LSU 19. A—6,494.

Lamar 96, Southwestern Louisiana 74

SW LOUISIANA (3-4): Poole 6-12 3-4 16, Funderburk 2-6 2-2 6, Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Patrick 0-4 1-2 1, Harmon 3-7 2-3 9, Jones 4-8 1-3 10, Lee 1-4 0-0 3, Thomas 1-4 3-5 5, Whiting 4-8 2-3 10, Evans 3-7 4-6 13, Robins 0-1 1-2 1, Regis 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-64 19-30 74.

LAMAR (4-3): Rowe 5-6 0-2 10, Obudo 2-3 3-4 7, McCreight 2-5 2-2 7, Spears 4-7 12-14 20, Sundblad 2-7 5-6 10, Murphy 5-6 0-0 12, Winston 3-6 1-2 7, Jackson 6-11 4-4 16. Totals 29-51 27-34 89.

Halftime—Lamar 43, SW Louisiana 31. 3-Point goals—SW Louisiana 7-17 (Poole 1-2, Funderburk 0-1, Harmon 1-4, Jones 1-3, Lee 1-4, Evans 3-3), Lamar 4-8 (McCreight 1-1, Sundblad 1-4, Murphy 2-3). Fouled out—Smith, Rowe, Jackson. Rebounds—SW Louisiana 37 (Poole 9), Lamar 38 (Spears, Jackson 6). Assists—SW Louisiana 12 (Patrick 5), Lamar 18

LEE: Rebels feel like family

(From 1C)

tries to take control sometimes when I don't want him to."

Drew and Paul are identical twins. If one walked up to you by himself, you probably wouldn't know who you were talking to. But Ratliff insists he can tell them apart.

"Oh yeah, I can tell which is which," Ratliff said. "Drew is the loud one."

Drew is also the oldest, by a whopping three minutes.

"I guess you could say we are the twin duo," Paul said. "Drew's three minutes older, so I guess he's the big brother."

Since both play a linebacker position and live together after practice, one would think that would be just a little too much togetherness. Both say it isn't a problem.

"It's easy with both of us playing linebacker," Paul said. "We assist on tackles together and do stuff together off the field. In fact, you could say it is an advantage because we can talk about football and playing linebacker when we leave school."

Drew responded, "I think it's a lot better playing with Paul. We're family and you can trust family. Since we've grown up together, I've been able to trust Paul.

"We even have the same friends off the field. Paul is dating a girl from Midland High and I'm starting to date one of her friends. It's kind of like that in everything we do."

But the Andersons feel that they are now part of an extended family. And they feel that is a key reason Lee is playing for a state championship.

"Even though we are going to play 16 games, this is the fastest season I've ever gone through," Drew says. "The thing about this year is that the whole teams has remained as true friends. I think we all feel like we are family as a team."

Paul said, "This team is together. It's not just like playing with your brother. It's a bigger family."

Subia even agrees, "There are strong ties on this team and I think that is why we've done so well. We are all like family. We encourage each other when things go wrong. We're in it together. Unity made us strong.

"Somewhere around the Cooper game, I think we lost our focus a little. We came off that field and it was a terrible feeling losing (21-14). I don't think any of us wanted to ever have that feeling again."

Subia said the dream that Saturday could bring was born way back in the seventh grade.

"At Lee you talk about winning a state championship and I was looking at that in junior high. It was another dream," Subia said.

The Andersons moved from Tomball to Midland during their ninth grade year.

"Honestly, when we moved here from Tomball in the middle of my ninth grade year, I didn't know what football was like at Midland Lee," Drew said. "I started realizing what it was all about my sophomore year.

"But I really began to get that gut feeling you sometimes get about things during the off-season last spring. One of the things I remember most is (defensive end) Trey Atwater and I doing pull ups every day. 16 repetitions for 16 games. The work has paid off."

Well, it's one more week of family for these three seniors. Then the stories they will be able to tell.

Johnston elevates Katy from Class 5A rookie to one of the state's elite

By Scott Kaiser
Houston Chronicle

KATY — Head football coaches get asked a lot of questions.

Many are generic: "How will you do this week?" or "Is Jimmy hurt seriously?"

Katy High School's Mike Johnston has probably been asked one question more than any other since the Tigers' return to football prominence: "What's with the red suspenders?"

Johnston, in his 17th year as Katy's head coach, has been wearing red suspenders for every game since they were given to him by Jason DeBusk in 1989.

DeBusk was a promising player who fought cancer his final three years at Katy and proved doctors wrong by living through his senior year. He even attended the University of Houston before succumbing to the disease in February 1991.

"He would really rag on me bad about my attire," said Johnston, who both smiled and got teary-eyed when remembering DeBusk. "He said, 'You dress so plain,' so before one of our games his senior year he gave me the suspenders and said, 'You need to dress up,' and I've worn them to every game since.

"He just gave inspiration to everybody, and that's why we renamed our 'Fighting Heart' award in his name. He was always in great spirits even though his body was wasting away on him."

With the Tigers so successful of late, it's easy to forget that Johnston had to go through some hard times to get to this point. Katy plays Midland Lee for the Class 5A Division II championship Saturday, the school's third trip to a state final in five seasons.

When he was promoted from offensive coordinator to head coach in 1982, Johnston inherited a program that hadn't made the playoffs since 1964 and had jumped from Class 3A to 5A in a three-year period.

It proved a daunting task: The Tigers went 8-32 in Johnston's first four seasons before the 1986 team had a breakthrough 10-1 season.

"I was having to hold on to my job because it was a rough start," said Johnston. "Katy was just a victim of one of those situations where the athletics didn't keep pace with the rapid growth (of the area). When I got here in '80, we were way behind facility-wise, equipment-wise and every which way.

"We've always had great kids and people to work with, but when you go up the (enrollment) ladder that rapidly and you hadn't had a great deal of success where you've been, it was a challenge. The hardest thing we had to do was restore some pride ... establish some kind of confidence level."

Katy athletic director Jack Rhoads was one of the men responsible for promoting Johnston, who had a 13-year career as an assistant at Hull-Daisetta, Nacogdoches, Beaumont Forest Park, Abilene and Katy.

"He was a strong student of the game and had excellent organizational skills, plus he was very competitive and confident," Rhoads said. "He just had all those qualities that would be important to our kids and leading a program."

Johnston, who played for Galena Park's state runner-up team in 1964 and lettered for three years at Stephen F. Austin, began the rebuilding process by keeping his freshman class from 1982 together for the majority of the next three seasons.

The group went 5-5 as freshmen, 9-1 as sophomores and 8-2 on the junior varsity before a 4-6 varsity season in 1985 in which Katy lost four games by a combined 17 points.

"It was the first time I felt like we were very competitive, and we broke through the next year," Johnston said.

Making the playoffs is one thing. Being successful is another. The Tigers won their first playoff game under Johnston in 1989 but didn't win two straight until a quarterfinal run in 1992.

A dramatic 21-16 win over Clements, in which the Tigers scored 14 points in 11 seconds in the final 1:30, was the highlight of 1992, and the 1994 run to the state final was in part a result of a 31-28 quarterfinal win over West Brook when Katy rallied from a 28-17 deficit in the final three minutes.

What's the secret? How does a coach turn a routine program into an extraordinary one?

Johnston credits his Galena Park head coach, Paul Smith, and defensive line coach, Jeff Sadler, for making an early impact, and Gordon Brown for showing him the ropes when Johnston was an offensive line coach under Brown at Nacogdoches.

"He (Brown) probably had more influence on my philosophy about coaching than anybody," Johnston said.

One of the things Johnston learned was to give his coaching staff the freedom to do its job.

"Our staff does a great job, and I don't want to mess with them," Johnston said. "We know each other well, and it's a team effort, just like it is with the players."

Offensive line coach Chris Massey says Johnston leads by example.

"He just instills a lot of confidence in everybody ... the kids, the coaches and the entire community," Massey said. "He has a great finger on the pulse of everything that's going on around here and with the kids, and what their strengths and weaknesses are, and then getting them to play up to their strengths."

Johnston's calm demeanor is evident whether he's on the sideline during a game in his traditional red suspenders or in private with his players.

"He's an awesome man to play for," defensive tackle Lance Redmon said. "He's a great coach who really knows football inside and out, and he keeps the team focused on what we have to do and working together as a team."

Offensive tackle Trey Landers said not to confuse quiet confidence with lack of intensity.

"He's definitely very demanding and strict, and he's all business," Landers said. "He expects the best out of us, and if you don't give him that, he'll let you know."

Now, as Katy prepares to try to win a second consecutive title, the school has earned the reputation as having one of the finest programs in the state.

"When I came to Katy, I knew this was a great community and that all the essentials were here," Johnston said. "It was just a matter of trying to establish a base for a program and then build on it, and God's certainly blessed the efforts of our staff and players."

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Waco La Vega trio tops 3A all-state offense list

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

The explosive offense that carried Waco La Vega to an undefeated regular season also won several spots on the Associated Press Sports Editors' Class 3A all-state team released Wednesday.

Quarterback Mario Kinsey, receiver Garvin Graves and lineman Adam Fetsch each made the first team. Kinsey was named the offensive player of the year.

Kinsey, a 6-foot-1, 185-pound junior, competed 135 of 237 passes for 2,553 yards and 24 touchdowns in the regular season. Graves, a senior, caught 61 passes for 1,282 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Their contributions helped turn a 6-4 team into one that went 10-0 and ended the year ranked No. 4 in the AP poll. The Pirates won their first-round game, but were upset 51-35 by Iowa Park the next week.

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

Newton (13-1), which plays 14-0 Daingerfield for the 3A Division II title on Saturday, placed two players on the defensive first-team in linebacker Josh Harrell and defensive back Rod Gulley.

Harrell, a 5-foot-10, 190-pound senior, was named defensive player of the year. He was considered the leader of a defense on the team that ended the year ranked No. 2, producing 84 tackles, five sacks and two fumble recoveries in nine games.

Cuero, which lost to Aledo in the Division I championship last weekend, had two first-teamers in offensive lineman Michael Reynan and defensive lineman Derrick Buchanon.

Brady was the only other school with multiple first-teamers in linebacker Zeb Ferris and defensive back Brentt Raybion.

Ferris, a first-teamer at defensive back last year, was the only repeat member of the APSE squad.

Other defensive backs were Ed Cherry of Vernon and Kenneth Harper of Hallettsville.

Shaun Eckhardt of Perryton, Jamin Phipps of Crane and Ray Williams of Coldspring were the other defensive linemen, and Neal Aufflerdach of Lorena rounded out the linebackers.

The other offensive linemen were Josh Arrington of Iowa Park, Josh Power of Breckenridge, which ended the regular season ranked No. 1, and Chris Thompson of Corrigan-Camden.

The running backs were Bryson Carter of Bridgeport, Jerry Dimerson of Waco Connally and Giovanni Gonzalez of Carrizo Springs. Doug Evans of Bowie was the other end.

Whitney Keilberg of Giddings was picked at kicker and Brandon Karl of Vanderbilt Industrial was the punter.

AP Photo

Phillip Fulmer, head football coach of No. 1 ranked Tennessee, answers questions at a press conference in Phoenix Wednesday as he discussed his team's preparations for the Tostita Fiesta Bowl Jan. 4 against Florida State. The Sears trophy presented to the No. 1 team is in foreground.

Bowden nowhere to be found at Fiesta

By Bob Baum
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — The Fiesta Bowl is still 19 days away, and already Bobby Bowden is behind.

The Florida State coach missed his connecting flight in Atlanta on Wednesday, and his chair was empty at a news conference leading to the Fiesta Bowl showdown with Tennessee on Jan. 4 for the national championship.

"We're considering starting the game with a 5-yard delay of game penalty," Fiesta Bowl executive director John Junker said.

Tennessee coach Phillip Fulmer, who did make it to Phoenix, joked that he'd rather Bowden "leave Peter Warrick and a couple of those defensive linemen behind."

Bowden, speaking by telephone, apologized for not being there in person.

"I had a flight out at 8:50, and I got there at 8:51," he said. "I could look out the window and see the plane, and they would not open the door. They didn't care who I was."

On a table in front of the dais, one of the two national championship trophies awarded was on display between football helmets from Tennessee and Florida State. That trophy, from the American Football Coaches Association, goes to the Fiesta Bowl winner.

The other national title trophy, awarded by The Associated Press, does not necessarily go to the Fiesta winner, even though No. 1 (Tennessee) is playing No. 2 (Florida State).

Bowden wanted nothing to do with speculation that somehow, if Florida State wins, someone other than the Fiesta winner could wind up with a share of the national crown, despite the new Bowl Championship Series system designed to avoid just such a controversy.

"The winner of this game will be the national champion," he said. "That's already been declared. I don't worry about that. I don't know what the other polls are going to do. The winner of this game is going to be the national champion."

Fulmer said all he can do is try to make sure Tennessee wins.

"We've tried to take care of ourselves all year long. It's been a real interesting — I guess for lack of a better word — scenario for the BCS to get to this point," he said. "Certainly I believe the winner of this game should be the national champion."

Both coaches expect defense to dominate.

"It will probably be 6-3 the way these teams play defense," Bowden said.

Tennessee is eighth nationally in scoring defense (14.4 points a game) and is 17th in total defense (303 yards a game). Florida State is, by far, the No. 1 team in total defense (214.8 yards) and is second in scoring defense (11.5 points).

"Their defense is as good as I've seen," Fulmer said. "There are probably some NFL defenses that aren't as good as Florida State is."

Tennessee is scheduled to arrive the night of Dec. 26. Florida State will come to Arizona two days later.

That will leave plenty of time for the hype that surely will precede the big game. Requests for media credentials and hotel rooms already have far exceeded expectations.

Fulmer expects his Tennessee team to take it all in stride, especially after all the attention the Volunteers received the last three years, when quarterback Peyton Manning led them to the Orange and Citrus bowls.

"I think the experiences we've had over the last three years will help us as far as managing the day to day hype," Fulmer said. "We've remained pretty focused during the course of the year, and I wouldn't expect it to be any different here."

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Olympics opponents call for full disclosure

By Mike Carter
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — Trying to clear its image after allegations of bribery, the Salt Lake Organizing Committee's ethics panel plans to scour eight years of documents to find out how nearly $13 million was spent.

The chairman of the panel, retired Utah Supreme Court Chief Justice Gordon R. Hall, says investigators will have to rely on SLOC for information and that the panel has no power to penalize.

"We are not a fact-finding body. We don't do investigations," Hall said. "As far as doing things like removing (SLOC trustees), we don't have any such authority."

SLOC spokeswoman Shelley Thomas said the five members of the panel were to be contacted today, and the organizing committee is scheduled to meet Friday to initiate the investigation.

Thomas could not promise the panel's findings will be made public, but government leaders and a head of an anti-Olympic group are warning that anything less won't do.

"The Utah Games effort has been grievously damaged and the public confidence greatly eroded by the developing bribery scandal," said Stephen Pace, chairman of Utahns for Responsible Public Spending, an anti-Olympics group.

The only way to restore that confidence is full disclosure of the bid committee's finances, Pace said in a letter on Tuesday.

Salt Lake's bid was funded with private money, and Olympic officials have refused to open the financial books.

But SLOC's hand may be forced by the outcry that has followed revelations that the bid committee, under former president Thomas Welch, spent nearly $400,000 on 13 scholarships — including six for relatives of International Olympic Committee members.

Adding to SLOC's problems are revelations that Welch solicited $28,000 in free medical services, including plastic surgery, from Intermountain Health Care, which was recently named the 2002 Winter Games' primary medical provider.

Marc Hodler, IOC executive board member who on Saturday said Salt Lake City had been "blackmailed" by agents promising to secure votes for its successful bid, told USA Today that there was proof of payments other than scholarships.

Hodler said a summary by Salt Lake organizers details a total of $630,000 in payments, some of it unrelated to IOC members, the newspaper reported today. The IOC inquiry is trying to establish which recipients have links to IOC voters, he told the newspaper.

Hodler also said he now believes that as many as 25 IOC members may have received favors or cash for votes in four recent bids by cities for the Olympics, USA Today reported. He did not identify any of the members.

Gov. Mike Leavitt called for the ethics investigation and has been joined by leaders of Utah's Legislature.

House Minority Leader David Jones said Tuesday he will introduce a bill when the Legislature convenes in January requiring SLOC to itemize past and future expenditures.

"Utah taxpayers have a great investment in the 2002 Games and they deserve to know that public revenue is being properly spent," he said. Nearly $60 million in taxpayer money went to build venues for the games.

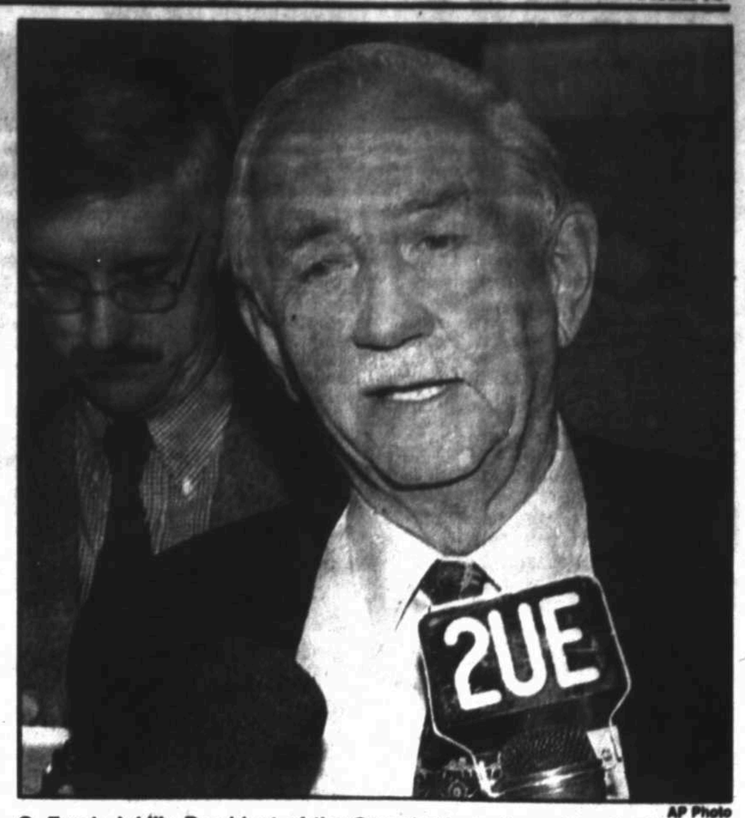
Several former Salt Lake Bid Committee board members said they didn't know about the payments to relatives of the IOC members, although they knew they were being vigorously courted.

"I always facetiously say I'd rather be an IOC delegate than king," said Fred Ball, a member of the bid committee since its inception. "We took very good care of them."

"I don't think anybody would have expected us to have them in Motel 6 and take them to Hardees at night," said Ball, but he added that he believed all the wooing was done within existing rules, which limit the value of gifts to IOC members to $150.

"As far as I knew, we were playing the game, but playing the game within the rules," said Henry Marsh, a member of the SLOC's board of trustees and a four-time Olympic steeplechaser.

The IOC has begun its own investigation of the Salt Lake bribery allegations.



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G. Frank Joklik, President of the Organization's Committee for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games of Salt Lake City, briefs the press during the last meeting of the IOC Executive Board in Lausanne, Switzerland on Monday.

LOCAL SPORTS

COM swim meet held

The City of Midland (COM) hosted a "C" swim meet over the weekend. Here are names of COM swimmers who placed first, second or third.

Girls 8-under: Rebekah Cooke, first in 50-meter breastroke and third in 50-meter freestyle; Emily Eisenrich, first in 50 backstroke and third in 50 breast; Alice Harman, second in 25 breast and third in 25 back; Krystal Harris, third in 50 butterfly; Laura McWilliams, second in 25 fly and third in 50 back; Jessamyn Morales, first in 50 free, first in 25 fly and second in 50 breast; Laura Pharr, first in 50 fly, second in 50 free and second in 50 back.

Girls 10-under: Gena Bradley, second in 25 free, Taylor Boswell, third in 25 fly and third in 50 breast; Treasure Clevenger, third in 50 free; Claudia Corrales, first in 25 breast and second in 25 back; Erin Eisenrich, first in 50 fly; Loren Hinds, second in 50 breast; Ashton Mathis, second in 25 breast, third in 25 free and third in 25 back; Jessamyn Morales, third in 100 individual medley; Lindsay Nichols, first in 25 free, first in 25 back and second in 25 fly; Laura Pharr, second in 100 individual medley.

Girls 11-18: Amy Bell, first in 50 free; Beth Ellis, third in 50 breast; Lauren Harvey, first in 100 individual medley; Rebecca Jacobson, first in 50 fly, second in 50 free, second in 50 breast, second in 50 back and second in 100 individual medley; Liz Painter, second in 50 fly and third in 100 individual medley; Beth Rowan, third in 50 fly and third in 50 back.

Girls Open: Lauren Harvey, first in 100 free, first in 100 fly and first in 100 back; Kristie Hernandez, third in 100 breast; Betsy Overton, first in 50 free, first in 50 breast and second in 50 back; Liz Painter, first in 100 breast and first in 100 back; Melissa Painter, first in 50 back and second in 50 free.

Boys 8-under: Jeffrey Brown, first in 50 free, second in 50 breast and second in 50 back.

Boys 10-under: Klein Allison, first in 50 free, first in 50 fly, second in 50 back and third in 100 individual medley; Matthew Cardamone, third in 50 breast; Matthew Harmon, third in 25 fly and third in 50 back; Charles Painter, third in 50 fly; Sam Sigo, second in 25 fly, third in 25 free and third in 25 back.

Boys 11-18: Garth Binam, first in 50 fly, second in 50 breast and third in 100 individual medley; Jacob Eisenrich, second in 50 fly and third in 50 free.

Boys Open: Garth Binam, third in 100 free; Jacob Eisenrich, third in 100 back; Matthew Harmon, second in 100 breast.

Midland In-Line Hockey League

The Midland In-Line Hockey League completed its fall season last weekend. First-place finishers were determined in each of five divisions: Bantam "Patrick" Division — Avalanche; Bantam "Norris" — Oilers; Adult Minors — Redwings; Adult Majors — Sabres; and Novice — Blues.

Following are individual honors for each division and team members of division winners:

Individual honors

Bantam "Patrick" — Mike Lamar, best defense; Logan Forest, best forward; Megan Floyd, best goalie; Justin Brim, most improved; and Forest, high scorer.

Bantam "Norris" — Cliff Brookshire, best defense; Jeremy Guttormsen, best forward; Brock Pittman, best goalie; Julie Davis, most improved; and Scotty Lovett, high scorer.

Adult Minor — Mike Ruhnke, best defense; Andre Furtado, best forward; Mike Gygax, best goalie; D.J. Chaves, most improved; and Chris Rubio, high scorer.

Adult Major — Dale Logan, best defense; Dave Bruce, best forward; Chris Woodriff, best goalie; Nathan Schneider, most improved; and Aaron Totten, high scorer.

Novice — Candel Quintana, best defense; Don Price, best forward; Terry Tarylan, most improved; and Price, high scorer.

Division winners' members

Avalanche (Bantam "Patrick"): Shelby Welch, Zach Benton, Mike Kirby, Brian Kirby, Matt Lubinski, Jarrod Cartmill, Mark Hall, Logan Forest, Keegan Kelly, Brice Fitzgerald and Trey Mast.

Oilers (Bantam "Norris"): Cliff Brookshire, Michael Lubinski, Julie Davis, Richard Hirth, Lang Ware, Richmond Collinsworth, Kevin Wickersharm and Scotty Lovett.

Redwings (Adult Minors): Peter Botes, Scott Cole, Andre Furtado, Brian McGinnis, Michael Ruhnke, Mike Ruhnke Sr., Ryan Sanchez, Brian Welsh and Nathan Wiley.

Sabres (Adult Majors): Jeremy DeLeon, Blake Golson, Dale Logan, Paul Logan, Ian Miller, Nathan Schneider, Mark Tarylan, Flint Weed and Russel Wittekiend.

Blues (Novice): Harold Davis, Robin Dobler, Don Hall, Randy Mueller, Kim Murphey, Don Price, Candel Quintana, Bruce Robertson and Julian Rubio.

Lubbock gets WPHL franchise

The Western Professional Hockey League will put a team in Lubbock to start play next season (1999-2000).

The WPHL features 17 teams this season, including the Odessa Jackalopes.

Stern hitting the slopes; Union head thinks no deal until January

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — David Stern is going to Aspen, Colo., for a week, and Billy Hunter is going home for the holidays, too.

It doesn't look like there will be a season until February — if at all.

The NBA lockout was back on the slow track Wednesday with the two men actually bickering over who should call whom, and who made the first call last time.

"If we are going to meet, in all probability it won't be until the week between Christmas and New Year's," Hunter said in a conference call with reporters. "We're going to find ourselves locked into a 12th-hour scenario.

"At this stage it's kind of like poker, and what they're trying to do is see who blinks first."

The sides have not met since Saturday, and no meetings are scheduled prior to this weekend, when Stern will leave for his residence in the Colorado ski resort town.

An NBA spokesman said Stern could be back in New York within a few hours if developments warranted.

Hunter said he will fly home to San Francisco for the holidays if Stern leaves town.

