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Iraq showdown

Chief United Nations weapons inspector Richard Butler said he ordered all inspectors to leave Baghdad because of a strong recommendation from the United States and an "increasingly hostile" atmosphere in Iraq.

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Mideast peace

JERUSALEM — Israel's government narrowly ratified the land-for-peace agreement with the Palestinians on Wednesday, setting the stage for withdrawal from West Bank territory and an expansion of Palestinian autonomy. Prodded by the United States, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pushed the deal through the Cabinet with far less support than he anticipated.

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Livingston money

WASHINGTON — Bob Livingston, the man in line to become House speaker, has gotten more financial support from defense companies than any other source over the years, even though his Louisiana district has no major Pentagon installations. That's because for the last four years, Livingston has sat atop the Appropriations Committee, deciding where billions of federal dollars are spent.

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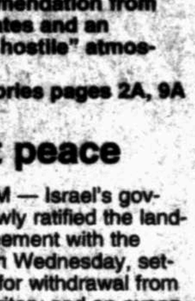

There is plenty of time to return to those yesteryears of reveling in life and in each other.

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Pioneer lays off 80 in Midland

Company to keep 90 in main office, 145 in field office

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Pioneer Natural Resources announced it would lay off between 150 and 170 employees, including 80 in its main Midland office.

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Pioneer Natural Resources announced Wednesday that it will lay off between 150 to 170 employees in Midland, Oklahoma City, Houston and Lafayette, La., with approximately half the layoffs taking place in Midland.

James Leahey, manager of investor relations for Pioneer Natural Resources, said the company will downsize Midland's main office by 80 people — from 170 to 90 employees. Employment will remain unchanged at Pioneer's Permian Field Office, which employs approximately 145.

Nationwide, Pioneer will reduce its 900 employees by 150 to 170, Leahey said. The Houston office will be closed.

Leahey said that there are no plans to close the Midland office and that many of the employees involved in the downsizing of the Midland main office would find employment in Las Colinas.

There are five to six corporate functions at the Midland offices. Following the reorganization and downsizing, only operations, operations accounting, computer support and administrative land functions will remain at the company's main office. Other functions will be centralized into the Las Colinas office.

"Like many other oil companies we have been trapped by low commodity prices and we have had to back up and readjust our operations," said Danny Kellum, vice president of

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Permian Basin honors veterans

Residents attend ceremony at Vietnam Veterans Memorial

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Permian Basin residents gathered Wednesday at the Permian Basin Vietnam Veterans Memorial to celebrate Veterans Day.

They joined leaders and veterans the world over in marking the 80th anniversary of the end of World War I, which gave rise to Armistice Day, first observed in 1926. It was declared a legal holiday and in 1954 — following World War II and the Korean War — President Eisenhower signed legislation designated the holiday "Veterans Day" to honor veterans of all American wars.

"This is a joyous day, a day when we honor all our veterans," John Philbeck, president of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Association, said Wednesday.

"In mid-June 1988, the idea was conceived to create a Vietnam Veterans Memorial because it was perceived people from this area wouldn't be able to travel to Washington to visit the memorial," he said.

Fund-raising for the memorial began Nov. 11, 1989, and it was dedicated Nov. 12, 1993, to honor the 225 Permian Basin residents killed or missing in Vietnam. It has grown to become a sanctuary not just for Vietnam veterans but those from World War II through Desert Storm, he said.

After recognizing veterans from those wars in attendance at Wednesday's ceremony, Philbeck said, "If no one's told you, welcome home. This memorial is a sign to you of the Permian Basin's support and gratitude for your sacrifices."

During Wednesday's ceremony, the colors were posted by the Odessa-Midland recruiters and three Confederate Air Force planes flew over the memorial. Also participating at the ceremony were Midland High School's group Legend and the armed and unarmed drill teams from the Odessa High School ROTC.

Amanda Rudloff, cadet lieutenant with the OHS ROTC, read an essay honoring veterans. The essay noted that a common thread running through the nation's 200 years of history was the courage, commitment and devotion of its veterans. The nation's veterans were a reminder that the values Americans hold dear come at a price, the essay stated.

Will Franklin, a Midland High School senior, read an essay written by U.S. Marine Corps chaplain, the Rev. Denis Edward O'Brien on

■ Midlander holds Medal of Honor 'for those who didn't come back/Story page 4A

"What is a Veteran?"

The chaplain wrote that some veterans bear visible scars, such as missing limbs or a haunted look, while others bear less visible scars, like "the cop on the beat who spent six months in Saudi Arabia, sweating two gallons a day. Or the loudmouth in the saloon who spent four terrifying hours on the 35th Parallel; the prisoner of war who left one person and came back a different person, or not at all.

"It's the drill instructor at Quantico who didn't see action but saved lives by transforming no-accounts and hoodlums into soldiers, or the old guy bagging groceries at a maddeningly slow speed, who helped liberate a Nazi death camp and spends all day wishing his wife was still alive to hold him when the nightmares start," the essay continues. "They spent their most vital years in service and sacrificed their ambitions so others could realize theirs. It's the

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Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Pilots of the Confederate Air Force High Sky Wing fly over the Permian Basin Veterans Memorial Wednesday as part of the Veterans Day ceremony.

Music teacher began playing for love of music — and ice cream

By Johnnye Montgomery

BIG SPRING — The first tune organist and music teacher Julie Rainwater Shirey ever played was a piece in the key of C. She was 2 years old.

She heard the song played by one of her mother's students and after the student left Julie walked over to the piano and began to play. It was lucky the song was in the key of C, because even standing on tiptoes, she couldn't reach the black keys.

"Mother thought her student had come back," Ms. Shirey said. It was the first manifestation of the perfect pitch she was born with.

"All I had to do was hear it played once, and I could play it again."

She said the next time she remembers playing was at lessons at the University of Tulsa, and at concerts in music centers, auditoriums and public parks in the surrounding towns when she was 3.

She said she didn't play solely for the love of the music.

"My paternal grandparents were musically talented, but they really

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'What I'm Thankful For' Thanksgiving Essay Contest

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U.N. withdraws inspectors, relief workers from Iraq as tension mounts

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Convoys of buses hastily evacuated all U.N. weapons inspectors and many humanitarian workers from Iraq amid drenching rainstorms Wednesday, raising fears that a military strike by the United States and Britain was imminent.

Iraq showed no sign of backing down from its refusal to deal with the arms inspectors — the nub of the crisis. The evacuation of more than 200 U.N. staffers was at first not reported by the Iraqi media, and there was little evidence of Iraqis panicking or rushing to stock up on food.

Prakash Shah, the special envoy of U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, said the withdrawal was "in the background of possible military action against Iraq."

The United States and Britain have been threatening a military strike since Iraq announced Oct. 31 that it was halting the activities of the U.N. Special Commission, known as UNSCOM, which is responsible for eliminating Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

With U.S. warships in the Persian Gulf region and the Pentagon beginning a major buildup of warplanes and troops, President Clinton said that not enforcing the U.N.'s demands for arms inspections would be a costly mistake.

The U.N. Security Council held an emergency session on Iraq on Wednesday, and the secretary-general called on Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to immediately resume cooperation with U.N. weapons inspectors.

UNSCOM officials in Baghdad did not learn of plans to evacuate until chief weapons inspector Richard Butler called from New York at 4 a.m. Baghdad time Wednesday and ordered the entire staff out, said UNSCOM spokeswoman Caroline Cross.

AP Photo

United Nations personnel prepare to leave the U.N. compound in Baghdad, Wednesday. The U.N announced Wednesday it was withdrawing its "non-essential" staff from Iraq.

Speaking from Bahrain where she was evacuated, Cross said 103 staffers of UNSCOM and the International Atomic Energy Agency had pulled out. The UNSCOM field officer in Bahrain, Goran Wallen, said no one from the commission was left in Iraq.

In addition, about 130 of the 450 humanitarian workers in Iraq withdrew Wednesday and were headed to the Jordanian capital of Amman by road. There was confusion over the numbers, and earlier U.N. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, estimated 300 were leaving.

U.N. officials said about 40 more humanitarian workers would leave on Thursday, but apparently U.N. workers will remain in the northern Kurdish areas.

The departing U.N. workers gave hugs to colleagues remaining behind — including Iraqi staff — but refused to talk to reporters. Some U.N. staff staying behind were seen carrying their suitcases into U.N. headquarters, and it appeared they would both work and sleep inside.

As the buses were leaving, U.N. workers hung mesh screens over the glass windows of the headquarters on the outskirts of Baghdad — likely a precaution against flying glass in the event of a military strike.

Iraq says it will not resume cooperation with UNSCOM unless the Security Council moves to begin lifting trade sanctions imposed to punish Iraq for its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

Shah told reporters he was in close contact with Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz.

The official Iraqi News Agency reported that Aziz had sent a letter to Annan complaining about the withdrawal of the weapons inspectors, saying that UNSCOM was following U.S. orders and was using the United Nations as "false cover."

The news agency also reported that Saddam held two meetings Wednesday with his military commanders and defense officials, including the chief of the air force and air defenses. It gave no details on the meetings.

Eric Falt, spokesman for U.N. humanitarian programs here, said only core U.N. officials would remain in Baghdad. He declined to give figures.

Falt told reporters that the withdrawal was "precautionary" and "solely with the safety of U.N. staff in mind."

Most of the relief workers monitored the U.N.'s oil-for-food program, which allows Iraq to sell limited quantities of crude oil to buy food and medicine for its 22 million people.

The crisis had been simmering since Aug. 5 when Iraq said it was halting the work of U.N. inspectors, who carried out unannounced spot checks of suspected weapons sites. On Oct. 31, Iraq expanded its work ban to UNSCOM monitors, who conduct long-term surveillance to ensure Iraq doesn't rearm.

Iraq is required to eliminate its weapons of mass destruction under U.N. resolutions that ended the 1991 Gulf War fought by U.S.-led allies to force Iraq to end its occupation of Kuwait.

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Argentina offers to be first to reduce emissions

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Argentina offered to be the first developing nation to voluntarily cut back on greenhouse gas emissions, seeking a breakthrough Wednesday in talks to reduce global warming.

President Carlos Menem opened the final phase of the U.N. conference with a promise that Argentina would seek to join industrialized nations already bound by a 1997 treaty to reduce carbon dioxide output by 2012.

"Not only can highly advanced countries contribute to a new world order, but also emerging nations," Menem said. "We all have a responsibility."

Several developing countries have refused to even discuss the issue of voluntary targets at the 160-nation conference that ends Friday. China and India are among the developing countries which threaten to become the world's leading greenhouse gas polluters by 2015.

Yet, Clinton administration adviser Todd Stern told The Associated Press that Argentina's pledge opens "a new pathway for developing countries" to commit to emissions targets similar to those accepted by 38 industrialized nations bound by the treaty.

"This is a major breakthrough," Stern said.

Pat Upson, president of the European Nuclear Society, worried that Argentina's concession overshadowed the efforts to curtail the excesses of the big polluters, such as the United States.

"We welcome any reduction," he said. "But what we would be more interested in hearing from the industrialized countries in how they plan to reduce their emissions."

At the landmark conference in Kyoto, Japan, last year, more than three dozen industrialized nations agreed, by 2012, to cut their pollution output by 5 percent below 1990 levels. Poorer nations were merely asked to do what they can to curtail emissions.

The United States has yet to sign the Kyoto Protocol. Stalled in the Senate, opponents argue the treaty needs a greater commitment from the developing world.

Participation from developing nations was not considered at the conference. They argue industrialized nations should cut back first because they are largely responsible for the problem.

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Deadly disco fire started in stairway, investigators say

GOTEBORG, Sweden (AP) — The fire that killed 63 young people in a second-floor dance hall began in the emergency exit stairway but what caused the fire to start is still unknown, investigators said Wednesday.

The fire just before midnight on Oct. 29 blocked one of two exits from the hall where teen-agers had organized a dance, forcing the panicked crowd to try to flee down the remaining stairway or jump out of windows.

Investigators said they would question workers who had redone some of the building's electrical wiring in recent years, including wiring in the emergency exit.

The fire's quick spread has led to speculation that it may have been arson.

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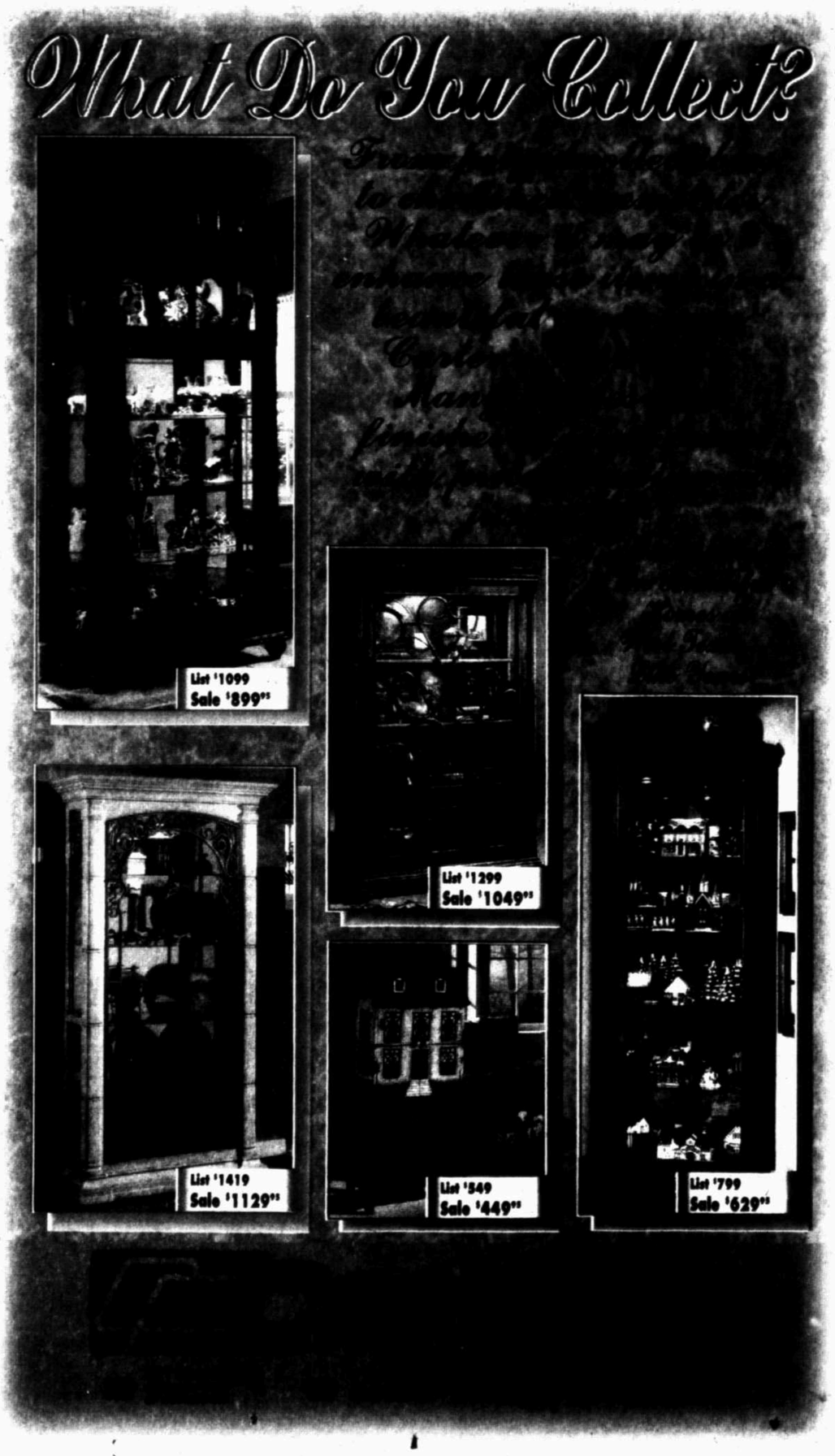

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Israeli Cabinet ratifies peace agreement with Palestinians

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's government narrowly ratified the land-for-peace agreement with the Palestinians on Wednesday, setting the stage for withdrawal from West Bank territory and an expansion of Palestinian autonomy.

Prodded by the United States, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pushed the deal through the Cabinet with far less support than he anticipated. To secure the votes of hard-liners opposed to any deal offering land-for-peace, he also attached conditions that may provoke a new crisis.

Eight of 17 ministers voted in favor, five ministers abstained and four voted against the deal struck between Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat at the Wye summit in Maryland. The plan calls for Israel to withdraw its troops from 13 percent of the West Bank in exchange for security guarantees.

Approval of the deal came after weeks of delay, caused in part by a suicide-bombing by Islamic militants at a Jerusalem market that injured 21 Israelis.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright called the vote an important step in the peace process. The Palestinians welcomed ratification with caution, but dismissed the conditions as "violations."

Jewish settlers, some of whom will find themselves in isolated West Bank areas after the withdrawal, lashed out at the government for giving up land that settlers consider to be their biblical birthright.

"For Sale: State of Israel, a giveaway," read a large banner at a protest rally where over 10,000 settlers and their supporters gathered in Tel Aviv as the Cabinet met.

Saying that land was "precious and important," Netanyahu attached conditions to be met before he relinquished control, saying Israel reserved the right to annex large areas of the West Bank if Arafat made good on a threat to unilaterally declare Palestinian statehood in May.

Netanyahu's second condition entailed bringing each stage of the phased pullback to the Cabinet for separate approval over the next three months, a move that would likely stall any handover. Ministers will be asked to determine whether the Palestinians have met their security obligations under the accord.

He also demanded that the Palestine National Council hold a formal vote by mid-December to revoke clauses in the Palestine Liberation Organization founding charter that call for Israel's destruction.

In a fourth stipulation, Netanyahu said that in an additional pullback to which Israel committed itself last year, the Palestinians would receive no more than 1 percent of the West Bank.

"The conditions are part of game between Mr. Netanyahu and his right-wing ministers," senior Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat told The Associated Press. "We refuse them completely."

"This is a clear and serious violation of the Wye River agreement and we call on the American administration to come down to the area to observe who is implementing the agreement and who is not implementing," Erekat said.

At the same time, the government announced plans to speed up construction of a new Jewish neighborhood on a disputed Jerusalem hilltop and confiscate sections of West Bank land for settler bypass roads.

Israel also announced it would not meet a Monday deadline to withdraw troops from 2 percent of the West Bank. Netanyahu adviser David Bar-Illan said the troop redeployment cannot take place until parliament has approved the deal in a vote planned for Tuesday. A pullback would likely take place "towards the end of next week."

The United States spurred Israel to act in the final days before the Cabinet vote, urging the government to stick to the original timetable of the agreement.

President Clinton spoke with Netanyahu on Tuesday night about the land-for-security agreement and about the U.S. showdown with Iraq over weapons inspections.

An Israeli official said the United States has let it be known that its policy of being tough on Iraq was encountering problems in the Arab world because Israel had not moved forward on its implementation of the agreement.

Kabila wants U.N. to investigate massacres, ambassador says

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Congo's president has invited a U.N. team to investigate massacres he blamed on Tutsi rebels who helped put him in power and now want to oust him.

Despite past refusals to cooperate, President Laurent Kabila "has asked the United Nations to send a team to investigate," Gabriel Kyungu Wa-Ku-Mwanza, newly appointed Congolese ambassador to Kenya, said at a news conference Wednesday.

Despite the ambassador's comments, however, the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights has not received an invitation from Kabila to renew its investigation, spokesman Jose Diaz said in Geneva.

Since June 1997, Congolese authorities have thwarted U.N. attempts to investigate allegations that Kabila's Tutsi-led rebels massacred thousands of Rwandan Hutu refugees, who were in U.N. camps in eastern Congo when the rebellion broke out in late 1996.

The United Nations withdrew its investigators from Congo in April, citing a total lack of cooperation from the government, which harassed and intimidated witnesses who spoke with the experts.

Wa-Ku-Mwanza said one man was to blame for the roadblocks: Bizima Karaha, a Tutsi who was Kabila's foreign minister until he defected to the Rwandan and Ugandan-backed rebels who have been trying to topple Kabila since Aug. 2.

"The first mission didn't succeed because of Bizima Karaha," Wa-Ku-Mwanza said.

He did not explain how a Cabinet minister could usurp the president, if he did wanted the investigation to go ahead, nor how Karaha forced Kabila to repeatedly and publicly insult the U.N. investigators.

"The Tutsi soldiers are the ones who killed the Hutu refugees," he said. The soldiers were sent to support Kabila's rebellion in 1996-97.

Kabila's Tutsi-backed rebellion forces have been accused of targeting Rwandan Hutus to avenge the genocide of more than 500,000 Tutsis in Rwanda in 1994.

There have been persistent reports that Kabila's forces killed Rwandan refugees in sites stretching from Uvira, an eastern border town where the rebellion began in September 1996, to Mbandaka, 780 miles to the west.

Some U.N. officials have asserted that up to 200,000 people were massacred, but those who worked with refugees in Congo itself put the figure much lower, in the tens of thousands.

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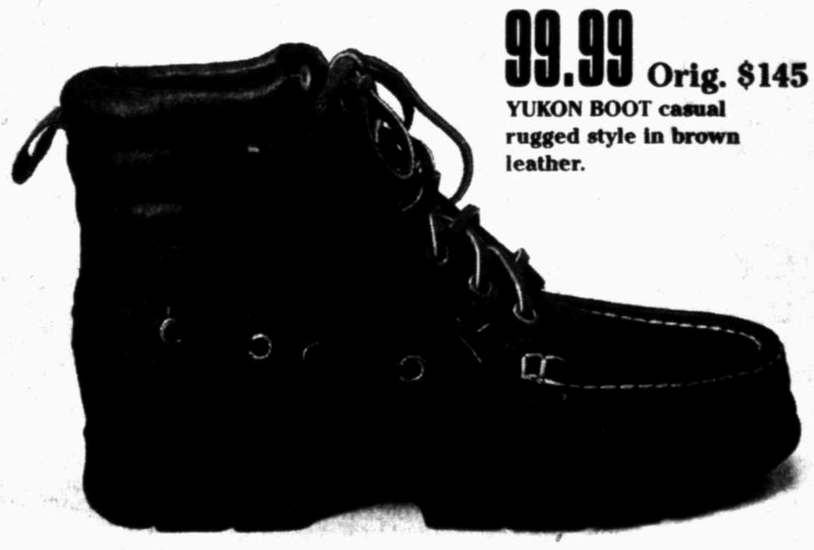

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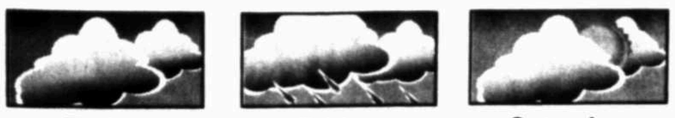

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Cloudy	Cloudy, rain	Partly cloudy
High 62	High 58	High 72
Low 40	Low 39	Low 40

Today's forecast calls for cloudy skies with a 30 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms with a high in the lower 60s and winds blowing from southeast at 10-20 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for cloudy skies with a 40 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms and a low around 40.

Friday's forecast calls for cloudy skies with a 40 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms with a high in the mid- to upper 50s.

After an overnight low of 37, Tuesday's high reached 67, compared to the record high for that date of 83 set in 1964. The record low was 16 set in 1950.

Yesterday's precipitation		Yesterday's temperatures	
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00 in.	High	67
Rainfall Tuesday	0.00 in.	Low	37
Total for month	0.03 in.	Normal high	68
Total for year	4.46 in.	Normal low	40

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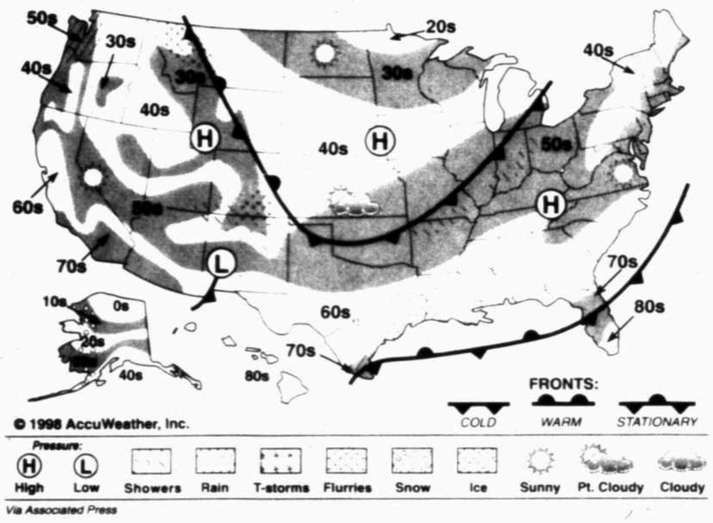
National forecast



Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

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

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Albany,N.Y.	62	43	27	cdy
Albuquerque	47	28	sn	
Anchorage	28	24	clr	
Asheville	59	47	1.16	clr
Atlanta	64	52	44	clr
Atlantic City	63	57	59	cdy
Baltimore	67	52	42	clr
Billings	41	25	cdy	
Birmingham	62	44	03	cdy
Bismarck	28	18	cdy	
Boise	46	36	cdy	
Boston	63	44	62	cdy
Buffalo	48	48	63	cdy
Burlington,Vt.	58	42	35	cdy
Casper	41	22	clr	
Charleston,S.C.	84	71	01	clr
Charleston,W.Va.	56	48	31	clr
Charlotte,N.C.	68	64	07	clr
Cheyenne	43	17	cdy	
Chicago	46	36	cdy	
Cincinnati	51	41	cdy	
Cleveland	45	40	01	cdy
Columbia,S.C.	70	69	clr	
Columbus,Ohio	51	42	cdy	
Concord,N.H.	60	39	54	cdy
Dayton	47	38	01	cdy
Denver	45	17	cdy	
Des Moines	49	30	cdy	
Detroit	48	42	cdy	
Duluth	28	28	cdy	
Evansville	50	38	cdy	
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Flagstaff	40	22	.19	cdy
Grand Rapids	42	35	09	cdy
Great Falls	38	25	cdy	
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Las Vegas	51	49	.22	cdy
Little Rock	62	35	cdy	
Los Angeles	63	57	.07	clr
Louisville	54	44	cdy	
Memphis	60	41	cdy	
Miami Beach	84	72	cdy	
Milwaukee	45	37	cdy	
Mpls-St Paul	38	29	clr	
Nashville	57	42	clr	
New Orleans	67	57	rn	
New York City	63	52	.41	clr
Norfolk,Va	76	67	.12	clr
North Platte	48	14	cdy	
Oklahoma City	62	33	cdy	
Omaha	52	29	cdy	
Orlando	85	64	cdy	
Philadelphia	65	54	.49	cdy
Phoenix	92	47	cdy	
Pittsburgh	51	46	.30	clr
Portland,Maine	55	41	.49	cdy
Portland,Ore.	54	45	cdy	
Providence	64	46	1.38	cdy
Raleigh-Durham	72	70	.10	clr
Rapid City	33	15	clr	
Reno	45	34	.06	clr
Richmond	69	61	.16	clr
Sacramento	57	48	.07	cdy
St Louis	52	37	cdy	
Salt Lake City	41	34	cdy	
San Diego	63	55	.01	cdy
San Francisco	56	50	.09	clr
San Juan,P.R.	86	74	.02	rn
Santa Fe	42	22	sn	
St Ste Marie	42	36	.31	sn
Seattle	49	45	.24	rn
Shreveport	65	38	rn	
Sioux Falls	35	22	clr	
Spokane	40	27	rn	
Syracuse	55	48	.26	clr
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	83	69	cdy	
Topeka	57	34	cdy	
Tucson	74	42	rn	
Tulsa	61	32	rn	
Washington,D.C.	68	53	.20	clr
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Wilmington,Del.	65	53	.47	cdy

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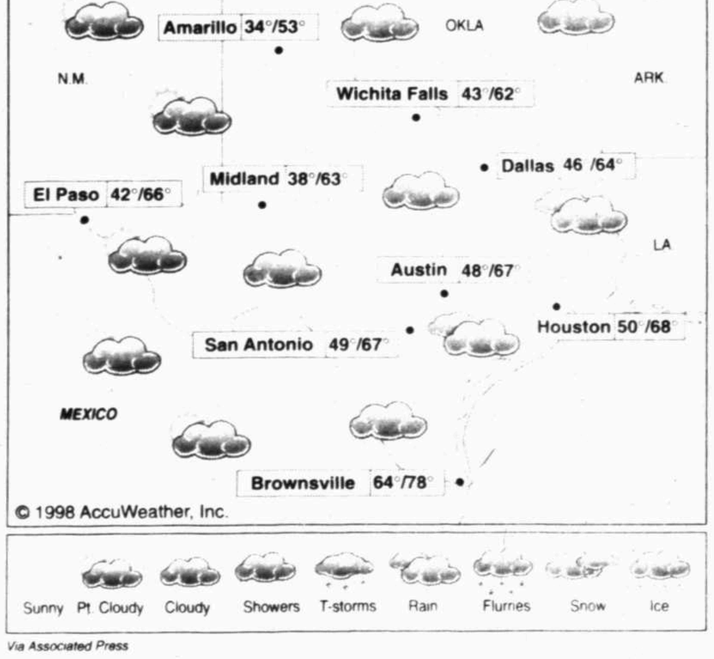

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Texas temperatures

By The Associated Press
Wednesday
Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. CST

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Abilene	69	40	
Amarillo	65	29	
Austin	67	46	
Beaumont	68	48	
Brownsville	75	65	0.19
Childress	68	35	
College Station	68	43	
Corpus Christi	70	55	t
Dallas	65	39	
DFW Airport	65	38	
El Paso	69	38	
Fort Worth	65	40	
Galveston	66	56	
Houston Hobby	67	48	
Houston Intrctnl	67	45	
Lubbock	65	32	
Lufkin	66	39	
Paris	63	37	
San Angelo	69	34	
San Antonio	67	46	
Shreveport, La	65	38	
Texarkana, Ark	63	38	
Victoria	65	46	
Waco	66	38	
Wichita Falls	66	38	

PIONEER: Trimming has followed merger

(From 1A)

the Permian Division.

Pioneer Natural Resources was created in August 1997 when Parker & Parsley finalized a merger with Mesa Petroleum, to become the third largest independent oil company in the United States with a value of $4.2 billion. Since the merger, approximately 275 Midland jobs have been lost either to transfers or layoffs.

The first layoffs came six months after the merger when Pioneer announced a merger and downsizing, in which 380 Mesa employees and 700 Parker & Parsley employees would be combined into a company of 1,000 employees. It was also announced at that time, that corporate headquarters would move to Las Colinas in Dallas with operations remaining in Dallas. Only 25 Midland employees were relocated to Dallas; 30 to 50 Mesa employees were moved to Midland.

The first major employee cut in Midland came in February when Pioneer announced that 150 of 350 jobs would be eliminated at Midland, either by transfer or termination, leaving only about 200 employees in Midland. In that reorganization move, two divisions, the Permian and Spraberry, were combined to form a single Permian Division under Kellum.

Since then, there has been a gradual trimming of employee ranks and assets, as the company sought to rationalize assets in the acquisition of Calvary-based Chauvco Resources Ltd. and American Cometra and Rockland Pipeline Co. in the East Texas Cotton Valley play.

When Pioneer announced the layoff of 150 employees in Midland, it announced that it would sell 95 percent of its domestic properties or most of 450 non-strategic properties to pursue high growth plays in Argentina, Canada, the Gulf Coast Transition Zone and the Cotton Valley Trend of East Texas.

The company recently sold 425 fields, or 10 to 12 percent of its properties, to Costilla Energy in Midland for $410 million. That sale is expected to close Dec. 15.

The news of employee cuts at Pioneer follows on the heels of a recent report that Chevron is considering a reorganization plan that could result in the closure of its Midland office, eliminating several hundred more jobs. That move, however, is still under review.

MUSIC: Teacher taught blind student to play

(From 1A)

wanted me to perform. My grandmother said if I'd play, she'd make me a new dress for every concert, and my grandfather offered to buy me ice cream. I wasn't too interested in the dresses, but I played for the ice cream."

The family moved to Big Spring in 1945, and Julie Rainwater took lessons from her mother and several other music teachers, none of whom realized that their star pupil couldn't read music. She said it was easy to fake it.

"All my teachers and mother's students played everything. Back then, there were only about two sets of books that you learned from, and I heard it all. None of my teachers knew I couldn't read music. I'd say, 'Is this pretty?' and they'd say, 'Oh, yes, let me play it for you,' and I'd listen, then I could play it."

She said even after high school, she never gave herself away.

"When I was 18, and going to Howard College, taking organ, we had a wonderful record shop that had everything. I'd go down to The Record Shop and say, 'Do you have this Bach toccata or this Mendelssohn, or whatever, and they'd get me the record, and I'd listen to it. I could read music, but very slowly.

"But when I went to (Texas) Tech, I was the dumbest student in the class.

Ms. Shirey said she realized that she would have to begin with the fundamentals.

"I started freshman theory at the very beginning, with easy little music books that I got from a music store in Lubbock, and bit by bit I learned to read music."

With her own students, Ms. Shirey is careful to see to it that they learn to read music. It isn't always easy to change ingrained bad habits, she said.

"I had a student, Hayden Braun, who ended up playing for President Bush at the Summit Conference in Houston several years ago. He was blind, and when I first got him, he played with his thumbs hanging down off the keyboard. He was about 8.

"I told him, 'You're supposed to use all five of those (fingers).' He had this magnificent ear, and he was brilliant. They discovered his musical talent when one of his brothers got a little keyboard for Christmas and this child began to play on it. He would hear commercials on TV and he'd play the music he heard.

"When he came to me, I told him he wasn't playing right, and he said, 'Well, everybody tells me I'm really good,' and I said, 'That's just because you're blind. If you're going to be good, you'll use all five fingers on each hand, and you'll phrase.'

"He had never been in my house before, but he jumped up from the piano and walked down the hall, clapping his hands so that the echoes would guide him, and he went into my bedroom and locked the door.

"The church van was coming to pick him up for choir in about 15 minutes, and I didn't know what I was going to do. I got really stern with him and finally got him to come out just in time to get on the church van."

Ms. Shirey said that although the parents fully supported the way she'd handled the situation, she thought the boy might not come back.

"He came back the next week and grabbed my face in both hands and told me he loved me. From then on, he did whatever I told him."

Another one of her outstanding students is Kathryn Dawes Zetterstrom, the choir director at St. John's United Methodist Church in Lubbock, where one of Ms. Shirey's daughters sings.

"She's the best piano student I ever had," she said. Ms. Zetterstrom, who comes from a family of musicians, was in Big Spring recently for the first all-city choir for fourth- and fifth-graders.

An outstanding student presently under Ms. Shirey's tutelage is Guido Testano, who had been teaching himself to play for about four years. "That scared me to hear that, but he's a wonderful student. The family is from Ecuador, and his father is a doctor here in Big Spring. He also taught himself to play.

"He can tell you everything about Beethoven and Mozart and all the classical composers. But he wants to play about 90 miles per hour, and you just can't do that.

"When I say, 'What you're doing is wonderful, but it's wrong,' he always listens. He's so polite. He also has perfect pitch."

Although most of her time is spent teaching, Ms. Shirey plays organ and piano, and for 23 years directed the choir at the First Christian Church in Big Spring — a feat amazing in itself, she said, explaining that she doesn't sing. She said she moved back to Big Spring after getting a divorce, and she needed a job.

"First I served as their organist while the other organist was on vacation, then their choir director resigned, and they asked me to fill in just until they could get another choir director. Twenty-three years later I resigned."

She's been honored for her musical contributions, but two of the honors she savors most have nothing to do with music. She was Big Spring's first female Rotarian, and was the first Big Spring High School alumnus to be crowned "Coming Home Queen."

O'Brien holds Medal of Honor 'for those who didn't come back'

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

George H. O'Brien, humbled by the Medal of Honor clasped in his hands and with tears in his eyes, spoke quietly but overwhelmingly.

