HOME/GARDEN

For the birds

It may surprise some residents to know that Midland/Odessa bird feeders are not abandoned this time of year./**1D**

SPORTS

Stanton's fans

At least two busloads of fans will be supporting a group of gridiron heroes when the Stanton Buffaloes play Rogers Saturday in the state championship game./**1C**

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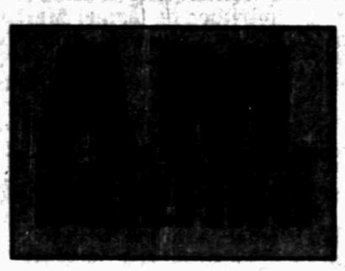

TODAY
Mostly sunny, high near 75. Weather on 2A

Donations

Jane Vaughan	$10
Margaret Cloyd	$50
Terry & Tamera Parker	$50
Tracy & Mary Jane Clark	$50
Hindu Association of West Texas	$500

Microsoft contempt

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department urged a federal judge Wednesday to hold Microsoft Corp. in contempt of an earlier order in an antitrust lawsuit involving Windows computer software. Microsoft tried to circumvent the will of the court by offering "commercially worthless" options to computer makers, the government charged.

Business page 10C

Troops in Bosnia

WASHINGTON — President Clinton is about to announce he will keep U.S. troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina as part of a NATO-led force past next June, when their mission is set to expire, administration officials said Wednesday. No deadline for the mission is likely to be set this time.

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No winners

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said. The tickets would have been worth an estimated $12 million. The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were **9, 15, 18, 24, 30** and **44.** Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $18 million.

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Man takes hostages at day care

Gunman releases 60 children, 3 adults; police won't say how many remain

PLANO (AP) — An armed man released three adults and about 60 children from a day-care center late Wednesday but held an undetermined number of others hostage, police said.

Police spokesman Carl Duke refused to say how many hostages remained as the crisis entered its seventh hour.

Several parents of children who were released said they were told by police that the suspect held three children, including two children of his own, at the Rigsbee Child Development Center in east Plano.

Sheri Gibson said her young son was the last in a group of 20 children released about 7:30 p.m.

"There's still one child in there besides ... two of his (suspect's) own," she said.

Ms. Gibson and others said they didn't know how many adults were inside. None of the hostages were injured, she said.

"Scared and shaken up, yeah," she said.

Police throughout the day released only scattered details except to say the suspect had tried to rob someone outside a nearby bank shortly before entering the day-care center.

Duke refused to address witness statements that the suspect was the husband of a day-care worker and that the couple were going through a divorce.

The man was believed to have attempted a robbery outside the Plano Bank and Trust. Bank senior vice president June Rossetti said a customer was approached in a parking lot and ordered to withdraw money.

It wasn't certain if the attempted robbery was successful.

Police received a call about 3:15 p.m. regarding the gunman. They arrived to find him in the center's doorway and backed off, Duke said.

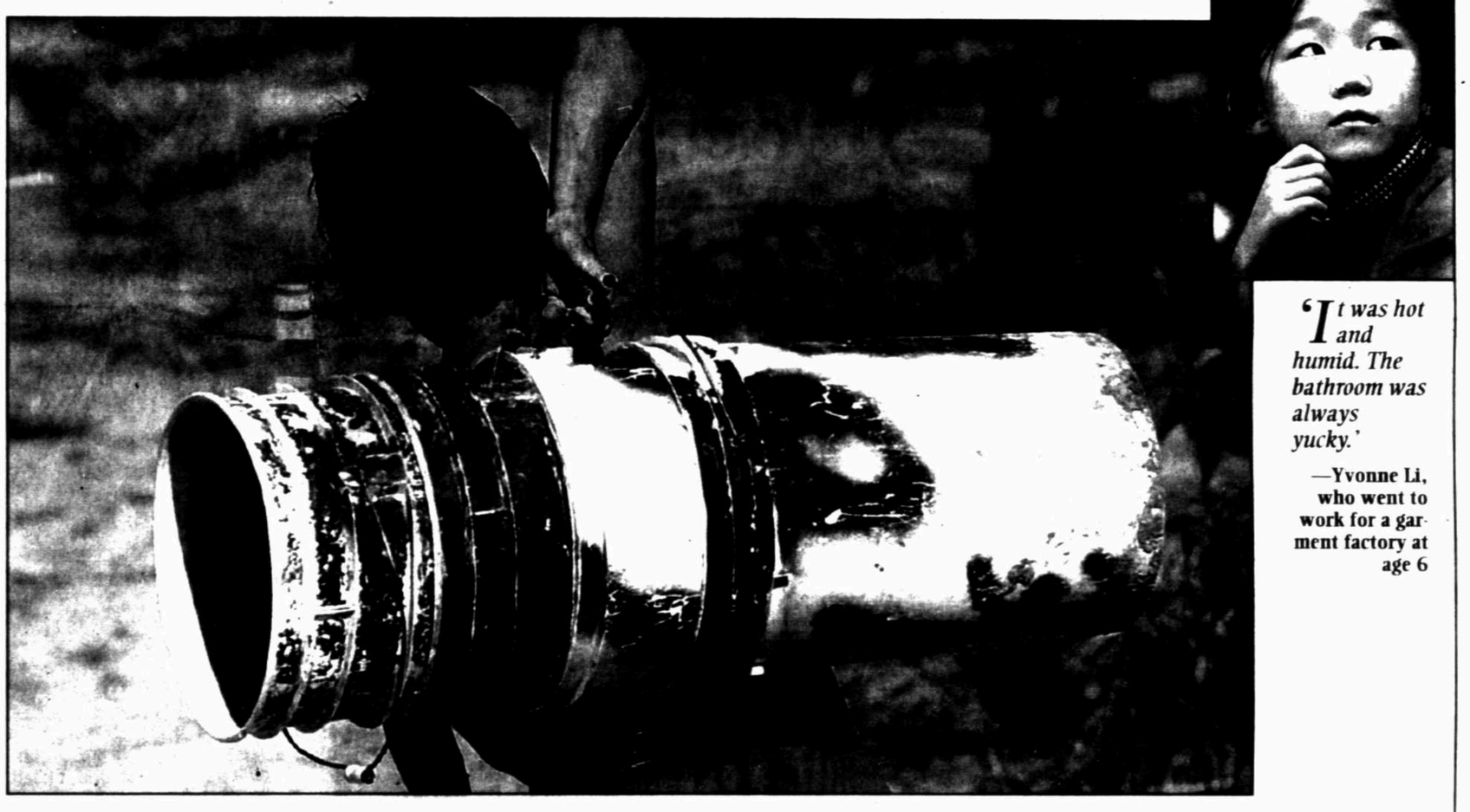
Officers established telephone contact with the suspect and were negotiating with him. Duke wouldn't say if the suspect was making any demands.

Live TV reports showed police officers carrying some children away from the building soon after the standoff began.

They were taken to a nearby elementary school, where frantic parents rushed to see if their children were among the freed.

Plano is an affluent suburb about 20 miles north of Dallas.

Children *for hire*



'It was hot and humid. The bathroom was always yucky.'

—Yvonne Li, who went to work for a garment factory at age 6

Above, Jose Madrid, 11, carries buckets while walking to his mother's car after an eight-hour day of picking green chilis on a farm in La Union, N.M. At right, Marie Brooks, 10, carries her 20-month-old sister Angelica off a green bean field in Homestead, Fla., in November. Marie helped her mother harvest the green beans.

AP Photos

From fields to factories, children's voices emerge

EDITOR'S NOTE — This story is part of the series "Children for Hire," examining child labor in the United States. The Reporter-Telegram will run this series in three parts through Saturday.

By Verena Dobnik and Ted Anthony
Associated Press

They are children, yes. But is this childhood?' She sweats into the soil of a vast Ohio field. A baseball cap keeps the sun and her unruly dark hair from her almond eyes. Adult rubber gloves engulf the small hands that snap cucumbers from their vines. Her name is Alejandra Renteria. She is 6.

Six hundred miles away, a girl who dreams of being a fashion designer fingers a cheap jacket in a Manhattan sweatshop where rats scurry across dirty floors. Amid noisy machines and the hubbub of women stitching, Li-qing Ni laments: "I like New York, but not this place. It smells." She is 15.

Ervin Smith once had free time to play baseball, but no more. "I know there is another world out there," the Amish boy says, "but I have to work." He has been a construction worker in Ohio since eighth grade. He is 14.

From America's fields they harvest onions, peppers, mushrooms, beans, berries, pecans. In garment factories, they iron pants, hang shirts, trim clothing. In meat-packing and egg-producing plants, in sawmills and furniture factories they toil.

Among them are an estimated 61,000 child field workers, ages 14 to 17, who live apart from their parents, according to an unreleased U.S. Labor Department survey. In thousands of cases, their parents aren't even in the country. In all, about 123,000 children in that age group work in America's fields, the survey said. Younger children in the fields are an all-but hidden, untracked work force.

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Inside: Children work in West Texas fields/2A

Coming Friday: Pesticides jeopardize young workers' health

District hopes to protect students with 2 additional security guards

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Midland Independent School District officials hope to safeguard Midland High School's Ohio Avenue crosswalk when its students return to school after the holidays on Jan. 5.

The school board recently approved about $32,000 in salaries for two security guards for MHS and Lee High School.

The MHS guard will supervise the Ohio crosswalk, according to Joseph Baressi Jr., MISD superintendent.

"This person's on-campus assignment would be to supervise the Ohio Street crosswalk during class-changing periods," Baressi said.

The board vote was partly in response to an October vehicle-pedestrian accident at MHS' Ohio Avenue and A Street crosswalk. Adam Sullivan, a MHS student, was hit by a car and critically injured while crossing the street early one morning.

Midland police later cited the driver for failing to yield to a pedestrian. Sullivan, 15, has since recovered.

Please see MISD/3A

'This (guard's) on-campus assignment would be to supervise the Ohio Street crosswalk during class-changing periods.'

—Joseph Baressi Jr.

Council to take January vote on effort to improve downtown area

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

The Midland City Council is planning a major step in its efforts to improve the downtown area, with city crews preparing to tear up the stretch of Loraine Street between the Midland County Courthouse and Centennial Plaza.

During the June council retreat, city leaders identified the downtown area as a top priority, reviewing plans to make the area more accessible, as well as more attractive.

This fall, the council had parking meters removed and established angled parking along Colorado Street in the downtown area, increasing the number of parking spaces available.

In January, the council is expected to approve a plan to tear up this one-block stretch on Loraine Street and replace it with soil and sod to provide an expanse of lawn.

This project is aimed at augmenting events at the Centennial Plaza and to provide a park-like element to the downtown view, explained Marcus Johnston, the city's new director of Engineering and Development.

This green expanse would join the courthouse lawn, providing a single stretch of grass cover flowing up to the plaza at sidewalk lev-

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Friday	Saturday
Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy	Chance of snow
High 73	High 62	High 46
Low 40	Low 40	Low 33

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies and breezy conditions with a high between 70 and 75. Winds will be from the south at 15 to 25 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for fair skies with low near 40.

Friday calls for increasing clouds and cooler with a high in the lower 60s.

After an overnight low of 31, Tuesday's high was 63, compared to the record high for that date of 80 set in 46. Record low for this date was 12, set in 1989.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Tuesday	.00 in.
Rainfall Wednesday	.00 in.
Total for month	.21 in.
Total for year	15.77 in.

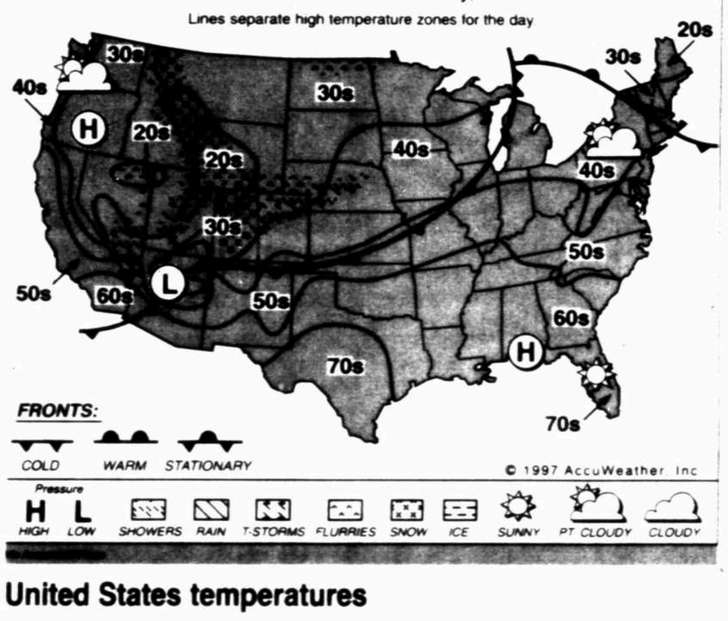
Yesterday's temperatures

High	63
low	31
Normal high	58
Normal low	31

Sunrise: 7:43 a.m. **Sunset: 5:47 p.m.**

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Dec. 18.



United States temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Prc	
Albany,N.Y.	44	22	cdy	
Albuquerque	50	23	cdy	
Anchorage	12	0	02	sn
Asheville	56	22	clr	
Atlanta	61	32	clr	
Atlantic City	57	24	clr	
Baltimore	58	29	clr	
Billings	48	41	cdy	
Birmingham	63	29	clr	
Bismarck	56	24	cdy	
Boise	46	42	09	sn
Boston	53	36	clr	
Buffalo	43	37	cdy	
Burlington,Vt	44	32	cdy	
Casper	40	32	sn	
Charleston,S.C.	65	34	clr	
Charleston,W.Va.	50	23	clr	
Charlotte,N.C.	64	29	clr	
Cheyenne	48	34	cdy	
Chicago	48	26	cdy	
Cincinnati	52	28	clr	
Cleveland	41	31	clr	
Columbia,S.C.	63	26	clr	
Columbus,Ohio	48	26	clr	
Concord,N.H.	50	13	clr	
Dayton	46	30	clr	
Denver	47	29	cdy	
Des Moines	42	19	cdy	
Detroit	45	27	cdy	
Duluth	36	20	cdy	
Evansville	51	27	clr	
Fairbanks	-23	-29	cdy	
Fargo	36	25	cdy	
Flagstaff	51	12	cdy	
Grand Rapids	46	22	cdy	
Great Falls	47	44	cdy	
Greensboro,N.C.	60	27	clr	
Hartford Spgfld	49	20	clr	
Helena	46	45	01	cdy
Honolulu	84	71	01	cdy
Indianapolis	47	28	clr	
Jackson,Miss.	62	32	clr	
Jacksonville	65	39	clr	
Juneau	34	28	rn	
Kansas City	52	27	cdy	
Las Vegas	54	36	cdy	
Little Rock	61	39	cdy	
Los Angeles	74	51	rn	
Louisville	52	31	clr	
Memphis	54	39	clr	
Miami Beach	71	54	clr	
Milwaukee	46	30	cdy	
Mpls-St Paul	45	22	cdy	
Nashville	55	31	clr	
New Orleans	71	41	clr	
New York City	53	41	clr	
Norfolk,Va.	55	37	clr	
North Platte	53	16	cdy	
Oklahoma City	61	26	clr	
Omaha	46	25	cdy	
Orlando	66	48	clr	
Philadelphia	55	28	clr	
Phoenix	70	43	cdy	
Pittsburgh	44	30	clr	
Portland,Maine	49	19	clr	
Portland,Ore.	49	46	22	cdy
Providence	55	26	clr	
Raleigh-Durham	62	24	clr	
Rapid City	63	26	cdy	
Reno	53	26	sn	
Richmond	59	26	clr	
Sacramento	48	43	rn	
St Louis	49	28	clr	
Salt Lake City	44	28	sn	
San Diego	68	50	rn	
San Francisco	55	51	09	clr
San Juan,P.R.	86	74	55	cdy
Santa Fe	46	22	cdy	
St Ste Marie	36	34	cdy	
Seattle	46	44	43	cdy
Shreveport	63	38	clr	
Sioux Falls	41	28	cdy	
Spokane	41	38	14	cdy
Syracuse	41	28	cdy	
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	65	46	clr	
Topeka	52	22	cdy	
Tucson	72	37	clr	
Tulsa	59	29	cdy	
Washington,D.C.	58	33	clr	

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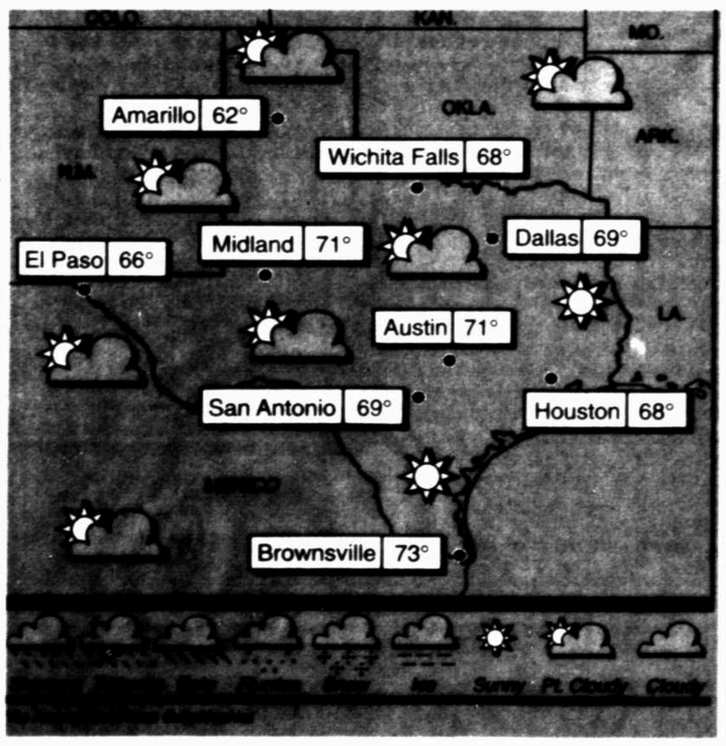

Texas weather

A weak Pacific cool front pushed into the Gulf and northern Mexico Wednesday, leaving mostly clear skies and mild temperatures in its wake.

But the National Weather Service said rain was expected by the weekend in North and West Texas.

But a high-pressure ridge was keeping cloudiness away in midweek.

Highs ranged from the 50s to 70s. It was 53 degrees at Guadalupe Pass, 61 at Wichita Falls and Fort Worth Meacham Field and 72 at Alice, Corpus Christi and Harlingen.

Winds are southerly to westerly at 10 to 20 mph and occasionally gusty. Breezes were southerly to southwesterly from 15 to 25 mph in the Panhandle and northerly at 10 mph or less along the coast.

Overnight lows through Saturday should range from the 20s in North Texas to 40s south and 50s along the coast, with daytime highs from the 50s in the north and west to mid-60s and low 70s in the far south.

Under baking sun, Texas' children pick, perspire

By Katie Fairbank
Associated Press

PLAINVIEW — Every summer day, Angela Mujica awakens in the darkness and prepares for back-aching work in the sun-baked fields of West Texas.

She knows each minute she's not working can make a difference whether, between harvests, her family will eat.

Angela has picked chili peppers since she was "six years young" — more than half her life. Now 11, she is one of the invisible children providing cheap labor to feed and clothe America. In September, Angela works in the windswept fields as Tejano music blares from a boombox.

"I hate peppers," she says, wiggling her aching body and talking of her mother. "She gets tired here every day. I don't like it here and neither does she."

Angela pulls each pepper from its plant, jerking off chili stems with blistered thumbs. She dumps 10-pound bucketfuls into burlap sacks, then heaves full bags to a foreman who gives her a metal chit worth $1.20 for each satchel. On a good day, she and her mother earn $60.

Such operations are rarely monitored.

TEXAS LABOR laws are weaker than federal statues, and they allow children under 11 to work in agriculture. State officials say they will not enforce the federal law because the U.S. Labor Department hasn't specifically authorized them to do so. And, they said, the federal government won't reimburse expenses.

"When we see potential problems, we notify the federal government," said David Beshear, a spokesman for the Texas Workforce Commission, which investigates child labor complaints.

Still, the state and federal agencies could find no evidence of referrals of child labor cases in agriculture.

"They can't verify we've ever found any potential federal violation to notify them about," Beshear said of the state's investigators.

AP Photo

Chris Nino, 11, carries empty pepper bags across a Plainview, Texas field. Workers like Chris may earn as little as $1.20 per full bag of chile peppers.

Added another spokesman, Paul Shirr: "Our enforcement efforts are woefully inadequate."

Working with an annual budget of $780,000, the commission's eight investigators and one supervisor handled more than 1,700 cases so far this year. And though about 50 employers were fined, not one involved child labor. From 1990 through 1996, the state pursued 10,547 labor cases involving children, but only 93 in agriculture.

THE COMMISSION shies away from agriculture because of the exemptions state law allows. For example, the state allows a 5-year-old to work in the fields if school is not in session.

Field workers often need their children's hands — and income.

"There are laws. But when you enforce them, you're hurting the family," said Joaquin Amaya Jr., an attorney with Texas Rural Legal Aid. "For the kids, it's bad. They spend their childhood working."

Many infants and toddlers spend summers in vans parked in shade at field's edge. Others commonly hoe, pick crops or just play in the fields while parents work.

"It's hard to have them in the fields because of the sun and pesticide. Migrant work is a long day," said Aracely Gonzalez, a contractor for Jones Produce of Lubbock.

So babies as young as 3 months may accompany parents. "We don't have anywhere to put the children," said Ms. Gonzalez, speaking at a watermelon packing plant in Lubbock. "Day care is too expensive."

Roger Rosenthal, executive director of the Migrant Legal Action Program in Washington, D.C., called lack of day care for infants and toddlers the real problem.

"They don't want their little kids in the fields," he said, "but they don't have a choice."

Much of the state's agriculture labor, and some of the nation's, comes from the Rio Grande Valley. In Hidalgo County, four of 10 county residents live in poverty, and one in four is unemployed. During harvests, they work hard.

"PEOPLE DON'T appreciate (that) these people drive thousands of miles to do farm work rather than stay at home and collect welfare," Amaya said. "Their labor puts our food on our table, and we treat them the worst of any labor."

When the harvest is over, workers return home. There, when no work is available, they apply for unemployment insurance and their children attend school.

"I like the food they give us in the cafeteria, and when we finish eating we can go play outside," said Anabel Quinones, 8, waiting with three siblings as her parents hoed sorghum fields near Lubbock.

Anabel and her older sister Marisol, 11, frequently work in the vegetable fields helping their parents pick or wielding scissors to cut onions. "When I pick up the onions, my back hurts," Anabel said.

The Quinones family owns a home in the Valley, where they return when school begins. Their concrete-block home is far better than where Angela lives with her mother while picking. Normally, they live in Edinburg, where Angela spends her school year, 500 miles from the fields.

THEIR HOUSING in Lubbock, provided by farmer Martin Tune, is stuccoed adobe without heat or air conditioning. There is little furniture beyond beds on cinder blocks, but those are free.

"I've seen migrant housing that makes you puke," said Rosenthal of Migrant Aid. "But if you complain, the farmer can then close the housing. Then what do they do?"

Tune refused comment.

Unlike most other children, these kids look forward to Monday — and school. On weekends, they work to earn money for the family.

"We buy things we need. Clothes, things for school, books,notebooks, pens, pencils," said Jessica Ledezma, who spent part of the summer hoeing sorghum plants near Lubbock. For each hour worked, she and her 11-year-old brother earned less than half the minimum wage.

But they have hope for the future. Jessica studies hard, and her brother dreams of becoming a policeman. At day's end, they ride in a van with a stickered back window. It proclaims: "I believe in America."

VOICES: Many work because parents don't earn enough

(From 1A)

Many of America's working children are not the ones you see. They are not the teen-agers who flame-broil Double Whoppers at Burger King or bag groceries at Food Lion, though they are governed by the same laws.

Federal law bars children under 16 from working while school is in session. Outside school hours, anyone 14 or 15 may work in farm jobs that the U.S. Labor Department deems safe. Younger children, those 12 or 13, can work only on farms and at a few other specific jobs.

Many of the children working in America are frequently underpaid, often unaccompanied and largely unprotected — a shadow generation made prematurely adult, moving from coast to coast, border to border.

Listen to Mercy Gandarilla, 10, kneeling in a cold New Mexico field since 6 a.m. Dew has soaked her shirt and a deep cough has taken her voice. "Cutting the chili," she rasps. "I like it — in the sun."

Listen to Omar Cruz Gonzales, 15, who rises at 2:30 a.m. to pick mushrooms for 12 hours in a windowless Pennsylvania shed. He sees no sun until midafternoon. "I have to work," says Omar. "The dollars are here."

Listen to Jaime Guerrero Jr., who loads crates of cabbage six days a week in Delaware. Three years ago, when he was 12, he heard his arm break as a conveyor caught his sleeve. "I'll do something else someday," he says.

Why do they live these lives? Some kids want spending money to buy into the consumer culture they see as necessary to being American. But many, especially migrant children, work because their parents don't earn enough.

"If adults were paid a living wage, we wouldn't have child labor," says Ann Millard, a Michigan State University anthropologist who studies migrant labor. Three out of four migrant families say they earn $5,000 or less yearly according to a national database of 54,000 families compiled by a farmworker advocacy group.

Near Homestead, Fla., sisters LaKesha Brooks, 11, and Marie, 10, are already training the family's next breadwinner — their sister, Angelica, just 20 months old. "She can pick the beans one by one," LaKesha says.

Many working children endure such lives. In some Manhattan garment shops, children eat lunch in dank, urine-soaked stairwells. Others sleep in overcrowded apartments or houses. Pennsylvania mushroom picker Rigoberto Rosales, 17, shares a house with more than 25 other Mexicans and carves a certain privacy for himself by erecting a cardboard box around his bare mattress. "I look around and say to myself, 'Is all this worth it?'" he says.

Some, like Yvonne Li, do get out.

When she was 6, she went from school to a New York City garment factory to help her grandmother button, sew and trim clothing with scissors. "It was hot and humid," she remembers. "The bathroom was always yucky."

That stopped when her mother found out. Now a happy 9-year-old, Yvonne concerns herself with professional basketball standings and her favorite subject in school — math. Asked what she wants to be, she raises both fists and shouts, "The best at whatever I do!"

The working kids she leaves behind have their hopes, too, reaching beyond produce fields and garment shops for education, careers, success — and a need to just be kids.

Alex Ledezma, 11, harvests sorghum, cotton and onions near Lubbock, Texas. Though he misses weeks of school each year to follow the crops, he has reached sixth grade. He makes $2.25 an hour hoeing. He wants to become a policeman.

Beside the sorghum plants that tower above his head sits a van that carries his family and the hoes to the field. On its rear window is a sticker.

It says, "I believe in America."

AP Photo

Jose Madrid, 11, left, plays with his ten-year-old cousin Victor Perez, after the two boys spent the entire day picking green chile peppers in La Union, N.M. Jose and Victor attend Berino Elementary School, but took a three-week break from classes to help their mothers during the labor-intensive chile harvest.

VOTE: Planners hope to provide park-like area

(From 1A)

el. "It will be a nice pedestrian area," Johnston said, pointing out that people attending evening events such as Summer in the City can spread blankets and make use of the park-like area.

It will take two readings for the council to officially order this work; the final reading should be at the Jan. 27 council meeting.

If approved, city crews will be ready to begin work on Jan. 31. "That Saturday, we should be ready to start breaking up concrete," Johnston said.

Doing some of the heavy work over that weekend should mean less disruption for motorists, he said.

Once the pavement is taken out, crews will bring in about 700 cubic yards of soil to bring the ground level up and sod will be placed to provide grass cover for spring and summer events.

"We'd like to have it done by the first of April," he said.

Plans are still being made, including a study of drainage patterns in the area, so it is unclear how many park benches or extra landscaping might be part of the final park.

Cost for the construction is roughly estimated at about $80,000. "We hope to come in under that," Johnston said.

Several parking spaces will be lost along with that section of Loraine Street, but the plan also includes establishing more free, angle parking in the area.

Angle parking will be put in on Loraine Street, from Missouri Avenue to Wall Street and from Texas Avenue to Ohio Avenue.

More angle parking will be established on Marienfeld Street from Missouri Avenue to Ohio Avenue.

With the spaces being lost in the creation of the park area, Downtown Midland will have a net gain of seven parking spaces when the project is completed, he said.

Pick 3 Texas

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

6-2-4

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

9-15-18-24-30-44

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $12 million

Correction

The Midland Independent School District board will have one regular meeting in January — Jan. 13 — and will meet three times in February.

A story in Wednesday's edition provided an incorrect meeting schedule.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

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MISD: Board OKs settlement with 5 companies

(From 1A)

The accident has focused attention on the Ohio crosswalk, which has no crossing guard or crossing signals for a congested downtown area.

The city of Midland and the school district were unable to reach an agreement on how to make the Ohio crosswalk safer.

MISD responded at its board meeting by creating the new security guard positions, Baressi said.

School at MHS begins at about 7:30 a.m. on weekdays and classes end at about 3:40 p.m. Between each class is a five-minute passing period.

The new positions bring the number of security guards at Lee and MHS to three each. The guards are responsible for crosswalk safety and also for keeping unauthorized people off the campuses.

In other business, the board officially approved a recent legal settlement between MISD and five construction companies.

MISD filed a lawsuit against Metal Building Co. Inc. about a year ago, alleging that the company had provided substandard roofing materials for three elementary school additions.

The lawsuit was later expanded to include four other companies involved in the elementary additions: general contractor Leonard Construction Co., Shepard Roofing, Schuller Manufacturing Co., and Q'SO Products.

Those same companies were involved in the settlement.

'We're pleased that it's final and that the children and the taxpayers of Midland will be made whole.'
—Joseph Baressi Jr., MISD superintendent

Baressi said that with the board's approval the settlement becomes legally binding. It does not assess blame to any of the parties.

"We're pleased that it's final and that the children and the taxpayers of Midland will be made whole," Baressi said. "We'll get 'like new' roofing at the three schools. More importantly, it protects the structures in the sense of the steel and brick and mortar so that they don't deteriorate."

The details of the settlement were not available, as part of a confidentially agreement.

Among other items, the board adopted the 1998-99 MISD school calendar. Joe Cummins, executive director of administrative services, said the calendar provides a good mix of instructional days and holidays.

The calendar features a start date of Aug. 12 for students, a winter break Dec. 21 through Jan. 1, and the last day of classes on May 27.

Teachers officially will report on Aug. 10 to prepare for the year.

The board adopted the calendar option after MISD had earlier polled all employees on three school calendar choices.

The adopted calendar received 1,378 of 1,789 votes by district staff. The board tends to adopt the most popular calendar option.

Under the adopted calendar, Cummins said, secondary students will finish their final exams before the winter break. Another calendar plan called for exams and the end of the fall semester after winter break.

"Teachers feel it's important for students to complete their exams for the first semester before we dismiss for the holidays," he said.

The calendar was a good compromise on holidays, teacher training days and class days, he said.

"The calendar attempts to fill all weeks with as many class days as we can fit in it," he said. "The calendar observes the Martin Luther King holiday ... on Jan. 18, then it's followed by a teacher in-service day (which is a student holiday)."

The 1998-99 school calendar features more holidays during the winter months because officials believe it's more likely classes will be canceled for bad weather. The calendar has two snow days around Easter weekend.

"We're already getting discussion that our dates in August are too early," Cummins said. "A starting day of classes around Aug. 12 is pretty typical (statewide)."

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Germany's army battles neo-Nazi claims

SCHNEEBERG, Germany (AP) — The 571st Mountain Battalion did its best Wednesday to show the right stuff.

Fatigue-clad soldiers stormed buildings and leapt from tanks in a demonstration for Defense Minister Volker Ruehe. Helicopters swooped from the hills to rescue a man clinging to a snow-covered roof.

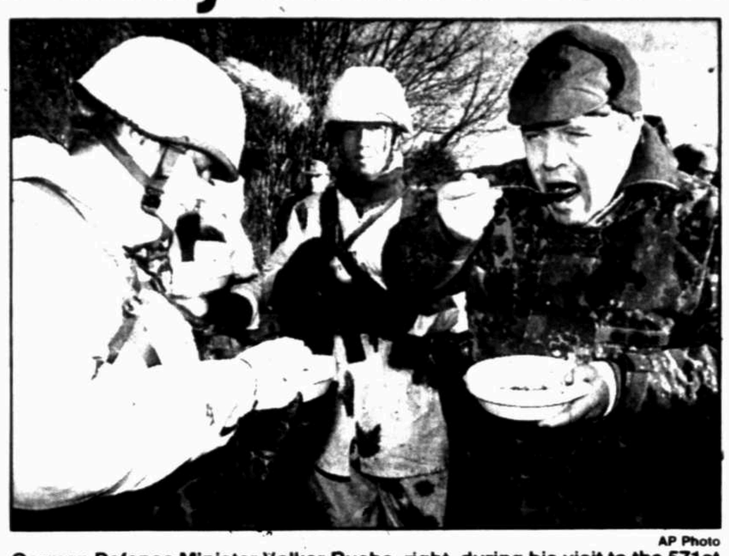
But mentality, not muscle power, is under investigation in Germany's army, where evidence of neo-Nazism has appalled the nation in a scandal that started with the 571st.

Homemade videotapes that surfaced in recent months show battalion soldiers acting out rapes, killings and neo-Nazi skits, complete with Hitler salutes and anti-Semitic slurs. Some of the soldiers had been in training for peacekeeping duty in Bosnia.

Evidence from other units soon followed: photographs of partying soldiers in Bavaria surrounded by Nazi symbols, and reports that the military academy in Hamburg invited a convicted neo-Nazi to lecture on immigration.

The incidents all happened at least two years ago, brought to light recently by German news magazines just as the army was basking in success over fighting the summer's floods. The disaster relief was a brief triumph for the army, which only recently started assuming a stronger role after years of post-war restraint.

Opposition politicians are calling for Ruehe's resignation. Soldiers linked to the scandal have been dismissed or suspended from duty. And parliament has announced a probe into extreme right-wing activity among army ranks.



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German Defense Minister Volker Ruehe, right, during his visit to the 571st Mountain Infantry Battalion in Schneeberg, Wednesday. Several members of the unit were suspended earlier this year after home videos surfaced showing soldiers giving the Nazi salute and acting out rapes and murders. Soldier at left is Pfc. Thomas Czossek.

Members of the 571st have their own ideas. Sitting in their canteen, a group of soldiers said the men who made the videotapes might have been neo-Nazis, but more likely, they were just dumb pranksters.

"They were just out for attention. The group that made the tapes, it was a small clique, and they were that way," said Capt. Paul Puhlmann, a unit commander who knew the culprits. "I've never seen any neo-Nazi tendencies."

The other soldiers, who refused to give their names, made similar comments between mouthfuls of coffee and soup, fortification for the bitter cold outside.

Just in case troops might lean toward neo-Nazi behavior out of ignorance, the army has arranged some education. All members of the 571st are receiving instruction in German politics and history, such as how democracy works and what happened during World War II. Officers, in addition to the history classes, are learning how to recognize extremist tendencies among soldiers.

"The German military is not the nation's school system," Ruehe said Wednesday, but "deficiencies in political awareness" of some troops must to be overcome.

The 600-strong battalion is near the Czech border just outside the eastern town of Schneeberg, and about 70 percent of the battalion is from the former East Germany.

While the defense minister says right-wing extremism is a general problem in Germany, he suggested Wednesday it might be more prevalent among people raised in communist East Germany, which took less responsibility for the Nazi period.

Ruehe has recommended that new soldiers be screened for extreme right-wing activities, through checks of school and police records. Justice officials have been wary of the idea as an invasion of privacy, but soldiers here welcomed it.

American man killed in Mexico City taxi assault

Cox News Service

MEXICO CITY — The killing of an American businessman in a Mexico City taxi Monday has heightened a sense of insecurity in this crime-plagued capital.

Peter Zarate, who worked in Mexico for the New York-based Cushman & Wakefield real estate corporation, was killed by a shot in the chest after he climbed into a taxi outside his home in a wealthy neighborhood.

The taxi disappeared and Zarate's body was found on a street, Mexican officials told a Mexico City newspaper.

The U.S. Embassy on Wednesday upgraded its warnings to U.S. tourists and residents in Mexico who travel by taxi.

In a statement, the embassy said: "Following the murder of a U.S. citizen on Dec. 15 and the savage beating of another a few days before in apparent taxi cab robberies, the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City urges U.S. citizens here to avoid taking any taxi not summoned by telephone or on their behalf by a responsible individual, such as an employee of a reputable hotel or restaurant."

The embassy has long recommended that U.S. citizens avoid hailing cruising taxis.

Zarate's killing heightened concern among foreigners who ride in Mexico City taxis.

"There is definitely an investigation locally," said Barbara Van Allen, a spokeswoman for Cushman & Wakefield in New York.

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Japan proposes new economic plan

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's prime minister promised a bold income tax cut Wednesday to revive the world's second largest economy, a surprise move that sent stocks soaring and launched the yen's biggest one-day rally against the dollar in nearly seven years.

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto proposed the $15.38 billion income tax break amid growing concern about the financial crisis that has gripped many of Japan's Asian neighbors.

"We can't trigger a worldwide depression beginning in Japan," Hashimoto told a news conference Wednesday. "We decided that a bold policy needed to be considered."

The proposed income tax cuts aim to boost consumer spending, which has been weak since a consumption tax was raised in April. The tax break amounts to an average rebate of $280 in February, or an average of 15 percent of each taxpayer's payments.

His unexpected proposal, part of a larger economic stimulus package, sent the Tokyo Stock Exchange's benchmark Nikkei average up more than 500 points, or more than 3 percent.

The news — and government dollar-selling intervention — also drove up the yen, which posted its sharpest one-day rise against the dollar since January 1991. The dollar settled in late New York trading at 127.08 yen, down from 130.78 a day earlier.

The currency has been trading at 5 1/2-year lows against the dollar. That has made it easier for Japan to sell its goods in the United States, while American companies have had a tougher time selling there.

"These measures will stop this avalanche of low confidence in the Japanese financial system," said Eisuke Sakakibara, a vice finance minister. "I have always said that excess depreciation (of the yen) is not desirable and that we will take necessary action. We have taken decisive action and we will do so again."

The United States welcomed Hashimoto's proposals as a step toward spurring Japan's domestic demand and curbing its burgeoning trade surplus.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry said President Clinton told Hashimoto that he was encouraged by the steps to use public funds to restore depositors' confidence and to recognize the importance of demand-led economic growth.

"We believe that the financial package will be good for the people of Japan and good for the regional economy of Asia," McCurry added.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin urged Japanese authorities to move ahead quickly with their plans.

"A strong economic recovery in Japan, led by domestic demand, is important for both our countries, for Asia, and for the world economy," Rubin said in a statement.

Japan's economic revival has become crucial as its Asian neighbors struggle to overcome trade, currency and other problems that have pummeled their once-mighty economies. South Korea, Indonesia and Thailand have sought international aid totaling more than $100 billion.

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Mbeki succeeds Mandela; Winnie drops out of race

MAFIKENG, South Africa (AP) — Only a few dozen hands went up Wednesday when Winnie Madikizela-Mandela sought the governing party's No. 2 job, and she bowed out gracefully by hugging the winner.

The reversal by President Nelson Mandela's ex-wife, who had hoped to overcome her isolation by the African National Congress leadership, gave new party president Thabo Mbeki the top officials he sought to guide the ANC through the 1999 election.

Mbeki told cheering delegates he had heard their message.

"The revolution has not been completed," he said. "We still need to organize ourselves to ensure that we achieve those things for which our movement was established. The struggle continues."

His words echoed Mandela's farewell speech Tuesday and acknowledged complaints by Madikizela-Mandela and others that the party leadership was losing touch with the people who put them in power in South Africa's first all-race election in 1994.

Mbeki, 55, was the only candidate to succeed Mandela as ANC president on the second day of the party's 50th national conference.

Madikizela-Mandela wanted to challenge national chairman Jacob Zuma for the deputy presidency of the party. Shut out of the pre-conference nomination process, she tried to engineer a nomination from the convention floor and force a vote by the 3,064 delegates.

But earlier Wednesday, the ANC made it more difficult to be nominated from the floor — requiring nominations to be seconded by 25 percent of the delegates rather than 10 percent previously. When only a few dozen people raised their hands for her, Madikizela-Mandela asked for a moment to consult with supporters.

When her request was denied, she announced she was rejecting the nomination.

"Those comrades who nominated me, I apologize for having to decline," Madikizela-Mandela said from the stage, drawing cheers.

Zuma then was confirmed as the only candidate, and therefore the winner, and Madikizela-Mandela hugged him as the conference celebrated the result with singing and dancing.

Later, Madikizela-Mandela refused to speak to reporters.

"For us the important factor was that she withdrew," outgoing party secretary general Cheryl Carolus said when asked how many delegates supported Madikizela-Mandela's nomination. "As far as we're concerned, there was no official count."

A victory over Zuma would have made Madikizela-Mandela the party's second-ranking official, and could have positioned her to become deputy president of South Africa.

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> — Carolyn Carolus, outgoing party secretary general

That would have sparked jitters at home and abroad, with whites and other minorities fearing Madikizela-Mandela would seek revenge for apartheid abuses. Foreign investors might have backed away because of her nationalism and calls for expensive programs to help poor blacks.

Madikizela-Mandela, 63, was divorced from Mandela last year and has long been ostracized by the mainstream anti-apartheid movement because of her insubordination and persistent accusations that she ordered murders and torture by her bodyguards in the late 1980s.

She has remained a revered anti-apartheid heroine to many grassroots supporters, especially downtrodden black women and youths, who consider her a victim of an ANC elite who went into exile while she remained to face police harassment. She has easily kept her post as head of the ANC Women's League.

In other leadership races, trade union official Kgalema Motlanthe became ANC secretary general and Mendi Msimang, the high commissioner to Britain, became treasurer general. They were the only candidates.

Sports Minister Steve Tshwete and parliament official Patrick Lekota are candidates for ANC national chairman. Results of the Wednesday night vote were expected Thursday.

Mandela, 79, will remain president of the country until the 1999 vote but has turned over the day-to-day business of running the government to Mbeki, his deputy president.

Albright seeks help in pressuring Iraq

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — Mindful of Russia's influence in Baghdad, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright appealed to her Russian counterpart Wednesday for further help in pressuring Iraq to allow full access to U.N. weapons inspectors.

Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov promised to help, but said Russia would not support the use of force if diplomatic efforts fail to persuade Saddam Hussein to allow the search of sites he has designated "palaces."

"Experience teaches us that Saddam Hussein will meet our demands only if we are united and firm," Albright told a joint NATO-Russia council after meeting privately with Primakov at an hour-long breakfast.

Albright called for negotiating persistence to gain U.N. Security Council support to force Iraq to provide inspectors unfettered access. But, like President Clinton, she held out the possibility of military action.

"We must persist in diplomatic efforts to secure Iraqi compliance, without ruling out other options if diplomacy fails," Albright told the NATO-Russia Permanent Joint Council. "Foreign Minister Primakov has played a vital role in this effort and Russia's support will remain critical."

Primakov stressed that Russia won't go beyond diplomacy.

"We are against the use of force," he said at a news conference. "I think in this regard we have a solid majority behind this position. At the same time, we feel Iraq must work with the special U.N. commission."

A Russian-brokered agreement last month eased a three-week crisis touched off after Iraq expelled American members of the weapons teams.

Inspectors must certify that Iraq has dismantled its weapons of mass destruction before the council will lift tough economic sanctions imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, which led to the Persian Gulf War.

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Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, center, sits with delegates from other countries at the table of the main NATO conference room, Wednesday, at the start of the NATO foreign ministers annual meeting with counterparts of eastern countries. The meeting is being held at the alliance's headquarters in Brussels. At left is Turkish Foreign Minister Ismail Cem, second from left is Turkmenistan Ambassador to Belgium Niyazklych Nurklyched, and third left is Ukraine First Deputy Foreign Minister Anton Buteyko.

After two days of talks in Baghdad, chief inspector Richard Butler said this week that Iraq will not budge on palace access. He is scheduled to brief the Security Council on his findings later this week.

The Iraqi government has urged the council to show "respect for Iraq's sovereignty, dignity and security," a reference to some 40-odd palaces, which experts suspect are storehouses of information on banned weapons.

In Iraq on Wednesday, U.N. disarmament experts kept searching less sensitive sites for clues to Iraqi weapons programs.

Albright's appeal came during the second meeting of the NATO-Russia council, created earlier this year to ease Moscow's concerns about the expansion of the military alliance toward its western border. In 1999, Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic will join NATO, which was formed after World War II to defend Europe against possible Soviet aggression.

"Russia should ultimately become bored with NATO," Albright joked. "The truth is, the partnership we envisioned when we signed the NATO-Russian Founding Act is very much on course."

Albright suggested to the 15 other NATO nations and Russia that dealing with Iraq is a test for handling future peril. "I trust we also agree that the gravest potential threat to our security in the next century may come from beyond Europe, from the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction."

At their breakfast, Albright also told Primakov that Moscow should take all "practical actions" to cut off Iran's development of a nuclear missile program by halting technology transfers, an administration official said.

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Seizures continue as children watch cartoons

TOKYO (AP) — A TV network canceled broadcasts of a popular action-packed cartoon show Wednesday and a rental chain yanked video versions from its shelves because of brilliantly flashing scenes blamed for causing convulsions, spasms or nausea in hundreds of children.

Nearly 600 children were rushed to hospitals Tuesday night after watching the program "Pokemon." By Wednesday evening, the number of afflicted children climbed to more than 700 after others watched videotaped versions of the show.

The case had many wondering: Is Japanese animation just too intense for children?

"Kids don't watch this program the way most people watch TV," said Toshio Okada, a writer specializing in animation and comic books. "You can't take your eyes off it without missing crucial visual clues about the meaning of the action."

Japanese cartoons over the past eight years have developed unforgiving packages of fast-paced action that require intense concentration to be understood, Okada said. And children watch it all on increasingly large TV screens from less than a yard away — typical viewing style in Japan's cramped homes.

"I was shocked to see my daughter lose consciousness," Yukiko Iwasaki was quoted as saying by the national newspaper Yomiuri. "She started to breathe only when I hit her on the back."

TV Tokyo canceled the airing of "Pokemon" — which means "pocket monsters" — on 30 stations around Japan on Wednesday.

National broadcaster NHK said 729 people had been taken to hospitals by late Wednesday; about 200 remained hospitalized.

The first victims had been watching the program separately at homes all over Japan, and doctors and psychologists discussing the illnesses on national television did not suggest contagious mass hysteria.

The second wave of seizures among children watching videotapes led a video rental chain to pull the series from its 940 stores.

Dr. Philip Sheridan, chief of the epilepsy branch of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke in Bethesda, Md., said the children's reactions could have two quite different causes.

Some children may have started to hyperventilate from the excitement and the flashing lights, he said. That can cause dizziness, nausea and fainting. This kind of problem often spreads in groups of children as they see each other having trouble, Sheridan said.

In other children, the flashing lights might have acted directly on the brain to cause seizures, he said. An affected child would momentarily stare and not respond even to shouting, or have a stiffening of the body with jerking arms and legs for up to a minute. That would happen if the flashing disrupted the natural pacemakers that regulate patterns of activity in the brain's circuits, he said.

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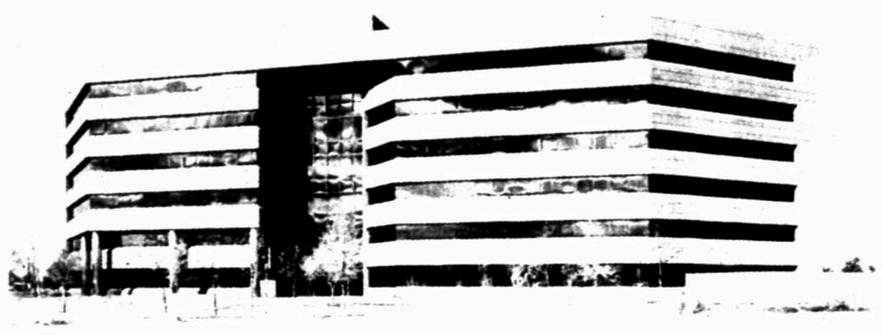

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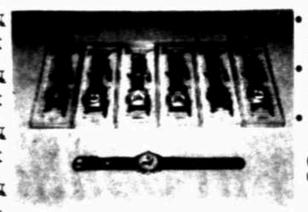

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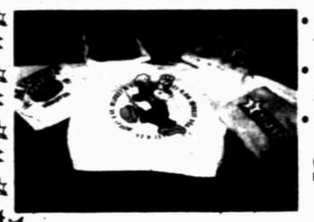

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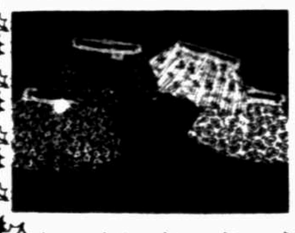

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Jury is still out on recent court ruling

A Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruling that would allow a criminal trial to proceed with fewer than 12 jurors may be intended to benefit justice, but from the reaction of defense attorneys in Midland, the jury is still out on such a change.

While local prosecutors and judges view the ruling favorably, local defense attorneys say it is a bad ruling from a criminal defense standpoint.

The Court of Criminal Appeals ruling came last week in a Dallas case in which Michael Lynn Hatch was accused of delivery of cocaine. After his trial began, it was discovered that one of the jurors selected to hear the case was not a U.S. citizen.

Obviously, the thrust of the ruling was not to permit a defendant to get off on a technicality, a totally worthwhile goal. While local prosecutors and judges view the ruling favorably, local defense attorneys say it is a bad ruling from a criminal defense standpoint. In fact, Austin civil rights lawyer Jim Harrington said the decision means "another sad day for the Texas Bill of Rights. In a couple of years there won't be anything left."

Of course, there are others who contend that the Texas Legislature in 1985 provided that parties may agree to try a case with fewer than 12 jurors. Legislative amendments do allow a defendant, with the consent of prosecutors, to waive a jury trial in felony cases where the death penalty is not sought.

Then there are the dissenting judges who said that the law was only intended to apply to civil cases, not criminal. They point out that the Code of Criminal Procedure requires 12 jurors in felony trials unless one dies or becomes disabled.

There's no question about it: The jury is still out on this Court of Criminal Appeals ruling.

GEORGE WILL

Spielberg's latest movie a valuable history lesson

WASHINGTON—Recently Hollywood has been an object of much derision, much of it merited, particularly when dishonest and propagandistic movies have been made about American history. The name Oliver Stone comes to mind.