The union director, in one of his most detailed conversations of the 5 1/2-month-old lockout, said the "drop dead" date for saving the season must be after the holidays.

"Things can't be too critical or extreme in view of the fact that commissioner Stern is planning a vacation in Aspen. If that's the case, I would assume that Jan. 1 is not the drop dead date. We have looked at the proposed schedules, and we are aware if the season would start by Feb. 1, there would be at least 40-42 games left. If you eliminate the All-Star game and maybe added a week or so, you could get up to 50-55 games."

In order to play 55 games, however, teams would have to play five games per week. A more likely scenario, if the season indeed started Feb. 1, would be a 48- or 50-game schedule with teams playing nine games every two weeks.

Hunter also addressed the issue of race relations in the bargaining process following two published reports that some players think it might be a complicating factor.

"I don't think race is (a factor). You've got billionaire owners accustomed to seeing their dictates honored, and on the other side of the table you have players predominantly of African-American origin. People can read into it anything they want. Maybe subliminally it may be there, but it's all about dollars and hard economics," Hunter said.

Complaining that he is always the one to pick up the phone and make a call to try to jump-start the process, Hunter said this time will be different.

In response, the NBA issued a statement from Stern claiming it was the commissioner, not Hunter, who got the sides back to the bargaining table last week, when they held two secret sessions.

"Last week's meetings were convened at my initiative alone. I called him on Tuesday, met privately with him that evening and outlined to him the compromises the NBA was prepared to make in order to achieve a deal.

"The meetings that followed were thus the result of my initiative and were without precondition," Stern said. "As we told the union's representatives, we remain willing to negotiate at any time and at any location if it will be productive."

The sides are fighting over how to split $2 billion in annual revenue. The main points of contention remain how large a percentage of revenues will be devoted to salaries and whether there will be an absolute maximum salary for players with more than seven years' experience.

The union made what Hunter called a "substantial concession" Saturday by offering a $10 million limit on the salary in the first year of any new contract signed by a player with less than seven years' experience.

Although the situation looks bleak, both Hunter and deputy commissioner Russ Granik have said that a deal could be closed in less than 24 hours once the sides get back inside the bargaining room.

SNOW: Bus trip to game took six hours

(From 1C)

tle the weather. Five school buses prepared to leave. White settled some nerves when the Stanton sheriff's department gave him a forecast that said the snow was dissipating around Coahoma, about 30 miles away. He was unaware of the National Weather Service's expanded snow warning.

"I told him (White) if you can't put buses on the road then we won't play the game. We would be completely agreeable to that," Burks said. "We would like to play the game, but we think of the safety of the students first and foremost."

Longtime Celina coach G.A. Moore said the final say was up to Stanton. However, White and Cotton didn't get that impression.

"We needed to (postpone the game)," said Cotton, whose team lost, 9-0, on a miserably cold and windy night. "I'm not saying we would have won the football game on a dry field. My deal was the safety. The only time I talked to coach Moore was when we had 4 inches of snow on the ground."

Celina officials told Cotton that Saturday's forecast called for worse weather. Ironically, Saturday was a spectacular fall day.

"I think what he (Celina's Burks) felt pressure to do was go along with what his coach wanted to do," White said. "He said, 'Are you telling me then you cannot make it there?' I said, 'No, if we start out I would expect to make it there. I am worried about the kids in these travel conditions.

"I think the (Celina) superintendent had some compassion, but I think he had some uncertainty to how much he could trust me since he didn't know me."

At about 10:50 a.m., the buses pulled out of Stanton. In Midland, city officials had already closed Loop 250 and off-duty officers were called in.

For the next 130 miles, five Stanton buses rumbled through snow storms.

"We had a situation with our band buses," White said. "An 18-wheeler tried to pass them. It knocked off their side-view mirror. If I'm ever again in that situation, I will say, 'Sorry, we will not be there.'"

Cotton also said the football team buses had a close call, swerving to avoid sideswiping another 18-wheel truck.

The trip, including a stop for lunch, lasted six hours, still in plenty of time for normal pregame rituals, Cotton said. His team was ready to play, he said.

"I'm not saying we would have beaten them on a clear day, but I sure would have liked to have tried," White said.

By the end of the day, Midland had a snowfall of 9.75 inches, according to the National Weather Service. The Buffaloes lost the game, the majority of their fans never left Stanton and the team eventually made it home safely.

The question remains, when does playing a game — even a state semifinal — override the safety of students?

NBA players not being allowed to play overseas

HOUSTON (AP) — The agent representing Denver Nuggets guard Nick Van Exel and other NBA players on Wednesday chided the country's amateur basketball association for not clearing the way for his clients to play professionally in Europe.

Agent James Bryant of Pro Serv Basketball last week asked USA Basketball to clear the way for Van Exel, Marcus Camby of the New York Knicks and Reggie Slater of the Toronto Raptors to play in Europe and stay there even if the NBA lockout ends. Bryant received a response from USA Basketball Tuesday, Houston television station KRIV reported.

"... you must contact FIBA (the sport's international governing body) directly to petition the NBA for a statement asserting that your clients have no contractual obligations with an NBA team," the letter stated.

All three players have one season remaining on their contracts. Bryant accused USA Basketball of intentionally delaying his efforts to get his clients on European courts and renewed his intention to sue for the right to play overseas.

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
AmOnline s	170862	96 3/16	+3 7/16
Compaq s	86898	40 11/16	-1 1/8
Citigrp	81366	47 5/8	-1 1/8
SprintPCS n	71256	16 7/16	+1 13/16
Boeing	64011	32 1/8	-1 3/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PlanHlly	2 15/16	+9/16	+23.7
Quiksilv s	30 1/2	+5 3/4	+23.2
R&B Falc	9 7/8	+1 9/16	+18.8
GlobM	11	+1 1/2	+15.8
FGoldmn	13 13/16	+1 7/8	+15.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChesEn pf	11 1/2	-4 1/2	-28.1
C&D Tch s	21 7/8	-7 1/16	-24.4
BuckTch s	12 1/2	-2 3/8	-16.0
Lindsay s	13 3/16	-1 13/16	-12.1
ElderTr n	10	-1 1/8	-10.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,522
Declined	1,583
Unchanged	473
Total issues	3,578
New Highs	43
New Lows	72
Volume	883,274,805

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR	726001	116 17/32	-5/32
Cablvsn s	16250	43 11/16	-1 3/16
Nabors	13288	13 1/2	+1 3/16
CSC Hld pf	9405	66 3/16	-1 7/8
GetchGld	9048	29	-1/8

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
USExpInc	2 1/8	+5/16	+17.2
SevnSea n	6 1/8	+7/8	+16.7
Unapix	2 3/8	+5/16	+15.2
Hmisph wt	2 7/8	+3/8	+15.0
BethCp	2 1/8	+1/4	+13.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HalEPC	6	-15/16	-13.5
ecLuxtec	2 5/16	-5/16	-11.9
Emultek n	2 1/2	-5/16	-11.1
Aeroson	11	-1 1/4	-10.2
WinstRs	3 3/8	-3/8	-10.0

DIARY

Advanced	259
Declined	312
Unchanged	180
Total issues	751
New Highs	5
New Lows	23
Volume	38,253,780

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BookMill	369323	18 1/8	+8 1/16
Amazon s	169840	289	+46 1/4
Microsft s	150060	133 3/8	+17/8
DellCptr s	135117	64 1/16	-1 1/2
Cisco s	123991	82 11/16	-1 1/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
FstPrior n	3 1/8	+1 7/16	+85.2
BookMill	18 1/8	+8 1/16	+80.1
SeattleF	4 15/16	+1 15/16	+64.6
Telepart	2 3/8	+1 1/16	+40.7
InfoSpce n	26 3/4	+8 3/4	+33.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IncoHm	2 1/16	-9/16	-21.4
AlphNet	3 3/8	-7/8	-20.6
Nautica	13 5/16	-3 7/16	-20.5
HorzVnt	8 13/16	-2 1/16	-19.0
SegueSoft	16 1/4	-3 3/4	-18.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,778
Declined	2,228
Unchanged	1,291
Total issues	5,297
New Highs	52
New Lows	115
Volume	840,981,700

HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 1,675 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 925 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in bold are worth at least $5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional fields rotated through the week, as follows:

Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.
Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.
Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...
Tkr: The stock's ticker symbol.
How to use: The ticker symbol can help you get information about a company. Two important uses: Most services that provide stock quotes over the phone require the ticker symbol. Second, stock brokers and analysts can recognize stocks more easily with a ticker symbol.

Generally, ticker symbols resemble the company name although some – BUD for Anheuser Busch Cos. and FON for Sprint Corp. – are more related to what a company does. Tickers on the New York and Amex usually don't exceed three letters. On Nasdaq, they go up to five letters.

The names you see in this paper are abbreviations of the company name supplied by The Associated Press. Companies can help determine what their abbreviation will be. Overall, AP tries to use an abbreviation that will most closely match the full company name.

Tuesday

Div	Name	Last	Chg
.44	ACE Ltd	34 7/8	-1/8
1.10	ACMIn	9 5/8	+1/8
.80	ACM Op	7 1/8	...
1.10	ACM Sc	1/2	-1/8
...	ACMSp	7 1/8	...

Wednesday

PE	PPE	Name	Last	Chg
8	9	ACE Ltd	34 7/8	-1/8
17	19	ACMIn	9 5/8	+1/8
5	...	ACM Op	7 1/8	...
12	10	ACM Sc	1/2	-1/8
6	6	ACMSp	7 1/8	...

Thursday

Tkr	Name	Last	Chg
Air	ACE Ltd	34 7/8	-1/8
ACI	ACMIn	9 5/8	+1/8
ACO	ACM Op	7 1/8	...
ACF	ACM Sc	1/2	-1/8
ACMSp	ACMSp	7 1/8	...

Friday

YTD	Name	Last	Chg
+2.3	ACE Ltd	34 7/8	-1/8
+0.2	ACMIn	9 5/8	+1/8
-3.0	ACM Op	7 1/8	...
-0.2	ACM Sc	1/2	-1/8
...	ACMSp	7 1/8	...

Stock Footnotes: cc – PE greater than 99. dd – Loss in last 12 mos. d – New 52-wk low during trading day. g – Dividend in Canadian $. Stock price in U.S. $. n – New issue in past 52 weeks. s – Split or stock dividend of 25 percent or more in last 52 weeks. Dividend begins with date of split or stock dividend. u – New 52-wk high during trading day. v – Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration. pf – Preferred. pp – Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price. rt – Rights. un – Units. wd – When distributed. wi – When issued. wt – Warrants. ww – With warrants. xw – Without warrants.

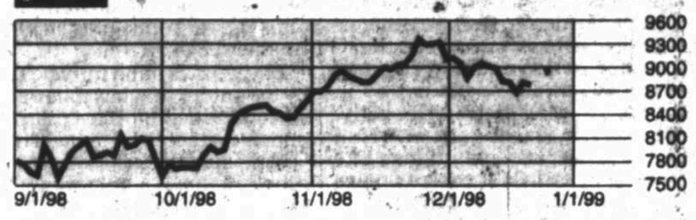
Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

Daily market roundup

December 16, 1998

Dow Jones: 8,790.60, -32.70

High	8,922.94	Highest close	9,374.27
Low	8,675.52	November 23, 1998	



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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
9,380.20	7,400.30	Dow Jones Industrials	8,790.60	-32.70	-.37	+11.16	+10.17
3,701.42	2,282.18	Dow Jones Transportation	2,689.82	-13.50	-.47	-11.87	-11.29
322.21	260.51	Dow Jones Utilities	306.57	+2.09	+.69	+12.27	+15.30
601.76	462.69	NYSE Composite	582.89	+.15	+.03	+10.11	+11.11
753.75	554.70	Amex Index	651.44	+5.33	+.82	-4.85	-2.98
2,060.98	1,357.09	Nasdaq Composite	2,009.36	-3.24	-.16	+27.96	+29.86
1,193.53	912.83	S&P 500	1,161.94	-.89	-.08	+19.74	+20.34
492.28	303.87	Russell 2000	389.85	+.28	+.07	-10.79	-8.58
11,106.10	8,620.80	Wilshire 5000	10,592.83	+1.55	+.01	+13.92	+15.00

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Tkr	Name	Last	Chg
A B C			
AIR	AAR s	22 7/16	-3/16
AAnpA	ABNAm pf	25 17/32	-3/32
ACL	ACE Ltd s	27 9/16	-1/16
ACG	ACMIn	9 5/8	...
GSF	ACM Sc	8 5/16	-1/16
SI	ACMSp	6 5/16	+1/16
ART	ACNielsn	27 1/16	+1/4
AES	AES Cp	41 3/8	-5/8
AFL	AFLAC s	38 1/2	-1/4
AG	AGCO	7 1/16	+3/16
AKS	AK Steel	20 11/16	+3/4
AMB	AMB Pr	21 5/8	...
AMR	AMR s	55 1/2	-3/8
ASA	ASA Ltd	17 3/4	+9/16
NCD	AT&T 28	n25 7/16	...
T	AT&T	69 9/16	+5/16
AVX	AVX Cp	19 5/16	-5/16
AAM	Aames	1 11/16	+1/16
ABT	AbtLab s	48 1/16	-7/8
ANF	AberFitch	58 5/8	-3/4
ACN	Acuson	14 1/4	+3/8
ADX	AdaEx 25	3/16	+1/16
ASF	Adminstl 27	15/16	+1 7/16
AMD	AMD	27 7/16	-1 5/16
AEG	Aegon su	114 1/4	-1 1/16
ARX	Aeroflex	13 1/8	+1/4
ANV	AeroVick	29 1/2	-3/8
AET	Aetna Inc	78 7/16	+5/16
ACS	AffCmpSv	40	-5/16
AEM	Agnico g	4 1/8	+3/16
AGU	Agrium g	9	-1/16
APD	AirProd s	35 1/2	-3/8
ABF	AirbFrt s	29 5/8	-9/16
ARG	Airgas	8 7/8	-1/4
ATI	AirTouch	60 1/2	+1 11/16
ATIpB	AirTch pfB	50	+2 1/16
ALPpD	AlaP pfcld24	15/16	...
ALPpQ	AlaPC pfQ25	11/16	-1/16
ALK	AlskAir	37 7/8	-1/16
AIN	Albnyint	18	-1/4
ALB	Albemar	17 3/16	+1/4
ABS	Albertsn	62 7/8	+1/16
AL	Alcan	27 3/16	-1/4
ALA	Alcatel	23 1/16	-1/16
AYE	AlgEngy	33 1/8	+5/16
ALT	AlegTeldy	19 1/2	-3/16
AEH	Alegnce s	43 1/16	+9/16
ALN	AlienTel	6 1/8	-1/16
AGN	Allergn	60 5/8	+7/8
AC	AlliCap s	26 3/16	-5/16
AWF	AllWrld2	9 3/16	+1/16
ATR	Allnt Gp	7 5/16	+1/16
ADM	ArchDan	16 1/8	...
ASN	ArchstnC	20 1/16	-1/4
ARI	ArdenRlt	23	+1/2
AS	Armco	4 1/16	...
ACK	ArmWl	65 3/16	-3/8
ARW	ArrowEl	22 5/16	+1/16
AR	Asarco	16 1/16	+1/16
ASL	Ashanti	9 5/16	+7/8
ASH	Ashland	49	...
PAP	AsiaPlp	7 9/16	-1/16
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ALD	AtlSgnl	41 13/16	-3/16
AFC	AtlmrFn	54 1/4	-1/16
ALL	Allstate s	37 3/8	-15/16
AI	Attnel	u55	-1/16
ALC	Attrista	24 7/16	-1/16
ALO	Alpharma	32 7/16	-1/16
AGI	AlpineGr	14 5/16	+1 3/16
AA	Alcoa	71 11/16	+9/16
AZA	Alza	49 5/16	+1/16
ABK	AmbacF	53 9/16	+7/16
DOX	Amdocs n	157/8	+1/16
AHC	AmHes	51 3/16	+1 5/16
AEE	Ameren n	42	+5/16
AOL	AmOnline su	96 3/16	+3 7/16
AWA	AmWest	13 7/16	...
ABH	ABkNHol n	u15	+3/16
ABI	ABankrs	45 3/4	+2 1/16
AEP	AEP	46 15/16	-1/16
AXP	AmExp	93 1/2	-1 1/4
AXPpA	AExp pfA	25 1/4	+3/32
AGC	AGenCp	69	-1/4
AM	AGreet	37 1/8	-1 1/16
AHE	AHltPr	20 7/8	-1/4
AHP	AHomeP s	50 11/16	-2 5/16
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PLB	AIPC	22 3/8	-3/8
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AIT	Ameritch s	57 1/16	-1/16
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AEC	AsdEstat	12 3/8	+1/16
AFS	AscFCap	78 1/4	+1/2
A	AstraA	20 5/16	+3/8
ARC	AtlRich	65 3/16	+1 3/16
CGO	AtlasAir	39 1/16	-7/16
ATO	ATMOS	29 7/8	-1/16
ATW	AtwdOcn	17 1/2	+1/16
OST	Austr	10 11/16	-3/16
ASM	AuthFlt	15	+1/4
AUD	AutoDt	75 5/16	-1/16
AZO	AutoZone	30 3/4	+1/4
AVB	AvalonBay	33 7/8	+1/8
AVY	AveryD	43 3/16	-1/16
AVL	Avnall	11	-1/16
AVS	Aviation	34 1/2	...
AVI	Avis	21 3/8	+1/8
AVT	Avnet	51 5/16	-1
AVP	Avon s	40 1/4	+1 1/16
AZR	Aztar	5	+1/16
BPI	BA Mrch	17	+1/16
BBK	BB&T s	37 11/16	-5/16
BCE	BCE g	35 1/8	+1 1/16
BJS	BJ S s	16 1/16	+1 15/16
BJS/WS	BJS wt	9 3/16	+1 3/16
BJ	BJs Wh	41 3/8	...
BMC	BMC	6 3/16	-1/16
BPT	BP Pru	5 1/4	+1/16
BRE	BRE	25 1/16	-3/16
BKF	BakrF	d14 11/16	-1/16
BHI	BakrHu	17 5/16	+15/16
BEZ	Baldor	19 11/16	-1/16
BLL	Ball	43	+1 3/8
BMP	BallardM	22 1/4	-3/8
BGE	BaltGE	30 9/16	-1/16
BFR	BncoFrn	19 5/16	-1/8
BRS	BcoRioP	10 3/4	...
BSB	BcSantCh	13	-1/16
SAN	BcoSantl	13	-1/8
ONE	BankOne	50	...
MBK	BkTokyo	10 9/16	-1/16
BK	BkNY s	34 1/16	-1/8
BAC	BankAm	55 7/8	-1 1/16
BBX	BkAtlA s	6 3/4	+1/4
BKB	BkBost s	37 3/8	-5/16
BT	BankTr	83 3/4	+5/16
BCR	Bard	45 3/8	+1/8
BKS	BarnNbl	32	+1 3/4
BRL	BarrLab	46 7/16	-1 1/16
BRR	BarrettRs	22 1/2	+1/16
ABX	BarrickG	20 9/16	+1 1/4
BMG	BatlMt	4 9/16	+3/16
BOL	BauschL	56 9/16	+9/16
BAX	Baxter	62 1/16	-3/4
BSC	BearSt	36 1/2	-1/4
BZH	BeazrHm	24 9/16	+1/4
BEC	BeckCoult	49 1/2	+1 1/16
BDX	BectDck	s38 15/16	-3/8
BED	BedfrdP	16 11/16	+7/16
BWC	Belden	17 1/8	+1/8
BHW	BellAtl	35	-1/4
BEL	BellAtl s	54 1/16	-1/16
BLS	BellSo	68 1/16	-1/16
BLC	BeloAH s	17 3/4	+3/8
BMS	Bemis	34 3/8	-1 1/4
BNO	BentonOG	2 7/8	...
BBC	BergBr	s28 13/16	-5/16
BRK/A	BerkHa	A63475	+475
BRY	BerryP	12	+1/16
BBY	BestBuy s	53 3/4	+5/8
BFO	Bestfds s	53 7/8	+11/16
BS	BethSt	7 15/16	+5/16
BEV	Beverly	5 7/8	-1/8
BGF	BigFlower	22 1/4	+7/16
BDY	Bindley su	47 11/16	+2 1/2
BXM	Biomatrix	47 3/16	+1 5/16
BVF	Biovail	33 7/16	+1/2
BIR	BirSti	d4 1/8	-1/8
BDK	BlackD	53	-15/16
BKH	BlkHlCp s	26	+13/16
BLK	Blk2001	9	+1/16
BKT	BlkIT	7	...
BQT	BlkIQT	8 13/16	-1/16
BGT	BlkStr	9 1/16	-1/16
BTT	BlkTT	9 5/8	+1/16
HRB	BlckHR	41 1/16	-9/16
BTH	Blyth	27 15/16	-1 9/16
BA	Boeing	32 1/8	-1 3/16
BCC	BoiseC	29 1/8	-1/2
BOP	BoisCOff	11 3/8	+1 7/16
BBA	Bombay	5 3/4	+1/4
BCJ	BordCh	4 1/2	...
BGP	Borders	19 1/2	-1 5/8
BWA	BorgWAu	52 5/16	-1 11/16
BOR	BorWSc	18	+1/16
BXP	BostProp	31 15/16	+3/8
BSX	BostSci s	26 1/8	+5/8
BOW	Bowatr	37 1/8	-1/8
BOY	BoykinL	12 15/16	+1/8
BRH	Brahma	7 11/16	-1/4
BDN	Brandyw	17 7/8	...
BZF	Brazil	12 3/4	-5/16
BZL	BrazilEF	s3 15/16	-1/16
BDT	BrodTch	7 7/8	+3/16
BGG	BrgStrat	47	-1/4
EAT	Brinker	25 3/4	-3/16
BMY	BrMySq	121 5/16	-1 1/2
BP	BritPet	89	+1 11/16
BST	BrtSti	16	+3/8
BF/A	BrwnFA	65 3/4	-1/2
BF/B	BrwnFB	71 3/16	-1/2
BFI	BrwnFr	d28	-1 1/8
BC	Brunswick	21	+5/16
BYL	Brylane	23 1/16	+3/16
BWL	BuckTch	sd12 1/2	-2 3/8
BKE	Buckle s	22 7/8	+1
BD	BudgetGp	11 15/16	+3/16
BCF	BurlCoat	14	+7/8
BUR	BurlInds	9	-1/16
BNI	BurlNSF s	33 1/8	+1/4
BR	BrlRsc	38 1/8	+1 5/16
BPP	BurnPP	12 7/16	+1/16
CHP	C&D Tch s	21 7/8	-7 1/16
VNT	CANTV	17 1/2	-1/4
CBS	CBS	27 3/8	-7/8
PZN	CCA Pris	22 15/16	-1/8
CEC	CEC Ent	25 13/16	...
HS	CHS El	14 7/8	-1/16
CI	CIGNA s	74	+1 3/8
HIS	CIGHl	7 1/8	...
CIT	CIT Gp	27 11/16	-5/16
CKR	CKE Rst	30 1/8	+1 7/8
CMT	CMAC Inv	43 7/16	-9/16
CML	CML Gp	13 3/16	-1/16
CTP	CMP Grp	18 1/2	+1/2
CMS	CMS Eng	47 3/4	-1/4
CNF	CNF Tran	30 11/16	-3/16
CAO	CSK Ato n	23 1/2	-7/16
CSX	CSX	40 13/16	...
CTS	CTS	31 7/8	-1/8
CVS	CVS Cp s	52 3/4	+1 5/16
CDT	CablDsg s	20	-15/16
CS	Cablirn	8 1/4	-1/16
CBT	Cabot	27 13/16	-3/16
COG	CbtOG	15 7/16	+3/16
CDN	Cadence	26 3/16	-3/16
CE	Calenergy	32 13/16	-1/16
CCC	Calgon	6 3/8	-3/16
ELY	CalilGolf	10 7/8	+3/8
CZM	Calmat	30 7/8	...
CPN	Calpine	u27 1/4	+1 1/4
CCH	CmpRg	1 1/4	...
CPB	CampSp	55	...
CNI	CdnRy g	51 3/16	-3/16
CZXp	CdnOcci	pf26 1/4	+1/16
CP	CdnPc g	20 9/16	-1/2
COF	CapOne	107 7/8	+1/2
KRE	CapRe s	20 1/4	+1/4
CT	CapitalTr	5 9/16	-1/16
CRB	CapstrB n	20 1/64	+1/16
CMO	Capstd	4 1/4	+1/16
CAH	CardnlH s	72 3/8	+3/4
CWC	Carbnr	7	-3/8
CSL	Carlisle	45 9/16	-3/16
CCL	CarnvCp s	36 7/8	-1/4
CPL	CaroPw	47 3/16	+9/16
CRS	CarpTech	31 15/16	-5/16
CRE	CarrAmR	23 5/8	+3/16
CIC	Carson	4 7/8	+1/16
CSE	CaseCp	21 3/16	-1/16
CCS	CastCk	14 13/16	+1/8
CDX	Catelus	14 5/8	-3/16
CAT	Caterpillr	41 3/8	-3 1/16
CLS	Celestic gnu	26 3/8	+1
CD	Cendant	19 1/8	+1/8
CDpf	Cendnt pf	1 32 3/4	-1/4
CXP	CentrxCn	35 5/16	-3
CTX	Centex s	41 9/16	+1 1/2
CSR	CenSoWst	27 15/16	+1/4
CPC	CentPrkg	28 1/2	+1 1/16
CTL	CntyTel su	62 1/2	+1 1/4
CEN	Ceridian	67 1/4	+1 1/4
CHB	ChmpE	24 1/16	+1/16
CHA	Chmpln	37 13/16	-15/16
CTI	Chart s	7	-1/16
CWF	ChtwlDrv	n13 7/8	-1/16
CMB	ChaseM s	63 1/2	+2 3/4
CKP	Checkpnt	12 3/16	-9/16
CHK	ChesEng	1 3/16	...
CHKp	ChesEn pf	d11 1/2	-4 1/2
CHV	Chevron	84 1/8	+1 1/8
CH	ChileFd	9 1/2	-3/16
CTC	ChileTel	20 1/8	...
CEA	ChinaEA	6 7/8	+1/4
CQB	Chiquta	9 3/4	-5/16
CB	Chubb	65	-1 7/16
CBR	CIBER s	20 1/2	+1/8
CSN	CinnBell	33 1/4	+1 3/16
CSN/WI	CinnBel wi	14 1/4	+3/16
CIN	CINergy	34 7/16	-3/16
CC	CircCtyCC	43	-1/2
KMX	CirCCar	4 1/8	...
CIR	Circus	11 1/2	-3/16
C	Citigrp	47 5/8	-1 1/8
CZN	CitzUtil	8 5/16	+1/2
CYN	CityNC	37 1/4	-1/8
CLE	ClairesStr	17 5/16	+5/16
CMH	ClaytnH s	12 1/2	+1/16
CCU	ClearC s	47 3/8	+1 3/8
CLX	Clorox	113 1/16	-13/16
CUI	CoachUS	29 11/16	+1 1/16
CGP	Coastal s	32 11/16	+3/8
CGPpT	CstlpfT	25 1/8	-1/16
KO	CocaCl	64 7/8	-1 1/16
CCE	CocaCE	34 5/16	-1 5/16
CDE	Coeur	4 3/4	+3/16
CL	ColgPal	84 3/4	-3/16
CNB	ColBgp s	11 1/4	-1/4
CLP	ColonPT	25 1/4	-1/16
COT	Coltec	17 13/16	-7/8
CG	ColumEn s	55 5/16	-7/16
COL	ColHCA	22 3/8	-1/16
CDO	Comdisc s	15 1/2	+1/16
CMA	Comerc s	64 1/4	-5/8
NNN	CmclNL	11 3/4	-1/4
CTV	ComScop	15 7/16	+7/16
CPU	CmpUSA	12 3/4	-1/2
CBD	CBD-Pao	14 5/8	-13/16
CPQ	Compaq s	40 1/16	-1 1/16
CMI	CmpMan	55/32	-1/32
CA	CompAs	38 13/16	-1 7/16
CSC	CompSci s	86 7/8	-3/4
TSK	CmpTsk	21 7/16	-1/2
CQ	Comsat	37 3/16	+3/8
CRK	ComstkRs	3 11/16	+1/16
CAG	ConAgra	30 1/2	-1 3/8
COE	ConeMl	4 7/8	+3/8
CNE	ConnEn	29 7/8	+5/8
COC	Conoco n	21 3/8	+3/8
CNC	Conseco	29 5/16	-3/16
CIG	CnCigar	17 3/8	+1/2
ED	ConEd	52 5/16	+7/16
CNG	ConsNG	51 3/16	+1/4
CDP	ConsPap	s24 3/16	...
CNS	ConStor	20 13/16	...
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Stk	Name	Last	Chg
ACTM	ACT Mf	12⅜	–1⅛
ACTV	ACTV	9⅝	–⅛
ADCT	ADC Tel	26⅜	–⅛
ADMTC	ADM Tr h	⅛	–⅛
ADMLF	ASM Lith s	26⅜	–⅜
ATMI	ATMI Inc	19⅝	+1
ASTM	Aastrom	3¼	+⅛
AbACF	Abacan	⅛	+⅛
ABTE	AbleTel	5⅜	–9⅛
ABOV	AboveNet	n12⅝	+⅛
AXAS	Abraxas	4½	+⅛
ACNTF	Accentis	⅛	…
AnWC	AccessWw	7¾	+⅛
AcoM	Acxiom	u41⅜	+1⅝
ADRX	AdnraCp	u43¼	+1⅝
ANDW	Andrew	17⅞	–⅛
ADRX	AndrxCp	u43¼	+1⅝
ANGN	Angeion	1⅛	–⅛
ANIC	Anicom	9	–¼
ANIK	AnikaTh	4⅞	–½
ANTC	Antec	16⅞	+⅜
AGOL	ApolloG s	29⅞	+⅜
AAPL	AppleC	32⅜	–⅛
APPB	Applebee	20¾	–¼
ACTC	ApliCell n	2¾	–⅛
AQAX	ApdDgtl	21⅛	–⅛
AGTX	AppGraph	12⅝	–⅝
AMAT	AplMatl	38 9/16	–1⅛
AMCC	AMCC	34⅛	–½
AMGN	Amgen	u85¾	+1⅝
AMKR	AmkorT n	7⅝	–⅜
AMXI	Aminex	⅛	+1/16
AMCT	AmreCT n	6⅜	+½
AMMB	Amresco	7½	+⅛
AnAD	Anadigc	11⅛	+⅜
ANCR	AncorCm	4⅞	+1/16
ANDW	Andrew	17⅞	–⅛
ANGN	Angeion	1⅛	–⅛
ANIC	Anicom	9	–¼
ANIK	AnikaTh	4⅞	–½
ANTC	Antec	16⅞	+⅜
AGOL	ApolloG s	29⅞	+⅜
AAPL	AppleC	32⅜	–⅛
APPB	Applebee	20¾	–¼
ACTC	ApliCell n	2¾	–⅛
AQAX	ApdDgtl	21⅛	–⅛
AGTX	AppGraph	12⅝	–⅝
AMAT	AplMatl	38 9/16	–1⅛
AMCC	AMCC	34⅛	–½
AMGN	Amgen	u85¾	+1⅝
AMKR	AmkorT n	7⅝	–⅜
AMXI	Aminex	⅛	+1/16
AMCT	AmreCT n	6⅜	+½
AMMB	Amresco	7½	+⅛
AnAD	Anadigc	11⅛	+⅜
ANCR	AncorCm	4⅞	+1/16
ANDW	Andrew	17⅞	–⅛
ADRX	AndrxCp	u43¼	+1⅝
ANGN	Angeion	1⅛	–⅛
ANIC	Anicom	9	–¼
ANIK	AnikaTh	4⅞	–½
ANTC	Antec	16⅞	+⅜
AGOL	ApolloG s	29⅞	+⅜
AAPL	AppleC	32⅜	–⅛
APPB	Applebee	20¾	–¼
ACTC	ApliCell n	2¾	–⅛
AQAX	ApdDgtl	21⅛	–⅛
AGTX	AppGraph	12⅝	–⅝
AMAT	AplMatl	38 9/16	–1⅛
AMCC	AMCC	34⅛	–½