"I just hold this in trust for all the boys that didn't come back," he said Wednesday when he was lauded for his valor 46 years ago, on Oct. 27, 1952, as a 26-year-old United States Marine second lieutenant in the Korean War.

O'Brien's "comrades-in-arms" also were honored.

O'Brien, now a 72-year-old Midland geologist, is one of about 160 surviving recipients of the nation's highest honor that is often called the Congressional Medal of Honor.

"Your modesty and desire to downplay your contributions further exhibit the character that motivates ordinary men to extraordinary achievements," Geoffery Hasley said in quoting Don Bennett, president of the Green Tree Country Club board of directors. "America's hope lies in our willingness to sacrifice as you have."

In according O'Brien respect, the Green Tree directors set aside a parking space for him and marked it with a sign and a five-pointed star mindful of the Medal of Honor.

"He's the kind of man you are supposed to be," said Hasley, who is Green Tree's general manager. "We all love this man and appreciate him."

In his letter to O'Brien, Bennett noted that Veterans Day recognizes "all those that served to uphold freedom and advance the cause of human rights throughout the world.

"Today, we also recognize your actions in time of war and our appreciation for you and all veterans who risked and sacrificed for the rest of us."

Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day in 1919 following World War I.

O'Brien, who was assigned to the First Marine Division, was presented the Medal of Honor in 1953 by President Dwight Eisenhower who, in World War II, was the supreme commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force Europe.

The Medal of Honor citation acclaims O'Brien's "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty" as a rifle platoon commander. He was wounded in the assault he commanded yet

O'Brien

continued to fight and to care for his wounded comrades.

"George O'Brien is an honor for all of us old veterans," said Jack Edwards, a World War II naval aviator in the war's Pacific Theater. "We are all extremely proud of him — everybody that knows him. We ... have respect for him. He's very affable and friendly and outgoing.

"But," said Edwards, "you can feel that there is some steel underneath that. You can still tell he's got a little bit of Marine in him. He won't tolerate much foolishness."

Edwards, 75, characterized O'Brien as "a true American hero" just as is "every Medal of Honor winner. We need heroes nowadays."

The Medal of Honor is "something that you earn the hard way. It doesn't come with political influence or birth or background or anything else ... influence and affluence," said Edwards, a Midland geologist.

To 67-year-old Bill Cooper, who served in the U.S. Marines, O'Brien is "the best man that I have ever been around — a classy individual."

O'Brien's wife, Sandra, said that her husband "is a blessing in my life. George has been a blessing to me and my children. I just love him."

To Jerry Pitts, former president of the Green Tree board of directors, O'Brien is a "beautiful individual. He loves life."

Since the first Medal of Honor was awarded in 1863 in America's Civil War, 3,427 medals have been issued to 3,408 recipients, including 574 posthumous recipients, according to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. Some recipients earned the honor more than once.

Four hundred and forty medals were issued in World War II. O'Brien was one of 42 Marines who won the medal in the Korean War in which 131 of the medals were awarded. As of May 1997, only 169 recipients were still living, according to the society.

The text of O'Brien's Medal of Honor citation reads, in part:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty as a rifle platoon commander of Company H, Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 27 October 1952.

"With his platoon subjected to an intense mortar and artillery bombardment while preparing to assault a vitally important hill position ... Second Lieutenant O'Brien leaped from his trench when the attack signal was given and, shouting for his men to follow, raced across an exposed saddle and up the enemy-held hill through a virtual hail of deadly small-arms fire and mortar fire.

"Although shot through the arm and thrown to the ground by hostile automatic-weapons fire as he neared the well-entrenched enemy position, he bravely regain his feet, waved his men onward, and continued to spearhead the assault, pausing only long enough to go to the aid of a wounded Marine ...

"Stuck down by the concussion of grenades on three occasions during the subsequent action, he steadfastly refused to be evacuated ...

"By his exceptionally daring and forceful leadership in the face of overwhelming odds, Second Lieutenant O'Brien served as a constant source of inspiration to all who observed him and was greatly instrumental in the recapture of the strategic position on the main line of resistance. His indomitable determination and valiant fighting spirit reflect the highest credit upon himself and enhance the finest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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CEREMONY: Residents honor those who served

(From 1A)

soldier, not the reporter, that gave us freedom of the press. It's the soldier, not the poet, who gave us freedom of speech and it's the soldier, not the campus organizer, that gave us the freedom to demonstrate."

Sue Burdette, program chairman and board member of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee, said there were two reasons she involved local high schools in the program.

"First, I've been a teacher for 32 years," said Ms. Burdette, who teaches science at Midland High School.

"Second, personally, like so many people here, I've had war fall on my doorstep," she said. Her husband was listed as missing in action over Laos in 1972.

Citing her experience as a teacher, she said, "one thing that really bothers me in school systems today, and not just Midland, is that it seems to be not 'the in thing' for patriotism to be expressed."

She said it was important to her that the nation's young people "see the patriotism or feel patriotism or in some small way experience it. I feel we would be better off as a nation if we put more importance on patriotism.

"If the schools won't let out for the day, the least they could do is hold an observance in their own building."

Pick 3 Texas

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

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Lotto Texas

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

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Organized crime preys on Bombay, but manages to elude police

By Celeia W. Dugger
N.Y. Times News Service

BOMBAY, India, — The man this city's top crime fighters call a mafia chieftain and a cold-blooded killer was decorously receiving supplicants at his tenement headquarters here one recent afternoon. Each of them reverently touched his feet before addressing him.

Arun Gawali, self-consciously costumed in the homespun cotton that was the trademark of India's great pacifist, Mohandas K. Gandhi, admitted in an interview to a criminal past he says he now deplores, but denied any part in the audacious blazes of gunfire that have rat-a-tat-tatted a message of fear across this city of more than 10 million people.

"This part of my life I have dedicated to God," he said solemnly, "and to my guru, Brahama Devi Prajapita."

But police say this sinner's declared reformation is a hoax. Though he has been often accused, but never been convicted of a crime, they say Gawali is one of the gangsters responsible for a recent spate of violence and a mounting furor over what is widely seen as a breakdown of law and order in India's financial capital, a place where lots of people are making piles of money that criminal gangs covet.

There have been a dozen bloody shootouts here in just the past five weeks, 81 so far this year, leaving 88 people dead. One of the most sensational took place directly across the street from police headquarters in broad daylight. Days after that attack, young men roared up to a cafe on motorcycles and shot the owners dead at the cash counter in front of terrified customers.

Last week, gunmen sprayed bullets at a real-estate agent reading his newspaper on a crowded train platform and hit two bystanders as well. The next day, the pool of blood remained, an object of horror and curiosity to commuters.

The victims have included businessmen who refused to submit to extortion, as well as some who were involved with the mafia, police say.

The impunity with which big-time gangsters seem to operate in Bombay has fed corrosive public suspicions, common across India, that politicians protect criminals in exchange for a steady flow of illegal money to pay for their election campaigns.

For months, moviegoers have packed the cavernous Eros Theater downtown to watch the film, "Satya," a gritty saga of crime, political corruption and betrayal in Bombay. One recent night, the audience howled at the vulgar jokes of the gangsters, but left the theater grim-faced after the police commissioner, the crooked politician and all the main gangsters were murdered.

To many in the audience, it seemed that real life was right up there on the movie screen.

The fear of the city's businessmen is palpable. In one of Bombay's poshest financial districts, a rich builder and hotelier described the work of the extortionists. His sister had applied for a bank loan, he said, and soon got a call from a thug who told her that if her balance sheet was so good she had better give him money.

"Someone at the bank had leaked her financial statement," her brother said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. "I've also received threats. I don't want to get in trouble."

But it's not just the city's wealthiest magnates who are targets. Increasingly, its run-of-the-mill merchants are getting squeezed, too. Police and business leaders speculate that an economic recession in Bombay and plummeting real estate values here have reduced the money available from the biggest businessmen, forcing gangsters to turn to smaller prey.

A jeweler in the city's teeming wholesale bazaar in South Bombay said his brother-in-law, also a jewelry shop owner, said he got a telephone call recently. "Give us 11 lakh rupees" — $26,442 — "or we will kill you," the caller demanded.

"He was so terrified that he shut down his shop and he's gone into hiding," the jeweler said, adding that he was too frightened to give his name.

The spreading threats and the killings of several prominent businessmen have galvanized the city's business community to lobby for action. The man gunned down last month across from the police station, after all, was the son of Raichand Shah, a department store owner and president of the Federation of Retail Trade Associations.

Shah said he believes his eldest son, Bharat, 39, was killed because he had encouraged other businessmen to seek police protection rather than pay extortion. The father said he has been threatened since his son's murder, adding that a caller had told him, "Don't talk about us or your fate will be like your son's and your other children will be killed."

Citing the Shah case, Mohan Gurnani, president of the Federation of Associations of Maharashtra, an umbrella group of business organizations, said he has informed state and city officials that if crime is not under control by December, his members will stop paying their taxes.

"If you can't protect our lives and property, why should we pay you taxes?" he told the officials.

A member of the lowly vegetable sellers' caste and son of a milkman, Gawali, 48, says he is a changed man. It was the politicians who made him a criminal, he said. "I used to provide them with muscle power." But he said he has since fallen out with his former political patrons and is now active in a new political party. A thin, intense man in wire-rimmed spectacles, Gawali looks more like an intellectual than a gangster.

He spoke proudly of his offer to give any widow of a slain policeman 100,000 rupees, about $2,400 — an offer that has outraged the police brass who see it as a brazen attempt by the wolf to pose as a lamb.

But Gawali insists he is just trying to be a good citizen. Three women have accepted so far, he said.

Before he began shaking hands with a long line of waiting visitors who know him by the pet name, "Daddy," Gawali described himself as man in the process of becoming a political leader. A portrait of Gandhi chatting with Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first prime minister, hung just over his shoulder.

"I was a rebel," Gawli said. "And if you are a rebel, one way leads to politics and the other to jail. In jail, they call you a goonda. In politics, they call you a minister."

Swiss tourist dies videotaping train robbery in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A Swiss tourist was killed when he attempted to videotape a train robbery in the northern border state of Chihuahua, state police said Wednesday.

Ernest Schmidt, 68, was shot three times in the chest and head by gunmen who also wounded three other tourists, identified as a woman from Australia and men from Italy and Germany.

Schmidt was a native of Arbon, Switzerland, according to a Swiss Embassy spokesw[illegible]an.

The robbery took p[illegible]ace Tuesday on the Chihuahua-Pacific Railway, a popular attraction that runs through the spectacular Copper Canyon.

"We hadn't had a train robbery in the last three years," said police spokesman Victor Gonzalez.

The three injured tourists were taken to a hospital in the coastal city of Los Mochis, where they were treated for minor wounds.

A special task force is investigating the murder and police were conducting an aerial survey of the vast Tarahumara area where the robbery took place, Gonzalez said.

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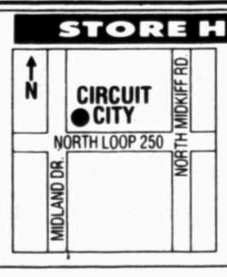

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Queen Elizabeth completes day of poignant ceremonies for Great War

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, Irish President Mary McAleese and Belgium's King Albert wait to lay wreaths at the foot of the Celtic Tower in the Island of Ireland Peace Garden at Messines, Belgium, Wednesay. The peace garden aims to promote reconciliation between all people from the island of Ireland.

AP Photo

YPRES, Belgium (AP) — Thousands of poppy petals rained down from a World War I memorial arch in Belgium on Wednesday while Queen Elizabeth II and several war veterans observed a minute of silence, 80 years after the gunfire of the Great War stopped.

Sun bathed a towering stone archway with the last light of day near where thousands died in the battlefield trenches of Ypres before the war ended on Nov. 11, 1918.

The queen, who filled her day with acts of remembrance in France and Belgium, joined Belgian King Albert II at the 100-foot-tall archway, which is inscribed with the names of 55,000 Commonwealth soldiers whose remains were never found.

The area has been made famous by a poem written by Canadian soldier John McCrae after his friend was killed here during a 1915 battle.

It begins with the memorable lines: "In Flanders fields the poppies blow, Between the crosses, row on row..."

The gateway, where a local fire department bugler still plays the mournful Last Post every day, is dedicated "to the armies of the British Empire who stood here from 1914 to 1918 and to those of their dead who have no known graves."

In a ceremony in nearby Mesen, the queen and Irish President Mary McAleese dedicated a monument to 50,000 Irishmen who died in the Great War.

Their sacrifice has been ignored at home for decades because they fought for Britain while Ireland revolted against British rule.

The Island of Ireland Peace Park was inaugurated amid hopes it will help reconciliation across the Catholic and Protestant religious divide in Northern Ireland.

Earlier, the queen marked the 80th anniversary of the moment when World War I ended — at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 — in Paris with all the pomp and ceremony the French stage so well.

At the stroke of 11 a.m., Queen Elizabeth arrived at the Arc de Triomphe where she was greeted by President Jacques Chirac. Under the monument she laid a wreath by the eternal flame at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

They then met with four World War I veterans, all more than 100 years old.

Germany's new chancellor, Gerhard Schroeder was absent from the ceremonies in Belgium and France. Last month, his office cited a heavy workload. On Wednesday, he let it be known there been "no direct invitation," and his absence was not intended as a snub.

The Great War was supposed to be over quickly — a "war to end all wars." But it became a four-year nightmare of unimaginable brutality in which millions died.

The French-Belgian border is strewn with cemeteries holding the remains of soldiers of many nations.

The war killed 13 million civilians and 8.5 million soldiers. Germany lost an estimated 1.7 million soldiers; Britain lost more than 900,000; Italy lost 650,000; and the United States lost 116,000.

France was proportionally the hardest hit, with 1.3 million dead.

The sheer devastation wrought on the country can be measured by the 30,000 or so monuments in cities, towns and villages across the nation.

Today, some villages list more war dead than their current populations.

Violence mars Indonesian government assembly for second day

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A car carrying student activists plowed into a group of riot officers Wednesday, injuring nine and prompting enraged soldiers to fire warning shots and club protesters demonstrating against a controversial government assembly.

It was the second day of violence during a meeting of Indonesia's highest legislative body, once an instrument of former President Suharto's authoritarian rule and now the self-appointed promoter of a transition to democracy.

Protesters say the People's Consultative Assembly is not serious about reform and is only using the promise of democratic change to maintain the old political order.

After nightfall, troop presence was heavy in some areas of Jakarta, with dozens of soldiers deployed near the opulent home of U.S. Ambassador Stapleton Roy and other streets where protesters had marched.

Earlier, several thousand students tried to march to Parliament, but hundreds of troops blocked their way on a main thoroughfare near luxury hotels and foreign embassies.

The standoff turned violent when a red Volkswagen driven at high speed by a student hit the soldiers. Nine soldiers were hospitalized, state-run television reported. One was dragged away unconscious by fellow officers, his face bleeding profusely.

Troops then fired shots and lashed out with clubs, injuring several protesters and three local news photographers. About 40 Indonesian journalists later protested at Parliament against the treatment of their colleagues, demanding that the officers who beat them be put on trial.

The male driver of the car, a student from the prestigious University of Indonesia, was arrested. It was not immediately known why he careened into the line of security forces.

At another protest, two female students were hospitalized in serious condition after they were run down by a car. Privately owned RCTI television quoted witnesses as saying military personnel were in the vehicle.

The incidents were likely to heighten tension in the Indonesian capital, where about 30,000 police and soldiers are safeguarding the assembly as it draws up rules for parliamentary elections in 1999.

President B.J. Habibie, a one-time protege of Suharto who has legalized political parties and made other democratic reforms, opened the four-day meeting Tuesday. Critics suspect that Habibie, who is expected to stand as a presidential candidate next year, may be maneuvering to consolidate his power.

In May, deadly riots erupted across Jakarta when military personnel shot to death four student protesters. The unrest, fueled by discontent over Indonesia's worst economic crisis in decades, helped oust Suharto after 32 years in power.

This week, the army said troops had only been issued with blanks and plastic bullets. But on Tuesday, military-backed civilian guards carrying sharpened bamboo staves brawled with students and neighborhood youths in several areas.

The military has managed to keep most student protesters away from Parliament, where assembly delegates are debating demands to scale back the armed forces' prominent role in politics.

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Honduran schools begin again after destruction of Hurricane Mitch

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — Maria Carmen Rodriguez daubed at the black muck on a 1997 class photo, saved from the rubble that was once a school. The students were smiling. "Happy Vacation" was written on the blackboard.

"Happy times," the principal said, her voice a whisper. "Now we have lost everything."

After 121 years, the Francisca Reyes school for girls is no more. Hurricane Mitch and the furious waters of the Rio Grande Choluteca carried most of it away.

The scene is much the same in towns and villages across the Central American country. The storm that killed an estimated 10,000 people also wiped out one-quarter of Honduras' schools, leaving education in limbo and the future in doubt.

In the capital, Tegucigalpa, the floodwaters rose to the third floor of the Education Ministry building, destroying computers and wiping out school records.

"The entire educational history of the country was lost," said Carmen Siri, an education specialist with the U.N. Development Program in Honduras.

The Education Ministry canceled the rest of the school year — which was supposed to have lasted until the end of November — sending children home and teachers to distribute medicine, take census counts and help clean the streets. The school year starts again in February, and officials say they hope to reopen schools by then.

AP Photo

Hondurans left homeless by the destruction caused by Hurricane Mitch wait in line for distribution of Honduran Red Cross provisions as a volunteer watches over the pile of donations at a school near Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Wednesday.

Minister Jose Ramon Calix Figueroa said the decision was mostly because of safety and health concerns. But there's a more practical reason: most of the schools are being used as temporary shelters for the homeless.

Nearly 2 million people were evacuated from their homes when Mitch hit, and relocating them costs money that Honduras doesn't have.

With no school and no records, the ministry is deciding what to do about students. What grades do they get? Who passes and who fails?

Calix Figueroa said most schools will use the shortened year as a base, and those who flunk will get another chance to pass at a make-up exam. Where schools and documents were destroyed, teachers will try to reconstruct the student records from memory.

Just rebuilding the schools will cost at least $35 million, Calix Figueroa said, and he doesn't know where it will come from. The government is negotiating with U.S. AID, the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank, among other lenders.

"So far, we haven't got a cent," he said.

At the Alvaro Contreras grade school — where barely two weeks ago 1,500 children were studying — twisted iron dangles from concrete pillars, snapped in half by Mitch's rage. An uprooted pine tree lies on the basketball court, where the floodwaters tore the rim from the backboard. Scavengers pick through trash covering a classroom floor.

"This all will be rebuilt, but not here," Calix Figueroa said.

The kindergarten Mundo Maravilloso, or Wonderful World, was luckier. It was built up the hill, and the river only came up to the windowsill.

"It was a terrible shock," said principal Mirna Ruth Flores. "The water broke down the door and took out all the desks."

Behind her, a brigade of 36 medical school students use picks and shovels to scrape up the muck and debris and load it into wheelbarrows. They also have no classes, and the National Autonomous University is a shelter for 6,000.

The younger students will help relief efforts until Nov. 24 and will receive 40 hours of credit for community service. Older students are put into medical brigades.

One student, Ena Patricia Sevilla, paused after taking out a load. Her white sneakers and red rubber gloves were black with the foul-smelling gunk, but she was smiling.

"Everyone must work. We can't just study while people need help," she said. "It's time to rebuild our country."

Amway thrives in Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere

N.Y. Times News Service

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — After decades of barely scraping by, Lionel Benjamin is now on a fanatical quest to make his life better.

The teacher has called on friends, neighbors, and anyone else he can think of, goading them to attend a motivational seminar at the dilapidated Rex Theater.

And many of them come.

Overall, the gathering attracts an overflow crowd of 300 people, who are all waiting to hear a speaker's roaring discourse on how to make dreams a reality.

Benjamin is just a small part of one of the most peculiar expansions in business today — the expansion into Haiti of Amway Corp., the giant, Michigan-based direct seller of vitamins, shampoo, toilet paper, and a smorgasbord of household products.

"My salary as a teacher just wasn't sufficient to support my family," said Benjamin, wearing a flashy, well-tailored suit. "Now I'm in a business that's booming, a business that I truly love."

Benjamin's been urging people to attend Amway's monthly meetings for about three years.

The fact that Haiti is the Western Hemisphere's poorest country doesn't deter his efforts.

Many of Haiti's 8 million people earn less than $250 a year while living in grass huts with no access to safe water or adequate sanitation. With an economy in shambles, Haiti also suffers from an unemployment rate of more than 60 percent.

Yet more than 2,300 people here are pushing Amway, successfully marketing a wide range of products. These products include everything from toothpaste, sold for $4.68, to a 20-piece set of cookware, sold for $941.

Even company officials acknowledge that, at first, Amway and Haiti may seem like an odd mix.

"I wondered how this could work in Haiti . . . but I've been very impressed with the people there," said Kelly Savage, director of Amway North America Administration. "We are attracting middle- and upper-class people there (as distributors) who have worked hard and have a lot of heart."

She pointed out that Haitians, in general, are keenly interested in nutrition so that vitamins and nutritional supplements have become big hits, as have diapers, cosmetics, and skin-care products.

Amway is performing so well that the company launched its 49th affiliate here in September — Amway Haiti Limited.

And Amway just finished work on a new service center, which sits behind concrete walls across from a cow pasture.

It's a bizarre sight, this modern investment by a multibillion-dollar operation that is passed daily by scores of poor peasants gracefully balancing huge baskets of rice, beans, and various other foods on their heads.

But the new center enables Haiti's growing number of distributors to place orders one day and pick them up the next, whereas before they might have had to wait months for orders to be imported from the United States.

Amway was founded in 1959, and is supported by more than 450 personal care, household and other items. Today, the company has more than 3 million distributors who peddle products in 80 different countries.

In fiscal year 1998, Amway's worldwide sales totaled $5.7 billion, a drop from $7 billion the year before. The decline is blamed on economic problems in Asia, where sales suffered a decline of 18 percent in 1997.

Amway products have been marketed in Haiti for nearly 20 years, with the number of distributors continuing to climb steadily.

The company's success in Haiti is not really that surprising. Amway champions the dual themes of Christian morality and free enterprise, both of which appeal to a conservative population fond of the American lifestyle.

In the United States, Amway has been criticized in books and articles for offering over-priced products and making promises it can't keep.

But that hasn't dampened the enthusiasm of Haitian entrepreneurs like Benjamin.

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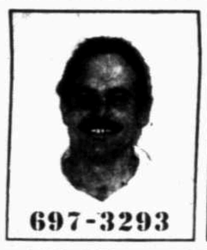
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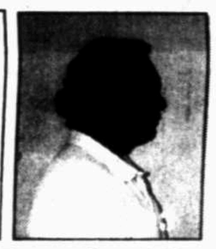
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Pioneer cuts bring sad day to Permian Basin

Wednesday's sad announcement by Pioneer Natural Resources Co. officials that the company is again restructuring and reducing its workforce here was a sad moment for Midland.

The announcement was a blow to community leaders who had hoped that Midland had suffered all the bad economic news that 1998 would bring. Certainly it was grim for Pioneer's employees who had been through it before.

It is not a story unique to Pioneer, or any oil company, for that matter. In fact, this year it has been repeated all too frequently.

Already the community had seen Texas Instruments close its facility between Midland and Odessa and other companies announce consolidations or downsizings as the Oil Patch endured tough times.

And this should not be misinterpreted. Pioneer's announcement will bring disruption for many of its employees and uncertainty for others. We regret that although recognizing that in the current oil economy, few if any alternatives may have existed.

While Pioneer's move will hurt Midland in more ways than one, this community has been a survivor for decades. That goes with the territory when the local economy is so closely tied to the volatile oil and gas industry. However, Midland will survive as it has many times in the past.

But as friends and neighbors of those Pioneer employees affected by this restructuring, we are saddened. Since Parker & Parsley merged with Mesa late in 1997 to form Pioneer Natural Resources Co., the company has undergone a string of continual downsizings and restructurings as a result of the low oil prices.

It is not a story unique to Pioneer or any oil company, for that matter. In fact, this year it has been repeated all too frequently, to some degree, at many companies in the Permian Basin — a region of the country that thrives or suffers based on the price of a barrel of crude. Unfortunately, that price this year has been rock bottom, and it has deeply affected oil companies.

ANOTHER VIEW

Wye was a picnic in quest for peace

Not to belittle President Clinton's efforts to forge peace in the Middle East — they have been Herculean — but it is not yet time to boast.

Clinton went to California after personally dragging Benjamin Netanyahu and Yasser Arafat into the next phase of the peace process and declared there will be more diplomatic heroism if voters elect more Democrats.

That could come back to bite Clinton on the posterior.

Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu didn't give up much at the Wye summit — less, in fact, than the Oslo accords had previously dictated.

Even at that, he returned to Israel facing a no-confidence vote in the Knesset and a near-uprising by Jewish settlers in the region Palestinians want for their homeland.

And Palestinian leader Arafat, who also has zealots with whom to contend, got little more than Netanyahu's grudging OK to keep negotiating.

The next phase begins Monday, and the issues are the most virulent: Palestinian statehood, which Netanyahu has decried, and the status of Jerusalem, which both Arabs and Jews covet as a capital.

Wye was a picnic compared to what's up next.

— San Antonio Express-News

GEORGE WILL

Abandoning ideology isn't pragmatic for GOP

WASHINGTON — Forced by circumstances beyond their control, which all circumstances seem to be, to choose a new speaker, House Republicans, a proudly nonconformist and notably predictable crowd, thought long and hard, as thinking is measured here. After a few hours, they determined that the best speaker would be the man who praises the emblematic result of the last Congress, the $217 billion highway bill. That bill, with its more than 1,850 bicycle paths and "demonstration projects" and other acts of uncomplicated rapacity, strikes Bob Livingston as a splendid jobs program:

Will

"A lot of people are going to have highways because of that bill and a lot of people are going to have jobs because of that bill and a lot of people are going to be better off throughout America because of that bill. It was an expensive bill. But it was our priority to build highways and we ultimately will probably look back on that bill and say it was a darn good thing we did. We look back on the Fifties saying that, 'My goodness, that national highway system of ours was sure expensive, but I'm glad we got it.'"

This is his story and he's sticking to it: Republicans almost absent-mindedly produced the equivalent of the interstate highway system. My goodness.

Democrats are prospering by refusing to campaign the way most Democrats used to. They are not advocating large jobs programs and other instruments of economic redistribution. But, then, why do they need to? Some of the Republican largess for highway contractors will — dare we say it? — trickle down to unionized workers, a portion of whose dues will go to the Democratic Party. Ah, bipartisanship.

Having defended the indefensible, Livingston denied the undeniable. He praised the $520 billion tangle of twisted, smoking debris that was the Republican Congress' last act before its rendezvous with unamused Republican voters. "It wasn't a train wreck," he stoutly insisted. A minimalist boast, that.

Still, he does say, by way of halfhearted apology for the process that produced that spending extravaganza, that as speaker he will "make the trains run on time." Slay those railroad metaphors, particularly the last one, with its pedigree running back to Mussolini. But perhaps the House is happiest and healthiest when it resembles Mussolini's Italy—despotism tempered by anarchism. Livingston plans to inhibit the latter by increasing the former.

The day after the elections, when Newt Gingrich feared a revolution with Livingston as its Lenin, Livingston sent Gingrich a letter remarkable in its explicit brutality and its implicit condemnation of the speaker for running a disorderly House. The letter, sent in his capacity as chairman of the Appropriations Committee, is evidence that Livingston has the sand necessary for leadership.

The letter laid out 15 "suggestions"—peremptory demands, actually—for Gingrich to accept "without exception." They included Livingston being present at leadership budget meetings affecting Appropriations matters, Livingston running the committee "without being subject to the dictates of any other member," no committee member or subcommittee chairman to be removed without his approval. And longer workweeks and fewer holidays, in order to complete appropriations bills by June 30 each year, as the law requires. What a concept.

Do not dwell on the incongruity of Livingston's tone of injured innocence concerning what his committee was complicit in. That the chairman felt he had to make 15 demands is a measure of the October chaos that handed last-minute leverage to the president and produced the $520 billion (one more time) train wreck that left many Republican voters wondering why retaining control of Congress matters. Livingston's job now is to move legislation that answers that question. To do so, he will have to understand that abandoning ideology is not pragmatic.

Many of the Republican Party's implausible moral tutors—The New York Times and similar physicians, whose concern for the party's health is, shall we say, inconstant—hail Livingston's selection as proof of the party's turn toward "pragmatism." That label, like many of those parroting it, is remarkably devoid of content.

By praising pragmatism, the tutors mean to disparage "ideology." "Ideology," a synonym for ideas taken seriously, is used when ideas are being disparaged by people short of their own and hostile to others'. When the politics of ideas withers, the politics of mere material interests flourishes, as do Democrats. Hence the tutorials.

A zest for ignoring the tutorials is part of the job description for Livingston and such other new leaders as (it is to be hoped) Jennifer Dunn and J.C. Watts.

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ART BUCHWALD

Do we really want everyone to live forever?

The big news from the rat labs is that scientists are on the verge of the biggest breakthrough in the history of mankind. They are developing living cells that will replace sick ones in the body, which will guarantee longer lives for centuries to come.

Buchwald

What causes bad things to happen to good people is that diseased cells attack the good ones. So in the future, no one will know how long everyone on Earth will be on Social Security.

The fact that immortal cells are around the corner forces us to face up to some difficult decisions.

One is, if everyone is going to be alive, with whom do we want to spend our September golf years?

There are many people we would be just as happy to say goodbye to when they hit their 70s and 80s. The idea of sitting on a porch and listening for the 100th time to someone talking about his grandchildren's gerbils is more than many folks could bear.

People tend to get crankier as they age, and even with the new living cells no one likes to stand in line with other elderly citizens for fat-free olive oil.

With the immortal cells, scientists cannot predict when someone will leave this mortal coil.

Elgard, in our poker-playing crowd, said that no matter what cells they use he never wants to live as long as his mother-in-law. He said his reason for this is that his mother-in-law has always said that no matter what age he reached he would never amount to anything.

Glower felt the same way about his relatives. "I don't think you should keep alive the people you can't stand right now."

It's a dicey decision and one the living will have to face up to. It isn't a question of which person you keep alive, but what kind should stay here in the first place. The scientists predict that, like the atomic bomb, once the cells are developed we will have to use them.

My suggestion is that you make a list of all the people you are willing to spend your next 100 years with and decide if the cells are worth it. I believe the list will be a lot shorter than anyone thinks.

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

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Nov. 12, the 316th day of 1998. There are 49 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 12, 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and several other World War II Japanese leaders were sentenced to death by a war crimes tribunal.

On this date:

In 1920, baseball got its first "czar" as Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis was elected commissioner of the American and National Leagues.

In 1921, representatives of nine nations gathered for the start of the Washington Conference for Limitation of Armaments.

In 1927, Josef Stalin became the undisputed ruler of the Soviet Union as Leon Trotsky was expelled from the Communist Party.

In 1942, the World War II naval Battle of Guadalcanal began. The Americans ended up winning a major victory over the Japanese.

In 1954, Ellis Island closed after processing more than 20 million immigrants since opening in New York Harbor in 1892.

In 1980, the U.S. space probe Voyager I came within 77,000 miles of Saturn.

In 1982, Yuri V. Andropov was elected to succeed the late Leonid I. Brezhnev as general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee.

In 1990, Japanese Emperor Akihito formally assumed the Chrysanthemum Throne.

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CAL THOMAS

Moderation is no way to improve national character

It is irritating to hear some people say that conservatives, especially those with a social conscience, lost an opportunity to expand Republican majorities in the House and Senate. Like God, it isn't that conservatism was tried and found wanting. It was not fully tried, except in the states where principled conservatives won, with a few exceptions.

Thomas

Moderates, who are prepared to relinquish any principle in order to win approval from the establishment, now claim that only they can lead. How soon we forget what gave Republicans control of the White House for 12 years and won them Congress in 1994. What has nearly done them in is timidity and loss of vision. The congressional "leaders" caved on liberal judges, the flawed Chemical Weapons Treaty and the International Monetary Fund.

Does anyone believe that moderation will improve our national character? Shortly before the election, the Josephson Institute released a survey in conjunction with National Character Counts Week. It revealed that nearly half of all high school students are thieves, that the proportion of teens who admitted cheating on an exam in the past year jumped to 70 percent, that almost all teens lie to their parents, and that more than one-third of high schoolers say they would lie to get a good job. Will political moderation cure this trend? Do moderates think character can be restored by making virtue subject to a line-item veto?

Rep. Bob Livingston (R-La.) is the most likely successor of Newt Gingrich as House Speaker. He was off to a good start when he told ABC's "This Week" program that the people want more honesty from their leaders. He said he would introduce a bill to repeal the Johnson administration's policy of putting Social Security off-budget. This might increase the deficit on paper, but it would be an honest budget.

Democrats have been fooling the public with a compassion initiative devoid of substance. Underneath it's the same old liberalism with a different face. Republicans have been inconsistent, first offering a Contract With America, then appearing to abandon any agenda when faced with opposition from people with a personal stake in preserving big government.

Here's what Republicans need to do to recover from their near-disaster on Nov. 3.

First, they should create an agenda which every faction of the party can endorse. This would include tax cuts and a reduction in the size of government. Start with the spending and bureaucratic extremes so Democrats can't demagogue again on "saving Social Security by not spending the surplus," even though that is precisely what the Clinton administration is doing. This should include a "no more pork" pledge.

Second, to address social issues, Republican governors should convene a meeting of religious and humanitarian leaders to ask them to more fully implement their primary "calling" before government steps in. Social conservatives are making a mistake liberals make. They turn to government as a first resource, not a last resort. Governors could give special attention and encouragement to those pregnancy help centers that answer the question "who's going to take care of me and my baby if I don't have an abortion?" Many women are not aware of such centers or of compassionate alternatives to abortion because the press mostly ignores them. Abortion could be significantly reduced just by making such resources more widely known.

Republicans should continue to support private scholarship efforts that offer poor people a choice of where to send their children to school. As initial data show, choice improves grades and behavior.

Ronald Reagan's secret was not only his ideas. He restored the people's faith in themselves. Two of America's greatest problems — divorce and illegitimacy — cannot be solved by government, only by individuals who choose to live differently.

When more people realize they can make it on their own if government will get out of the way, the real Republican revolution — which is now just revolting — will have been won.

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Clinton makes case for attack on Iraq, orders Gulf buildup

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton ordered warships, planes and troops to the Persian Gulf Wednesday in a major buildup as he laid out his case for a possible attack on Iraq.

Allowing Saddam Hussein to flout the will of the United Nations by rejecting weapons inspections would only embolden him to "act recklessly," Clinton said in a Veterans Day speech at Arlington National Cemetery.

"We continue to hope — indeed, pray — that Saddam will comply," the president said. "But we must be prepared to act if he does not."

Meanwhile, U.S. ships headed toward the Gulf and Defense Secretary William Cohen ordered dozens of Air Force fighters and bombers, additional Patriot air-defense missiles and 3,000 soldiers to the area, roughly doubling U.S. firepower.

"Nowhere is our vigilance more urgent than in the Persian Gulf, where Saddam Hussein's regime threatens the stability of one of the most vital regions of the world," Clinton said in a speech that suggested he was still weighing his options.

Adding to the crisis atmosphere, the State Department withdrew as many as 200 nonessential personnel and their families from embassies in Israel and Kuwait, citing the mounting tensions since Iraq on Oct. 31 stopped cooperating with weapons inspectors of the a U.N. Special Commission. The department also suggested private U.S. citizens in Kuwait should leave..

The United Nations withdrew several hundred weapons inspectors and other U.N. staff from Baghdad in light of the possibility of American airstrikes. The U.N. Security Council called an emergency meeting as Secretary-General Kofi Annan appealed to Saddam to immediately resume cooperation with inspectors. Annan said he was "saddened and burdened" by Iraq's defiance.

The Security Council passed a resolution this week condemning Iraq's noncooperation, but it did not include an explicit go-ahead for military action. The Clinton administration contends that earlier resolutions on Iraq give it the right to use force, although some U.N. members dispute that.