Will

Now comes Steven Spielberg's "Amistad," a redemptive movie, in two senses. It redeems Hollywood's reputation as a place where movies can be made for grown-ups. And "Amistad" celebrates America's capacity for rising from sin to something akin to nobility.

For the third time in eight years Hollywood has produced a nuanced, truthful film about America's racial history. "Glory," released in 1989, was the true story of a black regiment in the Civil War. And also in 1989, "Driving Miss Daisy" was an utterly convincing depiction of a long relationship of a black servant and a white Atlanta family.

"Amistad" begins in 1839, when 53 West Africans, who had been captured for the purpose of enslavement and shipped to Cuba, seized control of the ship La Amistad, sparing two of the Spanish crew, who the Africans commanded to set a course for Africa. But during the nights the Spaniards altered course heading northwest, and the slaves—or were they still? were they Spanish property?—were arrested on Long Island and jailed in Connecticut. There their journey back to Africa became a legal odyssey through three trials, culminating in the Supreme Court.

The movie has two heroes, Cinque, the leader of the shipboard insurrection, and the American legal system. The trans-Atlantic passage of the slave ship is the most harrowing movie realism since Spielberg's "Schindler's List." The courtroom drama, which Spielberg has necessarily truncated, is disentangled in Howard Jones' book, "Mutiny on the Amistad." The legal controversy involved the meaning of treaties, maritime law, property law and natural law. This stew was stirred by meddlesome President Martin Van Buren, who feared that if the Africans were freed, the South would punish him in the 1840 election.

One of the movie's deftest moments is a menacing cameo appearance by South Carolina's Sen. John Calhoun, simmering with resentments and spoiling for a fight. One can imagine his sulfurous reaction when the lawyers for Cinque and the others argued that what the Africans did on La Amistad was simply exercise a right of self-emancipation grounded in the law of nature. If that law applied on ship, why not in South Carolina?

The movie may make an unlikely hero of the sixth president, John Quincy Adams. His presidency was unsuccessful but as ex-president he returned to the House of Representatives and at age 73 helped argue the Amistad Africans' case in the Supreme Court. In the climactic scene in the Court, Adams says, "Who we are is who we were." That is, because America had a founding moment, Americans are defined by the Founders' principles.

Adams was not quite as cuddly as Anthony Hopkins plays him, but his performance in the Court in 1841 was even better than the movie's brief version. He did, as the film shows, cite the Declaration of Independence, a copy of which hung on a pillar in the room where the Court sat. But he did not simply invoke Jeffersonian rhetoric. He and the Africans' other lawyer argued that their clients were under the protection of the state of Connecticut, where they won the case that the Van Buren administration appealed. Their argument, rich in subsequent irony, was that states' rights protected the Africans from the federal government.

There are limits to what even as conscientious a director as Spielberg can do in making didactic movies. Audiences are not buying tickets to a seminar. However, Spielberg is helping to fill a void created by a dereliction of duty on the part of academic historians.

Until recently, the writing of American history was one of the nation's most important forms of moral reflection. Historians wrote what David Harlan calls "morally instructive histories—histories that taught us how to speak in the first-person plural." Often the subjects of such histories were the greatness of great men and the nobility of American ideals. In his new book, "The Degradation of American History," Harlan writes that most historians now disdain such histories as "moralistic and elitist."

But those were the sort of writings that moved Martin Luther King to say that reading history made him feel "eternally in the red," that is, with an unpayable debt to those whose lives are imperishable examples of worthy aspirations. Actually, King paid his debt by leading such a life. Spielberg has made a downpayment on his by making a fine movie about such lives.

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CAL THOMAS

Global warming is being too easily accepted by public

Think horror films and prehistoric beasts that destroy Tokyo come to mind. Think horrific policies and the just completed "global warming" summit at Kyoto comes to mind.

Thomas

If "global warming" were a proven theory, then most of us could make whatever sacrifices might be required. But it is a theory promoted by advocates of ever-bigger and more intrusive government which must have the "food" of higher taxes and more regulation in order to live.

The public is being asked to accept global warming without a debate. Instead, we are force-fed by the broadcast media into believing something that may not be true and, if proposed solutions are imposed, will completely alter our lifestyles for insufficient reasons.

The broadcast networks cleverly refer to "scientists" in their reporting on global warming, without making a distinction between those who accept the theory as fact and the many who do not. Neither do they mention that many of those who believe the world is heating up to dangerous levels have little or no expertise in climatology or environmental science. It is comparable to receiving an opinion on your heart from an orthopedic surgeon instead of a cardiologist. Both are doctors, but only one is an authority on the heart.

Many broadcast journalists have abandoned balance and become cheerleaders for the global-warming theory. ABC's Peter Jennings is chief among them. On one broadcast, Jennings stated as fact that "the earth is getting warmer all the time, in part because the United States has not been practicing what it has been preaching." Jennings recently told his audience that pollution "has already changed the world's climate" and that "if man doesn't stop tampering with the environment, the change in climate could well lead to a world in which we have a very unpredictable future."

Jennings and other broadcasters speak of "2,500 scientists from around the world" who agree that burning oil and coal are causing the world's temperature to rise and that "climate change is caused by man." What he doesn't explain is that most of these scientists are social scientists, policy experts or government functionaries. Scientists with expertise in the field, such as S. Fred Singer, Professor Emeritus of Environmental Sciences at the University of Virginia, are frequently ignored or given short sound bites.

Singer has written: "Judging from the climate record of the last 3,000 years of human history, climate consequences of a greenhouse warming should be generally beneficial. One would expect severe weather to be less frequent because of (calculated) reduced equator-to-pole temperature gradients. In fact, the frequency and intensity of hurricanes have decreased over the past 50 years, although the reason for this is not known."

Singer also suggests that fears about rising sea levels are overstated, because "new research indicates that increased ocean evaporation (due to warming) would lead to more rain – and therefore to more ice accumulation in the polar regions. As such, sea levels may actually drop." So, even if global warming were proved true, which it has not been, it could be beneficial, not detrimental, according to Singer.

He is not alone in this view, but when global-warming opponents attempt to speak, they are mostly ignored or, as on a recent "Nightline" broadcast, put down by the usually fair Ted Koppel as ignorant members of the Flat Earth Society.

Before we commit ourselves to drastically altering our lifestyles and spending huge amounts of money, we had better be certain that "global warming" is more than a theory. So far, it is unsubstantiated by the facts. Much of the mainstream press have misplaced faith in government's ability to deliver us from evil. When it comes to "global warming," their version of the "great Satan," they are as much fundamentalist zealots as those TV evangelists they like to mock.

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ART BUCHWALD

Buddy is just another dog in politics

This is the last column I'm going to write about Bill Clinton's dog. As of this writing, the dog is nameless and the Washington Post has been running a contest to give it a moniker. It is no coincidence that the president got the Lab the same day he announced the threat of global warming.

Buchwald

There are many theories as to why the president would adopt a Labrador at this time. The most prevalent is that politically, a dog is much more acceptable to the voting public than a cat.

Dog owners are younger, more affluent and better-educated than cat owners. This is not to say a president who lives in a home as large as the White House can't have both a dog and a cat — a dog to play with and a cat to rub Mr. Clinton's leg.

What the president has done, and we have to assume he did it purposely, is change the White House social scene. In the past, Socks the cat sat on a cushion and stared in boredom when heads of state came to visit.

But now all of this will change. The Lab will bark and tug on the seats of VIPs, presidents, premiers and kings. They will have to pretend they find it amusing when in fact they will try to figure out what message the president is sending by allowing the dog wander under the tables during a state dinner.

There is another problem that has to be addressed. Who will walk the Lab — President Clinton or Hillary? And will the Secret Service be required to carry the scooper?

As a dog lover, I approve of President Clinton adopting his animal. The reason the people admired President Roosevelt so much is because he had a dog named Fala, and every time the Republicans started picking on him, he told the electorate the GOP was really picking on his dog.

Don't be surprised if Clinton adopts the same tactic. I am not saying he got the dog for that reason. But in politics you have to use anything you can. I'm predicting that the dog will also be used to raise money for the Democratic Party. A $10,000-a-plate dinner at the Waldorf to honor the Lab of the Year is not out of the ballpark.

So let's face it — the president in his second term finally wised up to what the public really vants — a pet they can identify with and one to which they can transfer all their affection.

It's no story if the dog bites Janet Reno. But it will be big news if Janet Reno bites the dog.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Bush should ponder validity of sentence

In rejecting an appeal from Karla Faye Tucker, the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday cleared the way for the nation's second execution of a woman since capital punishment resumed in 1976.

Tucker would be the first woman executed in Texas since 1863.

Gov. George W. Bush will be under tremendous pressure to commute her sentence, but if he does so, he should not do it on the basis on gender.

Tucker, 38, is one of seven women on death row in Texas.

She and a male accomplice were convicted of breaking into a man's aprtment in June 1983 and killing him and his girlfriend with a pickax. She hit each of them more than 20 times and left the weapon imbedded in the woman's chest.

Her accomplice was sentenced to death, but he died in prison before the sentence could be carried out.

The Supreme Court issued its ruling with out comment. Prosecutors said they would ask for an execution date in late January or early February.

Texas has executed 143 prisoners, more than any other state, since reinstituting the death penalty in 1982, and with those numbers in mind, it is fair to ask whether the state has gotten carried away with its executions.

But that is not the issue here.

Her supporters will argue that Tucker is a changed woman, a model prison who has found religion. They will say she poses no threat of future violence.

But is that reason enough to set aside her sentence? Would it be reason enough if Tucker were a man?

Those are questions we think the governor should ask himself as he ponders his decision.

— The Galveston County Daily News

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Dec. 18, the 352nd day of 1997. There are 13 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 18, 1865, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, abolishing slavery, was declared in effect.

On this date:

In 1787, New Jersey became the third state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1892, Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker Suite" publicly premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler signed a secret directive ordering preparations for a Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union. (Operation "Barbarossa" was launched in June 1941.)

In 1944, the Supreme Court upheld the wartime relocation of Japanese-Americans, but also said undeniably loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry could not be detained.

In 1956, Japan was admitted to the United Nations.

In 1957, the motion picture "The Bridge on the River Kwai" premiered at the RKO Palace Theater in New York City.

In 1957, the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first nuclear facility to generate electricity in the United States, went online. (It was taken out of service in 1982.)

In 1969, Britain's Parliament abolished the death penalty for murder.

In 1972, the United States began the heaviest bombing of North Vietnam during the Vietnam War. (The bombardment ended 12 days later.)

In 1980, former Soviet Premier Alexei N. Kosygin died at age 76.

Ten years ago: Ivan F. Boesky was sentenced to three years in prison for plotting Wall Street's biggest insider-trading scandal. (He served about two years of his sentence.) Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto was married in a traditional Islamic ceremony to businessman Asif Ali Zardari.

Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council unanimously denounced Israel's deportation of more than 400 Palestinians and demanded their immediate return. Kim Young-sam was elected South Korea's first civilian president in three decades.

One year ago: FBI agent Earl Edwin Pitts was arrested, accused of selling secrets to the Russians.

Freeh to give details on memo to House panel

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI agreed Wednesday to brief the House's chief campaign-finance investigator about Director Louis Freeh's memo recommending appointment of an independent counsel.

The 22-page memo was subpoenaed by the House panel investigating campaign fund raising after Attorney General Janet Reno decided an independent counsel was not needed to investigate fund-raising telephone calls by President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore.

Refusals by Freeh and Reno to turn over the memo had provoked threats by House Republicans to hold them in contempt of Congress.

Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., said Wednesday he was more interested in learning contents of the memo than in getting a copy of it but insisted he would seek to enforce the subpoena if he is not satisfied with the information he gets from the briefing.

The agreement appeared to defuse the standoff between the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee and the Justice Department over the memo. But its announcement by Burton prompted disagreement from the Justice Department about the deal's exact terms.

Both sides said the deal allows the FBI not to discuss portions of the memo that provide details about the Justice Department's criminal investigation of political fund raising.

But the FBI took issue with Burton's statement that it had agreed to read portions of the memo during the briefing.

FBI spokesman Bill Carter said the bureau agreed only to provide a briefing.

"They are not going to hold it up and read it to them verbatim," Carter said. "It is going to be a briefing"

But Richard Bennett, the panel's chief counsel, said "clearly there is going to be reading of the memo, as well as summarizing of the memo."

"Some of it is going to be read to us, some of it is going to be summarized, some of it will be redacted," Bennett said. "That is based on my negotiations with the FBI and the Justice Department."

Bennett said he negotiated the agreement with Larry Parkinson, the FBI's general counsel, and Craig Iscoe, an aide to Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder.

Besides Burton and himself, the bureau also will brief Rep. Henry Waxman of California, the committee's senior Democrat, and the minority counsel, Bennett said.

He said Burton is willing to discuss with the FBI and the Justice Department what, if any, public comments he would make after the session.

Justice Department spokesman Bert Brandenburg said he hoped the briefing would "dispel the notion" that the FBI's investigation was hampered by Reno's decision.

During his testimony to Burton's committee last week, Freeh sought to assure skeptical Republicans that "no area of this investigation is closed," including the calls by Clinton and Gore. "The FBI is not being impeded in any way in conducting this investigation," he said.

Reno and Freeh both told Burton's panel they had a good working relationship despite their disagreements over the independent counsel decision.

Public dissemination of Freeh's views angered the White House. President Clinton pointedly passed up a chance Tuesday to voice confidence in Freeh's performance. "But on this confidence business," he said, "I think there's been too much back and forth on that, and I don't want to get into it."

Clinton said Freeh's dissent from Reno's independent counsel decision "has no effect on whatever opinion I have of him."

Freeh, meantime, raised the possibility that he might not serve out his full 10-year term, which ends August 2003. The director said he expects the birth of his sixth child in the next few weeks might affect his decision.

New photos preview sun's ultimate fade

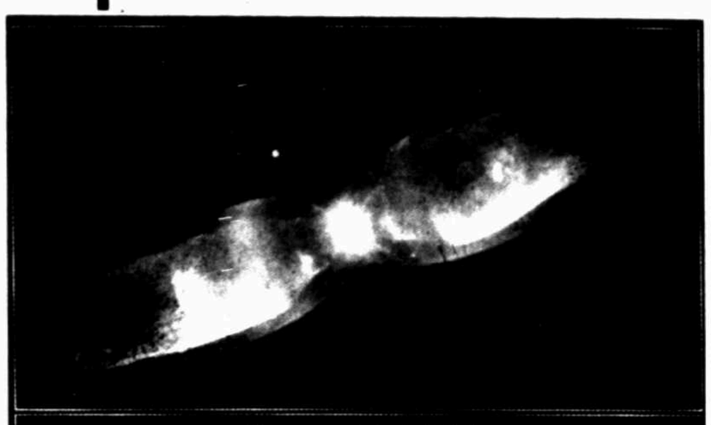
WASHINGTON (AP) — Photos of dying stars, glowing like Christmas tree ornaments against a black velvet sky, give a preview of what ultimately will happen to the sun and how the Earth may be burnt to a crisp in about 6 billion years, astronomers say.

> **'These photos give us the opportunity to put speculative ideas (about how stars die) to a harsh test of truth. These pictures will change the textbooks.'**
> — Bruce Balick, astronomer

The new images, taken by the Hubble Space Telescope, show the death throes of stars about the size of the Earth's sun and illustrate, s a y astronomers, how the sun one day will exhaust its nuclear fuel, flare into a red giant and then collapse to a white dwarf that cools and perhaps even disappears.

"We have seen the future of our own sun billions of years from now," said Howard E. Bond, an astronomer at the Space Telescope Institute in Baltimore. "We have another 6 billion years to get out of town before that happens."

Bond and others show that a star about the size of the sun will burn for about 10 billion years, consuming hydrogen in a 30-million-degree nuclear furnace. Eventually, the hydrogen is exhausted and the core of the star collapses into an even hotter sphere. Then the star swells rapidly into a red giant, with superheated plasma racing outward in all directions.



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NASA photo released Wednesday, taken by the Hubble Space telescope in August, shows the Twin Jet Nebula. If the nebula is sliced across the star, each side of it appears much like a pair of exhausts from jet engines. The nebula is 2,100 light-years away in the constellation Ophiucus.

In its red-giant phase, said Bond, the sun will expand by about 200 times, searing the Earth to boiling temperatures. After a few thousand years, the sun will then collapse into a cooling white dwarf, its heat slowly diminishing. If the Earth still exists, it becomes a frigid, lifeless hulk.

"The Earth will probably get cooked to a cinder and then freez" said Bond.

If there are people around to see it, the sun's death throes will give a spectacular view. Huge streamers of heated gas, racing outward at more than 100,000 miles an hour, will form a glowing sphere with streaks of color.

"The sky will be filled with colors, sparkling like bubbles, bangles and beads," said Bruce Balick, an astronomer at the University of Washington, Seattle. "Probably, though, not even our descendants will be alive to see it."

Anne Kinney, a Johns Hopkins University astronomer, agrees. "The Earth will be freeze-dried by then," she said.

One theory about the sun's future suggests that its final sphere of hot gas could expand outward enough to envelope the Earth, draw it toward the center and completely vaporize the planet.

Under that scenario, said Balick, "We won't go to hell — it would come to us."

Some sunlike stars in death develop barbell-shapes, molded by the gravitation effects of nearby companions, either smaller stars or planets that are many times larger than Jupiter. The smaller comparison draws off gas and dust from the central star and the swirling motion sets the two in a rapid rotation. This squeezes the center of the gas sphere, but sends jets of gas spurting out two sides. Eventually, these jets fan out, giving the object a shape resembling a barbell or a butterfly.

The astronomers said Hubble has captured unprecedented details of this most fundamental of stellar processes.

Balick said the pictures show there is some orderly and powerful process that all stars near the size of the sun go through.

"These photos give us the opportunity to put speculative ideas (about how stars die) to a harsh test of truth," said Balick. "These pictures will change the textbooks."

Kinney said the photos capturing the star's demise show what must have occurred throughout the universe in order for life to evolve. She said stars up to seven times the mass of sun create carbon and send the element streaming through the heavens. Eventually, the carbon is swept up by other stars and, perhaps, becomes part of a planet.

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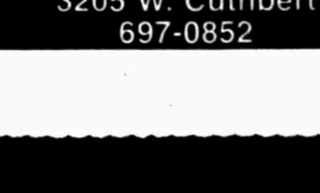
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Jury deliberations continue for second day, relatives wrap gifts

DENVER (AP) — Jurors deliberated a second day without a verdict in Terry Nichols' trial Wednesday as Oklahoma City bombing survivors and relatives bided their time by wrapping dolls, trucks and teddy bears for homeless children.

The jury spent the day behind closed doors at the federal courthouse, asking for a list of the nearly 200 witnesses, which U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch said he would provide in chronological order. Jurors also asked one question, which Matsch refused to reveal.

The seven-woman, five-man panel, which is not being sequestered, quit for the night after deliberating a total of 11 hours.

Two blocks away, about three dozen bombing survivors and relatives gathered in a large basement room at the Holy Ghost Catholic Church, wrapping thousands of donated toys for homeless children. The gray, stone church has been a haven for them since Timothy McVeigh's trial began earlier this year.

With Christmas carols playing from speakers and poinsettias decorating the room, the group stood at large, round tables, taping brightly colored paper around dolls, trucks, blocks, stuffed animals, coats, mittens and muffs.

"We're trying to focus on somebody else's needs instead of just wallowing in our stuff right now," said Marsha Kight, whose daughter, Frankie Merrill, was among the 168 people who died in the April 19, 1995, bombing.

Nichols, 42, who faces the death penalty if convicted of murder and conspiracy, spent the day inside the courthouse, visiting for a while with his mother, Joyce Nichols Wilt, and his sister, Suzanne McDonnell.

Jurors were given the case Tuesday afternoon after emotional closing arguments from both sides.

Defense attorney Michael Tigar portrayed Nichols as a committed family man, who didn't know about the bombing in advance. He ended his speech by placing his hands on Nichols' shoulders and calling his client "his brother."

Prosecutors evoked images of the men, women and children who died in the blast, reminding jurors that "terrorists have families as well."

Nichols faces 11 counts, including conspiracy to use a weapon of mass destruction and eight murder counts, one for each of the federal agents who died in the blast.

Unlike in McVeigh's trial, Matsch instructed the jury also to consider lesser offenses, such as second-degree murder and manslaughter. McVeigh's jurors, who reached their verdict after 23 1/2 hours of talks over four days, didn't have those options.

McVeigh, 29, was convicted in June and sentenced to die.

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Brokaw will not give Rivera warm welcome

NEW YORK (AP) — After wallowing in the muck of tabloid TV for 12 years, Geraldo Rivera is having a hard time cleaning up his reputation.

Rivera thought his reported new $30 million contract with NBC News would give him a triumphant return to the world of journalism and respectability. His welcome, however, was anything but open-armed.

Before the contract was signed, Tom Brokaw made it clear he did not want Rivera — a man who once opened Al Capone's vault on live TV, broke his nose in a chair-swinging brawl with racists, and injected fat from his buttocks into his forehead — appearing on the "NBC Nightly News."

"He does what he does, and I do what I do," Brokaw told The New York Times. "There's very little common ground between us. That doesn't mean that he doesn't have the right to do what he does."

The 54-year-old Rivera agreed to discontinue his lucrative syndicated show to join NBC, but there's still some skepticism about him at the network, conceded David Corvo, NBC News vice president who supervises "Dateline NBC" and other programs.

"I think it's perfectly natural that there would be some," Corvo said. "Because of who Geraldo is, the bar he's got to get over in terms of everyone feeling comfortable with him is probably higher than with the average guy. Nobody is more aware of that than Geraldo."

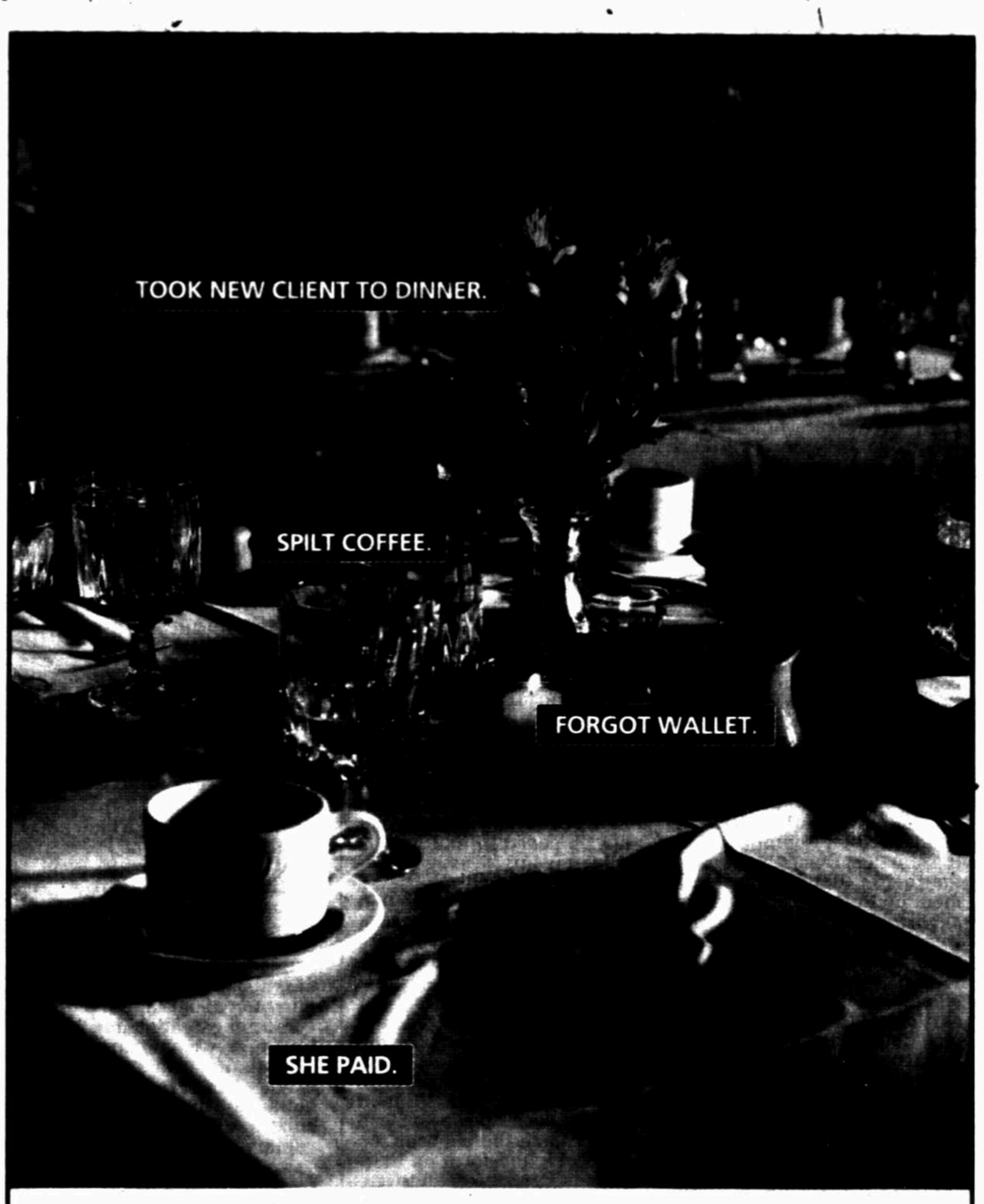
Rivera may be aware of it, but he's not happy about it.

"I would debate with anyone on any of the meaningful issues of our day — with Peter Jennings, Charlie Rose, Bill Moyers, all these people that you guys are always kissing their (expletive)," he told The Washington Post. "I happen to be one of the most educated men in television. Not only am I lawyer, but I have had two graduate fellowships!"

Rivera hasn't worked in network news since 1985, when he was fired after a dispute with ABC News President Roone Arledge.

Rivera made millions from his syndicated talk show, which changed the face of daytime TV by introducing trashy topics others wouldn't touch. But the tabloid show — along with a tell-all autobiography, "Exposing Myself," that detailed his drug use and sexual conquests — sullied Rivera's reputation, and the multiple-Emmy winner wanted to get back to journalism.

His legal affairs show, "Rivera Live" — CNBC's most-watched program — helped resurrect his career, but Rivera never felt accepted by the rest of the NBC News family.



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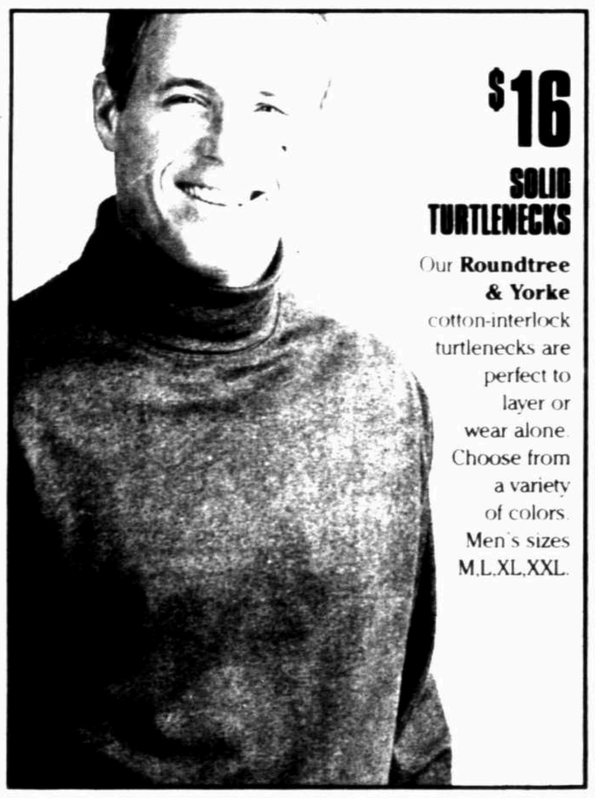
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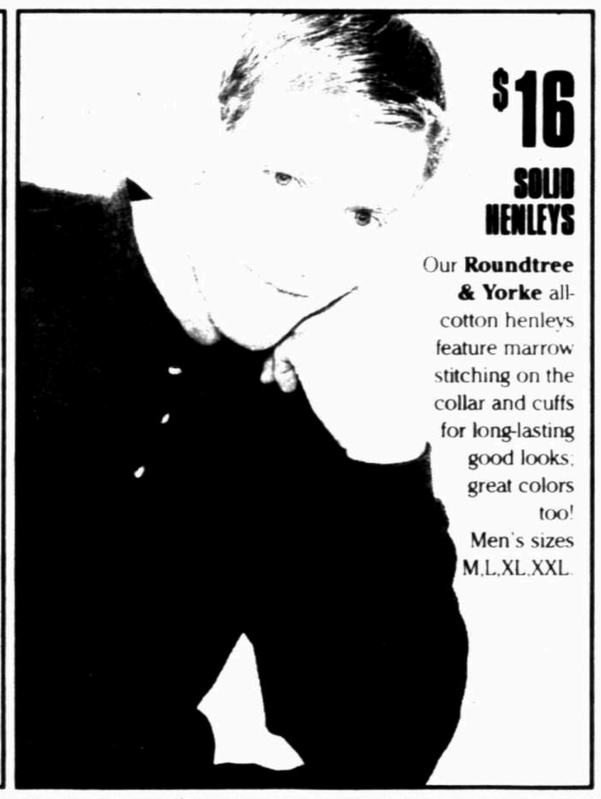
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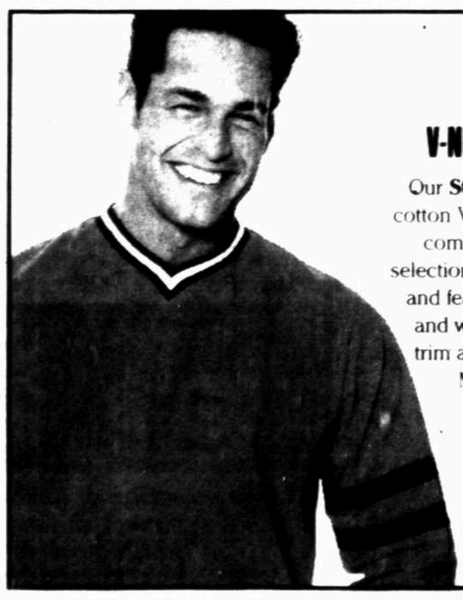
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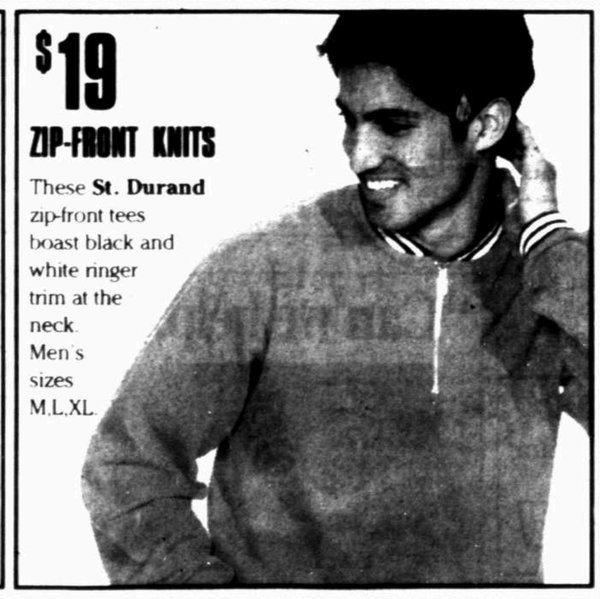
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TU Electric to roll back rates

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

TU Electric announced Wednesday that it will roll back rates for both residential and commercial customers beginning Jan. 1.

The Dallas-based utility Wednesday reached an agreement with the Public Utility Commission, the Office of Public Utility Counsel, consumer groups and industrial groups. TU estimated the rollback will cost it $263 million over the next two years.

Rates for residential customers will be rolled back 4 percent the first year and 1.4 percent in 1999, bringing the total to 5.4 percent. General service secondary customers — primarily small and medium-sized businesses — will see a 2 percent rollback and all other retail customers will see a 1 percent rollback.

LuAnn Morgan, TU Electric district manager, estimated that customers will save $75 each year.

The move was made, she explained, "because of the measures we've taken in reducing operating costs. We're able to pass those savings on to our customers, and we feel this is something that will be good for our customers. It's not required by the PUC; it's something we want to do because we've reduced operating costs so much."

She added that customers should see the effects of the rate reduction on January bills for December consumption.

Transmission and distribution depreciation for the two-year period, estimated at $335 million, will be used to reduce the company's investment in power plants, including the Comanche Peak nuclear power plant, and other facilities. The agreement also establishes a cap for TU Electric's earnings and will use any revenues above that cap to further reduce the utility's investments.

The rate reduction, she said, "is a good move on our part. It also helps us prepare for electric deregulation, which we expect to see in 1999 when the Texas Legislature meets again."

The agreement is awaiting approval from the PUC. TU Electric serves 2.4 million customers.

BASIN BRIEFING

Kelsey Fund gets $10,000 donation

BIG SPRING — The Dora Roberts Foundation of Big Spring presented the Kelsey Logan Angel Fund with a $10,000 check earlier this month. All funds given to the Midland-based Kelsey Fund go to benefit West Texas children with cancer. In addition, this year the fund presented toy store gift certificates of up to $250 to 57 children. "The Dora Roberts Foundation has been a major supporter of the Kelsey Fund since its inception in 1995," said Pam Logan, executive director of the fund. "Dora Roberts has been responsible for bringing a smile to the faces of many children in our area fighting cancer." For more information about the Kelsey Fund, write The Kelsey Logan Angel Fund, P.O. Box 5072, Midland, Texas, 79704, or call 683-1944.

Playhouse Event

"The Magic of Christmas" magic show is to kick off the finale of Centers for Children and Families' fourth annual "Keeping Hearts and Homes Together" Playhouse Event 7 p.m. today at Midland Center. Chances to win one of the playhouses — an A-frame, fort or school bus — are $3 for each chance or $5 for two. Chances are to be available until 4 p.m. today at Midland Park Mall, where the playhouses are on display, or during the magic show. The drawing for the playhouses is to follow the show. For more information call 570-1084.

Big Bend Players

ALPINE — The Big Bend Players are to present a Christmas play,"The Twelve Dancing Princesses," 8 p.m. today through Saturday at Alpine Civic Center. Tickets are $6 for adults and $4 for students. There will be reserved seating for persons who are hearing-impaired. For more information call 915-837-8190.

Book signing

Former Midlander Ray Boulter is to sign copies of his poetry book, "Some Words," 4-6 p.m. Saturday at Hastings. Boulter, of San Angelo, has had 52 poems published in various books and magazines, but this is his first book, he said.

Sunday delivery

Postal carriers are to deliver packages Sunday to ensure that as many holiday gifts as possible are delivered, according to U.S. Postmaster Stan Sartain.

Cyclist death

A Midland grand jury chose not to return an indictment against a Southwestern Bell employee who accidentally struck and killed a Midland cyclist last September.
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TODAY'S AGENDA

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

Flatlanders Toastmasters Club, Chevron Bldg., 15 Smith Rd. 11:30-12:30 p.m., 987-7286.

Share Success-Basics of Goal Setting, Mr. Gatti's (party room 1), 3205 W. Cuthbert Ave, noon, 570-4533.

Survivors Group for Sexual Abuse, Rape Incest Victims, 6 p.m., Glenwood Hospital, 3300 South FM 1788, 563-1200.

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.

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Memorial Hospital gets $15,000 toward remodeling project

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

The Midland Memorial Foundation received $15,000 Wednesday from Burlington Resources Foundation for the Pediatric Unit remodeling project at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center.

This brings the total to more than $500,000 that area corporations, foundations and individuals have donated to the project, which was completed months ago, Barbara Jowell, MMF president, said at Wednesday's meeting of the Midland County Hospital District board.

"There was a small window of opportunity through the summer months," Ms. Jowell said, explaining why the remodeling was done before funding was garnered. "Otherwise, we would have had to wait until next year."

The new pediatric rooms are larger and can provide room for both family members and the modern equipment used to treat newborns.

"The Burlington Resources Foundation is the major channel of philanthropy for Burlington Resources, Inc.," said Bill Pardue, a BRF representative.

This foundation reviews funding requests and

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Sales tax rebate check down 13 percent from that received last year

From Staff Reports

In a somewhat surprising reversal in trends, this month's sales tax rebate check for Midland was a little more than 13 percent below the same period last year.

The latest payment was for $924,249, or 13.09 percent less than the $1,063,561 that was received in December 1996. However, local officials indicated they consider this a one-time glitch and noted that the year-to-date totals continue to show healthy gains over 1996.

Midland's 1997 total, for example, is $12,777,604, or 8.73 percent above the $11,751,326 received over the same time period in 1996.

The latest payment includes local sales taxes collected by monthly filers on October sales and reported to the state comptroller in November. Most observers of the Midland economy have said that because of the ongoing influx of major retailers on Loop 250, local sales are expected to continue to climb in the future.

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Life after loss

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram
Midlanders Barbara Tom Jowell, left, and Donnette Williams Schwisow sign copies of the book "After He's Gone: A Guide for Widowed and Divorced Women," which they co-authored.

Midland women share advice on coping with loss of a husband

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

A study conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics indicates that 50 percent of the women married before 1974 have experienced divorce or widowhood, a percentage that is growing as baby boomers age.

In 1988, two Midland women became part of that 50 percent. Donnette Schwisow became a widow when her first husband, Mac, died of a heart attack. At the same time, Barbara Tom Jowell divorced her husband of 27 years.

They took their experiences and what they learned adjusting to life alone and formed Life Strategies, a consulting firm that presents motivational seminars for those undergoing life changes. And, after many requests, the two have written a book, "After He's Gone: A Guide for Widowed and Divorced Women" that has just found its way to bookstores.

Even though one was widowed and one divorced, "We faced much of the same issues," Mrs. Schwisow said. "We had been good friends for years but during this period "we faced many of the same issues and would call back and forth with questions about insurance, selling a home, buying and selling a car, choosing attorneys, accountants and

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Midlanders announce their plans to run for county offices

Brown to seek re-election to Midland county clerk position

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Midland County Clerk Alice Brown has worked to modernize record-keeping systems at the courthouse and vows to continue this effort if re-elected for another term.

Ms. Brown, who took over the office one year ago, was elected to serve the remaining term of retiring Rosenelle Cherry.

In this campaign, she vowed to computerize county records and great strides have been made in this direction, she said Wednesday, announcing her re-election campaign.

"Today, all forms, warrants, subpoenas, citations and letters testamentary are computer generated. All monthly statistical reports required by the state are calculated and printed through computer," Ms. Brown

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'We have set a course toward greater efficiency and service for the residents of Midland. Let's continue on that same course.'
— Alice Brown

Mike Bradford announces run for county commissioner post

From Staff Reports

Midland businessman Mike Bradford announced his candidacy Wednesday for Midland County Commissioners Court, Precinct 2. The position is currently held by Guy McCrary, who announced recently he would not seek re-election.

Bradford said that if elected county commissioner, "I would like to bring a strong spirit of cooperation between the county and the city." He said he also would seek to "balance economic opportunities with economic realities."

He added, "As has been my history, if a community has been good to you — you give it back."

He said serving as a county commissioner would be one way of giving back to the community.

Bradford, who most recently served as foreman of the special grand jury on gangs, said he will empha-

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'I would like to bring a strong spirit of cooperation between the county and the city ... (and) balance economic opportunities with economic realities.'
— Mike Bradford

Fire damages home second time in months

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

A fire tore through a house at 300 Crestview Road Wednesday evening, leaving its occupants — a family with two children — without a home for the second time this year.

Midland Fire Department authorities said no one was in the house when the blaze broke out. At about 6 p.m., firefighters were called to the residence, which is located about a block east of the intersection of Illinois Avenue and Midkiff Road.

"All of a sudden, I saw these flames come out of the attic," said one witness, whose house is next door to the fire scene. "There was smoke everywhere. I thought it would come close to the other houses."

The fire came close to engulfing a power line that ran above other neighboring homes, but firefighters doused the fire before it traveled to surrounding properties. The flames ruined the home's attic, kitchen and several bedrooms, Fire Department Capt. Ken Whiting said.

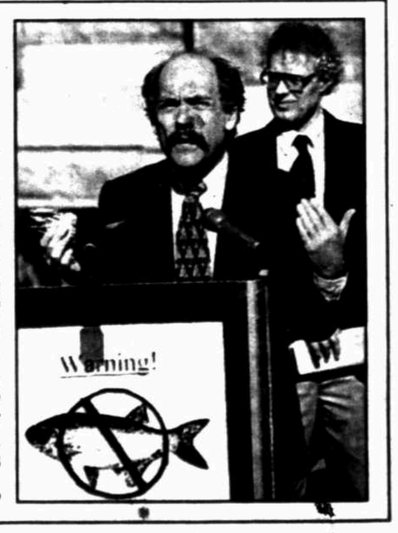
Other parts of the residence sustained moderate smoke and water damage, the cost of which could exceed an estimated property loss of $10,000, he said.

Neighbors said that the house, which belonged to a man identified as Roger Anderson, was the site of another blaze less than two months ago. The owners of the house had just repaired the roof and had recently moved back into their home after living out of a hotel for a while, nearby residents said.

The previous blaze — which began in the house's fireplace — destroyed the attic and kitchen, Whiting said.

Though the sun had set soon after Wednesday's blaze was extinguished, fire officials combed the house until late evening hours. The cause was unknown at press time. An investigation into the incident will continue, Whiting said.

Dangerous waters?



Tom "Smitty" Smith of Texas Citizen Action holds a crab while he talks at a news conference in Austin Wednesday about the dangers of mercury pollution in Texas waters. Behind him is Dr. Neil Carman of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club.
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POLICE REPORTS

Marijuana bust

MONAHANS — Agents with the Permian Basin Drug Task Force arrested four men late Tuesday after 115 pounds of marijuana were seized from the vehicle they were in, Commander Tom Finley said Wednesday.

The bust was made at about 10 p.m. Tuesday night.

Task force agents and Ward County Sheriff's Department deputies pulled over the vehicle four miles south of Monahans on Texas Highway 17, and found the marijuana bundles in five duffel bags, according to Finley.

The cache, Finley said, has an estimated street value of $138,000.

The suspects were identified as William Leslie Donivan, 28, and John Steve Cox, 28, both of Odessa, and Arnulfo Anaya Corales, 18, and Hermino Carrasco, 40, both of Ojinaga, Mexico. All suspects were taken to the Ward County jail, where bond was set at $10,000 each. They remained at the facility as of Wednesday afternoon on felony drug possession charges.

Midland Police Department
Tuesday

Theft: A backpack with $229 was taken from 4506 Thomason Drive. It was reported at 4:51 p.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: Three cars were broken into at an apartment complex at 2100 W. Wadley Ave. Two people were arrested in connection with the break-ins. It was reported at 6:59 p.m.

Theft: Headlights were taken off a vehicle at 4340 W. Illinois Ave. Sema Holtgreme reported it at 9:02 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Tuesday

Deadly conduct: At 5:37 p.m., Kent Spencer reported that he heard gunshots from North County Road 1130.

Theft: Beer was taken from a Permian Distributing truck at 3909 S. County Road 1290. It was reported at 10:38 p.m.

Burglary of a habitation: At 9:01 a.m., Dave McClure reported a residential break-in from 13315 W. County Road 123.

Anyone having information concerning any of these reports should contact the Midland Police Department at 685-7018 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

OBITUARIES

Aubrey Lindsey

DALLAS —Aubrey "Ray" Lindsey died Sunday, December 14, 1997.

Services were held 1 p.m. Wednesday, December 17, 1997, at the Christian Center Assembly of God, 13505 Josey Lane, Farmers Branch, Texas.

Ray was born June 3, 1957, in Dallas, Texas.

Absent from the body, present with the Lord, which gives his family a peace that passes all understanding.

Ray resided with and was survived by his mother, Carolyn Sue Lindsey of Dallas; his father, Aubrey Ray Lindsey Sr.; stepmother, Vicki; stepchildren, Rachel Olson, Sherrie and Michael McKenzie. Stepgrandchildren, Courtney, Ryan and Whitney, all of Midland, Texas, also survive him as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, loving friends and neighbors.

Ray was a loving son, father, grandfather and lover of animals and is also survived by his dogs, Hooter, Chloe and Suede. He was attending Richland College to further his artistic abilities.

Interment was in Restland Memorial Park.

Richard Powers

Richard E. Powers was born November 3, 1917, in Pratt, Kansas, to Henry Joseph and Mary Wood Powers. He was reared and educated in Alexandria, Louisiana, and graduated from Alexandria High School. Mr. Powers attended LSU before serving in the U.S. Army Air Corp during World War II in the South Pacific. After the war, he returned to LSU and graduated with a degree in petroleum engineering. On August 11, 1951, he married Vera Gray in Longview, Texas. They moved to Midland in 1956 from Fort Worth. In 1983, he retired from ARCO after 35 years of service. After retiring, he enjoyed playing golf as often as possible.

Mr. Powers was a member of Memorial Christian Church, a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, a life member of A.I.M.E., a member of Santa Rita Club at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, and a member of ARCO Retirees' Club.

He died Monday, December 15, at his Midland residence.

He is survived by his wife, Vera of Midland; his son, Richard Gray Powers and wife, DeAnn of Dallas; his daughters, George Ann Benson and husband, Al, of Lubbock, and Pat Powers Austin and husband, David of Odessa; and his grandchildren, Stefany Austin, Travis Austin, Kelsey Powers, and Richard Powers.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, George Powers and Henry James Powers and by his parents.

Graveside services have been scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, December 18, at Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery with Dr. Jim Rudd officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Petroleum Museum, 1500 Interstate 20 W., Midland, Texas 79701 or Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.

Honorary pallbearers are Ken Terrell, John Hammett, Bruce Blake, Al Benson, David Austin and Shelley Carrens.

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 4:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

DEATH NOTICES

Ruby Boss

LOVINGTON, N.M. — Ruby Boss of Lovington, N.M., mother of Melba Luna of Stanton, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, at her residence.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at First Baptist Church in Lovington with the Rev. Harry Pittam officiating. Burial is to follow at Lovington Cemetery under the direction of Smith-Rogers Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 27, 1912, in Coleman County.

She lived in Lovington since 1942. She was a member of Victoria Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Boss in 1984; one daughter, Jessie May in April 1983; one brother, Floyd Green; and three sisters, Florence Quarles, Mattie Kee and Cleo Barron.

Other survivors include four sons, Bill Boss and Kenneth Boss, both of Lovington, Melvin Boss, of Kermit and Harold Boss of Hobbs, N.M.; three other daughters, Wanda J. Bagley of Marmarth, N.D., Elizabeth Throckmorton of Seminole, Okla., and Judy Trujillo of Lovington; two sisters, Bernice Boss of Roswell, N.M., and Hazel Coker of Alvin; 30 grandchildren, 62 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Robert Kelley

Robert Kelley, 44, of Midland, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, at his residence.

Services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

HOSPITAL: Board OKs purchase of new MRI machine

(From 1B)

grants selected projects in every city where Burlington does business, he said.

Also at the meeting, the board of directors voted to approve the purchase of a second magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine for the hospital's Abell-Hanger Medical Pavilion.

MRI machines use high-powered magnetic fields to produce images of internal body structures.

The existing MRI machine is being used so frequently that some patients had to wait for a day before getting the tests that had been ordered by their physician, according to Harold Rubin, president of Memorial Hospital and Medical Center.

To handle this increased number of MRI procedures ordered, the new machine could be in place within 90 days.

The new MRI system utilizes new technology, called an "open-field magnet," which no longer makes it necessary to place patients in a tight, tunnel-like aperture.

Patients who are claustrophobic or are too physically large to fit into the old MRI system can easily be treated with the open field MRI. About 10 percent of all patients fit into one of these categories, Rubin said.

In addition, this machine is 20 percent faster than earlier machines, Rubin said.

With necessary renovations at the pavilion, the cost of the machine itself and a six-year maintenance agreement, the cost of the new system will be $1,604,000.

The estimated pay out for this investment is three to four years, Rubin said.

Finally, the board was informed of plans to construct an out-patient clinic for senior citizens at San Miguel Square.

The clinic would be owned and operated by MHMC and would be designed to provide an easy access to out-patient care for Midland's elderly population.

At an estimated cost of $280,000 for renovation and an additional $130,000 in equipment and furnishings, the total cost of the new clinic would be about $410,000.

There are currently 12,450 Medicare recipients in Midland County who could make use of the new clinic.

The clinic would be staffed with doctors from the Integrated Physicians Partners board, Rubin said.

Grand jury declines to indict driver who hit, killed cyclist

From Staff Reports

A Midland grand jury chose not to return an indictment against a Southwestern Bell employee who accidentally struck and killed a Midland cyclist last September.

"The grand jury heard lots of testimony — from the Texas Department of Public Safety, the victim's husband; they questioned the defendant, and heard other testimony concerning the investigation," said Midland District Attorney Al Schorre. "After a lengthy deliberation they returned a no-bill."

Marlana Suzan Fowler, 46, was riding on FM 1788, just west of the intersection of State Highway 191 when she was struck from behind by a Southwestern Bell van driven by Gerald Jones, 49, of Odessa.

DPS officials have said previously that the woman allegedly drifted from the eastbound shoulder into the driver's path.

Mrs. Fowler had been cycling for more than a year and was a member of the Permian Basin Bicycle Association.

Glenn Gadbois, executive director of the Texas Bicycle Association in Austin, said he was disappointed with the panel's decision.

"It think it's a terrible shame," Gadbois said. "This indicates that we have to do a better job educating people. It's a strange situation, but killing someone on the roadside is treated with a lot of leniency ... but should be treated the same as shooting someone with a gun. They both result in death."

Mrs. Fowler died at Memorial Hospital and Medical center as a result of massive head injuries.

SALES: Odessa's December rebate up 7 percent over last year

(From 1B)

Odessa's December payment was for $761,889, a 7.11 percent increase over the $711,018 received in December of last year. Odessa's year-to-date total is now $10,018,969, or 6.48 percent more than the $9,408,936 that had been received at this time last year.

Midland County, meanwhile, received a payment for $627,302, down slightly from the $630,492 received in December of last year. The county's year-to-date total is $7,841,408, a 15.18 percent increase over the $6,807,725 received during the same time frame last year.