Stk	Name	Last	Chg
APGN	ApthCm	1⅜	–⅛
ARDT	ArdentSft	1½	–⅛
AVEI	AriVasc h	3¼	+1/16
ARTI	ArtisanCn n	6⅝	–⅜
ASND	Asexol	58	–1⅛
ASOT	AsiaInfo	21⅞	+⅝
ASTN	AstroT	1⅜	+⅛
ASHW	Ashwrth	5½	+⅛
ASOV	AspctDv s	32⅛	–⅛
ASPT	AspectTel	14⅜	+⅛
AZPN	AspenTc	12⅞	+1⅛
ASBC	AsBnc s	32¾	+⅛
ASTE	Astec	42⅛	–2⅛
ASPC	AstroFr	4⅝	–1/16
ATHM	At-Home	69⅝	–1⅛
ACIA	AtCrsAir s	24⅞	+⅛
ATML	Atmel	13⅞	–1
AURA	AuraSy	1	…
ASBC	AuroraBio	5	+1/16
AOSK	Autodesk	37⅝	–1
AVNR	Avanir	2⅜	–1/16
AVNT	Avant!	14⅛	+⅛
AVID	AvidTch	19⅛	–⅜
AVGN	Avigen	u4⅝	+⅛
AVIR	Aviron	22⅛	+1⅛
AWRE	Aware	19⅜	–1⅛
AXNT	AxentT	27⅜	+⅝
BEAV	BE Aero	23⅛	–⅜
BEAS	BEA Sys	d10⅛	–⅝
BSYS	BISYS	49⅞	–⅜
BMCS	BMC Sft s	38⅜	–31/16
BOMS	BMJ Md n	⅜	…
BAANF	Baan Co	10⅛	–⅜
BGALY	BncGalic	15⅜	–⅛
BPLS	BankPlus	4	…
BKUNA	BnkUtd	7⅛	+⅛
BNYN	BanynBy	7⅝	–⅛
BVCC	BayVw	19	+⅜
BEBY	BedBath s	29⅛	+⅛
BKLY	Berkley	32¼	–⅝
BIGE	BigEnt	10	–⅜
BILL	BillConf s	12⅜	–⅛
BCHE	BioPharm	28½	+⅝
BCRX	Biocryst	7⅝	+1/16
BGEN	Biogen	u84¼	+3⅝
BMET	Biomet	36	–⅞
BIOMF	Biomira	3¼	–⅜
BTGC	BioTraG	5½	–⅛
BFLY	Bluefly	1⅛	+⅛
BOCI	BocaRs	3¼	–⅜
BAMM	BookMkr	18⅛	+6½
BOOL	BoolelB s	25⅛	–1⅛
BLPG	BorLaPr	29½	…
CELL	Brightpt	13¾	+⅛
BYSI	BrstVf	8¼	+⅜
BYSN	BroadVis	32½	–1⅛
BCST	brdc.com n	63⅛	–1½
BRCM	Broadcom n	106⅜	…
TMBR	BrownTom	10	+⅝
BCMDE	BrushCrk	9⅝	+⅛
BUCY	Bucyrus	43⅝	–⅛
BUFF	BuffetSt	11⅜	+⅛
BSRC	BurrBrn s	19½	–1⅞
BSRC	C ATS	7¼	–⅛
CUBE	C-CUBE	25⅞	–1½
CBTGY	CBT Gp	13⅜	–1⅝
RIPEE	CCA Co	d½	…
CDRD	CDRadio	30⅝	–1⅝
CDWI	CD Wrld	16¾	+⅜
CDNW	CDnow n	17⅜	–⅛
CKSG	CKS Gr n	35	+3
CMGI	CMG Inf s	80½	+6¼
CNWK	CNET	45⅜	–2⅛
CNXS	CNS	3½	+⅛
CACI	CACI	17¼	+⅜
CAMP	CalAmp	1⅝	+⅛
CALP	CalPro	1½	+⅛
CATP	CambTch	21¾	+⅛
CAND	Candies n	d¼	–⅛
CANI	CanAnti n	d4¼	–⅛
CAGY	Canary s	13⅝	–⅞
CTAL	Cantel	16⅛	–⅜
CXCOA	CaroCp	10⅝	+⅜
CELG	Celgene	13¾	+⅛
CLPA	CelPath n	14½	–1⅛
CNTO	Centocor	38½	–⅜
CETV	CEuroMda	7	…
CENT	CenGardn	15⅝	–⅜
CENX	CentAl	8⅝	–⅛
CBIZ	CentBusn	12½	–⅛
CTYA	CntryCm	u29	+3⅛
CEPH	Cephlin	7⅞	–⅛
CERN	Cerner	25⅞	–⅛
CHRS	ChanoMdd s	42⅝	+1⅛
CHAR	Charpral	⅝	+⅛
CHRS	ChrmSh	3½	–⅛
CHKP	ChkPnt n	39⅝	–⅞
CHKR	Checkers	9⅝	+⅛
CKFR	ChkFree	18½	–⅜
CAKE	Chsbrkh	s28⅝	+⅝
CHIR	Chiron	24⅝	–⅞
CTAS	Cintas	u61	+1⅛
CPCI	Ciprico	7	…
CRCL	Circlsintl	21⅛	+3¼
CCON	Circon	14½	…
CRUS	Cirrus	10½	…
CSCO	Cisco s	u82⅝	–1½
CITC	Citadel n	25	+⅛
CITA	CitatnCpt	1½	+⅜
CTXS	CitrixSy s	79⅜	–½
CWEI	ClayEng	7⅝	+⅛
CLNTF	Clearnet	7½	+⅛
CCRD	Clintrials	2½	+⅜
COCN	Coconsys	⅜	…
CXPY	Coflexip	31⅜	+1⅞
COHR	Coherent s	18⅛	–⅛
COHO	CohoEn	9½	+1/16
CMED	CoMedMED	u10⅞	–1⅛
CMTO	Comdt21 n	17⅛	–1⅛
COMR	Comair	30½	–⅜
CMCSA	Comcast	55⅝	–1⅝
CMCSK	Comcp sp	54⅜	–1⅜
CMNT	Comvers	69½	+⅝
CMAC	ComoMngd	10⅛	–⅜
CNCX	ConoNet n	22½	…
CPTS	Conospts	1⅜	…
CEFT	CnolEFS s	33⅞	–⅝
CNCR	ConcurT n	18½	…
CNKT	Connect s	2⅜	–⅛
CFWY	CnaFrtCn	17⅜	+1⅛
COPY	Copytele	1⅛	–⅛
COMMF	CrComm n	15⅜	+⅜
COSFF	CoreCp	u3⅝	…
CNRS	Cornerinet	1⅜	+1/16
CEXP	CorpExp	51½	–⅛
CORX	Cortex	⅝	–⅛
COST	Costco	u87¾	+1⅝
COBE	CostEmer	4⅛	…
COTTP	Cott Cp	43½	…
CYOE	Coyotein n	6	…
CBRL	CrkrBrl	21½	–⅝
CBMI	CrtlsMot	2½	+⅛
MALL	CrssCpt	21	+1⅛
CREAF	CrstTrust	15⅜	…
CREE	CreeRsch	36⅞	–3⅛
CORI	CrescrtD	3⅜	+1/16
TWRS	CrwnCstl n	16⅞	+⅝
CUST	CustmTrk	9	–⅜
CBUK	CutlerB	u34⅛	+2⅛
CYCH	CybrCash	19⅜	+⅛
CYBS	CybrSrc n	28½	+2⅝
CYLJKE	CylJKE s	16⅛	+1⅛
CYMI	Cymer	14⅛	–⅝
CYPH	CytoPh	8⅝	+⅞
CYTO	Cytogn	⅜	…
CYTC	Cytyc	21½	…

D

DIIG	DII Grp	22⅜	–⅛
DMMC	DM Mgt s	14½	+⅝
DSPG	DSP Gp	19⅛	+⅞
DZTK	Dalsytk s	14	+1⅛
DANSY	Danka	3⅝	+1/16
DBCC	DtSocst	8½	–⅜
DSTM	Datastrm s	9⅝	–⅛
RACE	DataRace	3¼	+⅛
DAVX	Davox	6	+1/16
DWSN	Dawson	d7¾	–⅛
DBRSY	DBasr	12½	+⅛
DLIA	Delias	8¾	–1/16
DELL	DellCptr s	84½	–1½
DRTE	Dendrite s	24⅝	+⅛
XRAY	Dentsply	25½	+⅛
DLGC	Dialogic	18⅝	–⅞
DIMD	DiamM	8½	…
DTPI	DmndT	18¼	…
AMEN	Didax n	10⅝	+⅛
AMENW	Didax wt	4½	+⅛
DGII	DigiInt	10⅝	+1⅛
DMIC	DigMic	4⅝	–⅜
DRIV	DigRiver n	24⅞	+1½
DCTM	Doovmnt	41⅛	+1⅛
DLTR	DtrTrse s	41½	–⅝
DCLK	DtleClck n	39⅝	+⅞
DBRN	DreaS	15½	–⅛
DURA	DuraPh	111⅛	+8⅛
DRMD	Duramed	3⅝	+⅛
DROOY	DurbanRo	29½	+⅛
DHTI	DynHlth	½	+⅛
EGRP	ETrade	26½	–½
ETEK	ETkDyn n	22⅞	–⅜
ESPI	e.spire	5⅝	–⅜
EBAY	eBayInc n	223½	+29½
ECILF	ECI Tel	39	–⅛
EPTG	EPL Tch	4⅜	+⅜
ESCMF	ESCMed	10⅛	+⅛
EAGL	EgHrd	29⅛	+⅞
EGHT	EghtMm	40⅞	–⅛
EMKY	Emrsy	40⅞	+⅛
EMOV	EmtvBlr s	8⅜	–⅛
ESPRY	EsproT	42	+1⅛
ETEC	EtecSys	36½	–⅛
EVOL	EvolvSys n	4	–⅛
XCIT	Excite	50⅛	–1⅜
EXDS	ExbCm n	47⅝	–1⅛
XPRT	ExpertPr	2½	–⅛
TXCO	Explor	⅝	+1/16
PRIC	FPIC Insur	44½	+2½
FGCI	FamGolf s	17⅞	+⅝
FAST	Fastenl	39⅝	+⅛
FAXX	FaxSav	9⅝	+⅛
FITB	FfthThrd	59⅝	–⅛
FILE	FileNet s	9⅝	–⅜
BSMT	FlBstnt	1⅞	–⅛
ROMN	FlmRm	1⅞	+⅛
FINL	FinLine	7⅛	–⅛
FBSC	FstBell	16	+½
FHCC	FstHlth s	14½	–⅛
FPGP	FstPrtor n	31⅝	+1⅞
FSCO	FSecCp s	21⅛	–⅛
FTEN	FstTenn s	33½	+½
FWBI	FstWstnB	32¾	+½
FISV	Fiserv s	46	–⅛
FLEX	Flextrn	u75¾	+1⅛
FONX	FonixCp	1½	–1/16
FDLNB	FdLioB	8⅞	–⅜
FDLNA	FdLioA	9⅛	–⅛
FORE	ForeSys	19¼	+1⅛
BLUE	FredBrw	⅜	…
FRAG	FrenchF	6½	+1/16
FRTZ	Fritz	10⅝	+⅛
FFEX	FrozenFd	7⅝	–⅛
FNDTF	Fundtch n	18	+⅜

G

GSTX	GST Telm	5⅜	+⅛
GTIS	GT Interac	5	–⅛
GALTF	GalileoT	23½	+⅛
GTOS	Gantos	½	–1/16
GMSTF	Gamstr	55⅜	…
GMGC	GMagic	5½	–⅛
GNCI	GenNutr	15⅜	+⅛
GEND	GeneDir n	4	–½
GNSSF	GenMcr n	u23½	+1⅜
GCTI	GenesyTel	23⅜	–1⅛
GENE	Genome	2⅜	–⅛
GNTA	Genta	1⅝	+⅛
GNTX	Gentex s	17⅞	+⅛
GENZ	GenzymGn	45⅛	–⅝
GENZL	GenzTisRp	2⅜	–⅛
GZMO	GnzMic n	d2⅛	–⅜
GEOC	GeoTelC s	31½	+3½
GCTY	GeoCities n	34	–⅛
GWRX	Geoworks	3¼	–⅛
GERN	GeronCp	10⅞	+⅞
GILD	Gilead	36⅝	+4⅜
GEMS	Glenayre	d5	–⅛
GBLX	GlbCrss n	39½	+½
GISX	Globlmg n	17⅜	…
GLBL	Globlind	6⅞	+⅜
GTSG	GlbTlle n	49⅛	+1⅛
GSTRF	Globalstr s	17⅜	+⅞
GRFE	GoldBks	d½	–1/16
GSBNZ	GoldStBc wt	4⅛	–⅛
GDYS	GolyFarm s	9⅜	–⅛
GOTH	GothicEn	⅝	+⅛
GUCO	GranduTle n	12⅛	–⅜
GMAN	GManning	14⅝	+1⅜
HBOC	HBO &	25⅝	+1⅛
HMTT	HMTTch	12	…
HNCS	HNC Sft	30⅛	+⅛
HDCO	Hadco	35	+1⅞
HBIX	HaglerB n	17⅞	–1⅛
HRBC	Harbngr s	6⅝	–⅛
HAST	Hastings n	14½	+2⅜
HIE	HIE	3¼	+⅛
HPRT	Hemptrt	5⅝	–⅜
HELE	HelenTr	15⅛	+⅛
HSKO	HiSchain	37½	–⅛
JKHY	HennyJk	47⅜	+1⅝
HERSB	HerbalSB	9⅝	+⅛
HLYW	Hlywd2	27⅜	–1⅛
HOGS	HumGen	33⅝	+⅝
HBAN	HuntBnk	28½	–⅜
HTCH	HutchT	30½	–⅛
HMAR	HvideM	5	–1/16
HYSL	HyperSolu	25⅛	–⅜
STAT	I–STAT	8	…
ITWO	I2 Tech s	23⅜	–1⅜
ICGX	ICG Com	21⅛	+1⅛
ICOGF	ICG Glob n	8½	–⅜
ICOC	ICO Inc	d2	–⅛
ICOS	ICOS	24⅝	–⅛
IDPH	IDEC	45½	+2⅝
IDIX	IdexxLb	27⅝	+⅝
IDMC	IDM Env	5½	–⅛
IDTC	IDTCorp	14⅜	–⅛
ILFO	IL Fom	7	…
IMCC	IMC Mt	⅝	–1/16
IMRS	IMRglobal	20⅛	+⅛
IMAL	iMall n	13½	+⅝
INSO	iNSO	20	–⅞
ISSX	ISS Grp n	40½	–⅞
ITEQ	ITEQ Inc	2½	–⅛
IXIC	IXC Com	25⅝	–⅜
ISCO	IsloBup	1½	+⅛
IMAT	Imatrn	1½	–⅛
IMCL	Imclone	9⅛	–⅝
IMNR	ImunRap	13⅞	+⅛
IMNX	Imunex	89⅝	+3⅛
IMMU	Imunmnd	29½	+4⅝
IMPH	Impath	28½	+1½
ICII	ImpCnd	7⅜	+⅝
ICBC	IndpCm n	15½	+⅛
IAABY	IndgoAri n	6¼	–⅜
INFR	Infernce	7⅝	+⅛
INFO	Infonau	3⅝	+1/16
IFMX	Informix	7⅝	…
SEEK	Infoseek	46⅞	–2⅛
INSP	InfoSpce n	u26⅜	+8⅛
INKT	Inktomi n	131½	+3⅞
IGCA	InovGme	d1½	–⅞
PURE	InnoMed	2⅜	–⅛
INVX	Innovex	16⅞	–⅛
INPR	Inprise	5⅜	–⅜
NSIT	Insight s	42¼	+2
NSPR	Inspire s	16⅛	–1
ICST	IntegCire	16⅜	+1⅛
IDTI	IntgDv	5⅞	+1/16
IMSC	IMSC	6	–⅛
INTS	IntgSys	13	–⅞
INTC	Intel	114⅜	–1⅝
ICOM	Intelect	1⅜	…
INTD	IntelDta	1⅛	…
IFSIA	Intrface s	10⅛	–⅜
IFSC	Intfm	⅜	…
INGR	Intgph	5⅞	+⅛
INTXA	Interiors	1⅜	+1/16
ICIX	IntmdCm s	16⅝	–⅞
IFCI	IntrFibrn	7⅛	–⅞
IMSX	IntlMatf	10⅞	+⅝
INSS	IntlNtwk	53	+⅛
ITDS	IntlTDS s	19⅜	–⅛
GEEX	IntrisAm n	d12⅜	–⅛
INCO	Intermt	3	+⅛
INTV	Intrvoice	31⅝	–1⅛
INTU	Intuit	82	+⅞
IVCR	Invsncare	22⅛	+⅛
INVN	InVision	6½	+1⅛
IONAY	IonaTch	35⅛	+3½
IRIDF	IridmWr	39⅜	–⅛
HHHH	IrwinN n	5½	–⅛
ISIP	Isis	10⅜	+⅛
ITRI	Itron	6⅛	+1/16

J

JDEC	JD Edwrd	23⅝	–⅞
JDAS	JDASoft s	9⅛	–⅜
JOCR	JasonCm	5⅝	+1⅛
JAKK	JkksPac	10⅝	+1⅛
DELJ	JnyDel	1⅜	…
JMED	JonesPhm	32⅜	+1⅜
PEET	JstFoot	16⅛	+1½
KTEL	K–tel s	7⅜	+1/16
KLAC	KLA Tenc	37⅜	–2⅛
KOGC	KelOG	½	–⅛
KELL	Kelstrm n	20⅛	–1⅛
KMET	Kemet	11⅛	…
KEYS	KeysAuto	18⅛	–⅛
KSTN	KeystnFn	34⅛	+⅝
KING	KingFn n	14	–⅛
KNIC	KnikalL	⅝	–1/16
KMAG	Komag	10	…
KKRE	KoolKiso	⅛	…
KLIC	Kulicke	18⅜	–⅞
LRCX	LamResh	17½	–⅛
LANC	Lanoastr s	29½	+⅜
LDRY	Landrys	7	…
LVCI	LasVis	17⅛	+⅞
LSCC	Lattice	41½	–⅜
LGTO	Legato s	51⅞	–⅜
LHBPF	LtlHaus s	31⅛	–⅝
LVLT	Level3 s	33½	–⅛
LEVL	LevelOne s	33⅝	–1⅛
LCBM	Lfscore	9	–⅛
LGNDW	Ligand wt	5⅜	+⅛
LGND	Ligand B	11½	+⅝
LNCR	Lincare s	33⅜	–⅞
LLTC	LinearT	76⅜	–½
LIPO	Lipsom	9	–⅜
LFUS	Litelfuse	19	+⅝
LOEH	Loehmann	d2	–⅛
STAR	LneSStr	7½	–⅛
LCOS	Lycos s	63⅞	–1⅝