'A failure to respond could embolden Saddam to act recklessly, signaling to him that he can with impunity develop these weapons of mass destruction or threaten his neighbors.'
— President Clinton

The timing of any possible U.S. action was unclear. Clinton spent the afternoon on the golf course, and his aides said he still planned to travel to Malaysia on Saturday for a meeting of Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation nations, although that trip probably would be scrapped if airstrikes were ordered. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright put off her departure for Malaysia from Thursday to Friday, spokesman James Rubin said, to give her another day in Washington to deal with the Iraq issue.

Clinton, in his speech, issued no explicit threat to attack Iraq but made clear he believed that failure to enforce the U.N.'s demands for arms inspections would be a costly mistake.

"If the inspectors are not permitted to visit suspect sites or monitor compliance at known production facilities, they may as well be in Baltimore, not Baghdad," Clinton said. "That would open a window of opportunity for Iraq to rebuild its arsenal of weapons and delivery systems in months — I say again, in months — not years.

"A failure to respond could embolden Saddam to act recklessly, signaling to him that he can with impunity develop these weapons of mass destruction or threaten his neighbors," the president added.

The arguments Clinton made Wednesday were similar to the case he made during a lengthy speech last February when Saddam was blocking U.N. access to certain weapons sites — a confrontation that ended with Annan going to Baghdad and securing Saddam's promise to cooperate. In February, however, Clinton was more explicit both about the threat Saddam posed — "Some day, some way, I guarantee you he'll use the arsenal," he said then — and about a U.S. military response.

White House officials said Clinton has decided that he should publicly make the case that Iraq's behavior is intolerable, while putting the onus on Saddam to forestall a possible military conflict.

"All of us agree that we prefer to resolve this crisis peacefully," Clinton said, in part because using the U.N. weapons inspectors is the most effective way to ensure that Iraq is not rebuilding its arsenal.

"If Saddam Hussein is really serious about wanting sanctions lifted, there is an easy way to demonstrate that," the president said. He can simply allow the U.N. inspectors to do their job of verifying that all banned weapons have been destroyed and monitoring Iraq's future compliance, he said.

Again, U.S. military heads for the Persian Gulf

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. ground troops will be tripled in the Persian Gulf under orders signed by Defense Secretary William Cohen Wednesday. B-1 and B-52 heavy bombers are also on the way, along with F-117 stealth fighters and Patriot anti-missile systems.

The forces could begin departing as early as this weekend, with arrivals expected by the middle of next week.

President Clinton "has more options at his disposal than he had before. It gives him more flexibility," Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said in announcing the moves.

Cohen signed the deployment order at midday on Veterans Day, just minutes after Clinton said in a speech at Arlington National Cemetery that Iraq must not be allowed to reject U.N. weapons inspections.

Pentagon officials have said throughout the current standoff that the 23,500 American troops, 170 aircraft and 23 ships in the region are enough for a devastating strike against Iraq — particularly since eight warships are outfitted with up to 300 cruise missiles capable of long-range attacks.

But the influx of 129 warplanes will bolster commanders' ability to mount more sustained air campaigns, while the 3,000 Army soldiers and three Patriot anti-missile battalions — joining others in the region — will act as protective buffers on the ground.

There are about 1,500 soldiers in Kuwait from Fort Stewart, Ga., as well as members of an aviation regiment from the North Carolina National Guard.

Pentagon officials declined to say exactly where the new forces were coming from, or exactly where most were heading. The B-52 bombers were returning to the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia, where they were positioned earlier this year, a senior defense official said.

The latest deployment orders come one day after Cohen ordered the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise to speed its movement into the region, along with another Marine task force. By Thanksgiving, the buildup will return to about the size of the one gathered there in February, before U.N. chief Kofi Annan brokered a deal with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to allow weapons inspections at presidential sites. The Iraqi leader's refusal to allow U.N. inspections since August has precipitated this latest crisis.

Col. Richard Bridges, a Pentagon spokesman, said Cohen's deployment order would result in a "substantial increase" in U.S. strength in the region, sending an additional 84 combat planes and 45 support aircraft.

Including the 70 aircraft on board the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower now in the Gulf, that puts some 300 military aircraft in the region. That compares with 430 during the last buildup.

The newly dispatched aircraft include 12 F-117 stealth fighters, six B-1 bombers, 12 B-52 bombers, 16 F-16C/J attack jets, 12 F-15C/D fighters, 12 F-16 fighters, 12 F/A-18 attack jets, two EA-6B radar jammers and 45 support aircraft, such as tankers and refuelers.

"These actions are being taken as a prudent measure to enhance our capability in the region and to provide additional military options should the use of force become necessary," Bridges said.

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Defense companies Livingston's biggest financial supporters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bob Livingston, the man in line to become House speaker, has gotten more financial support from defense companies than any other source over the years, even though his Louisiana district has no major Pentagon installations.

That's because in the Washington money game, where you sit matters more than where you're from. And for the last four years, Livingston has sat atop the Appropriations Committee, deciding where billions of federal dollars are spent.

And the defense industry, a big suitor before Livingston's committee and one he has helped spare from harsher spending cuts, accounted for as much as $1 in every $5 he raised during his 1996 re-election bid.

The defense contractors are hardly alone.

A review of Livingston's federal campaign records shows that when spending recommendations cross his desk, related special interest money is never far behind. For instance:

■ The drug company Schering-Plough contributed $10,370 to Livingston's re-election committee and a separate leadership political action committee he formed in the last year. Livingston ultimately backed the company's unsuccessful efforts in the closing weeks of the congressional session to gain a patent extension for its anti-allergy drug Claritin. Schering-Plough lobbyist Robert Lively also provided $448 worth of tickets to a Baltimore Orioles game to assist a Livingston related fund-raiser.

■ Chrysler Corp. contributed $5,000 to Livingston's leadership PAC on Oct. 3 and $2,000 to Livingston's re-election committee on Oct. 6, as the final spending bill was being written. The legislation prevented the federal government from increasing the fuel efficiency standard for light trucks and cars.

■ In the spring, the House debated whether to impose new standards on managed care health organizations. Livingston's PAC received $2,000 from Blue Cross-Blue Shield, one of the leaders of the lobbying effort to block new regulations, and $7,500 from two members of the anti-regulation lobbying group Healthcare Leadership Council: Tenet Healthcare Corp. and the U.S. Surgical Corp.

"Livingston's profile reflects political reality in Washington," said Larry Makinson, executive director of the Center for Responsive Politics, a nonpartisan group that tracks campaign contributions. "It's not where you're from, it's where you sit. He sits on the Appropriations Committee."

For years, the only avenue special interests had to donate to Livingston was his campaign committee.

But with his political profile growing, the Louisiana Republican in March formed a PAC to collect additional money that he can use to spend on political travel or to sow good will with contributions to GOP colleagues.

In just half a year, Livingston's Building our Bases PAC, had collected a whopping $1.1 million. Much came from interests with business pending before the Appropriations Committee.

"We are here to raise money for Republican candidates," said John Emling, executive director of Livingston's leadership PAC. "The timing of the contributions? We get them when they're sent."

Becoming a chairman of the Appropriations Committee only boosted Livingston's fund-raising prowess. In the 1994 election cycle, before Republicans took control of Congress, he raised $368,522.

In the two elections since, he's raised about $1 million each time for his personal campaign treasury.

The defense industry has helped lead the way. His two most generous givers hail far from his home state: Textron, based in Rhode Island, which contributed $43,000 over the last decade, and Maryland-based Lockheed Martin, which has given $39,800.

"You have natural allies," Emling said. "Bob is a defense hawk. It's logical that defense-related industries are going to support him. We've had a dialog with them for years."

Livingston has taken pride in helping to spare the Pentagon the same sort of paring that other agencies have endure in the drive to balance the federal budget.

"We do not apologize for trying to maximize the dollars we put into this bill and provide for the national defense of this country," Livingston declared last June.

Defense contractors say they appreciate his support.

"He's been an articulate advocate for our industry," Lockheed Martin spokesman Charles Manor explained. "We have a high comfort level with Bob Livingston."

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Gingrich in 2000: Can a fallen speaker rise again?

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — On his way out of Congress, Newt Gingrich is promising to explore "many avenues for a public life," a phrase that has triggered speculation that he might be heading for the road to the White House.

Gingrich isn't saying whether he will run for president in 2000. His closest advisers say he won't decide for weeks or months. But as he ponders his future, picking up the pieces from disappointing midterm elections, Republicans are debating whether Gingrich could be a serious contender.

Supporters argue that Gingrich is still a top party fund-raiser and a leader with "big ideas" who energizes audiences like no other Republican, including poll-topping Gov. George W. Bush of Texas.

"I'm a big fan of George W. Bush, but it's a long way to go between now and ... 2000," said longtime Gingrich adviser Rich Galen.

Gingrich "has such incredible energy and intellect that he would have the ability to drive the race by his very presence," said Tom Rath, a New Hampshire party leader who is helping former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander position for the 2000 race.

But others say Gingrich is too scarred by the wars of Washington to make a serious run.

"It would defeat everything he's achieved with his graceful exit from the House," said Republican media consultant Alex Castellanos of Alexandria, Va. He said Gingrich has been the GOP "point man" for too long.

"The good news is the point man gets to blaze the trail. The bad news is you get shot full of bullet holes doing it," Castellanos said.

Exit polls on Nov. 3 showed that nearly six of every 10 voters nationwide viewed Gingrich unfavorably. Even in his home state of Georgia, he could muster only a 47 percent favorable rating.

"His negatives are just too high," said Tom Slade, chairman of the Florida GOP, though he called Gingrich the party's most articulate spokesman and fund raiser.

Gingrich's chances also might be hurt by perceptions among conservatives that he capitulated too often in negotiations with President Clinton.

"I think Newt did a lot of good things early on but as a leader he got away from our message and that resulted in what happened in the elections," said Tim Lambert of Texas, a leading conservative voice among Republican National Committee members.

As for the midterm elections, Steve Grubbs, chairman of the Iowa Republican Party, said, "I think the loss of five House seats was a very serious setback for a Gingrich presidential run. ... There is a lot of disappointment among the rank and file."

Yet critics and supporters alike say Gingrich's chances might be helped by his decision to leave the House. He could soon begin retooling his political image, free of the bickering that helped cement his reputation as a Washington firebrand.

"The run is easier, if he decides to make it, by not being burdened with the responsibility of speaker," said Slade, the Florida GOP chairman. "But the fact that he had to resign as speaker in order to prevent a very divisive situation in the House kind of speaks for itself. ... He's a polarizing figure."

Said Gingrich ally Galen: "He's got more time to think about what he wants to say and how he wants to say it because he's not spending 18 hours a day in meetings ... in the Capitol."

Advisers say that while being House speaker was his lifelong goal, Gingrich may be looking for a new place in history.

In a Monday night speech to GOPAC, a political action committee he helped form, Gingrich sprinkled his remarks with comments that raised questions about his presidential ambitions. "There are many avenues for a public life beyond the speakership," he said. "As I leave public office and rejoin the ranks of active citizenship the venue changes and the cause lives on."

Will a new venue be the campaign trail? Not now, anyway.

Advisers expect Gingrich to spend the next several weeks thinking about the future while earning $50,000 or more making speeches. He still believes he can wait until next summer to get in the race.

Or, said Galen, noting that Gingrich's interests include studying dinosaur bones, the speaker may simply say, "I want to go dig rocks."

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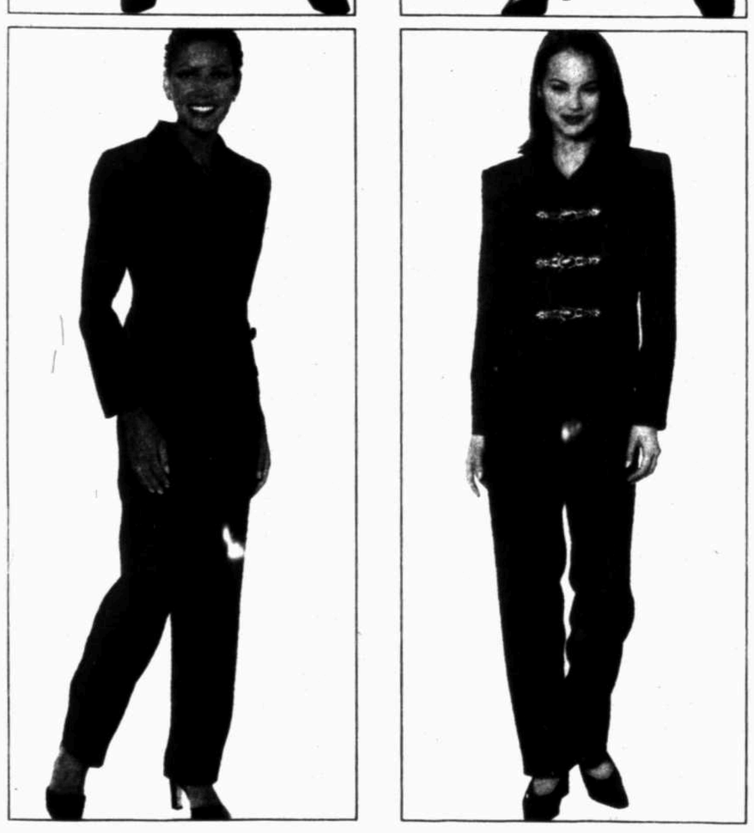

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New K-9 team

Officer Robert Strahan and his K-9 partner, Max, joined the four-member canine unit Wednesday. Max is a 2 1/2-year-old Schutzhund German shepherd. He was transported from Germany to Riverside, Calif., where Strahan picked him up last week, said Tina Sanders-Jauz, Midland Police Department spokeswoman. The team will take over the vacancy left by Officer Paula Bynum, who rotated back to patrol, and her partner Cody, who retired on Sept. 25. Strahan and Max will go through a three- to six-month bonding period before they actually go to work, Ms. Sanders-Jauz said.

Roundtable

The Midland Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Roundtable is set for 8:30-9:30 a.m. Friday at the chamber's offices, 102 N. Main St. A discussion on "Getting Paid, Maximizing Your In-house Collections" is to be presented by Russ Robken of R&R Collection Service. Coffee, juice and pastries will be served. For more information call 683-3381.

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House tour

A tour of the Scarborough-Linebery House, followed by lunch and a review of the novel, "Run With the Horses," is scheduled for 11 a.m. Nov. 17. The book by Joan Stocks Noble is based on her experiences at her grandfather's West Texas ranch. Tickets are $25 and reservations are required by Friday. To make reservations, mail checks to Scarborough-Linebery House, 802 S. Main St., Midland, Texas 79701.

Jazz Society

The West Texas Jazz Society presents Howard Alden, Kenny Davern, Tony DeNicola, Phil Flanigan and Johnny Varro 8 p.m. today at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. The performance is co-sponsored by the Abell-Hanger Foundation. Members will be admitted free. General admission is $15. All reserved seats are $10 extra. For more information call 563-1701 or 683-4237.

TODAY'S AGENDA

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

NAACP, 7 p.m., Greater St. Luke AME Church.

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

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

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

Optimist Club of Midland, noon, Best Western Sidewalk Cafe

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Golden Park Retirement Center, senior citizen Bingo, 3 p.m., 3100 W. Kansas Ave.

Flatlanders Ski Club, 7 p.m., Best Western, Midland Airport, open.

Suburban Lions Club, 7 p.m., 2550 Flint Ave.

NAACP, 7 p.m., Greater St. Luke AME Church, 401 S. Adams, 684-8974.

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

Group gathers money in hopes of building skate park to honor boys

By Rick López
Staff Writer

Local skating enthusiasts are seeking the community's help to build a skate park honoring Sam Geer and William Wooten, two 11-year-old Midlanders who were killed Oct. 9 in a skating accident.

Members of the Citizens for Midland Skaters (CMS) don't take all the credit for the idea. They began discussing the possibilities when they started receiving phone calls from people wanting to make a donation to the group in memory of the boys.

CMS decided to contact the boys' families to see how they would feel about the idea. The families accepted it, so the group is seeking donations to help create a safe skating place for the Tall City's youth, said Don Sutton, a CMS parent and father of a teen-age skater.

"We want a safe environment for kids who like to skate," Sutton said. "Skating is overlooked as a sport for many people who do not understand it."

William's father, Tim Wooten, said he hopes the park will encourage parents to be

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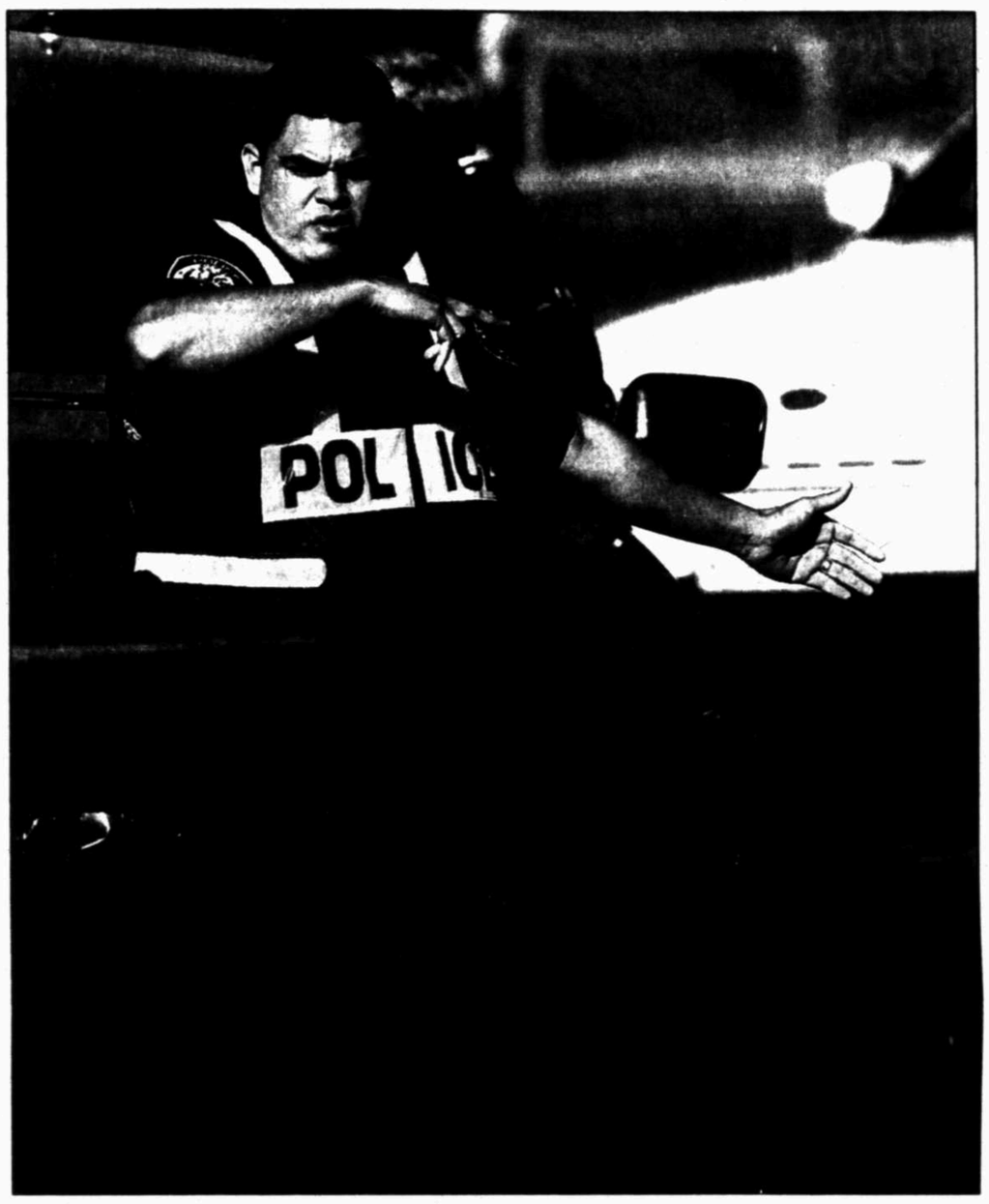
Citizens for Midland Skaters are proposing a skate park that possibly will be modeled after this one in Phoenix, Ariz., which has cement ramps and slopes. The project has an estimated price tag of $100,000 to $200,000; the group has $4,000 in contributions.



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Midland Police Department officer Adrian Gonzales directs traffic around an accident at the intersection of Front and Garfield streets.

Officers learn to ignore pesky gawkers

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

Gawkers, onlookers, rubberneckers.

They take a bad situation and make it worse.

Wherever there is a traffic accident they are usually close behind.

Whether it's a major accident or a minor fender bender, accidents always seem to draw the curious.

Sgt. Ernest Wakefield works as a supervisor in the traffic division at the Midland Police Department.

Accidents along the roadway have even spawned secondary accidents caused by the unavoidable desire to gawk.

"We have had several accidents this year," Wakefield said. "I can remember one on Midland Drive and Loop 250 and another on Highway 80 and Loop 250 where we have had 'rearenders' because people weren't paying attention to the road. We're there, working the accident and we heard this crash. Then, one of us has to go over and work that accident."

Rubbernecking can be attributed to human

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Officials unite in effort to get new highways

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

An unprecedented meeting of Permian Basin and Panhandle political power may be the catalyst that leads to the building of more four-lane, divided highways to Midland/Odessa.

State Sen. Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo) was optimistic following a meeting Wednesday at the offices of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission.

Mayor Bobby Burns

In addition to senior city staff from Midland and Odessa, Bivins was joined by Rep. Buddy West of Odessa, Sen. Bob Duncan (R-Lubbock), Lubbock Mayor Windy Sitton, Midland Mayor Bobby Burns, Odessa Mayor Mike Atkins and Motran Alliance Inc. Chairman Bob Barnes.

Lubbock is proposing a trade corridor excluding Midland/Odessa and the local Motran Alliance is working separately on the La Entrada al Pacifico trade route.

Neither of these long-range goals can work, however, without improved highways in West Texas and the Panhandle, and major agreement was reached on the need for improved regional highways.

"We have found some really serious common ground," Burns said.

Please see **HIGHWAYS**/2B

OPD continues assault probe; thinks suspect may have fled

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

ODESSA — Odessa police continue their investigation into an aggravated assault of a father and son Monday at a church at 8644 Andrews Highway.

James Bishop, 35, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church and his father, Grover Bishop, 69, were attacked by a man outside of the church, according to reports.

Witnesses told police that the man struck James in the face and head with his fists and choked him severely. Grover also was beaten and choked when he tried to help James, according to reports.

Both men were transported to Medical Center Hospital, where Grover was treated and released. James suffered numerous broken facial bones and required hospitalization, according to reports.

Police think the attack stemmed from a previous run-in the man had with James at the Permian Basin Christian School,

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Avid gardener welcomes visitors to 'Beauty Spot of Big Spring'

By Johnnye Montgomery

BIG SPRING — A year ago last May, Sophie White was visited by a delegation representing the city.

"They came out and walked around, and rang the doorbell, and then they hammered a sign in the front yard that said, 'Beauty Spot of Big Spring,'" she explained.

To a farm wife raised on the hard scrabble prairie land around O'Donnell, where the water that came out of the ground was too brackish to drink or to grow anything, nothing could have been a greater satisfaction.

"Where I grew up, the water was so salty we couldn't grow anything that we didn't grow with rainwater," she said. "Daddy dug a cistern to catch water for drinking, and to wash clothes. We had to put lime in the salty water and boil it. For the flowers we planted in our little flower bed, we would go down to the pasture where there was a little dirt tank that would catch the runoff whenever it rained, and we'd carry water back to the house in buckets.

"Then when I married, when we moved to town, I grew dahlias. I had read in 'Better Homes and Gardens' that you get a bigger stem if you dig a hole and put manure in the bottom and plant the tuber, then as it begins to grow, rake the dirt into the hole around it. I tried that and it worked. I had the most beautiful dahlias you ever saw."

Ms. White, whose husband was a farm machinery and implement dealer in O'Donnell, said as much as she loved having beautiful flowers, she was limited by the sheer labor and time it took to grow them.

It wasn't until she moved to Big Spring, and after the extended illness and death of her husband, that she began to see the growing possibilities right outside her door.

"When I came to Big Spring, I just went wild with flowers," she said.

First she planted flowers she was familiar with. Dahlias, larkspurs, easily grown annuals, and roses. After her husband's death, she redoubled her hours on her knees with her hands in the dirt to

Please see **YARD**/3B

Ed Todd

Folks should take time to return to good old days of reflection, gathering

In those yesteryears, the old front porch at home and the circle around the wood-burning stove at the general store were settings for real folks in real times unaffected by the plastic and yackety-yak world.

Todd

There was a purity there if you can believe in the good old days, which I do. And, alas, for an old-fogey, I do have faith that those wonderful years can return in spirit. It will take some doing and it will take some adjusting and seeming sacrifices, which really will be blessings.

Here's what you do: Take time to turn off the boob tube and shun that Internet tripe and make your own conversation with friends, neighbors and kinfolk and play and sing your own music. Then there will be time for laughter and crying for a while and reflection. And, once alone, you may find delight in making a recluse out of yourself, wandering into the garden, woods, mountains, or plains, and reading good literature — the Bible and the classics for starters.

Can't say that I remember anything from the Great Depression, unless you count World War II. And I missed out on the late Will Rogers, the marvelous cowboy-humorist. But I do remember visions of the war years, grand patriotism, and the 1940s in rural America in Texas blackland country.

For entertainment, there was the radio and all of those fabulous programs featuring the likes of Fred Allen, Jack Benny, George Burns and Gracie Allen, Fibber McKee and Molly, Amos 'n' Andy, Tom Mix, Jack Armstrong, and Orson Welles. Do you remember when the Saturday Evening Post and Life magazines were weekly mainstays for America's news, features, photography, opinion and fjction? Then there were the newsreels at the picture shows.

But those — the radio, the magazines, the newsreels — were secondary to the regular live shows staged on America's front porches and around the stove and fireplace.

There were tales and stories, told mesmerizingly by grandfathers, fathers, and uncles, about the old days then — from the late 1800s to just the other day.

From the distaff side, rather than stories told, there was sweetness, hugs, love and goodies given by grandmothers, mothers and aunts. I remember so dearly Mother singing to me the 1940s tune, sad and joyful and hopeful, "You Are My Sunshine."

That's just the way it was.

Indeed, I remember, as if I were living the tale, of Granddaddy Williams' telling of his riding the steam locomotive in his wandering days, firing up the Texas

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POLICE REPORTS

Red for a Reason

The Red for a Reason Campaign is entering its third month of "zero tolerance" for red light runners.

The campaign kicked off Aug. 11 when the cities of Midland and Odessa agreed to ticket all drivers who run red lights.

During the three months before the policy went into effect, Midland Police Department officers wrote 328 citations for running red lights, police said. During the three months of the campaign, the number has increased to 444, according to reports.

Odessa's number increased from 203 to 340 over the same period, police said.

Police in both cities said they will continue to take a zero-tolerance policy on red light runners.

Midland Police Department
Wednesday

Theft: A theft was reported at 1600 E. Oak Ave. It was reported at 9:36 a.m.

Burglary: A vehicle was burglarized at 3209 Mark Lane. It was reported at 9:04 a.m.

Criminal mischief: Signs were taken from poles at 1212 E. Wadley Ave. It was reported at 8 p.m.

Criminal mischief: A brick was thrown through a window at 2503 Geraldine St. It was reported at 7 p.m.

Theft: An airless paint sprayer was taken at 1199 S. Garfield St. It was reported at 2:57 p.m.

Burglary: A vehicle was broken into at 3207 Preston Drive. It was reported at 5 p.m.

Theft: Two dogs were taken from their cages at 1710 Cherry Lane. It was reported at 1 p.m.

Burglary: A burglary was reported at 107 E. Michigan Ave. It was reported at 10 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Wednesday

Theft: Yard tools were taken at 1508 N. County Road 1140. It was reported at 7:54 p.m.

Burglary: A break-in was reported at Ranger Station at 10605 FM 307. It was reported at 7:52 a.m.

Vandalism: Vandalism was reported at 1612 W. County Road 115. It was reported at 9:43 a.m.

Theft: A theft was reported at 501 E. Longview Ave. It was reported at 1:24 p.m.

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

DEATH NOTICES

Clarice Shafer

BIG SPRING — Clarice Shafer, 84, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Nov. 10, at her residence.

Services are to be 2:30 p.m. today, Nov. 12, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Pat Ray officiating. Burial is to follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Dec. 11, 1913, in Throckmorton.

She farmed in the Fairview Community. She was a member of Prairie View Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, L. Z. Shafer on Oct. 5, 1988.

Survivors include three nieces, Geneva Dunagan of Amarillo, Evelyn Dennis of Big Spring, and Merle Haney of the Fairview Community; one nephew, Roy E. Ray of El Paso; five great-nieces and -nephews; seven great-great-nieces and -nephews; and four great-great-great-nieces and -nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to Prairie View Baptist Church, 1004 W. FM 2230, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Nancy Amonett

ODESSA — Nancy Kay Amonett, 55, of Odessa, died Sunday, Nov. 8, at an Odessa hospital.

Services were Tuesday, Nov. 10, at Hubbard-Kelly Chapel with the Rev. Duane McClure officiating. Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home in Odessa.

She was born Dec. 8, 1942 in Lamesa.

She moved from Seminole to Odessa 30 years ago. She was a homemaker and a member of a bowling league. She was Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Waybne and Enid Dickenson, and a brother, Bill Dickenson.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald Amonett, of Odessa; two sons, Brent Amonett of Odessa and Blake Amonett of Dallas; two brothers, Delbert Dickenson of Stanton and Eddie Dickenson of Beaumont; nine nieces; seven nephews; seven great-nephews; and three great-nieces.

Services are pending at Thomas Funeral Home.

Jose Palacios

Jose Palacios, 68, died Wednesday, Nov. 11, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors in Odessa.

Donald Kipgen

Midlander Donald Kipgen, 71, of Midland died Wednesday, Nov. 11, at an Odessa hospital.

Services are pending with Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors in Odessa.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

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

Jazz Fest '98

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Tom Braxton plays soprano saxophone for Washington Elementary School students Wednesday. He and his six-member band will perform 8:30 p.m. Saturday at the Yucca Theatre for the Midland Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs' "Jazz Fest '98." Tickets are $15 for adults, $10 for students and can be purchased from any chamber member or at the following locations: BeDazzle, 3211 W. Wadley Ave.; Sam's barbecue, Midland and Odessa; Permian Music Midland, next to Pier 1; and Caldwell Music Co. For more information call 682-2864.

SKATE: CMS hopeful about second effort to get park

(From 1B)

more involved with their children's activities and give youngsters an opportunity to indulge in their favorite pastime at a safe place.

"I hope it will help kids stay out of the streets," he said. "It's a good idea. I hope the kids don't skate on the streets to get there ... that's not going to help.

"Just about everyone in Midland has heard about the accident, but it doesn't matter. I still see kids skating in the middle of the streets. They don't have any fear of cars, accidents or their parents.

"If people are going to use the skate park for what it's meant for, then maybe it will help people."

Wooten, 33, said he is experiencing the same feelings he did on the night when he looked into a police officer's eyes and knew his son was dead — even though the two men never spoke a word about William's condition.

"It was the worst feeling I'd felt in my life," Wooten said. "After it happened, I felt like I hated everyone, but after people came by and shared their feelings, I changed my mind. It made a difference.

"Church members and other people expressed their sympathy and brought a lot of food and cards. I think a lot of them were really empathetic. It was hard to open up ... but I found out that other people have been through the same thing.

"It was hard to focus on that, but right now, it helps to open up. Now I am getting my house back together again."

> **"They face chronic rejection. Wherever they go, it's "Elsewhere!"'"**
> — Citizens for Midland Skaters member John Staub

Wooten said he still feels awkward letting his other children skate.

For a city so involved in youth sports, Midland doesn't seem as receptive to in-line skating as its inhabitants are to the more traditional athletics, CMS members say.

While Midland has several baseball, golf and soccer complexes, it excludes facilities for skate boarding and in-line skating, though the sport requires the same amount of agility, skill and strength.

That doesn't mean skating fever does not exist in Midland.

In fact, some 120 skaters attended a September competition sponsored by the Citizens for Midland Skaters. Forty of the competitors were from out of town, including San Angelo, Lubbock and even Dallas.

"The interest is definitely there," said Pam Sledge, the mother of an avid skater and CMS member. "Just look at all the kids out there skating."

She said the CMS and the Permian Basin Area Foundation are trying to get city officials to approve building an acre-size skating park in Beal Park, which the city is building near the intersection of South Loop 250 and State Highway 80.

Workers have begun clearing land for the project, which is one of four parks that the city of Midland is building to accommodate citizens from all areas of town, city spokeswoman Tina Sanders-Jauz said.

Beal Park, named after a local family, will feature an amphitheater, cricket field and soccer field, she added.

For more than a year, the CMS has tried persuading city officials and residents to support the idea of building a skate park in Midland, but the idea was turned down when it was initially proposed after one question surfaced: Who would be liable for accidents?

With that in mind, the City Council, regrettably, did not approve the project, Sutton said.

However, there is a silver lining that has CMS hopeful the second time around, Ms. Sledge said.

City officials have talked to State Rep. Tom Craddick, who said, he will try to propose an amendment during the 1999 legislative session that would free the city from liability for accidents occurring in their parks, Ms. Sledge said.

The CMS predicts that skaters — adult and child— living within a 150-mile radius would come to the skate park, which means out-of-towners will shop, eat and possibly spend the night in Midland, creating more tourist revenue.

CMS hopes the skate park will be modeled after one in Phoenix, Ariz., which has cement ramps and slopes used for skateboarders and in-line skaters. Though the group has already raised $4,000 in contributions, the total project has an estimated price tag of $100,000 to $200,000.

Almost 500 people have signed a petition in favor of the project and Mayor Bobby Burns has raised the possibility of matching the group's donation with public funds, Ms. Sledge said.

For now, young skaters must endure constant rejection from the only places they can skate, said CMS member John Staub, a local urologist.

Businesses and schools are afraid of letting youngsters skate on their property, youths have been banned from skating on certain property and roadways are too dangerous.

"They face chronic rejection," Staub said. "Wherever they go, it's 'Elsewhere!'"

Donations may be made to the Sam Geer and William Wooten Memorial Fund for Skate Park, c/o Permian Basin Area Foundation, P.O. Box 10424, Midland, Texas, 79702.

GAWK: Onlookers sometimes interfere with flow of traffic

(From 1B)

nature, said Robert Bartsch, professor at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

"There has never been an official study on 'rubberneckers,'" Bartsch said. "However, when people think something exciting or important is going on, curiosity kicks in.

"When you have a group of people standing around looking and pointing at something, chances are other people will stop, look and point, too. It is a normal social influence to want to see what other people think is so important."

Another common occurrence surrounding accidents is people simply pulling off to the side of the road and getting out of their cars to watch, according to Wakefield.

"Driving by while not watching the road is one thing," Wakefield said. "Most people will just pull over and watch. I have worked accidents where people have lined up on the side of the road to see what is going on."

The officers have learned not to pay attention to onlookers.

"It has been going on for like 50 years," Wakefield said. "It is not uncommon to see the same car pass by an accident more than a couple of times. As long as people stay back and don't get in the way we just don't pay attention to them. Occasionally someone will get too close and we have to tell them to get back and leave the area. Usually we have the accident scene blocked off from everyone."

According to Wakefield, the location of the accident affects the number of people who hang around.

"In residential areas there is little to no traffic to deal with, but on the highways and interstates the TXDOT (Texas Department of Transportation) people have come in and helped us block of roads."

Although onlookers don't interfere with the police investigations, they can become a problem.

"If enough cars pull over it can interfere with the flow of traffic," Wakefield said. "Then we have to give up an officer from the accident scene to get the cars moved out of the way."

Even though Wakefield said onlookers don't bother the officers, police are sometimes bewildered by the people who are out on the scene.