Other totals from surrounding communities are as follows:

- Andrews: $62,134 received this month; $62,157 received in December of 1996; down .03 percent; $804,549 for this year to date; $730,205 for 1996 to date; up 10.18 percent.
- Big Spring: $294,791 received this month; $281,665 received in December of 1996; up 4.65 percent; $3,558,025 for this year to date; $3,579,147 for 1996 to date; down 0.59 percent.
- Lamesa: $91,681 received this month; $71,493 received in December of 1996; up 28.23 percent; $906,235 for this year to date; $862,770 for 1996 to date; up 5.03 percent.
- McCamey: $7,829 received this month; 8,976 received in December of 1996; down 12.78 percent; $117,620 for this year to date; $100,787 for 1996 to date; up 16.70 percent.
- Rankin: $1,834 received this month; $1,903 received in December of 1996; down 3.64 percent; $28,024 for this year to date; $29,065 for 1996 to date; down 3.58 percent.
- Stanton: $8,211 received this month; $7,430 received in December of 1996; up 10.51 percent; $106,452 for this year to date; $88,242 for 1996 to date; up 20.63 percent.

BROWN: Clerk says progress made in computerizing court records

(From 1B)

said.

"The new computer system ended five ways of keeping up with the data," she said.

Ms. Brown and her staff have managed to incorporate three stand-alone computer systems and two handwritten indexes for court records into one integrated system, she said.

"In our Recording Section we are in the midst of computer upgrades that will end all handwritten indexes and typewritten forms by January and allow for automatic indexing from the cashiering station of all birth certificates, death certificates, marriage licenses, commercial financing statements, hospital liens, military discharge papers and assumed names," she said.

Ms. Brown pointed out that all of this was accomplished without increasing the office's budget.

As these efforts continue, Ms. Brown expects to have old records scanned into computer files so that certified copies can be made simply by typing a name, she said.

'The new computer system ended five ways of keeping up with the data.'

— Alice Brown

She hopes to have all court records recorded onto microfilm in 1998, with this information indexed in the computer system so that files can be found easily.

She expects this to eliminate the need for six automatic file retrieval machines and the space they occupy in the county courthouse.

Ms. Brown praised her staff for their efforts in these modernization efforts. "They put diligent effort into learning a new computer system. ... They have demonstrated a 'can do' attitude at every turn. I have capable chief deputies and I deeply appreciate their commitment to excellence and their loyalty," she said.

In building the new system, Ms. Brown said she visited other counties and studied the available technology to determine which was the best for Midland. "I don't want to jump into a project and spend taxpayer money casually, only to find that it really doesn't work. I want to get the very best for the price," she said.

Ms. Brown and her husband of 32 years, Richard Brown, have three children. The oldest is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and is a disability lobbyist there. Her two youngest are still in college.

"We have set a course toward greater efficiency and service for the residents of Midland. Let's continue on that same course," she said.

"With your vote, we will accomplish what we started," she told a group of supporters Wednesday.

BRADFORD: Candidate plans to have 'open door' policy with public

(From 1B)

size the need for community action in response to continuing juvenile crime problems, including gang-related activity.

Bradford told the Reporter-Telegram that, if elected, he wants to maintain an "open door" policy with his constituents. "If you have a thought, you ought to voice it," he said.

Bradford, a Fort Worth native, has lived in Midland since 1976. He is executive director of the Natural Resources Foundation of Texas, an organization that provides practical environmental information and education for property owners and other businesses in the state.

He is a graduate of Texas Christian University and has been active in the oil and gas industry as both a producer and an operator.

Bradford has been involved in numerous local organizations including High Sky Children's Ranch and the American Heart Association. He was a member of the first class of Leadership Midland and served as the first president of the organization's alumni group. Bradford has served two terms as the vice president of the TCU National Alumni Board and is a past director of the Texas Lyceum.

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Doctor Tierney will continue a limited hospital consultation practice, but will no longer be available for office or outpatient consultations.

COPE: Book dedicated to 'lunch bunch' who supported each other over years

(From 1B)

other professionals. We helped each other out professionally and emotionally."

Agreed Ms. Jowell: "We'd laugh because we had other friends who would understand but they didn't really understand. We were scared to death — we were starting new careers, taking care of ourselves. Other friends had their husbands at night but we could call each other at 10 p.m. with questions or information we'd learned."

The two presented their first seminar in October 1989 and, despite numerous requests for tapes of their seminar or a book, the two were too busy with new careers. Ms. Jowell is director of the Midland Memorial Hospital Foundation and Ms. Schwisow was working as executive director of the Midland-Odessa Health and Retirement Endeavor.

Finally, after eight years of presenting seminars across the country, the two women said, "we had an inch-thick folder of handouts and we realized, 'We have a book here.' It took discipline and time to get it organized." They worked on the book for two to three years.

Both praised their editor at Carol Publishing Group, who allowed them to print the book as they wanted — with clear, concise language, lots of bold type and bullets that offered succinct information.

The book offers assurances that the grief process for losing a husband to death or divorce is virtually identical and includes tips on finding professional advisors such as lawyers, accountants and financial advisers, buying or selling a home or car and even re-entering the dating scene.

Another piece of advice is to find a support group, whether it's a group of friends to lean on or an organized support group. The two women had been part of a "lunch bunch" that met informally on a monthly basis.

"Our book is dedicated to our 'lunch bunch,' women who had met for lunch for five years before we experienced our transition," Ms. Jowell said. "When we started, it was for fun but now it's a priority. We've helped each other through divorces, spouses' death, problems with children, remarriage and now grandchildren. We tell them daily we couldn't have done it without them."

But the most important advice, they say, is what they call drawing on "your personal bank account of life's experiences."

'You can do it. You're never too old or too young or undereducated, you can go back to school. Dare to dream, and while you're at it, dare to dream big.'

— Author Barbara Tom Jowell

Both women said years of actively volunteering in the community — at schools and non-profit agencies — gave them experience in public speaking and, in Ms. Jowell's case, fund-raising, that helped lead to their careers and to Life Strategies.

In their book, they cited two examples. One is Judy, whose husband was a commercial Realtor. When a severely weakened oil industry roiled the Midland economy, the couple realized they needed additional income. Judy had volunteered at the Junior League Thrift Shop and loved working in consignment sales. Initially, she ran ads offering to buy leftovers from garage and estate sales. That business has grown into The Bargain Barn, a consignment store devoted to designer clothes, a consignment furniture store, an antique store and the couple is considering opening consignment stores along the border in Mexico.

A second example is Jackie, a homemaker who organized a big party for her high school reunion. Her response to the numerous compliments on the party was along the lines of "I'm just a homemaker; I can't do anything."

Ms. Schwisow and Ms. Jowell pointed out to her that she was extremely well-organized, to the point of listing on the calender when the air conditioner filters needed changing, was raising eight wonderful children and did the books — via computer — for her husband's successful business. These were life experiences, they said, that could lead to any one of several good careers.

"Women are, a lot of times, falsely modest," Ms. Schwisow observed.

"You can do it," asserted Ms. Jowell. "You're never too old or too young or undereducated, you can go back to school. Dare to dream, and while you're at it, dare to dream big."

The two authors have scheduled book signings 4 to 6 p.m. today at Hastings in Odessa; 4 to 6 p.m. Friday at Hastings in Midland; 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Barnes & Noble and from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Waldenbooks at Midland Park Mall.

Perry pushes tougher DWI laws; Sharp agrees

AUSTIN (AP) — Rick Perry, GOP candidate for lieutenant governor, Wednesday called for much tougher laws to punish drunken drivers — including a lower legal blood-alcohol level, mandatory jail time and seizure of the drunk's car on a third conviction.

His likely Democratic opponent, John Sharp, said he's favored tougher DWI laws for years.

"I'm glad that Rick Perry has now decided to join the efforts I led as a legislator in fighting drunk driving," Sharp said.

Perry, currently the state agriculture commissioner, said Texas has the dubious distinction of leading the nation in drunken driving deaths.

"I intend to fight this killer, not just during holiday weekends but 365 days a year," he vowed.

The lieutenant governor presides over the Texas Senate.

Calling for "punishment the first time and every time," Perry said that if elected, he would push a plan through the Legislature to severely punish any drunken driving conviction, with even harsher penalties for second and third offenses.

He called for lowering the state's legal blood-alcohol level from 0.10 to 0.08. A bill to do that was killed on a parliamentary maneuver in the Senate this year, but Perry said he thinks lawmakers will recognize the public's get-tough demand.

Under his proposal, a first conviction would bring a minimum three-day jail sentence and suspension of a driver's license for a minimum of 30 days as a condition of probation. Occupational licenses, allowing driving to and from work, no longer would be issued.

A second conviction would bring a minimum of 30 days in jail, no probation, a six-month driver's license suspension and confiscation of the vehicle's license plates for six months.

A third conviction would mean 180 days in jail, a one-year license suspension and state seizure and sale of the vehicle the drunk was driving.

"The level of these senseless acts has reached a level of staggering proportions," Perry said.

"These tough new penalties that I'm advocating today are a thoughtful, and I think compassionate answer to not only the victims of these crimes but to the offenders, who we want to think long and hard about getting into a car after consuming alcohol."

Sharp, currently the state comptroller, said he has supported tougher DWI laws since his days in the Legislature.

Sharp said he coauthored legislation in 1983 that was "the toughest anti-DWI bill ever introduced."

Recalling that his wife's parked car was hit by a drunken driver traveling nearly 80 mph, Sharp called for a constitutional amendment to deny bail to anyone arrested on a felony drunken driving charge.

"These people have proven they are a menace to society and should be locked up, not driving while awaiting trial," he said.

In other developments:

— Republicans Barry Williamson, a Railroad Commission member, and Tom Pauken, former state GOP chairman, both officially entered their party's primary for attorney general. Also running in the March primary will be John Cornyn, a former Texas Supreme Court justice.

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Environmentalists want more mercury warnings

The groups said the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission needs to put tighter limits on mercury emissions from power plants, municipal and medical waste incinerators, landfills and cement manufacturers.

AUSTIN (AP) — Only six of the state's more than 800 public lakes and reservoirs have warnings or bans against eating fish or seafood from them because of mercury pollution. But environmental groups say that doesn't indicate a clean bill of health for Texas waters.

In advance of a national report to be issued this week, the Sierra Club, Public Citizen, Texas Clean Water Action and the Sustainable Energy and Economic Development Coalition on Wednesday released a report about mercury pollution in Texas lakes.

The groups said the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission needs to put tighter limits on mercury emissions from power plants, municipal and medical waste incinerators, landfills and cement manufacturers.

It also said the Texas Health Department needs to more quickly warn Texans about mercury pollution levels.

Mike Ordner, survey branch chief for the TDH's seafood safety division, said the agency considers the amount of pollution, rates of consumption and other factors before determining whether to issue a consumption warning or ban.

Exposure to mercury comes primarily through food. It can cause neurological and reproductive damage and can impair brain development in fetuses and young children.

Possessing or eating fish and other seafood with unsafe levels of mercury is banned only from the upper part of Lavaca Bay in southeast Texas. Consumption of various fish from waters in the B.A. Steinhagen, Sam Rayburn, and Toldeo Bend Reservoirs; and Big Cypress Creek and Caddo Lake is restricted because of mercury levels.

John Villanacci, director of health risk assessment at the TDH, said the federal Food and Drug Administration allows up to 1.0 part per million mercury in fish before it should not be eaten. The EPA has a lower standard at which it believes there may be a health risk.

Villanacci said the Texas standard is around 0.7 parts per million. But he added that if consumption patterns or pollution levels warrant it, warnings and advisories can be posted at lower levels.

All states set their own threshold for posting warnings. Some are higher and some lower than Texas', Villanacci said.

The federal report due this week from the Environmental Protection Agency likely will amend the agency's mercury recommendations. Environmentalists believe the EPA will lower the levels at which it believes harm could occur.

Villanacci disagreed.

"Interpretations are changing," he said. "I wouldn't be surprised if you see the numbers come up, not down. If you follow the (current) EPA guideline, you would have to ban eating fish. That wouldn't be appropriate."

Regardless of what federal officials do, Dr. Neil Carman, of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, said state officials should reduce mercury exposure.

"It's time for Gov. Bush and the TNRCC to act so our families can be protected," said Sparky Anderson of Texas Clean Water Action.

Joann Wiersema, head of toxicology and risk assessment at the TNRCC, said her agency has been limiting mercury emissions from industrial sources for 20 years. She said when it comes to hazzardous waste incenerators, the agency not only monitors the amount of emissions, but measures where it is going.

"We're doing a whole lot. We're trying to get a handle on how high it is and where it is coming from. This stuff is just circulating around the globe," Ms. Wiersema said.

According to Peter Altman of SEED, most mercury emissions in Texas come from coal-fired power plants. Carman said consumers also can help reduce mercury pollution by properly disposing of thermostats, batteries, thermometers and fluorescent lights.

Fund set up to help pay medical expenses of girl with pancreatitis

From Staff Reports

Alamo Heights Baptist Church has established a fund at Midland American Bank to help offset medical expenses for Morghan Hill, 7-year-old daughter of Donald and Kelly Hill of Midland.

Morghan, who suffers from hereditary pancreatitis, has a two-inch stone blocking her pancreatic duct. Attempts to remove the stone, which is causing extreme pain and possible damage to surrounding internal organs, have failed. In a last effort to avoid surgery, Morghan is scheduled for a lithotripsy today at the Indianapolis University Medical Center.

According to family members, the lithotripsy - which uses sonic waves to break up stones - has never been used on a child before and is extremely experimental.

Mrs. Hill works part-time at Atlantic Federal Credit Union; her husband is employed at Westwood Hospital. The family attends Alamo Heights Baptist Church.

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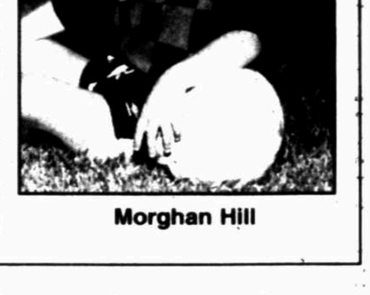

Morghan Hill

University of Houston 'dummy class' report prompts full audit

HOUSTON (AP) — The University of Houston says it will perform a full audit of graduate level courses because of reports that nearly one-third of students surveyed said they have registered for so-called dummy classes.

"We have a problem," university president Arthur K. Smith said Tuesday. "We are fixing it. It is premature to say what the magnitude and seriousness of that problem are."

Smith's remarks came in the wake of a preliminary study by administrators who interviewed students, faculty and staff and of a telephone survey of more than 400 graduate students.

Students were asked if they had ever enrolled in what they considered a dummy class — defined as a course that has no formal expectation of attendance, no formal expectation of specific work required and no stated basis for determining a grade.

Officials said 129 of the 419 students surveyed, about 31 percent, said that at some point in their graduate careers, they were enrolled in classes that exist only on paper.

Smith said that the survey and study by interim provost George Wagner and graduate studies vice provost Arthur Vailas were preliminary and as such should not be viewed as a reliable representation of UH graduate programs.

"Nonetheless, it is unlikely that, whatever our posture, we can explain away that particular statistic," Wagner said. "We do conclude that a more searching investigation is warranted."

All graduate programs and courses offered at the main campus during the current semester and the upcoming spring 1998 semester will be reviewed. Smith said he expects a report from auditors by March 15.

Smith said the audit is necessary to help restore public confidence and academic credibility to the university's graduate programs.

The problem did not appear to lie with university policies, but with faculty and administrators who misrepresent student course registrations to achieve faculty workload requirements, Smith said.

Brain cancer claims organizer of celebrated Roby lottery pool

ROBY (AP) — Peggy Terry Dickson, organizer of the $46.7 million lottery pool won by 43 people in and around this tiny West Texas cotton town, has died after a short battle with brain cancer. She was 49.

Mrs. Dickson discovered her illness on Nov. 26, a day before the one-year anniversary of the celebrated Lotto Texas strike. She and the other winners had just received their second annual installment checks for $39,000.

Mrs. Dickson died Tuesday, a day after a second operation to remove cancerous cells that apparently had spread from one of two tumors surgeons tried to remove on Dec. 2.

She had amazed doctors last Thursday by regaining enough strength to return home. "They sent her home very optimistically. She was in real good spirits, but Saturday morning she took a turn for the worse," a tearful neighbor said.

After briefly speaking with her family Monday night after four hours of surgery, she lapsed into a coma from which she never woke, a family friend told the Abilene Reporter-News.

Mrs. Dickson organized the pool from the Terry Gin by allowing anyone with $10 to spare buy into the pot. Family members, local farmers and others chipped in. Theirs was the sole winning ticket.

Mrs. Dickson was related to 21 of the winners in the Terry family, which owned the gin where she kept the books. Dozens of friends and family members sobbed and prayed at the hospital upon word of her death.

Her death came the same day a CBS producer in New York announced that a one-hour special on the "Roby millionaires" will be aired on its "48 Hours" program on Jan. 8.

Mrs. Dickson told The Associated Press last month that little had changed in this town of about 600.

"We're still the same," she said. "But there are a lot of smiling faces."

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Friday at the Roby Church of Christ.

Mrs. Dickson is survived by her husband, Thomas, and sons Heath and Nick.

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Clinton plans to keep troops in Bosnia

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is about to announce he will keep U.S. troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina as part of a NATO-led force past next June, when their mission is set to expire, administration officials said Wednesday.

No deadline for the mission is likely to be set this time.

Clinton is due to fly to the former Yugoslav republic, where an uncertain peace has held for nearly two years, to spread some holiday cheer. Some 8,000 U.S. troops are serving there with about 22,000 others drawn from the NATO allies, Russia and other countries.

Clinton is to leave Sunday night and spend about 12 hours in Bosnia. The State Department's senior regional expert, Robert Gelbard, will fly there Thursday.

The size of the "follow-on force" and its American contingent will depend on arrangements to be worked out with the NATO allies, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Despite misgivings in Congress about the troops' safety, there have been no strife-related casualties, and despite widespread skepticism, the peace worked out by former Secretary of State Warren Christopher and U.S. negotiator Richard Holbrooke is holding.

On Wednesday, a State Department spokesman, James Foley, confirmed published reports that the United States backs a $17 million loan by the World Bank to the Bosnia Serb Republic.

"What we are proposing now is to target assistance to those who have demonstrated a willingness to implement Dayton, and we believe that it is vital that cooperation of this sort be rewarded," Foley said, referring to the peace accords concluded near Dayton, Ohio, in 1995.

He said about 85 percent of the money would be spent in Brcko and western areas of the republic under the control of Bosnian Serb President Biljana Plavsic, who has promised to implement the settlement.

Foley said 15 percent would go to the eastern region, in some cases to cities under the influence of Radovan Karadzic and his followers, to repair water and sewage systems. Karadzic is a war-crimes suspect and led Serb rebels in the 1992-1995 ethnic war in Bosnia.

Though progress has been made in carrying out the accords, Clinton said at a news conference Tuesday that "there are a lot of difficulties ahead."

The World Bank is due to act on the loan Dec. 23. U.S. endorsement makes approval a virtual certainty.

Agreeing that peacekeeping was is a continuing problem, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and the NATO foreign ministers directed military planners in Brussels, Belgium, on Thursday to consider a smaller, more flexible force that would remain after the current mission ends in June.

Clinton is expected to make his announcement Thursday, conditioning the retention of U.S. troops in Bosnia past June on an acceptable plan being devised by the North Atlantic Council.

The allies, for their part, have warned they would quit Bosnia if U.S. troops were withdrawn completely.

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FDA approves gel to help heal diabetic ulcers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Diabetics with hard-to-heal foot ulcers can soon use a new genetically engineered gel to stimulate tissue regrowth and help avoid severe complications.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Regranex gel Wednesday. It is not a cure for diabetic foot ulcers. But when used in addition to good foot care, especially keeping all weight off the diseased foot, Regranex helped more ulcers heal, the FDA said.

Regranex will be available by prescription in February. A price has not been set, said Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceuticals, which will market the drug.

Adding Regranex "in addition to good wound care will heal more ulcers," said Dr. Mayer Davidson, president of the American Diabetes Association. "Given that, it should have a significant impact on the health of diabetic patients."

About 16 million Americans have diabetes, and some 2 million will at some point develop ulcers on the foot or lower leg.

Diabetes harms circulation, slowing the healing of wounds. But patients also can develop open sores on their feet that, because of diabetes-caused nerve damage, they may not even detect until the ulcers are severe. The longer the ulcers take to heal, the more opportunity for serious infection — and an estimated 60,000 diabetics get amputations every year because of ulcers.

Standard ulcer care includes scraping away the dead tissue, keeping weight off the foot, changing bandages twice a day to keep the foot moist, ensuring the skin gets adequate oxygen, and antibiotic treatment for infection.

But that doesn't always work, and it's hard for patients to keep weight off the foot long enough for full healing.

Regranex contains a genetically engineered version of a growth factor naturally present in blood. This ingredient, called becaplermin and made by Chiron Corp., attracts wound-healing cells to the ulcer site to stimulate tissue regrowth.

Chiron supplied the biotech ingredient to Ortho-McNeil's parent company, Johnson & Johnson, to develop into a gel.

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Probe stretches from Florida to Texas in death of quadruplets' mother

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Sheila Bellush saw her husband off to work and her 13-year-old daughter off to school before apparently strapping her quadruplets into life jackets to keep the toddlers safe around the swimming pool in the back yard.

But it was Mrs. Bellush, not her children, who needed protection.

She was found shot to death, her throat slit, her 23-month-old children crawling around in her blood in their Sarasota, Fla., home.

"My mom is dead," her sobbing 13-year-old daughter, Stevie, told a 911 operator after finding the body when she arrived home from school Nov. 7. The teen-ager cried, "Oh my God, who would do this?"

Three men have been charged with what investigators say was a contract murder, and one pleaded guilty Wednesday. Suspicion has also fallen on Mrs. Bellush's ex-husband, a golfing partner of one of the men charged.

How much the killer might have gotten, exactly who paid it and why have not been answered.

Investigators have refused to give a motive for the slaying.

Allen Blackthorne, Mrs. Bellush's former husband, became an immediate focus of investigators and hired a defense attorney, Roy Barrera Jr., though he has not been charged with a crime.

Blackthorne and his ex-wife had fought their way through a divorce in 1988, followed by nasty accusations and legal battles over their two daughters, Stevie and 12-year-old Daryl. In September, Sheila and her husband, James Bellush, moved to Sarasota from San Antonio — where their quadruplets had become celebrities of sorts — to start a new life.

Through his lawyer, Blackthorne denied involvement in Mrs. Bellush's slaying. "He is as shocked and surprised as anyone else by what happened," Barrera said.

Blackthorne so far has not accepted an offer to testify before the grand jury, saying he has no helpful information, said Steve Hilbig, district attorney in San Antonio.

"We would always like to hear from Mr. Blackthorne," Hilbig said. "I might suggest that he might not know what will help us and what won't help us."

Less than a week after the attack, Jose Luis Del Toro, 21, of Texas, was charged with first-degree murder. He was captured in Mexico on Nov. 20.

Del Toro had been seen in camouflage clothing spying on the family home before attacking Mrs. Bellush near a laundry room adjacent to her garage, authorities said.

Investigators said they found his fingerprints on a clothes dryer in the Bellush home. The alleged murder weapon, a .45-caliber gun, was found in Del Toro's car in Texas.

Sammy Gonzales, 27, and Daniel Alex Rocha, 28, were also arrested in San Antonio on charges of murder conspiracy and solicitation of capital murder. They were accused of offering to pay Del Toro to kill Mrs. Bellush.

On Wednesday, Gonzales pleaded guilty to solicitation of capital murder. He and Rocha remain behind bars, while Del Toro awaits extradition in Mexico City. Mexico has said it will not hand him over without assurances the United States will not seek the death penalty.

Rocha was golfing with Blackthorne the day of the killing, Blackthorne's lawyer said. Gonzales, who works at a driving range and used to clean golf clubs at a San Antonio country club, is a cousin of Del Toro.

Blackthorne, a medical equipment manager who is remarried and has two young sons, gave up parental rights to his daughters several months ago, but had recently sought a protective order to keep Sheila and James Bellush away from the girls. Stevie claimed James Bellush had physically abused her, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

Mrs. Bellush herself was charged with assault Aug. 31 after daughter Daryl claimed her mother whipped her with a belt, causing welts on her legs. Texas Child Protective Services found no evidence of child abuse, but the investigation was still open when Mrs. Bellush was killed.

In 1987, Blackthorne was convicted of assaulting his wife.

"Oh yeah, I hit her. ... But I never hit her before that and never after," he told the Express-News before his ex-wife's slaying.

Blackthorne was also charged in 1988 with aggravated sexual assault involving one of the daughters, but the case was dismissed, the newspaper reported.

Americans are joiners, not loners, survey says

Many people, 44 percent, also said they volunteered services to the community through formal organizations in 1996.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans often sound like Christmas Grinches as they grumble their distrust of everybody. But most actually help their neighbors, volunteer frequently and plunge into outside activities, a poll says.

"We're still a nation of joiners," said Constance Swank, director of research for the American Association of Retired Persons, which is releasing its "Survey of Civic Involvement" on Thursday.

The nation's largest group for older people conducted the telephone poll of 1,500 Americans 18 and older at the end of 1996 to find out whether decreasing voter turnout and increasing distrust in public institutions are signs that the United States is becoming a nation of loners.

Consistent with previous studies, fewer than half those surveyed said they think "most people can be trusted," and only 28 percent believe the federal government can be relied upon "to do what's right" most or all the time.

More people — 48 percent — report confidence in local government, but only 27 percent are active in political parties or in election campaigns.

But that doesn't make Americans a bunch of apathetic hermits.

The AARP survey found that on average each American belongs to four groups to get outside of the house and involved in the community — churches, clubs, professional and civic organizations.

Most common is membership in religious organizations, with 61 percent of Americans reporting an affiliation. Thirty percent of respondents said they belonged to health, sporting and country clubs, 27 percent in professional or trade groups, 21 percent in PTA and other school organizations.

Membership in clubs related to hobbies such as gardening or computers and in neighborhood groups also is commonplace.

"People's involvement in organizations is really active," Swank said. They give more than is required, she said, and one in four holds office or has a leadership role.

Many people, 44 percent, also said they volunteered services to the community through formal organizations in 1996. Even more, 86 percent, said they informally helped someone in need.

And alough they may not consider themselves political activists, a third of Americans report working with others to solve local problems, and 72 percent spent time discussing local issues with others. Seventy percent said they are very or somewhat interested in national politics.

Still, Americans' civic involvement has decreased over the last quarter century, argues Robert Putnam, a Harvard professor whose research comparing past surveys was published in the essay "Bowling Alone."

"There has been a 60 percent decline in the number of public meetings members go to, a 50 percent decline in the number of club meetings people go to, a nearly 50 percent decline in the frequency with which we entertain people at home," Putnam said.

The AARP study, he said, "though it's very rich and very interesting, is utterly irrelevant to the concept of change over time."

But the findings do indicate that new strategies could engage more Americans in solving national problems, Swank said. "It suggests to us ... that there are untapped human energies resident in our communities," she said.

Harris Wofford, who leads President Clinton's Corporation for National Service, said institutions people deal with every day are more effective recruiters of volunteers than are politicians' pleas for volunteering. "We had leaders of religion, of corporations, of education doing the asking," said Wofford.

Similarly, even as nationwide voter turnout continued its general decline in the 1997 election season, the League of Women Voters increased turnout in several cities by reaching people through civic groups that attract them.

The league decided to try the new tactic after a poll of its own this year showed that combating distrust in government may be a dead end, since it is as common among voters as nonvoters, said league president Becky Cain.

Aerospace sales going to international buyers

WASHINGTON (AP) — With commercial aircraft sales surging and Pentagon spending flat, the U.S. aerospace industry this year sold as much to commercial and foreign buyers as to the U.S. government.

It was only the second time that U.S. government orders did not predominate the aerospace business, Don Fuqua, president of the Aerospace Industries Association, said at a luncheon Wednesday.

"This year we are at the crossover point in the industry's long transition from a workload pattern driven by government contracts to one driven primarily by commercial sales," Fuqua said. "While the direction of our industry has been clear for some time, the crossover brings with it a faint touch of cultural shock as we pass a significant milestone."

The shift, reflected in sales by such companies as Boeing, TRW, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon and United Technologies, stems as much from a booming commercial airline sector as from waning Pentagon purchases.

Aerospace sales to commercial customers and foreign governments are expected to increase 27 percent this year to $53.9 billion. Sales to the U.S. government — primarily the Pentagon and NASA — will total $54.1 billion.

The Aerospace Industries Association, which represents U.S. makers of commercial, military and business aircraft, helicopters, aircraft engines, missiles, spacecraft and related components, said in a press release that non-U.S. government sales are rising "because the airline industry is booming." Both passenger and freight traffic has been increasing worldwide since 1993 and the trend is expected to continue.

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Ethan Barrow, 11 months old, isn't too jolly around old Saint Nick as his mother Theresa Barrow attempts to comfort him Monday, Dec. 15 during a visit to Santa Claus at a mall in Nashville, Tenn.

Panel's call to separate men, women during military training faces criticism

N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — A panel's recommendation that the Army, Navy and Air Force separate men and women during much of their training faced pointed criticism Tuesday from some members of Congress and others who said it would undercut the role of women in the military.

The swift reaction to the recommendations of the panel, which Defense Secretary William S. Cohen appointed last June after several sexual assault and harassment scandals in the military, underscored the emotional and political sensitivities of the issue and set the stage for a renewed debate in the months ahead over women in the armed services.

"I think it sends the wrong message about the direction we need to take in the military," said Sen. Olympia J. Snowe, R-Maine, who strongly supports integrated training. "Why create this separateness, this barrier almost from the outset?"

Disclosing a series of recommendations at the Defense Department Tuesday, the panel's members, led by Nancy Kassebaum Baker, the former senator from Kansas, said the recent efforts to bring the sexes together in basic training and boot camps had created new problems. While the panel strongly endorsed integrated training, it recommended that men and women live in separate barracks and otherwise be kept apart at the most basic levels.

Cohen praised the panel's members, saying their recommendations were not meant to roll back the advances of women but rather were "designed to make our military the most effective in the world."

He sidestepped an endorsement, however, when specifically asked if he supported the panel's recommendations. He called it a "good report" and said he would ask the leaders of each of the armed services to review the recommendations over the next three months before coming to his own conclusions.

"I am neutral and open, as I have indicated before, to all constructive recommendations, and this is part of the process," Cohen said.

In his news conference at the State Department, President Clinton said he would be "very reluctant" to accept any recommendations that might reduce opportunities for women in the military. But he added that the Pentagon should consider any suggestions for improving the training or housing of recruits.

"I think within those limits that ought to be largely a decision left to our military commanders upon serious review of the report," Clinton said.

The panel's recommendations would make the Army, the Navy and the Air Force more like the Marine Corps, which has resisted integrating men and women in basic training. The panel concluded that training at the core level — the platoon in the Army, the division in the Navy or the flight in the Air Force — was being disrupted by the logistical difficulties of having men and women working together and sharing the same barracks.

Even by separating the sexes at the basic level, the panel said there would still be considerable integrated training in the field and in classrooms. The panel also called for an increase in recruiters and supervisors who are women and tougher physical requirements for both male and female recruits.

"This isn't a step back," Ms. Kassebaum Baker said Tuesday. "We regard it as a step forward in strengthening the services."

That view was not shared by the most outspoken supporters of women's role in the military. Rep. Nita M. Lowey, a Westchester Democrat, said separating the sexes from even some types of training would "diminish the opportunities for women" in the military.

Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney, a D-N.Y., called the recommendations "a slap in the face to women." She said more emphasis should be placed on improving training and discipline in integrated units.

By contrast, the panel's recommendations received a warm welcome from conservative groups, which have long opposed efforts to integrate women more fully in training and in combat.

Study: Drug may help chemistry between mothers, newborns

By Philip Cohen
N.Y. Times News Service

Mothers who feel no attachment to their newborn babies may lack a neural pathway that is normally triggered by the act of giving birth, a new study of mice suggests.

While the factors that cause some women to reject their babies at birth remain unclear, the study hints that a carefully timed dose of drugs might, in some cases, free them from this misery.

Most mice make doting parents. Even those with no experience of raising pups, such as virgin females or young males, will shepherd strays back to the nest. But Steven Thomas and Richard Palmiter of the University of Washington studied mice in which a gene called Dbh, which produces the enzyme dopamine b-hydroxylase, was knocked out. This enzyme is needed to make the neurotransmitter norepinephrine which the researchers say prepares the brain for motherhood.

The survival rate for offspring of these mice was only 35 percent of that seen in females with a normal Dbh gene. The dead pups' bodies were scattered and they often hadn't been cleaned of placental material. The pup-gathering skills of virgin females and young males from the strain were also greatly reduced, suggesting that a general lack of nurturing instincts was to blame. This was confirmed by the finding that the survival rate of Dbh knockout pups rose to 85 percent when they were given to foster mothers with the normal gene.

The researchers next set out to see if restoring normal levels of norepinephrine made the knockout mice good mothers. When they gave virgin females or mice early in pregnancy injections of the drug DOPS, which turns into norepinephrine in the brain, they saw no improvement.

But if the drug was given as the females gave birth, their nurturing skills soared and about 75 percent of the pups survived. "It makes sense that maternal instincts would be reinforced in the brain just before they're needed," Thomas says.

This change in attitude seemed to be permanent. On a subsequent pregnancy, the survival rate increased to 85 percent, even though the mice had not received a second shot of DOPS.

A multitude of factors other than brain chemistry may lie behind some women's initial rejection of their babies after they give birth — and no one has yet looked to see whether variations in norepinephrine levels correlate with differences in human maternal behavior. But Michael Numan, a behavioral geneticist at Boston College, notes that the seat of maternal behavior in rodents is the hypothalamus, part of the brain whose functions are believed to have been largely conserved across millions of years of evolution.

"We have to be open to the possibility that some instances of human neglect, abuse or postpartum depression could involve the failure of such a mechanism," he says.

"Bonds formed in those first few hours after birth can make a difference that will last at least 18 years," says Carol Tomlinson-Keasey, a child psychologist at the University of California at Davis. "But we don't know why that timing is so crucial." A maternal brain primed with norepinephrine could be part of the answer, she says.

Council says small space debris is hazard to shuttle, astronauts

By Mark Carreau
Hearst News Service

HOUSTON — NASA has not adequately addressed the risks to space shuttle astronauts from the smallest pieces of man-made debris and micrometeoroids orbiting the Earth, says a study made public Tuesday.

The space agency, however, disputed those conclusions. Recent risk assessments indicate that the winged spaceships can withstand more damage than previously assumed, and modifications now under way will lend more protection to the shuttle's most vulnerable systems, NASA's top expert said.

The report was the second this year dealing with orbital debris. It was done by the National Research Council, a nonprofit group chartered by Congress to furnish independent advice on scientific and technical issues. In January, the research council urged NASA to bolster protective shielding on the international space station it will begin assembling next year.

In its latest report, the research council expressed specific concerns about the accumulation of small bits of debris left over from nearly four decades of rocket launchings. The panel estimates that 95 percent of the material that poses a threat — junk less than 2 1/2 inches in size — escapes detection by ground-based radar, telescopes and other tracking devices operated by the Defense Department.

At the same time, the panel cautioned, the Defense Department, which warns NASA's mission control of potential collisions during a mission, is in the midst of scaling back its tracking facilities from 19 to 13.

"Meteoroids and orbital debris are currently allowed to pose the largest single risk of both critical failure and early termination of a shuttle mission," the panel, chaired by former shuttle commander Rick Hauck, concluded in one key finding. "Compared to the effort NASA has expended to reduce other risks to the shuttle, the effort spent to understand and reduce the risk from meteoroids and debris appears small."

As the space agency began to include the debris hazard in its overall assessments of the risks faced by a shuttle mission from launching to landing, the odds of a catastrophic failure during a flight grew from 1 in every 134 missions to 1 in 84, according to the research council.

"Clearly, there is a pretty poor misstatement at the beginning of this report that says orbital debris is the biggest risk the (shuttle) faces," said Nicholas Johnson, NASA's chief scientist for orbital debris and the program manager for its risk assessment and hazard-prevention efforts. "That has never been true. It's not true today, and it will be less true tomorrow.

'We have a much better knowledge of what would actually cause potentially serious damage to the (shuttle).'
— Nicholas Johnson, NASA's chief scientist for orbital debris

"If we were to do the calculations today, we would not come up with anything near those numbers," Johnson said of the 1 in 84 odds. "We have a much better knowledge of what would actually cause potentially serious damage to the (shuttle)."

Johnson, who briefs shuttle managers before each launching on the debris threat, said next month's flight of Endeavour to the Russian Mir space station faces a 1 in 700 chance of major damage from debris penetration.

After 88 missions, the space shuttle has proven more resilient than assumed.

For instance, until engineers could more accurately assess the risk, it was assumed that any penetration of the carbon fiber panels that protect the leading edges of the shuttle's wings would cause the spacecraft to burn up during its atmospheric re-entry. There were similar fears over the penetration of the plumbing that lines the inside of the shuttle's payload bay doors to dissipate heat absorbed from the sun and generated by electronic gear.

Engineers now believe the 7/8 panels could withstand small penetrations, and, depending on the location, even larger holes and still land safely.

According to Johnson, neither the wing panels, nor the radiator plumbing nor the bulky suits worn by spacewalking astronauts have been penetrated during spaceflight.

Nonetheless, the space agency this fall initiated plans to add a ceramic fiber material called Nextel inside the wing panels. The radiator lines will be covered with an aluminum tape as well as new isolation valves to increase protection and permit a coolant leak to be isolated.

The U.S. Space Command alerts NASA's mission control when its tracking equipment forecasts that one of the 8,000 pieces of debris it tracks will pass within an alert zone that extends 13 miles in front of and behind the shuttle, and 2 1/2 miles above, below and to either side. NASA flight controllers have the option to order evasive maneuvers by a shuttle crew.

Though the military is closing some of its ground tracking facilities, those with the capabilities to see the smallest objects have not been jeopardized, Johnson said. The space agency and the Pentagon are working on a strategy to track objects as small as 2 1/2 inches.

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WPHL — Odessa Jackalopes at New Mexico Scorpions, 8 p.m.
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All-star Pye

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Odessa Jackalopes goalie Billy Pye will start in goal for the West team in the Western Professional Hockey League All-Star Game, which will be played Jan. 10 in Lake Charles, La.

This will be the second WPHL All-Star start for Pye, who tended goal for the East squad in the inaugural showcase last season.

Pye, who played for Waco then, was acquired by Odessa in a late November trade. The Jacks were 4-15 at the time, but they have improved to 10-20, largely due to Pye's goaltending.

The defending champion El Paso Buzzards put three players in the starting six for the West Division: defenseman Mark Hilton and forwards Jamie Thompson and Jason Welch. A pair of New Mexico Scorpions, center Craig Hamelin and defenseman Eric Ricard, round out the lineup.

The East starting lineup will consist of Shreveport goalie Kevin St. Pierre, Forth Worth center Terry Menard, forwards Tim Findlay of Austin and Graeme Townshend of Lake Charles, and defensemen David Barozzino of Lake Charles and Dean Kolstad of Central Texas.

Players were chosen through team and media balloting.

The All-Star coaches will be chosen from the teams in each division with the highest winning percentage through games of Dec. 23. Also at that time, the next six players from each division, according to the balloting, will be announced. The respective coaches will then select five more players to round out their 17-man All-Star rosters. Each WPHL team will have a minimum of two players at the All-Star Game.

Switzer's fate

IRVING — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones keeps talking around the future status of coach Barry Switzer, but he has dropped hints that a decision is at least six weeks away, and maybe longer.

"We may go to the end of February before anything is decided on our staff," Jones said Wednesday. "We may not even make a statement. It just may become evident on what we plan to do as we look at free agency, attend combines, and prepare for the draft."

Switzer said Tuesday he has done a better job of coaching this year than he did when the Cowboys won the Super Bowl two years ago.

But, Jones has steadfastly refused to say whether the former Oklahoma coach or his staff will be back next year.

Dallas, which will miss the playoffs for the first time since 1990, ends the season on Sunday against the New York Giants.

Volleyball Final 4

SPOKANE, Wash. — Stanford begins its quest for a third national title in four years when the NCAA women's volleyball championships open Thursday in the Spokane Coliseum.

Defending champion Stanford (31-2) is the No. 3 seed and will meet No. 2 Long Beach State (33-1) in one semifinal. No. 1 seed Penn State (33-1) faces fourth-seeded Florida (34-3) in the other semifinal.

The championship match will be Saturday in the Spokane Arena.

Long Beach State last won the national championship in 1993. Stanford won the title in 1996, 1994 and 1992.

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Stanton crazy about Buffaloes

■ Stanton folks to fill three buses to watch Buffs play in state championship game against Rogers.

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

STANTON — If you want to find the town of Stanton this weekend, follow Interstate 20 about 330 miles east to Texas Stadium, where about 3,000 friendly people and a few soreheads won't be watching the Dallas Cowboys end their moribund regular season.

At least two full busloads of people will be supporting a group of gridiron heroes much closer to home when the Stanton Buffaloes play Rogers at 6 p.m. Saturday in the Class 2A state championship game. All right, maybe not everybody in Stanton will be in Irving this weekend, but enough people will be gone that it might be hard to even strike up a Saturday night poker game.

"That's the only talk in town right now," said Stanton coach Mark Cotton, who has piloted his team to a 15-0 record and a shot at the state title. "We're not just representing the town right now, we're representing West Texas."

There's little doubt that bringing home a state title would raise Stanton's profile on a statewide level. Prior to last week's state semifinal game against Italy, several Italy players reportedly made comments about not knowing where Stanton was. After the Buffaloes destroyed Italy 35-7 in Brownwood, they now know.

At least as many people who made the trip to Brownwood should make the trip to Texas Stadium. Two buses have already been reserved for the trip and a third is being booked. In a rather twisted irony, Iraan, Stanton's District 6-2A arch-rival which won the state championship last season with a 16-0 mark, has lent the Stanton school district a bus for the trip.

"People who have never been to the games are going," said Mary Hernandez, who works at Stanton Drug, an establishment frequented by many Stanton players and fans. "People are going crazy over this."

Certainly crazier than anything that's happened in

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Stanton fans cheer for their Buffaloes during the Class 2A state semifinal game against Italy last Saturday in Brownwood. Stanton fans hope to do plenty more cheering this Saturday at Texas Stadium when the Buffs face Rogers in the state title game.

AP Laserphoto
University of Southern California coach John Robinson reacts to a play earlier this season at Notre Dame Stadium. Robinson was fired Wednesday after his second tour of duty as USC's football coach.

Changing of guard at USC

■ Robinson's out, Hackett's in as Trojan football coach.

By Ken Peters
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — John Robinson refused to step aside as Southern California's coach so he was fired and replaced on Wednesday by Paul Hackett, offensive coordinator for the Kansas City Chiefs.

Robinson and USC athletic director Mike Garrett were clearly at odds over the football program, with Robinson refusing to take calls from Garrett the past two days.

Robinson, who said he conducted himself "with dignity" in his five years at USC, learned of his firing when he listened to his answering machine Tuesday night.

"Unfortunately, that dignity was not shown us over the past three weeks," he said at a news conference off campus. "Our coaching staff has kind of been hung out to dry."

Garrett, speaking earlier at a campus news conference, said he spent two days trying to reach Robinson. USC president Steven Sample also did not speak with Robinson about the dismissal.

"I called twice last night, and he was unavailable," Garrett said. "I called again this morning and spoke with his wife, and told her that she and he were welcome at the press conference."

Garrett said Robinson will be offered another position with the school. Robinson had a contract to coach through the 2001 season, but there reportedly was a clause for a buyout paying him one year's salary, believed to be close to $600,000.

Hackett, who was just 13-20-1 at Pittsburgh in his only other college head coaching job, won't take charge of the Trojans until after the AFC West-champion Chiefs finish their season.

Hackett, a former USC assistant during Robinson's first stint at the school, was not at the USC news conference announcing his

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LaFleur shows he can contribute to Cowboys' offense

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — If there ever was a forgotten Cowboy, it was rookie tight end David LaFleur.

A much-heralded first round draft pick, wearing the official stamp of approval from quarterback Troy Aikman, the 6-foot-7, 280 pound former LSU star was expected to be just what the doctor ordered for Dallas' sickly offense.

Without Jay Novacek, the Cowboys offense was 24th in the NFL in 1996. Finding a solid blocking, pass catching tight end was a big offseason priority for coach Barry Switzer.

In training camp, Aikman spoke glowingly of LaFleur, whom he had personally worked out while the Cowboys were trying to decide their draft order last April.

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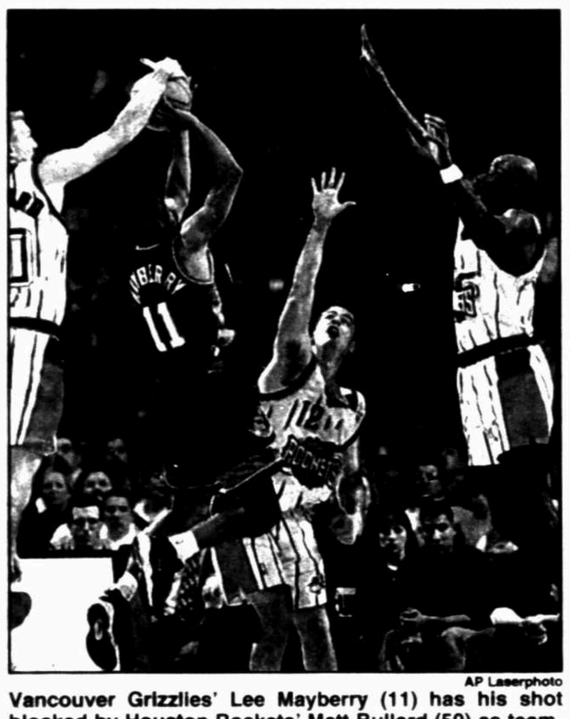

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Vancouver Grizzlies' Lee Mayberry (11) has his shot blocked by Houston Rockets' Matt Bullard (50) as teammates Matt Maloney (12) and Clyde Drexler (22) help defend during the third quarter Tuesday in Houston. The Rockets beat the Grizzlies 118-91.

Rockets find their defensive intensity

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Somewhere between Vancouver and Houston, the Rockets found their defensive intensity.

The question becomes: Can they keep it as they face a rugged weekend of three games in four nights, with back-to-backs Friday and Saturday against Sacramento and San Antonio and the Lakers on Monday.

"We're playing to our level and not to the level of our opponents," guard Mario Elie said. "We are ready for a big week coming up."

After a listless road trip that included losses to the Los Angeles Lakers on Friday and Vancouver Grizzlies on Sunday, the Rockets returned home by blowing out the Grizzlies 118-91 on Tuesday night.

"We have a tough week ahead, it was good to get that one out of the way," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said.

Beating one of the worst teams in the league normally wouldn't be that big a deal, but for the Rockets, it was necessary to stop the dive and get back to winning with defense.

"You hate to lose any game but if you lose and it triggers something positive in you, things like a recommitment to defense, then it's worth it," Tomjanovich said. "If you don't have any response, then you have problems. But we had noticeable improvement."

In their 0-2 West Coast swing, the Lakers shot 56.8 percent in the second half and the Grizzlies shot 58 percent for the game.

"For a game and a half, our

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Conradt seeks rare milestone — 700 wins

■ Lady Longhorns face Northwestern tonight.

By Chip Brown
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — Texas' Jody Conradt can't remember her first victory. But no one is letting her forget the significance of her next.

Conradt, the all-time winningest coach in women's college basketball, goes for victory No. 700 Thursday night at home against Northwestern.

With an overall record of 699-202 (77.6 percent), Conradt would become the first women's college coach and only the eighth — men's or women's — to reach the 700-victory milestone.

The company includes the likes of North Carolina's Dean Smith and Kentucky's Adolph Rupp.

"I think this means that I'm old and I've been around the longest," Conradt joked Wednesday. "It's nice because people are taking note of it and because there have been a lot of special players and games along the way."

She is 582-137 in 22 seasons at Texas, including the first Division I team in history to go undefeated (34-0) in winning the national championship in 1986.

She is second only to Indiana's Bob Knight (706) in victories among all active college coaches.

"When I first started coaching, they didn't pay people to coach women's basketball," Conradt said. "It was something you did in addition to teaching or being an administrator. It's great to see how everything has evolved.

"Now, coaching women's basketball is respectable with good pay and fans are interested in the game."

Conradt, who pulled in $12,000 a year in the early 1970s as an administrator and coach at University of Texas-Arlington, now takes home $255,000 per year.

Texas players would love to give their coach No. 700 as quickly as possible.

"This victory probably should have come already," said junior guard Vanessa Wallace, referring to the Longhorns' 2-4 start, due in part to a season-ending knee injury to 6-foot-4 center Carla Littleton.

"It's special to be part of a program like this and to learn from someone who has had so much success," Wallace said. "It's great to be a part of history. So many players contributed to this, and I'm sure they share in our excitement for coach Conradt."

Conradt, ever the perfectionist, said she finds it ironic that pursuit of the victory milestone comes at a time when her team is struggling.

"When the spotlight shines on your program, you would like to have a winning record," Conradt said. "There's irony that it comes at a time when we are trying to find ourselves."

Conradt has averaged 27.6 wins per year at Texas with one losing season (12-16 in 1994-95).

"I guess that's what means the most, that I have been able to sustain a level of consistency in winning," Conradt said.

She remembers her biggest loss more than her biggest victory, however.

It was a 92-90 defeat by Western Kentucky in the 1985 NCAA Mideast Regional. The Lady Longhorns were hosting the Final Four that year and were favored to win the title as the top-ranked team in the country.

"I thought I was going to die after that loss," Conradt said. "It was painful to have to come home and watch Old Dominion cut down the nets as national champions in our gym."

And the biggest victory?

"No one would believe me if I didn't say it was the national championship game in 1986."

AP Laserphoto
Texas women's basketball coach Jody Conradt is on the verge of getting her 700th career victory. Conradt has been coaching at Texas since 1976.

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Stars playing tough without both centers

By Jay Jorden
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — Without injured centers Mike Modano and Joe Nieuwendyk, the Western Conference-leading Dallas Stars must figure out how to maintain momentum for a tough Canadian road trip.

"I think when you've got Modano and Nieuwendyk both out, that hurts," coach Ken Hitchcock said of a three-game stint that begins Thursday at Calgary. "We're not going to replace them in the area of skill, but we can replace them with energy.

"We're going to have to continue to play with very strong energy in our game and tempo. And we've had success doing it."

The Stars, who rank second in the National Hockey League in goals per game with 3.26, set a season-best for goals against Buffalo earlier this week.

"You know, teams just can't shut down for one guy. They don't shut down the whole team," said defenseman Darryl Sydor, who had a career high with three points on two goals and an assist in the 8-4 victory over the Sabres.

"We're a team that never wants to get too high, never get too low," he said. "We just want to stay right in the middle and just keep doing what we do, what we think is best and just play our game."