M

WCOM	MCI Wrld	63⅛	–⅛
MIPS	MIPS Tch	28⅝	–⅛
MRVC	MRV Cm	5⅝	+⅜
MACR	Macrmdia	28	–⅜
MANU	Manugist	13⅛	–⅝
MAPX	Mapics	16⅝	–⅛
MRIS	Marshlts	52⅜	–⅜
MATH	Mathsoft	8½	–1⅛
MMPS	Matritch	2	+⅛
MAVK	MavTube	8¼	+⅞
MXIM	Maxim s	39⅝	–⅝
MXTR	Maxtor n	13⅛	–⅜
MCLD	McLeod	24⅛	+⅛
MEDI	Medimun	86	+1⅞
MEDA	Medaphis	3⅜	–⅜
MEDX	Medarex	3½	+⅛
MEDQ	MedQist s	30⅝	+⅛
MRBK	MercntBk	36⅛	+⅞
MMBI	MercBnc	6¼	–⅛
MERK	MerkAm n	15⅝	…
MESA	MesaAir	7½	+⅛
MCRE	MetaCreat	4⅝	–⅛
MTLM	MetalMgt	2¾	…
MMWW	Metamor	22½	–1⅝
METHA	MethdA	13⅜	–⅛
MTRS	Metrlcs	41⅛	–2
MCBI	MtroCp n	11¼	…
MFNX	MtrmdF s	5⅛	–⅛
METZ	Metzler s	38⅞	–⅞
SUBSC	MiamSb h	⅜	…
MIKE	MichStrd	16	+⅝
MCTI	MicroCT	1⅛	–1/16
MTIX	MicThrp	10⅜	–1
MCHP	Microchp	37⅝	–1⅛
MUEI	MicronEl	18⅜	–⅝
MSFT	Microsft	u133⅜	+1⅞
MSTR	MicroStr n	25⅛	–⅛
MIDI	Midisoft	14½	–⅛
MLNM	MidPlnar	22	+⅛
MLHR	MidrHar s	21⅝	+1
MICF	Milcentr	7⅝	…
MSPG	MindSpr s	6	+⅛
MOLX	Molex	34⅝	+⅛
MOLXA	MolexA	28½	–⅝
MOFN	MolvnNe	14⅛	+⅜
MZON	MotlZne	8⅛	+⅜
MYLX	Mylex	8⅝	–⅛
NTKI	N2K Inc n	13½	+⅝
NABI	NABI	2⅝	+⅛
NBTY	NBTY s	6⅝	–⅛
NCTI	NCT Grp	1½	…
NPSP	NPS Phm	6⅛	…
NTU	NTL Inc	51	…
NCBC	NCmcBc s	18½	+⅝
NRMI	NetReadl	7⅞	–½
NTOL	Netrol n	9⅛	+½
NAUT	Nautica	d13⅛	–9⅞
NAVR	Navarre	9⅛	+⅛
NMGC	NeoMgic	21½	–⅝
NETG	NetGrav n	16⅜	–1⅛
NETM	Netmrg	19⅝	–1½
NSCP	Netscape	40½	+1⅛
NTAP	NetwkAp	74⅛	+1⅞
NETA	NetwkAs s	54	–½
NCDI	NwkCmp	5⅛	…
TNCX	NtwkCn	3⅝	+⅛
NSOL	NetwrSol	111⅜	–4¾
NEON	NewEra s	42½	+⅝
NEXR	NexarTch	⅛	+1/16
NXTL	NextelCm	21	–1⅛
NXLK	Nextlink	23⅞	–⅝
NOBE	Nordstrm s	34⅞	+⅛
TNFI	NrthFce	11⅜	+⅛
NTRS	NorTrst	77½	–1⅝
NWAC	NwstAirl	22¼	–⅛
NWPX	NwtPipe	16⅛	–⅜
NMTX	Novmtrx	6⅜	+⅜
NOVL	Novell	16⅛	–⅞
NVLS	Novlus	46½	–3⅞
NOVT	Novoste	20⅞	+⅛
NYMXF	NymoxP n	5	–1/16
OVONE	OIS	½	…
ODIS	ObjDes	6⅞	–⅛
OLOG	OffleLog	12	+2⅛
OMPT	Omnipoint	7½	+⅛
ASGN	OnAssign	31⅜	–½
ONSL	Onsale	40⅜	+2⅞
OMKT	Openmkt	12¼	+⅛
OTEXF	OpenTxt g	22¾	+2⅛
OPTK	Optlnk	3	–⅛
OPMRF	OptRobt	10⅜	+⅛
OPTN	OptnCr	1⅞	…
ORCL	Oracle	u36⅝	–½
ORNGY	Orange	54	–1⅛
GOSHA	OshkBAs	18⅛	+⅛
OTRKB	OshkTrk	u30⅜	+1½
FIBR	Osicom s	9	–1/16
OSIS	OutbkSft	36⅛	+⅝
OXHP	OxfordHlt	14⅞	+⅝
OZEMY	OzEmail	23½	+⅝

P

PCMS	P–Com	3½	–1/16
PCCC	PC Conn n	13¾	+2⅛
PFFB	PFFBcp	14¼	–⅛
PMCS	PMC Srra	57⅝	+2
PRIA	PRI Auto	21	–⅝
PSIX	PSINet	17⅛	–⅞
PSSI	PSS Wrld	22½	+⅝
PCAR	Paccar	41¾	+⅞
PGEX	PacGate n	47⅛	–1⅞
PSUN	PacSun s	14⅜	–⅞
PHSYB	PacifCB	74¾	–¼
PAGE	PagingN	5⅛	–⅜
PAIR	PairgTch	7	–⅛
PALX	PalmEx	7⅜	–⅜
PMTI	PalmyMd	8½	+1/16
PFSTF	PanAmSat	36½	–⅜
PDSE	Parallax	1¼	+⅛
PDGEW	ProMax wt	½	+⅛
PLLL	ParPet	1⅞	+⅛
PMTC	ParmTch	14½	–⅞
PRXL	Parexel	26⅝	+⅝
PGNS	PathoGn	u64⅝	+4⅛
PBIX	PatriotB	12¾	+⅝
PTEN	PattEng s	47⅛	–⅝
PAUH	PhlarrIs	10⅛	–1⅛
PAYX	Paychex s	45½	–2⅛
PPOD	Peapod	5⅞	–⅛
PGTV	PegsCm	24⅝	+⅝
PEGAS	Pegasys	4⅝	+⅛
PENC	Peninsr n	1⅝	+⅜
SPWY	Penstmkt	27½	+½
PBCT	PeopBkCT	26⅞	–⅜
PHBK	PeopHlt s	18⅝	+⅛
PSFT	Peoplesft	17⅛	–⅛
PERC	Percise	30	+2⅝
PRGN	Peregrne	37⅝	–⅞
PRFM	Perfum	u2⅜	–⅛
PERI	Periphn	13⅝	+1⅛
PETM	PetsMart	9⅛	+⅜
DOSE	PharNI	4¼	–⅛
PMRX	PhrmMkt	14½	–⅞
PPDI	PharmPdt	26½	–¼
PARS	Pharmos	1⅜	…
PHSE	Phrmhse	1⅝	+1/16
PTEC	PhrxTc	7½	+⅛
PLAB	Photrin	22	–⅛
PHYC	PhyCor	4⅝	+⅛
PHMX	PhyMatrix	d1⅜	–⅝
PHYN	PhysRail	11⅝	–⅛
PCTL	PicTel	6⅞	+⅛
PIOG	PionGp	15⅜	+⅜
PIXR	Pixar	39	–⅜
PIXT	PixTech	2⅞	+⅛
LANPF	Plaintr g	½	–1/16
PSQL	PlatSoft	10	–⅝
PLAT	PlatTc	19⅝	–½
PLCM	Polycom	20¼	+⅛
PESC	PoolEn	11⅝	+⅜
POWI	Powrintag	22⅞	–⅝
PTEK	PremT	4⅜	–⅜
PRMS	Primsy	11⅜	…
PRST	Prestek	7⅞	+⅞
PTVL	PrevTrvl	16⅛	+½
TROW	PriceTR s	33	–2
PRMA	Primadn	7⅝	+⅛
PNRG	PrmEgy	6⅝	+⅝
PRCY	Procyt	⅞	…
TPEG	PrdEnt	½	+1/16
PJTVC	Prjctvsn h	⅜	–1/16
PBKS	PrvBksh s	26⅛	+⅞
PFGI	ProvFncl	38	–2⅜
PROX	Proxim	24⅜	+1⅞
QCOM	Qualcom	52	+⅝
QNTM	Quantum	20⅞	–⅞
QKTN	Quicktr	14⅞	–⅛
QGLY	Quigley	6

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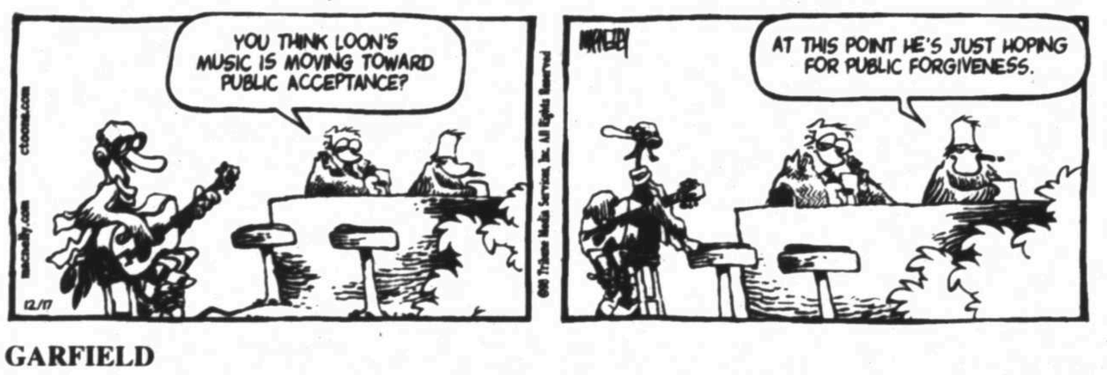
FUNKY WINKERBEAN

BLONDIE

BEETLE BAILEY

PEANUTS

SHOE



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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll have: 5-Dymanic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Dec. 17, 1998:
You are full of surprises this year, though you will also find others unpredictable. Learn to deal with the unexpected and give up rigidity in your daily life. You're more committed and willing to get involved with associates. A male friend could become important to your career or the development of an idea. Expand your social circle. You might connect with an organization or group activity. If you are single, you will seriously consider your status when an important love relationship commences. If attached, this will be one of those special years you will remember for a long time. SAGITTARIUS can push harder than you think.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Dreams lead you in a new direction. Unexpected developments impact your plans. Work with change. You are driven, full of energy. You get what you want through sheer determination. A friend pleads his case. It's okay to be on the fence. Tonight: Pack for an upcoming trip.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Honor someone's perspective. You might not have all the answers, but an associate certainly thinks he does. Pick this person's brain; ask probing questions. Concentrate on work, clearing away messages and getting enough done to leave the office early. Tonight: With favorite people.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Sometimes you need a fresh perspective. Others introduce you to different views. You get past a barrier or restriction. Remember what is important to you. A child or a loved one does whatever they need to, in order to get your attention. Tonight: Where the fun is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Pace yourself, and work with the unexpected. A partner tosses something on your plate that surprises you. You like change, don't you? Rearrange plans if needed. Deal with domestic matters at the end of the day. Get it all done. Tonight: Get your house in order.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Allow others to see what you do by sharing your feelings. As exciting as you find someone, he often shakes you up. Be open about what you feel are liabilities. Use your lunch break to get some errands done. Your pace picks up considerably. Tonight: Be your ever-romantic self!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Remain anchored. Discuss recent events with family members. You might need to try another approach. Consider changing your daily routine. A different pace brightens your outlook. Think in terms of creating more freedom in your life. Tonight: Gift wrapping!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your high-voltage energy distracts others but motivates you. You get a lot done quickly. A loved one acts in a most unpredictable manner. Romance remains exciting, yet definitely unpredictable. Be careful with a child, as delightful as he might be. Tonight: Out and about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Financial overkill is likely. Ask yourself how much you might actually be spending to suppress anger. Take a realistic look at your feelings. Family life continues to have an unstable element. Acknowledge someone's influence on the situation. Tonight: Balance your checkbook first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Work with someone's unpredictability. Your perspective changes as a result. Reach out and enlist someone's help. Two can accomplish a lot more than one. A friend might have a strong point of view, and pushes you hard. Tonight: Make your own wish list.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Keep your own counsel. A secret is important to someone; don't divulge it. A boss asks you to pitch in. You get a lot done very quickly. You pull the wild card financially. When you use good sense, you will come flying out of the gate. Others seek you out, but honor your needs as well. Tonight: Be mysterious.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Aim carefully. You understand a lot about a friend's choices. How you deal with someone is more important than you think. Look at the big picture. Don't hesitate to make that call or to take off. A lot is gained through the unexpected. Socialize. Tonight: With the gang.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Accept responsibility. Stay on top if work, errands and perhaps a sudden extra demand. Partners mean well, but somehow a great idea of theirs lands on your door. Stay focused. Others look to you for expert advice and feedback. Don't overspend to impress someone. Tonight: In the limelight.

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NORTH
♠ A 10 9 2
♡ K 5 4
◇ A J 7 6 3
♣ 4

WEST
♠ Q 8 5 4
♡ 9 8 6
◇ Q 9 8 4
♣ K 7

EAST
♠ K 6 3
♡ Q 10 7 2
◇ K 10
♣ Q 9 8 3

SOUTH
♠ J 7
♡ A J 3
◇ 5 2
♣ A J 10 6 5 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1◇	Pass
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Nine of ♡

Every card tells a story. Reading the opening lead and applying a basic knowledge of probabilities enabled declarer to land a difficult no-trump game.

The auction is straightforward enough. After North bid the two suits in which South had no stopper, South's third bid promised a control in the unbid suit and North, with the equivalent of an opening bid, proceeded to game.

North's singleton club was a drawback. Taken together with South's low doubleton diamond, there was no immediate source of tricks. West led the nine of hearts, and declarer decided that the best shot for the contract was to go after clubs. To develop the suit, however, declarer needed at least two entries to hand, and they would have to come from the heart suit. Therefore, South won the first trick in dummy with the king of hearts — the opening lead suggested strongly that the queen was with East.

If clubs were 3-3, it made no difference how declarer tackled the suit. But the probable split was 4-2 and, in that case, clubs could be developed only if a defender held an honor doubleton. So declarer led a club to the ace at trick two and continued with a low club. West's king was a welcome sight. The diamond shift was won in dummy and a heart to the jack won, as expected. After forcing out the queen of clubs, nine tricks were assured.

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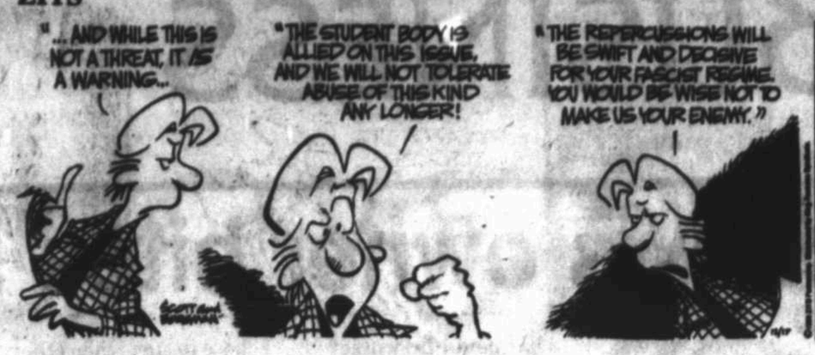

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"MY DAD SAYS MAYBE YOU SHOULD KEEP THE OIL, AND CHANGE THE CAR."

PEOPLE TODAY

McGwire broke record with good manners

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — **Mark McGwire** not only hit some excellent home runs. He did it with excellent manners.

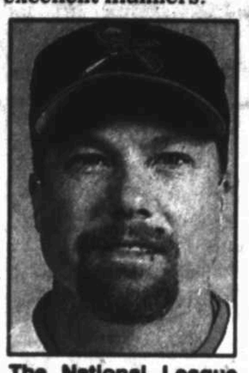
The National League of Junior Cotillions, an etiquette and social training program, put the St. Louis Cardinal at the top of its "Ten Best-Mannered People of 1998" list.

McGwire was cited for "accepting great acclaim with great humility," the Charlotte-based group said Wednesday in a statement.

Kenneth Starr, John Glenn, Katie Couric, Chelsea Clinton, Oprah Winfrey, Billy Graham, Garth Brooks, Peter Jennings and **Whitney Houston** were also named.

Jerry Springer was cited as the "Most Ill-Mannered Person of 1998" for "presenting a television program which lowers the standards of civility in America."

Nominations came from cotillion students and directors nationwide.



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LOS ANGELES — Funk singer **Rick James** says his recent stroke may have been a message from **God**.

"It's fate. It's got to mean something. Maybe it's God giving me a message: 'Get your life in order,'" he said Tuesday.

James, 50, was hospitalized with a stroke on Nov. 9, just days after a blood vessel in his neck ruptured during a concert in Denver. He returned home this week. While his speech was strong and clear, he's plagued by double-vision and has trouble walking.

"Whenever I try to stand up I'm like a kid, I fall over to the right side. I want to get up out of this wheelchair and walk and play and make another album," James said from his Encino home.

James scored a hit in 1981 with "Super Freak."

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RENO, Nev. — You can gripe about plans for a flame-spewing derrick outside the proposed Beverly Hills Mansion & Casino and worry about the impact on views of the Sierra Nevada.

But don't tell **Max Baer Jr.**, a.k.a. Jethro Bodine, that the project based on the old TV show is "tacky."

Baer spoke out Tuesday at a City Council meeting after an opponent of the planned hotel-casino did just that.

"The Beverly Hillbillies are not tacky," said Baer, who appeared in a black leather jacket and black suede snow boots. "One hundred million people watched it every week. So 100 million American citizens are tacky?"

He went on:

"I'm a has-been, a used-to-be and a was. But at one time, I was an is. ... Jethro will always be an is. Just like Superman and Batman is an is — because of television."

The council approved a series of zoning changes and permits Baer needs to move forward but postponed action until Jan. 12 on what Baer says could be a deal breaker — a proposed 240-foot oil derrick and 70-foot flame he says is critical.

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LONDON — Princes **William** and **Harry** joined in a Christmas lunch Wednesday for the private secretaries, personal assistants, valets, grooms and gardeners who work for their father, **Prince Charles**.

The young princes spent the first day of their school holiday at the traditional turkey lunch at the Ritz Hotel. A private room was lit by candlelight and decorated with balloons and streamers on behalf of about 100 staff members.

This is the boys' second Christmas without their mother, **Princess Diana**, who died in a car crash in August 1997.

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LOS ANGELES — A screenwriter says in a lawsuit against Walt Disney Co. that he was promised a cut of merchandising from the three "Mighty Ducks" movies and hasn't received a cent.

Steven Brill, who wrote the movies starring **Emilio Estevez** as the reluctant coach for an underdog youth hockey team, said his contract entitles him to 5 percent of gross merchandising revenues.

The lawsuit filed Tuesday seeks $25 million for revenue earned since 1993 plus any future merchandising earnings, said Brill's lawyer, **Pierce O'Donnell**.

O'Donnell estimated that Disney has earned about $1 billion in Mighty Ducks merchandise sales, box office sales and television broadcasting rights.

Ken Green, a spokesman for Disney, wouldn't comment.

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LAWRENCE, Kan. — All **Gwyneth Paltrow** really wanted was a pair of size 9 Birkenstocks, and a Kansas shoe shop was glad to help out.

Paltrow had told "Tonight Show" host **Jay Leno** that her ideal Christmas present would be a pair of gray felt clogs that had been discontinued by the shoemaker.

The store Footprints had bought 1,400 pairs of the line this year and had a few left, so the shop is sending Paltrow a pair. In exchange, Footprints owner Mick Ranney settled for an autographed picture of the star.

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TV TONIGHT

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(3) KMID	2	3	News 758	Wheel of Fortune	Vengeance Unlimited 1464 (TV14-DB)		Love Trouble (PG, '94) ** (Julia Roberts, Nick Nolte) 1639				News 23340	Nightline 49388	Politically Incorrect	Access Hollywood
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	Greatest Christmas Moments of All Time		Fox Files 64814		Mad About You	The Nanny 40307	Jerry Springer 87765		Cops 20982	NewsRadio 78765
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 4388	Entertain. Tonight	Promised Land: Jury Duty 68949		Diagnosis Murder: Dead in the Water 44369		48 Hours: Class of 2000 57833		News 5275676	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Married ... Children
(9) KWES	9	9	News 2562	Seinfeld 3814	Friends 8630	Jesse 9066 (TVPG)	Frasier 4678	Veronica's Closet	ER: The Miracle Worker 77611 (TVPG)		News 7734678	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	The Kendalls	John Hagee 73624	The Light of the Southwest 71388				News 30307	Joyce Meyer 99611	Richard Roberts 68307		Les Feldick 79104	Ask Joe Good
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 225217		West Texas Journal	Small Business	Mystery! (Part 1 of 2) 880368 (TVG)		Mystery! (Part 2 of 2) 893833 (TVG)		Telecourse 158272			
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(8) CNBC		8	Business Center	Upfront Tonight	Hardball With Chris Matthews 5559036		Rivers Live 5535466		The News With Brian Williams 5548920		Hardball With Chris Matthews 5558307		Rivers Live 1870368	
(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	Family Matters	The Wayans Bros.	Jamie Foxx Show	Steve Harvey Show	For Your Love	News 184920		MacGyver: Mask of the Wolf 104307 (TVPG-V)		In the Heat of the Night 703727 (TV14-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	Roseanne 606727	Roseanne 622307	WCW Thunder 279663 (TVPG-DV)		WCW Thunder 974271 (TVPG-DV)		Live and Let Die (PG, '73) *** (Roger Moore, Yaphet Kotto) 27367814					
(14) FAM		14	Movie (C)	Frosty's ...	Ice Capades: Xmas		Kenny and Dolly		Country Christmas		The 700 Club 427949		AXN	Life
(20) DISC		20	Gimme Shelter: Starting Over 601949 (TVG)		Alaskan Wild 411283 (TVG)		Who Was Moses? 420801 (TVG)		Survive II 440765 (TVG)		Justice Files: Kids Who Kill 410524		Alaskan Wild 851017 (TVG)	
(21) AMC		21	This Woman Is ... (B)		The Three Faces of Eve ('57) *** 7791272				Harlow (8:45) ('65) ** (Carroll Baker) 60887991				This Woman Is ...	
(22) TNN		22	The Waltons 999611		Martina McBride		Prime Time Country		Today's Country		Dallas 744814		Dukes of Hazzard	
(23) TNT		23	ER 928949 (TV14-L)		Figure Skating: Sears Open Championships 238776						What's Eating Gilbert Grape (PG-13) 881122			
(24) BRAV		24	Studio	Brooklyn	Soul of Stax 178982		Cirque du Soleil		Dance Theater of Harlem: Creole Giselle (9:15)				Soul of Stax 709901	
(26) BET		26	Celebrity		Soundstage 727272		Sparks	Thea	Comicview 723456		BET Tonight 726543 (TVG)		Sparks	227
(27) DISN		27	Mad Libs 947949	Dinosaurs 921901	Growing Pains	Baby-Sitters Club	Growing Pains	Brotherly Love	Holidays in Concert 176524		Walt Disney Presents 179611 (TVG)		Zorro 482466	Family Album
(28) CNN		28	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today		Larry King Live 826775		NewsStand: Ent.		Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 482901	
(29) ESPN		29	SportsCenter (5:30)	College Basketball: Louisville at North Carolina 885340			College Basketball: DePaul at Kansas 510524					SportsCenter	College Basketball: Stanford at Nev. 990494	
(30) USA		30	Xena: Warrior Princess 234291 (TVPG-V)		Walker, Texas Ranger 774433 (TV14-V)		Casino (R, '95) ** (Robert De Niro, Sharon Stone) 662730						New York Undercover 484369 (TV14)	
(31) FX		31	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	The X-Files 4482611		NYPD Blue 4408659		M*A*S*H	Comedy	The X-Files 4481982		NYPD Blue 7998456	
(32) A&E		32	Law & Order: Corruption 696017 (TVPG)		Biography: William Shatner 449846 (TVG)		The Unexplained: UFO Cults 422369 (TVG)		Sherlock Holmes 435833 (TVG)		Law & Order 436920 (TVPG)		Biography: William Shatner 846185 (TVG)	
(33) TLC		33	Code 3: Flash Flood 920307 (TVPG)		Twister: Fury on the Plains 730811 (TVG)		Twister 2: The Terror Continues 756659		Tornado! Hurricane: Flood! 769123 (TVG)		Twister: Fury on the Plains 739982 (TVG)		Twister 2: The Terror Continues 163165	
(34) NICK		34	Doug 279104	Rugrats 260466	Cousin Skeeter	Wild Thornberrys	Brady Bunch	The Wonder Years	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley	I Love Lucy	Bewitched 975036	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi 123746 (TVG)
(36) LIFE		36	Party of Five: Here and Now 699795		Chicago Hope: Cabin Fever 491824		Judicial Consent ('94) ** (Bonnie Bedelia, Will Patton) 411368				New Attitudes	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Weddings XIII
(39) OUTDR		39	Great Outdoorsman	Wilderness Camper	Snowboard Show	Snowboarder	Snowboarding	Powder Magazine	Skier's World	Real Action Winter	Snowboard Show	Snowboarder	Snowboarding	Powder Magazine
(42) UNI		42	Mi Pequena Traviesa 60340		Vive por Elena 33682		La Mentira 42630		Bienvenidos 63484 (TV14)		Impacto Extra	Noticiero Univision	Mucho Gusto 73746	
(43) FSN		43	The Last Word	Fox Sports News	Women's College Basketball: Tennessee at Arkansas 64649				Goin' Deep 44036		Fox Sports News 47123		Fox Sports News 53833	
(44) COM		44	Offsides 9904386	Ben Stein's Money	Dolittle (PG, '01) * (Eddie Cantor, Martel Montgomery) 2180279				Third Annual Comics Come Home 9979543		The Daily Show	Ben Stein's Money	Saturday Night Live 6242553 (TV14)	
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(45) HBO 2		45	Almost Heroes (PG, '98) ** (Chris Farley, Matthew Perry) 4288605										Above (R, '96) *** (Hugo Weaving, Joel Edgerton) 2648908	
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(47) MAX		47	Air America (R, '90) ** (Mel Gibson, Robert Downey Jr.) 6672470		Sweet Hereafter (R, '97) * (Ian Holm, Sarah Polley) 4967230			Making: Face/Off	Vig ('98) (Tyne Daly, Peter Falk) 4904830				The Erotic House of Wax (10:50) 3982949	
(48) SHOW		48	Jerry Maguire (R, '96) *** (Tom Cruise, Cuba Gooding Jr.) 4991165		Rated PG-13 Bitter Christmas ('98) (Mimi Rogers, Diane Baker) 4992301		Howard Stern: Private Parts		Lino's 364494	Nude Awakening	30-Minute Movie	Dead Man's Gun	Zalman King's Red Shoe Diaries (11:15)	
(49) TMC		49	Jerry Maguire (R, '96) ** (Tom Cruise, Cuba Gooding Jr.) 4991165				Gattaca (R, '97) ** (Jennifer Jason Leigh, Ethan Hawke) 7288978				Stars (R) * (Jennifer Grey, Grant Goodeve, Harper) 2988908		Hoodlum (11:05)	
(51) HBO 3		51	Fellow Americans	Losing Isaiah: A Helpless Journey ('98) ** 4992736			Larry Sanders	Dennis Miller Live	Waco: The Rules of Engagement ('97) ** 1399939				Whale Transpires Fully ('98) ** (Don Mikkel, Zak Orth) 1278540	
(52) MAX 2		52	Jason Flemyng (R, '98) ** (Liam Neeson, Patricia Arquette) 9782648				Cheech & Chong's Nice Dreams (R, '81) ** (Cheech Marin) 4288908			Night of the Demons 2 ('97) (Amelia Kinkade, Kris Holdenried) 1167679			Stephen King's Silver Bullet (R, '85) 7999539	