"It makes me wonder about people when they take their children out there (to the accidents)," Wakefield said. "Why would someone want to take their kids to an accident where someone was killed?"

HIGHWAYS: Bivins 'tickled' by meeting's results, he says

(From 1B)

"We've recognized the importance of working together as a region," Bivins said, pointing out that "there are more state representatives and senators in Harris County (Houston) than in the entire area west of I-35."

Motran has been representing the transportation needs of Midland and Odessa for a number of years, and this cooperation between the two Permian Basin cities is becoming more widely recognized.

The various representatives referred to the three population centers of the region, Amarillo, Lubbock and Midland/Odessa.

Odessa Mayor Atkins highlighted the importance of Midland and Odessa working together for the common good.

All of those in attendance, for the first time, recognized that building more four-lane, divided highways with limited access to keep traffic flowing around cities, is a priority and good for the entire region.

"The significance of today is that formal recognition," Duncan said, calling Wednesday's successful meeting "historical."

Bivins was optimistic that the newly solidified stand for more rural highway development will be successful and the group intends to make their case to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) before the upcoming legislative session to get a jump on the process.

"I hope that within five to seven years, we can get all of these communities connected," Bivins said.

Instead of each of the three population centers campaigning for their own needs, they intend to combine to help spread the message that rural areas deserve a higher priority than has been seen in the past.

"This is a cooperative regional effort to combine our region into a more cohesive unit," Barnes said.

"If we go down there as individuals, we're not going to get anything done," West said.

With a combined front, however, Bivins, West and Duncan plan to begin meetings directly with the three commissioners of TxDOT.

"It's said that during the 120 days that the Legislature is in session, TxDOT begs from the Legislature, and for the rest of the year, the legislators beg from TxDOT," said Bivins, who sits on the Senate Budget Committee and therefore has some influence on TxDOT funding.

A number of factors are in place that may increase the chance of four-lane highway construction between Lubbock and Midland/Odessa.

There is a commissioner from a rural area of 50,000 in East Texas who is expected to understand the needs of the state's more rural areas, and there is a new federal funding allotment of $750 million available this year.

"It is my assessment that our timing couldn't be better," Bivins said.

"We certainly are very excited and very happy to be a part of regional long-range planning for our transportation needs," Ms. Sitton said of the meeting.

"We have made transportation a top priority for us all," she said.

When combined, the population of this newly joined region is equal to or greater than that of San Antonio, Bivins said.

"I am just really tickled with the result," he said.

TODD: Folks should take time to return to good old days in spirit

(From 1B)

& Pacific Railway engine, and hopping a tramp steamer to England. There was Grandfather Todd, industrious and wise like Benjamin Franklin, working the Morse code on the Southern Pacific telegraph lines.

There was Daddy, sentimental and melancholic but spirited and joyful, tap-dancing and then playing the harmonica and accordion. O Dear Lord, how he loved to play "Red River Valley," "Rosewood Casket," and "My Old Kentucky Home."

Sentimental? Yes, indeed.

It is with prayer and longing that I hope folks will take the time, and there is plenty despite the fast-lane excuses, to return to those yesteryears of reflection and gathering on America's porches and fireplaces and reveling in life and in each other. There's spirit a-plenty left in the good old days.

Ed Todd is a staff writer for the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

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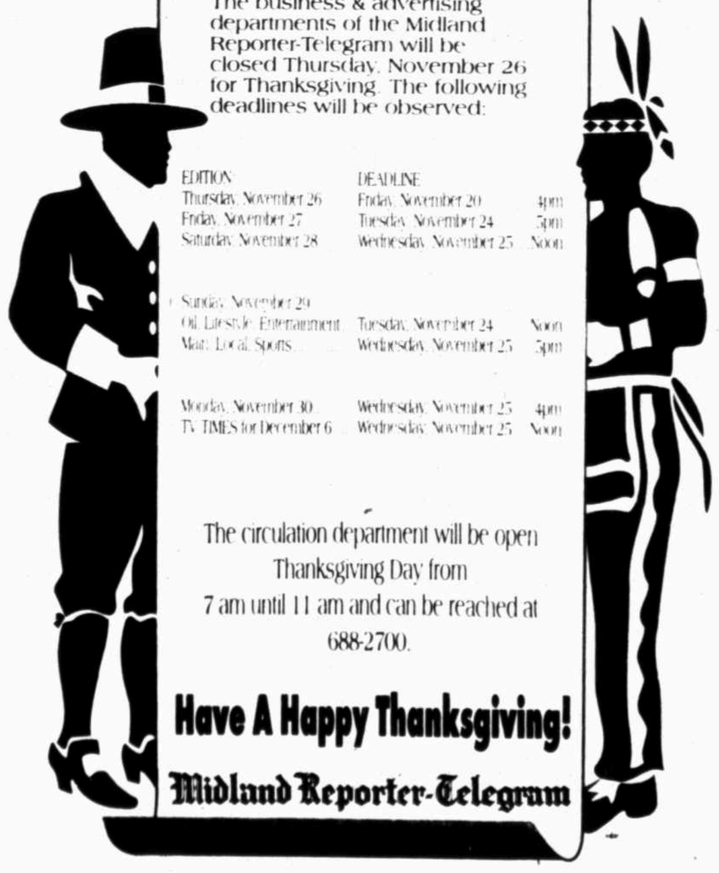

THANKSGIVING DEADLINES

The business & advertising departments of the Midland Reporter-Telegram will be closed Thursday, November 26 for Thanksgiving. The following deadlines will be observed:

EDITION	DEADLINE	
Thursday, November 26	Friday, November 20	4pm
Friday, November 27	Tuesday, November 24	5pm
Saturday, November 28	Wednesday, November 25	Noon
Sunday, November 29		
Oil, Lifestyle, Entertainment	Tuesday, November 24	Noon
Main, Local, Sports	Wednesday, November 25	5pm
Monday, November 30	Wednesday, November 25	4pm
TV TIMES for December 6	Wednesday, November 25	Noon

The circulation department will be open Thanksgiving Day from 7 am until 11 am and can be reached at 688-2700.

Have A Happy Thanksgiving!

Midland Reporter-Telegram

YARD: Gardener pulled bluebonnets, thinking them weeds

(From 1B)

keep from going inside to the empty house. She brought in loads of rock from her daughter's ranchland and terraced the back yard to hold the soil, which had "gone downhill toward the back fence with every rain." She planted iris and native plants among the rocks and in the spring, she sowed annuals.

But what Ms. White really wanted was bluebonnets.

"I planted and planted, and they just wouldn't grow," she said. "Then I found out that you had to plant them in the fall. So I planted them in the fall."

She watered and waited for the seedlings to emerge — and weeded.

"All that seemed to be coming up were mesquite weeds," she said. "If there's anything I hate it's a mesquite weed, and I knew that if I didn't pull them all up, they'd take over. So I finally got rid of the mesquites, but the bluebonnets never showed."

The following summer, Ms. White again had a showplace of a yard, but no bluebonnets. She tilled and raked and prepared the ground again, and when September came, she was ready to try for bluebonnets one more time.

And in due time, the mesquite weed (sometimes called "hog potato") seedlings emerged. But fate intervened in the form of a hip replacement and an enforced absence from the back yard. At the end of three weeks, when she was able to get back to the flower beds, a 1-inch-high forest of bluebonnets greeted her. The "mesquite weeds" had grown a spike in between the two primary leaves that left no room for doubt.

"All that time, I'd been pulling up my bluebonnets," Ms. White said. "Bluebonnets are biennials, meaning that you plant them one year and they don't bloom until the next year. So I left them alone, and that next year, they were just beautiful. Ever since then, they've been coming up every year thicker than before."

With the advent of the bluebonnets, Ms. White had a steady stream of people coming from around the neighborhood to look over her back fence. She told her daughter that what she really needed was some wildflowers in the front yard.

"Between the sidewalk and the road on the south side was just terrible looking," Ms. White remembers. "Trash would collect there, and the grass didn't grow well, and we just needed to do something with it. I told my daughter I'd like to have a wildflower bed there. So she said, 'You want a flower bed? Well, I'll help you and we'll do something about it."

They chopped weeds and raked, and pulled out grass for most of the summer. Then about the middle of September, they had the soil on the south side of the yard about the consistency of and color of a milk chocolate cake mix.

"I had a box full of wildflower seeds that we scattered over it, and we watered, and in October, we started seeing all these little green things that looked like weeds, but my daughter said not to pull them," Ms. White said. "So we just waited to see."

The following spring, the shouting match of color brought traffic from every corner of Big Spring, as well as the city's beautification delegation, with their hammer and sign.

"That really set me off," she said. "I planted California poppies and Shasta daisies and (a neighbor) brought me some crepe myrtle that I planted by the fence and now they're taller than the fence, and they just bloom like crazy."

Ms. White admits that not all her efforts have met with such unmixed satisfaction.

"There's a purple plant called Mexican petunia that's a pain in the neck," she said. "At first I really liked it, and everybody that came by here, I offered them cuttings from it. But it spreads, both with seeds and with tubers, and just goes everywhere. I think a lot of people are sorry I gave them pieces of it."

She found another invader while experimenting with the terracing of her back yard.

"I saw this little pink tassel about so long, and I didn't remember planting anything like that. Later it got little red berries hanging down like grapes, and the birds had a fit over it. And they sowed seeds all over, and they came up in a lot of places I didn't want to grow them. I dug down to try to move them, and those things had roots as big around as my arm, and they went down, down. I finally had to let them come up, then I killed some of them."

Now, with winter hovering just around the corner, nothing much seems to be happening in Ms. White's yard, although a handful of sulfur butterflies and bees are still feeding among Turk's caps and Mexican petunias, and bluebonnet seedlings sprout randomly among loose rubble lying on the bare ground.

"This is a good time to be getting ready for spring," Ms. White said. "And when the bluebonnets get going, be sure and come by to see me.

"If I'm not here, come look over the fence anyway. I love to have people look over my fence."

Johnnye Montgomery

Big Spring resident Sophie White has planted a garden that a year ago was named "Beauty Spot of Big Spring."

Dragging death suspects to be tried separately

HOUSTON (AP) — The three white men accused of dragging a black man to death in East Texas will have separate trials, prosecutors said Wednesday.

For a third time since their arrest, Lawrence Russell Brewer, John William King and Shawn Allen Berry have been indicted for the June 7 slaying of Jasper resident James Byrd Jr. This third indictment, returned on Oct. 30, means they will be tried separately.

All three had been scheduled to be tried together on Jan. 25. Under a new, tentative schedule, King would be the first to face trial on capital murder charges, Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray told The Associated Press.

"We have agreed. King is set first, by himself," Gray said.

A trial for Brewer is expected to follow, perhaps by spring, and Berry may not face a jury until the fall of 1999, Gray said.

Byrd was beaten, chained to a pickup truck and dragged to his death along a country road outside of Jasper. The three defendants stand charged with capital murder, accused of killing the 49-year-old simply because he was black.

One trial for all three men presented several hurdles for prosecutors from the start. For instance, any evidence presented would have had to implicate all three.

"There are a lot of different rules for when co-defendants can be tried together and when they can't be tried together," explained Joseph C. "Lum" Hawthorn, Berry's attorney.

In another development, King told The Dallas Morning News in a seven-page statement that Berry alone murdered Byrd and that the killing was not racially motivated but drug-related.

In the statement, released by King's father, the defendant said Berry had drug ties to Byrd and was responsible for Byrd's death.

He further contended that Berry's "irate temper, abusive behavior and steroid use" were the likely causes of Byrd's being beaten and dragged behind a pickup truck until he was decapitated.

The suspect's father, Ronald King, refused to release the statement to the AP on Wednesday.

"I'm just not going to give it out anymore," the older King said when contacted at his Jasper home.

Toastmasters Club awarded

From Staff Reports

Midland's Pop-Up Toastmasters Club recently received the top club performance award in District 44 of Toastmasters International at the district's Fall Conference in Lubbock.

Club officer Jeanie Kraemer accepted the "Top of the Heap" award, which recognizes the club's accomplishments in member education achievement, membership growth, community involvement activities and overall club excellence.

Immediate past president of Pop-Ups, Sharae Buskirk, was the district's "Outstanding Club President" for the past six months. John Slyker received the Top Member Sponsor award for 1997-1998.

In the conference business session, the Midland area was recognized as the top growth area in this 1998-1999 year. There are six clubs in Midland that meet at a variety of times and days of the week.

District 44 includes all of North and West Texas, including clubs in San Angelo, Abilene, Lubbock, Odessa, Amarillo and Midland. There are 50 clubs in the district.

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ATTACK: Suspect may have left state

(From 1B)

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Detective Sgt. Rick Pippins received information that the man had fled the state to avoid arrest, according to reports.

Police are working with the FBI to obtain a federal warrant for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

The suspect is described as a white male, 41 years old, 6 feet, 5 inches tall, 230 pounds, bald with blue eyes, according to reports.

He faces charges of aggravated assault, a second-degree felony; injury to an elderly person, a first-degree felony; and violation of felony probation, police said.

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Small-town troubles inspire strict new curfew for teens

PALMER, Ill. (AP) — There's been no more trash stuffed into the bank night deposit slot, no more burned flags thrown down toilets, no more chickens tossed to their deaths off the grain elevator.

This farming town of 275 people is quiet again. It might have something do with the seven-day-a-week 8 p.m. curfew imposed on anyone under 18.

The curfew, which is enforced until dawn, is one of the most severe in the country. Violators can be fined $75.

The curfew began last month, following a summer in which rowdy kids flooded Palmer's park, drinking beer and carousing late at night. Graffiti was scrawled about, and the bank's night drop-box was filled with trash.

In two of the more heinous acts, two chickens were thrown to their death from the grain elevator and the post office's flag was burned and thrown into a portable toilet.

"You could tell they were drunk. They'd be hollering obscenities until 1 or 2 in the morning," said Tracy Tull, who lives in a pre-Civil War house across from the park in the town 40 miles southeast of Springfield. "Someone would have ended up getting hurt real bad. People would come speeding through at 60 mph."

The big kids would refuse to give up the swings and seesaws, too. "They won't let us play," said 9-year-old Derrick Williams.

Some residents blamed kids from outside — not just the 50 or so here — saying police crackdowns in nearby towns pushed the party to Palmer.

So far, nobody has been caught breaking the curfew, which used to be 11 p.m. on weekdays and midnight on weekends.

"It's good because people are not coming to town and getting in trouble, but it's bad that we don't get to see our friends," 15-year-old Amanda Strunk said.

Mayor Cayle Davis said the town council will lift the curfew if the children show they can behave. "But it won't be before next spring," he promised.

Ken Aldersen, executive director of the Illinois Municipal League, said he is unaware of any town in Illinois that has such an early curfew. If it works, "good luck to them," he said.

Russell "Tony" Stockon, 51, thinks the kids got a raw deal.

"We turned over outhouses. We took wagons apart and put the pieces on the schoolhouse roof," he said of his formative days in Palmer. "We did a lot more serious things. There are a lot of people in this town who forget they were kids."

Still, Stockon did not protest the curfew — not after teenagers passed up the town basketball court's new lights and picnic tables and congregated at a dark pavilion where electrical equipment was damaged and graffiti etched in the wood.

"They brought it on themselves," he said.

His sons sheepishly agreed.

"He told us a couple of times to pick up trash and we didn't," said Dustin Stockon, 14. "He told us to stay out of the pavilion. But kids from out of town play basketball, and it's too crowded to sit there" under the light.

The curfew hasn't killed all the fun. Instead of going to the park, kids now wander around town before curfew and visit one another's homes afterward.

"That's kind of hard to police," the mayor admitted.

Veteran injured in Vietnam reunited with rescuer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid the Veterans Day crowds at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Donel Erickson happened onto the man who carried him from a firefight three decades ago and saved his life.

On June 9, 1969, 1st Lt. Stephen Maness, a platoon leader only three months in Vietnam, pulled squad Sgt. Erickson away from a skirmish after Erickson was shot through both legs. Maness was awarded the Silver Star.

"You never find out what happened to people," Maness, now 51, said Wednesday. "It was such a people mill," he said. "He was gone, and the next day someone came in and took his place."

Erickson and Maness might very well have missed each other at the Wall's Veterans Day ceremony, unaware they live only miles apart: Erickson in Washington, Maness in suburban Fairfax Station, Va.

Balmy weather and a clear blue sky prompted thousands to come to pay their respects and remember. The group, mostly men, held dozens of U.S. and brigade and company flags, including one representing the 196th Light Infantry Brigade — khaki, with a field of sky blue and a looped yellow rope with both ends aflame. That's the one that brought Maness and Erickson together.

Erickson, 52, was standing with other veterans of the 196th, talking about their war. "I come down here every year looking for my unit," said Erickson, who now works as an education specialist for the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

In the space of 10 minutes, several other vets came by to shake hands and say they too were with the 196th.

One was Maness.

When he said he was with Erickson's unit, the 3rd Battalion of the 21st Infantry of the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, the two looked each other over and then started asking questions: "Do you remember ..."

Suddenly, Erickson said, "I've got a picture of you," and the story unfolded: Their unit came under heavy fire in the mountains west of Tam Ky after helicoptering in to rescue a smaller reconnaissance unit. Erickson left a covered area to pick up a fallen comrade and was shot by a sniper. Maness, the platoon leader he barely knew, went in and carried him out.

"This guy, he saved my life," Erickson said.

Emotionally moved, Maness responded, "I remember. I carried you to the helicopter, to the dust-off. You were really in pain."

"I had your blood all over me," Maness said. He never saw Erickson again, until Wednesday.

Erickson was flown to a hospital in Danang and almost lost a leg, saved by several operations. Maness received the Silver Star for the episode, for what his citation describes as "gallantry in action against an armed hostile force."

Erickson said later that he had tried to track down his savior since the war but had mistakenly remembered his lieutenant's name as "Manning."

On Wednesday, they hugged, grasped hands and talked for more than 20 minutes, about officers they hated and friends killed in combat whose names are on the Memorial's wall. They exchanged telephone numbers.

"I don't think too much about Vietnam, but when I meet these guys again ...," Maness said before leaving.

Hours later, reached by phone, Maness, who retired as a colonel in 1996 and now works for the Red Cross, said he'd already left a message for his new old friend.

"My memories have just been flooding back all day since I met him," Maness said. Before this, "I've had no one to talk to about it."

Researchers: Flu shots for kids save money, sick days

DENVER (AP) — Medical researchers are recommending that schoolchildren across the nation get annual flu shots to help control the rampant spread of the virus this winter.

It's an unusual public health message, they acknowledge. Physicians typically reserve their annual allocations of the influenza vaccine for people who might die otherwise, especially the elderly.

Last year, serious flu outbreaks were recorded in 46 states, killing 20,000 people. But virtually none of the victims were children, researchers said.

But that doesn't mean that children are immune. In a new study being presented Thursday at the annual infectious diseases meeting in Denver, researchers said 45 percent of all schoolchildren get the flu, and they pass it along to adult family members and day-care providers.

Many of the adults aren't vaccinated either, and the flu spreads quickly through the general population.

Vaccinating kids would reduce the flu's impact on adults' lost work hours, productivity and wages, while potentially boosting students' performance by reducing sick days, said researchers at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond.

"Parents who would miss work if their children got the flu should talk to their pediatricians about getting the vaccine right now," said Dr. Mary D. Nettleman, lead author of the study.

"More widespread use of the vaccine in school-age children would have substantial benefits to society," she said.

A projection of nationwide cost savings or reduction in school absences was not available, Nettleman said.

More researchers are breaking with tradition this year and touting the preventive benefits of flu shots for children.

At a recent national microbiology meeting, Dr. Michael Marcy of Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Panorama City, Calif., said expanding annual vaccinations to children would "go a long way towards stopping flu transmission."

The vaccine is made from three strains of the flu virus that change annually. This year's strains are dubbed A/Beijing, A/Sydney and B/Beijing. The vaccine is made from particles of the dead strains that generate an immune response, but cannot give you the flu.

Eighty million doses of vaccine were to be available by this month despite some initial difficulties reproducing the A strains in the laboratory.

Vaccine production would have to be increased if schoolchildren were widely vaccinated, officials said.

O.J. Simpson talks on MSNBC

NEW YORK (AP) — O.J. Simpson was interviewed for an hour on MSNBC Wednesday after he called the cable news network to complain about its discussion of the custody battle over his children.

Earlier in the afternoon, MSNBC's "At Issue" program had conducted a debate triggered by Tuesday's court reversal of a decision granting Simpson custody of his children, Sydney and Justin.

Watching the show from Los Angeles was Simpson, who called host Chris Jansing when it was done at 4 p.m. EST to say he was "irritated" by some remarks that had been made by a lawyer.

After a long off-air discussion, Jansing and an MSNBC executive convinced Simpson to come on the air for a live interview. He again denied killing the children's mother, Nicole Brown Simpson, and talked at length about how the children were doing.

The interview by Jansing, which began just before 6 p.m. EST, lasted an hour.

Near its end, Simpson said: "I wish America would get over it and leave us alone. If you'd leave us alone, we'd be fine."

Jansing defended the interview's unusual length, reminiscent of the days when Simpson's guilt or innocence was the subject of seemingly endless television debate. She said it was important to keep Simpson on for so long because of all the questions brought up by the case.

"Not only is it fair, but I think it's good news judgment," she said. "It's solid journalism ... I wanted to see where I could get answers from him. I got some in some places and not in other places."

NBC's "Nightly News" aired an excerpt of the interview while Simpson was still talking on its sister channel.

Even after Jansing wrapped up the interview, Simpson wasn't through.

He called back about 20 minutes later to talk with "Internight" host John Gibson, whose program was continuing the custody discussion.

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Zeroing in on heart patients with low HDL saves lives, study finds

DALLAS (AP) — Cholesterol drugs can save the lives of even those heart patients whose only cholesterol problem is too little HDL, the good stuff that keeps arteries clean, a study found.

Doctors often recommend cholesterol-lowering drugs for people whose so-called bad cholesterol, or LDL, is off the charts. However, about one-quarter of all people with heart disease have ordinary amounts of LDL, while their HDL, or good cholesterol, is low.

In a Veterans Administration study released Wednesday, doctors gave these people a relatively old generic medicine that slightly increases HDL. They found it lowered the risk of a heart attack or death from heart disease by 22 percent.

The study used a drug called Lopid, known generically as gemfibrozil. This medicine has been overtaken in recent years by a newer class of medicines, called statins, that are available only in more expensive brand-name versions.

"It works. It's cheap. It's well-tolerated," said Dr. Hanna Rubins, who directed the study at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Minneapolis.

The study was presented at a meeting in Dallas of the American Heart Association, along with another report showing that unusually aggressive treatment with one of the statin drugs can forestall the need for angioplasty.

The statins typically cost $900 to $1,800 a year. In her study, Rubins said gemfibrozil cost the VA $48 per patient annually, although the typical drugstore cost is likely to be several times higher.

In the study, 1,264 men were randomly assigned to take gemfibrozil, while 1,267 others got placebos. At the start, average LDL levels were an unremarkable 111, while HDL was 31.5 — well below the healthy level of 45 or higher.

The treatment raised HDL just two points, while LDL was unchanged. Nevertheless, after five years, 17 percent of patients taking gemfibrozil had died or suffered heart attacks, compared with 21 percent in the comparison study.

Side effects of gemfibrozil can include intestinal upsets and gallstones. Statins are easier to take, but they have not been specifically studied in heart patients with normal LDL and low HDL. Some heart specialists said they doubt that gemfibrozil will gain on the statins, even though it is cheaper.

"We've got to get the LDL down, the lower the better," said Dr. Gerald Fletcher of Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Fla. "We shouldn't take the emphasis off of LDL. All of my patients are on statins."

Dr. Bertram Pitt of the University of Michigan described the results of a study with one of the statin drugs, known as atorvastatin, or Lipitor, on 341 people with mild heart disease who were scheduled to undergo balloon angioplasty to reopen their clogged heart arteries.

Half got their angioplasties and other usual treatment, while the rest were put on higher-than-usual doses of Lipitor. After 18 months of follow-up, there was no statistically meaningful difference in heart problems between the two groups.

Lipitor cut their LDL almost in half — from an average 140 to 77. And 87 percent of these people were able to avoid angioplasty or bypass surgery during the follow-up period.

"We can delay or prevent the need for angioplasty" with aggressive statin treatment, Pitt said.

Study: Bacterium could be Alzheimer's risk

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Infection of a person's brain cells by a type of bacteria commonly found in the sinuses and lungs may raise the risk of Alzheimer's disease late in life, researchers suggested Wednesday.

Scientists who examined brain tissue of Alzheimer's patients after they died found a bacterium called Chlamydia pneumoniae had gotten into cells in regions where Alzheimer's damage is detected.

The presence of the bacterium was unexpected, because it meant the germ had to penetrate the protective blood-brain barrier.

Brian J. Balin, a researcher at Allegheny University of the Health Sciences in Philadelphia, presented the findings at a meeting in Los Angeles of the Society for Neuroscience.

A top Alzheimer's expert called the findings exciting.

"I think that it's something that's really worth taking seriously because of the issue of what's triggering the degeneration process," said Zaven Khachaturian a consultant to the Alzheimer's Association and former director of the Office of Alzheimer's Djsease Research at the National Institutes of Health in Washington.

Khachaturian said it will be important to find out whether the bacteria set the stage for Alzheimer's, or whether Alzheimer's damaged the brain and let the bacteria in.

Balin's team found segments of the bacterium's DNA in brain samples of 17 of the 19 Alzheimer's patients he analyzed. Conversely, 18 of 19 brain samples from people without Alzheimer's showed no signs of the organism.

Cells infected by the bacterium make chemicals to fend off the infection. Those inflammatory chemicals, called cytokines, can in turn damage surrounding nerve cells.

The same bacterium has been detected in the fatty plaques that clog heart arteries, though researchers do not yet know if it is responsible for the clogging.

Researchers have also found a correlation between late-onset Alzheimer's and infection with herpes simplex virus type 1.

FBI: Man sought as witness in doctor killing sighted

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A man sought as a witness in the sniper killing of an abortion provider near Buffalo, N.Y., has been spotted in at least two locations in New Jersey, the FBI said Wednesday.

James Charles Kopp now looks different than photographs distributed by authorities, FBI Special Agent Monica M. Patton said.

"He is wearing a bushier beard, and he also has gained approximately 10 to 15 pounds," said Patton, a spokeswoman for the FBI office in Newark. "He may additionally be wearing large, reading-type glasses."

"The bushier beard is a recent sighting ... within the past few days," she said.

Kopp, 44, has been spotted in the central part of the state, in the Red Bank area, and in Essex County, in northern New Jersey, she said.

Kopp is wanted on a federal material witness warrant in the Oct. 23 shooting of Dr. Barnett Slepian of Amherst, N.Y.

Patton said she could not give specifics about when or where Kopp was sighted.

"Mr. Kopp appears to be very transient in nature, so we don't have him linked for any period of time with any individual," she said.

He appears to be driving his 1987 black Chevrolet Cavalier with Vermont tags, Patton said.

The material witness warrant was based on reports that the car was spotted in Amherst in the weeks before the 52-year-old abortion provider was killed.

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Democrats pressure Hyde for a quick vote on impeachment

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WASHINGTON — Seeking to capitalize on the public's distaste with the inquiry against President Clinton, Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee called on the panel Wednesday to vote early next week on whether the allegations in the independent counsel's report are grounds for impeachment.

Democrats knew how Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., the committee chairman, would reply — ("No") — even before they delivered the request to him Wednesday night. But they didn't particularly care.

Buoyed by their unexpected Election Day gains and the growing number of Republicans outside the committee who now say the full House is unlikely to vote to impeach Clinton, committee Democrats are trying every tactic to force Hyde to fold his tent.

In the Democrats' letter, Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, the committee's ranking Democrat, and Rep. Robert Scott of Virginia, the lead Democrat on the constitutional subcommittee, asked Hyde to "help us avoid a divisive inquiry that is not warranted by the Constitution."

The committee has called the independent counsel, Kenneth Starr, to testify on Nov. 19. But Democrats insist that before summoning witnesses, the committee should decide whether the main charges in Starr's 445-page report — lying under oath, obstructing justice and witness tampering — constitute impeachable offenses.

Committee Republicans had not yet received the Democrats' letter Wednesday night, but the arguments are familiar ones and unpersuasive to Republicans.

"The fact-gathering process comes first and the committee will get to the question of whether or not the allegations against the president warrant impeachment at a subsequent point," a Republican committee spokesman said.

On another front, the House Democratic leader, Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., criticized the Republicans' handling of the investigation.

"I've thought for some time that a majority of Republicans were bent on not only considering impeachment actively but bringing many other issues into this, in a process that I think is defective and not well thought through," Gephardt told reporters over lunch.

Gephardt said that after hearings and a committee vote on articles of impeachment, "We're then, I guess, going to go to the floor with an impeachment resolution. The House is not terribly prepared to deal with it because it's been done in my view very poorly."

Aside from Democrats' criticisms, there was fresh evidence Wednesday of waning support for impeachment among Republicans outside Hyde's committee.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., of the Judiciary Committee, suggested in an article on the Op-Ed page of The New York Times and again at a news conference that the impeachment inquiry be abandoned in favor of criminal prosecution of Clinton after he leaves office in 2001.

Specter said that lawmakers were "searching for a way out" of an impeachment process that was "going nowhere." The senator said he had broached the idea to Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., the majority leader, and Rep. Robert Livingston, R-La., the likely successor to Newt Gingrich as speaker of the House. Both men were noncommittal, Specter said.

Hyde, speaking in Wheaton, Ill., said the hearing with Starr will go ahead, as would other committee deliberations. "Sen. Specter's always ahead of the curve," Hyde said. "But he'll get his chance to express himself authoritatively, ultimately, I suspect."

Director of CIA argued against Pollard release

WASHINGTON (AP) — CIA Director George Tenet vehemently opposed the release of convicted spy Jonathan Pollard and told President Clinton during Mideast peace talks that such a release so would make it impossible for him to continue as director, according to a Clinton administration official.

Tenet, who played a central though low-profile role in the peace talks, knew that Pollard's release was a high priority for Israel and expected the subject to come up at the talks last month in rural Maryland. Pollard, a former naval intelligence officer, is serving a life sentence for handing over thousands of top-secret documents to Israel in 1984 and 1985.

As the talks between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat dragged on and it appeared that the U.S. refusal to release Pollard would become a deal-breaker, Tenet grew concerned that Clinton might yield to Netanyahu's demand, said the administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. At that point, Tenet told Clinton that the U.S. intelligence community feels strongly about Pollard's betrayal and that any sense that Tenet had acquiesced in his release would make it difficult for him to continue in his job.

Clinton, who mediated the peace talks, eventually refused to release Pollard but agreed to an open-ended review of the Pollard case.

The New York Times reported Wednesday that Tenet "threatened to resign" if Pollard were released, a characterization the White House disputed. The CIA would neither confirm nor deny the Times report.

White House spokesman David Leavy sought on Wednesday to dismiss the implication that Clinton, at one point, was prepared to free Pollard and had to be talked out of it by Tenet, National Security Adviser Sandy Berger and others.

"The president at no point made a decision to release Mr. Pollard," Leavy said. When Netanyahu made his strong feelings about Pollard's release clear toward the end of the talks at Maryland's Wye River Conference Center, "the president took that on board.

"He consulted with Mr. Tenet, with Mr. Berger and others. It was clear that this was something the president wasn't willing to do at that time."

Netanyahu had told Clinton that he needed Pollard's release in order to win support for the peace agreement from the right wing of his governing coalition.

Missouri sniper may have been targeting cops, officials say

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (AP) — Authorities believe the man who gunned down a police officer in his squad car was targeting police because he apparently ignored people driving civilian vehicles.

William E. Lattin Jr., dressed in fatigues, strapped two guns to his body, walked down the stoop of his apartment and opened a barrage of gunfire Tuesday evening.

His rampage ended when police shot and killed him. In addition to the slain police officer, three people were wounded.

Police say they still don't know for sure what prompted Lattin, 33, to open fire, but he may have been targeting police officers, Lt. Jim Connors said.

"The indication from some statements by civilians indicate he'd look at some people and wave them on," he said "He seemed to be going for vehicles that resembled police vehicles. That is what we believe at this time, that this was an assault on police officers."

Witnesses said Lattin shook the rifle in a taunting manner before exchanging fire with police behind a church about a block from the intersection where the shootings began in this city about 55 miles north of Kansas City.

Police officer Bradley T. Arn, 28, the first officer to respond to reports of gunshots, was killed when Lattin fired several times at his squad car with a rifle. One shot penetrated the right rear window and struck Arn in the head.

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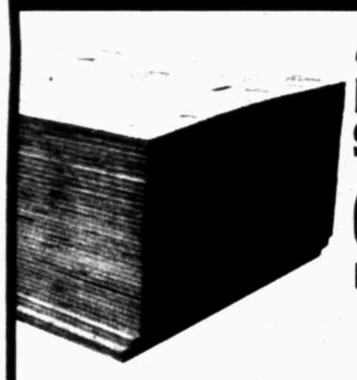

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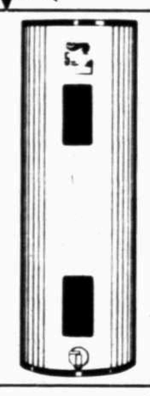

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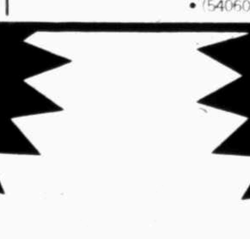

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You'll Love the Difference

American folk marquetry: Craft of intricate patterns

By Barbara Mayer

NEW YORK (AP) — Marquetry furniture, with its decorated surfaces, was reserved for the high and mighty in Europe, from the Renaissance to the 18th century.

But in the United States in the 19th century, marquetry became a craft practiced by modest woodworkers. They devoted endless hours to the time-consuming technique of ornamenting wood furniture and surfaces with an overlay of wood slivers arranged in intricate patterns.

"To me, marquetry is a male version of quilting. Some of the patterns even mirror quilt patterns," Marjorie Hirschhorn of Boston said. Both crafts involve small, manipulated pieces of material and lots of time and patience, she added.

Over the past 30 years, Mrs. Hirschhorn and her husband, Robert Hirschhorn, have assembled what is probably the largest collection of American folk marquetry objects in the world.

They own more than 300 objects, 70 of which are on view through Jan. 10 at the Museum of American Folk Art, in New York City, in the exhibition, "Masterpieces in Wood: American Folk Marquetry From The Hirschhorn Foundation."

AP Photo

A ship captain's table, made by an unknown craftsman in the mid-19th Century, is inlaid with wood and ivory. The words, "In God We Trust" dominate the design on top. The piece is in the "American Folk Marquetry: Masterpieces in Wood" exhibit at the Museum of American Folk Art in New York City. The collection also is featured in a book of the same name.

"The marquetry tradition began in the United States around 1845 or so, probably among immigrant German cabinetmakers who were required to learn the skill as part of their apprenticeship," Richard Muhlberger said.

Muhlberger, a former director of the Museum of Fine Arts in Springfield, Mass., is guest curator of the exhibit. He also wrote the profusely illustrated companion catalog published by the museum ($65 hardcover).

Marquetry's heyday was the late 19th century, after the Civil War, to the early 20th century, the curator said. It was inspired by revival furniture fashionable at the time, and its makers imitated high-style carved and inlaid pieces such as those made by Herter Brothers in New York.

Ready-made marquetry medallions a' 1 banding available by the foot also probably encouraged the hobby, according to Muhlberger. Such items were offered in mail-order catalogs after the Civil War, and they are used in several pieces on show in the museum.

The exhibit includes work by unknowns, as well as pieces celebrated in their own day, such as a secretary by Frederick Stedman Hazen (1829-1908) of Springfield, Mass.

A newspaper article in 1869 quoted Hazen as saying that the intricate patterns that decorate the secretary included "300 kinds of wood with no less than 21,378 different pieces."