The NHL's 1996-97 Central Division winners were the first team this season to reach 20 victories. Their 22-9-4 record for 48 points leads the league.

But the bad news has been Nieuwendyk's first-degree strain of his right knee, which has him listed as day-to-day, and Modano's torn knee ligament two weeks ago. Modano was leading the league in scoring before his injury, which is expected to keep him off the ice for at least two more weeks.

"Anytime some of your key players get hurt, everybody has to step up," said center Bob Bassen. "So we've done that, we have to continue to have to with Joe being out now."

Despite the explosive scoring against the Sabres, center Guy Carbonneau sees defense as the key to Dallas' future.

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Dallas Stars goalie Ed Belfour deflects a shot on goal by Florida Panthers' Dave Nemirovsky, left, during a game in October. The Stars have the NHL's best record, and they're doing it with defense.

"I think the worst thing that you can do when guys are injured, especially guys like Modano and Nieuwendyk, is to change your style," he said.

"The main reason why I think we are in first place is our defense," he said. "We don't give goals, we don't give too much scoring chance and I think that's the way we have to keep playing."

Hitchcock, who will coach the World team at the NHL All-Star game next month, said the Stars' defense needs work.

"We're not playing as well defensively as we'd like to right now and we've got to get better especially now that we're going on the road," he said.

Flyers sign Lindros to new two-year deal

By John F. Bonfatti
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Eric Lindros has signed a deal with the Philadelphia Flyers for $16 million over two seasons, giving him the highest average salary in NHL history.

The agreement ups his current salary of nearly $4 million to $7.5 million for this season, and gives Lindros $8.5 million for 1998-99, club president Ed Snider said. Lindros could have become a restricted free agent after this season, so the Flyers bought one more year.

"The biggest part was to remain a Flyer, and that I've been able to accomplish," Lindros said. "I'm excited not only about the remainder of this year, but next season as well."

The deal began to take shape Wednesday in a series of phone calls between Snider and Carl Lindros, the player's father and agent, who is based in Toronto.

The two exchanged proposals for two- and three-year contracts. The Flyers wanted a three-year deal, but eventually settled for a deal that runs through next season.

"They're concerned with where the market is going, and they don't want to be tied down to any number," Snider said when asked why Lindros didn't sign a longer-term deal. "Things have escalated at such a rapid rate that they don't want to look foolish and they want to know they're in the marketplace."

The Flyers were negotiating a new deal with the Lindros earlier this year, and appeared close to an agreement before talks abruptly broke off in September.

Lindros is in the final year of a $22-million, six-year contract he signed when the Flyers obtained him in a trade with the Quebec Nordiques for six players, two draft choices and $15 million in 1992.

He made $4.18 million last year, but his pay dropped to $3.74 million this season because the signing bonus he got when he signed in 1992 was only paid out over the first five years of the deal.

Piazza wants to remain in L.A.

■ All-star catcher has one year left on his current contract with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

By John Nadel
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Mike Piazza might be the next baseball player — after Pedro Martinez — to sign a huge contract. He hopes to do so with the Los Angeles Dodgers, but is prepared to go elsewhere if it doesn't happen.

"Absolutely, I love playing here," Piazza said Wednesday when asked if he wants to stay in Los Angeles. "The fans have adopted me. I'm generally optimistic. But as a ballplayer, you have to be prepared for anything.

"I'm an independent person. After this (1998) season, I'm a free agent. If I'm not signed, I can't sell myself short by not exploring free agency."

When asked about the six-year, $75 million contract former teammate Martinez signed with the Boston Red Sox recently, Piazza smiled and said, "He's a tremendous pitcher, he really is."

Piazza, 29, has proven he's a tremendous hitter — one of baseball's best. He has a career batting average of .334, and has averaged nearly 34 homers and more than 104 RBIs in his five full big-league seasons.

Coming off one of the best offensive years by a catcher in history — a .362 average with 40 homers and 120 RBIs — Piazza has one year remaining on the two-year, $15 million contract he signed last winter.

Piazza's agent, Dan Lozano of the Beverly Hills Sports Council, said in late October that if his client didn't sign a contract extension by Feb. 15, he would become a free agent at season's end.

Lozano reiterated that position Wednesday, and said he didn't want to start serious negotiations with the Dodgers until the sale of the team to Rupert Murdoch is approved.

A vote will be taken by baseball owners next month.

When asked how much his client is worth, Lozano said, "That's for the Dodgers to decide. I guess the market will determine that. If the sale goes through in January, then yes, we would like to try and work something out prior to Feb. 15.

"Mike staying in Los Angeles is entirely up to the Dodgers, it really is."

Piazza wouldn't say how much money he wanted, and indicated he might take less to play for the Dodgers.

"We know basically what we're asking," he said. "We don't have a set number right now. Obviously, the market's set. That's all you can say right now.

"I'm sure there are things we can compromise on. I'm not going to dispute that (money) is not important."

Reached in Hawaii, Dodgers general manager Fred Claire said he is available for negotiations any time Lozano and Piazza would like.

"Mike has certainly established himself as one of the great players," Claire said. "I hope Mike is always a Dodger."

Claire wouldn't be specific in terms of dollars, either, but did admit, "There has been a tremendous escalation, there's no way to deny that. Ultimately, each club has to make its own decisions as far as what it does. I want to hear what it is they're thinking about, and go from there. Hopefully, we can come to a successful conclusion."

Piazza spoke before distributing toys at Childrens Hospital Los Angeles.

"I come by every couple months," he said. "You don't have to be a major league player to come by. The kids are really cool. It's good for them. You just come in, a lot of these kids just want you to come in and say hi."

Piazza said some of the children don't know who he is.

"Some of them do, and some of them don't," Piazza said. "I don't think that's important."

STANTON: Town finally gets recognition

(From 1C)

Stanton in recent years. While the Old Sorehead Trade Days are a Stanton tradition, they can't put the town on the map the way a successful high school football team can.

"We want to draw some attention to West Texas and show that there are people out here," said John Webb, a retiree who has lived in Stanton 38 years. "People know where Stanton is now."

The way the Buffaloes have trampled a majority of their opponents on the field, people across Texas should know where Stanton is by now. This team has gone further than any other Stanton team in history. The only other moment of glory for Stanton on the state's athletic center stage came when the boys golf team won the state championship in 1986.

This fall, it's even been more pleasant for students to go to the classroom each day knowing that they'll have a successful team to support each Friday (or Saturday) night.

"It makes school run much smoother," said first-year Stanton principal Joe Bible. "Everyone has a positive attitude.

"That's the unique situation in a small school. The community rallies around the students no matter what they're involved in."

Yet, few things capture the imagination in these parts the way high school football can. It's one of the few arenas in a small town where teenagers can experience something approaching celebrity.

In Stanton, where most people already know each other, players are paid increasing amounts of attention with each approaching big game.

"People around here are always asking if we're ready," said Chad Smith, who starts at tight end for the Buffaloes and was an honorable mention all-state selection at defensive end.

"Everywhere we go that's what we get," added first team all-state wide receiver Tyron Davis, who was dining with Smith and Smith's father at Rita's Restaurant Wednesday afternoon.

It's not just the school or the town which Stanton has been representing during the undefeated run, but history as well. The Buffs have had successful seasons in the past, but they are now into territory which no Stanton football team has previously entered.

This year's team, in some ways, is playing for those past teams as well.

"A bunch of guys who played football and never got a chance to go to state are kind of living their dream through us," Smith said. "I don't guess it's a burden. It's more like an honor."

Another Rita's regular, Rusty Allred, might have a right to be bitter considering what he experienced as a player at Stanton. Allred was a member of the 1980 Stanton team which finished the regular season 9-0-1 and tied with Plains atop District 5-2A. However, Stanton sat at home during the playoffs since only one team from each district went that season and the Buffs lost the tiebreaker to Plains on penetrations.

Allred has no doubt, though, about which Stanton team is better.

"We had nothing on these boys," said Allred in comparing the 1980 team to the current Stanton edition. "They're about the best 2A team I've ever seen."

Allred can make such a statement from the authority of an ex-player and he's hardly a fair-weather fan, having followed Stanton football through good and bad times. He has attended every game this season with the exception of the marathon road trip to Anthony and will be at Texas Stadium Saturday.

Not even Allred is begrudging this year's team for the support it has been gathering with each victory.

"You find a winning team and people are going to come," Allred said. "That's the way it is in anything."

For evidence, drive Stanton's empty streets and shop at their empty stores on Saturday.

ROCKETS: Winning with good defense

(From 1C)

defense went on vacation," Tomjanovich said.

"That (defense) is what it's all about. When people say execution they think you're talking about offense.

"You run the pick-and-roll, you throw the ball. The same thing applies to defense."

Clyde Drexler had 17 assists in the past two games and has had 2,115 in his career, moving him past Alvin Robertson into fourth place on the NBA's all-time list.

The Rockets keep track of deflected passes too, and Drexler had 11 in the first half against the Grizzlies on Tuesday night. The Rockets had 36 for the game.

"You just try to do whatever you can to win," Drexler said. "It's not that you're concentrating on any one area. Whatever it takes to help the team is kind of your motto and that's the way you look at it.

"Being in fourth place, you know I've done a decent job of trying to play some decent defense on a nightly basis."

Charles Barkley, who leads the NBA with a 13.9 rebounding average, liked the Rockets' latest upbeat defensive performance.

"It's something we have to address," Barkley said. "I try to never play defense unless I have to, so you need to ask somebody else about that. I'm here to rebound and score."

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Eastern Divis

	W	L	SOU
Fort Worth	20	9	6
Austin	19	5	6
Shreveport	21	7	1
Central Texas	18	10	3
Lake Charles	15	12	2
Monroe	13	14	0
Waco	4	24	3

Western Divis

New Mexico	20	7	2
El Paso	19	7	4
Amarillo	13	15	3
San Angelo	11	18	2
Odessa	10	20	2

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COLLEGE

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1976-x USC	11
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1978-x USC	12
1979-x USC	11
1980 USC	8
1981 USC	9
1982 USC	8
1993-x USC	8
1994 USC	8
1995-x USC	9
1996 USC	6
1997 USC	6
Totals	104

x-won Rose Bowl

NFL

Regular Sea

	W
1983 Rams	9
1984 Rams	10
1985 Rams	11
1986 Rams	10
1987 Rams	6
1988 Rams	10
1989 Rams	11
1990 Rams	5
1991 Rams	3
Totals	75

Playoffs

	W
1983 Rams	1
1984 Rams	0
1985 Rams	1
1986 Rams	0
1988 Rams	0
1989 Rams	2
Totals	4

NFL Standi

AMERICAN CONI

East

	W	L	T
New England	9	6	
Miami	9	6	
N.Y. Jets	9	6	
Buffalo	6	9	
Indianapolis	3	12	

Central

y-Pittsburgh	11	4	
y-Jacksonville	10	5	
Tennessee	7	8	
Baltimore	6	8	
Cincinnati	6	9	

West

x-Kansas City	12	3	
y-Denver	11	4	
Seattle	7	8	
Oakland	4	11	
San Diego	4	11	

NATIONAL CONI

East

	W	L	
x-N.Y. Giants	9	5	
Washington	7	7	
Philadelphia	6	8	
Dallas	6	9	
Arizona	3	12	

Central

x-Green Bay	12	3	
x-Tampa Bay	9	6	
Detroit	8	7	
Minnesota	8	7	
Chicago	4	11	

West

x-S. Francisco	13	2	
Carolina	7	8	
Atlanta	7	8	
New Orleans	6	9	
St. Louis	4	11	

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y-clinched playoff

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Baseball

TUCSON, Ariz. (
season top 25 teams
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1. Stanford
2. Louisiana State
3. Florida
4. Miami
5. Arizona State
6. Southern Californ
7. Oklahoma State
8. Alabama
9. Rice
10. Cal St.-Fullerton
11. Mississippi State
12. Oklahoma
13. Tennessee
14. Fresno State
15. Wichita State
16. Clemson
17. Texas Tech
18. South Alabama
19. Georgia Tech
20. Washington
21. UCLA
22. Auburn
23. Florida State
24. Texas A&M
25. Baylor

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

WPHL Standings

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Eastern Division						
Fort Worth	20	9	6	46	147	124
Austin	19	5	6	44	121	104
Shreveport	21	7	1	43	130	86
Central Texas	18	10	3	39	115	106
Lake Charles	15	12	2	32	119	122
Monroe	13	14	0	26	85	92
Waco	4	24	3	11	90	169
Western Division						
New Mexico	20	7	2	42	161	93
El Paso	19	7	4	42	152	105
Amarillo	13	15	3	29	106	135
San Angelo	11	18	2	24	109	143
Odessa	10	20	2	22	133	186

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory, one for a shootout loss.

Wednesday's Game

Monroe 6, Traktor Chelyabinsk 3

Thursday's Games

El Paso at Amarillo
Lake Charles at Austin
San Angelo at Central Texas
Monroe at Fort Worth
Odessa at New Mexico
Traktor Chelyabinsk at Shreveport

John Robinson

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The coaching record of John Robinson, who was fired Wednesday:

COLLEGE

	W	L	T	Pct
1976-x USC	11	1	0	916
1977 USC	8	4	0	667
1978-x USC	12	1	0	923
1979-x USC	11	0	1	1 000
1980 USC	8	2	1	800
1981 USC	9	3	0	750
1982 USC	8	3	0	727
1993-x USC	8	5	0	615
1994 USC	8	3	1	708
1995-x USC	9	2	1	792
1996 USC	6	6	0	500
1997 USC	6	5	0	545
Totals	**104**	**35**	**4**	**741**

x-won Rose Bowl

NFL

Regular Season

	W	L	T	Pct
1983 Rams	9	7	0	563
1984 Rams	10	6	0	625
1985 Rams	11	5	0	688
1986 Rams	10	6	0	625
1987 Rams	6	9	0	400
1988 Rams	10	6	0	625
1989 Rams	11	5	0	688
1990 Rams	5	11	0	313
1991 Rams	3	13	0	188
Totals	**75**	**68**	**0**	**524**

Playoffs

	W	L	T	Pct
1983 Rams	1	1	0	500
1984 Rams	0	1	0	000
1985 Rams	1	1	0	500
1986 Rams	0	1	0	000
1988 Rams	0	1	0	000
1989 Rams	2	1	0	667
Totals	**4**	**6**	**0**	**400**

NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
New England	9	6	0	600	355	277
Miami	9	6	0	600	327	313
N.Y. Jets	9	6	0	600	338	274
Buffalo	6	9	0	400	234	336
Indianapolis	3	12	0	200	285	362
Central						
y-Pittsburgh	11	4	0	733	366	291
y-Jacksonville	10	5	0	667	374	309
Tennessee	7	8	0	467	317	304
Baltimore	6	8	1	433	312	329
Cincinnati	6	9	0	400	339	391
West						
x-Kansas City	12	3	0	800	350	219
y-Denver	11	4	0	733	434	284
Seattle	7	8	0	467	327	353
Oakland	4	11	0	267	315	399
San Diego	4	11	0	267	263	387

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
x-N.Y. Giants	9	5	1	633	287	258
Washington	7	7	1	500	292	257
Philadelphia	6	8	1	433	285	337
Dallas	6	9	0	400	297	294
Arizona	3	12	0	200	254	353
Central						
y-Green Bay	12	3	0	800	391	261
y-Tampa Bay	9	6	0	600	268	248
Detroit	8	7	0	533	366	296
Minnesota	8	7	0	533	315	331
Chicago	4	11	0	267	248	390
West						
x-S. Francisco	13	2	0	867	366	227
Carolina	7	8	0	467	247	284
Atlanta	7	8	0	467	294	332
New Orleans	6	9	0	400	224	302
St. Louis	4	11	0	267	269	341

x-won division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games

Buffalo at Green Bay, 11:30 a.m.
St. Louis at Carolina, 3 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Baltimore at Cincinnati, noon
Chicago at Tampa Bay, noon
Indianapolis at Minnesota, noon
New Orleans at Kansas City, noon
New York Giants at Dallas, noon
Philadelphia at Washington, noon
Pittsburgh at Tennessee, noon
Atlanta at Arizona, 3 p.m.
Jacksonville at Oakland, 3 p.m.
New York Jets at Detroit, 3 p.m.
San Diego at Denver, 3 p.m.
San Francisco at Seattle, 7 p.m.

Monday's Game

New England at Miami, 9 p.m.

NFL Possibilities

Teams' playoff possibilities for the final week as released by the NFL:

AFC EAST

MIAMI: Can clinch AFC East title with a win. Can clinch playoff berth with either a N.Y. Jets loss OR a tie against New England and a N.Y. Jets-Detroit tie.

NEW ENGLAND: Can clinch AFC East title with either a win or a tie and N.Y. Jets loss or tie. Can clinch playoff berth with either a tie or a N.Y. Jets loss.

NEW YORK JETS: Can clinch AFC East title with a win and a Miami-New England tie. Can clinch a playoff berth with a win OR with a tie if Miami-New England game does not end in a tie.

AFC CENTRAL

PITTSBURGH: Has clinched a playoff berth. Can clinch AFC Central title and a first-round bye with either a win or tie OR either a Jacksonville loss or tie OR Pittsburgh does not lose to Tennessee by 65 or more points.

JACKSONVILLE: Has clinched a playoff berth. Can clinch AFC Central title and a first-round bye with and a Pittsburgh loss to Tennessee by 65 or more points.

AFC WEST

KANSAS CITY: Has clinched AFC West title, a first-round bye and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

DENVER: Has clinched a berth.

NFC EAST

N.Y. GIANTS: Have clinched NFC East title and will be the host for a wild card game.

WASHINGTON: Can clinch a playoff berth with a win and either a Detroit loss or tie OR a Minnesota loss or tie.

NFC CENTRAL

GREEN BAY: Has clinched NFC Central title and a first-round bye.

TAMPA BAY: Has clinched a berth.

MINNESOTA: Can clinch a playoff berth with a win OR a Washington loss.

DETROIT: Can clinch a playoff berth with a win OR either a Minnesota or Washington loss.

NFC WEST

SAN FRANCISCO: Has clinched NFC West title, first-round playoff bye and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

Baseball Top 25

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The preseason top 25 teams in the Collegiate Baseball poll (voting by coaches, writers and sports information directors):

	Record	Pts
1. Stanford	45-20	490
2. Louisiana State	57-13	489
3. Florida	40-24	485
4. Miami	51-18	482
5. Arizona State	39-22	479
6. Southern California	42-20	475
7. Oklahoma State	46-19	470
8. Alabama	56-14	469
9. Rice	47-16	465
10. Cal St.-Fullerton	39-24-1	462
11. Mississippi State	47-21	458
12. Oklahoma	39-20	455
13. Tennessee	42-19	450
14. Fresno State	40-28	448
15. Wichita State	51-18	444
16. Clemson	41-23	442
17. Texas Tech	46-14	438
18. South Alabama	43-19	435
19. Georgia Tech	46-15	430
20. Washington	46-20	429
21. UCLA	45-21-1	426
22. Auburn	50-17	425
23. Florida State	50-17	422
24. Texas A&M	39-22	420
25. Baylor	32-23	416

NBA Results

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	16	8	667	—
Miami	15	8	652	1/2
New York	14	10	583	2
New Jersey	13	10	565	2 1/2
Boston	11	12	478	4 1/2
Washington	11	14	440	5 1/2
Philadelphia	6	16	273	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	19	5	792	—
Charlotte	15	7	682	3
Cleveland	15	8	652	3 1/2
Indiana	15	8	652	3 1/2
Chicago	15	9	625	4
Milwaukee	11	12	478	7 1/2
Detroit	11	14	440	8 1/2
Toronto	2	22	083	17

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	13	7	650	—
Utah	14	9	609	1/2
San Antonio	14	10	583	1
Minnesota	10	13	435	4 1/2
Vancouver	9	16	360	6 1/2
Dallas	5	18	217	9 1/2
Denver	2	20	091	12

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	19	5	792	—
L.A. Lakers	18	6	750	1
Phoenix	13	8	619	4 1/2
Portland	13	9	591	5
Sacramento	8	16	333	11
Golden State	5	16	238	12 1/2
L.A. Clippers	4	20	167	15

Wednesday's Games

Washington 88, Miami 74
Boston 88, Toronto 83
Indiana 87, New York 80
New Jersey 105, Detroit 101
Minnesota 94, Philadelphia 90
Charlotte 99, Milwaukee 90
Atlanta 94, Cleveland 83
Chicago 104, L.A. Lakers 83
San Antonio 98, Vancouver 87

Thursday's Games

Utah at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Golden State vs. L.A. Clippers at Anaheim, Calif., 9:30 p.m.

Spurs 98, Grizzlies 87

VANCOUVER (87): Abdur-Rahim 6-18 12-14 24, Massenburg 1-3 0-0 2, Reeves 10-20 3-3 23, Mack 2-6 0-0 4, Daniels 5-11 4-4 14, Edwards 4-13 0-0 9, Mayberry 0-0 0-0 0, Chilcutt 0-4 0-0 0, Lynch 5-8 1-2 11, Newbill 0-2 0-0 0, C.Robinson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-86 20-23 87

SAN ANTONIO (98): Elliott 7-12 0-0 14, Duncan 7-16 5-7 19, D.Robinson 13-22 7-12 33, Jackson 3-9 2-2 9, Johnson 4-11 1-2 9, Williams 4-8 3-4 11, Perdue 0-1 0-0 0, Alexander 0-0 0-0 0, Person 1-1 0-0 3, Rose 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 39-82 18-27 98

Vancouver 20 32 17 18 — 87
SAntonio 28 19 27 24 — 98

3-Point goals—Vancouver 1-7 (Edwards 1-3, Abdur-Rahim 0-1, Daniels 0-1, Mack 0-2), San Antonio 2-5 (Person 1-1, Jackson 1-3, Elliott 0-1). Fouled out—Elliott. Rebounds—Vancouver 51 (Daniels 10), San Antonio 57 (Duncan 13). Assists—Vancouver 17 (Daniels 6), San Antonio 30 (Johnson 20). Total fouls—Vancouver 17, San Antonio 21. Technicals—San Antonio coach Popovich. A—13,576 (20,557).

Bulls 104, Lakers 83

L.A. LAKERS (83): Horry 0-6 0-0 0, Fox 2-9 0-0 4, Campbell 6-15 3-3 15, Jones 1-11 1-2 3, Van Exel 5-14 0-0 11, Bryant 12-20 6-9 33, Blount 2-3 1-2 5, Fisher 1-2 1-1 3, Rooks 1-2 0-0 2, Barry 0-2 7-7 7, Bennett 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 30-87 19-24 83

CHICAGO (104): Kukoc 5-10 1-2 12, Rodman 0-3 1-2 1, Longley 1-6 1-3 3, Harper 4-6 0-0 9, Jordan 12-22 11-12 36, Kerr 0-1 0-0 0, Buechler 1-1 0-0 2, Brown 0-5 0-0 0, Burrell 2-6 2-6 6, Wennington 1-3 1-2 3, Caffey 5-7 0-0 10, Kleine 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 41-82 19-24 104

LA Lakers 20 21 20 22 — 83
Chicago 32 25 23 24 — 104

3-Point goals—Los Angeles 4-19 (Bryant 3-5, Van Exel 1-3, Barry 0-1, Horry 0-3, Fox 0-3, Jones 0-4), Chicago 3-10 (Jordan 1-2, Harper 1-2, Kukoc 1-3, Kerr 0-1, Brown 0-1, Burrell 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Los Angeles 47 (Horry 6), Chicago 61 (Rodman 14). Assists—Los Angeles 18 (Van Exel 5), Chicago 31 (Kukoc 8). Total fouls—Los Angeles 18, Chicago 23. Technicals—Los Angeles coach Harris, Horry. A—24,119 (24,119).

Hornets 99, Bucks 90

MILWAUKEE (90): Robinson 10-16 2-2 24, Hill 3-7 3-4 9, Johnson 6-11 1-2 13, Perry 2-6 2-2 7, Allen 6-16 10-11 24, Lang 0-1 0-0 0, Pierce 2-4 0-0 5, M.Curry 2-4 0-2 4, G.Ham 0-1 4-4 4. Totals 31-66 22-27 90

CHARLOTTE (99): Mason 9-14 1-4 19, Rice 7-15 0-1 14, Divac 9-16 3-5 21, Wesley 6-13 5-7 17, Phills 3-7 2-3 8, D.Curry 4-5 1-2 10, Beck 0-1 0-0 0, Reid 1-1 2-2 4, Geiger 1-2 2-2 4, Armstrong 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 41-75 16-26 99

Milwaukee 25 18 20 27 — 90
Charlotte 25 34 15 25 — 99

3-Point goals—Milwaukee 6-12 (Robinson 2-3, Allen 2-6, Pierce 1-1, Perry 1-2), Charlotte 1-4 (D.Curry 1-1, Wesley 0-1, Rice 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 39 (Hill 18), Charlotte 45 (Divac 12). Assists—Milwaukee 20 (Perry 8), Charlotte 28 (Wesley 12). Total fouls—Milwaukee 25, Charlotte 25. Technicals—Reid, Charlotte illegal defense 2. A—20,691 (24,042).

Hawks 94, Cavaliers 83

CLEVELAND (83): C.Henderson 4-10 2-2 10, Kemp 6-16 8-10 20, Ilgauskas 5-11 0-0 10, Person 3-11 0-0 6, Knight 2-7 0-0 4, D.Anderson 7-12 6-6 20, Ferry 1-2 0-0 2, Potapenko 2-3 0-0 4, James 2-4 1-1 5, Brooks 0-1 0-0 0, Scott 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 33-79 17-19 83

ATLANTA (94): Corbin 4-7 0-0 8, Laettner 8-10 2-2 18, Mutombo 2-8 4-5 8, Smith 7-14 7-7 23, Blaylock 7-15 0-0 16, G.Anderson 1-2 0-0 2, Recasner 4-5 2-2 12, Gray 0-4 0-0 0, A.Henderson 2-6 1-2 5, Brown 0-1 0-0 0, Crawford 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 36-74 16-18 94

Cleveland 23 20 18 22 — 83
Atlanta 23 20 25 26 — 94

3-Point goals—Cleveland 0-4 (D.Anderson 0-1, Person 0-3), Atlanta 6-15 (Recasner 2-3, Smith 2-4, Blaylock 2-7, Gray 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 51 (Ilgauskas 14), Atlanta 37 (Laettner 9). Assists—Cleveland 11 (Ilgauskas, Knight, D.Anderson 3), Atlanta 23 (Blaylock 7). Total fouls—Cleveland 17, Atlanta 17. A—16,900 (21,570).

Pacers 87, Knicks 80

NEW YORK (80): Johnson 4-6 2-4 10, Oakley 3-12 0-0 6, Ewing 10-22 3-7 23, Houston 3-9 3-3 10, Ward 1-3 2-2 4, Mills 5-10 2-2 12, Childs 1-5 2-2 4, Starks 4-13 0-0 11, Dudley 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-81 14-20 80

INDIANA (87): Mullin 3-7 4-4 10, D.Davis 4-8 2-5 10, Smits 8-15 2-2 18, Miller 4-12 5-6 14, Jackson 2-9 5-6 10, A.Davis 2-5 3-4 7, Pope 1-3 2-3 4, Best 4-11 0-0 9, Rose 1-5 0-0 2, Hoiberg 1-4 0-0 3, West 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 30-80 23-30 87

New York 25 15 20 20 — 80
Indiana 22 21 23 21 — 87

3-Point goals—New York 4-12 (Starks 3-6, Houston 1-1, Oakley 0-1, Mills 0-1, Childs 0-1, Ward 0-2), Indiana 4-11 (Jackson 1-1, Miller 1-2, Best 1-2, Hoiberg 1-3, Rose 0-1, Mullin 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—New York 55 (Oakley 15), Indiana 58 (D.Davis 9). Assists—New York 17 (Oakley 4), Indiana 23 (Rose 6). Total fouls—New York 28, Indiana 19. Technicals—Indiana illegal defense, Flagrant fouls—Childs. A—15,745 (16,530).

Wizards 88, Heat 74

MIAMI (74): Mashburn 2-7 1-4 5, Brown 1-4 0-0 2, Austin 7-16 0-2 14, Lenard 6-14 0-0 15, Hardaway 0-6 0-0 0, Mourning 9-16 6-9 24, Majerle 0-3 0-0 0, Askins 0-2 0-0 0, Mills 0-0 0-0 0, Murdock 6-11 2-2 14, M.Strickland 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-79 9-17 74

WASHINGTON (88): Webber 4-20 4-5 12, Howard 3-13 2-4 8, Davis 1-4 1-2 3, Cheaney 7-11 3-5 17, R.Strickland 7-12 7-9 21, Murray 4-12 1-1 11, Ham 1-2 0-0 2, Eackles 4-8 5-5 14, Whitney 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-83 23-31 88

Miami 12 20 21 21 — 74
Wash'ton 32 16 21 19 — 88

3-Point goals—Miami 3-16 (Lenard 3-8, Majerle 0-3, Askins 0-2, Mashburn 0-1, Hardaway 0-1, Murdock 0-1), Washington 3-9 (Murray 2-5, Eackles 1-1, Webber 0-2, Davis 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Miami 72 (Austin 13), Washington 44 (Webber 10). Assists—Miami 17 (Hardaway 6), Washington 19 (R.Strickland 8). Total fouls—Miami 28, Washington 22. Technicals—Austin, Majerle, Mourning, Davis, Flagrant foul—Mourning. A—19,411 (20,674).

Celtics 88, Raptors 83

BOSTON (88): Walker 8-22 2-4 18, McCarty 5-10 0-0 12, Ellison 1-1 1-2 3, Bowen 1-3 2-2 5, Billups 3-8 10-11 18, DeClercq 1-2 0-0 2, Edney 0-2 2-2 2, Mercer 6-10 0-0 12, Barros 2-5 2-2 8, Minor 2-4 1-2 5. Totals 30-72 21-31 88

TORONTO (83): Williams 2-10 0-0 4, Camby 3-7 2-2 8, Miller 3-5 4-8 10, Christie 5-12 5-6 15, Stoudamire 2-13 4-5 8, Slater 3-8 0-0 6, McGrady 7-11 3-4 17, Tabak 2-5 1-2 5, Garnier 0-0 0-0 0, Wallace 0-2 0-2 0, Respert 3-5 4-4 10. Totals 30-78 25-33 83

Boston 17 25 24 22 — 88
Toronto 22 13 26 22 — 83

3-Point goals—Boston 7-16 (McCarty 2-3, Barros 2-3, Billups 2-4, Bowen 1-1, Mercer 0-1, Walker 0-4), Toronto 0-5 (Respert 0-1, Williams 0-2, Stoudamire 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Boston 39 (Walker 9), Toronto 47 (Miller 8). Assists—Boston 20 (Walker 6), Toronto 20 (Stoudamire 5). Total fouls—Boston 28, Toronto 22. Technicals—Boston illegal defense, Stoudamire. A—14,771.

Timberwolves 94, 76ers 90

MINNESOTA (94): Garnett 7-17 1-2 15, Gugliotta 13-25 4-4 30, Roberts 1-4 1-2 3, Carr 3-7 2-2 9, Marbury 3-8 7-10 14, Mitchell 1-3 3-4 5, Parks 5-9 2-2 12, Wheat 1-1 0-0 2, Porter 2-10 0-0 4, Jordan 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-84 20-26 94

PHILADELPHIA (90): Jackson 5-11 2-2 12, Weatherspoon 1-2 3-6 5, Montross 4-9 0-0 8, Stackhouse 4-11 3-7 12, Iverson 7-17 5-8 22, Williams 2-5 0-1 4, Cummings 4-9 2-4 10, Thomas 2-7 2-2 6, Davis 2-6 1-2 5, Overton 3-4 0-0 6. Totals 34-81 18-32 90

Minn. 22 28 16 28 — 94
Phila. 19 28 24 19 — 90

3-Point goals—Minnesota 2-7 (Marbury 1-2, Carr 1-3, Gugliotta 0-1, Porter 0-1), Philadelphia 4-16 (Iverson 3-5, Stackhouse 1-3, Davis 0-1, Overton 0-1, Jackson 0-2). Fouled out—Thomas. Rebounds—Minnesota 58 (Roberts 10), Philadelphia 57 (Cummings 11). Assists—Minnesota 27 (Iverson 14), Philadelphia 23 (Stackhouse, Iverson 6). Total fouls—Minnesota 24, Philadelphia 24. A—11,945 (20,444).

Nets 105, Pistons 101

DETROIT (101): Hill 10-19 5-8 25, Ratliff 1-5 2-2 4, B.Williams 9-15 0-0 18, Dumars 2-7 2-2 7, Hunter 3-13 4-4 11, Je.Williams 4-5 5-6 13, Sealy 6-10 3-6 15, McKie 3-4 2-2 8. Totals 38-78 23-30 101

NEW JERSEY (105): Gill 8-14 5-7 22, Van Horn 7-18 6-6 22, Ja.Williams 4-6 5-6 13, Kittles 9-15 2-6 20, Cassell 8-23 2-2 19, Douglas 0-1 1-2 1, Benoit 3-6 1-2 8, Cage 0-0 0-0 0, Edwards 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 39-84 22-31 105

Detroit 27 27 12 35 — 101
N. Jersey 28 25 28 24 — 105

3-Point goals—Detroit 2-10 (Dumars 1-4, Hunter 1-4, Hill 0-1, Sealy 0-1), New Jersey 5-13 (Van Horn 2-6, Gill 1-1, Benoit 1-2, Cassell 1-3, Kittles 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 45 (Hill, B.Williams 10), New Jersey 56 (Ja.Williams 22). Assists—Detroit 21 (Hill 6), New Jersey 24 (Cassell 11). Total fouls—Detroit 25, New Jersey 24. Technicals—Cassell, Kittles, New Jersey coach Calipari. A—16,028 (20,049).

Transactions

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with C Pat Borders and INF Jeff Manto on minor-league contracts. Named Bart Swain director of media relations, Joel Gunderson and Susie Giuliano managers of media relations, and Melissa Zapanta manager of community relations.

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with OF Mike Simms on a minor-league contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Acquired RHP Trevor Schaffer from the Chicago Cubs to complete an earlier trade.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Sold the rights of OF Harvey Pulliam to Orix of the Japanese Pacific League.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with C Tony Eusebio on a one-year contract.

NEW YORK METS—Signed RHP Jae Weong Seo and INF-OF Jae Hwan Seo to minor-league contracts.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with OF Turner Ward on a two-year contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Announced a two-year working agreement with the Yucatan Leones of the Mexican Summer League.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

DALLAS MAVERICKS—Waived G Kevin Ollie. Signed C Eric Riley.

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Activated F Dickey Simpkins from the injured list. Placed F David Vaughn on the injured list.

MIAMI HEAT—Activated C Alonzo Mourning from the injured list. Placed G Charles Smith on the injured list.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Placed F Chris Gatling on the injured list. Activated F Jack Haley from the injured list.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL—Fined Denver Broncos LB Bill Romanowski $7,500 for spitting in the face of San Francisco 49ers WR J.J. Stokes in Monday night's game.

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Placed DT Eric Swann and OL Joe Wolf on injured reserve. Signed DL Rashod Swinger from the practice squad.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed NT Kimo von Oelhoffen to a two-year contract extension.

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Placed FB Harvey Williams on injured reserve. Signed DT Ta'ase Faumui.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Released C Bern Brostek. Signed DT Chris Maumalanga.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Placed CB Dwayne Harper and RB Terrell Fletcher on injured reserve.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Recalled G Jamie Storr from Long Beach of the IHL. Sent G Frederic Chabot to Houston of the IHL.

PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Signed C Eric Lindros to a one-year contract extension through the 1998-99 season.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled RW Paul Brousseau from Adirondack of the AHL.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

D.C. UNITED—Named Dave Sarachan assistant coach.

COLLEGE

ALABAMA STATE—Named Ron Dickerson football coach.

CORNELL—Announced the resignation of Dave Sarachan, men's soccer coach, so he can become an assistant coach of DC United of the MLS.

IDAHO—Named Larry Foster women's soccer coach.

JAMES MADISON—Named Dennis Byers assistant athletic director for development.

KENT—Named Dean Pees football coach.

MERCYHURST—Named Rich Martin baseball coach.

NORTHERN ARIZONA—Announced the resignation of Steve Axman football coach.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA—Fired John Robinson football coach. Named Paul Hackett football coach.

SOUTH FLORIDA—Named Bryan Peters assistant baseball coach.

Ski Report

LEBANON, N.H. (AP) — Latest skiing conditions as supplied by SnoCountry Mountain Reports as of Wednesday. Skiing conditions are subject to change due to weather, skier traffic and other factors. Be aware of changing conditions.

COLORADO

Crested Butte — 1" new packed powder, 28 base, 11 of 14 lifts, 40% open, 9a-4p.

Steamboat — 2-4" new packed powder, 15-42 base, 98 trails, 20 of 21 lifts.

Wolf Creek — powder, 52-56 base, 50 trails, 5 of 5 lifts, 100% open, 9a-4p.

MONTANA

Discovery — 1" new packed powder, 16-26 base, 14 trails, 4 of 4 lifts, 70% open, 9:30a-4p.

Great Divide — Plan to re-open Dec. 19.

Lost Trail Powder Mountain — Operates Thur.-Sun.

Marshall — Plan to open Dec. 20, call 406-258-6000.

Maverick Mtn. — Plan to open Dec. 20, call 406-834-3424.

Montana Snow Bowl — Operates Fri.-Sun.

Red Lodge Mtn. — packed powder, 35-46 base, 54 trails, 7 of 8 lifts, 9a-4p.

Showdown — Plan to open Dec. 19, call 406-771-1300.

NEW MEXICO

Sandia Peak — packed powder, 36 base, 28 trails, 5 of 7 lifts, 100% open, 8:30a-4p.

Ski Apache — packed powder, 41-55 base, 54 trails, 11 of 11 lifts, 8:45a-4p.

Taos — powder, 47 base, 70 trails, 11 of 11 lifts, 97% open, sm.

WYOMING

Grand Targhee — 1" new packed powder, 41-52 base, 4 of 4 lifts, 100% open, 9a-4p.

College Basketball

Texas Men

SMU 106, Prairie View 70

PRAIRIE VIEW (3-4): Lilly 3-6 1-2 7, Bilodeau 3-13 0-0 9, Traylor 0-0 0-0 0, Sharpe 10-22 3-7 23, Marble 7-14 1-2 16, Rowe 1-6 0-0 2, Whetstone 0-0 0-0 0, Bell 0-2 0-0 0, Arch 0-2 0-0 0, Bahe 0-1 0-0 0, Graves 0-0 0-0 0, Hopkins 1-2 0-0 2, Giron 2-7 0-0 4, Mowbray 3-5 0-0 6, Thompson 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 30-80 6-13 70

SMU (7-0): Dimson 7-10 0-2 14, Knst 2-2 0-0 4, Poerner 4-10 8-12 16, Sasser 3-9 5-8 11, Woods 2-5 4-4 10, Fitzsimmons 1-1 0-0 2, Grafenreed 0-0 3-6 3, Ihde 2-4 4-4 9, Broer 0-0 0-0 0, Nabity 1-1 0-0 3, Anderson 2-7 1-2 7, Elsey 10-14 1-4 27. Totals 34-63 26-42 106

Halftime—SMU 61, Prairie View 38. 3-Point goals—Prairie View 4-24 (Lilly 0-2, Bilodeau 3-6, Sharpe 0-5, Marble 1-3, Rowe 0-1, Arch 0-2, Giron 0-4, Mowbray 0-1), SMU 12-19 (Sasser 0-1, Woods 2-3, Ihde 1-2, Nabity 1-1, Anderson 2-4, Elsey 6-8). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Prairie View 41 (Sharpe, Marble 10), SMU 48 (Elsey 8). Assists—Prairie View 12 (Lilly 5), SMU 21 (Sasser, Woods 5). Total fouls—Prairie View 26, SMU 14. Technicals—Batie A—2,470.

Texas 69, Louisiana State 63

LOUISIANA ST. (4-3): Earl 1-5 0-0 2, Washington 4-7 4-4 13, Tucker 0-0 2-2 2, Collins 1-5 2-2 4, Anderson 6-12 10-12 22, Caston 1-1 4-4 6, Womack 1-2 0-0 2, Carter 4-10 0-0 9, Carter 1-4 1-2 3. Totals 19-46 23-26 63

TEXAS (5-4): Muoneke 4-10 1-2 9, Clack 3-9 4-6 11, Mhm 6-11 2-4 14, Smith 1-5 0-0 2, Axtell 1-2 0-0 3, Wagner 0-0 0-2 0, Perryman 5-8 2-2 17, Carter 0-1 0-0 0, Clark 1-4 6-7 8, Vazquez 1-5 2-2 5. Totals 22-55 17-25 69

Halftime—Texas 33, Louisiana St. 28. 3-Point goals—Louisiana St. 2-7 (Washington 1-2, Womack 0-1, Carter 1-4), Texas 8-22 (Muoneke 0-1, Clack 1-5, Mhm 0-1, Smith 0-1, Axtell 1-2, Perryman 5-7, Carter 0-1, Clark 0-1, Vazquez 1-3). Fouled out—Washington. Rebounds—Louisiana St. 37 (Anderson 8), Texas 30 (Mhm 7). Assists—Louisiana St. 7 (Tucker, Carter 2), Texas 13 (Smith 3). Total fouls—Louisiana St. 21, Texas 19. Technicals—Muoneke, Mhm. A—9,895.

Southwest Texas State 77, Lamar 64

LAMAR (5-1): Coryell 2-5 1-1 6, Jackson 3-6 2-3 8, Jones 4-12 1-2 11, Nunnery 7-18 7-10 21, Hill 1-7 0-0 2, Lawson 1-6 0-0 3, Spears 0-0 0-0 0, Murphy 0-0 0-0 0, Winston 2-6 5-7 9, Obudo 2-3 0-0 4, Brown 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 22-64 16-23 64

SW TEXAS ST. (5-3): Johnson 3-5 2-3 8, Morris 3-5 2-2 10, Fuster 5-11 4-5 14, Mathis 5-9 2-2 12, Ellis 1-5 13-16 16, Williams 0-2 0-0 0, Schlieder 2-4 1-1 6, Bethea 2-3 0-1 4, Isable 2-4 0-0 5, Stephens 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 24-49 24-30 77

Halftime—SWT 36, Lamar 24. 3-Point goals—Lamar 4-11 (Coryell 1-2, Jones 2-4, Nunnery 0-1, Lawson 1-4), SWT 5-12 (Morris 2-3, Ellis 1-2, Williams 0-2, Schlieder 1-2, Isable 1-3). Fouled out—Jackson, Rebounds—Lamar 35 (Coryell, Nunnery 9), SWT 41 (Foster 9). Assists—Lamar 7 (Lawson 3), SWT 8 (Ellis 3). Total fouls—Lamar 26, SWT 25. Technicals—Nunnery, Jones, Foster. A—1,009.

Top 25 Men

Clemson 62, No. 6 South Carolina 57

SOUTH CAROLINA (5-1): Grant 3-7 0-0 7, Stack 2-6 4-6 9, Johnson 0-1 0-0 0, McKie 3-7 5-6 14, Watson 4-15 2-3 11, Davis 4-7 0-1 9, Williams 1-5 1-2 3, Gallman 1-1 0-0 2, Nix 1-1 0-0 2, Ross 0-0 0-0 0, Rouse 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-50 12-18 57

CLEMSON (6-3): Iturbe 2-5 1-4 5, Christie 3-9 0-0 7,

Sealy's title chase led by 4 first-team all-state picks

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Regular season, postseason, all-state teams ... it doesn't matter. If it's from Class 3A, then Sealy is going to dominate it.

The Lions, who on Friday night will try becoming the first team in state history to win four straight championships, placed a class-best four players on The Associated Press Sports Editors all-state team released Wednesday.

Three came from the Sealy defense, which allowed just 29 points in the regular season. The honorees were lineman Daniel Ballard, defensive back Michael Griffin and linebacker Adam Zapalac, a first-teamer last year who also was voted the defensive player of the year.

"I'd have to say this is the best defense we've played all along (during the championship run)," Sealy coach T.J. Mills said. "Hopefully we'll keep it up for one more ballgame."

The Lions — one of only four three-time champions and the first of that group to make it to the finals the next year — had one offensive first-teamer in Jason Carr, a lineman who helped pave the way to an average 383.6 yards per game. Linemates Keith Bilski and Vince Doyle made second team, as did place kicker Derek Lechler.

Cuero, which was shut out by Sealy in the regional finals, placed three players on the first team: offensive lineman Forest Aleman, linebacker Kevin Nesloney and defensive back Joe Thomas, who also made first team last year.

Commerce, Sealy's title game opponent, had two first-teamers in offensive lineman Brian Oellerman and defensive back Cornelius Hines.

Groesbeck also had two first-teamers in defensive lineman Jason Cahill and linebacker Brian Truett.

Aledo and Clint also each had two guys on the first team, although they combined for only three spots because Aledo's Dustin Proctor and Clint's D.J. Check shared the quarterback spot. Offensive lineman Matt Morris was Aledo's other honoree and end James Arnold was the other Clint selection.

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

Offensive lineman Cheyenne Sharp of Vernon and running back Toby Shain of Seminole were voted onto the first team for the second straight year.

Other running backs were Dale Cope of Eustace and Corrigan-Camden's Anthony Harrell, who ran for 2,275 yards and 34 touchdowns to earn offensive player of the year honors.

Rounding out the first-team offense were end Mike Walters of Fort Worth Carter-Riverside and kicker Matt Douglas of White Oak.

Filling in the defensive first-team were lineman Jeremiah Love of Iowa Park, linebacker Kyle Baker of Lorena, defensive back Zeb Ferris of Brady and punter Justin Mayes of Kenedy.

The Sealy defense was stingy all season, allowing an average of 124 yards per game to go with its 2.9 points per game. In five playoff games, opponents have scored 40 points, although 14 of them have come in the final seconds of blowouts.

Mills credited Zapalac, a two-year starter at middle linebacker, for anchoring the defense.

"Adam is the quarterback of our defense; he makes all our calls," Mills said. "He's a hard worker, very dependable and a great tackler. He doesn't get beat. He finds a way to get to the football."

While Mills calls Ballard "as tough as boot leather ... he plays his heart out on every down," the coach considers Griffin "a great success story."

Griffin was tagged with the nickname "Midget" because he was always undersized — until a recent growth spurt shot him up to 6-foot-1 and 170 pounds. Coaches responded by turning him from a backup nose guard to the starting free safety, a tremendous change rarely even tried.

"He'd never played in the secondary in his life," Mills said. "He can't run fast, but he's a tough, physical player. He'll knock their face mask in a different direction."

Life in Houston goes on without football

By Michelle Koidin
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — Many Houston Oilers fans stopped paying attention last year when the team struck a deal to move to Nashville. Now, as the Oilers finish their first season as Tennessee's team, they have few followers remaining in the city they called home for 37 years.

"It started off small and it's now infinitesimal," says Charlie Pallilo, host of a sports talk show on KTRH-AM, which until this year was the Oilers' flagship radio station. "Out of sight, increasingly out of mind."

"Next year it will be almost totally diminished," adds John McClain, the Houston Chronicle's Oilers beat writer for 18 years who still writes a weekly "Luved Ya Blue" column for the team's faithful.

Oilers merchandise is hard to find in stores. Coverage in the newspaper is similar to any other team. The local NBC affiliate has televised just six games.

That's quite a change for a city that used to be so in love with the Oilers that it twice filled the Astrodome to greet the team after a playoff loss.

Proof of Houston's lack of interest was most evident following the Oilers' 27-14 Thanksgiving Day drubbing of the Dallas Cowboys.

"The night after that, we had maybe one Oiler-related call," says Pallilo, whose radio station aired Oilers games from 1991 to 1996.

Not long ago, Columbia blue hats, T-shirts and anything with "Luv Ya Blue" written on it could be found all over town.

Now, none of the 20 Academy Sports & Outdoors stores in the Houston area sells Tennessee Oilers garb, said buyer Jake Slight.

"When they announced the decision to leave, we actually cleared it out at 50 percent off of retail," said Patrick Workman, manager of a huge Oshman's Sporting Goods. "It just didn't sell."

A Chronicle survey found that fewer than one-fourth of its readers wanted the newspaper to continue making the Oilers their No. 1 NFL team.

On television, Oilers ratings in Houston hit as low as a 6.4 rating (103,955 homes) and an 11 share (11 percent of households using TVs were watching the Oilers) on Nov. 2 against Jacksonville.

No wonder KPRC-TV passed on so many games this fall, including Sunday's finale against Pittsburgh.

"We made some judgments based on viewer demand," said station general manager Steve Wasserman.

Fans couldn't even count on sports bars to show Oilers games on their biggest TVs.

Only one matchup this season earned "featured game" status, allowing it to be viewed on an 18-foot TV at SRO Sports Bar & Cafe. Other games have been shown on just one 13-foot TV.

However, over at The End Zone, those left longing for the Oilers can commiserate with bartender Chris Durrett, who remains so devoted that she still has Houston Oilers towels hanging on a bedroom wall.

"I'm not going to change my pennants or my hats or my T-shirts or my pompons," she said.

Ms. Durrett has a compatriot in Chris Lockridge, who was so frustrated at not being able to get Oilers games on the tube that he bought a satellite dish.

AP Laserphoto

Chris Lockridge, left, holding on to a football used in the last game played by the Houston Oilers in Houston, and his 5-year-old son Derrick sit in the blue room of their Houston home filled with memorabilia dedicated to the former Houston NFL team.

Lockridge's withdrawal has been severe. He even traveled to Tennessee to watch the team play on his sixth wedding anniversary — while his wife sat at home in Houston.

"I knew the Oilers before I knew her," jokes Lockridge, a 32-year-old pharmacy worker who even named his son Derrick after the team's logo.

Other football fans in Houston apparently got their fix this fall on Saturdays by going to Rice University or University of Houston games.

Rice had its best average attendance since 1972 (35,509 fans), while Houston drew an average of 19,678, up from 17,551 last year and 16,644 in 1995.

But pro football will return to the nation's fourth-largest city if Houston businessmen Robert McNair and Chuck Watson get their way.

McNair and Watson would prefer to get an expansion team but they also would be willing to buy an existing team and move it to Houston. They have created a company with the sole purpose of luring a new team.

The Oilers left because they were unhappy with the Astrodome. The new group has architects and engineers studying the possibilities: renovating the Astrodome, building a new stadium or fixing up Rice Stadium, said Steve Patterson, the former Houston Rockets general manager who's in charge of the effort. The idea is to present a stadium-financing plan to the NFL in March.