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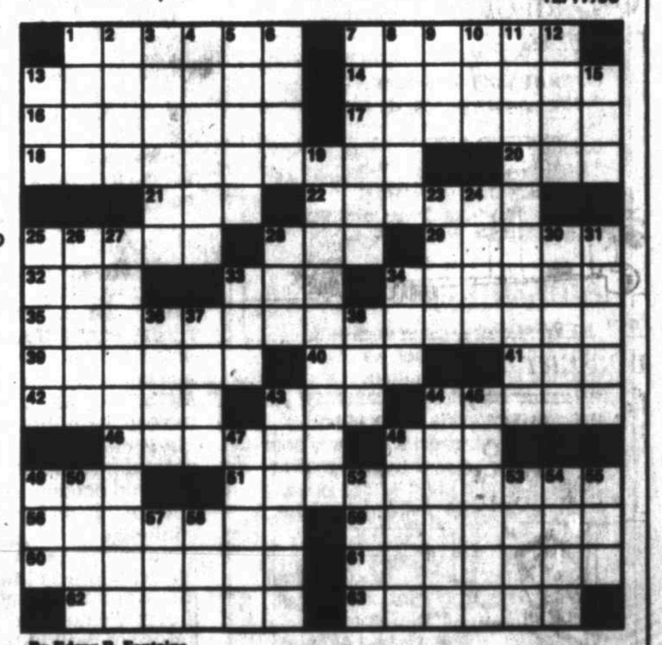

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Previous Close $11.55

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Today $9.75
Previous Close $9.00

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Wednesday $1.990

Prices climb

NEW YORK — Crude pared gains after surging in after-hours trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange, as the U.S. launched a military strike against Iraq.

Crude oil for January delivery rose as high as $12.62 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange's after-hours trading system in the minutes after the attack began. The contract was recently 9 cents higher at $12.47 a barrel, close to the level before the attack began.

Prices jumped after anti-aircraft fire was reported in the skies over Baghdad about 12:50 a.m., or 4:50 p.m. U.S. Eastern time. Traders are concerned that the attack could disrupt crude oil exports by Iraq, which pumps about 3 percent of the world's oil. There were no immediate reports of damage.

To be sure, even after the recent rise in prices, oil is almost a third cheaper than it was a year ago because of a global surplus caused by slower growth in Asian demand and rising output by producers.

"The world could get along fine without Iraqi crude for a while," analysts said. "It would go a long way to work off" the excess inventories of crude oil, they said.

"The longer-term fear is that if and when Saddam leaves, more oil comes out of Iraq and prices are lower," said Alan Struth, chief economist at Phillips Petroleum Co.

Enron offer

HOUSTON — Enron Corp. has received an offer to acquire its majority stake in subsidiary Enron Oil & Gas Co., according to a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

An unidentified bidder has made an unsolicited offer to buy the oil and gas exploration and production arm of the Houston-based energy and utility corporation.

In the filing, Enron Corp. said the bidder wants to buy its 53.5-percent share of Enron Oil & Gas.

When word got out about the offer Tuesday, shares of Enron Oil & Gas leapt 2 5/8 to $15.50, an increase of 20 percent.

Enron officials declined to comment about the proposal.

Low oil prices caused Enron Oil & Gas to report third-quarter profits of $5.9 million, down from third-quarter 1997 profits of $31.2 million.

Dollar gains

NEW YORK — The dollar rose against most major currencies in light trading Wednesday on speculation that the U.S. could take military action against Iraq.

In late New York trading, the dollar bought 116.53 yen, up from 116.35 yen Tuesday. The dollar rose to 1.6728 German marks from 1.6575 marks.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late rates Tuesday: 1.3506 Swiss francs, up from 1.3412; 5.6095 French francs, up from 5.5380; 1,656.20 Italian lire, up from 1,641.50; and 1.5381 Canadian dollars, down from 1.5410.

The British pound was quoted at $1.6708, down from $1.6852.

Amazon.com shares

NEW YORK — Shares of Amazon.com rose as much as $59 Wednesday after an analyst sharply increased his price projection for the fast-growing online seller of books.

While Internet stocks routinely soar on hopes for an eventual windfall in profits, the gain in Amazon's price was one of the largest jumps in the short history of the Internet.

Triggering the jump was CIBC Oppenheimer analyst Henry Blodget, who lifted his long-term price target on the stock to $400. Before Wednesday, the stock had already surpassed $242, far above Blodget's previous projection of $150.

Local Denny's owner bites into success

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer

Dawn Lafreeda took a big bite in 1984 when she purchased her first Denny's Restaurant.

Lafreeda

Using credit cards and securing a $7,000 loan from her mother, she bought a Denny's location in Globe, Ariz., converting it into Judy's Cook House.

At the age of 23, she feared she had bitten off more than she could chew.

"At the age of 23, you don't have a huge amount of savings," she recalled from her office in San Antonio. "I remember going to my mother and saying 'what if I fail? People are depending on me for their jobs.' She said, 'What could be worse? Starting over at age 26?' And I thought 'Yeah.'

She founded Den-Tex West and in 1986 bought the four Denny's restaurants in Midland, Odessa, Big Spring and San Angelo at a time when oil prices had collapsed and area economies were suffering as a result. She bought the four locations and seen her business grow to 15 locations. Three more will open in the next three months.

She recently completed a $125,000 remodeling of the Midland location on Wall Street and plans to remodel the Big Spring location soon. Last year she remodeled the San Angelo store "and that leaves Odessa."

The restaurant sports new colors, seating, and counters. Its adopted school, Jane Long Elementary, has painted Christmas scenes on the windows and employees are selling special 30th Anniversary of Special Olympics medallions for $1, with proceeds benefiting the program.

"I chose to stay when others were leaving," said the Southern California native. "West Texas is home for me; it's where I started. Without West Texas, I wouldn't own 15 stores right now."

She said she also chose to be a Denny's franchisee because her mother worked for the company 20 years before retiring 10 years ago and opening her own restaurant. Ms. Lafreeda herself started at Denny's as a server at the age of 16.

"It's supported me my whole life," she said. "I love the food, the atmosphere, the people, the service. I felt it to be a good, people-oriented company"

She said she loves the restaurant industry and being a franchisee, "I get to meet a lot of people who work in all walks of life, from bus boys to company executives."

When the corporation offered her the four Permian Basin locations in 1986, they were low-performing because of low oil prices and because it was difficult for the company to bring managers into Midland.

"Overhead was higher, and they felt a small independent operator could do better, so they made me a good deal," she recalled. "I took those four stores and I cultivated them and got to know the business, and after oil prices stabilized, I expanded my operations."

She has seen her company grow to post gross sales in fiscal 1998 of $14.3 million and over 800 employees. She has locations in Lubbock, Kerrville, San Antonio and Amarillo in addition to the four West Texas locations and two in Wichita Falls.

"I think being with Denny's is near and dear to my heart. They gave me an opportunity I don't think many people get," she said. "I get to give jobs to a lot of people. I have 800 employees, and it's always exciting when I open a new location because I get to hire 75 new people in that community."

She added, "I couldn't own a Denny's franchise without believing in the product."

Iraq, impeachment cut Dow

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks lost momentum Wednesday as tensions mounted between the United States and Iraq and yet another company warned of weak fourth-quarter earnings.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 32.70 to close at 8,790.60. The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index dropped 3.24 at 2,009.36.

Uncertainty permeated the market as word spread that President Clinton was contemplating air strikes in response to Iraq's latest defiance of international arms inspectors. The bombing, which occurred after the markets closed, is expected to postpone a presidential impeachment vote in the U.S. House.

"The news out of Iraq served to dampen enthusiasm for stocks," said Bill Meehan, chief market analyst for Cantor Fitzgerald.

The military threat did help boost oil-related stocks, which rose in anticipation of increased prices. Petroleum equipment makers Schlumberger, up 2 13/16 at 46 11/6, and Tidewater, up 1 1/2 at 24 3/8, were among the bigger beneficiaries.

After 3M became the latest big blue-chip company to warn its fourth-quarter profits will miss expectations, its shares fell 2 3/8 to 71 9 3/8. The maker of Scotch brand tape and Post-it Notes said its fourth-quarter profit will be 10 percent below last year's results, nowhere near Wall Street targets. 3M follows Merck, Mattel and Coca-Cola in a long line of earnings warnings.

Also hurting stocks was a Federal Reserve report showing that production at the nation's factories declined in November for the fourth time in six months, reflecting last month's unseasonable warmth and the economic slump that began in Asia last year.

The brightest star on the Nasdaq was online bookseller Amazon.com, which rocketed 46 1/4 to 289 after CIBC Oppenheimer lifted its price target for the company to 400 from 150. The stock is up more than 200 points in the past 3 months.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 0.80 at 1,162.03. The NYSE composite index was up 0.15 at 562.89, and the American Stock Exchange composite index was up 5.33 at 651.44.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by a narrow margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,522 up, 1,577 down and 478 unchanged. On the Big Board, volume came to 721.16 million shares. The Russell 2000 index of small companies rose 0.28 to 389.85.

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Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday. Uncertainty hit the market Wednesday as President Clinton met with his top advisers to consider military strikes in response to Iraq's latest defiance of international arms inspectors. At the close on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 32.70 at 8790.60.

Asia woes ruffle economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The impact of foreign economic turmoil — good and bad — is showing up in a broad cross-section of the American economy.

Production at the nation's factories, mines and utilities dropped in November for the fourth time in six months and bank earnings during the third quarter fell for the first time in two years, federal agencies said Wednesday.

But low mortgage rates produced by the crisis helped push single-family home construction to a 14-year high last month.

"Today's reports highlight the discrepancy between the booming domestic side of the economy ... and the wobbly external side," said Bank of Montreal economist Tim O'Neill.

On the domestic side, construction starts of single-family homes shot up 5 percent in November to the highest level since 1984. However, apartment building plummeted 26.4 percent.

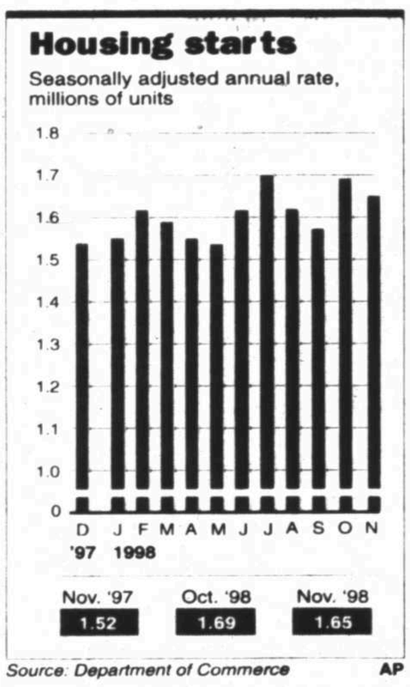
Overall, starts sank 2.7 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.65 million, the Commerce Department said. Nevertheless, that wasn't far below the 11-year high of 1.70 million reached in July. And December looks good, said economist David Seiders of the National Association of Home Builders.

Even without December's results, this year already has proved to be the busiest year for builders since 1987. During the first 11 months of the year, builders started 1.50 million units, compared with 1.47 million for all of 1997.

However, America's deteriorating trade performance is showing up in industrial production, down 0.3 percent last month. The Federal Reserve said that was due, in part, to a 3.4 percent plunge in utility output as warm weather reduced the demand for electricity and natural gas.

But mining output also fell by 1.2 percent. And manufacturing production was stagnant, as declines in iron and steel, farm machinery, aircraft and autos offset increases in computers, household appliances and construction materials.

A Labor Department report offered manufacturers a glimmer of hope. It said non-oil import prices edged 0.1 percent higher for the second consecutive month in November, following 12 drops in a row.



Chevron plans cutbacks

N.Y. Times News Service

Joining the list of major oil companies that are retrenching in the face of low crude oil prices, Chevron Corp. announced cuts Tuesday in both capital spending and employment, primarily in North America.

Kenneth Derr, the chairman of the company, which is based in San Francisco, told an analysts' meeting in New York that the goal was to reduce costs by $500 million in 1999.

In what has become a familiar oil company response to persistent low prices, Derr said that cuts in capital spending of 8 percent, to $5.1 billion next year, would come mostly in the company's older exploration and production, refining and marketing and chemical businesses in North America.

He said that significant spending would continue in its promising long- term prospects in Kazakhstan, West Africa and the Gulf of Mexico, where the company has been able to increase its production of crude oil.

Derr added that the company would spend about $2.6 billion on exploration and production outside the United States and $1.1 billion within the United States.

The overall reductions in its work force of 34,000 would be modest, he said, because of the overseas growth. Mike Libbey, the manager of media relations, said some employees who faced layoffs would be given an opportunity to train for jobs in expanding parts of the company, primarily in overseas exploration.

The Chevron announcement followed a major revamping announced by the Royal Dutch/Shell Group in London on Monday. It said it would sell 40 percent of its chemical business, cut staff and take charges of $4.5 billion in the fourth quarter.

Earlier this month Exxon and Mobil, which agreed to merge, announced they would cut costs by $2.8 billion a year and reduce employment by about 9,000 workers.

There was speculation early last week that Chevron and Royal Dutch would merge, fed by rumors on the Internet. Derr said Tuesday that "we will consider mergers or acquisitions as one possible way to improve business results, but it is not necessary for Chevron to merge with a competitor to continue to provide top returns to our shareholders."

He added, "We have the financial strength to deal with low oil prices, poor economic conditions in Asia and other financial challenges over the next few years."

With crude about 40 percent lower than a year ago, the oil companies see little prospect of a recovery.

THE ECONOMIST

World economic goings-on presented challenge in 1998

By M. Ray Perryman

Perryman

Once a year, about this time, I hunker down with my computer to crunch numbers for our annual short-term forecast — usually a period of the next five years. And each year I am reminded of the changes in our country and our world over the most recent 12 months. As an economist, I make a concerted effort to factor in all the information available about our global, national, state, and regional economies. This year, all the new goings-on have presented quite a challenge.

No longer can we draw lines around the economies of nations. The world marketplace has no boundaries — and if ever we doubted the interwoven nature of individual governments' monetary and fiscal policies, the Asian flu put our doubts to rest. The emerging economies in Asian countries were the first to experience grave weakening; the "illness" soon affected their major trading partner, Japan. When Japanese banks needed bailing out, the problem grew to such proportions that The International Monetary Fund and The World Bank stepped in to help. Other major nations participated in the shoring up of Japan's economy, and the move toward global rescue was strengthened. Latin American nations also fell victim to the pitfalls of overexuberant financing in the face of slowing fundamentals.

In still another part of the world, the Russian Federation was a major power with an economy at risk. Even with heroic international efforts, the country's fate still hangs in the balance. In Europe, despite rampant unemployment, 11 countries in the European Union (EU) declared they were fit for using a unified currency by January 1, 1999. The impact of the euro relative to the U.S. dollar and the yen will certainly be a topic of discussion during the next year.

Stateside, the financial markets heaved and wretched and settled down — for now. More mergers and acquisitions transpired than anyone thought possible, high-tech products captivated young and old alike, and the exponential number of new jobs in services-related industries (especially business and healthcare) told the story of economic growth.

Currently, the U.S. is in a protracted period of economic expansion. With inflation remaining at a manageable level, it appears the period of growth can be sustained well into the future. In addition, economic fundamentals such as productivity continue to improve, and U.S. industry is crushing global competition on many fronts. In such an environment, corporate earnings and profits have ample room to grow. Moreover, the long track record of positive financial market performance is likely to continue over the long term, an important aspect of our economic strength. The U.S. economy — to the surprise of many — continues resisting enough of the Asian contamination to maintain reasonable, if tempered, growth.

In Texas, we kept one eye on the falling price-per-barrel of oil and the other on growing high-tech and services companies. The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) became more than a household word. It was the buzzword for an avenue to growth; small and large businesses alike boosted exports. Other concerns competed for economic headlines. A severe drought reminded us we are still people of the land, and a swelling tide of immigrants forced us to reevaluate the skills of our workforce.

No editorial space is long or wide enough to summarize the confluence of events contributing to the health of tomorrow's economy — even for a seasoned forecaster like me. What a remarkable year lies behind us! What a limitless future lies before us!

As we turn our gaze to the New Year, there are few certainties. Thus, my wish for you is to develop the tools you need for your own success. In 1999, may you enjoy good health, good times, and good business!

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HOME/GARDEN

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A male perspective

Two men clash with stereotype by designing distinctive interiors for themselves

By LaMont Jones
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

It's door creaks shut and the little elevator begins to rise. You have only a few seconds to admire the festive mural painted on the rear wall before the private lift opens into an amazing penthouse apartment.

A 1957 Coca-Cola machine stands on a gleaming hardwood floor in a sun-splashed foyer. The antique bottled soda dispenser, an original Vendo 44 model, is one of many eye-catching furnishings in Stan Burleigh's 2,300-square-foot apartment. There's also an original Native American painting in a frame carved with horse heads, a birdhouse on a 5-foot pole and a custom-made neon sign announcing entry to "The Coconut Grove."

Burleigh, a Pittsburgh business owner and world traveler, describes his design style as "funky elegance." Indeed, the flavor of his home is hip and classy, with furnishings from as close as the south side of Pittsburgh and as distant as Mexico and the Netherlands.

As the ranks of single, divorced and never married men grow, guys are proving that you don't have to be a licensed interior designer – or hire one – to create a home environment that's comfortable, functional and attractive. All it takes is a little style, enough time to plan your work and enough money to work your plan.

Forget black lacquer, carpet stains, piles of dirty laundry and other stereotypes about how single men live. There's another end of the spectrum, from Burleigh's airy apartment to the Victorian opulence of Bill Petrucci's house in the Shadyside area of Pittsburgh.

Eight years ago, Petrucci, a civil engineer, read about a spacious three-story house in a newspaper ad. With a buddy in California as an investor, he bought it and is in the process of turning it into something from the pages of Better Homes and Gardens.

Built at the turn of the century, the 3,600-square-foot house had been divided into three rental units. As Petrucci began renovating, restoring and converting it back into a single-family dwelling, surprises abounded. Impressive woodwork appeared as layers of paint were stripped away.

Suspended ceilings on the first floor were removed, revealing ornate medallions around the bases of light fixtures. Behind artificial walls were windows, doors and in the front foyer, an elaborately carved newel post at the foot of the stairs.

"Basically, what I tried to do was bring it back to the way it was in its period," said Petrucci, 39. "The place was pretty much butchered up."

The first floor is nearly completed. It houses a living room and formal dining room with new oak floors, a powder room and kitchen, where Petrucci installed the cabinets, floor and marble tiles. The kitchen, dining room and the living room have gas-burning fireplaces.

The second story, about halfway done, includes two skylights, a full bath with the original tub, a bedroom and a master bedroom with original wooden floors and a walk-in closet. Petrucci converted an adjacent bedroom into a master bath complete with a fireplace.

Persian rugs and European and Italian art add to the home's Victorian ambiance.

Petrucci didn't consult interior designers. He just went with what he knew and liked and took a few suggestions from family and friends, including a brother who is an architect.

While Petrucci favors furnishings that reflect his Italian heritage, Burleigh mixes and coordinates Native American, Mexican and African-American styles. His decor comes from such distant places as Montreal, Amsterdam and Puerto Vallerta, Mexico, his favorite vacation spot.

The apartment posed a decorating challenge because none of its rooms are square and ceilings range from 10 feet to 22 feet high. But the asymmetrical shapes add character to the home.

The first of the apartment's six skylights appears in the foyer. To the left is a wooden rooftop deck afforded privacy by the tops of nearby shade trees. Down the hall is a guest bedroom with an adjoining laundry room; farther down a longer hall is the master bedroom with a bathroom that holds a shower large enough to comfortably accommodate a half-dozen people. Across the hall is a multipurpose den-type room that Burleigh calls the "clubhouse."

To the right of the entry foyer is the living room, a dining area and a huge, contemporary kitchen with a windowside breakfast nook. A large, private staircase loops down to the garage.

Burleigh, an Air Force veteran who is 49 but looks 15 years younger, isn't sure where he got his eye for design. His grandmother wasn't sure, either.

"She used to always ask me why I brought home the things I did," he said, laughing. "I have an eye for things."

Photographs by MATT FREED / Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Stan Burleigh modeled part of his penthouse after Coconut Grove, one of his favorite vacation spots near Miami.

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Bill Petrucci installed the cabinets, floor and marble tiles in the kitchen, which also has a gas-burning fireplace.

Native American, Mexican and African-American styles are prominent in the hallway of Burleigh's apartment.

Petrucci's bathroom features a fireplace. When he bought the 3,600-square-foot house it was divided into three rental units.

Guests bed down

By Joyce Rosencrans
Scripps Howard News Service

Some of the best sight gags of old movies and sitcoms involve fold-out sleep sofas or wall-hung Murphy beds that snapped back to trap the prospective snoozer. Even Seinfeld included a sleeper-sofa backache in the plot when he and Elaine visited his parents.

The problem with old sleep sofas is that they were so heavy to move, and comfortable neither as a sofa nor a bed.

If you entertain house guests, La-Z-Boy suggests that a few innovative pieces of furniture can solve a homeowner's space problem.

The company promises that new models of sleeper sofas are more comfortable, and available in so many styles that they blend with any decor. Most sleep sofas will be used as a bed only 15 to 20 percent of the time, so La-Z-Boy advises choosing the same features as for a stationary sofa. Mattresses don't have to be thicker than five inches or so, with firm innerspring construction. Softer springs that allow thicker mattresses to fold up in the sofa offer less back support.