Hazen, who regarded the secretary as his masterpiece, used slivers of wood from historically significant locations, such as George Washington's home at Mount Vernon and Independence Hall in Philadelphia, in making it.

Henry A. Hyma (1867-1955), also represented in the show, fits the model of the immigrant cabinetmaker. He was born in the Netherlands, worked for a furniture company in Holland, Mich., and made marquetry furniture in his spare time at home.

"Marquetry actually was so time-consuming that nobody could hope to make a living from doing it," Muhlberger said. Hyma's chairs and tables have patterns that recall the intricacy of agateware in pottery.

A card table and four chairs made around 1930 by Anthyme Leveque (1880-1951) of Lead, S.D., also illustrate the point.

In addition to the wonderful abstract patterns on visible surfaces, Leveque decorated unseen areas such as the bottoms of chairs with marquetry patterns.

Like quilting and other crafts, marquetry has had something of a rebirth. On the grand scale, Silas Kopf recently took several months to complete four marquetry panels for Bill Gates' palatial new home in a Seattle suburb. A pair of doors leading to Gates' home theater are decorated with an Art Deco-style marquetry image of ushers.

Kopf also worked the initials of Gates and his wife into an elaborate geometric design in about 10 different kinds of wood for two facing panels in a hallway of the house.

Kopf also makes marquetry furniture, which is unusual today, perhaps unique. Most marquetry makers use the craft to produce the two-dimensional wall pieces known as "paintings in wood."

"There also are hobbyists," said Kopf, who teaches marquetry at workshops around the country. That field is constantly growing, because marquetry is a retiree's hobby, Kopf said.

"To duplicate classic marquetry requires a highly skilled artist, but hobbyists can make pieces like some of those in the show, provided they have the patience."

DEAR ABBY

Man feeling low on birthday is lifted by high-tech cards

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I usually get a bit depressed around my birthday, and this past year was especially hard. Two years ago, I lost my grandmother, my father and a girlfriend shortly before my birthday. Also, my new girlfriend dumped me a year ago, just before my birthday. Now I associate my birthday with the loss of people for whom I cared deeply and I become depressed weeks before the occasion.

Van Buren

This year I received two cards in the "snail mail" —one from my stepmother (which reminded me that my dad can never send me a card again) and one from my oldest sister. I was, however, surprised to receive an e-mail card from another sister and her two small children, another e-mail card from my younger sister and several from Internet buddies. The real kicker was an e-mail greeting from my mother! One of my sisters had shown her how to create a card on the computer and send it to me online.

Because of the snail mail and e-mail cards I received, I didn't feel quite so alone this year. In fact, it was the most loving birthday I've had in years. — KEN IN GROVE CITY, OHIO

DEAR KEN: Congratulations on having overcome the birthday blues. Thirty years ago, who would have believed that so many people would own personal computers and use them for greetings and personal messages? This age of sophisticated communications technology is a marvel to behold, isn't it? Belated happy birthday, Ken.

DEAR ABBY: This is my first letter to you, but after reading about the woman's husband who urinates in their front yard, I just had to write. When I read your answer I laughed out loud even though I was alone in the house. I was reminded of a solution to a problem that we have here in the desert Southwest.

It isn't unusual for critters from the desert to cruise through town looking for food. The javelina (wild boar) especially can be a nuisance because it travels in family packs, and a group of at least six was checking out my porch every evening to see if my cats had left any food. I'd chase them away, but that deterred them only for a little while. I needed a more permanent solution.

Someone told my daughter about a group of beer drinkers who usually drank outside the house. Instead of going inside to urinate, they'd just do it in the yard — and they had no problem with javelinas. Other people who were bothered by the pesky creatures tried it, and it worked. I finally talked my grandson into marking his territory in various spots around my yard.

It worked at my house, too. It has to be repeated every so often, but it's such an inoffensive way to be rid of the pests. I'm signing my letter, but do not use my name. It's a small town and I don't need that kind of notoriety. —ARIZONA READER

DEAR ARIZONA READER: Thank you for an intriguing letter. Several readers wrote to tell me that urine is a pest repellent. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I don't know if you're aware of this or not, but according to the master gardener, Jerry Baker, urine can be very beneficial in the garden to control pests. I can tell you from experience that urine seems to have eliminated the pack rats that were around our home for years. Since pack rats can be very damaging to one's house, my theory was, "If a little urine gets rid of them, whatta deal!" — TOM IN TUCSON

DEAR ABBY: Since those of us over the age of 60 are referred to as "senior citizens," that must mean that people in their 40s and 50s are "junior citizens." And if that's the case, it would follow that those in their 30s are sophomore citizens and adults in their 20s are freshman citizens.

If this is true, we would have a new age grouping system that eliminates "elderly" from our vocabulary. For those who ask what comes after "senior," the answer is, "Graduation, of course. We don't die. We graduate." — GEORGE TIPPEN, SENIOR CITIZEN

DEAR GEORGE: That makes sense to me. And our post-graduate education depends upon the course we take here on Earth.

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Care and feeding of pecan trees important to West Texas gardeners

By Deborah A. Benge Frost

Pecan trees are a major source of shade and nut production in Permian Basin home landscapes and orchards — commercial as well as private. This year, extremes in weather and insects have made care of these trees more of a challenge.

Benge Frost

Record heat and drought has affected area pecan trees in ways that the trees couldn't completely overcome, even under good management and irrigation practices. Some of the more obvious symptoms are smaller-than-normal nuts, premature nut drop, leaf scorch, sprouting in the shell and shucks not opening.

Fruit set on many pecan trees was very high this year, which increases the demand for water and carbohydrates. The heavy fruit set, plus the hot dry weather, adversely affected the size and filling of pecans, and caused some limb breakage in July, August and September.

Premature nut drop, a perennial problem in August and September, occurs during the water stage of pecan and nut development, which is a particularly vulnerable time in nut development during which any stress can cause nuts to drop too early.

Nut filling — August, September and early October — causes an increased demand for water: however, any water or heat stress during this time affects pecan nut filling and causes scorched leaves. Hot dry weather can create such a demand for water that the root system cannot keep up with it; scorched leaves are the result.

The heat and drought also left these overstressed trees with insufficient stored food reserves for next year. High summer temperatures caused higher than normal respiration rates, which means that much of the foods manufactured by the pecan trees during the day was used through respiration during the night. And that means that less food was available to fill the nuts, maintain tree heath and go into storage for next year's growth.

The dry season also caused a build-up of salts in the root zone. Without periodic rains to help leach excess salts out of the root zone, these salts accumulate to levels that are high enough to interfere with water and nutrient uptake. A good rain can help flush these salts away, providing better growing conditions for the tree.

Hickory shuckworm seems to be more prevalent this year than ever before. These insects — cream-colored, brown-headed worms that invade the shucks about August — feed in the green shucks of pecans. The shucks turn black and fail to open, shells have rough black patches, and the nut filling is reduced.

Pecan kernels fill in August and September, the same time the insects invade. Filling of pecans takes place through vascular tissue in the shucks; if shucks are damaged by hickory shuckworm, filling is impeded.

If you find evidence of this tough-to-manage pest, rake up — or pick up — and bury the worm-infested pecan shucks. Because the insects overwinter in the shucks, burying the shucks or tilling them into the soil helps reduce next year's population of these insects. A recommended insecticide can be used during mid-August.

Sometimes shucks don't mature or are sprouting in the shell because of a difficult growing season, or the trees go into winter in a weakened condition. That means good care will be vital next year.

After trees go fully dormant — usually in early or mid-December — give them a good watering, followed by a good irrigation once or twice a month. Remember to lay the hose or sprinkler in the dripline of the tree rather than at the base of the trunk.

For more information on care of pecan trees, pick up a copy of the publication "B-5001: Home Nut Production — Pecans" from the Ector or Midland County Extension Office.

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Midland County Pecan Show is scheduled for Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 and 2 at Midland County Extension Office. Growers from Midland, Ector, Glasscock and Upton Counties may enter 40-nut pecan samples (42 nuts preferred) of various varieties. Samples must be taken to the Ector or Midland County office by noon Nov. 25. Include grower's name, address, telephone number and variety.

Why, you may ask, have a pecan show after all this gloomy information on this year's crop? Because pecan shows give Extension agents and researchers valuable information on variety performance, current crop quality and pecan trees in general. In short, because of pecan shows, local growers become part of on-going research with the Extension Service.

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Storing off-season clothing doesn't require large expense

By Frances Ingraham
Hearst News Service

With all these modular systems, there are all kinds of storage options, such as tie and scarf racks; drawers with dividers to keep small items, such as socks, organized; acrylic shelf dividers to keep folded clothes from toppling over; and laundry hamper, jewelry drawers and various level hanging compartments to accommodate dresses, trousers, and skirts and coats.

ALBANY, N.Y. — The season is changing, and with it our wardrobes.

Today's active lifestyles dictate that we have clothes for every function for work and play. We put a great deal of money into clothing and therefore must go to great lengths to take care of it, especially vintage clothing or that one-of-a-kind piece, such as a wedding gown. Wardrobes call for safe and proper storage.

Tom Barber, president of Closet Crafters in Albany, said the most important thing to keep in mind when storing clothes is to eliminate what you won't put on anymore.

"Why should you take up and waste valuable space with clothes you never wear?" Barber said. "Then you should think about what you are going to store and where. Many times, people will store files in their bedroom closet, as well as winter coats. You have to make the proper room to store clothing properly and functionally."

Barber said that the layout of the closet will also depend on whether it's to be male- or female-oriented.

"Too often, the actual architectural constraints of the structure are an afterthought," Barber added. "You should work with the architecture rather than against it."

A moderate-sized closet can be transformed into a functional closet without actually increasing its size by using various storage systems, from portable organizers to built-ins.

Barber noted that laminated storage systems take up more space, and therefore ventilated steel units should be used for small closets of 48 inches or less.

"Ventilated steel is also the least expensive of the three storage options of laminated, ventilated steel or ventilated wood, which is beautiful and warm-looking," Barber said. "Ventilated systems are not adjustable, like the laminated systems. But then again, how many times do people adjust the shelves in their closets once they are installed?"

Within these modular systems, there are all kinds of storage options, such as tie and scarf racks; drawers with dividers to keep small items, such as socks, organized; acrylic shelf dividers to keep folded clothes from toppling over; and laundry hamper, jewelry drawers and various level hanging compartments to accommodate dresses, trousers, and skirts and coats.

There are also several different options when it comes to storing shoes, each depending on the amount of space you have. Shelves and racks are popular, where shoes are stored side-by-side, but it's the shoe cubbies that save on space.

"There's a 3-to-1 ratio in space savings, when it comes to using shoe cubbies," Barber said. "In a shoe cubbie, you store your shoes toe-to-heel, like in a shoe box, except that unlike a box, your shoes are all visible."

Another consideration is the closet door. Do you want a bifold door or a swinging or sliding pocket door? Should the door swing in or out? Also remember that a solid swinging door offers an opportunity to use it for extra hanging space for ties, belts, jewelry or hats.

A well-organized closet can range in cost from as little as $150 to more than $6,000, depending on the size, materials, bells and whistles.

Some other helpful hints:

- Keep the closet clean and use sealable bags and storage boxes to deter moths. Use cedar scent for proper protection and make sure the container or plastic bag is airtight, with no rips or holes.
- Always dry clean or wash any item to be stored to rid it of mildew spores or insect eggs.
- Don't leave clothing in plastic dry cleaner bags for long-term storage because they can discolor garments.

Slip covers

Why not slip chair into something more comfortable?

By Marianne Rohrlich
N.Y. Times News Service

Slipcovers are like window dressing," Mario Buatta said. "They're the easiest and least expensive way to celebrate the change of seasons."

And as the holidays approach, one newly dressed chair can make the difference between a room's being ready for guests or not.

Ready-made slipcovers look different this fall, too. Like the dressed up, more tailored furniture at the recent High Point home furnishings market, slipcovers are more fitted than in the past.

Also new is that some slipcovers come with back and seat pads sewn in. More expensive, yes, but they create an instantly upholstered piece.

And unlike the duck or linen ready-made wraps of yesteryear, there are now attractive covers in a variety of fabrics from toiles de jouy to jewel-tone velvets. Watch, guests will rise to the occasion.

Cover a chair with a slipcover of cotton toiles de jouy and the cushioned back and seat create an upholstered chair from a straight-back dining-room model — even a tag-sale jalopy.

A cotton-velvet slipcover in purple, green or navy comes in three sizes: for a club chair, love seat and a sofa.

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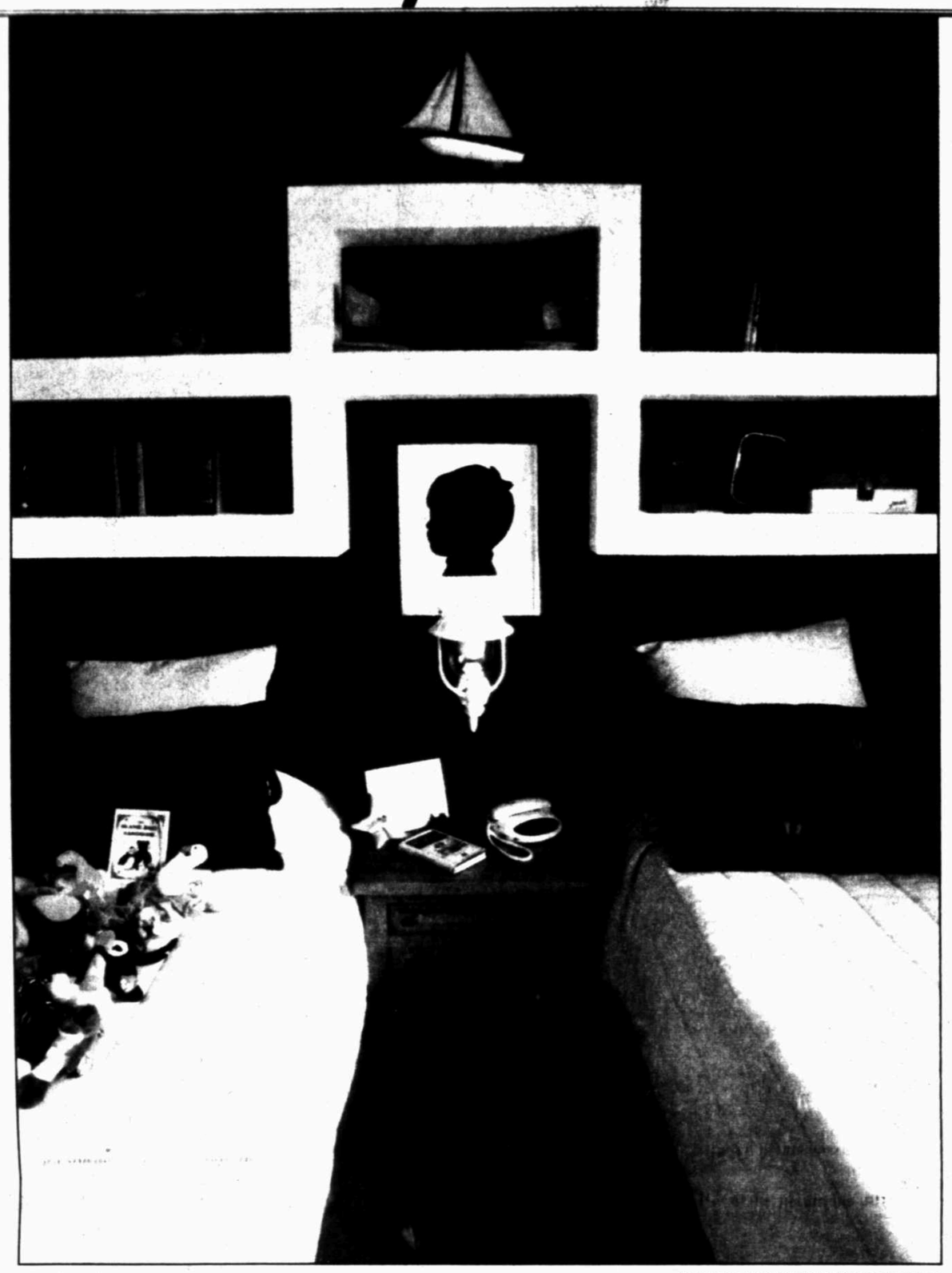
The ready-made home

Buyers who are unsure of their decorating taste or just want the convenience of having it all done for them can opt for a model home along with its contents, right down to the soap dishes.

By Judy Stark
The St. Petersburg Times



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The furniture, built-in shelves, the lamp – everything but the name tag and silhouette above his bed – were there when the buyers purchased the furnished model home.

Bonnie and Michael Lowe liked the model home so much they bought it — "right down to the plastic pancakes on the breakfast table," Bonnie says.

They bought the furnished, decorated M/I Homes model — the same one thousands of buyers had trooped through, in the village of Derbyshire in Westchase, Fla., — and everything in it: "The window coverings and ficus trees and books and pictures on the walls and rugs, the soap holder in the bathroom, all those little things you would spend months and months looking for," Bonnie said.

"People are amazed that the window draperies in the living room match the pillows in the den," she said. "Things you would spend months searching for are already here."

The house's move-right-in condition is one of the advantages of buying the furnished model, say homeowners who have done it. The hard work of choosing colors, selecting furniture and waiting weeks or months for delivery has already been done by professionals. All the buyers need to bring is a toothbrush.

The Lowes — Bonnie, 30, is in sales for Canandaigua Wine Co.; Michael, 31, is an account executive with West Coast Duplicating — were newlyweds whose existing mix-and-match, his-and-hers furniture "didn't have a whole lot of sentimental value," she said. They paid $4,000 for everything in the model home, for which they paid $166,000, county records show.

"It was a nice blend of furniture that looks very good in the house, and it's what we may very well have picked out ourselves," Bonnie said.

The downside to buying a furnished model, of course, is that buyers don't get to choose tile and countertop colors or customize the home to suit themselves. What they see is what they get.

"For us, it was a matter of convenience," Bonnie said. "We didn't have to go through the entire ordeal of decorating on our own, and it's not all that important to us. I get a lot of compliments. People say, 'Who decorated your house?' and I take full credit every time."

The Lowes bought their model hon.. lock, stock and knickknacks. Other buyers purchase models without furniture and accessories, though window treatments and coordinating items such as bedspreads may be included, since the builder can't reuse those elsewhere.

WHY DO people want to move into a home furnished and decorated without their input? Some don't want to spend the time. Some don't want the hassle of choosing furniture and accessories, or they lack confidence in their taste. Some like the model furnishings better than their furniture.

That's why Mary Beth and Parley Acker bought several rooms' worth of furniture when they bought a model in New Tampa. "We wouldn't have to go shopping and spend all that time," said Mary Beth, 33. "My husband felt that if he gets into a furniture store, he'd worry about how something was going to look in our home, and I'd start to doubt myself. We saved so much time and stress buying what's already here."

When interior designers start to decorate a model (a process known as model merchandising), they come up with a profile of an imaginary family that reflects the demographic profile to whom the builder is trying to appeal, then furnish to suit such a family.

"Nine times out of 10, I would say the buyers are the profile," said Suzan Decker Ross of Decker Ross Interiors in Clearwater, who has worked with many Tampa Bay builders. "If the house has four bedrooms and three baths, it's going to be a family with children. Your profiles are pretty much the same, though the ages may vary."

The buyers could walk right in and sit down to dinner when they moved into this furnished model.

When people want to buy the furnished model, she said, "I take it as an extreme compliment.

"I know they've been out to every model in town. If they buy it furnished, that's what made them buy it. To me, the biggest compliment is when people say, 'I could live here.' If I've done the job right, they'd want to live there."

Tips from the pros

Unlikely treasures

Shelly Kincaid, author of the Garage Sale Decorator's Bible, shares some tips on garage sale shopping:

- You find the best things in the best neighborhoods, but it's serendipity, you just never know.
- The best time to go is early in the day, because you get a choice of everything. If you go later, people are willing to bargain - they just want to get rid of stuff.
- People should take measurements and keep the list with them. Take along a tape measure, a magnifying glass and an extension cord to test anything that's electric.
- Buy what you want. Make a needs list and a wants list.
- Try to avoid buying computers at a garage sale. No. 1, it doesn't work, and it won't run the kind of software kids want to run today.
- Try not to overlook things in need of repair and restoring. If you have the time, learn to recover furniture.

Lori Tobias, Scripps Howard News Service

Clear priorities

The key to good window washing is experience and equipment.

Squeegees: "When you have exactly the right squeegees, it makes a big difference," Philip Bregstone, owner of Dr. Glass, a window washing company in Boulder, Colo. He uses at least six different squeegees on each job and cuts his own rubber with a hacksaw.

Towels: Forget the rolls of paper towels or the old rags. Get your hands on surgical towels. "They very low-lint and absorbent. The ones from India are the best. The Russian ones are OK, but the ones from China are bad. I go through 20 a day and have to do laundry every night."

Solution: He uses a professional product called Sansco, but "you can use almost any solution in your bucket as long as you have a good squeegee on your belt."

Stay out of the sun: "The windows dry too fast and it's hard to see."

Special stuff: "Double-ought steel wool for getting off little bug gunk is a real secret of the trade. "Mostly it's angles and techniques. If you hear a squeaking noise, the angle isn't just right. People talk about 'squeaky clean,' but in window washing that's not what you want."

Mark Wolf, Scripps Howard News Service

Even more home ideas

Larger tiles expand bath's appearance

If you are considering remodeling your bathroom and want to make it look larger, try retiling your floor with larger tiles. The larger tiles require less grout, which will make the room appear bigger.

Fix It Up!

Cut electricity before changing switch

When replacing a light fixture or switch in the home, always turn the electricity off at the circuit breaker. To prevent someone from switching it back in the middle of your project, apply a piece of masking tape to the flipped switch as an indicator that it has been turned off purposefully.

Home wise With Beverly DeJulio

Use trigger gadget when spray painting

If you plan to spray paint a large surface, it's a good idea to use a spray paint trigger gadget. This gadget fits on any spray paint can and makes it easier to press the nozzle, which keeps your finger from getting tired. These are available at any home center, paint or hardware store.

Decorating with Style

Homemade lemon oil good for wood surface

You can make your own homemade lemon oil for use on wood surfaces. Simply combine regular vegetable oil and fresh lemon juice - about four parts oil to one part lemon juice. Be sure to mix well. The oil will moisturize the wood and the lemon cleans and freshens.

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SPORTS BRIEFING

TV Sports

COLLEGE FOOTBALL — Georgia Tech at Clemson, 7 p.m., ESPN.

NHL — Toronto Maple Leafs at Chicago Blackhawks, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2.

Texas Scores

NHL — Phoenix Coyotes 2, Dallas Stars 0.

WPHL — San Angelo Outlaws 5, Odessa Jackalopes 3.

Sports Today

JUCO BASKETBALL — Midland College women vs. Kilgore College, 6 p.m., at Texas Juco Roundup, Wichita Falls.

WPHL — El Paso Buzzards at Odessa Jackalopes, 7 p.m., Ector County Coliseum. RADIO: KMCM (96.9 FM)

Caminiti-Astros

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros hope to sign free agent third baseman Ken Caminiti by the end of the week, owner Drayton McLane says.

Caminiti has said he he wants to return to Houston so much that he was willing to turn down an $21.5 million deal from the Detroit Tigers to play for about $11 million less.

"Boy, if we can do the deal, we hope to get it done this week," McLane told KRIV-TV. "One of the things we are looking for from Ken, if we are able to secure him, is his leadership. People respect him."

McLane would not confirm details of the contract offer to Caminiti and said the two sides did not negotiate on Wednesday.

The Astros traded Caminiti to San Diego four years ago.

Under terms of Houston's offer, he would get $3 million next season, $3.5 million in 2000 and $4 million in 2001, if the Astros exercised the option, the station reported.

No. 7 Temple wins

NEW YORK — John Chaney didn't like the way his team looked Wednesday night, so he made a change — a big change.

The man whose coaching trademark has become the matchup zone went to a man-to-man defense and it turned some first-half trouble into a 59-48 victory over Wake Forest in the championship game of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.

"We've only had about two days of practice with the zone and even in our exhibition games we went with the man-to-man for the whole game," said the 66-year-old Chaney, who is starting his 17th season at Temple. "It wasn't just the defense, though, we also stopped with the turnovers."

The change on both ends of the floor helped the Owls (2-0) overcome a 16-point deficit and take over a game in which neither team had a field goal over the final six minutes.

"At this early stage of the season winning this tournament shows me a lot," Chaney said. "It usually takes me to January to know my team but I liked the way this team scrapped and fought hard."

Rasheed Brokenborough had 16 points to lead Temple, which held the Demon Deacons (1-1) to four points over an 8-minute span in the second half. The Owls took a 50-41 lead with 6:43 to play on Quincy Wadley's driving jumper, the Owls' final field goal of the game at Madison Square Garden.

Wake Forest got back within 50-46 with 6:01 left on a low post move by Rafael Vidauretta, its last basket of the game. Temple went 9-of-12 from the foul line to seal it, while the Demon Deacons went scoreless over the game's final 3 1/2 minutes.

"They played 40 minutes and we played 20 and give them credit for that," Wake Forest coach Dave Odom said. "They play to their strengths and don't get rattled. That lead in the first half was going in their spider's web, fool's gold if you will. We started thinking we're as good as Temple and we're not. We've got a long way t go."

Mark Karcher and Lynn Greer each had 10 points for Temple, which trailed 30-14 with 4:08 left in the first half.

Robert O'Kelley, who had 24 points in Wake Forest's opening-round victory over Illinois, had 10 points against Temple.

Temple closed the first half with a 10-2 run to get within 32-24 and its defense early in the second half let the Owls climb back in it. They took their first lead at 42-39 with 9:10 left on a 3-pointer by Wadley. It was Temple's fourth 3-pointer in 15 attempts, a far cry from the openng-round win over Georgetown when Wadley made his first five 3s and finished 5-for-6 from beyond the arc.

"We even shocked Coach with how good we played defense," Brokenborough said. "We surprise a lot of people when we play man, especially when we play it that good."

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Lee's "Cadillac" secondary consists of, from left, cornerback Kody Mathews, safety Eric Neatherlin, cornerback J.R. Norman and safety Derrick Walker. They have combined for 12 of Lee's 13 interceptions this season.

Rebels' 'Cadillac' defensive backs attack offenses with speed, style

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

When Midland Lee's "Cadillacs" take to the football field, opponents better be prepared for a tough night.

The "Cadillacs" is the loving nickname given to the Rebel secondary of safeties Eric Neatherlin and Derrick Walker along with cornerbacks J.R. Norman and Kody Mathews, the only junior in the set.

"We call them the Cadillacs in practice," said Lee secondary coach Mike Meeks. "It's not something we use to taunt other teams, it's just a fun thing we use in practice. When we call for the Cadillacs, they come running. It just means that we like to do things in style."

And this unit has done things in style this season. The Lee defense has 13 interceptions this season, 12 of them belonging to the Cadillacs. Only linebacker Paul Anderson has added an interception.

"The goal of the team was to average an interception per game and we've gone beyond that," Meeks said. "Producing turnovers is a must and we have high expectations in that department. We want to be the ones that make a difference in a game."

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MIDLAND HIGH BASKETBALL PREVIEWS

Title defense

Bulldogs aim for title repeat despite having targets drawn on the backs of their jerseys

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Defending Class 5A State Champion.

That has a nice ring to it and that's the label the Midland High boys basketball team will wear throughout the 1998-99 basketball season.

But if you sit down and think about it, there is a cross to bear for being the very best. Wearing that label is like putting a bull's eye on your chest. When playing Midland High this year, every team in the state will jump a little higher, shoot a little better and try a little harder to beat the Bulldogs.

After all, beating the Bulldogs is like earning your very own label. "We beat the state champs!"

Defending a state championship is one of the hardest things to do in high school athletics. First of all, you have to put the last season behind you. Second, you have to have the returning players to stay competitive. Third, you have to be a little lucky, just like you were the year before. And luck extends to playing injury free and at a high standard every time you step on the floor.

Well, MHS seems to have all the ingredients. After all, there are three returning starters — Charles Tatum (the state tournament MVP, 19.2 points per game), Jay Christian (14.4) and Blake Johnston (5.1) — at the helm. Few teams could ask for more.

In fact, the Texas Basketball Coaches Association has already tabbed the Bulldogs as the No. 1 team in the state, and they haven't even played a game yet.

Last year the Bulldogs were known far and wide for their "Big Three," Christian, Tatum and Kirby Lemons, who now toils for UT-Pan American. But Johnston, just a junior this year, is also back, so it could easily be said that the "Big Three" lives on. The only other loss was point guard Ross Nobles.

"I've listened about the Big Three for two years," Johnston said. "It'll be kind of neat to be a part of that this year.

"It will be tough to repeat because everyone wants to beat the top dogs (pun intended). We will miss Kirby (Lemons) quite a bit, especially his rebounding. But I think Charles, Jay and I are better than a year ago and I think we have some guys who can step up and help with the rebounding. That's

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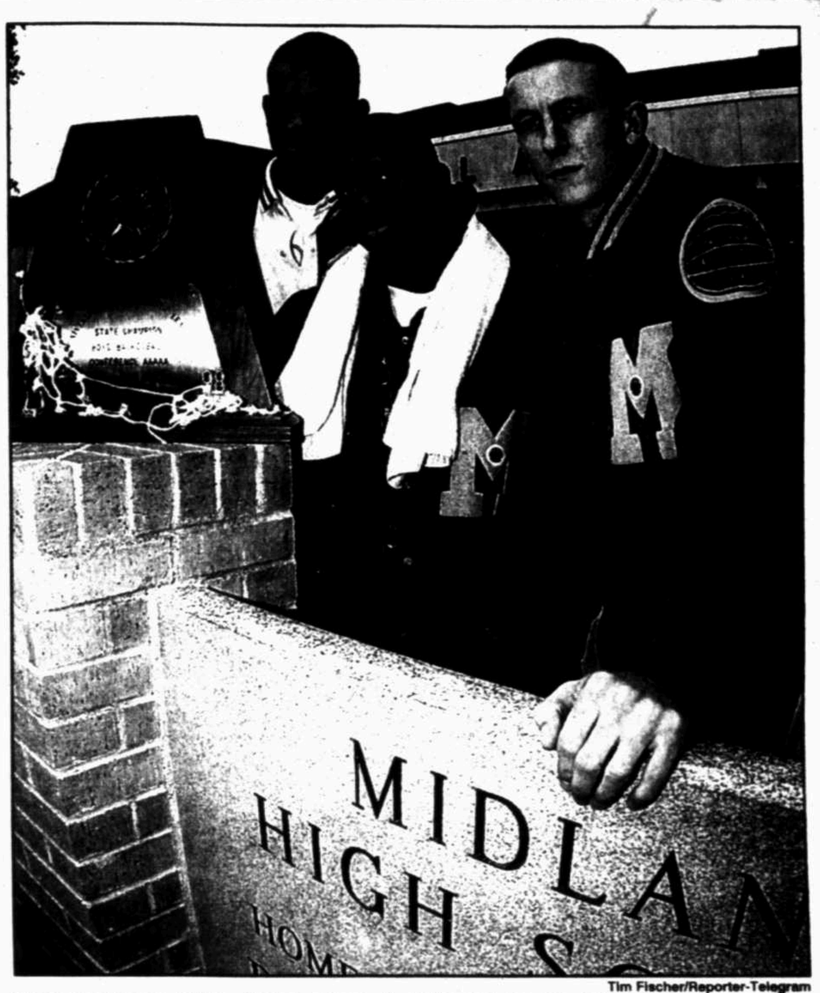

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They may have a little different look, but it's still the Big Three for Midland High basketball with, from left, Jay Christian, Charles Tatum and Blake Johnston. All three started last year when MHS won the state championship. Johnston, a junior, replaces Kirby Lemons to keep the Big Three title intact.

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Several returning players for the Midland High girls basketball team, including, from left, Michelle Acosta, Rebecca Nobles, Heidi Lange and Morgan Kelley, should translate into another successful season for the Lady Dawgs.

Lady Dawgs get back on path to top of 4-5A

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

It might be an understatement to call Midland High girls basketball coach Jim Raughton an optimist. Regardless of the situation, Raughton always thinks his team should be a contender in District 4-5A.

That's exactly what the Lady Dawgs were last season, claiming the third and final playoff spot in the district by defeating Abilene Cooper in a district playoff. But Raughton thinks his team could have gotten more, and that this season Midland High should take it.

"I'm not going to make any bones about it, I think we should have won the district," said Raughton. "We lost some very close ball games we could have won. Our expectations are certainly high."

The Lady Dawgs have enough of a nucleus returning to back up Raughton's talk. Midland High returns its top five scorers from last season, including four players who were at least part-time starters and two first team all-district selections.

Those players were largely responsible for the Lady Dawgs finishing 17-12 overall and 7-5 in district, good for third place. Midland High fell to eventual state runner-up Amarillo Palo Duro in the bi-district playoffs 61-45 in a game which was closer than the final score indicates.

Last season was a partial return to form for MHS, which had missed the playoffs the season before after winning the district title four straight years under Raughton. Now the Lady Dawgs coach feels that some of the swagger is back in the program.

"In the past I used to say if we aren't in the regional tournament (held at the Chaparral Center) it's going to be a disappointing year," said Raughton. "I feel that way now

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JAY PEDEN

College football season revs up with big games

This weekend, the college football season really picks up speed toward the bowl season.

In the Southeastern Conference, No. 10 Arkansas finally gets a chance to prove its undefeated record is for real when the Hogs play at No. 1 Tennessee. In the Pac 10, No. 3 UCLA, which has just scraped by Stanford and Oregon State in recent weeks, faces a tough road test against Washington.

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And in the Big 12, the top three teams from each division are all playing against each other: No. 11 Nebraska at No. 2 Kansas State; No. 13 Missouri at No. 6 Texas A&M; and No. 18 Texas at Texas Tech.

While two of these games illustrate an impressive fact about the Big 12 — four teams in the Top 13 — it's the third one that probably interests most fans around here.

Call it the Battle of the Ricky Williams.

Texas coach Mack Brown has started to turn around the Longhorns quick enough to make this game interesting. The Longhorns' Ricky Williams has almost certainly won the Heisman Trophy, and some freshman named Major Applewhite has elevated himself from a goofy name on the depth chart to a surprisingly good starting quarterback.

The 'Horns have a good offense, and their defense has come around. Tech's defense, led by Montae Reagor, has been good all year, but the offense has been spotty, with Tech's Ricky Williams slipping off the pace set by Texas' Williams.

The Red Raiders have had two weeks to prepare and to rest and to think about how they let a win over Missouri slip away, and they're playing at home. That will be the difference in a close game.

Nebraska's losses to Texas A&M and Texas have taken away some of the excitement over the Cornhuskers' showdown at Kansas State. At the beginning of the season the question seemed to be: Would K-State finally be able to beat Nebraska? Now the question seems to be: Can Nebraska keep it close?

K-State has played an easy schedule so far, but the Wildcats have blown out eight of their nine opponents. As strong as K-State's defense has been all year, and the way Nebraska's offense has struggled for the last six weeks — blowout wins over Kansas and Iowa State don't count — this game could be just as big a rout.

Missouri is quietly having a good season. The Tigers' only losses are to Ohio State and Nebraska, which at one time were ranked No. 1 and No. 2. Missouri is coming off two nice wins over Colorado and Tech, and the Tigers could actually represent the North in the Big 12 title game by winning out against A&M and Kansas State. But that won't happen.

The other Big 12 games are much less interesting. Oklahoma, which couldn't get a single first down in the first half against Texas A&M, takes worn-out punter Jeff Ferguson to Waco to take on the Baylor Bears.

Iowa State visits Colorado, and Southwestern Louisiana goes to Oklahoma State for a non-conference game. Sadly, USL coach Nelson Stokley couldn't convert that upset over Texas A&M a few years ago into recruits; his team is 1-8.