If Houston indeed gets a new team, super fan Lockridge would go to games but certainly wouldn't throw himself in to the same extent, filling half his garage with memorabilia.

"They might move again," he says. "You never know nowadays."

La Marque's Weddell hoping win ensures team's dynasty status

By Brian McTaggart
Houston Chronicle

LA MARQUE — When it comes to football, La Marque coach Alan Weddell usually knows what he's talking about.

Need to know how to motivate players? Ask Weddell. Need to know what play to run on fourth-and-three? Ask Weddell. Need to know about high school football dynasties? Ask Weddell.

Weddell has two state-championship rings and nearly 150 career victories, proving he's more than a football genius. But when Weddell talks about dynasties, he mentions Brownwood, Cuero, Converse Judson and Sealy. He doesn't mention La Marque.

"I have a hard time imagining people looking at us in the same way that I looked at those programs," he said. "I guess it's hard for me to look in a mirror and put our program in that caliber yet."

That is where some people would say Weddell is wrong. After all, the Cougars will become the first team to play in five consecutive state-title games when they meet Denison in the Class 4A Division II championship at 4:11 p.m. Saturday in the Astrodome.

La Marque (11-3) has won 101 of 115 games, including a streak of 50 consecutive regular-season games that ended last year, and has beaten Denison in the championship game the past two seasons.

"I guess our goal at La Marque has been after we started getting the success is maybe we can put this school in the name of the Abilenes, the Brownwoods, the Cueros, the West Oranges, the Judsons and the Planos," Weddell said. "Maybe we're on the verge of 20 to 30 years from now people remembering La Marque like they remember those programs. I think that with a win in this game, we might be able to be looked at like that."

Weddell's blueprint for success has been effective, though not original. When he arrived at La Marque in 1990, he patterned his program after that of D.W. Rutledge at Judson.

While head coach at Victoria, Weddell turned that program around and won the school's first district championship in 1986. Victoria lost to Judson in the first round of the playoffs that season, but Weddell left with a positive impression.

"I was extremely impressed with (Judson's) kids in the way they executed and the way they conducted themselves," he said. "I guess you always try to learn from people that beat you so I started watching Judson and got to learn more about it. I went and visited Judson during the spring training of 1989, and it was just amazing."

What Weddell found was a coaching staff that had the same philosophies and had good camaraderie. He also found an administration and community that gave their complete support.

"I think continuity in the coaching staff is one of the true constants," he said. "We've had coaches come and coaches go, but we've replaced them with good coaches with the same good attitudes. We've had three principals in five years, a new superintendent and a new school board, but the consistency and support from the community has been there."

With that support, Weddell went 31-6 in his first three seasons at La Marque. But that was just the beginning. The Cougars went 14-0 in 1993 and qualified for their first title game before losing to Stephenville.

"That team was a great bunch of overachievers," Weddell said. "They had a refuse-to-lose attitude and a mission in front of them to finish the job."

La Marque came back the next season and won its first 15 games before falling again to Stephenville in the final. Weddell began wondering if he ever would attain the success of the Judson teams he so admired.

"You've had two chances (to win state), and you didn't get either one of them," Weddell said. "The funny thing about that (title) game is how we should've had 30 points in the first half and we only had 14. I thought that would come back and haunt us, and sure enough the wheels came off in the fourth quarter. I just remember being very helpless on the sideline."

The Cougars had some question marks entering the 1995 season, mostly on defense. Weddell is a firm believer that defense wins championships, and he pieced together a defense that posted 10 shutouts. More important, the Cougars went 16-0 and got their elusive title with a win over Denison.

La Marque went 8-2 in the regular season last year but peaked in the playoffs and once again beat Denison for a state title to finish 14-2. Weddell said the turning point was losing in Week 9 to Lamar Consolidated 20-7.

"We had played poorly, it was cold, and they were standing on the field and everybody had left," he said. "I told the kids, 'Hey, you're the defending state champions, and you can be the state champions again if you want to be. You've got to realize it's the guys here that are going to do it.' All of a sudden, the next week we won 63-0 (over Dickinson), the seniors stood up, and we rolled through the playoffs until (the semifinals against) Calallen."

The 1997 season went much the same. La Marque lost three games for the first time since Weddell's first season in Galveston County. But the Cougars find themselves on the brink of becoming the first 4A team to win three consecutive state titles.

No matter the outcome Saturday, Weddell said he has been equally proud of all his finalist teams.

"Each one did their own little thing," he said. "Whether it was the first one to get there or the one to get us back, I think each team's fulfilled its potential. That's been the most gratifying thing about it. Last year's team was disappointing at first, but I was so proud of them the way they came up. This year's team is not nearly as talented as previous teams, but they refuse to believe that."

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Sampras nets USOC Sportsman of Year

By Josh Dubow
AP Sports Writer

Pete Sampras became the first tennis player to win the U.S. Olympic Committee's SportsMan of the Year on Wednesday. Now he wants to become the first man to win 13 Grand Slams.

"I've set my goals for next year: I want to break the majors record, win the French Open and be No. 1 again," said Sampras, who won his ninth and 10th Grand Slam titles in 1997, two behind Roy Emerson's record.

Sampras received 400 points in voting by the media, the USOC Board of Directors and the organization's Athletes' Advisory Council. Track star Allen Johnson was second with 376 points and figure skater Todd Eldredge was third with 315.

Sampras

"It's very flattering to be picked among all athletes that were in the running," Sampras said during a conference call from his home in Tampa, Fla. "Tennis doesn't have the history in the Olympics like swimming, track or gymnastics. There are so many big tournaments in tennis, but those guys work four years for one moment."

Sampras, who lost in the third round of the 1992 Olympics and withdrew with an injury in 1996, would like a different Olympic tennis format.

"I think it should be more of a team atmosphere, like the Davis Cup," he said. "Now its a 128-player draw like the U.S. Open. A team format would be more fun to play and people would be more into it."

Sampras won eight titles this year, including his second Australian Open in January, his fourth Wimbledon title in July and his fourth ATP Tour Championship in November. He has won 52 career titles and was voted the best men's player of the past 25 years.

Sampras, also the U.S. Tennis Association athlete of the year, finished the season ranked No. 1 on the ATP Tour for a fifth consecutive year, tying the record set by Jimmy Connors from 1974-78.

But his year ended on a sour note, when he injured his calf at the Davis Cup final against Sweden in November, drawing questions about whether he will play Davis Cup again.

"The Davis Cup will be a situation I will have to deal with for the rest of my career — when to play and if I will play," he said.

LAFLEUR: Tight end looks to improve

(From 1C)

"Great hands," Aikman said of the workout. "He's a big guy who can move."

But once the regular season started, Aikman went elsewhere with his passes. Eric Bjornson, not a good blocker, got most of Aikman's attention at the tight end position.

LaFleur blocked and blocked and blocked.

Then Bjornson got hurt and in the 17th game of the season, LaFleur caught three passes, two of them for touchdowns, in a loss to Cincinnati.

They were the first touchdown passes caught by a tight end all season in the Cowboys sputtering offense, ranked 19th in the NFL with a game left to play against the New York Giants on Sunday in Texas Stadium.

"I hope I opened a few eyes," said LaFleur.

He certainly did on a diving catch in the end zone for one of the touchdowns.

"That was a heck of a play," said quarterback Troy Aikman. "I think everyone agrees that David did a great job as a blocker. And I think he has grown as receiver. I think he will make a tremendous improvement when he goes to his second training camp. I think he can make a major contribution to this team next year."

LaFleur reacted calmly to his first NFL touchdown passes. There was no dancing. No spiking of the football.

"I didn't know how to react," he said. "It took me by surprise."

LaFleur could be a surprise for the Cowboys one year late.

"He looks like he could be the complete tight end," Switzer said. "He's already shown he can be a good blocker in this league. Now, he shows he has the hands."

Scouting director Larry Lacewell said "the first year is a learning experience for rookies, particularly in the offensive line. He's blocked very well and now we need to exploit his offensive talents. It's going to be fun to see what he can do next year."

LaFleur is expected to be one of Aikman's prime targets in Sunday's meaningless regular season finale against the Giants.

"David is getting a chance because Bjornson got hurt and it looks like he's making the most of it," Aikman said.

USC: Hackett had little success at Pitt

(From 1C)

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"I decided to go in a new direction — that is why we hired Paul Hackett," Garrett said. "I feel that Paul is the right man at the right time for USC. ...

"John had great success here, we all know his statistics. I consider him a friend, I consider him someone I admire. When you think about the great coaches at USC, you have to think of Howard Jones, John McKay. John Robinson fits in that mold."

In five years under Robinson, the Trojans were 37-21-2, but 0-5 against cross-town rival UCLA, including 31-24 loss last month. USC has not played in a bowl game the past two seasons.

The Trojans were 6-5 this season, but Robinson said when the team was 2-3 that he'd voluntarily leave if he wasn't able to turn around the season. Apparently, the winning season wasn't enough.

"At midseason, I made a statement that if the football team did not improve I'd be the one to step aside," said Robinson, who declined to answer questions after making his remarks. "We did improve."

The 62-year-old coach had a 104-35-4 record in 12 years at USC — from 1976-82 and 1993-97, but the Trojans were 12-11 the last two seasons after going 9-2-1 in 1995, including a 41-32 victory over Northwestern in the '96 Rose Bowl.

After leaving USC in 1982, Robinson coached the Los Angeles Rams for nine seasons. He then succeeded Larry Smith after the 1992 season.

Hackett, an assistant under Robinson from 1976-80, remained in Kansas City. The Chiefs (12-3) complete their regular season Sunday against New Orleans and then prepare for the playoffs. If the Chiefs reach the Super Bowl, the 50-year-old assistant wouldn't be available until Jan. 26, the day after the NFL's title game.

Hackett had little success in his three seasons at Pittsburgh and was fired after going 3-8 in 1992. He then was hired by Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer.

Hackett has been an assistant at UC Davis (1970-71), California (1972-75), USC (1976-80) and Pittsburgh (1989) as well as with four NFL teams — the Cleveland Browns (1981-82), the San Francisco 49ers (1983-85), the Dallas Cowboys (1986-88) and the Chiefs.

Although Hackett's offenses generally have been successful during his career as an assistant, he was criticized last year and early this season for a perceived lack of creativity. A Kansas City Star columnist waged a campaign called "Sack the Hack," an attempt to have him removed from his job. When the Chiefs began winning, the campaign died.

Morris assault case postponed

By David Ginsburg
AP Sports Writer

CATONSVILLE, Md. — A preliminary hearing on assault charges against Baltimore Ravens running back Bam Morris was postponed Wednesday after prosecutors asked for more time to prepare their case.

Morris is accused of trying to choke a woman at a private birthday party for teammate Orlando Brown on Nov. 16. According to the police report, April Dawn Brittain was attacked by Morris following an argument with Morris' wife, who accused Brittain of having an affair with the player.

A postponement of the hearing was arranged by both sides Wednesday, hours before attorneys appeared in court before Judge Alexander Wright.

Morris was therefore excused from attending the brief court session. He instead practiced with the Ravens, who finish their season Sunday with a road game against Cincinnati.

Another court date was not set, but Morris' attorney maintained hope that the case would never go to trial.

"When I have somebody who is innocent, I always ask for the charges to be dropped," William Murphy III said.

Steve Bailey, assistant state's attorney for Baltimore County, insisted that Brittain would have her day in court.

"I'm not going to comment on the evidence, but we are preparing for the case to go forward," he said. "We thought it was in everyone's best interest to postpone the case so that the matter can be fully investigated and we can be fully prepared to take the case to trial."

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'Admiral' takes command in win

■ NBA Roundup

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Spurs 98, Grizzlies 87

SAN ANTONIO — David Robinson scored 33 points and Avery Johnson had another 20-assist game as the San Antonio Spurs survived a mid-game lull and defeated the Vancouver Grizzlies 98-87 Wednesday night.

Johnson also had a career-high 20 assists a week earlier in a win over the Clippers.

San Antonio opened a four-game homestand with its fourth straight win. Prior to that, San Antonio had a three-game skid to drop to .500 for the first time this season.

The Spurs, who trailed 61-52 after Sam Mack's jumper with 8:24 left in the third, fought back to regain the lead 64-63 on Robinson's jumper. San Antonio never trailed after Tim Duncan's dunk made it 70-69.

Duncan added 19 points and 13 rebounds for San Antonio.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 24 points and Bryant Reeves 23 for the Grizzlies.

Johnson's 14 second-half assists tied a club record.

Bulls 104, Lakers 83

CHICAGO — Michael Jordan, Dennis Rodman and the rest of the Chicago Bulls' old-timers did just about everything better than the kids from Los Angeles, defeating the Lakers 104-83 Wednesday night.

The 34-year-old Jordan, often matched against teen-ager Kobe Bryant, scored 36 points. And Rodman, 36, with a new hair dye-job featuring a smiley face on the back of his head, grabbed 14 rebounds as the Bulls improved to 11-1 at home.

Luc Longley, who missed the previous game with a sprained ankle, added a career-high 23 points for the two-time defending NBA champions, who shot 50 percent and outhustled the league's supposed team of tomorrow.

Bryant scored a career-high 33 points — 16 in the garbage-time fourth quarter — for Los Angeles, which is 7-6 since its franchise-record 11-0 start.

Wizards 88, Heat 74

WASHINGTON — The Wizards raced to a 32-12 lead after one quarter and Rod Strickland scored 21 points as Washington improved its record at the MCI Center to 6-0.

Alonzo Mourning, who underwent surgery in September for a torn knee tendon, was activated from the injured list earlier in the day. He came off the bench and had 24 points on 9-for-16 shooting with nine rebounds, four blocks, a flagrant foul and a technical.

Pacers 87, Knicks 80

INDIANAPOLIS — Rik Smits scored 18 points and Indiana handed New York its sixth straight road loss.

It was the sixth consecutive home victory for the Pacers. New York, meanwhile, is the midst of its longest road losing streak since it set a franchise record of 18 straight defeats from Dec. 3, 1987 to Feb. 22, 1988.

Patrick Ewing led the Knicks with 23 points and 12 rebounds, but he missed two shots from in close with New York challenging late in the game.

Reggie Miller scored 14 points and Mark Jackson, Dale Davis and Chris Mullin had 10 apiece as all five Indiana starters reached double figures.

Timberwolves 94, 76ers 90

PHILADELPHIA — Tom Gugliotta scored a season-high 30 points, including eight in a late run as Minnesota came back from a 10-point deficit.

Stephon Marbury, who made two clinching free throws with 12 seconds left, chipped in 14 points and 14 assists and Stanley Roberts had 10 rebounds as the Timberwolves won for just the second time in their last six games.

Minnesota won it with a 16-3 run in the last half of the fourth quarter as Philadelphia was missing its final 10 shots.

Celtics 88, Raptors 83

TORONTO — Walter McCarty hit a key 3-point shot with 59 seconds left and Chauncey Billups scored nine points over the final 4:16 to lead Boston over Toronto.

Antoine Walker had 18 points and nine rebounds. McCarty and Ron Mercer each scored 12 points.

Hawks 94, Cavaliers 83

ATLANTA — Steve Smith scored 23 points and Atlanta extended its winning streak to four games, pulling away in the fourth quarter to beat Cleveland.

The Hawks, coming off a four-game West Coast trip in which they won the final three, sealed the victory with a 15-5 run in the fourth period.

Christian Laettner scored 18 points and Blaylock had 16 to go along with seven assists.

Nets 105, Pistons 101

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Rookie Keith Van Horn snapped a tie with a three-point play with 1:12 to play and New Jersey broke its 11-game losing streak against Detroit.

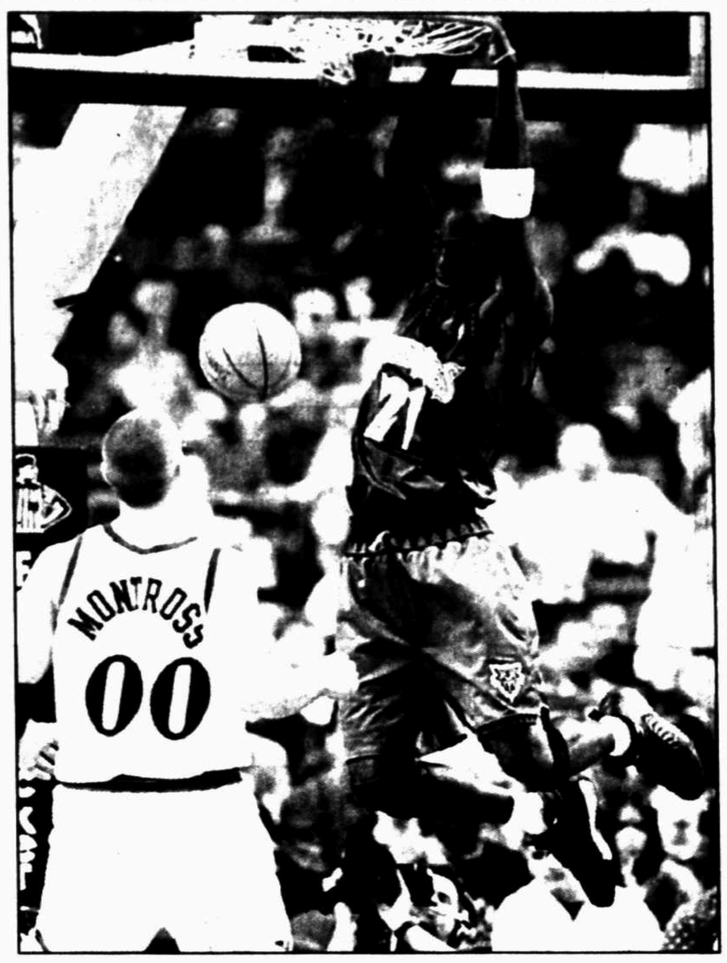
Kendall Gill added a clutch 3-pointer after Van Horn's basket as the Nets, who squandered a 15-point fourth quarter lead before coming back, beat the Pistons for the first time since Feb. 6, 1995.

Van Horn, who the Pistons claimed was getting preferential treatment from the officials, and Gill each had 22 points. Jayson Williams added 13 points and 22 rebounds, Kerry Kittles had 20 points and Sam Cassell had 19 points and 11 assists.

Hornets 99, Bucks 90

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Charlotte shot 81 percent in the second quarter and, led by Vlade Divac's 21 points and 12 rebounds, beat Milwaukee for its fifth straight win.

Anthony Mason had nine points on 4-of-5 shooting in the second quarter, when the Hornets hit 13 of 16 field-goal attempts to turn a three-point deficit into a 16-point lead.



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Philadelphia 76ers' Eric Montross can only watch as Minnesota Timberwolves' Kevin Garnett dunks the ball in the first half of their game Wednesday in Philadelphia. Minnesota won 94-90.

Whitt, Tigers upset No. 6 South Carolina

Associated Press

■ Top 25 Roundup

CLEMSON, S.C. — Vincent Whitt took the coach's talk to heart — and made No. 6 South Carolina pay.

At Tuesday's practice, Clemson coach Rick Barnes told his sophomore he didn't know if he was the coach who could Whitt to reach his potential.

"About 20 minutes later, he patted me on the leg," Barnes said, "and said, 'Coach, remember this day because I'm going to prove to you the kind of player that I am.'"

Whitt scored 17 points and Clemson held No. 6 South Carolina scoreless for nine minutes to pull off a 62-57 upset Wednesday night.

Barnes has a knack for tweaking players the right way.

"For the most part it worked," said Whitt, who's output was a career high. "I came in here with a whole different attitude that I was going to get it done no matter what."

Two free throws by BJ McKie and a basket by Recus Nix in the final minute pulled South Carolina (5-1) to 58-57, but foul shots by Whitt and Greg Buckner kept Clemson in front.

The Tigers (6-3) started the year ranked in the top 10, but fell out of the poll after losing three of their previous five games. And against South Carolina, Clemson was without its point guard and 16-point-a-game scorer Terrell McIntyre.

Whitt picked up the slack, scoring five points in a first-half run that kept Clemson in the game. Then he and Harold Jamison combined for 12 points in a 16-0 spurt in which the Gamecocks committed four turnovers and shot 0-for-7.

"I saw in his eyes that he was going to be strong tonight," said McIntyre. Whitt's roommate. McIntyre is also doubtful for Friday's game with Seton Hall at The Meadowlands.

Buckner and Jamison finished with 13 points each. Jamison also had 11 offensive rebounds, tying the school record set by Dale Davis.

South Carolina's backcourt pair of McKie and Melvin Watson was harassed and off-target. McKie had six turnovers, while Watson was 4-for-15 from the field.

The loss ended South Carolina's best start in nine years and was its fourth straight in the state rivalry. Gamecocks coach Eddie Fogler has lost all of six of his meetings against Clemson's Rick Barnes since 1987.

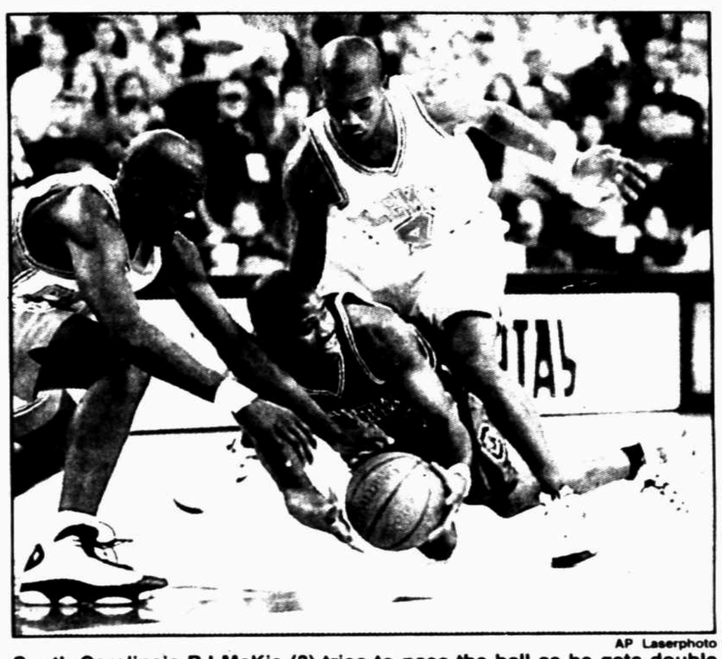
After South Carolina went up 38-34, Jamison threw down a jam and Whitt hit a 3-pointer to give Clemson the lead. A little later, Buckner's steal freed Whitt for a layup, while Jamison, a bulky 260-pounder, stepped in front of a pass and went in for a thunderous slam and a 50-38 lead.

No. 18 Mississippi 100, Belmont 59

OXFORD, Miss. — Reserve Joezon Darby scored 16 points, including four 3-pointers, as No. 18 Mississippi crushed Belmont.

Ole Miss (6-1), playing at home for the first time in more than three weeks, scored the first six points on the way to a 30-6 lead. The Rebels led 40-14 at halftime.

Belmont (2-6), a Division I independent from Nashville, had seven turnovers before scoring its second basket. The Bruins finished with 23 turnovers and never challenged.



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South Carolina's BJ McKie (3) tries to pass the ball as he gets double teamed by Clemson's Johnny Miller (4) and Tony Christie (44) during the first half Wednesday at Clemson's Littlejohn Coliseum.

Marshall 73, No. 23 Wake Forest 66

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — Travis Young scored 17 points and Marshall took advantage of another poor shooting night by No. 23 Wake Forest to upset the Demon Deacons (6-2). It was Marshall's first victory over a ranked opponent since 1991 and its first over an Atlantic Coast Conference team since 1983.

The teams exchanged leads eight times in the second half and were tied 59-59 with 3:45 left before Young and Carlton King hit 3-pointers and Marshall (4-3) made 6 of 12 free throws down the stretch to keep the lead.

No. 17 Florida St 77, N.C.-Asheville 60

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Terrell Baker scored 18 points as 17th-ranked Florida State downed North Carolina-Asheville.

The Seminoles (8-1) broke open a close game midway in the first half and opened a 63-33 lead midway through the second half after a 3-pointer by Baker, who also added eight rebounds, four assists and three steals.

E. Michigan 89, No. 21 Michigan 83 OT

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Just a few days after beating the No. 1 team in the country, Michigan couldn't take care of its own backyard Wednesday night.

Earl Boykins scored 29 points as Eastern Michigan withstood a furious Michigan rally and upset the No. 21 Wolverines 89-83 in overtime Wednesday night.

The Wolverines lost four days after beating then-No. 1 Duke.

Longhorns beat Tigers by hitting free throws

Associated Press

■ Texas Roundup

AUSTIN — Brandy Perryman scored 17 points, including five 3-pointers, and Texas hit 12 of 12 free throws in the final minutes of a 69-63 victory over Louisiana State on Wednesday night.

Texas (5-4) scored 12 of its final 16 points on free throws, including all 12 attempts in the final 7:14. Kris Clack and Ira Clark each had four free throws in the span.

LSU (4-3) made only seven of 21 field-goal attempts in the first half but stayed close by hitting 13 of 14 free throws. Texas led 33-28 at halftime.

The Longhorns appeared on the verge of putting the game away after back-to-back 3-pointers by Perryman put them up 46-37.

LSU then rallied behind Maurice Carter and Willie Anderson for a 17-7 run and a 54-53 lead with 7:29 to go. Carter had 6 points and Anderson 4 during the run.

But Clark hit a pair of free throws to put Texas back up 55-54 and the Longhorns never trailed again.

LSU pulled within 65-63 with a minute left, but again the Longhorns responded with free throws — two each by Clark and Clack — to ice the game.

Anderson led the Tigers with 22 points and 8 rebounds. Rogers Washington added 13 points.

Chris Mihm had 14 points for Texas, while Clack finished with 11.

The Longhorns scored 29 points off 20 LSU turnovers.

SMU 106, Prairie View 70

DALLAS — Chad Elsey scored 27 points as Southern Methodist remained unbeaten with a 106-70 victory Wednesday night over Prairie View A&M.

Elsey was 10-of-14 from the field, including 6 of 8 three-pointers as SMU ran its record to 7-0, its best start since 1984-85. The Mustangs led 61-38 at the half.

Prairie View (3-4) was led by Tamarron Sharpe, who had 23 rebounds and 10 rebounds.

Women's Top 25

Stephen F. Austin 89, No. 25 Alabama 87

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — Anitra Davis scored 31 points and Stephanie Whitmore hit the go-ahead free throws with 28 seconds left Wednesday night as Stephen F. Austin beat No. 25 Alabama 89-87 in the L'eggs Holiday Inn Classic.

Alabama (5-3) took its last lead at 87-86 on Brittney Ezell's sixth 3-pointer of the game with 1:11 remaining. Whitmore then was fouled and hit both free throws. Katrina Price, who scored 27 points, hit one of two free throws with 3 seconds left for the final margin.

Stephen F. Austin (6-2) forced Alabama into 19 turnovers and got a solid performance inside from Davis, who hit 12-of-20 shots and had nine rebounds. Whitmore, a guard, hit just 1-of-9 shots but pulled down 11 rebounds.

Dominique Canty scored 27 points and Ezell had 26 for Alabama. Ezell was 6-for-8 on 3-pointers and the Crimson Tide for the game converted 10-of-15 3-pointers.

New Mexico State faced Elon in the second game of the opening round. Stephen F. Austin will meet the winner in Thursday's championship.

Hall of Famers say it was right to cancel slam-dunk contest

By Scott Soshnick
Bloomberg News

NEW YORK — The National Basketball Association's slam-dunk contest deserved to be canceled, some of the sport's greatest showmen said. It'd gotten stale.

The NBA replaced the competition — once the highlight of All-Star Saturday — with an event it calls "2ball," a shooting competition teaming one NBA and one WNBA player from the same city.

The art of dunking, said Hall-of-Famer George Gervin, has slipped since Julius Erving put on a historical performance to win the first competition, held in 1976 at the American Basketball Association's All-Star game in Denver.

"He's jumping from the free-throw line, his afro is going back and he's got the ball straight up," Gervin said. "Now that's something to see."

NBA fans haven't had much to watch during the competition for the past few years, said Gervin, a nine-time NBA All-Star who earned the nickname "Iceman" for his ability to perform under pressure.

"We're seeing a lot of the same things," he said. "You get tired of looking at it."

Back in 1976, Erving won a stereo and the top prize of $1,000 for his leap from the foul line, holding the ABA's red, white and blue ball above his head. The move was copied by Michael Jordan, who won the event in 1988 and 1987, and Brent Barry, the 1996 champion.

The league has tinkered with the format in recent years, trying to rekindle the excitement of 1985 when Dominique Wilkins bested Jordan in an epic dunk-off, or the next year, when 5-foot-7 Spud Webb won with a 360-degree jam in his home city of Atlanta.

Recently, however, the NBA's biggest stars have shunned the competition, leaving lesser-known players to rely on gimmicks such as jumping over chairs to win acclaim and the top prize of $20,000.

"When you're talking about slam-dunk contests, you want to see the top guys," said David Thompson, who along with Gervin and Erving was one of the original slam-dunk competitors. "The last few years a lot of the top dunkers haven't participated and it's gotten a little stale. There's nothing new out there."

At least one current All-Star disagrees, calling the cancellation of the event a "misjustice."

"I'm really disappointed," said Vin Baker of the Seattle SuperSonics, one of the league's rising stars. "It's great for the sport, great for All-Star weekend. It was one of the events that fans looked forward to."

Now it's one they'll have to look back on.

The NBA's first dunk contest was held in 1984 in Phoenix and was won by the Suns' Larry Nance. Besides Jordan, other two-time winners were Wilkins in 1990 and 1985 and Harold Miner in 1995 and 1993.

The competition has produced its memorable moments. Among them were Dee Brown slamming the ball while covering his eyes with his forearm and Cedric Ceballos dunking blindfolded, although he later said he could see.

Still, one of the game's biggest stars agreed with his predecessors: It's time to pull the plug.

"It's sort of lost its flare, its luster," said Grant Hill of the Detroit Pistons, widely considered the heir to Jordan as the league's best player. "It's not the same as it was during the '80s."

While Gervin agrees with the league's decision to cancel the dunk contest, he doesn't agree with the replacement the league has selected for All-Star weekend, to be held Feb. 6-8 in New York.

2ball, a one-minute competition, is played by two-player teams on a half-court marked by six shooting locations. Each shot is worth a certain amount of points based on difficulty.

Three teams confirmed their participation: Clyde Drexler of the Houston Rockets and WNBA Most Valuable Player Cynthia Cooper of the Comets; Allan Houston of the New York Knicks and Rebecca Lobo of the Liberty; and Mitch Richmond of the Sacramento Kings and Ruthie Bolton-Holifield of the Monarchs. First prize is $25,000, second $10,000 and third $5,000. All other teams will split $2,000.

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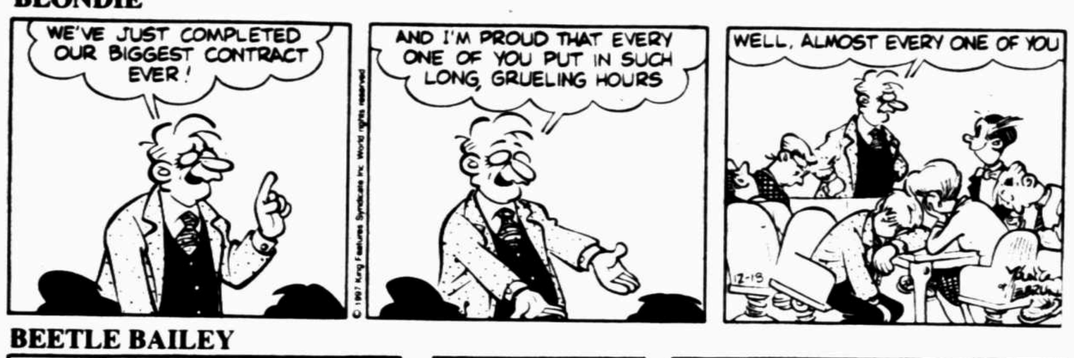

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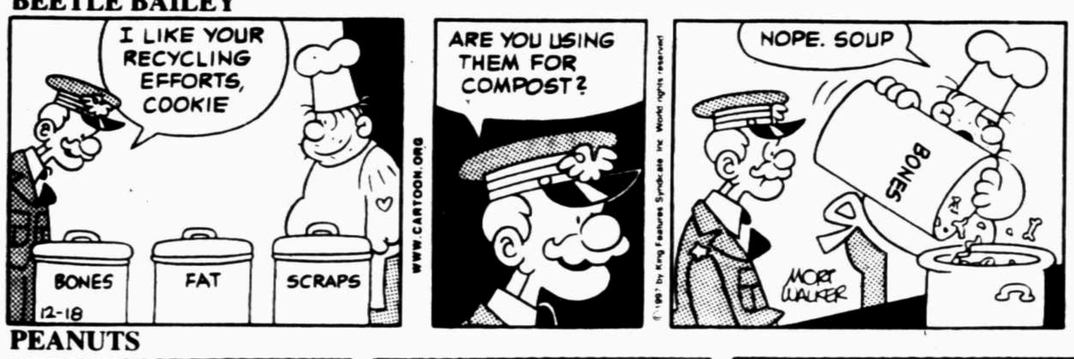

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Dec. 18, 1997:
You are buoyant, expressive and together this year. You exhibit a new style and confidence. Others respond to you; life seems like a cornucopia of opportunities. If you are single, your wit, alertness and magnetism draw others. Still, you might decide to play the field. If attached, communications are wonderful, though sometimes excessively vocal. You have a unique opportunity to create excellence this year. Long-distance travel, education and a new philosophical, spiritual perspective open you up even more. LEO teaches you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ With the holiday season in full gear, you are driven; the goal is to have a great time. Choices seem to mark your path. Your sense of direction is key; there is so much going on that you could easily get distracted. Make an important call. Tonight: Add a personal touch to the fun.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Understand how important your priorities are, specifically about work. Stop sitting on your duff contemplating change; take action. Some of the upheaval might unnerve you, but it is time. Conversations with close friends are reassuring. Tonight: Make it cozy at home.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Reach out for another, give your opinion, share feelings and pioneer a new path. Conversations with a partner are lively. Express what is on your mind. Make calls, clear your desk and get ready to enjoy. Tonight: Tend to last-minute details.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You have a lot to get done. There is no time like the present to dig in and make what you want happen. A slow but steady pace is key to handling details. You do not need anything lurking in your mind. Shop during your lunch break. Tonight: Shop again!
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ There are many choices, and you have the pleasure of making them. Excellent communications mark your interactions, with a flirtatious tone popping in. Is this new? No, your charisma melts others. Let your imagination pick your direction. Tonight: Lucky you!
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Take a back seat, and remain detached, even though you feel overwhelmed by what is about to happen. You will get more done if you don't worry. Be careful about moving too quickly; you could twist your ankle. You are accident prone. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Aim for what you want. A loved one comes through for you in a big way. He will do what you don't want to. Caring abounds, and you see your ultimate wishes fulfilled. Clean off your desk, get cards in the mail and finish work. Opt for several days off. Tonight: Be happy.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Responsibilities call; you feel pulled between home and work. The pressure is high, and you are definitely in the pressure cooker. Establish limits; after all, the holidays are also important for you. Buy a holiday present just for yourself. Tonight: Race around!
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ The true meaning of the holidays touches you on a deep level. Caring flourishes, and you are very much in control of your expectations and desires. You are about to greet a special experience. Take action, move a project, stay in control. Tonight: Spread holiday cheer.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Conferring with a partner is helpful. You gain a different perspective, and decide to take action. You are inspired to go shopping and tend to various holiday errands. Consider blowing the money you have left on a special gift. Tonight: You are in prime company.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You are a live wire, and somewhat difficult to stop. But then, who wants to? Remember, though, that a strong, magnetic friend also likes to be the lead actor, so defer to him. You seem to get a lot done. You are personality-plus. Tonight: Dance the night away.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Emphasize work, and clear your desk. Maintain a high profile, and let the boss lean on you. You are more important than you know. Responsibilities call. Discuss frustration before you get angry. This is important in the next month. Tonight: Finish up as much as you can.

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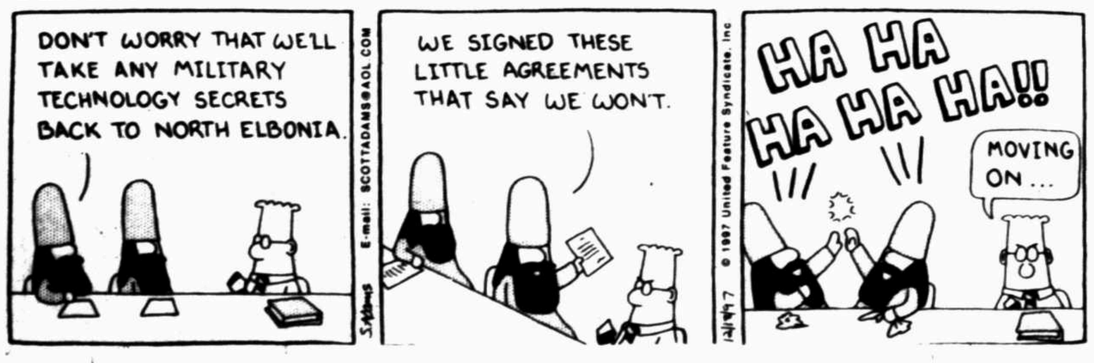

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WEST ♠ K 10 ♡ K Q 7 6 4 2 ◇ J 10 8 5 ♣ 4		EAST ♠ J 3 ♡ J 8 5 ◇ 9 4 2 ♣ A K 9 8 6
	SOUTH ♠ A Q 9 7 6 2 ♡ 10 ◇ 7 3 ♣ Q 10 7 3	

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
Pass	Pass	1 ♡	Pass
2 ♡	2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead Four of ♣

If you have a choice of cards to play, it is almost always right to play the one you are known to have. That can often leave the declarer facing a nasty guess, as was the case here.

West elected to open light in third seat on a distributional hand, but that did not stop the opponents from getting to a reasonable game. South had an easy overcall, and to bid anything less than four spades with the North cards would have been an act of cowardice.

West led the singleton club. East cashed the king and ace and continued with a club. West ruffed with the king! Declarer looked at that card suspiciously. Was it possible for West to have two singletons yet not compete further over two spades? Since West held so little in high cards, and the vulnerability was equal, declarer decided it was just possible.

Declarer won the heart return in dummy and led the eight of spades. When East followed low, declarer ran it. West won with the ten to complete a one-trick set.

Why did West ruff with the king? The defender realized that everyone knew West would not have opened one heart without the king of spades. Had West ruffed low, declarer would have had no choice but to go up with the ace of spades on the first trump lead, felling the king and landing the contract.

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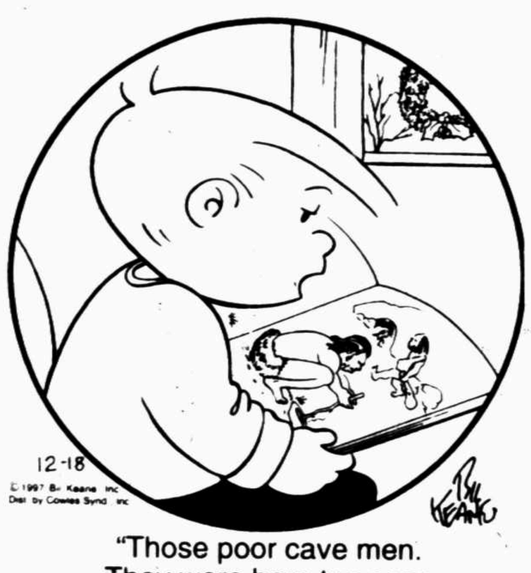

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TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

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(3) KMID	2	3	News 147	Wheel of Fortune	Nothing Sacred: Hodie Christus Natus Est 3925		Cracker: Lemmings Will Fly 2673 (TV14-LSV)		20/20 2437		News 8979963	Cheers (10:35)	Nightline (11:05)	Keenen I. Wayans
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	Living Single	Between Brothers	413 Hope St. 60031		Team Knight Rider 80695		Home Improvement	Mad About You	Vibe 42895	
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 5321	Grace Under Fire	Promised Land: The Outrage 51741 (TVG)		Diagnosis Murder 77789 (TVPG-V)		Deliverentura 57925 (TVPG-L)		News 7957470	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Married ... Children
(9) KWES	9	9	News 2499	Seinfeld 6079	Friends 9186	Union Square 5963	Seinfeld 6586	Veronica's Closet	ER: Do You See What I See? 93741 (TV14)		News 7609296	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	The Light of the Southwest 176147		Briefing		Bishop	B. Hinn	Praise the Lord 218418					
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 818692		West Texas Journal	Small Business	Mystery! (Part 1 of 2) 385789 (TVPG)		Mystery! (Part 2 of 2) 385925 (TVPG)		Telecourse 652963			
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(8) CNBC		8	Business Center	Great Stuff	Equal Time W/Bay	Chris Matthews	Rivera Live 8590019		The News With Brian Williams 2990875		Charles Grodin 9740352		Rivera Live 6184673	
(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	Coach 303031	Sister, Sister	Smart Guy 309215	The Wayans Bros.	Steve Harvey Show	News 831499		Beverly Hills, 90210 834586 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night 734147 (TV14)	
(11) WTBS		11	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	The Living Daylights (PG, '87) ** (Timothy Dalton, Maryam d'Abo) 27926215						The Boy Who Loved Me (6:50) (PG, '77) *** (Roger Moore, Barbara Bach) 1839811			
(18) BRAV		18	Bravo Profiles 298760		The Out-of-Towners (G, '70) * 741437				Cirque du Soleil		Riff-Raff ('91) ** (Robert Carlyle) 191383			
(20) BET		20	Planet Groove 463012				Hit List 464741		Comicview 484505		BET Tonight		227	Mid. Love
(21) DISN		21	Jack Frost 3488437 (TVG)		It Nearly Wasn't Christmas (6:50) ('89) ** (Charlee Durning) 29851489				The Christmas Star (8:25) ('86) ** (Edward Asner) 54459186		Walt Disney Presents 849418 (TVG)		Zorro 114234	Mickey Mouse Club
(23) FAM		23	The Waltons: The Triangle 618654 (TVG)		A Branson Country Christmas 251383 (TVG)				The Christmas List ('97) (Mimi Rogers, Bill Switzer) 271147		The 700 Club 250654		The Three Stooges	The Three Stooges
(35) CNN		35	Moneyline	Crossfire	Pri. News	Burden			Larry King Live 576079	The World Today	Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Showbiz
(36) ESPN		36	SportsCenter (5:30)		NHL Hockey: Boston Bruins at Philadelphia Flyers 248166					Up Close Prime	SportsCenter 373944		Superbouts 349147	
(37) USA		37	Highlander: The Warmonger 329352 (TVPG)		Walker, Texas Ranger 552499 (TVPG)		The Empire Strikes Back (PG, '80) **** (Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford) 739708				Silk Stalkings 798050 (TV14-S)		Highlander 990321	
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(40) TLC		40	Vila's Home Again	Vila's Home Again	Medical Detectives	Without Warning	The Aviators: X-Men 147437 (TVG)		Future Fantastic: Immortals 127673 (TVG)		Medical Detectives	Without Warning	The Aviators: X-Men 196963 (TVG)	
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(15) AMC		15	Wuthering Heights ('39) **** 388418				Ocean's Eleven ('60) ** (Frank Sinatra) 2188499				The Black Swan (10:15) ('42) *** 60-42188			
(16) TNN		16	Dukes of Hazzard		Christmas Greetings		Prime Time Country		Today's Country		Dallas 135692 (TVPG)		Dukes of Hazzard	
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PEOPLE

Bill Cosby feels woman who claimed to be his daughter can benefit from prison time

NEW YORK — **Bill Cosby** says the young woman convicted of extortion for claiming to be his daughter should treat her prison sentence as an opportunity.

"She now sits with a choice of what she wants to do. She can clean up her act," Cosby told CNBC's "Rivera Live" in his first public comments since **Autumn Jackson** was sentenced last week to 26 months.

The case tarnished Cosby's image as America's favorite father. While he denied being Ms. Jackson's father, he admitted an affair with her mother.

"I don't want to play this tune again, I'll tell you that," Cosby said.

On Wednesday, a man convicted of a minor role in the $40 million extortion attempt, **Boris Sabas**, was sentenced to three months in prison.

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VATICAN CITY — Say goodbye to Lucille.

B.B. King says he'll donate his guitar to Pope John Paul II.

Blues artist **B.B. King**, scheduled to be among the performers at the Vatican's Christmas concert Friday, said he will donate his famous guitar "Lucille" to **Pope John Paul II** after the performance.

Other performers on Friday's program at Paul VI Auditorium, where the pontiff holds his public audiences, are **Chaka Khan**, the Portuguese group Madredeus and France's **Mireille Mathieu**.

The concert will raise money for the construction of 50 new churches on the outskirts of Rome.

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JACKSON, Tenn. — **Carl Perkins** is partially paralyzed after suffering his third and most serious stroke in a month.

The 65-year-old writer of **Elvis Presley's** classic "Blue Suede Shoes" was in stable condition Wednesday in intensive care at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.

"He's not in good shape now," son **Stan Perkins** said Wednesday. "It's very serious."

He said the stroke on Tuesday left his father paralyzed on the left side of his body.

Perkins underwent surgery in June to clear a blockage in an artery leading to his brain. He had a mild stroke Nov. 20 and another on Dec. 2. Before Tuesday's stroke, he had been beginning physical therapy.

Perkins has been acknowledged as an inspiration by countless rock 'n' roll artists, including the Beatles.

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LOS ANGELES — **Roy Orbison, Bo Diddley, Paul Robeson** and the Mills Brothers will be honored for lifetime achievement during the Grammy Awards.

"There are few activities of the recording academy which give me more pleasure than honoring the work and careers of great music pioneers," Michael Greene, president of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, said Wednesday.

Diddley was picked for his crucial role in the birth of rock 'n' roll. Robeson, who died in 1976, is getting recognized for his voice on such Broadway standards as "Old Man River." The Mills Brothers are honored for their eight-decade performing career and Orbison, who died in 1988, for his three-octave range and hits including "Only the Lonely," and "Crying."

Of the original Mills Brothers, **Donald Mills** is the surviving member of the quartet whose first record hit was the 1931 release of "Tiger Rag."

The Grammy Awards are set for Feb. 25.

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SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — One of the fastest men on four wheels took a turn off the race track Wednesday to visit children crippled by war.

Michael Schumacher, the two-time Formula One Grand Prix world champion, visited a Sarajevo hospital and drew a smile from one fan, 9-year-old **Damir Vatres**, who lost an eye and his right forearm to a land mine blast.

His visit was part of a UNESCO-backed effort to raise money for a specialized hospital for Sarajevo children crippled by artillery shells and mines during the Bosnian war.

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SEATTLE — The Presidents of the United States of America are splitting up.

The breakup of the Grammy-nominated rock trio is amicable, manager **Staci Slater** said Tuesday.

Singer-bassist **Chris Ballew** "wants to be a father and a husband, and he's got a home studio where he does all kind of fiddling. He just wants to be home," Slater said.

Ballew, guitarist **Dave Dederer** and drummer **Jason Finn** have been one of the Seattle's most popular bands since the mid 1990s, selling more than 5 million copies of two albums, "The Presidents of the United States of America" and "II." They were nominated for an Emmy in 1996 for best alternative music performance.

While many other Seattle bands sang of bad childhoods, suicidal tendencies and lousy love lives, the Presidents bashed out uptempo pop songs with a playful dollop of sexual innuendo.

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27 Choir section
28 Search for water
29 Slag
31 Salvador is its capital
33 Beethoven's "— Solemnis"
34 With force
35 Stitched
37 "— worse than death"
39 Thick
42 Newsman Dan
43 Early Verdi opera
48 Skin ailment
50 Plaster-coated
53 Leek's relative
55 Succinct
56 "— girl!"
57 Sear
58 Gardner of mystery
60 Wise
62 Etcher's need
63 Certain
64 Flanders river
66 Velvet finish?
67 Jazz job

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

G	R	I	M	M		O	N	C	E		A	R	I	A
E	E	R	I	E		C	O	A	X		T	E	N	S
S	P	O	R	T		T	O	R	T	I	L	L	A	S
T	O	N		A	P	E	R		E	L	A	I	N	E
			S	L	A	T		P	R	I	N	C	E	S
P	R	O	L	I	X		M	A	N	E	T			
L	O	G	O	S		P	A	R	A		A	B	B	E
O	U	R		T	R	A	V	E	L	S		R	A	Y
D	E	E	D		A	R	E	S		O	B	E	S	E
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U	N	A	V	E	R	T	E	D		P	A	R	O	L
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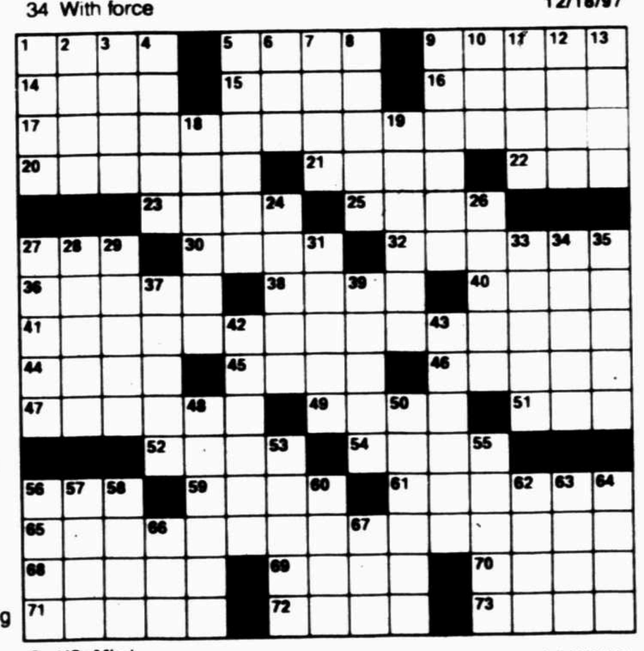

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Compaq s	106306	55 7/16	-2 1/16
AT&T	74317	57 7/8	+1
Motorola	64196	54 3/16	-2 1/16
DollarT wi	59163	21 9/16	
NextLev n	49260	17 11/16	+2 11/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Showbt	23 1/2	+4 13/16	+25.8
GnData	4 3/16	+11/16	+19.6
EottEng	18 1/8	+2 7/8	+18.9
NextLev n	17 11/16	+2 11/16	+17.9
QMS	3	+7/16	+17.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Fairlsc	32	-8 5/16	-20.6
APadP	9 1/2	-2	-17.4
Paracels	3 1/2	-11/16	-16.4
Cooper99	14 5/8	-2 5/16	-13.7
BT Off	7 3/8	-1 1/16	-12.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,659
Declined	1,310
Unchanged	504
Total issues	3,473
New Highs	204
New Lows	61
Volume	723,660,600

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Hasbro s	31752	35 7/8	+13/16
Nabors	23536	32 1/16	-1 7/16
SPDR	22363	96 13/16	-1/2
EchoBay	15628	2 7/8	+17/64
RoyalO g	13134	1 7/16	

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Comforce	7 3/8	+1 5/16	+20.4
StrgCmp	6 3/4	+1 1/8	+20.0
KingPwr n	2 5/8	+3/8	+16.7
GldStarR	2 13/16	+3/8	+15.4
BemaGold	2 3/8	+5/16	+15.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SBYen wt98	13 3/4	-2 1/2	-15.4
MidlRs	2	-1/4	-11.1
RivieraT n	9 7/16	-1 1/16	-10.1
Kilern	7 3/4	-13/16	-9.5
BwlOtdr	4 1/4	-7/16	-9.3

DIARY

Advanced	287
Declined	301
Unchanged	174
Total issues	762
New Highs	14
New Lows	15
Volume	43,140,490

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Intel s	193156	69 1/2	-1 11/16
Cisco s	172213	54 3/16	+13/16
Oracle s	131815	22 5/8	-1 1/16
Danka	127861	14 7/8	+1 13/16
ApidMat s	125652	28	-1

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PLas wtA	3 3/4	+1 9/16	+71.4
Comprs wt	3 1/2	+1 1/8	+47.4
HungB wt	2 9/16	+13/16	+46.4
NaProBio	4 1/8	+1 1/4	+43.5
Compres n	7 13/16	+2 1/8	+37.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LfeMed	2 1/8	-1 1/16	-33.3
Swish wt	2	-3/4	-27.3
BigDogH n	7	-2 1/2	-26.3
Redwd wt	4 1/2	-1 1/2	-25.0
Oxign wt	7 1/8	-2 1/8	-23.0

DIARY

Advanced	2,163
Declined	2,107
Unchanged	1,485
Total issues	5,755
New Highs	151
New Lows	188
Volume	757,462,200

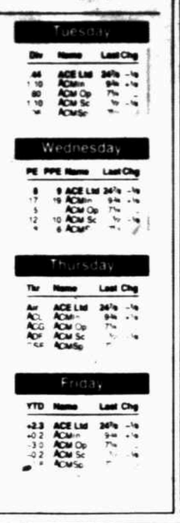
HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

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.