Chair-and-a-half sleepers with twin mattresses are one of the most notable introductions to the furniture scene in the past few years, according to La-Z-Boy. Ideal for smaller spaces, they are also lighter to move and less expensive than an entire sleeper sofa.

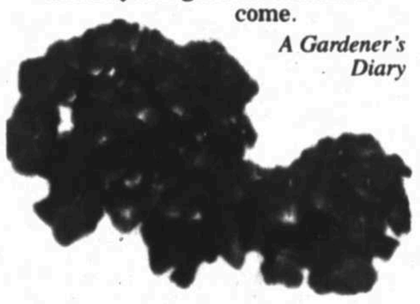
Bed from the Murphy Bed Center www.murphybedcenter.com.

HGTV ideas

Dried hydrangeas keep for months

There are many methods of drying flowers. One favorite flower for drying a hydrangea. To dry hydrangeas, simply cut the flowers and put them in a vase with about an inch of water. Keep them in a dry, cool place out of the sun. Let the water evaporate and you'll be able to enjoy the dried hydrangeas for months to come.

A Gardener's Diary



Containers add instant color

Growing plants in containers is a great way to add instant color to your garden or create a small garden if you are in an apartment. By combining annuals and perennials and even woody plants, you can create beautiful and portable gardens in pots.

A Gardener's Diary

Layering technique creates new plants

If you have a favorite azalea or hydrangea you want to propagate, layering is an easy technique to try. Just bend a branch to the ground, making sure the leaf nodes touch the soil. Cover the branch with soil and leaves and use a rock to hold it down. Depending on the variety, you could have a new plant in just a few months.

A Gardener's Diary

Decorating tips keep seniors in style

By Barbara Mayer
Associated Press

Decorating tastes often change as people age. And decor often needs to be modified because of physical changes related to vision, physical agility and hearing.

Don't necessarily think of these changes as a negative.

"It is better here than in our house where we lived for 28 years, and the bathroom is a dream," said Paul Bischoff, the interior design consultant at Lake Forest Place, a retirement community in Lake Forest, Ill., sponsored by Presbyterian Homes of Evanston, Ill.

Bischoff and his wife, Wy, who is also an interior designer, recently moved to a cottage at this retirement community.

"We are almost completely on one floor here in case one of us should ever need a wheelchair," Bischoff said.

In designing the public areas for Lake Forest Place, he was mindful that "older people generally like familiar surroundings, so interiors should be warm and friendly and comfortably traditional."

Bischoff made sure that visual "barriers" — such as a heavy dark line in light-colored carpet — were eliminated. Although not a physical impediment, such a line "can cause older people to come to a complete stop," he said.

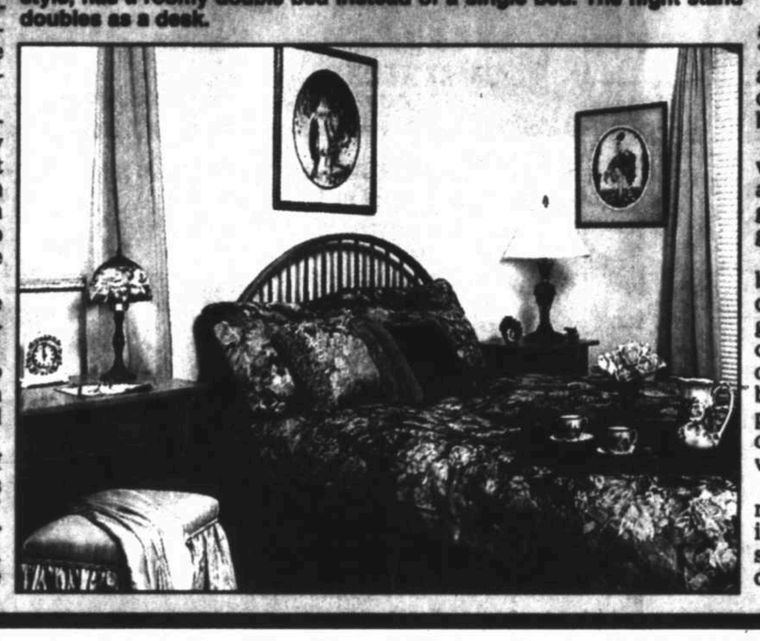
In making the move, the Bischoffs kept most of their furniture.

But it is often a good idea to replace deep, soft seating with something more shallow and firm.

"It's hard to get in and out of deep pieces, and down filling is too soft for many older people," said Dale Miller, an interior designer in Boca Raton, Fla. "A wingback chair is ideal because it's upright, the arms are firm, and the wings buffer annoying sounds."

AP Photos

Top photo, the rosy color scheme in the living room is a good choice for an older person since aging eyes clearly distinguish red tones. The wing chair is sturdy and easy to get in and out of. Room design by Dale Miller. Bottom photo, mom's bedroom, decorated by Dale Miller in the traditional style, has a roomy double bed instead of a single bed. The night stand doubles as a desk.



"Many older people become less spry and need to use their furniture to raise and lower themselves," said Miller, who specializes in projects for seniors.

Since glare is irritating to aging eyes, Miller avoids overly shiny schemes and tries to minimize glare by placing lamps so they don't shine into someone's eyes. Besides draperies, she often uses window blinds to control sunlight.

Miller also has these general tips:

■ Arrange furniture to allow space to easily get around obstructions.

■ Use three-way bulbs in lamps or replace bulbs with stronger ones.

■ Place nonskid pads under area rugs.

The right color scheme can contribute to an overall sense of well-being.

High-contrast color schemes are best for seniors because "similar colors blend into one another, and you can't tell where one color ends and the other begins," Miller said.

She suggests peach or rose with green, burgundy with green and yellow, or deep emerald green and rose accented with gold or yellow.

Since background noises can be annoying as one ages, draperies and carpeting are good decorating choices. Soft carpeting is good, in case someone trips. But low-pile carpet is better than thick carpet or carpet with heavy padding for someone who uses a walker or is in a wheelchair.

"There's a trade-off between making it safe and making it interesting," Bischoff said. "We shouldn't veer too much in either direction."

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Winter-blooming house plants brighten season

By Deborah A. Benge Frost

Several plants can be grown indoors through the winter for great color during the dormant season. Many of these often-overlooked plants will thrive well indoors with the right care.

Most so-called house plants do more for homes — and people who live in them — than is ever credited. The effects of plants on the human psyche has been studied and documented for centuries. Plants help with feelings of well being, security, serenity and rest. Indoor plants also add color to the decor and humidity and oxygen to the air, and help clean toxins out of the atmosphere.

Benge Frost

In addition to all these other benefits, many house plants yield colorful blooms. Here's some examples:

■ Kalanchoe is a festive looking, winter-blooming house plant that grows about a foot tall and can be grown in 6- to 12-inch containers. The medium-green leaves are thick, glossy and rather succulent looking. Topping off these cheerful plants are large clusters of small, four-petaled flowers that mass together for splashes of color. Kalanchoes are available in bright neon colors, such as red, orange, yellow and pink. They are available in many garden centers.

Grow kalanchoes in at least four hours of sunlight. Let the soil almost dry out between waterings. Fertilize the plant every two weeks until it comes into full bloom. Keep it warm in temperatures of 50 degrees at night, 70 degrees during the day. The plants, which usually bloom in winter when given long nights of total darkness, give months of color.

■ Cyclamen is an unusual and lovely blooming plant with a rosette growth habit and multiple flower stems that rise up from the center of the plant. The flower stems are bare and stand about 5 to 7 inches above the mound of leaves. The flowers seem to be crooked over upside-down with their petals flared back. They are available in elegant shades of pink, fuchsia and white. The petals have a creamy-looking texture, and the heart-shaped leaves are dark green. Many cyclamen have a silvery pattern in the leaf.

Grow these plants in a cool room with bright light or curtain-filtered sun. Keep the soil moist and fertilize every two weeks while plants are growing. Cyclamen like things cool — night temperatures of 50 degrees and 65 degrees or lower in the daytime. Look for these plants at nursery and garden centers.

■ Gloxinia, a plant that resembles African violets in some ways, blooms all year; proper handling will coax it to bloom in winter months. These gorgeous plants are topped off with big bell-shaped, velvety blooms of red, royal purple, lavender, white-edged pink and white. Foliage varies somewhat among types, but leaves are generally large, oval-shaped and downy-textured, and provide a nice balance for the large flowers.

Grow gloxinia in bright light or curtain-filtered sun. Since these plants prefer warmth, give them night temperatures of 65 degrees and day temperatures of 75 degrees or more. Keep the soil moist and fertilize every two weeks while the plant is growing. Gloxinia are more difficult to find that some other plants, but some garden centers and florists have them.

■ Begonias are available in many types — some are grown for their blooms, others for their foliage. Rieger begonia is a beautiful winter-blooming, fibrous-rooted variety that grows about a foot tall and has a 10-inch spread, attractive dark green leaves and rose-like blooms in such colors as salmon, pink, yellow, red and deep pink.

Give Rieger begonias several hours of sun, average temperatures and some humidity if possible. Allow the soil to dry out somewhat between waterings and fertilize every two weeks while the plant is growing.

All of these plants need to be placed in the sink and watered thoroughly when they are watered. If you've got any premium rainwater on hand, use it or some other good-quality water. Allow excess water to run through the root ball before putting it back in a plastic sleeve or decorative container. Clip old flowers off as they begin to fade with a sharp pair of scissors or hand pruners to keep them groomed and blooming. Inspect periodically for pests and other problems before they actually affect the health of the plants.

These plants should give many weeks — and even months — of great color. Don't restrict yourself to just florist mums for seasonal color. Instead try some of these winter beauties for a colorful dormant season.

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Master Gardener Training Program will begin in January 1999. Orientation session and application process will start at 10 a.m. Jan. 6 at the Ector County Administration Building, 1010 E. 8th Street in Odessa.

For more information call 498-4071.

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Old row house basks in its second youth

By William L. Hamilton
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Working with a decorator was kind of like, 'Whoa,'" said Amanda Sacks, who lives in a newly decorated four-story Victorian town house in Park Slope, Brooklyn.

"Because I'd never actually worked with a decorator before." Ms. Sacks, age 9, said she thought the experience was a good one.

"I might choose Chris again," she said, referring to future homes. "If he's still decorating."

In June 1997, when Karen Sacks; her husband, Bradley; their 16-year-old daughter, Jilian, and their 9-year-old twins, Amanda and Blaire, hired Christopher Coleman, a New York decorator, they made it clear that they were all clients — and available for consultation.

Karen Sacks herself was no remodeling pushover. She is a magazine consultant and an ex-editor in chief of a design magazine, American Homestyle & Gardening.

In short order, Ms. Sacks learned things she'd never told her readers — like, what you think you can do in three months will take a neat year.

She had never hired a decorator. Coleman had never designed a house.

THE JOB: one of those gorgeous late-19th-century piles that would have made a great funeral home. There was beautiful wood paneling — wall to wall. Rooms were small parlors.

A deep row house with windows only at the front and back, it had ceremonial darkness inhabiting its center hall, where a large stairway rose up through the house like organ music swelling.

But the Sacks family, who had outgrown a house half the size, needed the space. And the top floor had matching bedrooms — perfect for twins.

Ms. Sacks had admired a modern room Coleman had recently done for a traditional Park Avenue show house. She called him the month they moved in — with no furnishings in tow.

"I really wanted to have fun with the new house," Ms. Sacks said.

Sacks, a trial lawyer, weighed in on opening remarks. "Nothing in the house was to be looked at and not used," he recalled telling the decorator.

Coleman's design dead-lifted the heavy interior in two muscular strokes: bright colors and big shapes. The palette and scale made the house stylish and playful — both adult- and child-friendly.

Above the paneling, Coleman installed a background of wallpapers in light shades of yellow and blue with soft paintlike patterns. They pulled the house together as a design, giving every recess a view — a dappled landscape of wallpaper.

It was a nicely economical decision. "It's putting up a coat of adhesive and slapping on wallpaper as opposed to doing faux-painting," Coleman said. "You're talking about a morning of work for a room instead of days — about $1,000 instead of $3,000 to $5,000."

Furnishings fill the foreground with a boisterous freedom of shape and scale.

In the living room, the standard set is there, but it has been radically rethought.

A long, kidney-shaped sofa, designed by Coleman, wraps snugly into a wide bay window. Two broad club chairs, upholstered in a zigzag fabric that looks like lightning in a comic strip, hold the other end.

A French 1950s wrought-iron and glass coffee table could be a couturier's chandelier resting on the floor.

IN PLACE of a living room mantelpiece — the ground floor's fireplace is in the center hall — Coleman designed a tall console for books and magazines that houses an ottoman beneath. A gong-size bronze mirror hangs above.

"There's a lot of big furniture in small rooms here," Coleman said. "The scale of this stuff says it's contemporary before you even get to the fabrics and color."

Upstairs in the master bedroom, the decorator reversed the scheme and removed the color to make the parents' room a quiet and peaceful respite from the family life of the house.

Modulating grays give it a whisper instead of a shout: a dove-toned smudged checkerboard wallpaper, a silver-papered ceiling, a cut-velvet damask carpet and a custom-made armoire paneled in silver leaf and clouded-pearl washes of stain. The surfaces look like water gliding over stones.

Coleman worked individually with each daughter, helping her establish important territory: my room.

"It isn't the largest room," Jilian Sacks said, "so I decided I wanted it to be purely a bedroom. I told Chris I wanted a comfortable room I could lounge in."

She was swiveling in a low, two-person tufted 1940s armchair that Coleman had found at a thrift store and reupholstered in a harlequinade of colors.

"Blue is my favorite color," Ms. Sacks said, "and I told Chris that. Then I couldn't decide between red and yellow. So we went for all of them."

The palette repeats on a cartoon camelback headboard and polka-dot curtains.

On the top floor, the twins rule — separate but equal and by no means a matched set.

"They were very specific," Coleman said. "One likes blue, and one likes green. They each had to have the same chair, in their own colors."

He designed plastic-laminate desks and display shelves for each, from sketches she approved.

"I wanted places to put my books and dolls instead of just putting them on the floor," Blaire said, sitting in her blue bedroom. "He was good with ideas. I couldn't have really done it myself — it's too hard."

Amanda designed her tented bed from a model Coleman showed her in a catalog; she also chose the Laura Ashley fabric.

DEAR ABBY

Mom worried about her engagement news

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am a 38-year-old woman with two daughters, 17 and 13. I've been divorced for eight months, but the marriage was dead 10 years ago. Most of that time, I have slept on the couch. Although my daughters never saw me hold hands, kiss, or show any kind of affection toward their father, I'm not sure they realized how unhappy our marriage was, and they were upset when we divorced.

Van Buren

I met "Andy" while separated but still legally married. We have fallen in love and want to marry in about six months. However, my daughters are not crazy about him and think I should date others.

Andy and I have been looking at engagement rings. I'm worried that if I just show up with a ring on my finger, my daughters will be upset. They don't like it when they see Andy and me being affectionate with each other, and I'm not sure they know how serious we are. When should I tell them?

I've been somewhat of a pushover in the past, but I won't budge on this. Andy and I love each other and we will be married. — FUTURE FIANCEE

DEAR FUTURE FIANCEE: Forewarn your daughters and explain, without blaming or belittling their father, that you are seizing this opportunity for a happy future.

If they're not forthcoming, make it clear that just as you treat their friends with respect, you expect the same from them with regard to your future husband.

Reassure them that your love for them won't change, and ask for their blessings.

DEAR ABBY: I have begun a weight-loss program after having been seriously overweight for many years. This time I seem to be on the right track because it's working.

When I go to a dinner party, is it OK to take a cooked chicken breast with me and give it to my hostess to serve to me? It would not be putting her out, as I would have already cooked it. I cannot eat ham, roasts or steaks, but I don't want to miss being with my friends.

Please answer ASAP because the holidays are upon us. —MOTIVATED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR MOTIVATED: I admire your determination in negotiating the holiday minefields.

You certainly may take your specially prepared food with you, but warn your hostess when you accept the invitation, so she won't be offended.

Most guests will respect and admire your efforts to lose weight. And nuts to those who would criticize you!

DEAR ABBY: I went into shock when I read the letter from "Stressed Daughter in Florida." She perfectly described my mother, who insisted on living with me rather than in the apartment next door.

My mother had money and was in excellent health, but couldn't keep a friend. She would eat only certain foods. My life was hell if I went out with friends and didn't include her. Her lies to my friends caused a lot of heartache.

Please tell "Stressed Daughter" to say "NO" and not back down. I've been there and know how it feels.

My mother died five months ago after four years with me. I am still recuperating mentally, physically and spiritually. I would not say "yes" again.

Thank God, I'm free at last. Hell is gone, heaven has returned. Sign me ... NEVER AGAIN IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR NEVER AGAIN: I advised "Stressed Daughter" to stand her ground and not back down. If she had any doubts before, seeing your story should convince her.

Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

Imagination powers hand-made toys

By Michael Lopez
Hearst News Service

EAST GALWAY, N.Y. — There is the interactive world of Furby, Tigger and Barney, all talking, purring and bouncing in the ersatz snow of the mall, and then there is Woody Herman's toy shop.

Far from this modern toy landscape, Herman's shop is in a chilly barn, where, from scraps of fine wood mainly used in his furniture-making, Herman churns out hundreds of wooden trains, race cars, trucks and helicopters.

No patterns or production demands dictate how Herman makes a toy.

Rather, in a rough block of black walnut that was once part of a pallet, Herman sees a dragster, regardless of the ant holes.

Wood in hand, he asks, "That's a race car, right there, do you see it?" After deftly buzzing the wood through a band saw, the flowing cuts exposing the streaked grain, Herman in minutes, and by eye, has fashioned the car.

Herman's final products, sanded smooth and rubbed with non-toxic mineral oil to a warm glow, are inviting to the touch. Their planes, like the Shaker-inspired furniture he makes, are pleasing to the eye.

Do not underestimate the power of the simple toy.

Herman remembers one peculiar craft show about 10 years ago at the state Capitol complex in Albany. "I had people in three-piece suits, the governor's staff, assemblymen and senators, down on the ground, zooming their cars," Herman said.

Herman, 52, a Vietnam War veteran who teaches woodworking for special education students in suburban Albany, never set out to be a toymaker.

Toymaking, though, has taken over. He began making them 22 years ago, to make use of scrap he couldn't bear to throw away. "I laugh because people know me as a toymaker or a birdhouse maker. Now, if you want a piece of furniture, you have to wait three or four years." He uses the profits to support his two daughters' college educations.

Wooden toys date to colonial America. Though the advent of cast iron and tin toys, and then later, plastic largely replaced the wooden toy, Herman said some families continued the homemade toy tradition.

About 15 years ago, the nostalgic interest of trend-setting baby boomers spurred a comeback.

In a backroom of his 19th-century home in rural upstate New York are the prolific results of his craft.

This room, "The Country Shop," bears a faint resemblance to Christmas cards and cartoons that have long depicted Santa and his elves, cobbling wooden trains together.

In one laundry basket are $3.50 helicopters and planes, made of oak, but enhanced by tiger maple or cherry blades.

His $4 paddleboat, with a cherry paddle that propels the boat across bathtub waters, is a replica of a 19th-century Mississippi River toy.

His flatbed trucks carry small cars that fit precisely on pegs. Some of these cars have a previous life: one came from a scrap of mahogany flooring; another, with a minivan shape, from the curly cherry hutch he had made for a customer.

Herman — whose name, "Woody," is taken from the big band leader, not his avocation — believes these toys hold their own against the electronic world. A video game of a racing car does all of the work, he notes. But with a wooden car in hand, "you can take that car and go, 'zoom, zoom' and you can go 300 mph."

The simplicity, he believes, invokes the basic elements of play. "Imagination is the word," Herman said.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 15th day of December, 1998.

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By: L. Shane Stokes
Attorney for the Estate

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Residence of Independent Executor is Plano, Texas; the mailing address is:

c/o: **Glenn Pipes**
Attorney at Law
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By: Glenn Pipes
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228 4x4 Vehicles

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226 Cars, Trucks & Vans $3,000 & under

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240 Motorcycles

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1997 YZ 125. Engine, suspension modified. Lots of extras! $2,800. 1997 YZ 250. Excellent condition. Bills Pipe. Both race ready. Asking $4,000. 915-689-0268.

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GREAT CHRISTMAS Gift! 1994 Kawasaki KX80. Lots of fun! $900. Call 694-7472 after 5:30 pm.

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HARLEY DAVIDSON 1997-1200 Sportster, less than 3,000 miles, cover, perfect condition, $10,500. 684-0056, 684-7166.

248 Trailers Utility

1997 WELLS Cargo cycle trailer, 5' X 10', black and silver, loaded, $2,550. Please call 697-1885.

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16' DUAL AXLE Trailer. $500. Has new tires. Lights work. Load capacity is 4,500 lbs. Please call XXX-XXXX.

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250 Recreational Vehicles

1984 KING OF THE ROAD Camper, $4,000. 694-8039 days, 520-3123 evenings.

1985 ROCKWOOD, Sleeps 6 to 8, 3- way refrigerator, air conditioner, indoor/ outdoor stove, new tires. Clean, very good condition. $2,500. 684-9044 after 5.

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HUNTERS SPECIAL! 1984 Rockwood pop- up trailer, model 1280, new Coleman heater/ air very clean, good shape. Ready!!! $2,800. 683-5504.

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PROWLER 1996, 33.5 Fifth wheel with two slide outs. Loaded, washer/ dryer and much more. Like new. $22,900. 522-7224.

280 Boats & Motors

TIDECRAFT 15.5' BASS Boat with 50 hp Evinrude motor, trolling motor and trailer. Good condition, $2,000. Call 684-4742.

NEWMAN 17' Walkthru, super clean, lake ready, just completely serviced, New battery, new carburetor. Must See! $3,500. 689-7010.

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1978 GLASTRON 16' Walk-thru, fish or ski, 85 hp Johnson. Lake ready- excellent condition, $2,700. 756-2433 or 915-270-4560 (Stanton).

14 FOOT Glastron boat with walk- through windshield and 70 horse Evinrude motor, with trailer. Excellent condition. Call 915-683-9253.

308 Job Services

BEWARE Of Anyone who tries to sell you information about Government & Postal Job Vacancies. This info. is free... call 210-805-2402 (24 Hours) or 210-805-2406 (To request application forms). A public service message from the Midland Reporter-Telegram & the FTC.

310 General Help Wanted

Attention Readers:

See other opportunities under Classification 170, Schools and Instruction.

TEACHING ASSISTANTS needed on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Child Development Center of First Presbyterian Church. Applications available at 800 W. Texas, Midland thru December 17th.

310 General Help Wanted

FULL CHARGE BOOKKEEPER

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COOK NEEDED for elder care, three days a week, Friday through Sunday. Experience with therapeutic diets and cooking for 50 plus people. Competitive wage and benefits available. Apply at Cimarron House, 3400 Caldera Blvd. Midland, TX.

EXPERIENCED DRY Cleaner and launderer. Must be able to read, write and speak English. Apply at: Comet Cleaners, 3106 W. Cuthbert. Monday-Friday 1- 3 pm.

FOR RESUMES that get results call 699–1919. Professional, fast, affordable service. Clip and save this ad.

FRONT COUNTER Assistant. Adcock's Ideal Cleaners, is accepting applications for the position of Front Counter Assistant. Prior experience in the cleaning industry is desired, but will train the right individual. Applicants must be 18 years old or older, possess a working knowledge of computers, and work well with the public. Persons desiring to join the Adcock's team should come by 315 Dodson and complete an application.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

THERA- CARE NEEDS PT, PTA, COTA, OTR, SLP, for contract work in the Midland Odessa area. Please contact David at 806-766-4468, fax resume to: 806-792-9337.

312 Professional Help Wanted

PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR- The Child Development Center of First Presbyterian Church seeks a preschool director. Must possess excellent organizational and communication skills, be personable and meet or be able to meet Texas Department or Regulatory and Protective Services licensing requirements. 28 hours per week with competitive salary. Forward resume to the Rev. Jim Houston- Hencken, 800 W. Texas Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

ACCOUNTING. Growing Pains! We are a fast growing, medium sized manufacturing company in need of an accountant with several years of computerized Multi-Company GL experience. You will be responsible for the General Ledger, including reconciling inter-company and other accounts. 401(k) and health benefits. Degree preferred and salary negotiable. Send resumes to "Growing Pains", P.O. Box 60047, Midland, TX 79711.

GREYSTAR MANAGEMENT is accepting applications for a Leasing Agent position at a Northwest Midland Apartment Community. Experience required. Great salary and benefits. Call 699-7435.

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PRE-SCHOOL DIRECTOR. The Midland Lutheran Churches Palestra School is seeking a Pre-School Director. Must meet, or be able to meet the Texas Department of Regulatory & Protective Services licensing requirements. Daycare, Supervisory experience and Good organizational skills preferred. 25 Hours per week. Forward resume to: Midland Lutheran Church, 2705 W. Michigan Ave., Midland, Texas 79701.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

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INDEPENDENT OIL Company seeking a land secretary with initiative and attention to detail. Minimum 5 years experience. Strong computer skills required including WordPerfect/ Word for Windows and Excel. Responsibilities include drafting correspondence & documents. Our staff is aware of this job position. Please send complete resume to: Box J-1091, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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SECRETARY NEEDED Mornings (8:30- 12), downtown office, WordPerfect 5.1 & good grammar required, send resume to 511 W. Ohio, Suite 530, Midland, TX 79701.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

COLLECTION CLERK needed in doctors office, with 2 years experience. Please fax resume to: 522-2950.