In the WAC, only Rice (among the Texas teams) retains an outside shot at playing for the last WAC title — at least as we've come to know and cherish the WAC over the years. Rice (4-2 in the WAC) hosts hapless UNLV this week but closes against No. 23 Air Force (5-1). Wyoming leads the division at 6-0; the Cowboys do play Air Force this week, but they get to close against Tulsa, one of the worst teams in the league.

Southern Medodist hosts Colorado State, Texas Christian visits Tulsa and Texas-El Paso hosts Brigham Young. TCU, SMU and UTEP all seem destined to finish in the middle of the pack.

In the Big West, North Texas is tied with Idaho for the conference lead. The Mean Green plays at league-cellar dweller Utah State Saturday.

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going to be the big key."

Christian, who recently signed to play his college ball at Rice, said, "I think we have the makings of another state championship. Focus is no problem. There is some looking back at last year's accomplishments, but teams like the (Chicago) Bulls and players like Michael Jordan stay successful because they stay hungry. We're hungry. Part of winning is defending."

Tatum, who signed to play at Arkansas next year, isn't ready to give up the state crown to anyone.

"We're not going to put last year behind us. That's our motivation for this season," Tatum said. "I don't think a humble MHS is better than a cocky MHS. The best teams are cocky and we feel we can win."

Midland High coach Jack Stephenson, never one to shy away from the preseason hype in the first place, is also confident that this team will make a solid run at another state crown.

"Charles Tatum may be the best player in the state and wait until you see him play this year," Stephenson said. "No one has even seen the Charles Tatum they are about to see."

"Jay Christian is a better player than a year ago and Blake Johnston is only a junior. We're going to be good again next year. Charles and Jay have a chance to win 100 ball games for us. They've already been part of 66 wins and need 34 more. Last year, we won 36 or 37 games depending on how you count the forfeit. It was 37 wins on the floor and we've won 30 games in a row (on the floor)."

"If these three players have improved as much as we think they have, then even without Kirby (Lemons) we're going to be a better team."

But, naturally, the question arises. How do you replace a Kirby Lemons, who led the team in scoring (25.0) and rebounding?

"Well, we're not able to have Kirby Lemons back," Stephenson said. "You don't go out and just replace the best player in the state. But we don't feel like we have to. We've got good players all the way down to the seventh and eighth grades.

"We do need more rebounding. We could use someone as strong as a bull. But our kids don't think they can lose and that's the attitude we want."

Players like Taylor Moody (6-5), Randy Gardner (6-5) and Brent Winter (6-3) are part of the puzzle. All three should contribute a great deal to the MHS quest.

Gardner, who had little playing time last year as a sophomore, broke a collarbone in football this fall.

"Randy may be down for a while, but with the way our schedule is, if we can get him back around Thanksgiving, we would be OK," Stephenson said. "We need to get a lot of people playing time and see where we are. We need those three to step up for us this year and they are all good players."

MHS is top-heavy with guards. Jesse Nicholson, Chris Oldham, Thomas Tenon and Steeve Sanon (a forward-guard type).

Stephenson would not release a team roster since he still doesn't know just where the cut will be made on his team.

Weldon Cooks, a defensive safety in football, is expected to make the varsity. Tight end Luke Conder may also give it a try.

Midland High does have the guns to go hunting for a repeat and Stephenson said it best.

"There is only one (5A) team that can repeat, and that's us."

BULLDOG NOTES: With a 493-227 (.685) record over 22 years, Stephenson is the 32nd winningest active high school coach in all classes in Texas. Only two of the 31 active coaches have been coaching fewer years (average 28.7). No 5A coach has more wins with fewer years coached. He has averaged 22.4 wins per year...

MHS Schedules

Bulldogs Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 20	at Del Rio	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 24	Levelland	TBA
Nov. 27-28	San Antonio Northside Tournament	TBA
Dec. 4	Del Rio	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	Lubbock Coronado	6 p.m.
Dec. 10-12	Oilman's Classic	TBA
Dec. 18	at North Garland	9 p.m.
Dec. 19	Rowlett (at Garland)	1:30 p.m.
Dec. 28-30	Byron Johnston Tournament	TBA
Jan. 2	*Midland Lee	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	*Odessa High	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	*at Abilene Cooper	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	*San Angelo	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 15	*Abilene High	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	*at Odessa Permian	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	*Midland Lee	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 29	*at Odessa High	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	*Abilene Cooper	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 5	*at San Angelo	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 9	*at Abilene High	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	*Odessa Permian	7:30 p.m.

All home games are played at Chaparral Center
*denotes District 4-5A games

Lady Dawgs Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 16	Colorado City	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 19-21	Howard Tournament (at Big Spring)	TBA
Nov. 24	Levelland	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 27-28	Northeast Tournament (at San Antonio)	TBA
Dec. 1	at Lamesa	5 p.m.
Dec. 4	Amarillo Palo Duro	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	at Colorado City	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 11	*Odessa Permian	6 p.m.
Dec. 14	at Snyder	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 18	at Frenship	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 28-30	Byron Johnston Tournament	TBA
Jan. 2	*Midland Lee	TBA
Jan. 5	*Odessa High	6 p.m.
Jan. 8	*at Abilene Cooper	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 12	*San Angelo Central	6 p.m.
Jan. 15	*Abilene High	6 p.m.
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Dierker named top NL manager

NEW YORK (AP) — Larry Dierker has come full circle, from second-guessing managers to being second-guessed himself.

Last season, little that Dierker did merited critical scrutiny.

The Houston Astros broadcaster-turned-manager won the NL Manager of the Year award Wednesday after leading the Houston Astros to a team-record 102 wins and their second straight division title.

"The fact that I came from the booth instead of the minor leagues or a coaching staff may cause people to be more open-minded about who they consider," Dierker said. "Teams will start to look at the whole universe of possibilities instead of just the traditional line."

Dierker received 16 first-place votes, six seconds and four thirds to earn 102 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

San Diego's Bruce Bochy was second with five first-place votes and 70 points, followed by Chicago's Jim Riggleman, who got five firsts and 55 points, and San Francisco's Dusty Baker with the other six first-place votes and 39 points.

"I don't think anyone thinks about winning awards," Dierker said. "We think about winning games."

Dierker has now done both in his two years as a big league manager.

The Astros went 10 years without a division title before Dierker took over prior to the 1997 season. He nurtured young pitchers like Mike Hampton and Billy Wagner to build a staff that had the third best ERA in baseball, and the Astros captured the NL Central title with 84 wins before being swept by Atlanta in the first round of the playoffs.

Houston built upon that success this year, improving by 18 games, tied for third best in baseball, to win the division again. Dierker's skill for teaching young pitchers played a big role again, as Sean Bergman and Jose Lima won 28 games. The addition of Randy Johnson at the trade deadline raised expectations that the Astros could finally win their first playoff series in franchise history.

But they again faltered in the first round of the playoffs, when their vaunted lineup came up empty against hot pitching. Houston was eliminated in four games by the Padres.

"It is frustrating because it takes so long to get in position to get into the playoffs and it doesn't take long to be eliminated as we learned the last two years," Dierker said. "It underlines how sensitive things can be. I felt we had a better club than the Padres, but I'm sure the Braves felt that way too. It didn't help us any."

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and I know the kids feel that way."

Giving good reason for such feelings is the return of a group of seniors who should provide the bulk of the leadership. At least six seniors should be major contributors for the Lady Dawgs in a number of roles this season, and Raughton has confidence in them as a group.

"These seniors, I cannot say enough about them," said Raughton. "They are hungry. I feel top to bottom this group has outworked any group I've had. This is a close-knit bunch."

The component holding them together should be Heidi Lange, the team's leading returning scorer who averaged 14.0 points a game last season in earning all-district honors. The 5-foot-7 Lange, who was the team's leading three-point shooter as well while playing primarily at off guard, might fit in better this season at a forward.

Lange had some big games last year, particularly a 30-point effort against Cooper in the final regular season game which forced a tie with Cooper for third, resulting in the penultimate game for third which the Lady Dawgs won. While she will most definitely be instrumental in whatever success Midland High has this season, Lange knows it can't be all on her shoulders.

"To play as good as everyone's expecting us to is going to be a team effort every night," said Lange. "We played together all summer so that shouldn't be a problem."

As much of a key as Lange will be, senior point guard Michelle Acosta should be just as important. When Tarhonda Belcher went down with a torn ACL before the season began last fall, an untested Acosta was thrown into the fire and asked to run the team at point guard.

Acosta increasingly gained the confidence of her teammates as the year progressed, so much so that she was voted the team's co-most valuable player along with Lange at the end of the season. Solid performances from Acosta won't be considered a bonus this season, they'll be expected.

"I have more confidence this year because I don't have Tarhonda to depend on anymore," said Acosta, the team's third-leading scorer last season. "Last year we didn't have a lot of leadership, but this year there's going to be a lot of it from me and the other seniors."

At least two other seniors should be in the starting lineup most nights. Tawney Foy will contend at off guard along with Edrea Rogers, who played as a freshman last year. Up front, seniors Morgan Kelley and Shaneeka McAlister, whom Raughton praises for her sheer athletic ability, should see significant time at the post.

Lady Dawgs

Name	Ht.	Cl.
Heidi Lange	5-7	Sr.
Rebecca Nobles	5-6	Jr.
Michelle Acosta	5-4	Sr.
Tawney Foy	5-5	Sr.
Morgan Kelley	6-0	Sr.
Shaneeka McAlister	5-11	Sr.
Latrice Jackson	5-8	Jr.
Edrea Rogers	5-9	So.
Clarissa Leonard	5-7	Sr.
Laura Koch	5-9	So.
Terry Meldrum	5-4	Jr.
Lindsey Leaverton	5-6	Jr.

One negative early in the season could be finding the right combination on the floor, especially in the absence of junior forward Rebecca Nobles. An all-district selection last season after averaging 10.3 points a game, Nobles broke her left ankle in practice in mid-October and probably won't be available for about another month. In the opposite situation of Nobles is senior Clarissa Leonard, who has had two ACL surgeries and will contend for playing time up front.

Whatever lineup Raughton uses should be able to play his pet brand of basketball, which features full court defensive pressure and getting in ballhandler's faces. He thinks this year's team will excel at that more than last year's.

"(Last season) we kind of waited for somebody else to step up but this year we've got some kids who have stepped up," Raughton said. "This group is further along. They have a kind of comfort zone with people they've played with."

Raughton compares this group of seniors to the 1995-96 team which featured Ogonna Merritt and Laura Childress and went undefeated to win the district championship, the last MHS girls team to do so. He thinks this team is capable of similar things but that Midland Lee, which returns all but one letter winner, and Odessa High, which returns almost its entire roster, will be threats as well.

Typically, Raughton isn't going to play down his team's chances to be a contender, and he expects the Lady Dawgs to be more than that.

"If we go out and everybody were to play well, the sky's the limit," Raughton said. "I'm not selling this group short."

Vaughn bids farewell to Boston; Palmer, Bonilla get traded away

NEW YORK (AP) — As Bobby Bonilla returned to the New York Mets and Dean Palmer signed with Detroit, Mo Vaughn said goodbye to the Boston Red Sox.

The slugging first baseman rejected what Boston general manager Dan Duquette said was the team's last proposal and vowed to play elsewhere next season.

"They made a last and final offer. It was submitted to Mo earlier this evening. He did not accept it," said Vaughn's agent, Tom Reich. "Duquette declared the negotiations over."

Vaughn, the centerpiece of Boston's lineup, rejected a $37.5 million, four-year deal earlier this year. The Red Sox made a five-year offer worth about $60 million, but he already has a $72 million, six-year proposal from the Anaheim Angels.

" Who knows if I would have accepted any contract? But sometimes people don't see eye to eye," he told ESPN. "It's time to move on. Best of luck to the Boston Red Sox."

On a busy day, David Cone agreed to stay with the New York Yankees. The pitcher, a 20-game winner for the first time since 1988, was set to reject a $5.5 million play option and agreed to an $8 million, one-year deal. New York and Darryl Strawberry agreed to delay a decision on his $2.5 million option until Nov. 20.

■ Baseball trades

In the other big news, Los Angeles sent Bonilla to the Mets along with $1 million for reliever Mel Rojas, and Palmer agreed to a $36 million, five-year contract with the Tigers.

Also, Arizona picked up two free agents, agreeing to a $5.7 million, three-year contract with left-hander Greg Swindell and a $1.8 million, two-year deal with first baseman Greg Colbrunn.

Bonilla was largely a bust during 3 1/2 seasons with the Mets before they exiled him to Baltimore.

"I think Bobby Bonilla's a guy who comes with some risk who also comes with a lot of reward," Mets manager Bobby Valentine said. "We certainly hope he is able to play in the outfield. The risk is whether he catches the ball when it comes down.

"We believe his determination and athleticism is going to allow him to get in the shape he needs to be in to not only catch it when it comes down but do the things we need a major league outfielder to do on an everyday basis."

The switch-hitting Bonilla, hampered by injuries last year, hit .249 with 11 homers and 45 RBIs in 100 games. He was traded to the Dodgers on May 15 along with Gary Sheffield, Charles Johnson, Jim Eisenreich and a minor league pitcher for catcher Mike Piazza and third baseman Todd Zeile as part of the Florida Marlins' payroll purge.

"This deal should be beneficial for both teams," Dodgers general manager Kevin Malone said. "Our bullpen needs Mel Rojas big time. They needed a bat to protect Mike Piazza."

Rojas, 32 next month, was a major disappointment for the Mets last year, going 5-2 with a 6.05 ERA and two saves in 50 games and blowing key games against the New York Yankees and Toronto Blue Jays, among others.

Rojas is signed for 1999 at $4.5 million; while Bonilla gets $5.9 million in each of the next two seasons, the reason the Dodgers are sending cash to New York.

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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

NHL Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	8	5	0	16	28	26
Pittsburgh	6	3	4	16	35	34
N.Y. Islanders	7	8	0	14	36	38
Philadelphia	5	5	4	14	34	33
N.Y. Rangers	4	7	4	12	35	42

Northeast Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	7	6	2	16	44	46
Boston	6	6	3	15	36	26
Montreal	6	6	2	14	34	36
Buffalo	5	3	4	14	32	25
Ottawa	6	5	1	13	39	36

Southeast Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Carolina	6	6	3	15	38	34
Tampa Bay	6	7	2	14	38	49
Florida	5	5	3	13	31	36
Washington	4	6	3	11	28	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	8	6	0	16	43	32
St. Louis	6	4	4	16	37	34
Nashville	5	7	1	11	34	39
Chicago	4	8	2	10	30	44

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	8	6	0	16	48	37
Calgary	6	6	2	14	39	40
Vancouver	6	6	1	13	40	34
Colorado	4	8	2	10	33	45

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	7	2	2	16	30	16
Dallas	7	3	2	16	29	25
Los Angeles	5	7	3	13	34	38
Anaheim	4	5	4	12	31	31
San Jose	2	7	4	8	30	35

Wednesday's Games

New Jersey 3, Montreal 0
Florida 4, N.Y. Rangers 1
Detroit 6, St. Louis 2
Toronto 3, Edmonton 2
Anaheim 5, Carolina 4, OT
Phoenix 2, Dallas 0

Thursday's Games

Buffalo at Washington, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
Florida at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.
Carolina at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Coyotes 2, Stars 0

Phoenix	1	1	0	— 2
Dallas	0	0	0	— 0

First Period—1, Phoenix, Tkachuk 8, 14:15.

Second Period—2, Phoenix, Lumme 2 (Roenick, Tverdovsky), :22.

Third Period—None.

Shots on goal—Phoenix 5-6-7—18. Dallas 14-13-11—38. Power-play Opportunities—Phoenix 0 of 3, Dallas 0 of 4. Goalies—Phoenix, Waite 2-0-1 (38 shots-38 saves). Dallas, Belfour 6-3-1 (18-16). A—16,928 (16,928).

Devils 3, Canadiens 0

Montreal	0	0	0	— 0
New Jersey	1	1	1	— 3

First Period—1, New Jersey, Oliwa 1 (Odelein, Shanfijanov), 12:12.

Second Period—2, New Jersey, Niedermayer 1 (penalty shot), 1:04.

Third Period—3, New Jersey, Brylin 1 (Niedermayer, Rolston), 3:05 (pp).

Shots on goal—Montreal 11-10-3—24. New Jersey 8-12-12—32. Power-play Opportunities—Montreal 0 of 8; New Jersey 1 of 7. Goalies—Montreal, Theodore 3-3-0 (32 shots-29 saves). New Jersey, Brodeur 6-5-0 (24-24). A—14,017 (19,040).

Red Wings 6, Blues 2

St. Louis	0	0	2	— 2
Detroit	4	2	0	— 6

First Period—1, Detroit, Kocur 1 (Maltby), 6:11. 2, Detroit, Kocur 2 (Maltby, Draper), 6:36. 3, Detroit, Draper 1 (Maltby, Kocur), 17:38. 4, Detroit, Kozlov 1 (Yzerman, McCarty), 18:29.

Second Period—5, Detroit, McCarty 5 (Murphy, Larionov), 6:05 (pp). 6, Detroit, Yzerman 5 (McCarty, Murphy), 19:41.

Third Period—7, St. Louis, Pellerin 2 (MacInnis), 5:57. 8, St. Louis, Campbell 1 (Picard), 10:35.

Shots on goal—St. Louis 9-8-11—28. Detroit 13-11-7—31. Power-play Opportunities—St. Louis 0 of 2; Detroit 1 of 4. Goalies—St. Louis, McLennan 3-3-2 (13 shots-9 saves), Parent (0:00 second, 18-16). Detroit, Osgood 8-5-0 (28-26). A—19,983 (19,983).

Maple Leafs 3, Oilers 2

Edmonton	0	1	1	— 2
Toronto	0	3	0	— 3

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Edmonton, Murray 2 (Mironov, Lindgren), 9:56. 2, Toronto, Markov 1 (Sundin, Thomas), 14:43. 3, Toronto, McCauley 4 (Cote, Johnson), 15:03. 4, Toronto, Thomas 5 (Sullivan, Kaberle), 18:22 (pp).

Third Period—5, Edmonton, Kovalenko 5 (Guerin), 3:55.

Shots on goal—Edmonton 7-7-20—34. Toronto 9-10-2—21. Power-play Opportunities—Edmonton 0 of 5; Toronto 1 of 3. Goalies—Edmonton, Shtalenkov 4-3-0 (21 shots-18 saves). Toronto, Joseph 5-5-2 (34-32). A—15,726 (15,726).

Panthers 4, Rangers 1

N.Y. Rangers	0	1	0	— 1
Florida	1	1	2	— 4

First Period—1, Florida, Kvasha 2 (Garpenlov), 2:57.

Second Period—2, New York, Graves 5 (Popovic, Gretzky), 16:14. 3, Florida, Jovanovski 1 (Lindsay, Carkner), 19:38.

Third Period—4, Florida, Svehla 1 (Gagner, Nemirovsky), 3:33. 5, Florida, Whitney 4 (Worrell, Jovanovski), 11:44.

Shots on goal—New York 7-9-10—26. Florida 12-13-10—35. Power-play Opportunities—New York 0 of 1; Florida 0 of 4. Goalies—New York, Richter 3-6-3 (35 shots-31 saves). Florida, Burke 4-3-3 (26-25). A—19,154 (19,088).

Mighty Ducks 5, Hurricanes 4, OT

Carolina	1	2	1	0	— 4
Anaheim	0	1	3	1	— 5

First Period—1, Carolina, Primeau 5 (Kapanen, Sheppard), 18:48.

Second Period—2, Anaheim, McInnis 3 (Cullen), 2:11. 3, Carolina, Kapanen 6 (Primeau, Sheppard), 3:26. 4, Carolina, Emerson 4 (Roberts, O'Neill), 4:48.

Third Period—5, Anaheim, Selanne 7 (Rucchin), 2:32. 6, Anaheim, McKenzie 2 (Aalto, Salei), 14:24 (pp). 7, Carolina, Primeau 6 (Sheppard), 16:55. 8, Anaheim, Kariya 7 (McInnis, Olausson), 18:53.

Overtime—9, Anaheim, Rucchin 3 (Olausson, Kariya), 1:04.

Shots on goal—Carolina 13-10-5-0—28. Anaheim 14-10-16-2—42. Power-play Opportunities—Carolina 0 of 4; Anaheim 1 of 5. Goalies—Carolina, Kidd 1-3-1 (42 shots-37 saves). Anaheim, Hebert 4-4-4 (28-24). A—14,668 (17,174).

College Basketball

EXHIBITION

Austin Peay 101, Vasda USA 77
Connecticut 125, BC Istroenergo-Slovakia 39
Duquesne 83, Pittsburgh Jots 65
E. Illinois 81, NBC Thunder 65
Fordham 97, One World All-Stars 67
Kansas 95, Latvia 61
Kentucky 88, Australian All-Stars 74
LSU 81, Next Level All-Stars 68
Massachusetts 76, Marathon Basketball 72
Miss. St. 103, B.C. Haaglanden 68
N. Illinois 103, Marathon AAU 85
Northwestern 82, Ural Great-Russia 60
Oklahoma 94, Mexican National 71
St. Francis, Pa. 87, Sundance Productions 79
Team Fokus 94, St. Francis, N.Y. 90
Team Fokus 78, Hartford 77
UC Santa Barbara 79, Taiwanese National Team 59
VASDA 76, Grambling St. 73
Xavier 93, Athletes In Action 90

No. 7 TEMPLE 59, WAKE FOREST 48

WAKE FOREST (1-1): Amonett 3-5 0-1 8, Songaila 2-3 1-2 5, Vidaurreta 2-7 1-3 5, Griffin 1-2 0-0 2, O'Kelley 3-11 2-2 10, Shoemaker 0-2 0-0 0, Dawson 3-6 0-0 8, Hicks 0-0 0-0 0, Scott 3-4 0-1 6, Fitzpatrick 0-1 2-2 2, Murray 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 18-42 6-11 48.

TEMPLE (2-0): Barnes 2-7 4-4 8, Karcher 2-5 5-7 10, Lyde 1-5 0-0 2, Brokenborough 4-11 8-10 16, Sanchez 1-5 3-5 5, Greer 4-8 0-0 10, Wadley 2-6 3-4 8, Sanders 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 16-47 23-30 59.

Halftime—Wake Forest 32, Temple 24. 3-Point goals—Wake Forest 6-18 (Amonett 2-4, Dawson 2-4, O'Kelley 2-7, Vidaurreta 0-1, Shoemaker 0-1, Fitzpatrick 0-1), Temple 4-16 (Greer 2-4, Wadley 1-3, Karcher 1-4, Brokenborough 0-2, Sanchez 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Wake Forest 28 (Scott 5), Temple 34 (Karcher 7). Assists—Wake Forest 10 (O'Kelley 5), Temple 7 (Sanchez 4). Total fouls—Wake Forest 26, Temple 15.

Tennis Results

Advanta Champ.

VILLANOVA, Pa. (AP) — Results Wednesday from the $450,000 Advanta Championships women's tennis tournament:

Singles

First Round

Nathalie Tauziat (6), France, def. Anke Huber, Germany, 6-3, 6-2.

Steffi Graf, Germany, def. Mary Joe Fernandez, Key Biscayne, Fla., 6-3, 7-6 (7-4).

Monica Seles, Sarasota, Fla., def. Irina Spirlea, Romania, 6-3, 6-4.

Second Round

Natasha Zvereva, Russia, def. Jana Novotna (3), Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-4.

Martina Hingis (2), Switzerland, def. Brie Rippner, Chico, Calif., 6-4, 6-1.

Amanda Coetzer, South Africa, def. Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario (4), Spain, 6-4, 6-1.

Doubles

First Round

Elena Likhovtseva, Russia, and Ai Sugiyama, Japan, def. Samantha Reeves, Monona, Wis., and Brie Rippner, Chico, Calif., 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Lori McNeil, Houston, and Kimberly Po, Rolling Hills, Calif., def. Irina Spirlea, Romania, and Patricia Tarabini, Argentina, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Chevrolet Cup

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Results Wednesday of the $315,000 Chevrolet Cup ATP tournament:

Singles

Second Round

Nicolas Lapentti, Ecuador, def. Gustavo Kuerten (4), Brazil, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3.

Francisco Clavet (5), Spain, def. Julian Alonso, Spain, 6-1, 7-6 (11-9).

Mariano Puerta (6), Argentina, def. Lucas Arnold, Argentina, 6-3, 7-5.

Younes El Aynaoui, Morocco, def. Alberto Berasategui (3), Spain, 7-6 (7-1), 6-1.

Doubles

First Round

Daniel Orsanic, Argentina, and David Roditi (1), Mexico, def. Marcio Carlsson and Fernando Meligeni, Brazil, 6-1, 7-5.

Massimo Bertolini, Italy, and Devin Bowen, Costa Mesa, Calif., def. Gabor Koves, Hungary, and Andre Sa, Brazil, 6-4, 6-3.

Luis Lobo, Argentina, and Marcelo Rios, Chile, def. Brandon Coupe, Granite Bay, Calif., and Paul Rosner (4), South Africa, 6-2, 6-7 (5-7), 6-1.

Felix Mantilla, Spain, and Nicolas Massu, Chile, def. Julian Alonso, Spain, and Nicolas Lapentti (2), Ecuador, 6-3, 1-6, 7-6 (7-5).

Lucas Arnold and Mariani Puerta, Argentina, def. Gustavo Kuerten and Ricardo Schlachter, Brazil, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

Kremlin Cup

MOSCOW (AP) — Results Wednesday of the $1.125 million Kremlin Cup ATP tournament:

Singles

Second Round

Sebastien Lareau, Canada, def. Alex Corretja (1), Spain, 6-3, 6-3.

Lars Burgsmuller, Germany, def. Sjeng Schalken, Netherlands, 6-3, 5-7, 7-5.

Guillaume Raoux, France, def. Paul Haarhuis, Netherlands, 6-2, 7-5.

Marc Rosset (6), Switzerland, def. Andrei Pavel, Romania, 6-4, 6-2.

Yevgeny Kafelnikov (2), Russia, def. Sebastien Grosjean, France, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Arnaud Clement, France, def. Raemon Sluiter, Netherlands, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5).

Jan Kroslak, Slovakia, def. Byron Black (4), Zimbabwe, 6-4, 6-4.

Goran Ivanisevic (3), Croatia, def. Jerome Golmard, France, 6-3, 3-2, retired.

Doubles

First Round

Martin Damm and Cyril Suk, Czech Republic (2), def. Justin Gimelstob, Key Biscayne, Fla., and Max Mirnyi, Belarus, 6-3, 6-1.

Paul Haarhuis, Netherlands, and Mark Knowles, Bahamas (1), def. Robbie Koenig, South Africa, and David Prinosil, Germany, 6-3, 7-6 (11-9).

Sjeng Schalken and John van Lottum, Netherlands, def. Andrei Olhovskiy and Marat Safin, Russia, 7-6 (9-7), 6-7 (7-4), 6-4.

Stockholm Open

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Results Wednesday from the $825,000 Stockholm Open:

Singles

First Round

Greg Rusedski (4), Britain, def. Tommy Haas, Germany, 6-1, 6-4.

Jason Stoltenberg, Australia, def. Pete Sampras (1), Orlando, Fla., 7-6 (7-5), 4-6, 6-4.

Second Round

Todd Martin, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., def. Wayne Arthurs, Australia 6-3, 6-4.

Tim Henman (3), Britain, def. Wayne Ferreira, South Africa, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4.

Takao Suzuki, Japan, def. Kenneth Carlsen, Denmark, 7-6 (10-8), 6-4.

Magnus Gustafsson, Sweden, def. Jonas Bjorkman (5), Sweden, 6-0, 4-6, 6-1.

Doubles

First Round

Chris Haggard, South Africa, and Peter Nyborg, Sweden, def. David Macpherson, Australia, and Brian MacPhie, San Jose, Calif., 7-5, 6-7 (5-7), 6-2.

Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes, India, def. Geoff Grant, Cambridge, Mass., and Myles Wakefield, South Africa, 6-4, 6-4.

Mark Keil, Tampa, Fla., and Tuomas Ketola, Finland, def. Jan Apell and Magnus Norman, Sweden, 6-4, 6-7 (2-7), 6-2.

H.S. Rankings

ABILENE (AP) — The Texas Tennis Coaches Association final 1998 Class 4A team tennis rankings:

1. San Antonio Alamo Heights
2. Dallas Highland Park
3. Wichita Falls
4. Wichita Falls Rider
5. Kerrville Tivy
6. Pampa
7. Southlake Carroll
8. Conroe Oakridge
9. Dumas
10. Uvalde
11. Colleyville Heritage
12. Snyder
13. Corpus Christi Calallen
14. **Andrews**
15. Ennis
16. Friendswood
17. Schertz Clemens
18. Wharton
19. Burleson
20. Belton
21. Burkburnett
22. Mission Sharyland
23. Corsicana
24. Fort Worth Brewer
25. Lamar Consolidated

WPHL

Eastern Division

Team	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Arkansas	9	2	1	19	58	35
Monroe	9	4	0	18	53	51
Lake Charles	9	5	0	18	63	48
Shreveport	7	5	1	15	51	46
Alexandria	3	9	2	8	60	84
Tupelo	1	11	1	3	28	62

Central Division

Team	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Corpus Christi	9	5	1	19	68	53
Waco	8	2	1	17	38	25
Austin	7	7	2	16	55	66
Fort Worth	5	9	0	10	51	57
Central Texas	4	7	1	9	40	49

Western Division

Team	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Abilene	11	2	0	22	49	35
San Angelo	6	3	2	14	51	42
El Paso	6	6	0	12	37	35
New Mexico	5	5	2	12	38	50
Odessa	5	5	2	12	43	41
Amarillo	5	6	0	10	41	45

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory, one for a shootout loss. Shootout losses are separate from losses.

Wednesday's Games

Lake Charles 6, Arkansas 4
San Angelo 5, Odessa 3
Amarillo 5, New Mexico 2

Thursday's Games

Amarillo at Abilene
El Paso at Odessa
Central Texas at Corpus Christi
Lake Charles at Shreveport
Alexandria at Tupelo

ABL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Columbus	2	0	1.000	—
Philadelphia	2	1	.667	1/2
Chicago	1	1	.500	1
New England	1	1	.500	1
Nashville	0	3	.000	2 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	2	0	1.000	—
San Jose	1	1	.500	1
Colorado	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Portland	1	2	.333	1 1/2

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia 83, Colorado 70
Portland 83, Nashville 63

Thursday's Games

Colorado at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Nashville at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Acquired RHP Bob Wolcott from the Anzona Diamondbacks for a player to be named.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Traded OF Mike Cameron to the Cincinnati Reds for 1B Paul Konerko.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Sent LHP John Smiley outright to Buffalo of the International League.

DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with 3B Dean Palmer on a five-year contract.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Re-signed RHP David Cone to a one-year contract. Named Stump Merrill special assistant to the general manager and assistant to the director of player development and Trey Hillman manager. Rick Tomlin pitching coach and Bill Robinson hitting coach of Columbus of the International League.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Agreed to terms with LHP Greg Swindell on a three-year contract and 1B Greg Colbrunn on a two-year contract.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Traded OF-INF Bobby Bonilla to the New York Mets for RHP Mel Rojas. Named Rick Sofield minor-league field coordinator, Joe Vavra minor-league baserunning coordinator, Mickey Hatcher Triple-A hitting coach, and Joe Bohringer administrative assistant of minor-league operations.

Eastern League

HARRISBURG SENATORS—Named Doug Sisson manager.

NEW HAVEN RAVENS—Named Dan Rohn manager, Henry Cotto hitting instructor, Pat Rice pitching instructor and Rob Nodine trainer.

TRENTON THUNDER—Named Rick Brenner director of operations, Adam Palant director of stadium operations, Andy Freed director of public and media relations, Kerry Meeres ticket manager, Jeremy Fishman group sales manager, Matt Armentano ticket assistant and Chris Tobin and Josh Watson community operations assistants.

California League

RANCHO CUCAMONGA QUAKES—Named Heather Williams director of community relations.

Carolina League

MYRTLE BEACH PELICANS—Named Ryan Patrick broadcaster and director of media and public relations.

Florida State League

CLEARWATER PHILLIES—Announced Bill Dancy will return as manager. Named Tony Scott coach.

South Atlantic League

CHARLESTON S.C. RIVER-DOGS—Named Sharon Evans business manager.

Northern League

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS—Exercised their options on RHP Jeff Bittiger, RHP Chris DeWitt, 1B Marc Fink, RHP Justin Fletschock, 2B Steve Hine, LHP Blaise Ilsley, RHP Matt Jeckell, DH Darryl Motley, OF Peter Prodanov, RHP Greg Salvevold, RHP George Schmidt, OF Corey Smith, LHP John Vandemark and OF Forry Wells.

Frontier League

FL—Awarded a franchise in Crestwood, Ill., to be called the Cook County Cheetahs and to begin play in 1999.

BASKETBALL

American Basketball League

ABL—Announced Phoenix Home Life Mutual Insurance Company has exercised its option to purchase team operating rights of the New England Blizzard.

Continental Basketball Association

CONNECTICUT PRIDE—Placed F Rony Efford on the developmental reserve list. Waived G Clifton Clark and G Chad Townsend.

FORT WAYNE FURY—Placed C Donald Hodge on injured reserve. Waived F Quincy Alexander, G Emmanuel Bibb, F Tyrone Davis and F Andre Lewis.

GRAND RAPIDS HOOPS—Placed G Eric Taylor on injured reserve. Waived F Andy Poppink, F Justin Jennings and F Gary Williams.

IDAHO STAMPEDE—Signed F-C Charles Shackleford and placed him on the inactive reserve list. Placed F Ivano Newbill and G Spud Webb on the inactive reserve list. Waived G Greg Graham and C Alan Ogg.

LA CROSSE BOBCATS—Placed G Jermaine Guice on the developmental reserve list. Waived F-C Horacio Webster, G Larry Bratcher, C Mark Blount, F Cypheus Bunton and F Stephen Jackson.

QUAD CITY THUNDER—Placed G Jeff McInnis on the inactive reserve list. Placed F Maceo Baston and G-F Jesse Pate on the injured reserve list.

ROCKFORD LIGHTNING—Waived F Kris Bruton, G Issac Fontaine and F Tyrone Hopkins.

SIOUX FALLS SKYFORCE—Traded F Greg Dennis to Yakima for a 1999 fifth-round draft pick. Waived F Rowan Barrett, G Anthony Epps, G Ryan Hoover, G Jason Sutherland and C Jeff Stern.

YAKIMA SUN KINGS—Waived F Glover Jackson, F Leon Johnson, G Kerry Thompson, G Antwine Williams and F Moses Scurry.

FIELD HOCKEY

U.S. FIELD HOCKEY ASSOCIATION—Named Carina Benninga interim head coach for the U.S. women's national team.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed WR Ronnie Harris.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed QB Steve Beuerlein to a three-year contract extension.

CHICAGO BEARS—Placed RB Curtis Enis on injured reserve. Activated FB Tremayne Allen from the practice squad. Signed Pepe Pearson to the practice squad.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed P Brad Costello to the practice squad.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Claimed RB Michael Blair off waivers from the Cincinnati Bengals. Placed RB Travis Jervey on injured reserve.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Placed T Jeff Buckey on injured reserve. Signed G Chris Brymer to the practice squad.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Released DT Henry Slay from the practice squad. Signed S Sean Woodson to the practice squad.

High School Standings

District 7-1A

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Marfa	8	1	343	85	.889
Fort Davis	8	1	273	80	.889
Wink	6	3	212	143	.667
Rankin	4	6	134	168	.400
Ft. Hancock	3	6	96	121	.333
Garden City	3	6	75	168	.333

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Wink	4	0	86	36	1.000
Marfa	3	1	133	52	.750
Fort Davis	3	1	86	41	.750
Rankin	2	3	60	90	.400
Garden City	1	3	15	89	.250
Ft. Hancock	0	5	8	80	.000

Last Week's Results

Fort Davis 14, Rankin 7; Wink 28, Marfa 0; Garden City 2, Fort Hancock 0 (forfeit).