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.

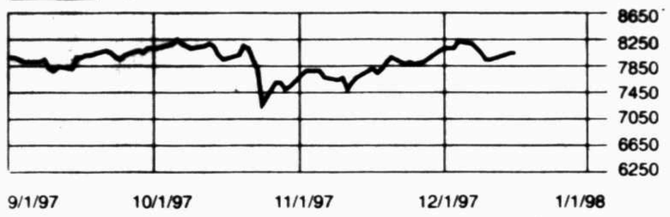
Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

Daily market roundup

December 17, 1997

Dow Jones 7957.41 -18.90

High	8,068.81	Highest close	8,259.31
Low	7,879.08	August 6, 1997	



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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
8,299.49	6,236.05	Dow Jones Industrials	7,957.41	-18.90	-.24	+23.40	+25.38
3,372.42	2,206.04	Dow Jones Transportation	3,235.19	-20.23	-.62	+43.42	+44.65
264.86	208.98	Dow Jones Utilities	265.88	+1.84	+.70	+14.34	+16.37
515.24	378.87	NYSE Composite	506.59	-.16	-.03	+29.13	+31.52
723.03	541.02	Amex Index	671.28	+2.40	+.36	+17.29	+18.93
1,748.78	1,194.16	Nasdaq Composite	1,547.37	-5.63	-.36	+19.86	+20.38
986.25	716.69	S&P 500	965.54	-2.50	-.26	+30.35	+31.99
466.21	248.65	Russell 2000	426.44	+1.10	+.26	+17.60	+20.78
9,486.69	6,998.62	Wilshire 5000	9,211.27	-8.24	-.09	+27.96	+30.04

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Tkr	Name	Last	Chg
A B C			
ACL	ACE Ltd	92 5/8	+1 1/16
GSF	ACM Sc	10	-1/16
SI	ACMSp	6 1/2	-1/16
ADF	ACMMD	14	+3/16
AES	AES Cp s	43	-1/2
AFL	AFLAC	51	+1/16
AG	AGCO	29 1/8	+9/16
ATG	AGL Res	19 3/16	+5/16
AUP	AJL	11 3/4	+5/16
AKS	AK Steel s	17 7/16	+5/16
AMB	AMB Pr	nu24 3/4	+3/16
AML	AML Ir s	22 1/8	-1/16
AMR	AMR	130 1/8	+3/16
RCM	ARCOCh	44 7/16	-1/16
ASA	ASA Ltd	21 7/8	+1/16
T	AT&T	u57 7/8	+1
AVX	AVX Cp	19 3/4	-3/16
AAM	Aames s	11 5/16	-1/16
ABT	AbtLab	67 3/8	-1 1/4
ANF	AberFitch	30 1/4	-1/8
ABY	Abitibi g	12 3/4	+1/8
ASI	AccuSrt	27 9/16	-1/16
ACN	Acusond	16 11/16	-3/16
ADX	AdaEx	23 7/16	...
AMD	AMD	18 1/16	+3/16
AVC	Advocat	8	
ANV	AeroVick	46 5/16	-1/16
AET	Aetna Inc	78 1/8	-1/4
AFA	AffCmpS	s25 1/2	+1 1/2
AMG	AffMgrs	nu27 1/16	+1/16
AEM	Agnico g	5 5/16	-1/16
AGU	Agrium g	13 1/16	+1/16
AHM	Ahmansu	6	+1/16
APD	AirProd	77	-1/16
ANS	AirNetS	20 1/16	-1/16
AEF	AirFrt	65 3/8	-1/16
ARG	Airgas	13 7/8	-1/16
AT	Ai Touch	3 1/16	-1/16
ALPpB	AlaP pfB	24 3/8	...
ALPpC	AlaP pfC	25 1/8	...
ALPpD	AlaP adj pf	24 3/8	...
ALPpQ	AlaPC pfQ	24 15/16	-1/16
ALK	AlskAir	37 5/16	
ACV	Alberto s	3 1/16	+1/16
ABS	Albertsn	46 1/8	-1/16
AL	Alcan	27 3/4	-1/16
ALA	Alcate	24 1/16	-1/16
ARE	AlexRE	30 3/16	+3/16
AYE	AligEngy	30 1/4	-1/16
ALT	Allegiedy	24 3/16	-1/16
AEH	Allegiance	34 1/16	+1/16
ALN	AllenTel	19 3/16	+1/16
AGN	Allergn	32 7/16	-1/16
AC	AmCap	36 1/16	-1/16
AWF	AmWrld	13 1/16	-1/16
ATK	AmTch	58 1/4	+1/16
AIB	Amdrsh	5 7/16	-1/16
AdSp	AdSpn	5 3/16	+1/16
AFC	AlmnFn	50	-1/16
AL	Alstate	89 5/16	-1/16
AT	Altel	40 5/16	+3/16
AGI	AlpineG	18 1/4	+1/16
AMX	Alumax	32 13/16	+1/16
AA	Alcoa	74 3/16	-1/16
AZA	Alza	30 1/4	+1/16
AMZ	AmazG	2 3/16	+1/16
AMR	AmbacF	s 44 1/16	+1/16
AAP	AmbassAp	2 1/16	-1/16
AHC	Ammes	s 11 1/16	-1/16
AOL	AmOnline	83 7/16	-1/16
AWA	AmWest	17 1/16	-1/16
AEP	AmBankrs	s 42 1/8	-1/16
AEP	AEP	u50 7/8	
AXP	Amexp	89 1/16	-1/16
AGC	AGenCp	55 7/16	-1/16
AGC	AGnHosp	26 1/16	+1/16
AGF	AmGv	5 1/16	
AAF	AGF	6 1/16	
AHP	AHome	75 3/16	-1 1/16
AIG	AmIntG	s 105 5/16	-1/16
PLB	AIPC n	24 5/8	+1/16
AGP	APadP	d9 1/2	-2
NV	AResT	nd12 3/16	-1/16
ASD	AmStd	40 1/4	-1/16
ACO	AmStCr	s20 1/2	-1/16
CSP	AmSP3	11 1/4	+1/16
AW	AmWstr	25 1/8	+1/16
AWK	AmWtr	25 1/8	+1/16
ACCF	Amercrd	24 3/16	+1/16
AQS	AmerigTc	1/4	-1/32
AAS	AmeriSrc	s 55 1/16	-1/16
AT	Ameritch	81 1/8	+3/16
AN	Amoco	83 3/4	-1 7/16
AMP	AMP	41 15/16	+1 3/16
ASC	AmSouth	s 54 7/16	-1/16
AVF	AmvestF	23 1/8	+5/16
AAP	AmwyAs	19	+1/4
APC	Anadrk	61 1/4	+3/16
ADI	Analog s	25 5/16	+1/16
BUD	Anheus	43 7/16	+5/16
AXE	Anixter	14 7/8	-1/16
ANN	AnnTay	14 5/16	+1/16
NLY	Annaly n	10 5/16	+3/16
AOC	Aon Cp s	54 5/16	-3/16
APA	Apache	34 1/4	+3/16
APM	ApexMn n	14	
AMH	AppIMg	12 1/2	-1/16
AHG	Aprria	15 3/16	+1/16
AAC	ArcadiaFn	6 1/16	+1/16
ACI	ArchCoal	29	+1/16
ADM	ArchDan	21 1/16	+1/16
ARI	ArdenRlt	23 7/16	+1/16
AS	Armco	4 5/16	-1/16
ACK	ArmWl	74 3/8	-3/16
ARW	ArrowEl	s 32 1/4	-13/16
ARV	Arvin	32 5/8	+1/16
AR	Asarco	23 3/16	+1/16
ASL	Ashanti	8 1/16	+1/16
ASH	Ashland	49 5/8	+7/8
APB	AsiaPc	7 15/16	+3/16
PAP	AsiaPtp	d9	-3/8
GRR	AsiaTgt	7 1/16	+3/16
AFS	AscFCapu	69 3/8	-1/16
A	AstraA	s 17 13/16	+1/16
ATE	AtlEnrg u	21 7/16	+1/16
ARC	AtlRich s	78 1/16	+1/16
ATO	ATMOS	27 1/16	+3/16
ATW	AtwdOcn	s 44 3/8	+1/16
ALV	Autoliv n	37	+1 3/8
ACS	ACES Tr	n22 1/8	+1/4
AUD	AutoDt	55 1/4	+1/4
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AVN	AvalonPr	30 1/16	-1/8
AAV	Avatex	21 3/8	+3/16
AVY	AveryD	42 15/16	+1/16
AVL	Avis n	32 1/4	
AVT	Avnet	67	-1 1/4
AVP	Avon	62	-3/16
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BCE	BCE g	s 31 15/16	+3/16
BEC	BEC Gp	5 3/4	+3/16
BJS	BJS	7 13/16	-1/16
BJ	BJs Wh	n30	+1/16
BMC	BMC	d16	+1/16
BHI	Baker Hu	41 1/8	+1/16
BLL	Ball	36	-1/16
BGE	BaltGE	u31 1/4	
ONE	BancOne	55 1/16	+1/16
BFR	BncoFrn	26 13/16	
BGA	BGanadro	41 3/8	+13/16
BRS	BcoRioP	n12 1/16	
BDG	Bandag	53 3/8	+1/16
BDG/A	Bandag A	47 1/16	+1/4
BGR	Bangh	6 1/16	+1/16
MBK	BkTokyo	6	+1/16
BK	BkNY	u57 1/16	+2 1/16
BAC	BankAm	s 75 7/16	-1/16
BBX	BkAtlA	s 15 7/8	+1/16
BKB	BkBost	96 3/16	+3/16
BT	Bank Trl	124 13/16	+1/4
BCR	Bard	30 1/16	-1/16
BKS	BarrNbl	s 32 1/16	-1/16
BBI	Barnett	73 1/16	+7/16
BRR	BarrettRs	28 1/16	+5/16
ABX	BarrickG	18 3/16	+1/16
BMG	BattMt	5 7/16	+1/16
BOL	BauschL	39 3/16	+3/8
BAX	Baxter	49 1/16	+1/16
BAY	BayNtwk	23 7/16	-1/8
BSC	BearSt	u48 5/16	+1/16
BEC	Beckms	41 1/16	+1/16
BDX	BectDk	50 1/16	-1/16
BEL	BellAt	89 1/16	+3/16
BLS	BellSc	55 7/16	-3/16
BLC	BelcA	54 1/4	+1/16
BMS	Bemis	43 1/16	+1/16
BNV	Benckiser	nu39 1/4	+1/4
BNL	BenetCp	8 1/16	+1/16
BE	BengtB	12 5/8	
BNC	BentonOG	12 5/8	-1/16
BE	BergE	s 26 1/16	+1/16
BBC	BergEs	40 1/16	
BRK/A	BerkHa	A46200	
+100			
BRY	BerryP	17 3/4	-1
BBY	BestBuy	34 3/8	-2
BBYpM	BestB pf	47 1/16	
BS	BetrSt	8 1/4	-1/16
BTL	BetzDearb	60 1/16	
BEV	Beverly n	13 1/16	+1/16
BVF	BiovailU	37 1/8	+1/4
BIR	BirSt	15 7/8	
BDK	BlackD	39 1/4	-1/16
BKH	BlkHlCp	33 5/8	+1/8
BBT	Blk1998	9 3/4	+1/16
BLK	Blk2001	8 1/2	
BKT	Blk	6 1/16	
BQT	BlkIQ	8 7/16	+1/16
BMN	BlkMMar	10 1/16	
BNA	BlkNA	7	
BT	Blair	9 1/16	-1/16
EWB	Blanch	34 1/16	-1/16
HRB	BlockHR	44 1/16	+1/16
BTY	Blyth s	29 1/16	-1/16
BA	Boeing s	39 5/16	-1/16
BCC	BoiseC	30 1/16	-1/16
BCCpF	BoiseC pfF	25 3/4	+1/8
BOP	BoisCOH	s 5 1/16	-1/16
BBA	Bombay	4 7/16	-1/16
BCL	BordCh	8 1/16	+1/16
BGF	Borders s	30 1/16	-1/16
BWA	BorgWA	49 7/16	+1/16
SAW	BostBeer	8 1/16	-1/16
BSE	BostEd	u37 1/16	-1/16
BXP	BostPrp	n34 1/8	+1/16
BSX	BostSc	43 1/16	-1/16
BSN	BostTech	22 13/16	+1/16
BOW	Bowatr	44 13/16	+2
BRH	Brahma	n13 7/16	+1/16
BDT	BredTch	19 5/16	-1/16
EA	Brinker	16 1/4	+1/16
BMY	BrMySq	s94 11/16	-2
BP	BritPet	s 8 1/16	+7/16
BST	BritSt	23 1/8	+5/8
BTY	BritTel	79 3/4	+5/8
BF/A	BrwnFA	s15 15/16	+5/16
BF/B	BrwnFB	u54 1/16	+7/16
BG	BrwnGp	13 7/8	-1/16
BF	BrwnFr	36	+7/16
BC	Brnwk	28 15/16	+5/16
BY	Brylane	n 50 1/4	
BD	BudgetGp	33 5/8	+1/16
BVN	Buenavnt	14 1/16	+1/16
GBI	Bufete	10 5/16	-1/16
BUR	Burlinds	s 13 1/16	-1/16
BNI	BurlNSF	94	-2 1/16
BR	BrlRsc	43 9/16	+9/16
BRU	BurlResC	51 3/16	
BPP	BurnPP	14 1/8	-1/16
VNT	CANTV	40 1/16	+1/16
CBG	CB CoRI	28	
CBL	CBL Assc	24 5/8	-1/16
CBS	CBS	29	
PZN	CCA Prns	n40 3/4	+3/16
CI	CIGNA	163 1/16	
HIS	CIGHld	9	-1/16
CIT	CIT Gp	n31 3/16	
CKP	CKE Rst	s 43 5/16	
CMT	CMAC Inv	s 57 1/2	+1/4
CML	CML Gp	3 5/16	+1/16
CMS	CMS Eng	39 7/8	+5/16
SUR	CNA Sure	14 1/16	-1/16
CNF	CNF Tran	39	-3/16
CNFpT	CNF Trpf	56 1/4	-5/16
CPC	CPC	104 3/8	
CPY	CPI	21 9/16	
CSX	CSX	54 13/16	+1/4
CU	CU Cptl	u32 1/8	+3/8
CVS	CVS Corp	62	-1 1/2
CWP	CablWire	26 3/4	+1/16
CDT	CablDsgn	38	+1/8
CS	Cabltrn	14 1/2	+1/16
CBT	Cabot	27 3/16	-1/8
CDN	Cadence	s 24 15/16	
CDF	CadFair	n 22 1/2	
CE	Calenergy	29 7/8	+3/16
CCC	Calgon	11 5/8	+1/16
CBB	Caliber	47 7/8	-3/8
ELY	CalGolf	28	-1
CPN	Calpine	15 3/4	+1/4
CAM	Camco	58 1/2	-3/16
CPT	CamdnP	3 1/16	-1/8
CFL	CoreStF	u8 11/16	+3/8
CPP	CorPrpt	n18 11/16	+1/16
CGP	CorRlt	n 7 1/16	+1/16
GLWpM	CornD pf	61 1/2	+1/4
GLW	Corning	in37 5/8	-1/16
CXC	CorrectCp	34 1/2	+5/16
CCR	CntwCrd	40 1/16	-1/8
CUZ	CousPr	28 3/4	-1 1/2
CVD	Covance	17 7/8	-1/16
COX	CoxCm	38 3/4	-1/16
CXR	CoxRadio	u41	+2 3/4
CR	Crane s	41 5/8	-3/16
BAP	Credicp s	17 5/8	-7/16
CEI	CresRE s	38 5/8	-7/16
CF	Crestar s	55 5/8	+1/2
CMM	CrnmMa	15 1/16	+5/16
CNK	CrmpKni	24 3/4	+5/16
XTO	CrosTbr s	24 3/16	+5/16
CRT	CrosTim	16 7/8	-1/8
CWN	CrwnAm	8 1/16	+1/16
CCK	CrwnCork	50 1/2	-5/16
CUL	CullgnWtr	48 13/16	+2 1/8
CUM	CumEng	60 1/2	+3/16
CY	CypSem	9 1/8	+1/16
CYM	Cyprus	d15 13/16	+5/16
CYT	Cytec	45	-9/16
D E F			
DDL	DDL Elc	13 5/16	
DLJpT	DLJ Cap	pf26 3/16	-1/8
DPL	DPL	26 7/8	+5/16
DHI	DR Horton	19 1/2	+1/16
DSP	DSP Com	12 1/16	+1
DST	DST Sys	42 3/4	+1/4
DTE	DTE	33	+1/8
DS	DaiSem	36 7/8	-1
DCN	DanaCp	45 1/16	-1/16
DHR	Danaher	u62 3/16	-3/16
DAN	Daniel	18 1/2	-1/16
DRI	Darden	11 3/8	-5/16
DGN	DataGn	17	
DH	DaytHud	67	-1 3/8
DF	DeanFds	u56 9/16	+1 1/16
DBS	DebtStrt	n 10 5/16	
DE	Deere	56 1/4	-1/2
RMY	DelcoR	n 12 1/16	
DEW	DelmPL	21 5/16	-3/16
DLP	DelPine	s 27 7/16	+1/16
DAL	DeltaAr	117 5/8	-3/8
DLW	DeltaW	d5	+1/16
DLX	Deluxe	36 3/16	+5/16
DES	DescSA	38	+1/8
DTEpI	DetEd pf	25 5/32	-1/32
DDR	DevlDv	37 7/8	-1/16
DEX	Dexter	u43 1/16	+3/16
DEO	Diageo n	39 1/2	
DL	Dial	u21 3/4	-5/16
DO	DiaOffs	s 47 3/4	+1/4
DBD	Diebold	s 49 7/16	-1/16
DEC	Digital	38 1/8	+3/8
DDS	Dillards	35 5/8	-5/8
DME	DimeBcp	u29 3/8	+3/8
DIS	Disney	96 13/16	+13/16
DYS	Dist&Srv	n18 11/16	+1/2
DOL	Dole	47 1/8	-1/4
DG	DollarG	s 33 5/8	+1/4
DTG/W	DollarT	wi21 5/16	
DXD	Domain	n 15 1/2	-3/8
DFF	Dominick	38 1/8	-1 1/2
D	DomRes	40 3/4	+3/16
DLJ	DonJu	86 1/2	-5/8
DK	DKaran	13 7/8	-3/8
DNV	Donlley	37 3/8	+1/8
DOV	Dover s	34 7/8	+1/16
DVD	DoverD	u22 5/16	+3/16
DOW	DowCh	99 1/2	+1 1/16
DJ	Downs	u55 1/8	+1 1/16
DRV	Dravo	9 3/4	+1/16
DI	Dressr	40 3/16	-1/16
DD	DuPont	s 60 7/8	-1/16
DNP	DuffPutn	10 3/16	+1/16
DUK	DukeEngy	s 53 7/8	-1/16
DRE	DukeRlt	s 21 7/8	-1/16
DNB	DunBrd	29 1/16	-1/16
DX	DynexC	s 3 1/16	+1/16
ECC	ECC Int	3 7/16	+1/16
EGG	EGG	19 1/4	-1/16
EMC	EMC s	27 1/16	+3/16
E	ENI	57	-1
EVI	EVI Inc	s 48	+3/16
EFU	EastEn	u47 5/16	+3/16
EUA	EastUtl	u25	+5/16
EMN	EastChm	58 1/4	
EK	EKodak	56	+2
ETN	Eaton	92	+1 1/16
ECH	Echlin	36	+1/16
EIX	Edisonint	26 1/4	-1/4
AGE	Edwards	su38 1/8	+3/16
EPG	ElPasNG	59 3/16	+1 1/2
EPGp	ElPas pf	55 1/4	-3/16
ELN	Elan	47 3/16	-3/16
ELK	Elcor s	25 1/2	+1/2
EDS	EDS	43	-3/16
ELF	ElfAquit	56 5/16	+1/16
EOLpB	ElfOv pfB	25 3/16	-1/16
AKO/A	EAndinA	s 21 1/2	-1/16
ETF	EMTel	16	
EMR	Emrsn	s 56 1/2	-1/16
EDE	EmpDist	19	+1/16
EOC	EECh	ile 17 7/16	-1/16
ICA	Empica	16 1/16	-3/16
ELM	ELaMod	22 1/2	+1/16
ELE	Endesa s	19 1/4	+1/16
TEG	EnrgyGp	n42 3/16	+1/4
EC	EnglCp	19 1/8	+1/16
EBF	EnisBu	9 1/16	-1/16
ENA	Enova	25 3/8	+3/16
ENE	Enron	39 1/16	-3/16
EXG	Enron	9811	+1 3/16
ENEpC	EnrLLC pf	25	-1/16
EOG	EnrmOG	19 11/16	+3/16
ESV	ENSCO s	34	+1/2
EEX	EnsExp	9 3/8	+1/16
ETR	Entergy	27 7/8	+1/16
ELOpA	EntLC pf	A 25 1/2	+1/16
EPR	EnterPT	n19 7/16	-1/16
EOT	EottEng	18 1/8	+2 7/8
EFX	Equifax	34 5/8	+1/16
EQ	EqtCos	u52	+2
ENN	Eqtylnn	15	+1/16
EOP	EqOffPT	n33 3/16	+3/16
EQR	EqtyRsd	51 3/8	+1/16
ESE	EscoElec	17 3/4	+3/16
EL	Estee Ldr	s 54 3/16	+1/16
ETH	EthanA	s 38 7/16	-13/16
EY	Ethyl	77	-3/16
ECI	ExcelCm	17 1/16	-11/16
XL	Exel	60 3/8	-9/16
EX	ExideCp	27	-2 1/16
ESA	ExtStayA	12	+1/16
XON	Exxon	s 82 3/16	-13/16
FMC	FMC	64 1/2	-1/16
FPL	FPL Gp	57 1/8	-1/8
FIC	Fairlsc	32	-8 5/16
FA	FairCp	20 5/16	+1/4
FLC	FalconDr	s 32 15/16	+1/4
FDO	FamDlr	s 27 7/8	-9/16
FNM	FannMae	s 55 1/16	+1/4
FNMpA	FMae pfA	62 1/32	-1/32
FNMpB	FMae pfB	52 25/32	+7/32
FNMpC	FMae pfC	52 13/32	-1/32
FJA	FeddersA	6	+3/16
FDX	FedExp	60 3/8	-5/8
FMO	FedMog	39 1/4	-9/16
FSS	FedSignl	21 1/2	-1/4
FD	FedrDS	44 5/8	-3/16
FCH	FelCor	37 5/8	
FOE	Ferro s	23 1/2	-1 5/16
FNF	FidelFinu	31 5/16	+1/16
FLH	FilaHoldd	21 1/16	-1/2
FHT	Fingerht	18 13/16	-3/16
FOA	FirstAm	su76 25/32	+8/32
FBR	FstBrnd	25 9/16	+1/16
FCN	FChiNBD	82 3/4	+1/2
FDC	FstData	26 7/8	-1/4
FPF	FtPhil	7 1/16	
FTU	FstUCs	51 1/8	+1/4
FTV	FtVaBk	s 52 1/2	+3/16
FSR	Firstar	s 41 7/16	-3/8
FE	FirstEngy	27 7/16	
FLT	FleetFnc	73 15/16	+3/16
FLE	FleetEn	u41 7/8	
FLM	Flemngd	13 1/16	-1/16
FSH	FlstFD	8 1/4	+1/4
FPC	FlaProg	u36 7/8	+1/4
FLO	Flowers s	20 1/4	-1/16
FLS	Flowserv	29 3/16	+1/16
FLR	Fluor	39 1/16	+1/4
FM	Foodmk	15	-1/16
FEN	Forcenrgy	27 7/16	-1/16
F	FordM	48 5/8	+1/16
FS	ForestOfl	14	+3/16
FJ	Fujames	39	+1/4
FUPL	FtJam pfL	56 1/4	+1/8
FO	FortuneBr	36 5/16	-3/16
FWC	FostWh	d28	-1/4
FHS	FoundHS	25	+1/16
FS	FourSH	gn28 3/8	+3/8
BEN	FrnkRs	s 9 1/16	-1/16
FMY	FMeyer	su36	+1/16
FRE	FredMac	s 41 1/4	-1/16
FCX/A	FMCG A	15	-1/16
FCXpA	FMCG pfA	22 5/8	
FCX	FMCG	15 5/8	-1/16
FTX	FrptMc	31 5/8	+1/8
FRP	FMRP	9 1/4	+5/16
FMT	Fremnt	s50 3/4	-1
FMS	FresenM	22 1/4	+1/16
FDP	FDelMnt	n 14	
FRO	FrontCp	24 5/8	+3/8
FTR	Frntrins	s 21 3/8	+1/16
FF	FrstUn	26	-1/16
FBN	FurnBrds	20 5/8	-1/16
CHI	FurBsn	d1	
G H I			
GMT	GATX	69 3/4	+1 1/8
GPU	GPU	40 1/8	+3/16
GTF	GT EEur	s 11 1/16	
GTE	GTE	50 1/4	
GAB	Gabelli	11 5/8	
GGT	GabGloM	8 1/16	+1/8
GBP	GabIRsd	27 5/16	-1/16
GLC	Galileo	n 25 1/16	
GLH	Gallaher	nu23 3/16	
GAL	Galoob	d10 1/16	
GC	Gannett	s 60 9/16	+1/16
GPS	Gap	54 1/16	-1/16
GTW	Gate2000

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Tkr Name Last Chg

ACMR ACMIre nd12¹⁄₁₆ –2¹⁄₁₆
ABCC ABC Disp 29³⁄₃₂ –1³⁄₃₂
ABRX ABR Inf s 23¹⁄₁₆ +¹⁄₁₆
ACCC ACC Cp 51⁹⁄₃₂ +9³⁄₃₂
ACEC ACE CO 13¹⁄₁₆ –1⁄₁₆
ANET ACT Net 7⁷⁄₁₆ +¹⁄₁₆
ADCT ADC Tel 35¹⁄₁₆ –¹⁄₁₆
ADFX ADFlex 17¹⁄₁₆ +¹⁄₁₆
APAC APACT 14¹¹⁄₃₂ +1¹⁄₃₂
APSI APS Hld 2⁷⁄₈ +³⁄₁₆
ASMLF ASM Lth s 63 –⅛
ATCT ATC Com 17⁄₈ +1⁄₃₂
ABACF Abacan 17¹⁄₃₂ +3⁄₃₂
ABTE AbleTel 7¼ +1⅛
AXAS Abraxas 14½ –¼
ACNTF AccentS ⅛
ACCS AccesHlt 31⁹⁄₃₂ +1⁷⁄₃₂
ACMI AccuMed d1⁷⁄₃₂ –3⁄₃₂
AGAM AcresGm 4⁷⁄₁₆ –3⁄₁₆
ACTL Actel 12⅝ –1⁵⁄₃₂
ACTN ActPerf u37⅞ +3¹⁄₁₆
ATVI Activsn 16⁹⁄₁₆ +⅞
ACXM Acxiom 15¾ –⅜
ADAC AdacLb 15¼ –1
ADPT Adaptec 38 –2
ADBE AdobeSy 35 +⅝
ADLRF AdrianR 7⅛ +3⁄₃₂
ADTN Adtran 29⅝ –2⅛
ADIC AdvDtn 15¹¹⁄₃₂ +⅞
AFCI AdvFCm 25⅞ +1
ADVH AdvHtnC 13¼ +⅞
ATIS AdvTsis 13¹⁄₁₆ –⅛
ADVNA Advanta 26¼ –⅛
ADVNB AdvantB 24¼ –⅛
AEHR AehrTest n 7 +⅛
AFCB AffCom s 37⅜ +½
AFFX Affymet 31¼ –⅜
ATAC Attmarkt 19 –½
AGPH Agourn s 29¼ –1
ABTX AgriBio 13¾
AEIC AirExp s 29¼ +⅞
AAIR AirTran 4⅝ –1⁄₁₆
AKZOY Akzo 85⅛ –1⅛
ALLP AlianPh 7¼ –⅛
ALSC AlrSam 5¹⁄₁₆ +⅛
AWIN AlstWste 21⅜ +1³⁄₃₂
ABTI AlphaBta 2⁷⁄₁₆
ALPH AlphNet 11
ALTA AltaGid 1⅛
ALTR Altera 37+2¹⁄₁₆
ALRC AltResc 21⅜ +1⅛
AMZN Amazon n52¹¹⁄₁₆ –⅝
BNGO ABingo 5½
BNGOW ABingo wt 7⁄₁₆ –1⁄₃₂
MABXA AmBiogn 1³⁄₃₂ +3⁄₃₂
ACNS ACornS 12½ +⅜
ECGOF AmerEco 10¹⁄₁₆ +3⅛
AFWY AmFrght d9¹¹⁄₁₆ –⅜
AGREA AGreet 35⅛ –1
AHIC AHitCh 4⅜ +1⁄₁₆
AIPN AmintPt 3¹⁄₁₆ +1⁄₃₂
AMSY AmIS 23⅝ –⅞
AORI AOncol u19 +2
APCC APwrCnv 24 ½ –1¹¹⁄₃₂
ATEL AmTele 15¹⁄₁₆ –⅛
AUGI AutoGrb 2
AMRN Amarin 2⅝ –⅛
PATH Amrpatn n 16⅜
AMES AmesDS 18⅞ +⅝
AMGN Amgen 53 ⅝ –⅞
AMXI Amxo 1¼
AMMB Amresco 24¼ +⅛
AMLN Amylin 5⅜
ANAD Anadigc s 29¼ +3¼
SLOT AnchGm 54⅜ +1½
ANDW Andrew s 23½ +⅝
ANGN Angeion 2⅝ –⅜
APOG ApogeeE s 16¼ –2⅝
AAPC ApplAC 13¹⁄₁₆ –⅜
APSO ApplSou 16½ –⅜
APPB Applebee 22⅝ +⅜
ACTC ApiCell n 4⅛ +1⁄₁₆
ARIAT ArchMed s 38 –1
AMCC ArchMCo n 10⅝ +½
AQUX Aquagnx 6⅞ +½
ARXSF Arakus 2¹⁄₃₂ +1⁄₃₂
ARBR ArbrDrg s 18⅜ –⅝
ARSW ArborSft 38⅝ +2
APGR ArchCm 5⅛ +¹⁄₁₆
ACAT ArcticCat 10⅝ +⅛
ARIA AriadP 4½ +¹⁄₁₆
ABFS ArkBest 9¼ –⅛
AVEI Artvasc 63+2⅞
ASND Ascend 24⅜ –2½
GOAL AscentEnt 9⅝ –1⁄₁₆
AZPN AspenTc s30⅞ +1⅝
ASBC AsdBnc s u58¼ –⅛
ASFC AstoriaF u58¼ +¼
ASYT AsystTch s 20⅛ –⅛
ATEN AtEnter n 9 –⅛
AVEI Athome n 24⅜ –1⅛
ATML Atmel 18¹⁄₁₆ +⅛
AURA AuraSy 3¼ + 9³⁄₃₂
ABSC AurorBio n 13¾ –⅛
ASPX Auspex 9¹¹⁄₁₆ –⅛
ADSK Autodesk 34¼ +⅛
APCO AutProt 6⅝ –⅞
AVNT Avanti 15¹⁄₁₆ +1⅛
AVID AvidTch 27¼ +¼
AXNT AxentT 16⅝ –⅛
BEAV BE Aero 21½ –½
BEAS BEA Sys n 17+1⁹⁄₃₂
BMCS BMC Soft 62⅝ –
BOSCF BOSLtd 4⅜ +⅛
BPIE BPI Pkg 1¹⁹⁄₃₂ +1³⁄₃₂
BAANF Baan s 33¹¹⁄₁₆ –1⁹⁄₁₆
BLDPF Ballard n u80¼ +9½
BISA Balticint 3⅜
BGALY BncGalic 24⅞ +⅛
BNKU BnkUnitd 44¾ +1½
BCOM BkCmCA su19⅝ –
BBBY BedBath 33⅞ –¾
BCICF BellCda gn 14½
BELT BeltTech 5¹⁄₁₆ +⅝
BMRQ Bchmarq 13
BDOG BigDogH n d7 –2½
BILL Bill Info u48½ +2
BCHE BioPhar s 25¾ –1½
BICO Bioctrl ⅛ +1³⁄₃₂
BGEN Biogen 35¼
BMET Biomet 24⅛
BTGC BioTeG 12 +⅝
BTIM Biotime s 20¼ –⅞
BOBE BobEvn 21⅞ +⅝
BORL Borlnd 8½ –15³⁄₃₂
BOST BostCha 7⅛ +⅞
BSTL BstLfSci d2⅛ –1³⁄₃₂
BDLS Boundless 2³⁄₃₂ +1³⁄₃₂
PUTT BrassieG ⅝ +1⁄₁₆
BFCI Brauns 10⅞
CELL Brightpt s 18⅞ +⅝
BVSI BrtleV 11⅜ +1⅛
BBTK BrdbndTc 3⅝ –⅛
BROC Brocknt 4⅛ +⅛
BROD BrodSft 33¾ –1
BRKS BrooksAu 15⅝ +⅛
BRASS BrownSh 18½ –⅛
TMBR BrownTom18½ –⅛
BCMD BrushCrk 11⅛ –⅛
BOBJY BusnObj 11 +⅜
CUBE C–CUBE 18¹³⁄₁₆ +⅝
CFON C–Phone 7¾ +⅜
CAWS CAi Wre 1 –⅛
CBTSY CBT Gp 70¼ +2⅝
CDWC CDW Cpt 50¼ –⅜
CHSE CHS Elt s 16¼ +⅛
CNXS CNS 6 ⅛
CCWW CablsCo ⅛ –1⁄₃₂
CATP CambTch 37⅞ –⅛
CAND Candies 5⅝ –⅛
CARC CaroFst s 21½ –⅜
CMAG CasMagic 1⅛
CLXX CellexP 1⅜ ...
CLST Cellstar s 21⅜ –⅛
CTSC CellTch 2 –⅛
CNTO Centocor 31½ –⅝
CETV CEurMda 24⅛ +⅝
CENT CenGardn 26⅜ –⅛
CNTR CenturaSft 1⅝ –1⁄₁₆
CTMC CntlMnb ⅜ +1⁄₃₂
CEPH Cephln 10⅝ –⅛
CERN Cerner 22⅜ –⅞
AMFM ChancMdau68 ½
CHTL Chantal 7⁄₃₂ +3⁄₃₂
CDFI ChtOneF 62¼ +⅛
CHKPF ChkPnt n 39⅛ –⅞
CHKR Checkers d9³⁄₃₂ –1⁄₃₂
CKFR Chkfree 28⅜ –⅛
CHPS ChipsTc 15⅛ +½
CHIR Chiron 18⅝
CIEN CienaCp n 58¼ +½
CINF CinpFn u140¼+25⅛
LUXYW CinStr wt ⅝ –1⁄₁₆
CRUS Cirrus 12⅛ +⅛
CSCO Cisco s 54 ⅜ +⅝
CTXS CitrixS 68¾ –1⁄₃₂
CTYS Cityscape 4⅝ +1⁄₃₂
CWEI CleyEng 14½ +⅝
CGNX Cognex 23¼ –⅜
COGNF Cognos g 20 –⅛
CORH Cohernt 35 ⅛ –½
COHO CohoEn 8¾
BCAN Coin s 22¼ –½
WDRY Conmch 22¼ –½
COMR Comar s 23⅜ –½
CMCSA Comcast 32½ –½
CMCSK Comc sp 31 ⅝ –⅝
CMRN Cmwind d14 –⅜
CICI Cominteli 1⅝ –1³⁄₃₂
CFGIW CmtyFwt 2 +5⅛
CMTI CmtyMdT 1¼ –⅛
CTEK Comptch n 1¹¹⁄₁₆ +⅜
CSRV CmpuSrv 13 +1⅛
CMPC Cmpcm 9¼
CCEE CptConc 17⁄₃₂
CHRZ CmptHz s 38⅞ +3½
CMNT CptNtwk 32½ +9³⁄₃₂
CPRD CmpPr 16¾ +1
CPWR Compwr s 31⅝ –⅛
CMVT Comvers 35+1⅝
CEFT CncEFS 24 +⅛
CCUR ConcCm 2¼ –⅛
CNNG Conneng n 14⅞ +⅛
BUYR ConsCap n20¹¹ ⅝ +1⅛
CFWY CnsFrtC n 13½
CPSS ConPort 8¾ –½
CTHL ContHlth n 2¾ +1⁄₁₆
ACCOB Coors B 33½ –1¹¹⁄₃₂
COPY Copytele 3⅝
CRLBF CoreLab 34 –1½
COSFF CoreCp g d2 –⅜
CSTF CoreStaff 26⅜ –⅝
CNPGF Cornucp 7⁄₃₂ +1⁄₃₂
CEXP CorpExp s12⅝ –1¼
CFAM CorpFam n u21 +⅜
CAIR Corsair n 15 –⅜
CPWM CostPlus 31 –1⅛
COST Costco 41¹³⁄₃₂ +2⅝
COSE CostEner 11⅞ –⅛
CAFE CityStr ⅛ +1⁄₃₂
CVTY Coventry 14¹⁵⁄₁₆ ...
CBRL CrkrBrl 31 ⅝ –½
CREAF CreTcLtd 19¹³⁄₁₆ +⅝

CMOS CredSys 21½ +1¼
CACC CrssAcp 6¹¹⁄₁₆ +⅞
CKEFV CrssKys wt 11½
CMSI Cryomed d7⅞ –1³⁄₃₂
CRYSF CrySys n 21⅛ +1⅜
CRTM CMathes d4³⁄₃₂ –⅛
CYBR CyberMd 16⅝ +2⅝³⁄₃₂
CYMI Cymer s 18¾ –⅝
CYTO Cytogn 2⅛ +⅜³⁄₃₂
CYTC Cytyc 25⅝ –⅛

DIIG Dll Grp s 24 +1½
DIGI DSC . 22¾ –⅛
DSIT DSI Toys n 1⅝ +1⁄₁₆
DANKY Danka 14⅞+1¹³⁄₁₆
DDIM DtaDimn s 20½ +½
DWRX DtaWks 15 +⅜
DWSN Dawson 15½ –⅜
DPSI DawsnP 18 –⅜
DBRSY DBeer 21 +⅛
DELL DellCpt s 84⅜ –2¼
DNLI Denali n u13½ +⅝
DEPO DpoTech 12¼ –⅛
DMED Diametrc 5⅝ +⅜³⁄₃₂
DIMD DiamM 14⅜
DIGL DigLght n 16–1½
DMIC DigMic s 13¾ –1⅛
DSLGF Discreet 20 +1¼
DOCU DocuCn ³⁄₃₂
DBCO DomBrdge 1³⁄₃₂ –⅜³⁄₃₂
TREE Dbletree 39¼ –½
DBRN DresB 24½ +⅜
DYPR Drypers 5¼ –⅛
DURA DuraPh 43⅝ –⅛
DRMD Duramed 31¼ +⅜
DROOY DurbanRo 1⅜ +1⁄₃₂
DYGN Dynagn d3¼
EGRP ETrade 20½ –2⁹⁄₃₂
ECILF ECI Tel 24½ +⅝
EISI EIS Intl 6¼ –1⅛
ESCMF ESCMed 37½ +1¼
ESREF ESG Re n 22¼ +1¼
ESST ESSTech n9⅝ –½
EAGL EglHrd 18⅜ +½
EESI EstnEn 18⅞ –1¼
EGGS Eggbasd 6⅜ –½
EIDSY Eidos 12¼ +⅛
ENBX EinstnN 5⅝ +1⁵⁄₃₂
ECTL Elcotel 6 +⅛
ESIO ElcSci 33⅝ +⅜
EGLS Elctrgls 16½ +½
EGAS ElPaso En 45⅛ +⅛

BSMT FitBsmt 4⅜ –⅛
FINL FinLine 13⅞ –⅜
FAST FstAlert 2⅝ +⅛
FATN FtATrn s 49⅜ –⅜
FSCO FSecCp s 37½ –⅜
FTEN FstTenn 66⅛ +⅜
FPFG Frstplus 27 –2⅛
FISV Fiserv 44⅜ –⅞
FLDR Flanders 6⅝ +⅛
FLXI FlxIntlS n u15 +2
FMXI Foamex 10⅝ +⅜
FONR Fonar 2¹¹⁄₁₆ –1⁄₃₂
FDLNB FdLioB 8⅜ +1⁄₃₂
FDLNA FdLioA 8³⁄₃₂ +1⁄₃₂
FORE ForeSys 15½ +1⅛
FORR Forrester 23¼
FRTE ForteSft 8⅝ –⅛
FMAX FranchM n 16⅛
FNBC FrkBncp u21⅛ +3⅛
BLUE FredBrw d1⁵⁄₁₆ +1⁄₃₂
FGII FGoldmn s 33+1¹¹ ⅝
FFEX FrozenFd 9 ⅝ –1⅛
FUSE FusuzT 8⅝ –⅛
FULL FullrHB 48⅛–2⅞

GTIS GT Interac 7½ +⅝
GADZ Gadzooks 21¼ –2⅞
GALX GlxyFd 25⁄₃₂ –3⁄₃₂
GAEO Galileo 11⅛ +2
GALT GalileoT n 28½ +⅝
GBOT GardenBotd2¹¹ ⅝ +⅜
GRDG GardnR 14⅛ –⅝
GART Gartner 34⅜ –1⅞
GSNX Gasonics 10 +⅜
GATE GateField 1⅜
GMSTF Gemstr 23⅛ +⅜
GNCMA GnCom 6¼ –⅛
GNCI GenNutr 32⅝ –1
GSCN GenScan 18
GNSA Gensia 6⅜ –⅛
GNTX Gentex u26 +⅞
GNTIY GentiaS d2½ –⅛
GGNS Genus 3⅛ –⅛
GENZ Genzym 27 –⅞
GEOC GeoTelCm 14¼ –⅛
GOTK GoTek 1⁷⁄₃₂ ...
GBTVK GranBd 9⅜ +⅜
GMTI Greenman 29⅝
GIFI Giftsind s 22⅛ +⅝
GSMS GulfSou 33⅝ +⅝
GYMB Gymbree 27⅞ –1⅛
HBOC HBO s 43¼ –1⅛
HMGC HMG Wd 13⅜ –⅛
HMTT HMTTch 13¼ +⅜
HNCS HNC Sft 38⅞ +1¼
HSNI HSN Inc 44¼ +1⅞
HDCO Hadco 46⅝ +2⅝
HARC HarcorE d1⅞ –⅛
HRBC Harbngr s23¹³⁄₁₆ +2½
ROTIW HrvRst wt ⅛
HMSY HthMSys 5¹⁵⁄₁₆ +⅜
HISS HtrCrim 11¼ –1⅛³⁄₃₂
HCCC HtrCmp 53⅞ +1⅛
HART HrtWire 15⅝
HPRT Heartport 19½ –3⅞
HELE HeleinTr s12⅛ –⅝
HELX HelixTch s 20+1⅜³⁄₃₂
HSIC HSchein 34⅝ –1⅛
HWYM Highwym d5⅝ –⅛
HLYW Hlywd⅛ 8⅞ –1⅛
HOLX Hologic 25¹⁵⁄₁₆ –2⅛

HCLI HclMed 1¼ +1⁄₁₆
HUBG HungBd 8¹³⁄₁₆ +1⅛
JBHT HuntJB 18¹³⁄₁₆
HTCH HutchT s 19⅞ –⅛
HMAR HvdeM 24⅞ –⅛
HYBR HybridN n 10 –⅛
HYSW HyprSt 34⅝ –1
ITWO i2 Tech 45⅜+1⅝
ICOS ICOS n u18¹¹ ⁄₁₆ +1
IVISF ICOS Vac n d10
IDPH IDEC 34⅜ +½
IDXX IdexxLb 13¾ –⅛
IDMC IDM Env 5⅜ –1³⁄₃₂
IECE IEC Elc 13½ +½
IFLO I–Flow 3¼ +⅛
IGEN IGEN 12⅛
IMCC IMC Mt 11⅝ –⅛
IMPX IMP d⅝ –⅛
ITEQ ITEQ Inc 11¼ +⅛
IMTI ImagynMd 2⁷⁄₃₂ –1⁄₃₂
IMAT imatrn 2¼ –⅛
IMAX Imax Cp s 20⅛ –1⅝
IMCL Imcine 6¼ –⅛
IMUL ImuLog 1⁷⁄₃₂ –3⁄₃₂
IMGN Imungn 1
IMNX Imunex 52 –⅛
IMNT Imnet 18½
IMPAC ImpctSy 2⅝
ICMI ImpCrdt n 15 +⅛
ICII ImpCrd 18 –1⅛
IHHI Inrhome 2⁹⁄₃₂ –1⁄₃₂
INCY Incyte s 35½ +1⅛
INFM Infinium 12⅜ –1⅛
IAGO InfoAdv n 6⅛
IFMX Informix 4⅞ +1⁄₃₂
IDYN Innerdyn 2¹¹ ⁄₁₆ –⅛
PUREW InnoM wtA ⅜
INVX Innovex s 21⅝ –¼
ICST IntegCirc 25+1⁹⁄₃₂
IDTI IntgDv 9⅛
IPEC ItgPrc 14⅞ –⅜
INTS ItgSys 16¹¹ ⁄₁₆ +1⅛
INTC Intel s 69½–1¹¹ ⁄₁₆
INTCW Intel wt s 48⅛ –1⅝
ICOM Intelect 4⅞ –⅛
INTD IntelDta d1 ⅝ –⅛
INEL IntelEl 5¼ –⅛
INTL IntrTel s 20⅜ +⅜
FLYT IntrFlt n 29⅝ –1⁄₃₂
INGR Intgph 9¼ –⅞
LINK InternetEl 5¾ –⅞
IFCI IntFdcm 4¹¹ ⁄₁₆ –⅛
INTU Intuit 36⅛ –⅞
INVN InVision s 9 –⅛
ISIP Isis d12⅝ –⅜
OREX Isolyser 2 –1⁄₁₆

JDEC JD Edwrn 30¹³⁄₁₆+1³⁄₃₂
JBIL Jabil s 41½ +4⅛
JCOR JacorCm u49½ +2⅝
JMED JomedS 35
FEET JstFeet 13⅝ +⅛
KLAC KLA Tenc 34⅛–2⅝
KTII KTI 15¹¹ ⁄₁₆+1⁵⁄₃₂
KAMNA Kaman 16⅜ –⅞
KINTW Krtsint wt 1¹¹ ⁄₁₆ +⅛
KOGC KaiOG 3¾ –⅛
KMET Kemet 18⅞ +⅛
KSTN KeystnFn 40⅞ +⅛
KLOFY KlootG 3⅜ +⅛
KNGT KnightTr 23¼ –½
KMAG Komag 16⅝ +⅛
KKRO KookR 2⅝ –⅜

KLIC Kulicke 18⅞ +⅜
LTXX LTX 4⅝ +⅛
LAORF LaTelco 11⁄₁₆ +¹⁄₁₆
LBOR LabrRdy s 20⅛–1¹⁵⁄₃₂
LRCX LamRsch 26⅛ –⅜
LAMR LamarA u38 +1¼
LNDC Landec d3¼ –⅛
LDRY Landrys 21 –2½
LARS Larscom 7⅛ –⅛
LASRF Laser Ind 26¾ +1¼
LSCC Lattice 49½ –2⅝
LGTO Legato 37⅞ +⅝³⁄₃₂
LHSPF LrnHaus n 42¼ +4
LEVL LevelOne s 29⅛ +⅛
LDAKA Lidak 2¹⁵⁄₃₂ +1¹⁵⁄₃₂
LIFE LifeMed d2⅛–1¼
LIFC Lifecell 3⅝ –⅛
LIFF Lifcht ⅜ –1⁄₁₆
LGND Ligand B 12¹¹ ⁄₁₆ –⅛
LLTC LinearT 55⅞ +1¼
LIPO Liposm 5 –⅛
STAR LneSStx 17⅜ +⅜
LBFC LngBchF n 10½ +½
LISB Li Bcp u48⅞ –⅛
LCOS Lycos 34⅝ +1⁵⁄₃₂