DIRECTOR OF Nurses needed for Mountain View Lodge. Long Term care experience preferred. Excellent salary and benefits. Apply in person at 2009 Virginia, Big Spring. (915)263-1271.

→NEW TODAY←

FRESENIUS MEDICAL Care is currently seeking a full time Social Worker with current State Licensure. Experience in Dialysis preferred but not required. Competitive Salaries and Great Benefits. Send resumes to Permian Basin Dialysis Center- 1501 East 8th Street or apply in person.

MEDICAL- Infusion Plus is seeking a highly motivated individual to do all aspects of Medicare B billing. Knowledge of DME/ RT and CMNs a must. Excellent compensation, 401K, vacation, holidays and insurance. Send resume to: Attn: Carol Herman, 501 Andrews Hwy., Midland, TX 79701 or fax to: 915-620-6675.

NEEDED PRN: RNs & LVNs. Please Call Nursefinders, 570-8080.

PART TIME pharmacy tech, computer literate. IV certification preferred. Flexible hours, top pay, call Lee at 570-7587 or fax resume to: 620-6675.

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316 Sales Help Wanted

A NEW CAREER SALES

Immediate opening for a responsible person where wisdom is an asset to become a Counselor with Resthaven Memorial Park. High income and fringe benefits. For personal interview, call Mr. Schnaufer at 682-3061. Monday-Friday, 10:00- 5:00.

318 Management Help Wanted

RESTAURANT. Domino's Pizza needs Drivers and Inside Help, for our booming business! New manager needs help! Contact Joseph or Yvette at our Scharbauer Drive/ "A" Street location.

318 Sales Help Wanted

RETAIL

ESQUIRE TUXEDO COMPANY

We are looking for a Manager and Part time People Who:

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Esquire Tuxedo, the premiere men's formal wear leader in Midland, has openings in part- time and full- time sales. Only those interested in helping us make Esquire Tuxedo famous for formal wear need apply. If you want to learn more about retail for a future career or would like to grow with us, we should talk. Call Tom Keleher at 1-800-877-4563 on Monday between 10 and 2. Or mail resume to 3002 Skyway Circle North, Irving, 75038.

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319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

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DIVISION ORDER Lease Analyst. Aggressive growing Oil and Gas Company seeking experienced person to be responsible for division orders and lease records and to assist with all other land department functions. Strong knowledge of leases, contracts and agreements required. Send resume including references to: Box N-3040, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

320 Skilled Trades

BACKHOE OPERATOR with at least two years experience. Call Rusty's Oil Field Service Co. Inc., 915-756-2821.

CADD DRAFTER/ DESIGNER. Minimum 5 years experience in AutoCAD as applied to civil engineering. Eagle Point Civil Software and MicroStation experience desireable. Must be able to work closely with engineers and surveyors to develop water, sewer and paving plans, site plans, plats, etc. Salary based on experience. Apply at 5214 Thomason Drive or call 915-697-9758.

DUKE ENERGY Field Services, Inc., An equal opportunity employer has an opening for a Plant Operator in Coyanosa, Texas. We will be accepting resumes with prior work history and qualifications to PO Box 38, Coyanosa, Texas 79730.

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336 Adult Care Providers

INHOME CARE for all your in home health needs. Bathing, cooking, cleaning, running errands, etc. Give us a call for more information at 570-4475, ask for Tonya or Jackie.

ELDERLY CARE in my assisted living home. Semi and private rooms available. $900 monthly. 687-1727.

341 Child Care Providers

(INFANTS ONLY) Bring you rattlers, pacies, and blankies. Don't forget your favorite milk, diapers and wipes just for you. Jan 697-6437.

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350 Business Opportunities

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CHILDERS SALON for sale. Multi- service, 12 + stations. Excellent grocery center location/ income potential. Owner leaving management; adolescent son. Broker 684-7788.

350 Business Opportunities

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LOCAL BUSINESSES for sale. Small and large. Some have low down payments and owner financing. Call for a free confidential interview- Sunbelt Business Brokers, 520-1515.

410 Misc. Sales

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GREAT GIFTS! 10¢ Slot Machine, $550. Charles The 5th Carved Sofa, Blue Velvet on White. Excellent condition. $275. 683-5948.

→NEW TODAY←

SOFA BED, $50; Rust with beige design. Rust rocker/ recliner, $25. Wall-Away rust recliner, $25. Bikes; Ladies 3 speed, $50. Mens 10 Speed, $50. Boys BMX, $35. Girls, $40. 694-0672.

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FISHER INTEGRATED component system with two Panasonic speakers- $75. 19" Zenith color TV with remote- $75. Queen waterbed with bookcase headboard and six storage drawers- $150. Couch and two chairs and chest- $75. Murata fax machine- $75. Cash Only! 699-7538.

FURBY- $200. Surpise that special someone with this hard to find toy! 687-2898 (leave message.)

MINK, 3/4 length, Black fur coat. Baldwin organ, very, good condition. Please call 697-5208

DAMAGED- 14'x40' Garage/ Shop, Delivery and Financing available. 563-3108.

HOLIDAY HUSTLE

& bustle! Let me wrap your gifts and you relax. No size too small or too big. Can store big gifts. 683-2185.

6 NEW FURBY'S. Still in box. $250 each or best offer. Will deliver. (512)280-8547, 497-0160 Cellular.

SEA VAN storage container, rat- water proof, complete rebuild, 20' X 8.6', two doors, $2,400 firm. 915-263-5122, cell 556-1217.

★ BIBLE TALK. How do We Use the Old Testament today? 520-0381. Free recorded message.

BINGO, American Legion, 501 Airpark Road, Friday nights, games start at 8, Food, Refreshments. 682-5511.

SATELLITE DISH- 10', in good condition, $50. Please call 683-6705. Thank you.

WASHERS, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, wicker 10 piece dining, loungers, couches, antiques, coolers, miscellaneous. 570-4851.

JUST ARRIVED New shipment of Dreamers Candles. Anna Marie's Gifts, 1705 N. Big Spring. Hurry, they sell fast! 25-50% Off selected merchandise. Open Sunday 1- 5.

FURBYS, FURBYS, FURBYS! Several Furbys arriving this week, mint condition, still in box. Call Marilynn, 697-0728.

410 Misc. Sales

15- MATCHING SETS Walnut executive office furniture: desk, credenza, bookcase, 5- drawer legal file, 2 side arm chairs. 682-5251.

WOOD BURNING Franklin Fireplace. Used very little. Best offer. 520-6412.

NINTENDO 64 games- $30. Trampoline- $125. Queen size waterbed- $100. Three shelf gas grill with side burner and two tanks- $150. Water crock with tall stand- $75. Call 699-7767.

ANTIQUE BRASS Glass Fireplace Cover with Antique Brass Log Basket. $40 or best offer. 697-8376.

FURBY'S: FOUR in new unopened boxes. $200 each. Please call 915-333-6495.

FOLD UP BABY stroller, $10. Please call for more information 697-9786.

ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS tree, 5 feet tall, stand, skirt, all decorations, $25. Call 694-0800.

FURBY'S. Hard to find colors, some with error box. Will deliver. (806)798-8410.

BICYCLES: ANTIQUES & classics, 50's, 60's, 70's. Balloon tire bicycles, Schwins. Call 686-9919 leave message.

DESIGNER SHOES 50% OFF! 800- 1,000 pairs!!! Ramada Inn Airport till December 21st. Come by or make appointment, 561-8000.

FOR SALE. Double crypts (for two people) at Resthaven North Mausoleum. Will show these beautiful crypts to serious inquiries. Price negotiable. 697-6348 leave message if not at home.

FURBYS: (2) New, unopened boxes. Bids taken until Sunday, December, 20th. 684-1103, Leave Message.

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11 PRETTY MUSICAL Crocheted Bed Dolls. Trimmed in lace, ribbons & pearls. Published designs. $10 Each. 689-7024.

413 Jewelry & Furs

DAZZLING PINK Tourmaline pendant and solid gold chain. $500. May be seen at Houcks Jewelry, 684-4851.

LARGE LADIES Diamond cluster ring 11 caret plus. Call 683-3818.

LADIES PRESIDENT Rolex quick set, diamond dial, diamond bezel with box $7,500. Call 689-7367 or 528-1596.

KOSLOW'S Mink & Leather Ladies Jacket. Size 8- 10. Champagne Color. Bargain- $250. 694-3908.

415 Misc. Wanted

JUST WANTED to buy used Ukuleles. Please call 684-7344 and leave message.

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687–5039.

420 Good Things To Eat

SHELLED BURKETT pecans, $5.00 per pound. Limited amount, this years crop. Please call 684-4646.

PECAN SPECIAL 3 lbs.- $15 Shelled fresh halves/ pieces. Pickup at Bedazzle/ Trader-Vic's, 3211 W. Wadley.

PECANS- In shell: $1.75/ pound; Shelled pieces: $5.25; Shelled halves: $5.50. 697-1480.

HOLIDAY COOKING/ Baking. Lasagna a speciality. You ask for it, we'll make it. 699-5729.

NICE HAND Shelled Pecans. Call 694-7511 or come by 4625 Princeton.

432 Household Furniture

OAK AND BURLED wood formal dining group, very good condition. 520-3969.

GIRLS BEDROOM suite, vanity table, student desk, wooden toy box, oak swivel chair, 1950's Chrome table (needs work), basketball goal. 694-4702.

↓SOLD↓

LAZY BOY recliner $40, sofa $100. Both good condition- extra clean. Wall mirror $25. XXX-XXXX.

✔ MOVING SALE: Kitchen Aid 18 cubic foot refrigerator with ice maker, 2 years old $400. Kenmore super capacity washing machine, 1 year old $300. Dining table, solid wood, six chairs-$400. Sleeper sofa with matching chair and glass coffee table $200. Call Monday-Friday 8 to 5 685-4143 ask for J.P., after 7 pm/ weekends. 697-3539.

QUEEN ANNE style dining room table with 2 leaves- $350. 686-1987.

OVERSIZED SLEEPER Sofa. Great condition, beige. $150. Please call 699-6006.

79701

1104 S BIG SPRING. Sell Out Sale! Tire Shop & 2nd Hand Store through Monday, December 21st.

★ 1808 W. Louisiana- Moving sale. Everything for sale must go! Furniture, appliances, skate boards, sofa- both ends are recliners, love seat, lots more etc. Must see. Thursday 8- 12. Friday-Sunday 8- 4.

The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

79703

3321 W LOUISIANA: Thursday 9-2. Friday 9- 1. Baby things, lawn care equipment, bicycles, king size waterbed, clothes (newborn- size 8, adult mens and womens, maternity), toys. Cash only!!

*****APT. 401 ABBY COURT (off Midland Drive turn on Lockheed) Living Estate Sale! Friday- Saturday 9- 5, Sunday 1- 5 pm. Dealer's Delight! Everything must be liquidated. Maple bedroom suite, maple china cabinet, table & 6 chairs, lamps, tables, prints and paintings, stereo, records, recliners, freezer, crystal, china, old kitchenware, lots of gift items, Occupied Japan, linens, men's new shoes/ boots (sized 9 1//2 D), wheel chair, walker, sewing machine and notions, old and new boxed jewelry. Can not list all!

1508 CASCADE Court. (McDonald St off Andrews Hwy). Toys, children's winter clothes, baby items, gerbils (make great pets). Thursday- Friday 9 am.

79705

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79707

REDUCTION OF Inventory: Furby, various colors, $100 each. Halo Angel Bear, $55. Other collectables, 694-4767 after 5/ all day Saturday.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

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432 Household Furniture

→NEW TODAY←

LARGE SECTIONAL Sofa $250; Whirlpool Washer & Dryer both for $175; Side by Side Refrigerator/ Freezer $400; 5- Piece Chrome Dinette $300; Treadmill $75; Weights and Bench $50. Call 684-3707.

→NEW TODAY←

FORMAL DINNING Room: Light wood. Hutch 6 chairs, table with leaf, $1,500. 687-1846.

COMPLETE KINGSIZE bed and frame- asking $75. Good condition, Please call 570-7222.

BLACK SOFA with matching loveseat and glasstop coffee table and 2 matching end tables, asking $325. Hunter green recliner $35. 694-4435.

MOVING- formal sofa $500; coffee & end tables $75 each; Ethan Allen sleeper sofa $300; dining- room set $995; queen size bed and dresser $495; freezer $125; hanging lamp $25; antique Tiffany lamp $150. All perfect condition. 684-8114.

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards- Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699–1224.

GIRL'S PINK, upholstered custom hand made twin bed. $350. Call 570-8737

CRIB WITH 2 matching dressers, honey oak color, nice condition, $300. Please call 697-2111

→NEW TODAY←

SOFA SLEEPER, good condition, $125. Lazy Boy recliner, good condition- $100. 5' X 7' rug $30. 697-3913.

ON A FIXED BUDGET? Selling a Benchcraft queen sleeper sofa for only $50. 689-4078.

COMPLETE DOUBLE bed $100, double bed quilt set and sheets $25, vanity with stool and mirror $75, wooden rocking chair $25, dryer $50. All in very nice shape! 570-1942.

DAYBED With trundle, $250. Red Metal bunk full/ twin, $250. Navy floral couch, $125. 915-362-2746.

ENTERTAINMENT Center, and matching bookcase, great condition, $150. 694-6911.

QUEEN IRON canopy bed, matching side table, bed and bedding, $1,300. Please call 697-6918.

TWO BEDROOM sets, full beds, headboards & dressers, and dressers with mirrors, all wood. Call 684-7613 leave message.

MAPLE DINETTE table with 6 chairs, 2 extra leaves, very good condition, $225. Phone 684-8114.

→NEW TODAY←

2 OAK End tables. Dining room table with butterfly leaf and 4 chairs. 687-2109.

WESTERN STYLE china cabinet in great condition. Has lights, glass and wood. $400. Firm. Please call 699-5625.

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KENMORE DRYER. Automatic, all fabric. Works good. Asking $50. Please call xxx-xxxx.

↓SOLD↓

KENMORE Washing machine. Good shape. $50. Coldspot Kenmore refrigerator with top freezer, $50. Works good. XXX-XXXX.

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SEASONED FIREWOOD- Oak or Mesquite. No Checks. Call Larry Tucker, 689-7151.

450 Sporting Goods

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PING EYE II irons; 2- SW, Orange Dot, excellent condition, $450 firm. Please call xxx-xxxx.

PING EYE 2 irons, black dot L- 2. New Ping bag. 3 Callaway woods. 915-756-2721 after 6 pm.

JIM'S GOLF Clubs. Adams "Tight Lie" (clone) woods $60. King Cobra II irons (clone) $184 set. Reshaft, regrip, lowest prices. 3115 Haynes. 694-1334.

97 CANNONDALE F900 Mountain Bike, like new, medium, computer, new tires, $1,100 new, asking $675. 520-2625.

NORDIC TRACK Pro (ski machine). $150. Please call 697-3563.

NIX'S ROD & REEL REPAIR, 2011 ECR 149, Midland. 684-7643. Year- End Sale! 50% Off storewide - Baits, lures, tackle, rod/ reels. Gift Certificates.

VITAMASTER Top of the line treadmill. Retails $1,200. Sacrifice $325. Low miles, one owner. 683-2582.

FITNESS SOLUTIONS Weight machine with 495 lbs. of free weight plates, one Olympic style bar, EZ curl bar and dumb bells. 694-4491/ 694-6691.

460 Antiques & Arts

JUST RECEIVED IN- 45 Mint in the Box Madame Alexanders including Scarlet & Complete set of Little Women. The Cat's Meow, 408 Andrews Hwy, 687-2004.

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FINDER'S KEEPER'S- Antiques, Coca Cola signs, etc., 1603 W. Industrial Ave., 1-6 pm. 570-5400.

VIENNA ANTIQUES- 1019 N. Midkiff, 522-1157. Collectables, glass, furniture, religious items, silver. Monday- Saturday 1:00- 5:30.

TEXAS DUCK Stamp Prints. 1981- 1990. Matching Numbers. 685-1946.

MEME'S COLLECTION, 3205 W. Cuthbert, 520-0055, (next to Weddings By Design). Unique Gifts for those "Easy- to- Please" and those "Not- So- Easy To Please"! One Stop Shopping plus 20% Off Storewide! Antique Furniture, Collectibles and New. Wonderful Selection of Toys from the Past, (Effanbee, Cabbage Patch, Raggedy Ann and Andy, Disney and Luney Tunes), Doll Beds, School Desks... too mention a few! Also Wreaths, Centerpieces, Silverplate, Linens, Large Selection of Vintage Jewlery and Yes! Ty Beanie Babies in Gift Packages! Layaways Welcome. All major credit cards accepted. Monday through Saturday 10- 7, Sunday 1- 5!

OAK BEDROOM suite, server, china cabinets, rolled top desk $400, wardrobes, large musical rocking horse, 1998 Waco Musical Santas, clocks, dolls, and quilts. 20% Off on all Christmas decorations, AM & FM Antiques and Gifts, 1025 N. Dixie, Odessa 332-7490.

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465 Computers/ Access.

BEANIE BABY SALE Now in Progress. Anna Marie's Gifts, 1705 N. Big Spring. TY, Coca Cola, Harley 15% Off. Puffkins- $4. Limited Treasure Bears $79/ set; Home Run King Bamm Beanos- $59/ set. McGwire and Sosa Bears 2/ $30. Supplies are limited. Open Sunday 1- 5.

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LIMITED TREASURES Holiday Sets, Bamm Beanos Holiday sets and Bamm Beanos Series II are here at The Fieldhouse. The prices area reasonable!!! The Fieldhouse will open this Friday from 6:00 pm- 8:00 pm for "Early Birds". Saturday, 10:00- 8:00. Sunday, 1:00- 5:00. 102 Andrews Highway.

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❤ TY BEANIE BABIES. Private collection of current/ retired. $5.75- $25. Beverly or Linda 694-7436.

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2 FURBY'S for sale. Never out of the box. $135 each. Call 689-9741.

REDUCTION OF Inventory: Furby, various colors, $100 each. Halo Angel Bear, $55. Other collectables, 694-4767 after 5/ all day Saturday.

FURBYS. New in box. $150. Call Anne, 697-9900 leave message.

BEANIE BABIES for sale. Current and retired. For information and pricing call 687-6400.

470 Musical Instruments

CHICKERING BABY grand piano, excellent condition, $5,500. 683-6509.

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OVATION Full Body Acoustic Guitar- excellent condition. Includes hard shelled case. $350. 697-5576.

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BALDWIN CONSOLE Piano with pecan finish, Magnavox console stereo record player with pecan finish. Both excellent condition. 366-2360.

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UPRIGHT Piano, dark green finish. $75 or best offer. 689-0154.

BALDWIN FUNSTER: Fun machine and organ, $400. Please call 682-8888.

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KNELLING CELLO for beginning orchestra. Good condition. $650. Please call 697-3913.

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FREE FEMALE Pitt Bull. Was found near Thomason/ Midland Dr. Black with brindle markings and white stripe on chest. Very friendly and obedient. 520-8099

CUTE, FUN Loving Dalmatian/ Bulldog mix puppies. The perfect gift for Christmas! 570-0536.

1/2 LAB MIX puppies, 6 weeks, great Christmas gifts, to good homes, 689-3991 after 6:30.

JUST IN time for Christmas. Three kittens, litter trained. Free to good home. Call 686-8355.

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CHRISTMAS KITTIES, for someone special, 6 weeks- 3 1/2 months. $8.00- $30.00. No checks. Days 687-9005, evenings 686-8587.

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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
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Braziel, Crystal Nicole
DOB 7-21-79 140LBs 5'1
Poss C/S w/intent to Del-Cocaine B/F
WRT# CR24701

Barraza, Francisco Astorga
DOB 4-2-59 146LBs 5'9
CT I-III Indecency w/child by contact
CT IV Indecency w/child by exposure
WRT# CR24724

Ramirez, David
DOB 4-6-58 149LBs 5'10
Possession Heroin
WRT# CRB19670

Ferron, Alan William III
DOB 2-22-73 150LBs 5'9
Indecency w/child
WRT# F28286

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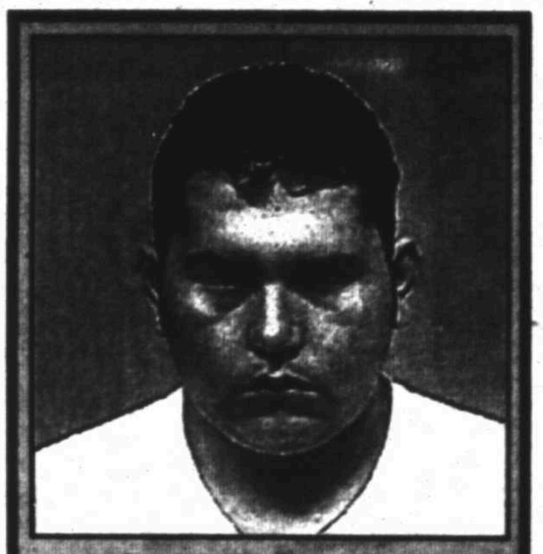
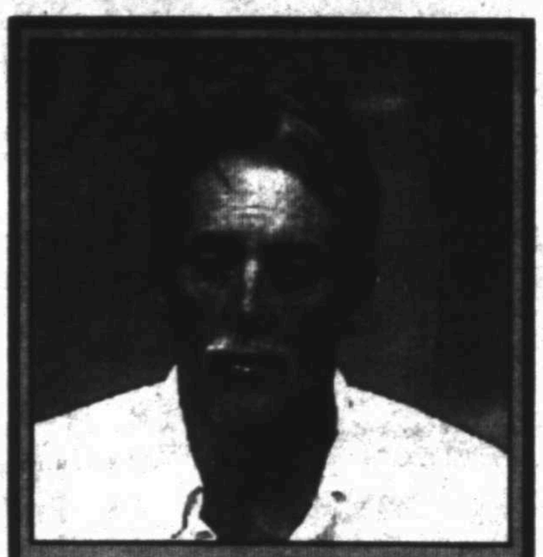


MATAN,
LUIS ARMANDO
D.O.B. 10-3-79 5'10 200LBs
Poss C/S Cocaine BF
WRT# CR24432

LARA,
SERGIO MORA
D.O.B. 11-3-75 5'8 190LBs
UUMV VOP
WRT# CRA23102

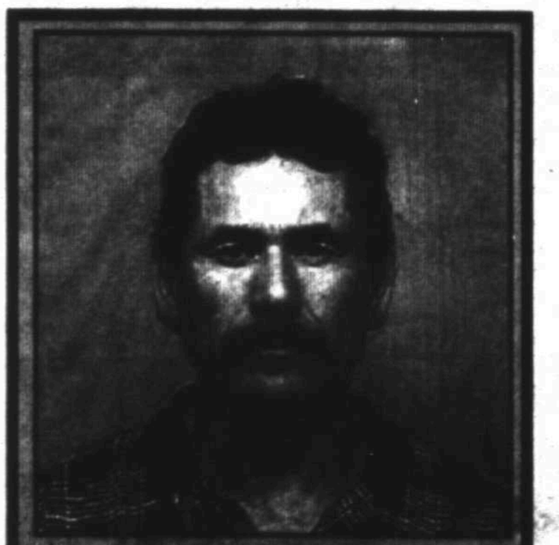


HALL,
LARRY ALAN
D.O.B. 5-28-51 5'9 160LBs
Fel. DWI B/F
WRT# CR24346

GARCIA,
MARK ANTHONY
D.O.B. 12-6-78 5'3 125LBs
Del. of Cocaine VOP
WRT# CR23951

RENDON,
CHRISTINE
D.O.B. 12-21-62 5'3 155LBs
Poss of MJ VOP
WRT# CRD22761

SANCHEZ,
ROMELIA CHAVEZ
D.O.B. 9-26-65 5'2 150LBs
Forgery by Making VOP
WRT# CRA21030



AGUIRRE,
ANDRES ARANDA
D.O.B. 1-25-61 137LBs 5'8
Poss MJ VOP
WRT# CR22512

JURADO,
MATHEW
D.O.B. 8-25-75 5'9 190LBs
Burg of habitation
WRT# CR24804

WILLIAMS,
TERESA ANN
D.O.B. 12-22-62 5'7 180LBs
Theft of Property VOP
WRT# CRA21769

LAYMAN,
GARY
D.O.B. 6-8-54 5'9 190LBs
Poss C/S Cocaine B/F
WRT# CR24624

MOLINAR,
VERONICA
D.O.B. 8-25-76 5'7 140LBs
Forgery by Passing VOP
WRT# CR22669

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SWANEY, TOMMY LEE
D.O.B. 2-15-67 5'11 150Lbs
Felony DWI VOP
WRT# CR18517

VALENCIA, EZEQUIEL LORENZO
D.O.B. 11-28-69 5'10 190LBs
Bond Jumping
WRT# CR24626

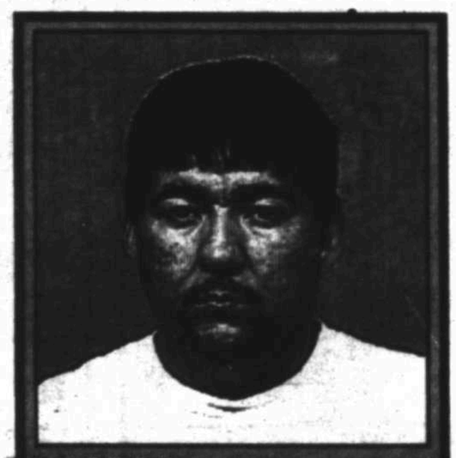
SOTO, ANDRES RODRIGUEZ
D.O.B. 11-13-75 5'8 185Lbs
Poss MH 2000lbs.
WRT# CR23728

BARRAZA, PATRICIO
D.O.B.3-17-83 5'4 125LBs
Agg. Sex. Asslt of a child
WRT# CR24077

MARTINEZ, BEBE ANTHONY
D.O.B. 11-16-80 5'8 130LBs
Deadly Conduct
WRT# CR24634

SUMMERS, DAVID HOUSTON
D.O.B. 6-15-77 5'11 155LBs
Forgery BP
WRT# CR24068

JUAREZ, ROSARIO MARIA
D.O.B. 6-10-73 5'4 120Lbs
Forgery by Passing FTA
WRT# CR24066



VALDEZ, JOSE ARCIAGA
D.O.B. 2-20-65 5'6 170LBs
Theft over $750 VOP
WRT# CRC20777

Crime Stoppers CRIME OF THE WEEK

This week Midland Crime Stoppers needs your help in solving a hit and run accident.