This Week's Games

Marfa at Fort Davis; Garden City at Wink; Rankin at Fort Hancock (Fort Hancock has canceled remainder of season; Rankin will win by forfeit and has completed its season).

District 3-2A

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Stanton	9	1	433	103	.900
Seagraves	9	1	296	62	.900
Post	7	3	199	173	.700
Plains	4	6	165	128	.400
Coahoma	3	7	159	250	.300
Tahoka	2	8	65	274	.200

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Seagraves	5	0	173	24	1.000
Stanton	4	1	214	67	.800
Post	3	2	86	92	.600
Plains	2	3	73	101	.400
Coahoma	1	4	55	151	.200
Tahoka	0	5	17	183	.000

Last Week's Results

Stanton 58, Tahoka 7; Seagraves 14, Post 0; Plains 43, Coahoma 6.

Bi-District Playoffs

Stanton vs. Farwell, 7:30 p.m., Friday at Denver City; Seagraves vs. Sundown, 7:30 p.m., Friday at Brownfield; Post vs. Hale Center, 7:30 p.m., Friday at Levelland.

District 3-3A

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Colorado City	8	2	245	145	.800
Seminole	6	3	236	144	.667
Lamesa	5	5	194	141	.500
Denver City	5	5	196	188	.500
Slaton	1	9	74	297	.100
Brownfield	0	10	38	346	.000

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Seminole	4	1	163	68	.800
Colorado City	4	1	138	83	.800
Lamesa	3	2	121	69	.600
Denver City	3	2	135	96	.600
Slaton	1	4	54	178	.200
Brownfield	0	5	33	149	.000

Last Week's Results

Seminole 49, Lamesa 13; Denver City 28, Brownfield 6; Colorado City 35, Slaton 7.

Bi-District Playoffs

Lamesa vs. Monahans, 7 p.m., Saturday at Ratliff Stadium, Odessa; Seminole at Crane, 7:30 p.m., Friday; Colorado City vs. Alpine, 7:30 p.m., Friday at Ozona.

District 4-3A

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Crane	10	0	276	47	1.000
Kermit	5	5	193	142	.500
Alpine	4	5	173	176	.444
Greenwood	4	6	159	158	.400
Monahans	4	6	119	163	.400
Presidio	1	9	112	371	.100

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Crane	5	0	112	19	1.000
Monahans	3	2	85	54	.600
Alpine	3	2	81	78	.600
Greenwood	2	3	92	70	.400
Kermit	2	3	105	84	.400
Presidio	0	5	34	204	.000

Last Week's Results

Alpine 14, Greenwood 9; Monahans 15, Kermit 8; Crane 2, Presidio 0 (forfeit).

Bi-District Playoffs

Alpine vs. Colorado City, 7:30 p.m., Friday at Ozona; Monahans vs. Lamesa, 7 p.m., Saturday at Ratliff Stadium, Odessa; Seminole at Crane, 7:30 p.m., Friday.

District 5-4A

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Andrews	10	0	358	100	1.000
Snyder	7	3	241	182	.700
Sweetwater	6	4	212	169	.600
Lake View	4	6	209	229	.400
Big Spring	4	6	208	239	.400
Fort Stockton	1	9	115	318	.100

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Andrews	5	0	174	40	1.000
Snyder	4	1	123	99	.800
Sweetwater	2	3	97	99	.400
Big Spring	3	2	129	108	.600
Lake View	1	4	107	151	.200
Fort Stockton	0	5	83	215	.000

Last Week's Results

Andrews 35, Fort Stockton 12; Big Spring 10, Sweetwater 0; Snyder 46, Lake View 21.

Bi-District Playoffs

Big Spring vs. Cleburne, 7:30 p.m., Friday at Brownwood; Andrews vs. Stephenville, 1 p.m., Saturday at Sweetwater; Snyder vs. Brownwood, 7:30 p.m., Friday at San Angelo.

TAPPS District 3-4A

Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
St. Anthony	7	2	373	168	.778
Mid. Christian	7	3	347	226	.700
S.Marcos Bpt.	3	5	110	246	.375
St. Gerard	1	9	136	287	.100

District Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Mid. Christian	3	0	149	54	1.000
St. Anthony	2	1	105	38	.667
S.Marcos Bpt.	1	2	37	124	.333
St. Gerard	0	3	58	133	.000

Last Week's Results

Midland Christian 49, San Marcos Baptist 6; St. Anthony 37, St. Gerard 3.

TAPPS 4A Playoffs

Austin Hyde Park at Midland Christian, 2 p.m., Saturday; St. Anthony at Houston Second Baptist, 7:30 p.m., Saturday at Reggie Grob Stadium, Houston.

NFL Injury Report

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Football League injury report for games this week as provided by the league:

Sunday

BALTIMORE (3-6) AT SAN DIEGO (3-6) — Ravens OUT: RB Jay Graham (knee), S Kim Herring (shoulder). QUESTIONABLE: DE Mike Frederick (back), DE Michael McCrary (knee), DT Tony Siragusa (leg). Chargers OUT: T Vaughn Parker (leg). QUESTIONABLE: DE William Fuller (calf), LB Kurt Gouveia (arm), RB Tremayne Stephens (leg), DT Jamal Williams (knee). PROBABLE: LS David Binn (hand), RB Terrell Fletcher (knee).

CHICAGO (3-6) AT DETROIT (2-7) — Bears OUT: RB Curtis Enis (knee-injured reserve). QUESTIONABLE: QB Erik Kramer (shoulder), TE Ryan Wetnight (calf). PROBABLE: RB Ty Hallock (shoulder), Lions DOUBTFUL: DE Tracy Scroggins (calf). QUESTIONABLE: G Jeff Hartings (knee). PROBABLE: DE Robert Porcher (neck), T Larry Tharpe (shoulder).

CINCINNATI (2-7) AT MINNESOTA (8-1) — Bengals OUT: LB James Francis (knee). DOUBTFUL: LB Steve Foley (ankle), DE Glen Steele (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: DE John Copeland (Achilles), LS Greg Truitt (ankle). PROBABLE: WR Darnay Scott (Achilles). Vikings OUT: QB Brad Johnson (thumb). DOUBTFUL: DE Stalin Colinet (ankle). QUESTIONABLE: QB Randall Cunningham (knee), G David Dixon (shoulder). PROBABLE: CB Corey Fuller (knee).

DALLAS (6-3) AT ARIZONA (5-4) — Cowboys OUT: CB Kevin Mathis (arm), G Everett McIver (knee). DOUBTFUL: C Clay Shiver (toe). QUESTIONABLE: RB Nicky Sualua (neck), T Erik Williams (foot). PROBABLE: QB Troy Aikman (finger), WR Billy Davis (wrist), C Dale Hellestrae (knee), DE Kavika Pittman (knee). Cardinals OUT: T Anthony Clement (back), DT Eric Swann (knee). QUESTIONABLE: G Lester Holmes (ankle). PROBABLE: CB J.B. Brown (hamstring), CB Tom Knight (hamstring), WR Eric Metcalf (leg).

GREEN BAY (6-3) AT NEW YORK GIANTS (3-6) — Packers OUT: RB Travis Jervey (ankle-injured reserve), RB Dorsey Levens (ankle), WR Derrick Mayes (knee). QUESTIONABLE: S Scott McGarrahan (knee). PROBABLE: WR Antonio Freeman (knee), WR Bill Schroeder (ankle). Giants OUT: S Sam Garnes (foot), S Rodney Young (back). QUESTIONABLE: LB Pete Monty (knee).

MIAMI (6-3) AT CAROLINA

Whelihan gets his chance

By Bernie Wilson
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — The most outrageous thing Craig Whelihan has done as a pro quarterback was show up for training camp with his hair dyed a funky orange-blond combination.

He hasn't cursed reporters or cameramen, or acted obnoxiously while bar-hopping on a visit to his alma mater, like Ryan Leaf has. Whelihan has, however, thrown as many touchdown passes this year as Leaf, the second overall pick in the draft.

For those reasons, Whelihan will be the San Diego Chargers' starting quarterback Sunday against Baltimore while the embattled rookie Leaf sits on the bench because management wants him to grow up, both professionally and personally.

If Whelihan plays well, the job could remain his beyond Sunday because the Chargers (3-6) need something, anything, to try to salvage their season. With Leaf ineffective — two touchdown passes versus 13 interceptions in nine starts — and making news with off-field antics, the club decided it was time for a change.

Last year, the circumstances were much different for Whelihan. Just three weeks after taking his first NFL snap, he found himself starting after Stan Humphries suffered a career-ending concussion.

AP Photo
Craig Whelihan will get the start at quarterback for the San Diego Chargers Sunday in place of top draft choice Ryan Leaf.

LEE: Rebels count on DBs

(From 1C)

Lee head coach John Parchman also thinks the Rebel secondary has made a difference this year.

"Coming into the season, we felt the secondary would be a major strength for us," Parchman said. "All but Kody Mathews had a lot of playing time last year. Kody has stepped in at the corner and has done a good job.

"We ask our secondary to do a lot of things with pass coverage as well as run support. This group has the flexibility to check coverage depending on what sets the other teams throw at us. You can't do that with young kids, only veterans can do that."

Neatherlin leads the team with six interceptions and all six have come in the last six games. Walker has three. Norman two and Mathews one.

"Neatherlin and Walker are tall and cover a lot of ground. It's hard to fool them," Parchman said. "You might be able to fool them once, but you better not go back to the well on them."

Neatherlin, at 6-4, has come a long way since his early days in the secondary.

"I remember we pulled Neatherlin up off the JV team and threw him into the fire," Meeks said. "He had a lot of talent, but he didn't know anything. Now, he makes defensive adjustments in the snap of a finger. We still tease him about the early days.

"He always seems to come around late. He didn't have any interceptions the first four games and now he has six. I'd rather those interceptions to come in district play than non-district."

"I was really discouraged the whole preseason, not getting an interception," Neatherlin said. "It just seemed like I wasn't getting any chances. Then I got two in the San Angelo game (one returned 47 yards for a touchdown) and things began to turn around.

"Our secondary isn't the biggest or fastest, but it's the heart that counts. This year has been a whole new experience, a new mentality. Coach (Meeks) always says that when the ball is in the air, it's ours. That's the way we play."

Walker, Lee's other safety, comes to play with his chin strap buckled.

"Derrick is a physical kid, and like Neatherlin, he understands the defense and can make adjustments," Meeks said. "We use him a lot for run support, and in our scheme, it's almost like having another linebacker out there. And he knows how to tackle."

"We know what to expect and what is expected of us," Walker said. "There is a lot of unity in the secondary because we have been playing together two years now. We've bonded."

Norman transferred from Odessa Permian to Lee last year, but had to miss nearly half of Lee's campaign while waiting on his contested eligibility to pass through the UIL.

"Last year was a frustrating season for me," Norman said. "I was trying to adapt to a new system and was missing games. This year, I've played all the games and don't have to worry about all the confusion. This has been a much better year.

"Last year was also a disappointment for me because we had our minds on going to state and got beat in the first round. Now, we've got a second chance and we want to improve on what we did last year. We've stepped up this year and come together."

Meeks says of Norman, "He's come a long way. We threw him into the fire last year. He may not be an Antwan Alexander, but he's a lot like him. He wants that one-on-one matchup. And if we have to have a one-on-one matchup, we would like J.R. to be the one."

Mathews plays what Lee calls their strong corner.

"Kody is a very physical player," Meeks says of Mathews. "He plays on our strong side and has to take on the sweep. When he was on the junior varsity, he played our weak-side corner, but to get him on the field with the varsity, we had to move him to the strong side and took on that challenge in a positive way."

Mathews said, "I've felt comfortable in this defense since the first day. I've had more playing time and I think I've become more disciplined. As long as we stay as one group and not play like individuals, I think we can go a long way (in the playoffs)."

Seniors J.P. Ratliff and Charles Winstead along with sophomore J.R. Brown have also played a role in the secondary this year, giving Lee needed depth.

This group does have the feel of a Cadillac. They operate in style.

Vikings expect Cunningham back

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — The Cincinnati Bengals and Green Bay Packers got some more bad news Wednesday: Randall Cunningham might be ready to play Sunday, after all.

And that was a major lift to the Minnesota Vikings' chances of winning the NFC Central.

Just two days after Cunningham had bone chips removed from his right knee, coach Dennis Green said he expects Cunningham to start when the struggling Bengals visit this weekend.

"Denny said I'm playing?,That's cool," Cunningham said.

It would be for the Vikings, even though they still must wait to see how Cunningham's knee responds in practice this week. But he looked good enough in Wednesday morning's walk-through — he sat out most of the afternoon practice as a precaution — to leave Green confident that Cunningham will be able to start his eighth straight game.

"It's done a good healing job," Green said. "He was convinced of it, and he's convinced me of it, too."

Although the Vikings (8-1) have the NFL's second-best record behind unbeaten Denver, their lead over Green Bay in the NFC Central seemed perilous after Cunningham and Brad Johnson were hurt in Sunday's victory over New Orleans.

Minnesota had been preparing untested Jay Fiedler for his first NFL start after Cunningham had surgery Monday morning, at about the same time Johnson had a cast put on his broken right thumb.

And that seemed to be a big boost for Cincinnati and Green Bay.

The Vikings went into last weekend with just a one-game edge over the Packers, with their highly anticipated Nov. 22 rematch looming. Protecting the slim division lead with Fiedler at the helm seemed like risky business, even though the Bengals (2-7) have lost six of their last seven games and have the NFL's lowest-ranked defense.

But Green Bay lost at Pittsburgh on Monday night, extending Minnesota's lead to two games with one to go before the Packers visit. Now, Cunningham's balky knee appears to be recovering faster than originally expected. On Monday, he was considered most likely to be third string Sunday and return to the starting lineup against the Packers.

"I don't want to sit out," Cunningham said. "This is my job."

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The **Midland Lee Softball Booster Club** meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lee High cafeteria...

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Luncheons for **Texas Tech football** will be held prior to each Tech game this season at the Outback Steakhouse. Luncheons before all home games take place Fridays at 11:30 a.m. and on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. prior to all Tech away games...

The **Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club** meets once monthly during regular school year and twice monthly during soccer season at 7 p.m. in the school library. Dates are 12/7, 1/4, 1/25, 2/1, 2/22, 3/1, 3/15, 4/12 and 5/3. For information call Debbie Butts at 520-0248...

Midland High Softball Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16 in conference room "A" in the principal's office. Parent caps and shirts will be on sale at this booster club meeting. For more information call Bill Vallie at 685-1408 or Diane Harris at 520-8912...

The Midland High Boys Basketball Booster Club will meet Monday, Nov. 16 in the boys locker room at 6 p.m...

Softball...

The **University of Oregon coaching staff,** which includes former MHS coach Ricci Woodard, will conduct a softball clinic Dec. 19-20 from 9 a.m. to noon (defense) and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. (offense). Other coaches include Oregon head coach Rick Gamez and assistant coach Eric Leyba. For more information call Freddie Ezell at (915) 694-5508...

Tennis...

The **Midland Women's Tennis Association's fall tennis league** will run 10 weeks. All levels from beginners to advanced are welcome and play is on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. at Midland College. Send dues ($30 for year and $15 for fall league only) to Sherri St. John, 3207 Lockheed, 79707. Call Melissa Thompson at 686-9420 or Paula Walton at 686-8109 for information...

Clinics for ladies are being held at the **Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club.** Beginners clinics are Tuesdays at 11 a.m., intermediate clinics Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and beginner-intermediate clinics Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5360...

The **Club at Mission Dorado** is offering junior clinics for beginner, intermediate and advanced levels Tuesdays and Thursdays. Beginner and intermediate clinics run from 4:30-5:30 p.m. while advanced clinics run from 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, call Toby Curtis at (915) 563-4707...

Soccer...

Indoor soccer sign up is going on now at Sticks and Kicks at 3918 W. Wall. Winter leagues are forming for ages 4 through adult. Registration fee is $40 and sign up deadline is Nov. 15. Season begins Dec. 1. Sign up at Sticks and Kicks Monday through Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. For more information call 520-6633...

Basketball...

The **Big Spring boys varsity** and junior varsity need games for Dec. 14, 1998 and Jan. 5 and Jan. 12, 1999 in any classification. Those interested should contact coach Jimmy Avery at (915) 264-0403 or 264-3648...

The **Coahoma girls freshman basketball team** needs games Nov. 19 or Nov. 21 in any classification. The Coahoma girls varsity team also needs games for a tournament Dec. 3-5 in any class. Please call Matt Garrett at (W) (915) -394-4419 or (H) (915)-394-4444...

The **Trinity boys and girls varsity** and junior varsity teams need games for Dec. 17 or 18. The Trinity seventh and eighth grade girls teams need games the weeks of Nov. 30-Dec. 5 and Dec. 7-11. For more information, call John Wilkins at 681-3331...

The **Boy & Girls Club of Midland** is offering an After School Youth Basketball Program for both boys and girls, grades 2 through 6. Registration will begin Nov. 15 and end Dec. 18. The cost is $6 per child and a $3 club membership is required. There will be two divisions (2nd-3rd and 4th-6th). There will be eight games. For more information call the club location nearest you (Halff Park Unit, 683-5297; Taylor Park Unit, 683-0050; or NE/YMCA Unit, 682-8469)...

Registration for **YMCA youth basketball** is under way. The fee is $25 for YMCA members and $38 for non-members. The league is for elementary school boys and girls. For more information, call 682-2551...

Miscellaneous...

The **Midland Wrestling Club** offers adult, high school, Olympic and freestyle wrestling. Call 685-0531 for information...

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. Parent-tot, grade school and tumbling classes are available. There will also be an advanced team class by tryout only. The staff is certified by USA Gymnastics. For more information, call Megan Rodriguez at 684-7755...

The **Alamo YMCA Gymnastics Program** is offering classes for all age groups from toddlers to age 17. Parent-tot, beginners, advanced beginners, preteens and competitive teams are all offered. For more information, contact Stephanie Barr at 694-2528...

The Alamo YMCA is offering **Martial Arts Classes. Tae Kwon Do Classes** are offered on Tuesday and Thursdays from 8:10-9:10 p.m. and Aikido Classes are Wednesdays from 8:10-9:10 p.m. and Saturday from 11-12 p.m.. Call 694-2528 for more information...

The **Flatlanders Ski Club** has organized a trip to Les Trois Vallees in the French Alps for Jan. 29-Feb. 6, 1999. The trip is to the largest interconnected ski complex in the world. For more information, call Will Green at 683-2141 or Donna Crane Raburn at 561-5395...

The **Midland Women's Bowling Association** is hosting a Mixed Open Doubles Tournament Dec. 12-13 at Cactus Lanes. Entry forms are available at Cactus Lanes and Midland Park Lanes. A bowling ball will be given away during the tournament...

The **Permian Basin Jackalopes Amateur Hockey League** is continuing to take signups. The age divisions are 12 and under, 14 and under, 17 and under and 18 and over. Teams are practicing through November and league games begin the first week of December. A 17 and under all-star team will play in Austin the weekend of the WPHL All-Star game Jan. 9. For more information, call Ray Fieldhouse at (915) 683-4251...

Citizens for Midland Skaters is a local group dedicated to raising funds for the establishment of a city park for skateboarding and in-line skating , If you would like to contribute to this project, please send your donation to Permian Basin Area Foundation/Skate Park Project, P.O. Box 10424, Midland, Texas 79702. Donations are tax deductible. If you have questions, please call Pam Sledge at 685-3227...

The **U.S.A. Track & Field West Texas Association** will be having a cross country association meet at 1 p.m. Sunday Nov. 15 at Sherwood Park to qualify for regionals in San Antonio. Medals will be awarded to the top 10 individuals in each division. For more information contact Ricky Santiago at 915-335-9059 after 6 p.m...

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is $35 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is holding **water aerobics classes** Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Beth Santilli at 684-7755...

The Alamo YMCA Aquatics Program is offering **swimming lessons** for all ages. Children are placed in classes according to age and ability. The Skip class, for children three months to three years is a parent participation class while the Pers classes are for children 3-5 and Progressive classes are for children 6 and up. Lessons are also offered for adults. Safety is taught in conjunction with the classes. Group and private lessons are available. For more information, call 694-2528...

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The **COM Masters Swim Team** is open to anyone 20-over. There are two Masters swim team workouts. You can choose from Mon.-Wed.-Fri or Tue.-Thurs.-Sat. at 6-7 a.m. at the COM pool. Call 684-7755 for more information...

Golf...

Masters Golf is holding a **demo day for Callaway golf clubs** on Nov. 28 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A new Callaway representative for this area will be on hand to answer nay questions. Prices will be discounted for that day only. Admission is $5. Everyone who participates will receive a $5 gift certificate for Master Golf Shop. Call 570-4499 for more information...

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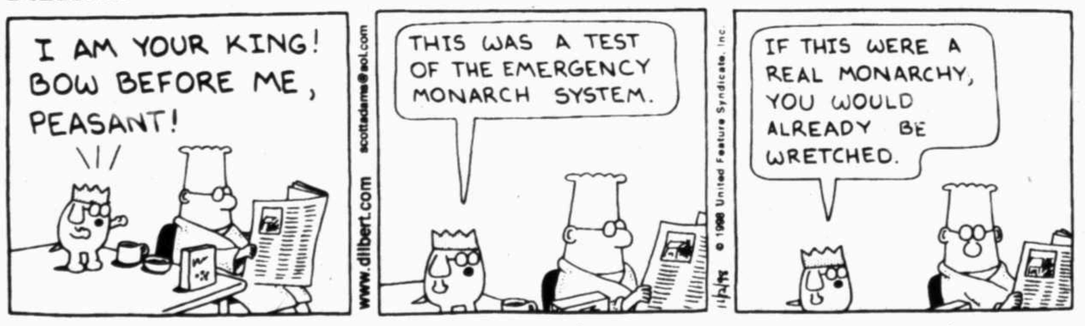

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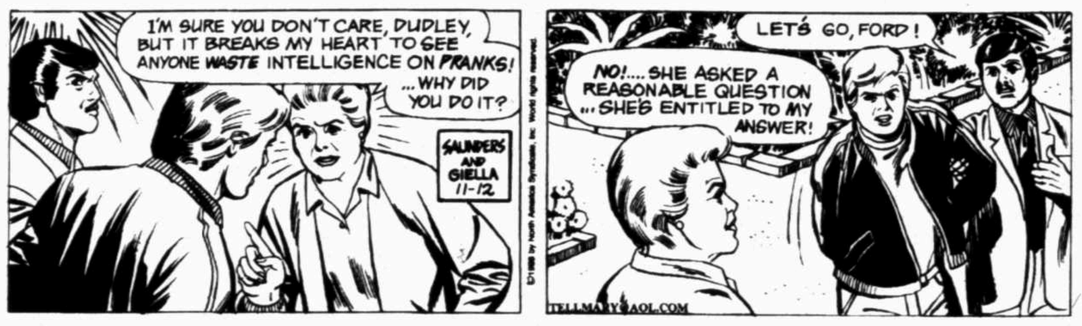

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 12, 1998:

Keeping your eye on the big picture is imperative this year; you can easily get distracted. Often you will feel that finances stop you from realizing your goals. But you might be using that as an excuse from moving forward in your life. Open up to creativity, get past self-imposed problems and accept greater personal responsibility; you will succeed if you do these things. If you are single, romance will become an important part of your life. Certainly, the opportunity is there to meet that special someone. If attached, the two of you need to work as a team. VIRGO is your friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Dig into work. When you are willing to incorporate new information, you make it possible to move in a new direction. Your adaptability is tested in the face of confusion. Learn to greet potential change as a friend, not as an enemy. Tonight: Toil into the wee hours.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ What you thought was a snap has many twists and turns. Revise your thinking about a creative project. Nothing is as clear as you would like. Note that feedback from a partner reveals another point of view, but not necessarily the correct one. Tonight: Where the fun is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You need to tend to family and domestic matters, and you'll find that there are many distractions. A partner is testy and difficult. Remember, the only way to win a power struggle is to avoid playing. Carefully examine choices, as confusion runs rampant. Tonight: Vanish.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Pace yourself. You have a lot of ground to cover and little time in which to do it. Others need your time and attention. Methodically review decisions and plans. Do only what you must. Maintain a sense of humor despite pressure. Tonight: Swap war stories with a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Curb the need to have it your way. You understand far more than others, but convincing them of your rationale takes a greater effort than you are up for. Handle money with your customary precision. Confusion wreaks havoc with plans and finances. Tonight: Play it low-key.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You are in power, whether you realize it or not. Others respond with feedback, though you might not agree with all of it. Use your personality, good will and intellect to sort through information and make a decision. Tonight: In the limelight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Take a back seat. Nothing is written in stone right now. Gather feedback, discuss a change and evaluate your choices. Not everyone is in agreement. Gather more facts until you are absolutely sure of yourself and which way to go. Tonight: Watch a favorite TV show.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Aim for what you want. Don't sell yourself short; remain confident. When you maintain your focus, you can come out way ahead. Meeting times are subject to changes; confirm plans, and stay flexible. Take time for a social lunch where business plays a role. Tonight: Fun things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Remain in control of your temper. Don't react; instead, choose to respond. Others push you hard to agree with them, but you simply can't. Take responsibility, and move on a work project. You could be overly nervous and uptight. Tonight: You command attention.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Reach out for others, seek out new information and discuss problems. Rest assured that there is an answer; it is simply a question of finding it. Break past personal bias and restrictions. Confusion surrounds your thoughts. Tonight: Go for an overview.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Be willing to find the easiest solutions. Follow through on a decision that could affect your long-term goals. One-to-one relating remains the key to discovering answers. A friend means well but doesn't give you the whole story. Tonight: Go for greater closeness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Reach out for others. Be direct, and you'll find the answer. Discover what makes a situation work for you. You need to postpone career-related decisions until you have a clear perspective. Pull back, and think about long-term professional goals. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

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Gymnast Nadia Comaneci (1961), actress Stefanie Powers (1942), musician Neil Young (1945)

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North-South vulnerable. South deals.

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♡ Q 5 3
◇ A 9 3 2
♣ Q 9 4

WEST
♠ K J 2
♡ J 9 7 6 2
◇ 10 8 4
♣ A 2

EAST
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♡ 10 8
◇ J 6 5
♣ K J 10 8 5 3

SOUTH
♠ Q 10 9 8 3
♡ A K 4
◇ K Q 7
♣ 7 6

The bidding:

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Here the defense parted ways. At one table West overruffed with the jack and shifted to a heart. Declarer won in hand and ran the queen of spades, which held. A spade continuation picked up the king and declarer had the rest of the tricks. Game bid and made.

At the other table West chose to overruff with the king of spades! The defender also shifted to a heart. After much thought declarer decided to accept West's play at face value, and so placed the jack of spades with East. A spade was led to the ace and a spade was returned. When East followed low, declarer took the finesse for the "marked" jack of spades. West was happy to produce this card for a one-trick set.

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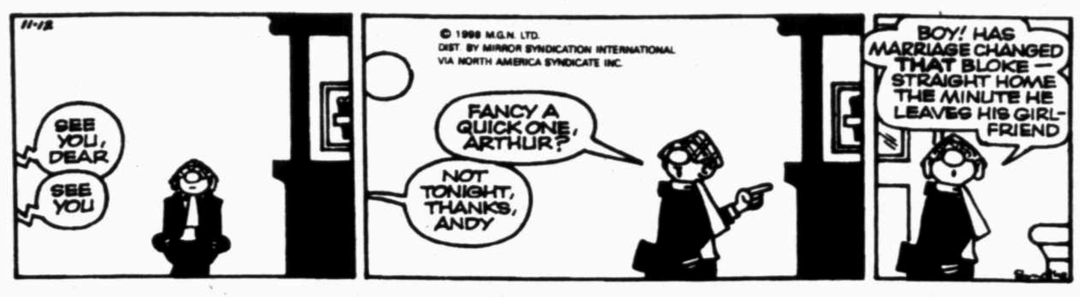

DENNIS THE MENACE

"YOU JUST SIT HERE ALL DAY LONG? I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WORKED?!"

PEOPLE TODAY

Lewinsky goes ballistic in restaurant

NEW YORK — **Monica Lewinsky** chewed out the staff of a fancy restaurant after fellow diners giggled at her and a photographer met her at the door as she tried to storm out, the Daily News reported Wednesday.

Monica Lewinsky got upset with luncheon neighbors, photographer at New York restaurant.

The former White House intern got steamed during lunch when a couple at the next table laughed Tuesday while she was talking on her cell phone at Gino's, witnesses said.

"Do you find this funny?" Ms. Lewinsky barked at the pair.

"As a matter of fact, I do," the neighbor replied.

Ms. Lewinsky and her luncheon companion, a woman believed to be her mother, Marcia Lewis, then tried to leave, but they marched back in and Ms. Lewinsky upbraided the staff after spotting the photographer, the newspaper said.

"She came storming back in the restaurant," said Cindy Bulson, 30, a fellow diner. "She brushed by me and said, 'Excuse me!' and headed straight toward the manager."

Ms. Lewinsky, who wore a baseball cap and dark sunglasses, has been out and about this week while visiting her mother in New York. They've shopped at Bloomingdale's and dined at the elegant restaurant 21.

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MINNEAPOLIS — **Gov.-elect Jesse "The Body" Ventura** shot a short film last spring that may pop up at the Sundance Film Festival soon after he takes office.

The former professional wrestler plays a shady marriage counselor named Buddy (One-Arm) Sanchez in the low-budget "20/20 Vision." In one scene, Buddy slaps a woman who has come to him for counseling.

The filmmaker, Christopher Newberry, said "The Body" had one concern when he was hired. "He said, 'This isn't going to be shown anywhere in the next few months, is it?'" Newberry said.

Newberry submitted the short to Sundance and should find out in early December whether it made the cut for the festival, which begins in mid-January. Ventura takes office Jan. 4.

Ventura has appeared in "Predator," "The Running Man" and "Repossessed."

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BRANSON, Mo. — All streaks must come to an end.

Singer, songwriter and comedian **Jim Stafford** ended his consecutive-shows-performed streak at 3,300 when he got sick last week.

The 54-year-old entertainer canceled four sold-out shows.

"It was one of those really nasty, ugly, horrible viruses," Debbie Britt of the Jim Stafford Theatre said Tuesday.

Stafford, best known for his 1970s hit "Spiders and Snakes," performs nearly 400 shows a year, often working seven days a week, sometimes twice a day. His streak lasted eight seasons in Branson.

"Whoever said the show must go on failed to realize that you first have to get out of bed," he said.

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MIAMI SHORES, Fla. — **Luther Campbell** got stripped of his $40,000 Mercedes.

The 37-year-old former front man for the rap group 2 Live Crew left the car running while he paid for his purchase at a gas station Monday.

"He heard squealing tires, looked out and said, 'Hmmm, that looks like my car — leaving,'" said police Lt. Jack Ulmer.

Campbell told police the silver 1993 500 SEL contained $20,000 in jewelry and clothes, as well as his credit cards and identification. It was found stripped Tuesday 17 blocks from the gas station.

"Now I know how ladies feel when their purses get stolen," he said.

Campbell and 2 Live Crew gained notoriety in 1990 when he was acquitted of giving an obscene performance at a nightclub.

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LAGOS, Nigeria — **Jesse Jackson** called Nigeria's most prominent political prisoner, the late Moshood Abiola, a symbol of hope for Africa's most populous nation.

"Every day Abiola was in jail he believed in one Nigeria and he lost his life trying to save the nation," Jackson said Wednesday after meeting with Abiola's family.

Abiola, a powerful businessman, was the apparent winner of the 1993 presidential elections, which were later annulled. He was imprisoned and charged with treason after declaring himself president.

When dictator Gen. Sani Abacha died in June, it was expected that Abiola would be freed by the new military leader. Just days before his anticipated release, Abiola died.

Jackson urged Nigerians to remember Abiola and to ensure that his death was not in vain. Jackson has called for elections and a return to civilian rule in Nigeria.