MCIC MCI 44¼ +⅛
MIMS MIM Cp 4½
MRVC MRV Cm 21¼ –1⅞
MACR Macrmdia 8¹¹ ⁄₁₆ s12⁷⁄₃₂
MADGF MadgeNt d4⅛ –⅛
MLRC Mallon 8⅜ –⅛
MANU Manugist s 44⅞+11⅛
MAPX Mapics 9⅜ +⅛
MDCO MarDri 21¼ +1⅞
MATK Martek 9⅜
MAST Mastech 30⅜ –⅛
MATH MathsR 3¼ – 1⁄₃₂
MMPS Matrtch d3⅞ –⅛
MTRX MatrixSy 9⅞ +1¼
MAVK MavTube s 27 –1¼
MXIM Maxim 62⅜ +⅛
MEDI Medimun 41¼ +1½
MEDA Medaph 6⅞ –⅛
MRII MedResc 8⅞ –⅛
MDRX Medicis 46¾ +1⅞
MDMD Mdirisk n 11¼ +⅛
MEDQ MedOst s 29¹¹ ⁄₁₆ +⅛
MMGC MegoMrt d3½ –⅝
MEHL MehlBio 1¹³⁄₃₂ –1⁄₃₂
MNTR Mentor 30⅝ –1½
MENT MentGr 9¼ –1⅛
MERQ Mercintac 22⅝ –2½
MMSI MertMd 5¾ –⅛
MCRE MetaCreat 9¼ +⁹⁄₃₂
MTLC Metalcld 1⁷⁄₃₂ ...
MEOHF Methanx 8¼ +⅜³⁄₃₂
METHA MethdA 15½ –⅜
MIKE MichStr 34¾ –⅜
MCRL Micrsrs 25¾ –2⅜
MLIN MicroLin 7¾ +2³⁄₃₂
MWHS MicroWre 13⅜ –1³⁄₃₂
MICA MicroAge 13⅞ –⅝
MCHP Microchp s26¹⁵ ⁄₁₆–1¹⁄₁₆
MUEI MicronE 9 –⅛
MPRS MicrPrse 2 +1⁄₃₂
MSFT Microsft 135⅝–3⅞
MTSI MrchtShy 15⅝ +⅝
MCCIQ yMidcom d1⅜ –⅛
MIDD Middby 10⅛ +⅛
WAND MidstnSt 1⅞ –⅛
MLHR MillrHer s 47½ –1⅛
MICF Micmin 34⅞ +⅜
MNRCY Minorc 17⅝ +1⅛
MIND Mitcham 20 –1⅛
MTEL MbiTel 20¹³⁄₁₆ –⅛
MOYN MolecDy 16⅝ +⅜
MOLX Molex s 28¹ ⁄₁₆+1³⁄₃₂

MOLXA MolexA s 26 +1⅛
MLTNQ vjMoltenM ⅛ –1⁄₃₂
PSTA MontPas ⅝ +⅛
NABI NABI 3¹¹ ⁄₁₆ –⅛
NBTY NBTY 26⅞ –⅛
NANX Nanophs n d7½ –⅛
NPRO NaProBio 4⅛ +1⅛
NEGX NatEng 3⅞ +⅛
NHMCF NatHlth g 3¹³⁄₃₂ –1⁄₃₂
NATI Natinst s 25½
NFRD NatlRes ⅞ +3⁄₃₂
TEAM NTeam d9¼ –⅛
NHTC NatrHlth 1⁄₃₂
NAUT Nautica 24⅝ +⅝
NMGC NeoMgic n14¼
NEOP Neoprobe 9⅛ –1⅛
NTBK NetBank n 12 +1⅝
NSPK NetSpk n 23¼ –1¼
NETM Netmng 2³⁄₃₂ +3⁄₃₂
NSCP Netscpe 25½ –1¼
NTAP NetwrkAp 57⅝ +2⅝
NETA NetwrkAsc 49¼ –⅝
NCDI NwkCmp 7⅝ –⅛
NWKG Nwkimg d3½ –1⁄₃₂
NPIX NtwkPeri 6⅜ +⅛
NXCO Neurex 14⅛ –1
NBIX Neurocrine 8
NSIX Neumed 2⅞ +⅛
NXTR Nexstar 12¼ –1⅛
NXTL NextelCm 23½ –⅝
NXLK Nextlink n 23⅞ –⅛
NCTI NoiseCT 1¹¹ ⁄₁₆ –1⁄₃₂
NOBE Nordst 55¼ –3½
NTRS NorTrst 64¼ –1½
NWAC NwstAir 4⅞ +3⅜
NORT NortonDrs 2¹¹ ⁄₁₆ +⅛
NOVL Novell 7⅝³⁄₃₂ +⅛³⁄₃₂
NVLS Novlus s 31⅛ –⅝
NTBM Nu–Tech d⅛
NUMI Numanigt s 44⅞+11⅛
NOCO NwrkOri 2¹¹ ⁄₁₆ –⅛
NVEC Nvscit 1⅝ –⅛
NTIC NtwkEqp 2¹¹ ⁄₁₆ –⅛
NUTR Nutrimd 1⅛ –1⁄₃₂

OCRL Oracle s 22⅝ –1¹¹ ⁄₁₆
ORBI OrbSci 25¼+1³⁄₃₂
ORBKF Orbotch 32 +¼
OLGC Orthlog 5⅛ +¼
FIBR Uscom 2¹¹ ⁄₁₆ +⅛
OSSI OutbkSrk 31⅜ –1¼
OXHP Oxford Hlth 16¼ –1⅛
OXIS Oxis 1⁷⁄₃₂ –1⁄₃₂

PCMS P–Com s 15¹¹ ⁄₁₆ –⅞
PICO PICO Hld 6 –⅛
PLDI PLD Tele 6¾ +⅜
PMCS PMC Stra 26¹¹ ⁄₁₆ –⅞
PMTS PMT Svc 12⅝ +⅛
PRIA PRI Auto s 30⅞+2³³⁄₃₂
PRTG PRT Grp n 13 –1⁄₁₆
PSIX PSINet d5¼ –⅜
PCAR Paccar s 54⅝ –1⅛
PCTH PacA&E 4⅜ –⅛
PGEX PacGate n49⅜ +⅛
PHSYB PacifCB 54⅜ –⅛
PAGE PagingN 11⅝ +⅛
PAIR PairgTch 18⅞ –½
PALX PalmEx n 11⅜ ...
PMTI PalmInfo 11¼ ...
PANA Panaco 3⅞ +⅜

PZZA Papajohn 30⅛ –1⅛
PRLN Paraclsn ¾ –1⁄₁₆
PLLL ParPet 6¼ + 1⁄₁₆
PMTC ParmTch 41 +¼
PRXL Parexel s 33⅞ –1
PSNRY PasifSat 14 –2⅛
PTEN PatEng s 35½ – ⅞
PHRRS dl1⅛ –1½
PAYX Paychex s 41⅛ –⅞
PPOD Peapod n 6⅛ +⅛
SPWY Penwest 26⅝ –⅜
PHBK PeopHrt u45½ +⅛
PSFT Peopsft s 32⅝ –1⅞
PSEM Pericom n 7¼ +⅛
PESI PermFix 2⅝ +1⁵⁄₃₂
PRGO Perrigo 14 +⅛
PETD PetDv 5⅞ +⅛
PETS Petsec 13⅜ –⅛
PETM PetsMart 6⅞ +25⁄₃₂
PHRM Pharm 11⅛ –⅛
PPDI PharmPdt d13½ –1⅝
PPRT PhrmPrt n10⅝ –⅛
PARS Pharmos 2
PLAB Photrin s 21¼ –1⅛
PHYC PhyCor 26¼ + ⅛
PHYN PhysRefl 10¼ –⅛
PSSI PhysSale 19⅝ +⅛
PCNI PhyCpt u1
PCTL PicTel d6⅜ –⅛
PCLE PinnSyst 21 –1½
PIOS PionStd 14¹⁵ ⁄₁₆ –⅛
PLAT PlatTc 24⅝ –⅛
PLXS Plexus s 25 +1½
PNDR Ponder 1¹³⁄₃₂ –⅛
PESC PoolEn 23¼ +½
POWI Powrint n 8⅜
PWAV Powerwv 18⅝–2¹³⁄₃₂
PACI PrcAuto n 7¼ +⅛
PRRC PrecResp 9⅞ +⅛
PRMO PrmosT 10⅜ +⅝
PLSI A PrmLasr 8½ +1
PTEK PremT 26¹³⁄₁₆+1⅛
PMIS Premis 1⅞ –⅛
PRMS Primsy 24⅜ +⅞
PRST Prestek s 32¼ +5½
PROW PriceTR 63¼ –3¼
PSMT PrSmrt n 17⅜ +½
PNRG PrmEgy 8¼ ...
PDMCW PrnDm wt 1⅛ ...
PVII PrincVid n 7¼ +1⅛
PSDI ProjSft 19¼+1¹⁵ ⁄₁₆
PPTI ProtPoly 1⅛ +⅛
PTON Proteon d1⁵⁄₁₆ –⅛
PURT PureTec 3¹³⁄₃₂ –1³⁄₃₂
QSNDF Qsound 3¼ –1⁄₁₆
QDRX Quadrax ⅜ +⅛
QCOM Qualcom 51⅜ –⅝
QNTM Quantum s 19⅝ –⅛
QDEK Quantrdx 11⅛ +⅛
QIXXF Questintl 1⁵⁄₃₂ –1⁄₃₂
QGLY Quigley n 14⅞ +⅛
QTRN Quintiles s 37¼ +⅜
QHGI Quorum s 25⅞ –⅛
QWST QwestCo n 60⅞ +⅞
RPOW RPM s 16 +⅛
RACN RacngCh n ⅞
RDCMF Radcom n 7⅞ +⅛
RADAF RadicaG u16⅞
RDUS Radius ⅝ +1⁄₁₆
RAIN RainCfe 35⅞ –1³⁄₃₂
RMBS Rambus n 49⅛ –⅜
RMTR Ramtron 5¹⁵ ⁄₁₆ +⅛
RAPT RaptorS 12¹⁵ ⁄₁₆ –⅛
RATL RatlnSft 9⅞ –⅛
RDRT ReadRt 17⅛ –⅞
RNWK RtNetwrn 16–1⅝
RWT Redwd 19¼ –⅛
REGL RegCin 23¹⁵ ⁄₁₆ –1⅛
RGBK RegnFn s 44 –⅛
REGI Registry 43⅞+11⅛
RMDY Remedy 34⅝ +⅛
RENO RenoAir 4⅜
RNTK Rentch 1⅛ –1³⁄₃₂
RETX Retrx 4¼ –⅛
RXSD RexlSun s 25⅜ –⅛
RIGS Rigsht u28½ +2
RWAV RogWve 11⅞ +1⅛
ROMC Romac s 21¼ +⅜
ROST RossStr s 35¹¹ ⁄₁₆ –⅞

SIII S3 Inc 5⅞ +³⁄₃₂
POOL SCPPool s18⅜ –⅛
SIDT Si Diam 1⁵⁄₃₂ –1³⁄₃₂
SPSS SPSS d20¼ –⅞
SRSL SRS Lbs 6¾ +1⅜
STBI STB Sys s 24⅛ –⅛
LOCK SafTLok 2⅜
SAFC Safeco 49⅛ –⅜
SFSK Safeskin su56¹¹ ⁄₁₆ +1⅛
SAMC Samsnte 26½ –⅞
SAFM SandFm 14⅛
SNDK SanDisk n 20⅛ +⅜
SANM Sanmina 64⅝+3⅜
SANC SanoCo 32¼ –1
SPNSF Sapiens n 7⅞ +⅛
SAPE Sapient 51⅞ –⅜
SGAB SaratgB s 1⅛ –1⁄₁₆
SAVLY Savlle s 33⅝+1⅞
SAWS Sawtek 27⅛ +2
SCNG ScanGr 3 +⅛
SOCR ScanOp 7⅛ –⅛
SHLR Schuler 6½ –⅛
SCIO Scios 9¼ –⅛
SCOP Scopus s 9¼ +⅛
SDTI SecDyn 3⅜ +⅛
SEEQ SEEQ 2⁵⁄₃₂ +1⁄₃₂
SEJAY SictApp 19¹¹ ⁄₁₆ +⅛
SEMCF SemiTch 5⅝ –1⁄₃₂
SNTKY Senetex 4⅜ +⅛
SQNT Sequnt 21¼ –⅛
SEQU Sequus 6⅞ –⅛
SEVL 7th Level 4⅞ +⅛
SHMN Shaman 4⅞ +⅛
SHVA Shiva 9¼ –⅛
SEBL SiebelS 36 –1⅛
SIGM SigmDg 3¼ +⅛
SIAL SigmaA s 38½ +⅜
SIGR SigRaid s 22⅝ –1½
SLGN Sigamn n 28⅞ –⅛
SVGI Silicnvl 19¼ +⅛
SILI SilcnImg 4 –⅛
SMOS SmMicro 3⅞ –⅛
SNPS Synopsy 37½+1⅛
SSAX SystSft 9¼ –1
SYSF SystmSft 4⅝ –1⁄₃₂
TSATA TSAT An 6⅞ –⅛
TCSI TCSI Cp 7⅜ +1⅛
THQI THQ u20¹¹ ⁄₁₆ +⅝
TMPW TMP Wr 18⅛ +2⅛
TUTR TRO Lrn 5⅝ –1
TSFW TSI Intl n 10⅛ +½
TSRI TSR s 15⅜ +¼
TACO TacoCab 4¼ +⅛
TECD TechData 39¹¹ ⁄₁₆ –⅛
TCLN Technclned2 1¹³⁄₃₂ –1⁄₁₆
TECUA TecumA 48½ +⅛
TGAL Tegal 4⅞ +⅛
TKLC Tekelec s 31½ –1⅛
TALK TelSave 18⅝ +⅛
TELC Telco 10 +⅜
TLCM TelCSm 7⅜ +⅛
TCOMA TeleComA27¹¹ ⁄₁₆ –⅛
TBTVA TCA Lfs 33⅜ +⅞
TCIVA TelCtlAn 27⅛ +⅜
TLSP TeleSpec 3¹¹ ⁄₁₆ +⅛
TLDCF Teledta 20 +1⅛
TFONY TelefMex 2⅝ +1⁄₁₆
TPADA Telepad n ⅜
TPADL Telpd wtD 1⁄₁₆
TCGI TelepriC 57⅜ –1⁄₁₆
TGNT Teligent n25¹⁵ ⁄₁₆+11¼
TLAB Teltabs 50⅞ +2
TEVIY Teva 43⅞ +⅝
TTRIF ThrmTch 12½ –1⁄₃₂
ZOMS 3Com 34½ –⅜
TOPP Topps d2¹¹ ⁄₁₆ +1⁄₃₂
TNSI TrnNtw 16⅛ +⅛
TSAI TrnSyA 37 –¼
TCMS TrnsMar n 18 +⅛
TRII Trscrypt n 24⅛ +⅛
TRVS TravBt 22¾ +⅜
TMAR TricoMr s 25–11⅛
TRDT Trident d11⅞ –⅛
TRID TridMic 9⅜ +1⅛
TRMB Trimble u23½ +⅞
TQNT Triquint 19⅛ +⅜
TSNG Tseng d1⁵⁄₃₂ –1³⁄₃₂
TRBDF Tribdyne n 4 –⅛
TWLB Twinlab 22¼ +⅜
UICI UICI u33½ +3⅜
UOLP UOL Pub 12⅞ –⅛

USDL US Diag 3⅞ +⅛
OPIS USOncP s 17 +1½
USFC USFreight 31⅝ –½
USTB UST Cp 27½ +⅜
USWB USWstn n 9⅞ +⅛
UGLY UglyDuck 8½ +½
UTEK UltraStp 20 ⅞ –⅜
UNPH Unphase s 38¼+1⁹

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BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Wednesday $18.19
Previous Close $18.17
Year Ago $25.74

POSTED
Today $16.00
Previous Close $16.00
Year Ago $24.00

NATURAL GAS PRICES
Wednesday $2.438

Prices steady

NEW YORK — Energy prices ended another quiet session little changed Wednesday after Iraq confirmed earlier reports that it may resume exporting crude by early January.

Crude oil for delivery in January settled up 2 cents at $18.19 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Iraq is expected to submit to the United Nations next week a plan for distributing food and medicine to be purchased with oil revenues.

Iraq said it expects to begin exporting as soon as the U.N. approves the plan.

But conflict persisted, as Iraq insisted again Wednesday that U.N. weapons inspectors have no right to enter presidential palaces, warning Washington it is ready to fight if attacked.

Supplies rose last week, according to the American Petroleum Institute, with U.S. crude oil stocks up 5.1 million barrels to 320.3 million barrels last week, gasoline stocks up 1.8 million barrels to 200.1 million barrels, and distillate fuel stocks up 277,000 barrels to 135.2 million barrels.

Oil refineries operated at 95.9 percent of capacity, up from 94.8 the prior week.

Natural gas for delivery in January settled at $2.438 per 1,000 cubic feet, up 2.9 cents.

Dollar retreats

NEW YORK — The dollar suffered its sharpest drop in nearly seven years Wednesday after Japan's central bank launched a rare sale of dollars for yen and the government proposed a $15 billion tax cut aimed at reviving Japan's sagging economy.

The surprising events from Tokyo also hurt the dollar vs. the German mark.

In late New York trading, the dollar settled at 127.08 yen, down from 130.78 late Tuesday, its lowest level in about three weeks. The dollar also was changing hands at 1.7735 marks, down from 1.7822.

The dollar also fell sharply against the British pound, due to the dollar-yen plunge and stronger than expected British retail sales data. Sterling was quoted at $1.6521, up from $1.6353.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Tuesday: 1.4360 Swiss francs, down from 1.4403; 5.9380 French francs, down from 5.9645; 1,741.25 Italian lire, down from 1,746.50; and 1.4222 Canadian dollars, down from 1.4224.

Stocks lower

NEW YORK — Stocks staged a broad retreat Wednesday as concerns about earnings of multinational businesses triggered late selling of blue-chip stocks.

The Dow Jones industrial average, at one point up almost 58 points and above 8,000, ended the day down 18.90 at 7,957.41.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 5-to-4 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume was heavy at 618.9 million shares but below Tuesday's 632.32 million.

In the broad selloff, Standard & Poor's 500-stock list fell 2.50 points to 965.54, and the NYSE composite index fell 0.16 points to 506.59.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 5.63 points to 1,547.37, and the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 2.40 points to 671.28.

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Contempt order sought on Microsoft

■ Justice Department claims Microsoft tried to circumvent judge's order in antitrust lawsuit.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department urged a federal judge Wednesday to hold Microsoft Corp. in contempt of an earlier order in an antitrust lawsuit involving Windows computer software.

Microsoft tried to circumvent the will of the court by offering "commercially worthless" options to computer makers, the government charged.

"Microsoft's naked attempt to defeat the purpose of the court order and to further its litigation strategy is an affront to the court's authority," the government asserted in papers filed in U.S. District Court here.

"Microsoft has cynically acted as if the preliminary injunction permits it to perpetuate the very ... (condition) the court enjoined," it added.

The Justice filing is the latest volley in an antitrust lawsuit accusing the Redmond, Wash.-based software company of using its dominance in Windows software to muscle control of the Internet browser market.

Last week, U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson issued a preliminary injunction ordering Microsoft to quit requiring computer makers to distribute the Internet Explorer browser program as a condition of installing the popular Windows operating system software on their PCs. Microsoft appealed the order Monday.

"The more Microsoft continues this practice, the more consumers are harmed," Joel I. Klein, assistant attorney general for antitrust, said in a prepared statement.

Jackson's ruling resulted from a Justice Department lawsuit contending Microsoft violated a 1995 court order aimed at preventing anti-competitive practices. The government sought a $1 million-a-day fine if the company refused to obey a contempt finding.

In a letter to the Justice Department Wednesday, Microsoft said it "believes it is in full compliance" with Jackson's order. On Monday, Microsoft said it told computer makers "that they were not required to install Internet Explorer when installing Windows 95."

"We'll be happy to make our case to the judge ... and prove we're in full compliance with his order," said Microsoft spokesman John Pinette.

"In a sense we were asked to build a car with part of the engine stripped out," Pinette added. "And the Justice Department now is complaining about the manner in which we did that."

Earlier, Microsoft said that to comply with Jackson's order, it would offer computer makers a stripped-down version of Windows 95 software which doesn't include the Internet Explorer.

But in doing so, Microsoft complained, it would be offering an older version of Windows software without the browser. Or, it said, computer makers could remove the browser from the more recent versions of Windows 95, but then Windows wouldn't work.

Browsers, such as Explorer and Netscape Communication Corp.'s Navigator, enable computer users to find and retrieve information on the Internet.

In the latest filing, the Justice Department said neither of the options offered by Microsoft was commercial feasible, and computer makers would simply continue taking the latest version with the Internet Explorer. It asked Jackson to order the company to give computer companies "a meaningful option of licensing Windows 95 without the browser."

It also wants Microsoft to offer a version in which Internet Explorer can be removed easily from the computer.

Justice attorneys also want the judge to order Microsoft not to threaten or retaliate against computer makers that seek the stripped-down version of Windows 95.

The department seeks to force Microsoft to notify the government 30 days before releasing upgrades of the operating system or browser to ensure the new products comply with the court order. And it seeks a $1- million-a-day civil fine if Microsoft violates terms of the new order.

Fight erupts over name 'Sundance'

■ Actor Robert Redford, Texas billionaire Ed Bass tangle over rights to use "Sundance" name.

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — In a showdown in Cowtown, it's the Sundance Kid vs. a Texas billionaire.

Ed Bass' Sundance Square development and actor Robert Redford are tangling over the use of the name "Sundance" for movie houses in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The federal complaint filed Tuesday appears to be a pre-emptive strike against Redford's Utah-based Sundance Enterprises, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Wednesday.

Utah Sundance company lawyers applied for a federal trademark registration in June for the name "Sundance Theatres," according to papers filed in the lawsuit. Redford announced in August that his Sundance Group planned to open a chain of art-house cinemas across the country.

In October, lawyers for Redford's company warned AMC's Sundance Square affiliate to drop the "Sundance" for its theaters. Instead, Sundance Square lawyers sought a permanent federal injunction preventing anyone else from opening competing theaters with the name in the region.

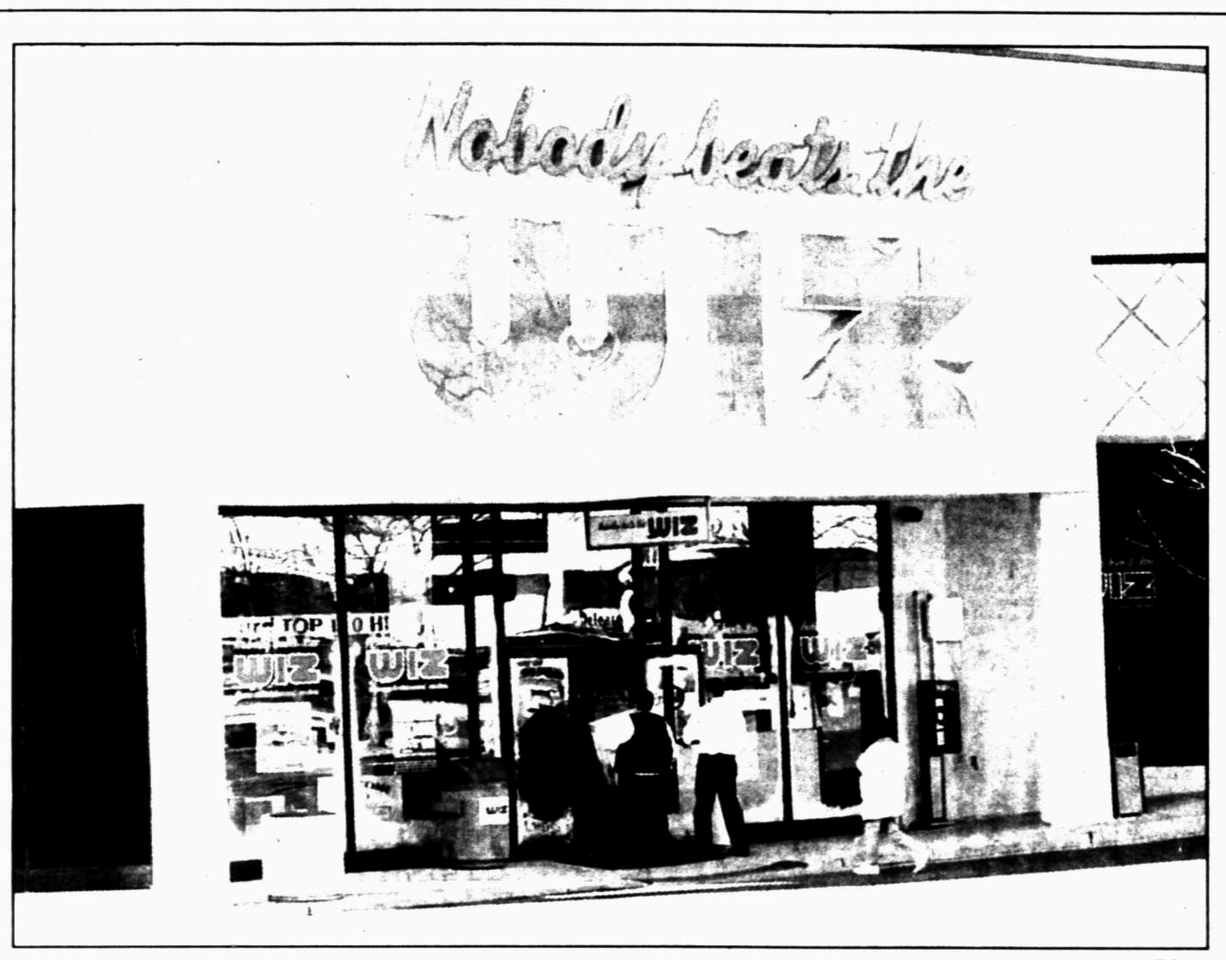
Bass, who reportedly chose the name for Sundance Square out of historical interest in the old West, began the complex with the Caravan of Dreams theater. He has funded other artistic endeavors and financed the Biosphere 2 research project in Arizona.

Bass' Sundance partnership contends it has used the name continuously since at least 1981 and applied for a federal trademark in November 1991 that was registered in 1993.

Officials with the Bass and Redford interests did not return telephone calls Wednesday from The Associated Press.

"The Sundance name has special historical meaning to the Fort Worth/Dallas area," the federal complaint read. "The Sundance Kid, a notorious outlaw of the 1880s, spent time in Fort Worth's saloons and hotels during his brief but celebrated life."

Redford, who played the character in the 1969 movie "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," began his Sundance Institute in 1980 after purchasing thousands of acres of Utah land and runs a Sundance Film Festival.



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The Wiz goes bankrupt

People enter the Nobody Beats The Wiz store in East Brunswick, N.J., Wednesday. The Wiz Inc., the New York metropolitan area's largest electronics retailer, filed for protection from creditors under federal bankruptcy laws. The electronics, music and video retailer said it will close 17 of its 50 stores, mostly those outside New York City. The retailer, headquartered in Carteret, N.J., employs 4,200 people and had annual sales of more than $1 billion.

HMO to pay member's family $5 million

■ Lawyers for family allege cost-cutting led to man's death from untreated heart disease.

Associated Press

DALLAS — An HMO has agreed to pay $5.35 million to a family who claimed that medical cost-cutting led to a man's death from untreated heart disease.

Lawyers for the family of Ronald Henderson alleged that a plan by Kaiser Permanente's North Texas HMO to cut hospital expenses by 45 percent, plus an HMO official's speech that stressed putting "the bottom line" first, led to the 56-year-old man's death.

The HMO agreed to the settlement Tuesday after a test jury in a novel nonbinding minitrial said it would have awarded the family more than 10 times that amount if the case had gone to an actual trial.

The experimental two-day procedure in District Judge John M. Marshall's court is aimed at encouraging out-of-court settlements.

The family said Kaiser doctors discharged Henderson from a hospital without referring him to a cardiologist. They also presented evidence that Kaiser's medical-advice nurses gave him bad instructions by telephone.

Family lawyer Randall Moore said the case was brought "to take note of our belief that too many people are dying in their system."

Kaiser denied wrongdoing and argued that Henderson was an overweight smoker who did not obey doctors' orders. Its lawyers denied that cost-cutting had anything to do with the Irving man's death and accused the family's lawyers of trying to divert attention from specific medical issues.

Kaiser spokesman David O'Grady said the settlement was not an admission of wrongdoing, but "enables us to return our focus to providing our members quality health care — to move from the courtroom back to the exam room."

Kaiser expressed displeasure with the minitrial process, saying the "verdict was not a real verdict, the damages are not real damages, this was not a real trial."

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INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Businesses should beware multi-level marketing calls

By Eric Tyson

Q: I recently got a call from someone selling a multilevel marketing business. She told me that by working just 10 hours a week from my home, I could earn thousands of dollars every month. All I had to do to sign up was pay a $200 training fee.

Tyson

Although I'm skeptical of her pitch, the concept of working so little for so much money is appealing. Is this possible?

A: Ahh, the refrain of easy money.

"Earn $5,000 monthly! We'll even help you hire agents to do the work for you ... FREE! Thirty days is all that it takes!"

"Earn $6,000 per month on the new instant information superhighway."

With such pitches, you probably are dealing with a person or two at a post-office box — not a legitimate company.

The pitch might offer to sell you a package of "confidential information," explaining the business opportunity du jour. The information might cost several hundred dollars or more.

Unfortunately, there are plenty of businesses out and about that derive their income purely from the "signing up" process. They sign up investors/customers/suckers to sell their products or services or to buy their franchise, and then after the money has changed hands, you never hear from them again.

Some multilevel marketing companies (MLMs) have a reputation for falling into that category. Also known as "network marketing companies" or "direct selling companies," MLMs have been known to suggest that you can make tens of thousands of dollars monthly while largely sitting on your duff and letting someone else do the work. All you have to do, they say, is sign up a few friends and relatives to sell the company's widgets, and before you can say the words "easy money," the big bucks will come rolling in.

I know people who have been taken for hundreds of dollars in MLM schemes, only to discover that all they've stumbled upon is a quick way to lose a buck and to annoy friends.

Anyone considering becoming an MLM investor should keep in mind that any network marketing arrangement is really just another form of a job. No company, MLM or otherwise, can afford to pay you money while you're busy watching the soaps. As with any other business, it takes time — three to five years in most cases — and lots of hard work to create a business that will provide you with a decent living.

If MLM success was as simple as some in the business would lead us to believe, everyone would dive in.

For sure, there are legitimate and successful MLMs, such as Mary Kay and Tupperware. However, they are the exception rather than the rule, particularly among the types of MLMs that are likely to be aggressively pitched to you.

One definite rule of thumb: Never buy into an MLM that is pitched over the telephone.

An MLM investor should think twice before signing up relatives, friends and co-workers, at least until he or she is satisfied that the concept is viable.

Quality MLMs make sense for people who really believe in, and want to sell, a particular product or service and yet don't want to, or can't afford to, tie up a lot of money in the process. Remember, however, to check the MLM's references first. Also remember that you won't get rich in a hurry, or probably ever. And finally, don't forget that those people who do succeed in the MLM business pay the same price — lots of hard, smart work over a number of years — the rest of us pay for success.

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A bright red male cardinal, above, sits on a "hopper" feeder. Even in winter — and with snow on the ground — some birds often prefer to feed on the ground, like this dark-eyed junko, below right.

Some birds spend winter in Midland

Staff Reports

It may surprise some residents to know that Midland/Odessa bird feeders are not abandoned this time of year. Wild Birds Unlimited, and the Midland Naturalists group have developed a seasonal list of birds that are seen in West Texas .

Birds that spend all winter in Midland include white-winged doves, mourning and Inca doves, blue jays, robins, mockingbirds, cardinals, house finches and house sparrows are just a few of the group that are present all year.

A brief list of birds seen in Midland and Odessa during the Winter includes: red-breasted nuthatch, house wren, cedar waxwing, dark-eyed junko, rufous-sided towhee, and pine siskin. Also, the very popular American goldfinch which have just recently begun to return for their winter vacation in the area. A copy of the complete list, for all seasons of the year, is available at no charge from the local bird supply store.

Feeding wild winter visitors

Staff Reports

Old Man Winter has already sunk his icy fingers into the Permian Basin, and many of us tend to retreat deep into warm coats and warm homes, forgetting the wild birds who provided so much viewing pleasure at feeders during the warmer months.

Birds are warm blooded. In general, this means that they maintain their body temperature within a certain range even when the temperature around them changes.

On cold wintry days, most birds simply puff up their feathers, creating air pockets which help keep them warm. The more air spaces, the better the insulation — just like when humans wear loose layers of clothing to keep warm.

People may become concerned seeing birds shiver. Shivering however, is used by most all birds for short-term adjustment to the cold. It's the primary way birds increase their heat production while at rest, according to Thom Webb of the Wild Birds Unlimited store in Midland. Shivering converts muscular energy into heat for the short term, but the energy must be replenished shortly thereafter, Webb said.

WHILE PUFFING AND SHIVERING helps keep birds keep warm, the essential element that provides them energy, stamina and nutrition is food. Birds expend energy very quickly in order to keep warm. In fact, songbirds can lose up to 10 percent of their body weight on extremely cold nights expending energy to keep warm. Thus, an ample supply of food is essential for the birds to survive the cold. Foods that are high in calories, such as black oil sunflower, safflower and suet, are especially needed by birds during the winter months.

Most songbirds will fill a special storage pouch in their esophagus with food before dark and digest the food overnight.

"Normally, wild birds can survive on their own. But we can help by providing them an extra source of food, water and shelter when extremely cold conditions occur," Webb said.

"At these times, a supply of food could mean the difference between life and death for a bird," he said. " Ideally, birds should have food available in the late afternoon in order to survive the cold nights, and in the early morning to replenish their energy supply."

ON A RECENT EDITION of national domestic consultant Martha Stewart's television show, she reminded viewers who normally feed birds, not to neglect them during the holidays when they may leave home for days or weeks at a time. Ms. Stewart suggested asking a friend to put out seed and water for the birds, just like providing food for a household pet in the owner's absence.

A simple idea to feed birds during the cold months is to take a pine cone, coat it with peanut butter and roll it in bird seed.

Webb offers an interesting idea for used Christmas trees this year. After removing the ornaments and lights, redecorate the tree with sunflower heads, or pine cones rolled in seed and tied to the branches with left-over Christmas ribbons. (A couple of tube-style feeders could also be added.) Place the tree near a window where people can watch birds feeding.

"It will last for days," Webb said, "and you'll get extra enjoyment from the tree while providing a treat and cold weather shelter for the birds. It also a way of providing kids something to do as they begin to get bored before school resumes."

A variety of feeding stations, left, including a window and pole mount, and hanging tube feeders, will attract various birds.

Photos courtesy of Wild Birds Unlimited

Local Christmas bird count scheduled

Staff Reports

On Jan. 1, the MIDNATS (Midland Naturalists) will conduct the 50th annual Christmas Bird Count in Midland County. For birders, this is the biggest day of the year.

It's a nation-wide concept, started in 1900 by the National Audubon Society as a protest to the traditional holiday "side hunt" in which teams competed to see who could shoot the most birds in one day. This year, approximately 1,700 Christmas Bird Counts will be conducted from Dec. 20 through January 3. They will be scheduled in every state and Canadian province and in several Latin American countries.

Counts like these provide scientifically important information about bird populations and distribution.

For many, the CBC is a sport, said Thom Webb of Wild Birds Unlimited. Each group involved, competes to beat their own, and the record of others. Midland's record is 128 species, set in 1994. The Midland CBC also holds the all-time high count of Lark Buntings, with 13,512 counted in 1960.

Anyone who would like to participate in Midland's Christmas Bird Count is welcomed to pick up a Christmas Bird List and directions for counting in their yards at Wild Birds Unlimited.

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There's no place like work, with right design

By Jenifer Hahrahan
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — This is for all working stiffs huddled in cubicles, toiling under the incessant buzz of fluorescent lights.

Prepare to feel really, really envious.

In the Walt Disney Feature Animation Northside building, located in an industrial area near the Burbank Airport, every personal work space has a window and a view, plus adjustable lighting to prevent eye strain. Employees sip cappuccino in the break room, where spontaneous pingpong tournaments break out.

And then there's the cafeteria, which looks like a sunlit bistro with wood-beamed ceilings, rotisserie chicken spinning and an outdoor patio with a vine-covered trellis. Lucky stiffs.

The woman responsible for the design is Lauren Rottet, whose firm, DMJM Rottet, is the interior-design division of the architectural engineering giant Daniel Mann Johnson & Mendenhall.

In the male-dominated world of architecture, the 41-year-old interior designer and mother of two is a standout. She's talented, gracious and savvy. Besides Disney, her clients include such firms as Hewlett-Packard, Korea Development Bank, BMC Software, Ernst & Young and Uni-Cal Financial Group.

Rottet's firm is only three years old but is already ranked 50th in the nation in total billings and dollar value of projects by Interior Design magazine, a trade publication. In fiscal 1997, DMJM Rottet completed $82 million in projects and charged $5 million in design fees, according to company sources.

"She's relatively young, and she has managed to develop a very high-powered clientele," said Edie Cohen, West Coast editor of Interior Design magazine. "When you think of modern design, it can be very sterile, but Lauren's interiors are not. They have a degree of richness."

ROTTET, WHO LIVES in Los Feliz, will be inducted into Interior Design magazine's Design Hall of Fame on Thursday at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. She was chosen for the honor by other interior designers.

"I was extremely excited. I had been wanting it for a while," Rottet said. "Interior design is a little bit of an East Coast-dominated thing. I just think it's great when people on the West Coast are recognized for their abilities."

From the time she was a child in Houston, Rottet doodled dream houses and skyscrapers.

But it wasn't until later that she found her niche. Attractive, blue-eyed and slim, Rottet considered modeling. She entered the Miss USA pageant and won a competition at the local level.

Rottet studied pre-med and art at the University of Texas at Austin until her high school sweetheart, who would later become her husband, suggested she try architecture to put to use the analytical and creative parts of her brain.

"It hit me like a ton of bricks that this was right for me," Rottet said.

She worked for a couple of architectural firms, later moving to Los Angeles to start one firm's interiors practice.

In 1990, she and three partners started their own architecture company. At the time, a friend gave her advice that she still believes today.

"If you're ever going to start your own business, start it at the down cycle, because there's only one way to go — up," she said. "We jumped on the wave at the bottom and rode it all the way up."

In 1994, Rottet was awarded Designer of the Year by Interiors magazine, a trade publication.

Shortly thereafter, her already successful firm became more so when it merged with DMJM, which has 35 offices worldwide. The partnership gave Rottet access to potentially lucrative Asian markets and the resources — professional and financial — of a larger firm.

"As a small firm, it was hard to get the work overseas," Rottet said. "It was too risky. And the projects involve a huge commitment."

That's because there's more to commercial interior design than making sure the curtains coordinate with the couch.

Rottet's clients shell out millions to spiff up their new digs, and they expect a payoff in improved worker productivity and more efficient use of expensive leased space.

NARROW HALLWAYS linking private offices with room for a mahogany desk and Oriental rug are out. More egalitarian, flexible division of space is in.

In the age of corporate downsizing and belt-tightening, many of her clients are also squeamish about appearing too opulent. Gone is the lavishness of the '80s, replaced by more utilitarian designs.

"The offices aren't about status anymore, it's about what kind of profits you're turning over and how efficiently you're running," said Lesley Grant, DMJM Rottet's marketing director.

Rather than investing in fancy millwork or expensive imported materials, clients renovating office space are spending more on accommodating high-tech equipment such as fiber-optic cable and video-conferencing equipment.

In the Disney building designed by Rottet, she devised a scheme to retain the unfinished, warehouse feel of the Disney studio lot, where the feature animation division was housed from the '30s until the mid-1980s, while making the nearly 200,000-square-foot new location chic and functional.

Not to be confused with the flagship Disney animation facility off the Ventura (134) Freeway, the four-story building on Thorton Avenue was a relic of the defense industry, part of the former top-secret Lockheed "Skunk Works" aircraft plant.

The staircase and hallways are wide, sky lit and lined with animators' artwork so employees can chat as they "circulate," Rottet said.

Oppressive, nine-foot plaster ceilings are out. Raised ceilings with exposed wires, air ducts and cables are in.

"It emphasizes that this is a work environment and a creative environment," Rottet said.

Room dividers give each employee room to be alone, but each cubicle is arranged around a common area with its own coffee pot, fax machine, photocopier and mailboxes. There's "interactive space" — inviting conference rooms and the break room with couches and pinball machines.

"Lauren understood our business, how we work and the culture of animation," said Roy Huebner, executive director of operations and facilities development.

"It had to be flexible, have character and be exciting," he said.

This recliner has all the frills, including a lumbar massage function.

AP Photo

Recliners on upswing

By Barbara Meyer
Associated Press

If style now starts in the street, the unstylish recliner may be due for a fashion upgrade.

The newsletter Kovel's on Antiques and Collectibles reported recently that old recliners are selling at flea markets.

"The clunkier the design and the stranger the upholstery, the more it seems to attract young buyers," the newsletter said.

Judy Carr, director of the La-Z-Boy Museum and Archives in Monroe, Mich., also has noticed that the flashier models on display there are the ones people enjoy the most.

"If the back is shaped like a baseball glove or it looks like a dentist's chair, that's the one visitors like the best," Carr said.

CONVENTIONAL FURNITURE industry wisdom has held that recliners would become acceptable to the general public only if they could be made to look more like other easy chairs. How wrong that assessment has turned out to be.

Current industry figures indicate more than 6 million recliners are sold annually. The figure goes up to 9 million when loveseats and sofas with a reclining function are included, John Case, vice president of marketing for La-Z-Boy, said.

Buyers consistently go for the larger, heftier models, preferably covered in leather or a vinyl substitute. But that doesn't stop furniture makers from trying to inject a little style.

In October, at the High Point furniture market in North Carolina, Henredon Furniture Co. introduced an unusual recliner covered in black leather and red wool plaid. This chair is different from the norm since its eight back positions are adjusted manually and there's a separate ottoman.

The Henredon chair harks back to earlier recliners, such as the famous Morris chair, marketed worldwide by William Morris in the 19th century.

La-Z-Boy gets the credit (or blame) for introducing the first automatic upholstered recliner. In 1929, the company, then known as Floral City Furniture, put some cotton batting and fabric onto its basic wood-slat reclining porch chair and offered it for indoor use.

The chair caught on and soon there were improvements and competitors. Early chairs didn't rock and didn't have an integrated footrest. The first recliner with attached footrest came out in 1952. The automatic handle or button also dates back to the 1950s, Carr said. The rocking motion came along in 1961.

This 1961 model made La-Z-Boy's fortune — the company says it is the world's largest manufacturer of upholstered furniture — and spawned an entire industry.

Despite the evidence of flea markets, a search for ease rather than style is what propels the typical recliner customer. So competition focuses on options that can be promoted as contributing to comfort.

Popular extras manufacturers offer include lumbar massage, with and without heat; a built-in phone with or without answering machine; a plug for electronic equipment; and hidden storage, usually in one of the arms.

For those who need help getting in and out of the chair, there's a power-lift option that tilts the chair forward in the same motion as a dump truck.

Oversized chairs, such as 48-inch-wide models in La-Z-Boy's new Summit series, appeal to people who like to snuggle with a child or with their dog, the company said.

The race for extras appears to be escalating. This fall, Franklin added a personal air purifier as an option.

Sofas and loveseats also come with a reclining function and extras such as a center cushion that pulls down to become a snack tray, and a storage ottoman large enough to hold the bedclothes for the built-in convertible bed.

HAVING BEEN THE butt of jokes for so many years, "a recliner is something some people won't consider no matter what it looks like," said Scott Glenn, buyer of upholstered furniture for Slumberland Furniture, a chain headquartered in St. Paul, Minn.

Some customers worry that a chair with moving parts will be liable to develop problems, Glenn added. It's not a totally unfounded fear.

"Typically, we have twice as many service-related issues with reclining seats as with non-reclining seats," Glenn said.

"But in fairness to the industry, recliners are used more and used harder than other furniture," he said.

Homey Christmas touches added in a twinkle

N.Y. Times News Service

The gifts are bought (almost) and wrapped (sort of), the tree is decorated (mostly) and the Christmas cards have been mailed (weren't they?).

Still, the holiday spirit doesn't seem quite complete. What's missing?

Could be those colorful little touches around the house that reflect a person's warm, creative nature. Small and otherwise, these accents light up a table or mantel and make you feel ready for Christmas.

The ones here, blessedly, are quick and easy to pull together. Spend a half-hour to make a room sparkle.

YULE LOG: It's believed that since the 13th century, yule logs were given to provide a home with health, happiness and good fortune. They're usually meant for burning in a fireplace, but a smaller version looks lovely on a dining-room table or atop a mantel.

To make this, pick a fire log that has a flat surface and make that the bottom. On top, glue two red candles a few inches from either end. Then blanket the top with sprigs of cedar or another evergreen, and decorate with pine cones and assorted nuts, glued in place.

The effort took about 20 minutes, and the cost for log, candles, glue, pine cones and nuts came to about $6.50. The cedar came from a tree in the neighborhood.

SILVER SETTING: Place cards are always a thoughtful gesture, and these holders couldn't be prettier or simpler. Used for special holiday dinners, they'll make your table more memorable.

First, cover pine cones (as many as you'll have guests) with a coat of silver spray paint. Give them an hour to dry well. Glue a standard-size paper clip at the apex of each cone, making sure it sits perfectly vertical. Voila! Once dry, they're ready for place cards to be inserted.

It takes about 15 minutes to make these, not including drying time. The cost of supplies — pine cones, spray paint and paper clips — came to $5.

CANDLE WREATHS: Candlelight makes any table, room and house infinitely more welcoming. It's hard for a candle to look anything but delightful.

But individually decorated candles have never been more lovely. The ivory tapers pictured here are adorned with wreaths of freshly cut pyracantha, a deeply green shrub that is exploding with beautiful, vividly red berries this winter. Sitting atop heavy brass — or delicate silver — candlesticks, these are eye-catchers.

Making these requires a little bit of patience and several pyracantha branches. Carefully clip away those long thorns, then cut pieces into 6-inch lengths. Make a small circle, then double each, gently handling the pieces without knocking off berries or leaves. To secure, use a small piece of florist wire or a twist tie from a plastic bag. Twist the wire tightly around the stem, then slide the wreath around the candle's neck. Stick in extra berry clusters where necessary.

It takes about a half-hour to shape these properly. Materials — other than candles — cost nothing; the generous pyracantha bush was in a neighbor's yard.

BERRY BEAUTIFUL: Holiday rooms are frequently enriched by bulbs forced for December blooming. The idea is to infuse rooms with color and fragrance that guests will enjoy.

And here's a bright variation on that tradition: Instead of using the customary pebbles, try hard, fresh cranberries. They'll have more visual punch when used in a glass trifle or ice bucket. Put about 3 inches of cranberries in the bottom, add nearly as much water and arrange bulbs — narcissus, tulips and crocus are good — on top.

Here, we've used pre-forced tulip bulbs and just covered them with cranberries. The berries will be good through Christmas, and the tulips should bloom by then.

Assembling this took 10 minutes, tops. Expenses came to $4 for cranberries and $5.65 for pre-forced tulip bulbs.

DEAR ABBY

Married woman considers ending 21-year affair

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I have started this letter many times, not finishing it because I know the answer to the advice I seek. I am a 48-year-old woman, married to a wonderful man for 10 years.

Van Buren

For the last 21 years, I have been having an affair.

It started when my first marriage came apart. My lover is a handsome younger man. Over the years I divorced, he married, I remarried, he became a widower — and we continued our affair.

To our family and friends, we are old friends. We are thrown together for all occasions and no one has ever suspected. As the old song goes, "Daytime friends, nighttime lovers."

I know this affair must end. It has to, before we hurt and disappoint our families and friends. I love him and always will. But I need to know how to end it after all these years. — NAMELESS

DEAR NAMELESS: The first step is to tell your lover exactly what you have told me — that you want the affair to come to an end. Ask him to help by limiting the number of social occasions when you will be thrown together. (An eligible, attractive widower must get many invitations, not to mention offers.) You are both adults, and with mutual cooperation you can eliminate the opportunities to succumb to temptation.

The alternative would be to tell your husband what has been going on all these years. That, I guarantee, would end it.

DEAR ABBY: Here is my 2 cents for "Bent Out of Shape in San Francisco."

It is sad that he lost his car and tried to keep the female, but his priorities are screwed up. They should be:

1. Fix car.
2. Dump girlfriend.

Since he bought the car 30 years ago, he is about my age (50). I, too, have a classic car that I drove off the dealer's lot in 1968. I've never found a woman I would trade the car for. Classic cars are too hard to find nowadays, and the restoration costs are high.

Most of the women I've met bailed out when the going got tough, and yet my car (and motorcycle) are still there taking me to job interviews and getting me through the difficult times.

It's far better to be alone and lonely than to be married and lonely. — PAT IN FONTANA, CALIF.

DEAR PAT: Sorry about your bad luck with females. However, far more women stick it out rather than bail out when times get tough. Fiftieth wedding anniversaries are common, and that's testimony to the ability of many females to last for the duration of a run of bad luck. Furthermore, they're a lot softer and warmer to snuggle up to than cold steel and leather on a chilly night.

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago you printed the way to determine a dog's age. Would you please send me that column, or print it again? — GLINN IN RENO, NEV.

DEAR GLINN: I'm pleased to oblige. The first year of a dog's life is equal to 15 in a human's. The second year is the equivalent of nine more years of human age, making the dog 24 years old. After that, each year equals four more years of human life. Interestingly, the smaller the dog, the longer its life. So when a pup has been with its owner for 16 years, its age would be equivalent to an 80-year-old human.

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The business & advertising departments of the Midland Reporter-Telegram will be closed Thursday, January 1 for New Years Day. The following deadlines will be observed.

EDITION	DEADLINE
Mon. 12/29	Weds. 12/17 Noon
Tues. 12/30	Fri. 12/26 Noon
Wed. 12/31	Mon. 12/29 Noon
Thurs. 1/1	Mon. 12/29 Noon
Friday 1/2	Tues. 12/30 Noon
Sunday Early 1/4	Tues. 12/30 Noon
Saturday 1/3	Tues. 12/30 5PM
Sunday 1/4	Wed. 12/31 5PM

The circulation department will be open New Year's Day from 7am until 11am and can be reached at 688-2700.

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The business & advertising departments of the Midland Reporter-Telegram will be closed Thursday, December 25th for Christmas. The following deadlines will be observed.