On December 9 at approximately 10: 15 p.m., a young Hispanic male was run over on Florida St. just west of Terrell. The young male was walking to the convenience store to get more change so he could finish washing a vehicle.

The vehicle which struck the child is believed to be an 80's model black Ford pickup with chrome wheels, tinted windows and loud mufflers. After the driver ran over the child they immediately cut through the convenience store's parking lot and headed north on Terrell St.

The young male suffered broken bones and several scrapes, bumps, and bruises. Call Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP with any information which leads to an arrest or indictment on this hit and run accident or any other felony crime and it can be worth up to a $1000 cash reward. And remember, you can always remain anonymous and no caller I.D. is ever used. Break the silence, your silence keeps the problem going.

I'm Sgt. Jim Crouse for Midland Crime Stoppers.

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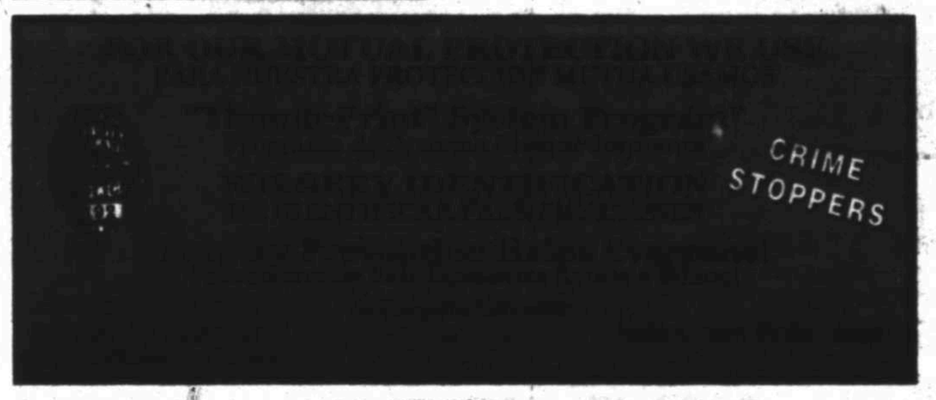

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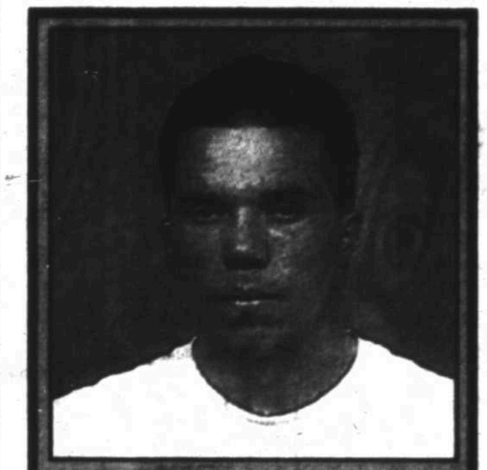
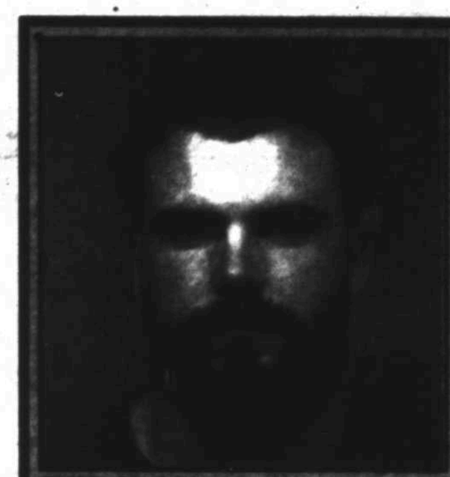
MURPHY,
MISTY YARBROUGH
D.O.B. 4-26-74 5'1 198LBs
Debit Card Abuse VOP
WRT# CR21457

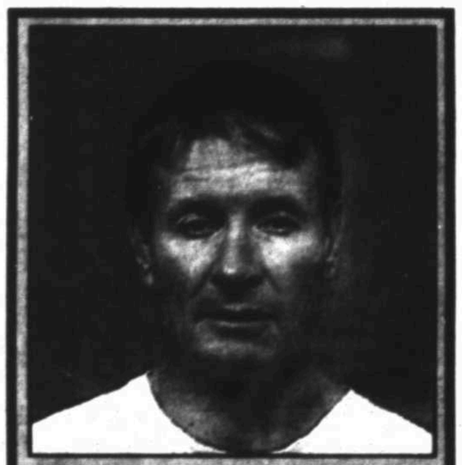
HOUGHTON,
RUSTY SHANE
D.O.B. 3-18-77 5'11 160LBs
Del. Marij. Act. Transfer B/F
WRT# CR23960



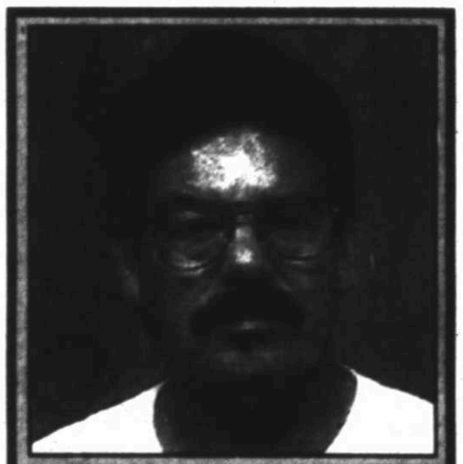
WILKINS,
DANIEL RAY
D.O.B. 9-11-74 5'8 180LBs
UUMV
WRT# CR24449



BEEMAN,
CHRISTHON H.
D.O.B. 8-6-69 220LBs 5'10
UUMV VOP
WRT# CR24754

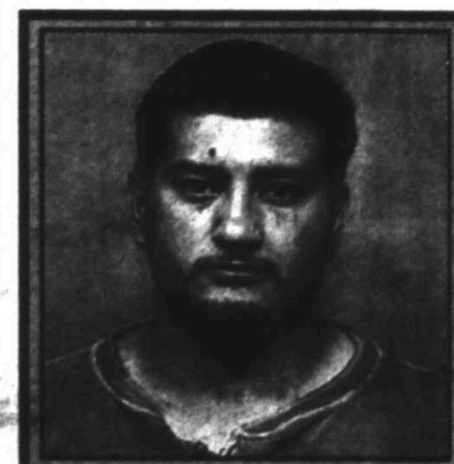


RILEY,
BRYAN TODD
D.O.B. 10-18-57 6'4 210LBs
Retaliation
WRT# CR23868



VEHAR,
FEDRICO URIAS
D.O.B. 3-2-46 5'8 165LBs
Illegal Invest. VOP
WRT# CR21906

RAMOS,
RUDOLPH SANCHEZ
D.O.B. 12-30-62 155LBs 5'9
DWI VOP
WRT# CRA20916



LUJAN,
MICHAEL LEE
D.O.B. 9-19-73 6' 250Lbs
Poss MJ>5lb B/F
WRT# CR24482

TORRES,
STEVEN ALEX
D.O.B. 3-29-61 5'7 170LBs
Eng. Org. Crim. Act
Burg. Habit
WRT# F38207

TUCKER,
BOBBY BRITO
D.O.B. 10-20-67 5'11 200LBs
Att. to take weapon from peace officer VOP
WRT# CRC22393

ESCAMILLA,
CRISPIN ARANDA
D.O.B. 4-28-79 5'9 180LBs
Eng. Org. Crim Act. B/F
WRT# CR24707

KENNEDY,
ALVIN MEDRANO
D.O.B. 7-11-77 5'9 150LBs
Burg. Habit. VOP
WRT# CR23554
Del MJ VOP
WRT# CR24007

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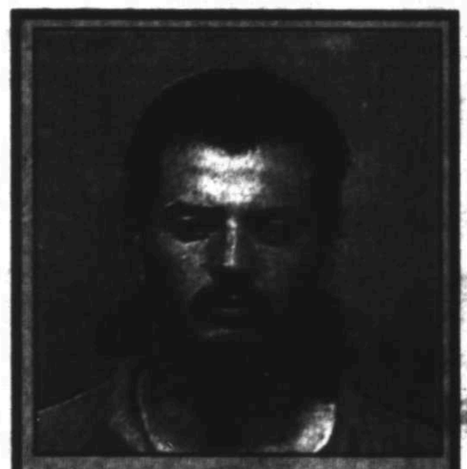
GARCIA, RAUL PONCE
D.O.B. 8-19-64 5'7 160LBs
Poss Cocaine VOP
WRT# CRD23139

VILLALOBOS, ROBERTO ENRIQUE
D.O.B. 7-15-66 5'6 160LBs
Poss. C/S Cocaine
WRT# CR24625

STEWART, CHARITY RENE
D.O.B. 4-6-73 5'2 120LBs
Forgery by Passing VOP
WRT# CRA16005

ARMENTA, DANIEL PACHECO
D.O.B. 4-16-74 5'6 160LBs
Burg of Habitation
WRT# CRB23052

McDANIEL, LAWRENCE JOHN
D.O.B. 1-10-55 5'8 145LBs
Poss C/S Cocaine Rel Aff
WRT# CR24143



LOPEZ, MARCELO BORJON
D.O.B. 7-31-72 5'8 180LBs.
Poss Cocaine less 1 gr. VOP
WRT# CRD23070

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DWI	=	Driving While Intoxicated (Same as DUI)
DWLS	=	Driving While License Suspended
FTA	=	Failure to Appear
FTA/PSI	=	Failure to Appear/Pre-Sentence Investigation
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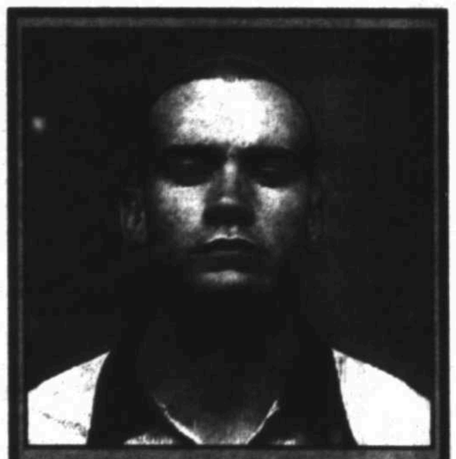
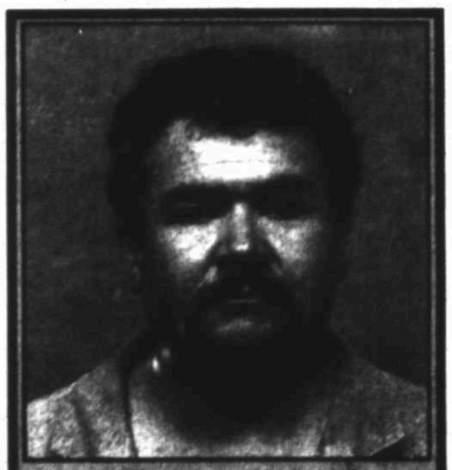
NAJERA, SATURNINO CORNELIO
D.O.B. 11-29-68 5'8 160LBs
Poss. MJ
WRT# CRB19528

JACKSON, DONALD RAE SR.
D.O.B. 9-8-52 5'6 145LBs
Forgery CT I & II VOP
WRT# CRA20433

CORTEZ, MARCO ISIDRO
D.O.B. 9-16-60 5'7 175Lbs
Poss. Cocaine w/int. to del.
WRT# CRB20892



DYKE, RICKEY DALE
D.O.B. 3-5-78 5'10 180LBs
Burg. of Habit. VOP
WRT# CR22801



PEREZ, MOISES FAUSTRO
D.O.B. 4-9-58 5'8 200LBs
Bond Jumping
WRT# CR23571

SHOENROCK, EVA MARIA
D.O.B. 5-12-59 5'6 150LBs
Forgery by Passing VOP
WRT# CRA17354

Midland Crime Stoppers Crime Alert

It is that time of year again where joy and happiness are beginning to fill the air. It is a special time of year where families can be re-united.

However, there is always some creep who wants to ruin this special time for you. With the holidays just around the corner, it is time for you to be making some extra precautions. Such as:

1) Locking all your doors when you leave the house.
2) Locking your car when you get out (even if you are just going to be a second).
3) Being aware of your surroundings.
4) Walking in lighted areas at nighttime.

Remember, if you take a few extra seconds to deter the criminal, it can be worth it.

I'm Sgt. Jim Crouse for Midland Crime Stoppers.

DIFFEE, NICOLE GIERE
D.O.B. 4-1-79 5'2 165LBs
Poss. C/S Meth FTA for PSI
WRT# CR22936

VILLANUEVA, JORGE SERGIO
D.O.B. 6-9-63 5'6 150LBs
Poss MJ <2000>50 VOP
WRT# CR21908

MIDLAND CRIME STOPPERS STATISTICAL REPORT NOVEMBER, 1998

MIDLAND CRIME STOPPERS	MONTHLY	YEARLY
SUSPECTS ARRESTED	22	289
OFFENSES CLEARED	20	280
STOLEN PROP. RECOVERED	$0	$111,180
REWARDS PAID	$1050	$14, 315
PROGRAM INCEPTION DATE: 1984		

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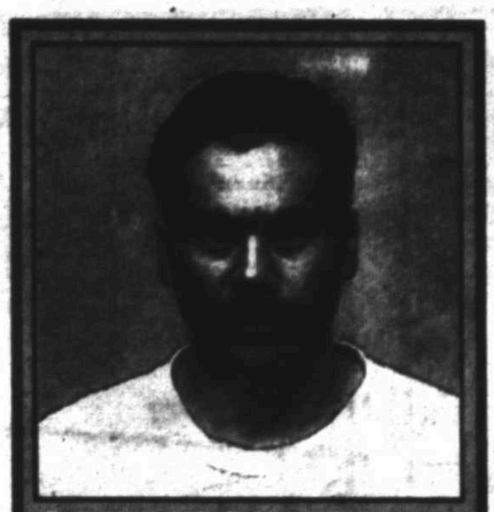
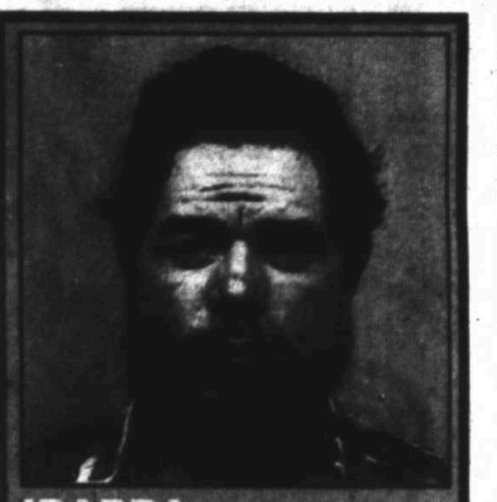
AGUIRRE, CHRISTOPHER ADAM
D.O.B. 7-28-79 5'8 140LBs
Poss C/S Cocaine VOP
WRT# CR23715



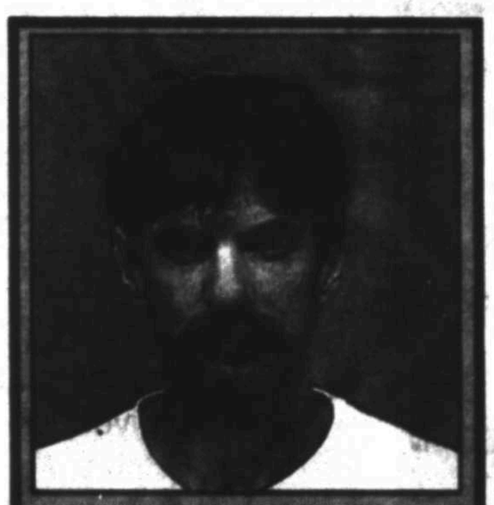
CARRASCO, ROGELIO LUNA
D.O.B. 1-14-74 5'8 132LBs
Criminal Mischief VOP
WRT# CRC21011

CASTILLO, ROBERTO FELIPE
D.O.B. 6-21-67 6'1 219LBs
Agg. Asslt VOP
WRT# CRA19003



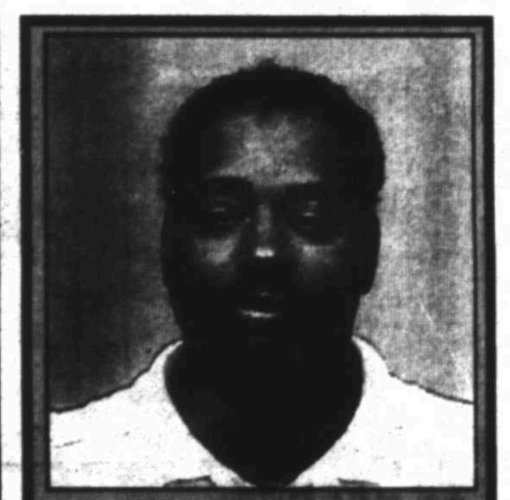
IBARRA, PABLO CASTRUITA
D.O.B. 6-29-62 5'9 170LBs
Felony DWI
WRT# CRA22457

RIOS, BRENDA
D.O.B.1-29-64 5'3 120LBs
Felony DWI VOP
WRT# CR17401



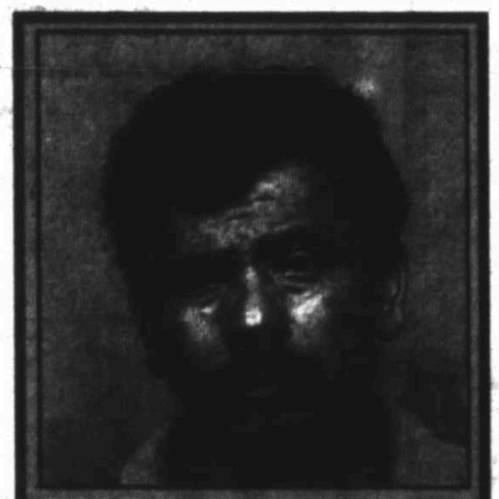
DUNN, RONALD BRAD
D.O.B. 1-21-56 6' 165LBs
Burg of Bldg VOP
WRT# CR16158

NORVELL, SYLVIA AMUNDSON
D.O.B. 10-25-54 5'4 195LBs
Forgery VOP
WRT# CR23386



LYONS, JOHN EDWARD
D.O.B. 3-22-67 5'8 216LBs
Forgery by Passing
WRT# CR24076

OXLEY, ROBIN
D.O.B. 6-17-72 5'7 120LBs
Credit Card Abuse VOP
WRT# CRC19560



RIOS, MARCOS CASTANEDA
D.O.B. 12-15-56 5'6 140Lbs
Poss. Cocaine less 1g VOP
WRT# CRB21922

LEBARIO, ALONSO ALLEN
D.O.B. 6-26-71 5'9 140Lbs
Poss. Cocaine
WRT# CR22535

DEANDA, XAVIER ST. FRANCIS
D.O.B. 12-17-68 5'10 160LBs
Burg. of Habit VOP
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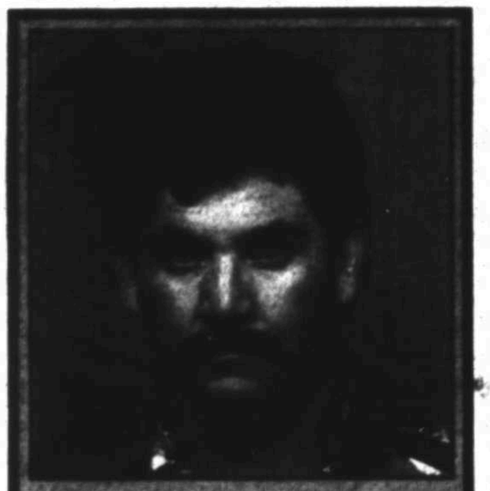

ZUBIA,
JOEL ALBERTO
D.O.B. 4-29-67 5'11 190LBs
Poss MJ >50<5 VOP
WRT# CRC19535

WILSON,
KAREN ANN
D.O.B. 2-22-77 5'3 120LBs
Del. C/S Cocaine VOP
WRT# CR24009

SHEPHERD,
REGINALD
THEODORE
D.O.B. 5-1-51 5'4 120LBs
Del. Cocaine VOP
WRT# CRD22649

BRISENO,
GABRIEL UMBERTO
D.O.B. 9-17-75 5'11 210LBs
Burg. of Bldg VOP
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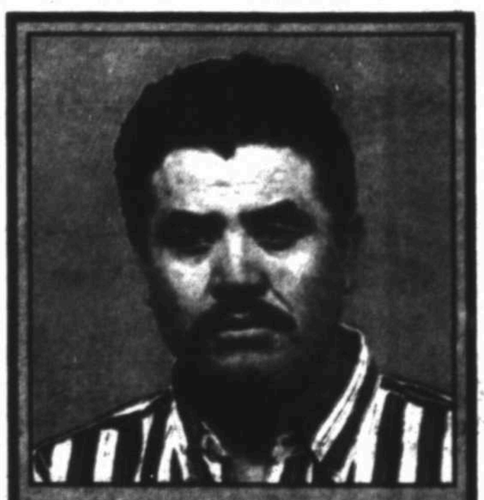
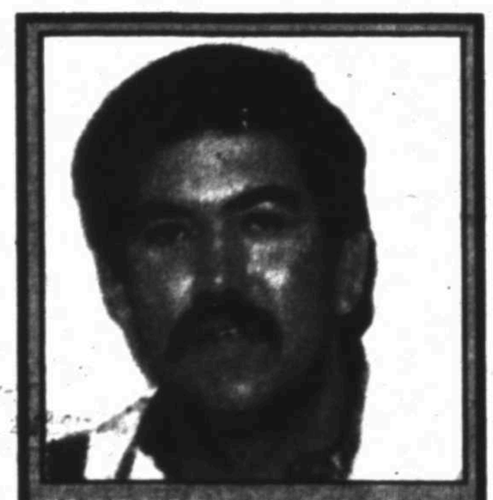
MENDOZA,
PATRICIA ESTRADA
D.O.B. 10-20-66 5'6 165LBs
Poss. Cocaine B/F
WRT# CR23148



NINO,
CORNELIO IBARRA
D.O.B. 2-4-60 5'6 190LBs
DWI 3rd or more VOP
WRT# CR22046



MADRID,
JUAN aka Johnny
D.O.B. 3-28-59 230LBs 6'4
Murder
WRT# CRA22676

LOPEZ,
DAVID TREVINO
D.O.B. 11-29-69 5'5 200Lbs
Felony DWI VOP
WRT# CRD22715

AGUIRRE,
MARIO MARQUEZ
D.O.B. 6-19-63 5'9 220LBs
Agg. Sxl Asslt of Child B/F
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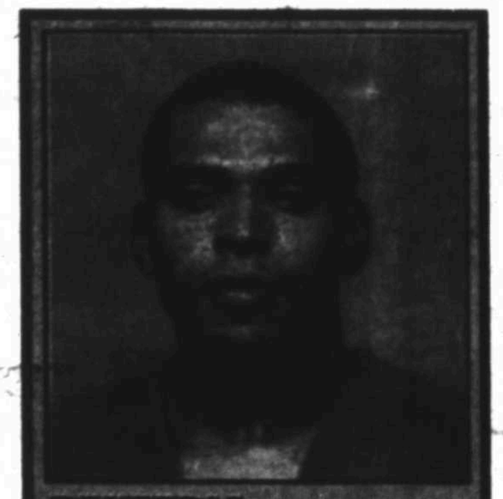
WILLIAMS,
QUINCY HAROLD
D.O.B. 9-24-76 5'8 145LBs
Escape VOP
WRT# CR24146



RENTERIA,
MICHAEL DEWAYNE
D.O.B. 9-27-69 5'10 160LBs
Forgery by Passing
WRT# CR24618

BARBEE,
DAVID NORMAN
D.O.B. 8-16-67 6'2 200LBs
Forgery by Passing VOP
WRT# CR23427

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