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Thurs. 12/25	Mon. 12/22 Noon
Friday 12/26	Tues. 12/23 Noon
Sunday Early 12/28	Tues. 12/23 Noon
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Breakfast 7:30 am.
Terry Cowin, W/M
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115 Announcements

HONDA CARS for $100. Seized and sold locally this month. 800-522-2730 ext 3063.

130 Personals

SANTA, Mrs. Santa, Frosty, Christmas Tree, Elves, Costume Rentals. Reserve Now! Costumes by Dorothy. 694-7687.

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PET CARE in your home for the Holidays- $6/ day. Have references. Call Josh and Dianne. 683-9796.

150 Lost & Found

FOUND- vicinity of Lee High School, "Yorkie." Call 699-6943.

FOUND! LARGE cluster of keys, Bluebird & Polo Club. Call to identify 686-9247.

LOST: LONGHAIRED, black cat, small white spot on chest, white toes on both back feet. Lost vicinity of DPS. $200 reward. Call 687-4445.

FOUND: Female Schnauzer. Black & Tan. Possibly spayed recently groomed. Call Midland Animal Control, 685-7420.

LOST: 9 year old Black female Labrador Retriever, vicinity Kniffen Addition on East Loop 250. Wearing red collar - no tags. Reward. 682-0375, 686-8958 evenings.

FOUND, DECEMBER 4th on Illinois, 1/2 Bassett & 1/2 Lab, Cute dog. Call 686-3921.

TWO FEMALE Bassett Hounds, tri color, one year and five years old. Answer to Sadie & Cinnamon. Lost in vicinity of Roosevelt and Midland Dr. Call 520-3701 or 697-7500.

LOST, "NALA," two year old, female Chihuahua. In K-Mart area. Call 689-8735 or 520-3362.

LOST! Pekingese/ Pomeranian mix, Blonde, 2 1/2 year old male, area Midland Dr. & Storey Ave. Reward. 697-7928, or 570-0229.

FOUND: Domestic shorthair, brown male Tabby cat. Contact Midland Animal Control, 685-7420.

FOUND: Young male kitten. White/ Grey striped. Unusual marking on back. 699-7744.

BUFF female Cocker Spaniel, no tags, found in block of Emerson/ Ward Streets. 689-3059.

LOST: 2 year old German Shepherd male, black with light brown markings, answers to "Duke", on/ or about November 29th, vicinity Walgreens on Andrews Hwy./ Illinois. REWARD- no questions asked. 686-0977.

LOST: 1- 3 year old black Lab and 1- 6 month old German Shepherd sable in vicinity of Midland Memorial Stadium. 683-8022 or 689-8461.

FOUND: Young momma dog. Vicinity of Cotton Flat and CR 130. Looks like she has a litter of pups. Tan and black. 570-7802.

FOUND: Emu. Please call 687-3620 for more information. Leave message.

160 Lost & Found

LOST: Diamond engagement and wedding ring, Friday 12-12-97 at First Baptist Church. If found please call 694-7664.

162 Mortgages Wanted

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FORD 1995 Taurus GL. V-6, 85K, excellent condition. Must sell now! $7,250. 570-8749.

CHEVROLET 1993 Cavalier RS 2 door. Good condition, air, automatic, $5,500. 570-4634.

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BUICK 1991 Park Avenue. One owner, 39,000 miles, like new. $11,500. 685-1877.

CHEVROLET 1989 Corsica. Automatic, Air, maroon, 97K, good shape. $3,000. 682-0171.

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BUICK 1996 Regal Custom 4 door, auto., power windows, locks, cruise, tilt, cassette. Under 39K miles. Call David 694-8432.

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FORD 1995 Mustang GT convertible V- 8, 5 speed, red/ white leather, white rag top, alloy wheels, electric CD, 37K, $16,000. 697-8509 After 5.

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CADILLAC 1993 Seville STS. Dark green, tan leather, Northstar engine, 6 year/ 70,000 warranty, 48K miles. $18,500. 694-1993/ 697-6121 evenings.

CHRYSLER 1996 Sebring LX. White/ gray interior, auto. power, 28K miles. $14,000. After 5 pm. 697-2073.

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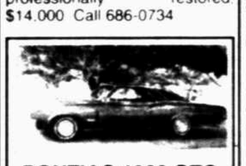

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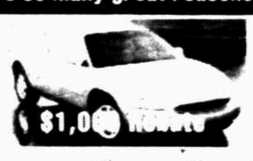

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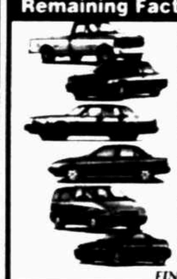

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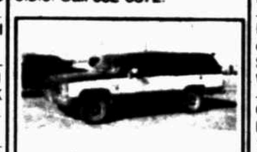

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MAINTENANCE PERSON needed, full time position. Apply in person, Super 8 Motel, 1000 W. I-20. No phone calls.

MECHANIC. CX Transportation needs Mechanic. Requirements: Must have 4 years experience repairing tractor & trailer, 2 years verifiable brake experience, own hand tools required. Must pass DOT physical, drug screen. Benefits: Weekly pay, life, health, dental, vision insurance, paid vacation, paid holidays, 401(K) available, home most nights. 381-1210. EOE, M/ F

MERCHANDISER part time for national hardware chain. Send Replies to: Box P-06058, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

MULTI- DESCRIPTION job. Bookkeeper/ - Administrative Assistant/ Sales Clerk. Full time position requiring some bookkeeping and computer skills. Please send resume to: TPB, PO Box 50467, Midland, TX 79710-0467

OPENHOLE WIRELINE Operator needed. Competitive salary. Class B CDL required with HazMat certification. Openhole experience needed, but not a requirement. Send resume to P.O. Box 60507, Midland, Texas 79711-0507.

ORIENT EXPRESS & Shogun Steak House, now hiring delivery drivers, waitstaff, kitchen help and other positions. Good money. Apply in person after 5pm 4610 N. Garfield Space 81

ASSISTANT SUPPORT Counselor- (primary function driver) Full- time position effective on/ about January 1, 1998. Primary function is to provide transportation for Center residents. Secondary function is to assist in presenting classes and to maintain a small caseload of residents. Must have high school diploma and good driving record. Knowledge of alcohol/ drug abuse field helpful. Position starts $1,282/ month. Apply between 8 am- 5 pm, Monday- Friday at Court Residential Treatment Center, 215 W. Industrial Ave., Midland, TX 79701. Cut- off 4 pm December 23, 1997.

SKIP TRACER. Immediate opening for experienced skip tracer. Previous experience must be verifiable. Apply in person American Lenders Service Company, 312 E. 2nd, Odessa.

310 General Help Wanted

COOK- Immediate opening! Part Time. Minimum 20 hours per week at $7 per hour. Primary shift is Saturday to Sunday, as needed on other days. Must be able to prepare meals for 48 people 3 times per day. Must be able to follow recipes and oral instructions. apply between 8 am- 5 pm, Monday- Friday at Court Residential Treatment Center, 215 W. Industrial Ave., Midland, TX 79701. Applications taken until positions filled.

PRIVATE HEALTH Club- seeks part time telemarketing manager and full time sales counselors. Great income, & bonuses. Call Jerri, 682-0813.

RECEPTIONIST/ File Clerk/ Administrative assistant, with opportunity to advance to engineering tech position within small independent operating company. Position requires computer skills, preferably Office 97. Oil & Gas background preferred. Salary DOE. Please send resume to Box PJ-3003, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

RELIABLE, TREE lawn and landscape maintenance professional. Must have experience, phone, transportation. 520-2135 after 5pm.

❤ REPRESENTATIVES

Needed- sell Avon part time- full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520–0119, Independent Rep.

RESTAURANT- Gili's Restaurant is now accepting applications for Wait Staff, Drive Through and Delivery personnel. Apply at 4411 W. Illinois.

RESTAURANT. Cattle Baron is now hiring: Cooks, Servers, Busers. Benefits available. Apply in person only, Cattle Baron, 418 W. Wadley, Midland.

RESTAURANT. Now hiring friendly, responsible, energetic Counter and Service Personnel. Apply between 2 and 4 at Fuddruckers.

SUBSTITUTE TEAM Member, Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children has an opening for a Substitute Receptionist/ Shelter Assistant, all shifts available. Must be at least 23 and have a valid drivers license & good driving record. Call 570-1465 for an application.

TECHNICIAN. Career Opportunity. Areas foremost alarm company is seeking a self motivated electronics technician to work in the Midland/ Odessa area. Experience is a plus or we will train the right individual for a career in our exciting and growing industry. Non- smoking environment, a clean criminal history is a must. If you feel you qualify, Apply between 10 am and 2 pm at 1011 W. Washington, Midland, Texas.

WE RENT cars to good people, and we're looking for good service agents, with a sense of humor and a warm handshake to help get people down the road. So, if you are 21 years of age and have a good driving record plus want a competitive salary and great benefits, you may be a candidate. Please apply at Advantage Rent a Car counter at Midland Airport.

YOUTH TEACHER- 15 hours per week/ 3 hours per day. Bilingual * preferred. Apply in person, at 4500 W. Illinois, Suite 112. EOE

312 Professional Help Wanted

Titan Exploration, Inc.

A growing public oil and gas company, has openings for the following positions.

Revenue Accountant
Joint Interest Accountant
Revenue Accounting Clerk
Joint Interest Billing Clerk
Accounts Payable Clerk
Data Entry Clerk

All applicants should have prior oil and gas experience working with an accounting software package and should be proficient in Excel and Word or comparable software in a windows environment.

Titan offers competitive compensation, an excellent benefits package and a smoke-free environment.

Equal Opportunity Employer

Please send resumes to:
Attn: Accounting Positions
PO Box 10629
Midland, Texas 79702

310 General Help Wanted

WELDERS

MIG welders for local manufacturing company. Certification not required will be tested.

LABOR

No Experience required will train. Come By:

2501 E. I-20, Midland, Texas
Between 9 & 5
Monday- Friday

WESTSIDE EXXON now accepting applications for station attendants. Day and evening shifts. Experience preferred but willing to train. Must be neat in appearance, honest and willing to work with others. 4400 W. Illinois.

311 Medical Help Wanted

Medical Accounts Receivable Manager

$15 per hour plus $5,000 bonus. Send resume and you will be contacted with details.
Send to:
Box 8976
Midland, TX 79708-8976

BILINGUAL
RN's and LVN's

needed to work PRN or full time. Sign- on bonus and possible benefits and salary. Must have home health experience. Call 570-4475 and ask for Jackie.

***INSURANCE CLERK**

Permanent, full- time position available. Medical Insurance billing experience a must. Medical Manager a plus. Pay $6- $8/ hour + benefits. Call

DP Personnel
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***NURSEFINDERS OF WEST TEXAS**

Midland- Clinical Supervisor
Big Spring- RN Case Mgr
Part/ Full Time

Experience
- RN license for two years
- Home Health Supervisory & Medicare experience

Fax or Mail resume to

Mary Byars, RN
409 Andrews Highway
Midland, Texas 79701
Fax: 915-570-8084

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ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

Manor Park, Inc. is seeking to fill the open position of Activity Director for our Special Care Center (for Alzheimer's and related disorders). Qualified candidate must be a Certified Activity Director. Experience with working with the elderly with dementia or other mental challenges a plus. Excellent benefits. Please submit resumes to the Personnel Director, Manor Park Inc., 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, Texas 79707

EOE M/F

CERTIFIED NURSE AIDES needed for all shifts. Apply in person. 3203 Sage, Courtyard Care Center.

CERTIFIED NURSES Aids, for all shifts. Weekend LVN's. Apply in person, Terrance Gardens Nursing Home, 2901 W. Ohio.

CNA's- Manor Park, Inc. is accepting applications for CNA's starting at $5.50 an hour for the following shifts: 2- 10 pm and 4- 9 pm in the nursing home unit; 6 am- 2 pm and 2- 10 pm in the Alzheimer's unit. The right candidate(s) must be dedicated to and enjoy caring for the elderly. Excellent benefits. Applications can be completed at 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, Texas 79707 and returned to the attention of Donna Parker. EOE M/F

EMT- SOUTHERN AMBULANCE is looking for EMT- Basic, Intermediates & Paramedics for PRN positions. Please call 682-5558 for details.

MEDICARE SPECIALIST for psychiatric office, part time. Call 682-0652.

Sell It. Find It. Buy It!
682-6222

311 Medical Help Wanted

RECEPTIONIST. Doctor's office needs dependable enthusiastic, articulate, person. Duties include heavy phones, appointment scheduling, insurance filing, and transcription. Must have good public relations skills, computer knowledge, ability to work independently as well as working with others. Apply in person at 1300 W. Wall.

RECEPTIONIST/ INSURANCE CLERK

Needed immediately for medical office in Midland. Medical Manager experience required, medical experience in radiology preferred. Excellent salary and benefits. Please send resume to: P.O. Box 14303, Odessa, Texas 79768-4303.

312 Professional Help Wanted

INTERNATIONAL OILFIELD Company has a local opening for a Sales Engineer. Must have an engineer degree. Should have a personable manner. Full benefits. Company vehicle. Salary depends on experience. Send replies to Box PJ- 3018, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

CONTROLLER

Looking for experienced individual with strong communication, accounting and inventory control skills. Understanding of EDP Systems, insurance programs, financial analysis and budget issues required. Excellent financial and fringe benefit package. Send resume and financial history to:

Personnel
P.O. Box 2322
Odessa, Texas 79760

***PROJECT MANAGER**

for environmental company needed immediately. BS degree & 2- 3 yrs. experience in environmental field required. Salary DOE. Call

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682-0033 Never a fee!

ACCOUNTING CE Mobile Equipment Group is looking for Comptroller- minimum of 3 to 5 years experience. Heavy computer required. Experience with Great Plains software helpful. Benefits include 401K, insurance, vacation, holiday pay. Position to be filled immediately. Please send resume to CE Mobile Equipment/ FKA Gregory Rig Service, P.O. Box 69208, Odessa, Texas 79769-0208

COORDINATOR- Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children has an opening for Coordinator of Adolescent Youth Program. Must have Masters Degree in Psychology, Education or Counseling. LPC preferred and experience working with youth in school setting. Minorities encouraged to apply. Send resume to PO Box 2942, Midland, Texas 79702.

DRAFTER- Experience in layout and vessel design required. Must be proficient in AutoCad 14. Every project is different for variety. Attention to detail from start to finish. Must be willing to work overtime as needed. Pay based on experience. Excellent benefit package. Please send resume or apply in person at 2408 Mercury Ave., Odessa, Texas 79763.

LEASE ANALYST- Contract/ Full- time. 3 to 5 years experience. Landpro experience preferred. Independent oil and gas operator. Send resume to Box P-06054, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

NEWS PRODUCER

KOSA is accepting applications for a News Producer. Must have a college degree in related field and strong writing skills. Send tape and or resume to KOSA News Director, 1211 N. Whitaker, Odessa, Texas 79763

QC PERSONNEL with a minimum of 1 year experience in a fast paced manufacturing environment. API Q1 and ISO background preferred. Submit resume and salary requirements to the Quality Manager, P.O. Box 11367, Midland, TX 79702

314 Clerical Help Wanted

***ASSISTANT TO THE FINANCE MANAGER-**

Duties include: general office plus handling of health insurance. WordPerfect/ Lotus required. Please send your resume, salary requirements and references to: Jim Roye, P.O. Box 2237, Midland, TX 79702

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We have an immediate opening for a SR. CONTRACT ANALYST in our natural gas marketing department. Prefer a minimum of two years of college, but must have at least four or more years of related experience in a gas marketing or gas accounting environment. Will provide support and assistance in the maintenance and negotiation of gas sales, gathering, processing, transportation, and other contracts necessary to market equity gas production. Must have demonstrated analytical, organizational, and computer skills, along with excellent verbal and written communication skills.

Pioneer offers competitive salary, bonus and benefit programs including a 401K $2/$1 employer match and employee stock purchase plan. Send resume to:

Pioneer Natural Resources
Attn: Human Resources
P.O. Box 3178
Midland, TX 79702
an EEO/ AAP Employer

314 Clerical Help Wanted

***BOOKKEEPERS**

Needed: Several positions available. Bookkeeping experience a must. Please call

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***Executive Land Secretary**

Permanent, Full- time position. Land experience a must. Pay $8.50 hour starting. Call

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***RECEPTIONIST**

Needed full- time permanent position. Word and Excel knowledge a must. ABRA knowledge helpful. Pay $6- $9/ hour DOE. Call

DP PERSONNEL
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MULTI- DESCRIPTION job. Bookkeeper/ - Administrative Assistant/ Sales Clerk. Full time position requiring some bookkeeping and computer skills. Please send resume to: TPB, PO Box 50467, Midland, TX 79710-0467

EXPERIENCE COUNTS
***Secretarial**
***Word Processing**
***Oil & Gas**
***Never a fee**

TEMPORARY RESOURCES
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316 Sales Help Wanted

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A leader in the telecommunications field

KIOSK SALES

Expansion and growth require us to add to our sales team. We are now accepting applications from energetic, enthusiastic, motivated sales people to work full and part time in our new kiosks in the Midland Furrs. Sales experience preferred, but not necessary. Will train. Bilingual a DEFINITE plus! College students are encouraged to apply.

Rapid advancement for the right person(s). All interested people please come by our 4612 Billingsley location behind Kinko's and Discount Tire to fill out an application (Ask for Craig). EOE

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for Print Advertising in Hobbs, New Mexico area needed. Sales experience a must. Media preferred.

Send resume to:
Advertising Department - DS
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Midland, TX 79701

BOOKKEEPER- Seeking individual with 4 + years computerized bookkeeping. All phases, heavy data input. Up to $24,000. Send resume to P.O. Box 2969, Odessa, TX 79760

BOOKKEEPER- Wanted by COM Aquatics part time Peachtree Accounting software 3003 North "A" Street

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OFFICE MANAGER needed immediately, full time. Must be dependable, honest and bondable. Non smoking environment. (915)689-6893. EOE

316 Sales Help Wanted

OFFICE ASSISTANT- full time. Must be computer literate, have 10- key, typing and filing skills. This is a non- smoking office. Apply in person only. Snowhite Laundry, 303 S. Terrell, Midland.

DP PERSONNEL
Temp & Permanent positions available
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RECEPTIONIST- For accounting office duties include: bookkeeping, tax preparation and file maintenance. Send resume to P.O. Box 1830, Midland, TX 79702

SECRETARY- Non Smoking office needs Secretary with good foundation of WordPerfect 6.1, excellent typing, good telephone skills. Needs to be able to work well with others. Having worked in an area law office, a plus. Needs to be self motivated and have organizational skills. Also, position open for Copy Clerk. Heavy copying of important documents. Accurate typist, some WordPerfect 6.1 knowledge, and good telephone skills. Needs to work well with others. Call Loretta at 683-3032 for appointment.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

V.I.P. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES- Clerical and industrial jobs available. Never a fee. Benefits. (915) 686–9722

316 Sales Help Wanted

CAN YOU SCORE From Inside The 20? When you've driven downfield to the RED ZONE, you want the support and strategy to close the deal and get the points on the board. Because, in the business world, points on the board means money in the pocket. At TRUGREEN CHEMLAWN, we provide the solid training and production support to close the deal and help you become successful. If you are hard working professional, have good communications skills, and the desire to win, we want you on our team. We offer competitive salaries PLUS commission, training and QUALIFIED leads. Fortune 500 company benefits, and advancement opportunities for our Pro- Bowlers. For Draft- pick consideration, call Michael Orndorff at 563-2497. Out of town call 1-800 749-0033. EOE/M/F/V/D

318 Management Help Wanted

MANAGER TRAINEE- National firm seeking Manager Trainee for production plant. Benefits, good pay and advancement opportunities. Candidates should be motivated, self starter, mechanically inclined and have supervisory abilities. Send resume to Box PJ-3002 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

Fabrication Manager

Fabrication Manager Needed in the Midland Odessa area. Must have prior experience in the fabrication of oilfield equipment. Excellent Salary, insurance and 401K. Please send resume to:

P.O. Box 3333
Midland, TX 79702-3333

TOPAZZ OILFIELD Services, Inc. Midland, TX 79701 has immediate openings for Equipment Operators & Truck Drivers. Successful candidate will be skilled in the Oilfield Service Industry. Must have Class A CDL with Endorsements. No need to relocate. Topazz offers a competitive salary and benefit package. 1-888-575-4324. 687-4300

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320 Skilled Trades

A OR B MECHANIC for small gas compressor company in Midland. Shop and field work but no overnight travel. Minimum of 5 -10 years experience. Send resume, salary requirements and history to: Aztec Gas, Inc. 7824 W. Interstate 20, Midland, TX 79706

CARPENTER with own tools and experience; also, carpenters helper needed. References required by both. Call 684-3843

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Experienced Gas Compressor Mechanic

Local manufacturing company needs experienced gas compressor mechanic. Stable, full time employment with full benefits. Non- smoking facility. Send work and salary history Box T-5077, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

Experienced Welder/ Fabricator

Hy-Bon Engineering Company, Inc. needs experienced welder/ fabricator. Stable, full time employment with full benefits. Non- smoking facility. Send work and salary history to Box T-5076, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

LOCAL INSTRUMENT Company needs Electronics Technician for field service work. Requires AAS in electronics or equivalent military experience, clean driving record and drug test a must. Send resume to: Box B-1040, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

MAINTENANCE. Entry level split shift position for a team player who has a good attitude, would like the opportunity to learn a skilled trade, and to grow with the company. High school or higher required (GED okay) and trade school for mechanical or electrical. Mail resume to: Hiring Manager, Teraco, Inc., 2080 Commerce Dr., Midland, TX 79703, or fax to 915-689-0129. No phone calls will be accepted except requests for an application.

REECE ALBERT, Inc., a large Texas based construction company is looking for experienced Motor-Grader Operator. Salary range based on experience. 7600 North County Road 1150. Located North East Midland County. Phone 682-3769, 8- 5, Monday-Friday.

SINGLE HAND TIG Welder for high pressure stainless steel piping. Must pass API 1104 and ANSI B31.3 test. The fabrication will be inside an Odessa shop. Call 333-6304 or 580-0004.

336 Adult Care Providers

ADULT CARE- Very reasonable rates. Private room/ bath, meals, maid, laundry service. Transportation provided. 687-6035.

OPENING IN Midland first of the year. New adult care group home. Owned and operated by registered nurse. For information call 520-7636.

INHOME CARE your locally owned sitter service. If you need dependable help call 570-4475, ask for Tamara or Jackie. (Low Rates).

340 Child Care Needed

WANTED SOMEONE to watch my children in my house. Mostly evenings. References required. Call 520-5264 ask for Vicki.

341 Child Care Providers

RESPONSIBLE 12 Year old seeking babysitting job. Reasonable rates. Loves children, needs extra money. Call 697-6728.

NICKI'S PLACE- were your children are treated like family! Registered quality child care. Monday- Friday, 7:30 am- 5:30 pm. Lunch and snacks. 18 months and up. only 697-5226.

350 Business Opportunities

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Attention Readers

Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract.

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JUICE BAR- Restaurant inside Results Sports & Fitness. Equipment provided. $1,100 lease. Lease option negotiable. 682-0813, ask for Randy.

UNBELIEVABLE OPPORTUNITY! Looking for Internet Representatives. No computer experience necessary. Earn $500 to $2,500 part time. Not MLM. 1-800-489-1628 ext. 24.

CIGARETTE MACHINE for sale, National brand, 22 columns, good condition, $300. Call 694-4477.

WELL ESTABLISHED 24 hour Answering Service. Partial owner financing. 697-9445, leave name and phone number. Serious inquiries only.

FOR SALE- Local vending route, 50 machines, 42 in place, $10,000. Call 689-3143.

400 Auctions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20th, 1997, 10:00 am. Sharp! 201 W. Washington, Midland, Texas. Absolutely No Minimums, No Reserves! Everything sold "As Is", "Where Is" without warranty. Items subject to change without prior notice. All oral announcements supersede any printed material. Norman Rockwell collector plates, Roosevelt dimes, 6KW Onan 2 cyl. diesel generator (portable), bull horns (large), rugs, recliner, fencewood birdhouses, square end tables, coffee table, glass show cases, computer h/p, vehicles, office furniture, paintings, original art and prints. One Hundred Dollar Christmas Drawing to be given away at end of Auction!! Ladies wedding set, custom mens gold and diamonds oil derrick ring, 1942 Ford 2N farm tractor, Texaco collector cars, wardrobes, bedroom suite, bar table and chairs, selection of fine accent furniture & pieces. Auction Conducted by: Auction Action Midland Supercenter, 201 W. Washington, Midland, Texas 79701. 915-682-1004. Fred F. Munoz, Auctioneer TX License #6250.

ALL AMERICAN Auctioneers & Liquidators. Public Auction. End of the year inventory liquidation. 3001 Kermit Hwy., Odessa, TX. Saturday, December 20th, 10:30 am. Preview: Friday, December 19th, 10:30 am- 5 pm. Terms: Cash, Cashiers checks, personal or company check with irrevocable bank letter of guarantee from bank, dated December 20th, 1997. Everything sold "as is, where is" without warranty, all oral announcements at Auction Supersede any printed material. No bank drafts. Vehicles: Chevy 4x4, Ford gang truck, Ford boom truck, Ford 3/4 ton truck, Ford Aero Star Van, Mercury Grand Marquis, Ford Crown Victoria, Oldsmobile Royal Brougham, Buick Riviera, Ford F150 ext. cab pickup, Chevy ext. cab pickup, GMC truck, Lincoln Continental, Toyota Corsica, Pontiac Transport van, Ford box van. Boats & Trailers: 8 horse covered hauler, 2 axle equipment gooseneck trailer, 2 travel trailers, 2 axle gooseneck equipment trailers, tandem 2 horse hauler, Tri- Hull Fun Master boat, tandem utility trailer. Tractors & Accessories: Kubota tractor, Ford 9N tractor, Cushman gas cart, Satoh S750G garden tractor, 15+ horse saddles, horse track, saddle blankets. Tools & Miscellaneous: Power tools, hand tools, floor jacks, air compressors 2707 W. Industrial, Midland, TX (915) 620-0208. Armando Tamez Auctioneer, TX lic.# 12018.

410 Misc. Sales

PAT WALKER reducing machine for sale. Call collect (281)448-3405 or (409)295-6717.

SING & SNORE Ernie, still in the box. $300. Call 915-653-4464.

FOR SALE Bank Liquidation, Commercial Embroidery Equipment. 1992 Tajima TMFX-C902 with LKS system, two head with caps and tubes extra sash and frame units. 1993 Brother BAS-415 with caps and tubes with PG1LKS software and extra cash and frame units. Mr. Allen 915-336-3331. Daytime.

FULL SIZE Comforter, dust ruffle and pillow shams, set of dishes, many nice items. Call 694-4516.

LITTLE TYKES work bench, Fisher Price toys, Play School electric car track. 694-6314.

GO KART- Manco 2 passenger with 5.5 HP. Excellent condition. $975. 694-3941.

SAV A TRIP Errand/ delivery holiday shopping and more. Honor major credit cards. Call for fax 550-5582 or 557-2409.

SING AND Snore Ernie. $200. (915) 277-7259.

BEANIE BABIES!!! Some retired, large variety, mint condition, reasonable prices. Call 694-4767, please leave message.

SUPER NINTENDO with 4 games- $95. Call 694-6186 after 5 pm.

NORDIC TRAC Pro for sale! $400 negotiable. Please call 687-0584.

SATELLITE DISH for sale, box and all accessories. $400. Please call 684-3807, ask for Mary.

MOVING SALE. Dish network satellite and equipment. $100. Queen size 4 poster bed. $250. Vanity dressing table. $75. Call after 5 pm 694-7118.

★ BIBLE TALK. "Does God Tolerate Divorce for Every Cause?" 520-0381. Free recorded message.

WORK- OUT on your own Brenda Dy-Graf UltraGlide XL (total gym), new, $190. (Walmart has it for $298!) 684-5418.

LITTLE TYKES red sports car with pedals. $15. 694-5059.

VIDEO CAMCORDER, for Christmas. RCA with tripod. $295. Call 689-7238.

"REAL TALKING Bubbas" and "Sing And Snore Ernies" (806)487-6858, (915)483-5440 after 5.

★ LEE HIGH Band earning money for trip to New York. Will Rake Leaves. Also taking orders for Turkeys and Hams for Christmas. 694-5068.

BEENIE BABIES at Crafts Bazaar, 3712 W. Wall Ave. Some Hard to Find!!

JEWEL WAY $2,500 gift certificate, $2,000. Large dorm type refrigerator. $75. Call 520-3581.

ELECTRIC COOKTOP- Works great. Dishwasher. Beautiful Amber Glass Chandelier. Motorcycle and pickup. Call 620-0093.

MERRY CHRISTMAS. Ping-pong table, $100. Queen waterbed, $50 and 1993 Jeep Wrangler, $11,000. 520-8314 or 560-6071.

NICE DOLLS, stuffed animals and Lennox Christmas plates. Reasonable. Also Elvis Collection 1/2 price! 697-2694 after 5.

COLOR TV'S 13, 15, 17 19, & 25 INCH, $40 TO $150. CALL 697-1045.

1949- 1957 BASEBALL Cards. Good condition. 9 Drawer Dresser. Good condition. $125. 684-6767.

2 SIDE BY SIDE, Lawn Crypts, in beautiful Garden of Eternal Light, Resthaven. Call for price. 915-942-8865.

HERBALIFE & Natural efx Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 689-HERB!

COOK STOVES, Heaters, Refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers 3/4 wood bed complete, dining furniture/ other. 570-4851.

200 SELECTION AMI Juke Box. $750. Call 686-9408.

CORNER COMPUTER desk, steel gray, white leather sectional, white spider floor lamp beautiful wedding dress, must see to appreciate. Serious inquiries only. 520-8730.

OYSTER JUICE Extractor, still in carton, 250 watt motor, great Christmas gift. $65. 694-5998.

RADIO FLYER Wagon- model 24-T. New, still boxed. Cost $60, will sell for $45. 694-0585.

6 PERSON HOT tub. Excellent condition. Asking $2,000. 683-5629 or 528-5168.

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SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE! All clothing and holiday decoration at 50% of already low prices. Prices reduced throughout the store, jewelry household goods, sporting goods, hardware, tools, appliance/ furniture, antiques/ collectable and much more. Come in and shop our store for that special gift and take advance of these bargain prices. Looks for the red tags. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season.

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Advertise your household item (priced under $350) with this Classified special!
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ONE MALE and 1 female, black, 6 week old kittens. Litter box trained. Great Christmas gifts. 694-0254.

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AKC BRITTANY Spaniel puppies, parents imported from France. Exceptional with children. Pets $250, show $350. 570-4401.

LAB RETRIEVERS, dewormed, declawed and first shots. 570-7898 days.

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POODLES AKC Standard/ mini, top quality, $395 up, can deliver, Christmas deposits, most colors. 636-4493.

ADORABLE AKC registered Lhasa Apso puppies, $250 each. Will be 6 weeks on January 3rd, 1998. Buy for Christmas now and receive picture for stocking stuffer until ready. Parents on premises. Call 689-0991.

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AKC REGISTERED West Highland White Terriers. Call 915-550-3237 weekends and after 5pm or leave message.

AKC GOLDEN Retrievers. Own one of America's great family dogs, taking deposit now, ready first week in January. Parents on premises. Call 520-0868.

505 Livestock & Poultry

4 YEAR OLD Bay Tennessee Walker, Includes saddle, all tack, feed and hay. $1,500. Must have good reference. 570-1478.

A HORSE FOR CHRISTMAS... AQHA yearling sorrel filly, granddaughter of Noble Tradition (the only 4 time World Halter Champion and producer of 9 other Halter Champions). Ready to start, $2,500/ negotiable, consider trade for trailer. Call 570-8965.

520 Store & Cafe Equip.

RESTAURANT EQUIPMENT for sale: 2 door refrigerated cabinet with overshelf; cambro camcarriers (6 tray) with camdolly; Blodgett MG32 gas conveyor oven. 520-8016.

540 Building Materials

DEMOING BUILDING, lots of 2X4's, escalator, commercial air and miscellaneous material. Call 512-917-2116 or come by Folgers building, corner Andrews Highway & Wall St.

560 Machinery/ Tools

MONTGOMERY WARD powerkraft 10" radial arm saw. Good condition. $150. 697-1304.

570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies

19,000' #1 USED 2 3/8 Tubing. Drifted & Tested to 7,000 lbs. Phone 970-247-4547.

FOR SALE: Structural rods and pipe of all sizes at bargain prices. Call 682-1546.

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FOR SALE -- 10,600' - 3 1/2, 9.3#, L-80, 8 rd tbg w/ ICO 505 internal plastic coating, 2,100' - 3 1/2", 9.3#, J55, 8 rd tbg w/ ICO 505, 5,700' - 2 7/8, 6.5#, L-80, 8 rd tbg w/ ICO 505. FOB Odessa. Call Fritz or Greg at (915)687-1664.

AMERICAN 160 WITH 74" stroke and Bethlehem 160 with 74" stroke. Priced to sell. 631-2728.

590 Legal Notices

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CAUSE NO. P 11,953

IN RE: ESTATE OF EDWARD ALLEN MCCULLOUGH, DECEASED

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Administrator of the Estate of Edward Allen McCullough, Deceased, has been commenced by the issuance of original Letters Testamentary to the undersigned on December 5, 1997, by the County Court of Midland County, Texas, acting in Cause No. P 11,953, styled "Estate of Edward Allen McCullough, Deceased," in which Court the matter is pending.

All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below within the time prescribed by law.

DATED this 15th day of December, 1997.

David W. Lindemood
BROCKETT & LINDEMOOD
P.O. Box 1841
3101 N. Pecos
Midland, Texas 79705

ATTORNEYS FOR EDWARD ALLEN McCULLOUGH, JR., INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD ALLEN McCULLOUGH, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letter Testamentary for the Estate of Albert J. Kunkel, Jr., Deceased, were issued on December 16, 1997, in Docket NO. P 11,982 pending in the County Court at Law of Midland County, Texas, to Kim Kunkel. The residence of the Executrix is in Travis County, Texas. The address for submission of claims is: Ms. Kim Kunkel, Box 2336, Austin, Texas 78768-2336.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law.

Dated this 16th day of December, 1997, by Kim Kunkel, Independent Executrix for the Estate of Albert J. Kunkel, Jr., Deceased.

605 Apartments Furnished

AVAILABLE NOW- 1 or 2 bedrooms, pool, laundry, carports, all utilities paid. Imperial Apartments, 405 Sunset. 694-9978.

EFFICIENCY APARTMENT, perfect for one person. Water paid. 214 1/2 S. Fort Worth. $100 deposit. $300 monthly. Call 682-1164.

TRAVEL INN MOTEL, 401 E. Texas, Midland. 682-9793. Cable. (Singles Weekly $77 plus tax; Monthly, $325).

STUDIOS. 1 & 2 Bedrooms Available. All utilities paid, free cable. Deposit required. Lexington Hotel, 1003 S. Midkiff. 697-3155.

FURNISHED 1 & 2 BEDROOM homes, great area and rates. Call 699-2173.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

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CANYON CREEK Apartments

Now leasing 1 bedrooms, starting at $219. Great move in special- $50 Off 1st Full Month's Rent. Open 7 days per week.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF FORREST LEON LINTON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Forrest Leon Linton, Deceased, were issued to the undersigned, Roger D. Linton, December 16, 1997, in the proceeding indicated below my signature, which is still pending, and that I now hold such Letters. All persons having claim against said Estate which is being administered in the County named below are hereby required to present the same to the undesigned in care of Mary Lou Cassidy, P.O. Box 1540, Midland, TX 79702, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law.

Roger D. Linton
Independent Executor of the Estate of Forrest Leon Linton, Deceased
Cause No. 11,995, in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

CAUSE NO. P 11,889

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN STEVEN ELDER, DECEASED

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Administrator of the Estate of John Steven Elder, Deceased, has been commenced by the issuance of original Letters Testamentary to the undersigned on December 5, 1997, by the county Court of Midland County, Texas, acting in Cause No. P 11,889, styled "Estate of John Steven Elder, Deceased," in which Court the matter is pending.

All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby notified to present them to the undersigned at the address shown below within the time prescribed by law.

DATED this 15th day of December, 1997.

David W. Lindemood
BROCKETT & LINDEMOOD
P.O. Box 1841
3101 N. Pecos
Midland, Texas 79705

ATTORNEYS FOR WILLIAM R. TURNER, INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN STEVEN ELDER, DECEASED

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$100 OFF! Garden Court Apartments. One & two bedrooms. Very spacious! Monday- Friday, 9- 5:30. Call 683-9270.

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Don't go bust paying your first month's rent. Get your savings at 2613 N. Midland Drive. 1, 2, & 3 bedrooms. $227 - $469. Mon - Fri. 9 - 5, Sat. 10 - 2.
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- New Carpet, Ceiling Fans
- Senior Citizen Discount

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FOR RENT Large 2 bedroom apartment, very quiet neighborhood. 3007 W. Louisiana. 699-7788, will return calls after 5 pm.

REMODELED 2 bedroom, large kitchen, washer/ dryer connections, $340 & $350 monthly. Quiet complex, 694-9853.

STOP LOOKING! Check us out, great 1 bedroom, location, and rate! Call 699-2173.

STOP LOOKING! Check us out, great 2 bedroom, location, and rate! Call 699-2173.

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2928 W. Louisiana
687–4514
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- Mini-Blinds Throughout
- 2 Pools
- 2 Laundry Facilities
- Covered Parking

★ Open (7) Days A Week ★

ONE BEDROOM Duplex, 3227 Franklin St. Gas, water paid $250 month/ $250 deposit. 697-3291, after 3pm.

·$97 MOVE IN SPECIAL
No rent until 1998!!!
Watson Cove Apartments
683-2535

·TRELLIS APTS.
1 Bdrms, Start at $190
2 Bdrms, Start at $320
Senior Citizen Discount
3212 W Wadley
697-0177

CHEAP- $295 monthly, includes water. Small 2 bedroom duplex on North Marienfeld. Stove, refrigerator. 684-5632.

Hunter's Ridge Apartments
$195 - 1 Bedroom
$99 Off 1st Months Rent!
4201 Andrews Highway
520–0023

REMODELED- 2 Bedroom Duplex. Appliances. $375 monthly. $200 deposit. No Pets. 208- A Mitchell, 687-4198.

✔ SILVER CREEK APARTMENTS 2438 Whitmire, 687-0053. One, two and three bedrooms, washer/ dryer connections, large closets, fishing pond, and courtesy officer on premises. Don't miss our special. 1st month free on 1 and 2 bedrooms.

UNFURNISHED units available. Golden Park Duplexes, Fairmont and Renaissance. 1 and 2 bedrooms, some with washers and dryers. 520–4617.

ALL BILLS PAID! 1- 2 bedroom apartment homes, excellent location. $350- $450. Abby Court, 694-2549.

615 Apartments Furn./Unfurn.

QUIET, downtown complex. 1 or 2 bedroom. Furnished or unfurnished. Bills paid. Laundry room. Contact Rose 500 W. Tennessee, Apt. 6. 682-3589.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

615 Apartments Furn./Unfurn.

COUNTRY APARTMENT. 1 bedroom, kitchen and living area. Nice! $275 plus $75 deposit. County Rd. 1208 South. 2 blocks off South Midkiff. Bills paid. Call 694-1935 after 5 pm.

625 Houses Unfurnished

NICE 2 BEDROOM houses, $365 and $375 monthly. 3 Eastside & 1 Westside Agent, 694-9853.

MOBILE HOME. 3 bedroom, 2 baths, in Greenwood. $375 monthly, plus deposit. Please call 684-4140.

SALE/ LEASE Non- Qualifying Assumption!!! 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, garage, fireplace, central heat/ air. $700 monthly or $10,000 equity. 4601 Gulf. 686-0734, 687-6406.

ONE BEDROOM, 1 bath duplex in quiet neighborhood. 4801 Bedford. $375 monthly, $200 deposit. No pets. 699-6724.

2 BEDROOM, 2 bath, fireplace, carport. Nice duplex. $475 monthly near Clay Desta. Available 1-1-98. 570-1745 or 638-6978.

4716 CINDY Pl., 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas, fireplace, double garage. $900 per month & $750 deposit. Non-smokers. Call 686-9627. Mobile # 528-3224.

WESTSIDE CLEAN 3 bedroom, bath, large den, garage, fenced yard, appliances. $385. 682-2795. Deposit required.

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL family wants to lease purchase home in Midland. $950 to $1,200 per month. Will assume non qualifying loan with small equity or terms. 520-6650.

FOR LEASE. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex, fenced, double garage, fireplace, central heat/ air and storage. Call 520-8693.

ATTRACTIVE Home for lease. 4725 Crockett. $550 per month, $350 deposit. (3 Bedroom, 1 Bath/ 1 Carport) Contact Cindy Brown, broker with Realty Unlimited 550-5609.

EXECUTIVE HOME. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, large rooms, 3,000 square feet, good location, $1,050 per month rent, 1 month as deposit. Call 682-9784 days, and 683-2996 nights and weekends.

SEVERAL nice homes & apartments, $250-$725. Jeannie Printz, Agent 684-8202.

$265 PER MONTH. $125 deposit, immediate occupancy. 3002 Rear Franklin. 1 Bedroom, 1 bath, all utilities paid, call 685-5066 (8- 5) or 697-6515 (6- 9 pm) and weekends.

3 BEDROOM, 2 1/2 BATH duplex, 2303 B Haynes. 2,300 feet of spacious living, walk in closets, washer dryer hookup, fireplace, carport, no pets. $800 plus deposit. 699-6258.

3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, fireplace, West side, Midland, $600 per month. Call 697-3137 after 5pm.

2 BEDROOM, 2 Bath, tile house. 510 ECR. 129. $400 month, $200 deposit. Call 682-9847.

2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, duplex near Lee High School. $440 monthly. 570-1745 or 638-6978.

3 BEDROOM, 2 LIVING Areas, 1 bath, 3315 Andrews Highway. $595 per month plus deposit. 694-4648 or 570-1730.

625 Houses Unfurnished

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DUPLEX FOR LEASE

3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Fireplace, 2 Car Garage. $750 per month, $400 deposit. Call

697-4306

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DUPLEXES. 1 & 2 Bedroom, quiet neighborhood. $325 to $435 monthly with $200 deposit. Call 682-1659.

3 BEDROOM, 2 Bath, 2 Carport Duplex on Haynes. New carpet and paint. Fireplace. Very nice! References and good rental history required. Outside pets OK. Call Skeet at Langston Realtors, 563-7300. $750 Month.

WYDEWOOD- 2103 Regal. 1,850 square feet 3 bedroom 2 bath, 2 garage, on cul-de-sac. $875 monthly, $850 deposit. 520-0900.

$1,500 PER MONTH. $500 deposit. Located at 3414 Wedgwood. Call 699-1448.

FOR RENT Very nice 16 x 80 3 Bedroom, 2 bath mobile home. Nice, peaceful country living, brick porch, nice trees, water well, big yard. Call Darrell, 570-8606 after 6 pm.

NICE 3 BEDROOM houses, $435 & $550 monthly. Agent, 694-9853.

2619 ROOSEVELT. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, dishwasher, disposal, stove, refrigerator, utility room. $400 Month, $200 Deposit. 699-7538.

FOR LEASE:
✓ 4000 Crestridge $1,300
✓ 5111 Sunnyside $700
DENE KELLY REALTORS
687-0595

3 BEDROOM, 1 3/4 Bath. 414 N. Bentwood Drive. $500 monthly. $300 deposit. 570-6178.

WESTSIDE HOMES. 530-0669. 408 Bentwood 3/2 $550/200. 3800 Cedar Spring 3/1 $475. 4306 Mercedes 3/2 $550/ $200.

CRESTGATE - 4703 FIELDER. 2 bedroom, study, 2 bath, appliances, double garage. $675 plus $300 deposit. No pets, no exceptions. Call 683-5371.

HOLIDAY SPECIAL- Golden Park, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, some washers & dryers. Call for details, 520-0998.

NEW 3 Bedroom, 2 bath home with fireplace, fenced yard, 2 car garage. $750 plus $300 deposit. 687-4534.

4 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, den with fireplace. $400 monthly. Call 520-0924, ask for Lydia.

CHEAP- $295 monthly, includes water. Small 2 bedroom duplex on North Manenfeld. Stove, refrigerator. 684-5632.

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5/ 4 1/2, 2 Story, Pool
$1,800
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3/2, $650 + 500 Deposit
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640 Condo Townhome Unfurn.

LAFAYETTE PLACE. West Texas most elegant townhouse complex, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, $1,400. 684-0996.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH Townhouse near Alamo YMCA. Call 683-1091.

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640 Condo Townhome Unfurn.

1 & 2 BEDROOMS, 1,007-1,391 ft. Garage, washer/ dryer connections, pool, fans. $585/ up. 689–8116.

ALLOW YOUR lifestyle to equal your success! Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, washer/ dryer connections, heated pool, intrusion alarm. $1,000 a month. 563-4554.

1, 2 BEDROOMS 950- 1,186 ft. $295 up. Garage, washer/ dryer, pool, fans. 689-8115.

FAIRGATE Townhomes- 4400 Fairgate Drive. 2 & 3 Bedrooms. 12 and 6 month leases. $700 & up. 1,600 sq. ft. Approx. All appliances furnished, fireplaces, garage. Northwest side. 697-9566.

LARGE 2 Bedroom, 1 bath Townhome. Over looking swimming pool, quiet complex. $500 monthly, utilities paid. 697-7964 after 5 pm.

SAGEWOOD- 1 bedroom condo. Fireplace, washer dryer, completely redecorated. Call 570-4884.

1, 3 BEDROOMS, 1, 2 Baths. 900 -1,390 ft. garage, washer/ dryer connections, microwave, fans. $600 up. 697–9768.

655 Mobile Homes Unfurnished

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath on Cloverdale. $325/ $150 deposit. Water furnished. No pets. 694-2047.

2 BEDROOM, 1 bath on Cloverdale. $300/ $150 deposit. Water furnished, no pets. 694-2047.

NOW AVAILABLE: 2 & 3 Bedroom homes and mobile home lots. References required. No vicious dogs. Call 687-6324.

2 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, kitchen & living room, $250 monthly, $100 deposit. Call 686-8067.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, fenced, Greenwood School, off 158 & 1140-S. 557-2432 or 682-8787.

LARGE, NICE 3 bedroom, 2 bath on Cloverdale. $400/ $150 deposit. No pets. Call 694-2047.

660 Mobile Home Space for Rent

COUNTRY VILLAGE Mobile Home Estates. Clean /paved streets. Large trees in each lot. Paid water /trash. 1st 3 months free. 694–1120. 3401 SCR 1223 1/2.

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MOBILE HOME PARK
Between Midland & Int'l Airport
West Hwy. 80. 694-2534

665 Bus. Prop./ Office Rentals

ALL SIZES and types of properties. Office, Warehouse, Retail. 800 to 40,000 square feet. 683–8681.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE Suites, two rooms for lease, $195 monthly. Secretarial and phone answering available. 3416 W. Wall. 697-3291 ext 3.

1- 2- 3 ROOM OFFICES. Bills paid. Downtown. Park at door. Call Don Roderick, Langston Realtors, 685-0400.

CENTURY Plaza Building- Downtown, Nice Offices. The Davis Company, 687-0148.

665 Bus. Prop./ Office Rentals

WEST SIDE Free standing offic building for lease or sale. Approximately 2,160 feet, call Kay or Darrell at 689-0021 (Broker/ Owner).

HOTTEST NEW location intown - up to 1,550 feet or individual offices. Call Kay or Darrell 689-0021 (Broker/ Owner).

★ CONTEMPORARY office, southwest style, will accommodate tenants needs up to 8,500 sq. ft. Good parking, minutes from downtown. Call Carl, Owner/ Broker, 570-0123.

PROFESSIONAL Office building space for lease. Prime location. Covered parking & 24 hours security. 4305 N. Garfield. 683-3085.

SINGLE OFFICES, entire suites, free parking, secretanal services, copiers, faxes, phones provided at very reasonable rates. 4500 W. Illinois, 201 E. Michigan, 602 N. Baird. Call Midland, 620-1500.

667 Commercial Property

APPROXIMATELY 3,000 square feet, for lease. $550 per month plus $550 deposit. Call 697-4362.

FOR SALE/ LEASE: 80' X 200' X 16' metal building on 5 acres. Yard fence and caliche surfaced, located between Midland/ Odessa North of Highway 80. Call Gene Abbott, 563-2422.

FOR SALE OR LEASE: 10,000 sq. ft. shop with 1,500 sq. ft. Office on 2 to 6 acres of land between Midland & Odessa on US Hwy 80. Call Gene Abbott at 563-2422.

668 Retail/ Stores

RETAIL/ OFFICE space for lease next to McDonald's at 1115 Andrews Highway. For information 915-694-2052, Jerry.

1407 N. Big Spring. 1,472 sq. ft. Already set up for 2 businesses. $375 month. 684-1107.

670 Warehouse/ Storage for Rent

OFFICE WAREHOUSE space for lease. 800 to 40,000 Square Feet. Some with fenced yards. 683–8681.

OFFICE/ WAREHOUSE, combination, 2,000 square feet, I-20 & Warehouse Rd. Also 1,000 square foot, 30 W. Industrial Loop. 682-4789 or 683-5697.

675 Recreation Resort

RUIDOSO Rentals nightly. Cabins, condos, some hot tubs. Century 21, Aspen Realty. 800-657-8980.

RUIDOSO- 1 bedroom condo. Nightly/ weekly rentals. Accommodates 4. Maid service, hot tubs. 682-8314, 694-2500.

RUIDOSO Cabins, Houses, Condos- nightly, weekly. Some with hot tubs. Don Harmon, Four Seasons Real Estate. 800-822-7654.

685 Hunting Leases

WHITE TAIL Hunting. Terrell County. $100/ Day. 2 Day Minimum. Modern lodging. Voice Mail, 915-557-0397. Ranch, 915-345-2247.

WHITETAIL BUCKS. No kill, no pay. West of Kerrville. (830)640-3383.

CHOICE WEEKEND. Near Sonora. Deer and Turkey hunting. Automatic feeders. Private pasture - camping. 915-392-3382.

690 Oil/Gas Leases

80 ACRES in Section 29 Block 58 PSL, Reeves County. Minerals classified. $7,500. Boosie Weaver Real Estate. 915-263-3093.

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KEY To Abbreviations

Bdrm.	Bedroom
Ba.	Bath
Kit.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying Assumable
QA	Qualifying Assumable
Ac.	Acre
3/2/2	Bdrm./Ba./Gar.

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