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TV TONIGHT

THURSDAY EVENING — November 12, 1998 — For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	O	C	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMID	2	3	News 589	Wheel of Fortune	The Birdcage (R, '96) ** (Robin Williams, Gene Hackman) 563164						News 74638	Nightline 83386	Politically Incorrect	Access Hollywood
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	World's Wildest Police Videos 69812		When Good Pets Go Bad 78560		Mad About You	The Nanny 21725	Jerry Springer 68183		Cops 34638	NewsRadio 59183
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 8021	Entertain. Tonight	Promised Land: Anywhere But Here 89096		Diagnosis Murder 98744 (TVPG-V)		48 Hours: Quest for Immortality 78980		News 6068763	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Grace Under Fire
(9) KWES	9	9	News 5725	Seinfeld 9305	Friends 1893	Jesse 5589 (TVPG)	Frasier 6611	Veronica's Closet	ER: Hazed and Confused 23454 (TVPG)		News 8253305	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	The Kendalls	John Hagee 94560	The Light of the Southwest 85034				News 11725	Joyce Meyer 10657	Richard Roberts 40725		Carla Love 16270	Ask Joe Good
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 742725		West Texas Journal	Small Business	Mystery! (Part 1 of 2) 633638 (TVPG)			Transplant Miracles	Telecourse 846980			
Cable	**O**	**C**	**6:00**	**6:30**	**7:00**	**7:30**	**8:00**	**8:30**	**9:00**	**9:30**	**10:00**	**10:30**	**11:00**	**11:30**
(8) CNBC		8	Business Center	Upfront Tonight	Hardball With Chris Matthews 7283096		Rivera Live 7292744		The News With Brian Williams 7272980		Hardball With Chris Matthews 7282367		Rivera Live 4277367	
(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	Family Matters	The Wayans Bros.	Jamie Foxx Show	Steve Harvey Show	For Your Love	News 899928		MacGyver: Birth Day 892015 (TVPG-V)		In the Heat of the Night 417473 (TV14-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	Roseanne 303725	Roseanne 327305	WCW Thunder 781589 (TVPG-DV)		WCW Thunder 767909 (TVPG-DV)		Bloodsport (R, '88) ** (Jean-Claude Van Damme, Donald Gibb) 760096				WCW Thunder 107763 (TVPG-DV)	
(14) FAM		14	Mr. Bill	Add. Fam.	AXN	Life	Journey to the Center of the Earth ('93) 196522				The 700 Club 115657		AXN	Life
(20) DISC		20	Gimme Shelter 306947 (TVG)		Spytek: Spy vs. Spy 149589 (TVG)		Spytek: The Real 007 125909 (TVG)		Spytek: The Deadly Game 138473 (TVG)		Justice Files: Justifiable Homicide 131560		Spytek: Spy vs. Spy 549725 (TVG)	
(21) AMC		21	Julia (5) (PG) 919304		The Diary of Anne Frank ('59) *** (Millie Perkins) 631270						A Tree Grows in Brooklyn (PG, '45) 9619788			
(22) TNN		22	The Waltons 616657		History of Gospel		Prime Time Country		Today's Country		Dallas 449812		Dukes of Hazzard	
(23) TNT		23	ER 609367 (TV14)		McLintock! ('63) *** (John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara) 65954314						An Officer and a Gentleman (9:45) (R) 6873812			
(24) BRAV		24	Studio	Brooklyn	Bravo Profiles 806218		In My Life 882638		Baby That's Rock 'n' Roll: Leiber and Stoller				Bravo Profiles 420947	
(26) BET		26	Celebrity		Soundstage 448218		Sparks	Thea	Comicview 437102		BET Tonight 447589		Sparks	227
(27) DISN		27	The Jungle Book (G, '67) *** 3502831			FernGully: The Last Rainforest (7:20)		Heathcliff: The Movie (8:40) (G, '86) ** 87936305			Walt Disney Presents 807947 (TVG)		Zorro 140164	Mickey Mouse Club
(28) CNN		28	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today		Larry King Live 763183		NewsStand: Ent.		Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 187909	
(29) ESPN		29	SportsCenter (5:30)	Thur. GameNight	College Football: Georgia Tech at Clemson 844744						SportsCenter 599560		Outside the Lines	Up Close Prime
(30) USA		30	Xena: Warrior Princess 946589 (TVPG-V)		Walker, Texas Ranger 772831 (TV14-V)		Major League (R, '89) ** (Tom Berenger, Charlie Sheen) 769367				New York Undercover 771102 (TV14)		Silk Stalkings 105305 (TV14-S)	
(31) FX		31	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	The X-Files 7501560		NYPD Blue 7587980		In Color	Bobcat's	The X-Files 7500831		NYPD Blue 1238638	
(32) A&E		32	Law & Order: Encore 391015 (TVPG)		Biography 134657 (TVG)		The Unexplained: Exorcists 143305 (TVPG)		A Touch of Frost (Part 2 of 2) 123541 (TVPG)		Law & Order: Barter 133928 (TVPG)		Biography 534893 (TVG)	
(33) TLC		33	Code 3: Clinging to Hope 601725 (TVPG)		Medical Detectives	Without Warning	Lost Squadron 451657 (TVG)		Eurotunnel 431893 (TVG)		Medical Detectives	Without Warning	Lost Squadron 851893 (TVG)	
(34) NICK		34	Doug 974102	Rugrats 965454	Wild Thornberrys	Cousin Skeeter	Brady Bunch	The Wonder Years	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley	I Love Lucy	Bewitched 670034	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi 811454 (TVG)
(36) LIFE		36	Party of Five: Point of No Return 577473		Chicago Hope (Part 2 of 2) 112560		Justice for Annie: A Moment of Truth Movie ('98) ** (Peggy Lipton, Susan Ruttan) 109096				New Attitudes	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Unsolved Mysteries
(39) OUTDR		39	Great Outdoorsman	Wilderness Camper	Snowboard Show	Snowboarder	Skiing 4697003	Gulde to the Goods	Skier's World	Real Action Winter	Snowboard Show	Snowboarder	Skiing 9195676	Gulde to the Goods
(42) UNI		42	Mi Pequena Traviesa 11386		Vivo por Elena 54928		Desencuentro 63676 (TVPG)		Bienvenidos 43812 (TV14)		Impacto Extra	Noticiero Univision	Al Ritmo de la Noche 54164 (TV14)	
(43) FSN		43	The Last Word	Fox Sports News	Boxing: USA vs. the World: USA vs. Puerto Rico 61305				This Week in NASCAR 25454		Fox Sports News 28541		Fox Sports News 67589	
(44) COM		44	The Daily Show	Ben Stein's Money	Something Wild (R, '86) *** (Jeff Daniels, Melanie Griffith) 7464560				Comedy Showcase 7435218 (TVPG-DL)		The Daily Show	Ben Stein's Money	Saturday Night Live 7460744 (TVPG)	
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(45) HBO 2		45	Tron (6:15) (PG, '82) ** (Jeff Bridges, Bruce Boxleitner) 56703265				Kiss the Girls (R, '97) ** (Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd) 1967454				Strippers U.S.A.: The Naked Stages 9392015		Shot Through the Heart (11:10) 85826251	
(46) HBO		46	The Main Event (5) (PG, '79) * 383396		Teen Killers: A Second Chance? 1446270		The Second Arrival (R, '96) (Catherine Blythe, Patrick Muldoon) 589183				Inside the NFL 508218 (TVPG)		Ari$$ 874763	Sex and the City
(47) MAX		47	Moment of Impact (5) ('98) ** 823164		The Untouchables (R, '87) **** (Kevin Costner, Sean Connery) 730015				Sleepers (R, '96) ** (Kevin Bacon, Robert De Niro) 513102					Gentleman's Bet
(48) SHOW		48	The Spitfire Grill (5) (PG-13, '96) ** 209560		A Soldier's Sweetheart (R, '98) *** (Kiefer Sutherland, Skeet Ulrich) 183183				Linc's 117544	Rude Awakening	Red Shoe Diaries	Dead Man's Gun 9147305 (TV14-LV)		Movie (11:20)
(49) TMC		49	Movie (4:36)	Fighting Back (6:20) (R, '82) ** (Tom Skerritt, Patti LuPone) 83818909			Phat Beach (R, '96) ** (Jermaine Hopkins, Brian Hooks) 563251			Sex and the Other Men (R, '95) (Ron Eldard, Karl Wuhrer) 753947			Stalin (10:40) ('92) *** (Robert Duvall, Julia Ormond) 59666589	Big Night (R, '96) *** (Minnie Driver) 9027386
(51) HBO 3		51	The Country Girl ('54) *** (Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly) 1953251				Larry Sanders	Dennis Miller Live	Gentle Into the Night ('96) ** (Julie Harris, Tcheky Karyo) 1399015				Wayne's World 2 (11:05) (PG-13) 14662473	
(52) MAX 2		52	Protocol (4:40)	Serial Mom (6:20) (R, '94) ** (Kathleen Turner) 96707909			The Fiance ('97) (Lysette Anthony, William R. Moses) 7803960			Double Take (9:35) (R, '97) (Craig Sheffer, Brigitte Bako) 7938196				

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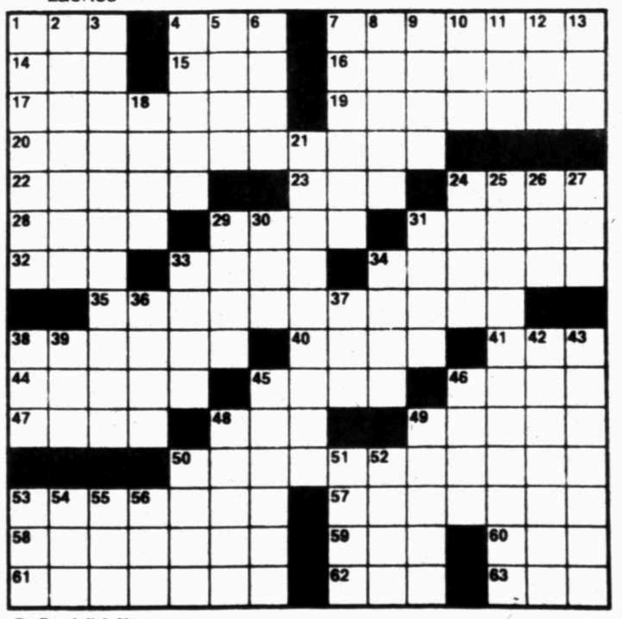

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Fox Ent n	486578	24½	...
Compaq s	267339	34½	+1⅝
Citigrp	133833	42⅜	–1⅛
Chrysler	120500	47⅛	+⅛
AmOnline s	100284	137⅛	–7⅜

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NCarNG s	32¼	+8⅝	+36.5
AdvCmG n	5¼	+1⅛	+25.4
Kelhly	6¹⁵⁄₁₆	+1⁵⁄₁₆	+23.3
Firstplus	3½	+⅞	+14.3
KentEl	17⅛	+2⅛	+14.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PlanHlly	3¼	–½	–13.3
KCS	5⅜	–¹³⁄₁₆	–13.1
PrideIntl	10	–1⅞	–12.6
Americdt s	13¾	–1¹⁵⁄₁₆	–12.4
TranstxGs	3¾	–⅞	–12.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,215
Declined	1,797
Unchanged	500
Total issues	3,512
New Highs	33
New Lows	19
Volume	805,732,449

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR	109224	112¼	–⅜
GK Intell n	11447	8³⁄₁₆	+3¼
FAusPr	11169	5¹³⁄₁₆	...
ViacB	9693	61⁵⁄₁₆	+⅜
Nabors	9327	17⅛	–⅝

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GK Intell n	8³⁄₁₆	+3¼	+65.8
MaxmP wt	6	+1⅝	+37.1
Neophr wt	6⅛	+1⅝	+36.1
PeakTrd n	13⅜	+2¼	+20.2
MaximPh	15¼	+2½	+19.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DrivHar	5¾	–1⅜	–19.3
MAI Sys	2⅞	–½	–14.8
AudioBC	9½	–1⅝	–14.6
Jinpan n	3¾	–⅝	–14.3
ReedJwl s	3⅛	–⅜	–10.7

DIARY

Advanced	250
Declined	317
Unchanged	157
Total issues	724
New Highs	10
New Lows	5
Volume	38,169,760

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Intel	315394	103¹¹⁄₁₆	+8⅛
DellCptr s	298439	71¹⁵⁄₁₆	+1⅝
K–tel s	241237	32⅝	+9¹¹⁄₁₆
Oracle	188858	33½	+2
Microsft s	159748	111¹⁄₁₆	–1

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Oxign wt	3½	+2³⁄₁₆	+166.7
Concentra	6⅞	+3⁵⁄₁₆	+93.0
Oxigene	10⅞	+4¾	+77.6
SheridnEn	5⅛	+2⅛	+70.8
StWVa	10⅜	+4	+62.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BioRince	7⅜	–2¹³⁄₁₆	–27.6
EnhanSv s	3	–⅞	–22.6
Hlthwrld n	11⅞	–3¼	–21.5
ScheidV	4¾	–1⅛	–19.1
Alteon	4¹⁄₁₆	–¹⁵⁄₁₆	–18.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,813
Declined	2,166
Unchanged	1,381
Total issues	5,360
New Highs	71
New Lows	52
Volume	935,347,400

HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 1,875 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.

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Stock Footnotes: cc – PE greater than 99. dd – Loss in last 12 mos. d – New 52-wk low during trading day. g – Dividend in Canadian $. Stock price in U.S. $. n – New issue in past 52 weeks. s – Split or stock dividend of 25 percent or more in last 52 weeks. Dividend begins with date of split or stock dividend. u – New 52-wk high during trading day. v – Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration. pf – Preferred. pp – Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price. rt – Rights. un – Units. wd – When distributed. wi – When issued. wt – Warrants. ww – With warrants. xw – Without warrants.

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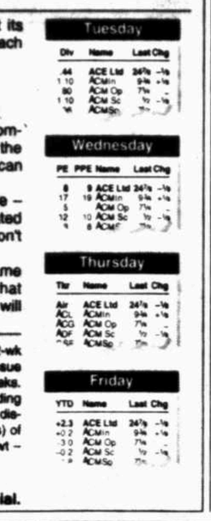
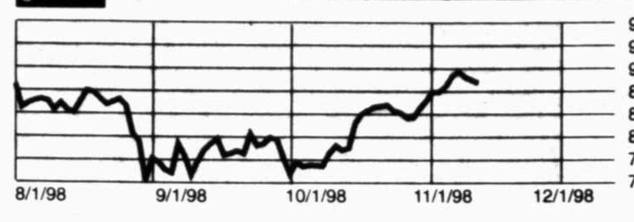


Daily market roundup

November 11, 1998

Dow Jones 8,823.82 -40.16

High	8,980.35	Highest close	9,337.97
Low	8,759.19	*July 17, 1998*	



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9,367.84	7,349.99	Dow Jones Industrials	8,823.82	–40.16	–.45	+11.58	+19.22
3,701.42	2,282.18	Dow Jones Transportation	2,838.74	–26.05	–.91	–12.83	–8.03
322.21	241.99	Dow Jones Utilities	305.44	–4.64	–1.50	+11.85	+25.24
801.76	462.69	NYSE Composite	553.36	–4.06	–.73	+8.25	+16.03
753.75	554.70	Amex Index	663.81	–1.26	–.19	–3.04	–.63
2,028.18	1,357.09	Nasdaq Composite	1,862.11	–3.51	–.19	+18.58	+20.78
1,190.58	900.61	S&P 500	1,120.97	–7.29	–.65	+15.51	+23.73
492.28	303.87	Russell 2000	393.47	–3.39	–.85	–9.97	–7.08
11,106.10	8,620.80	Wilshire 5000	10,291.45	–60.72	–.59	+10.68	+17.62

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

A-B-C

Tkr	Name	Last	Chg
AAnpA	ABNAmp pf	25⅛	–⅜
ACL	ACE Ltd	s29	⅞
GSF	ACM Sc		8⅝
SI	ACMSp		6⅝
AES	AES Cp		42⅝
AFL	AFLAC	s36	⅛
AG	AGCO		8¾
ATG	AGL Res	21	⅛
AkS	AK Steel	19	⅛
PIN	AMF Bowl		5⅜
AML	AMLI Rs	21	⅝
AMR	AMR s	60	⅛
ARM	ARM Fncl	20	⅜
T	AT&T	62	⅛
AVX	AVX Cp	16	⅛
AAm	Aames		3½
ABT	AbtLab	s45	⅝
ANF	AberFitch		50
ABY	Abtlbrg	g	9⅝
ACN	Acuson		14¾
ADX	AdaEx		26–
ADG	AdvCmG	n	5¼
AMD	AMD		27
AD	Advolnc		25¾
AvC	Advocat		5⅜
ARX	Aeroflex		12⅞
ANv	AeroVick		37⅜
AET	Aetna Inc	77	⅜
AFA	AffCmpSv	38	⅛
AGu	Agrium g	10	⅝
APD	AirProd s	38	⅛
ANS	AirNetS		15⅝
ABF	AirbFt s	27	⅛
ARG	Airgas		11⅛
ATI	AirTouch	s53	⅛
ALPpD	AlaP pfcld25		⅛
ALPpQ	AlaPC pfQ25		¾
ALK	AlskAir		35⅝
ALB	Albemar		19⅞
ABS	Albertsn	s55	⅛
AL	Alcan		27⅞
ALA	Alcatel		20⅞
AYE	AlgEngy		u34
ALT	AllegTeldy		21⅞
AEH	Allegnce	s37	⅝
ALN	AlienTel		6⅝
AGN	Allergn		60
AC	AllCap	s26	⅛
AWF	AllWrld2		9½
ATK	AlltTch		76⅛
ALD	AlldSignl		41⅝
AFC	AlmrFn		51½
ALL	Allstate	s	41⅞
AT	Alltel		u50⅛
ALO	Alpharma	s30	⅛
AA	Alcoa		78⅝
AZA	Alza		50⅝
ABK	Ambacf		55⅛
DOX	Amdocs	n	13⅛
AHC	AmHes		55⅜
AEE	Ameren	n	40⅞
AOL	AmOnline	s	137⅛
AOLWI	AOnline w		69⅛
AwA	AmWest		13⅛
ABi	ABankrs		45⅞
ABN	AmBkrt		17⅜
AEP	AEP		49⅞
AXP	AmExp		92⅜
AGC	AGenCp		89⅜
AM	AGreet		41⅝
AHL	AHerritage	s22	⅜
AHP	AHomeP	s49	⅜
AIG	AmIntG	s84	⅝
AGP	APadPap		1½
ACPp	AREst pf	7	⅛
ARS	AResidSvc	3	⅛
ASD	AmStd		34½
ASC	AmStory	s33	⅛
CSP	AmSiP3		11⅜
AMT	ATower	n	19⅞
AWK	AmWtr		32⅝
ACF	Americdt	s	13⅛
AAS	AmerSrc	83	⅛
AIT	Amertch	s	54
AN	Amoco	s	56⅝
AMP	AMP		43⅜
ASO	AmSouth	su	42⅝
AAP	AmwyAs		12
AJL	AmwayJ		57⅜
APC	Anadrk	s	30¼
ADi	Analog		22
AU	Anglogld	n	23
BUD	Anheus		57½
AXE	Anixter		16⅜
ANN	AnnTayl		33⅞
AHR	AnthCap	n	7⅝
AOC	Aon Cp		54⅜
APA	Apache		26⅝
AIV	Aptlnv		33⅛
AIVpE	Aptlnv pfE	39	⅞
APZ	ApldIndl		13¹¹⁄₁₆
APM	ApplMg		5⅝
APW	ApldPw	s	31¼
AHG	Aptria		4⅛
ATR	Aptargp	s	27⅝
APN	Aquapnn	n	12¹¹⁄₁₆
ARA	Aracruz		8½
AAC	ArcadiaFn		3½
ADM	ArchDan		17
ARl	ArdenRlt		22⅝
AGY	Argosy		2⅝
AS	Armco		4¾
ACk	ArmWl		64¹¹⁄₁₆
ARW	ArrowEl		24
AR	Asarco		20¾
ASL	Ashanti		9⅜
ASH	Ashland		49⅝
APB	AsiaPac		6⅜
ARH	AsiaPR		13⅜
PAp	AsiaPilp		9¾
GRR	AsiaTigr		6⅜
AEC	AsdEstat		13⅜
AFS	AscFCap	s87	⅛
A	AstraA		17¹³⁄₁₆
ARC	AtlRich		66⅝

D-E-F

Tkr	Name	Last	Chg
DHY	DLJ HiY	n9	⅜
DPL	DPL s		19⅛
DQE	DQE		40⅝
DHI	DR Horton	17	⅝
DSP	DSP Com		10¾
DST	DST Sys		50⅛
DTE	DTE		42⅞
DCX/WI	DaimlC wi		75⅞
DTL	Dal–Tile		8⅜
DS	DaiSem		38
DCN	DanaCp		41⅝
DHR	Danaher s		40⅜
DRl	Darden		16⅜
DGN	DataGn		16⅞
DH	DaytHud	s43	⅝
DV	DeVry s		23⅝
DSU	DebtStr2 n		8⅞
DBS	DebtStrt		8¹¹⁄₁₆
DE	Deere		37¹⁄₁₆
DBK	DekalbGn		88⅜
DFG	DelphFn		45¾
DLP	DeltPne s		31½
DAL	DeltaAir		99¹⁵⁄₁₆
DLX	Deluxe		34⅝
DFS	Dept56		32¼
DES	DescSA		20¹¹⁄₁₆
DT	DeutTel		27⅜
DDR	DevDv s		18⅝
DEX	Dexter		28¹⁵⁄₁₆
DEO	Diageo n		41⅜
DL	Dial		25¾
DO	DiaOffs		27¼
DBD	Diebold		35⅞
DDS	Dillards		35½
DME	DimeBcp		25⅜
DMN	Dimon		12⅞
DIS	Disney s		28⅞
DOL	Dole		33¹³⁄₁₆
DG	DollarG	s23	⅜
D	DomRes		47¼
DTC	Domtar g		51¼
DCI	Donldson s		21
DLJ	DonLuJ s		34
DK	DKaran		7⅛
DNY	Donlley		43⅛
DOV	Dover s		33⅞
DOW	DowCh		94⅜
DJ	DowJns		48⅜
DHF	DryHYSt n		13
DSM	DrySM		9⅝
DD	DuPont		58¹⁵⁄₁₆
DRD	DuaneR n		35⅞
DNP	DufPUtil		11¾
DUK	DukeEngy		62¼
DRE	DukeRlt		23½
DNB	DunBrad	n29	⅝
DY	Dycom		39¼
DYN	Dynegy		14½
DX	DynexC		4⅜
EEX	EEX Cp		3⅞
EGG	EGG		26¹¹⁄₁₆
EMC	EMC		66¹⁵⁄₁₆
EGR	Earthgr		35
EUA	EastUtil		25⅝
EMN	EastChm		59¼
EK	EKodak		77¾
ETN	Eaton		66⅜
EVF	EV Srlnc	n10	⅛
ECL	Ecolab s		30⅝
EIX	EdisonInt		27¼
AGE	Edwards		34¼
EKO	EKCO		3⅞
EPGpC	ElPasE pf		49¾
EPG	ElPasEn s		34⅞
ELN	Elan		67⅞
ELK	Elcor		29⅜
EDS	EDS		39½
ELF	ElfAqut		60⅝
EOLpB	ElfOv pfB25		¼
EBY	ElsagB		u37¾
AKO/A	EAndinA		15⅝
EMR	EmrsnEl		64⅛
EDE	EmpDist		23
EOC	EEiChile		11⅜
ICA	Empica		4¹¹⁄₁₆
ELM	ELMaDd		23¹⁵⁄₁₆
ELE	Endesa		25¹¹⁄₁₆
NEG	EngyEastu		52⅛
ENI	Enersis		22⅞
EC	EnglCp		19¾
EFS	Enhance	s28	⅜
ENE	Enron		55
ENEpC	EnrLLC pf		25
EOG	EnrnOG		17¼
ESV	ENSCO		12⅜
ETR	Entergy		29⅜
EPD	EntrPrPn		16⅛
EOT	EottEng		16¾
EFX	Equifax		41⅝
EQ	EqtCos		49
EQT	EqtResc		28
EQU	EquityCp		25⅜
ENN	EqtyInn		10⅞
EOP	EqOfPT		24⅛
EOPpB	EqOff pfB		39⅝
EQR	EqtyRsd		42⅞
EQRpG	EqtR pfG		22½
ESF	EsprSan		17⅜
SXC	Essexint		28⅞
ECT	ELaudTr n		67¾
EL	EsteeLdr		71
ETH	EthanAl		37⅞
EY	Ethyl		8¾
EWF	EurWtFd s		17⅜
EVR	EvranC	s20	⅛
RE	EverestRe		94⅞
ER	ExcRisk		52¼
XL	ExelLtd n		72⅞
EX	ExideCp		10⅛
ESA	ExtStayA		10¾
XON	Exxon		70¼
FDX	FDX Corp		53⅜
FMC	FMC		57⅛
FPL	FPL Gp		63¹¹⁄₁₆

G-H-I

Tkr	Name	Last	Chg
GMT	GATX s	35	⅜
GPX	GP Strat		14¼
GPU	GPU		44⅜
GTE	GTE		60⅛
GAB	Gabelli		11¼
GGT	GabGloM9		⅜
GLC	Gallaeo Int		39⅛
GLH	Gallaher		29⅞
GCI	Gannett		63⅛
GPS	Gap s		68¹¹⁄₁₆
GDI	GardDen		14¾
IT	Gartner		21¾
GTW	Gate2000	s57	⅜
GY	GenCrp		24⅛
GNE	Genentc		72⅜
GAM	GAInv		32½
GCN	GnCable s		18⅞
GD	GenDyn s		57¹⁵⁄₁₆
GE	GenElec		87⅜
GIC	GenInst		25⅛
GIS	GnMill		73⅛
GM	GnMotr		67¹³⁄₁₆
GMH	GM H n		40⅜
GRN	GenRe		227⅛
SEM	GenSemi		8¾
GCO	Gensco		6¹¹⁄₁₆
GHV	GenesisH		10¾
GEN	GnRad		17
GPC	GenuPrt		32⅞
GGC	GaGulf		17⅞
GP	GaPcGP	s49	⅞
TGP	GaPTrn n		21¾
GCW	GerbChw n		9⅛
GRB	GerbSc		20⅛
GER	GerFd		17⅝
GF	GerNew		16⅞
G	Gillette s	47	⅞
GLG	Glamis		2⅜
GLX	GlaxoWel		60½
GRT	GlimchRt		16⅞
GIX	GloblIndl		9¹⁵⁄₁₆
GLM	GlobMng		14¾
GAl	GlbTApp n		6¼
GSB	GoldStBc		18¹¹⁄₁₆
GDW	GldWF		90⅞
GR	Goodrch		37⅞
GT	Goodyear		54⅞
GRA	Grace n		17⅞
GFI	GrhmFl		2⅞
GWW	Graingr s		44⅜
GND	GrdCasn		8¹³⁄₁₆
GVA	GranteG s		32¹³⁄₁₆
GAP	GtAtPc		26¼
GLK	GtLkCh		42¹⁵⁄₁₆
GPT	GmptFn s		36⅝
MAK	GpMaint		12½
SFN	GFinSerf		⅝
TV	GTelevsa	s27	⅝
GTR	GTrbasa		1⅝
GTK	Gtech		26
GSH	GuangPy		8⅜
GUC	Gucci		42⅝
GDT	Guidant		79¼
GFD	Guilford		14½
GOU	GiftCda g		3¾
GAC	Gulfstrm		48⅞
HMK	HA–LO		27
HCR	HCR Mnr	s33	⅜
HRP	HRPT Prp		15¼
HSB	HSB Gp s		40⅜
HAE	Haemon		21⅜

H-J-K-L

Tkr	Name	Last	Chg
HAL	Hallibtn	33	⅛
HQ	HambQu	21	⅛
BTO	HancBT s		107⅜
MAH	Hanna		14¼
HRD	Hanfrd		46⅜
HC	HanovC		26½
H	HarcGn		50⅜
JH	Harlnd		15⅞
HDI	HarleyDav		37¹⁵⁄₁₆
HAR	Harman		43¾
HRH	Harnish		10¼
HET	HarrahE		17¼
HRS	Harris		37¾
HSC	Harsco		34⅜
HHS	HartHnk s		25⅜
HIG	HartfdFn s		52⅝
HMX	Hartmx		57⅜
HE	HawEl		39¹¹⁄₁₆
HCP	HlthCP		32¹⁵⁄₁₆
HCN	HlthCr		23¹⁄₁₆
HMA	HltMgt s		21¹¹⁄₁₆
HR	HltcrRty		23
HPS	HlthpInSv		87⅜
HRC	Hlthsth		12⅝
HTV	HrstArT		28½
HL	HeclaM		4¹¹⁄₁₆
HMY	Heliig		7½
HNZ	Heinz		59⅜
OTE	HellnTel	n	11
HF	HelrFn n		26⅞
HP	HelmP s		20⅝
HPC	Herculs		34¹⁄₁₆
HSY	Hershey		65⅞
HRZ	Hertz		39¼
HWP	HewlettPk		65⅝
HXL	Hexcel		13⅜
HiB	Hibern		16⅜
YLT	Hilncll		5⅜
HIO	HilncoOp		11⅛
HIC	Highins		12⅛
HIW	HighwdP		26½
HB	Hillenbd		58⅞
HDS	HillsStrs		1⅝
HLT	Hilton		19½
HIT	Hitachi		54⅜
HD	HomeDp		46¼
HBI	Hombase		63¼
HM	Hmstke		11⅞
HNI	Hon Ind s		23½
HON	Honywel		80¹⁵⁄₁₆
HKT	HK Tel		19⅝
HMN	HorMan s		28⅛
HPT	HospPT		26¹¹⁄₁₆
HMT	HostMar		13⅜
HTN	Houghtlt		40
HI	Houshlnt s		36⅜
HOU	Houstind		32¹⁄₁₆
HWM	Howmetl n		15⅝
HNP	HuanPw		14⅞
HUB/B	Hubbell B		42¾
HUM	Humana		21⅞
HCO	Huntco		5⅝
HSM	Hussmn n		15¾
HYC	Hyprcm		9⅞
IBP	IBP		26⅞
ICN	ICN Phrm s		22¹¹⁄₁₆
IGL	IMC Glo		26⅝
RX	IMS Hlth n		65¼
IIN	ITT Inds		36¼
IDA	Idacorp		32⅝
IKN	IkonOffSol		9⅞
ITW	ITW		83¹⁵⁄₁₆
ILN	Illinova		28⅜
IMN	Imation		17¼
IMP	ImprBc s		15¼
ICI	ICI		39¾
ICO	Inacom		20¼
N	INCO		11¾
IFN	IndiaFd		6⅞
IIT	IndoSatel		13
TLK	IndoTel		6
IDG	IndiDist		6¾
NTZ	IndNatuz		20⅞
NDE	Indymac		10½
IHI	InfoHold	n	10⅝
IGR	IngerRd		45⅜
IM	IngrmM		44½
IAD	InidStl		20½
KPA	Innkeepr		11⅛
IO	InputOut		9⅝
IHS	IntgHS		14
ICL	Inteical		1⅞
IS	Interim		21¼
IBM	IBM		u157⅛
IBMpA	IBM pf		d27¹⁄₁₆
IFF	IntFlav		39⅛
IGT	IntGame		23¾
IHF	IntHFds	n	18¼
IP	IntPap		44½
IRF	IntRect		10⅜
IPG	IntpbGp		65⅛
IBC	IntstBak		25⅛
IJL	IntJhn		30¹¹⁄₁₆
IBI	Intrnte		24⅞
GHS	InvesGHS		20¾
IOM	Iomega s		7⅞
IPL	Ipalco		47¹⁵⁄₁₆
IST	Isptlntl		8⅝
JLG	JLG		18½
JBL	Jabil		54¹³⁄₁₆
JEC	Jacobs		34⅞
JEQ	JapnEq		8¼
JOP	JpOTC		6⅛
JFC	JardFlCh		61⅜
JEF	JeffrGp s		34⅜
JP	JeffPlt s		64⅜
JM	JohnsMnv		14¼
JNJ	JohnJn		83⅜
JCI	JohnsnCtrl		56⅝
JNY	JonesAp s		21⅞
JSI	JumboSpt		⅜
KCS	KCS		53⅜
KLM	KLM		27⅛
KM	K mart		18¼
KMpT	KmartF pf		60
KN	KN Energy		44⅞
KSU	KC Sou		42⅜
KBH	KaufBH		27⅝
KBHpI	KaufB pfl		9
KBL	Keebler n		u34

K-L-M

Tkr	Name	Last	Chg
KEI	Kelthly		6¹⁵⁄₁₆
K	Kellogg		34⅜
KMM	KmpMl		9⅛
KMT	Kennmtl	s20	⅝
KNT	KentEl		17⅛
KMG	KerrMc		41⅝
KEG	KeyEng		10⅛
KEY	Keycorp s		30⅛
KSE	Keyspan		30¼
KRC	KilroyR		22⅛
KMB	KimbClk		48¾
KIM	Kimco		39⅞
KNP	KindME		35⅜
KWP	KingWld s		28¹¹⁄₁₆
KGC	Kinross g		2⅜
KRI	KnightR		53⅜
KNL	Knoll		29¼
KSS	Kohls s		48⅛
KEP	KoreaElc		13⅜
KF	Korea		7¹⁵⁄₁₆
KR	KrogerCo		55⅜
LGE	LG&E		27⅞
LNR	LNR Pr		17⅞
LSI	LSI Log		16¾
LTC	LTC Prp		16¹³⁄₁₆
LTV	LTV		6¾
LRW	LabrRdy s		21¾
LH	LabCp		15⅜
LDW	Laidlaw		9⅞
UXL	LdtW000		27⅞
GRW	Landcre n		9¹⁵⁄₁₆
LE	LandsE		20⅜
LDF	LatADis s		7⅝
LAm	LatAmer		9¼
LEA	LearCorp		37¼
LCC	LearnCo		26½
LSN	LsgSclu		7¼
LM	LeggMas	s24	⅜
LEG	LeggPlat	s24	⅛
LEH	LehmBr		36⅜
LEN	Lennar		21
LXK	Lexmrk u		72⅜
USA	LbtyASE		12⅜
LRY	LibtProp		23⅝
LLY	LillyEli		84¼
LTD	Limtd		27⅞
LNC	LincNatl		77⅝
LIN	Linens s		32⅝
LIT	Litton		65¼
LIZ	LizClab		34
LMT	LockhdM		101¹⁵⁄₁₆
LWN	Loewen		11¼
LTR	Loews		98½
LSS	LoneStCt		10⅝
LFB	LongVf		12¼
LOR	LoralSp		17⅝
LD	LDryNG		14¹⁵⁄₁₆
LPX	LaPac		17¼
LOW	Lowes s		38⅝
LZ	Lubrizol		27⅞
LUB	Lubys		15⅛
LVA	LucasV		33¹⁵⁄₁₆
LU	Lucent s		88⅞
LUX	Luxottc s		11
LDL	Lydall		11¾
LYO	Lyondell		19½

M-N-O

Tkr	Name	Last	Chg
MFW	M&F Wld		9⅛
MBI	MBIA		63⅜
KRB	MBNA s		19⅓
MCN	MCN Engy		19¹¹⁄₁₆
WFR	MEMC		7¹⁵⁄₁₆
MCR	MCR		9¹³⁄₁₆
MGF	MGF		8⅝
MIN	MIN		7
MMT	MMT		8⅝
MTG	MGIC		41
MSM	MSC Ind s		20¹¹⁄₁₆
MAC	Macerich		26⅞
CLI	MackCali		29¼
MGA	Magnal g		65⅛
MAG	Magntk		12¹³⁄₁₆
MWL	MailWell s		11¹⁵⁄₁₆
MKG	Malinckr		31⅛
MHY	MgdHi		10¾
HYF	MgdHYP n		13⅜
MMU	MgdMun		11⅞
MTW	Mantlow		38⅜
MAN	Manpwl		26⅜
MHC	ManufHm		24¾
MRL	MarineDrl		10¾
MPN	Mariner s		6⅞
IV	MarkIV		15¹⁵⁄₁₆
MAR	MarintA		28¹⁵⁄₁₆
MMC	MarshM	s56	⅜
MLM	MartMM		48⅞
MAS	Masco s		28⅛
MSX	MascoTch		16⅜
MCI	MassCp s		23⅞
MTA	Matav		27⅛
MSC	MatSci		9¼
MAt	Mattel		37⅝
MXG	MaximGp		18¹³⁄₁₆
MAy	MayDS		59¹³⁄₁₆
MYG	Maytag		49⅞
MDR	McDerl		29
MCD	McDrJR		32⅜
MCD	McDnlds		69½
MHP	McGrH		87¹¹⁄₁₆
MCK	McKessn	s69	⅝
MEA	Mead		31¹⁵⁄₁₆
MDM	MedPart		41⅜
MDX	MedPrtTAp		67⅝
UMG	MediaOne		38¹¹⁄₁₆
MRX	Medicis		u58½
MT	Medtrust		16
MDT	Medtronic		64⅞
MEL	MellnBk		80⅝
MTL	MercBcp		44¹³⁄₁₆
MRK	Merck		144
MCY	MercGn		43¼
MDN	MerdlT		21½
TMR	MerdlRes		5
MHX	MerdHsp n		18⅝
MRA	Meritor		19⅜
MER	MerrLyn		59⅛
MERpD	MerL pfD		24¹³⁄₁₆
MGM	MGM		9¾
MGMr	MGM rt		1⅝
MXF	MexFd		11⅞
MU	MicrnT	u47	⅝
MEC	MidAmEn		25¹⁵⁄₁

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Tkr	Name	Last	Chg
A B C			
ACEC	ACE CO	2½	+⅛pz
ANET	ACT Net	9	+1⅛
IATV	ACTV	2⅝	
ADGT	ADG Tel	25⅞	+1⅛
AFLX	ADFlex	8¼	-⅜
AMBI	AMBI	1⅞pz	+1½pz
ASMLF	ASM Lith s	28⅝	+3¼
AVTC	AVT Cp s	20⅞	+1¼
ASTM	Aastrom	3¼	-⅛
AATT	AavidTh	19	+1⅜
ABACF	Abacan	9½pz	-1pz
ABDR	AbacusDir	52⅝	+1¼
ABTE	**AbleTel**	**7**	**+⅛pz**
AXAS	**Abraxas**	**6½pz**	**+⅛pz**
ACCS	AccesHlt	34⅛	-1⅛
AKLM	Acclaim	8⅝	+9pz
ATVI	Activisn	13⅝	
ACXM	Acxiom	25½pz	-1½pz
ADPT	Adaptec	16⅛	-⅜pz
ADBE	AdobeSy	44⅛pz	+1⅝pz
ADLRF	**AdrianR**	**¾pz**	
ACSC	AdvCoS	11½pz	+⅛
AEIS	AdvEnid	16⅝	+1¼
AFCI	AdvFCm	10½pz	-1⅜pz
ARTT	AdvRadio	5¼	-⅜pz
ATIS	AdvTiss	37pz	-¾pz
ADVNA	Advanta	11⅝	+⅜pz
ADVNB	AdvantB	8½pz	-⅛pz
AGPH	Agouron	39⅞	+⅜
AETX	AgriBio	12¾pz	
AAIR	AirTran	3	+⅛pz
AKZOY	**Akzo s**	**36**	**-⅞**
ACEL	Alfacell	7⅝	
ALKS	Alkerm	19½pz	-1
ALKSP	Alkerm pf	42⅞pz	+1⅝pz
ALGX	AlsegTI n	11⅞	-⅛pz
ALLP	AlsanPh	4⅞	+⅛
ALSC	AlsSem	3⅞	-⅝pz
AWIN	AlsWste	20	-¼
ALMI	AlphaMic	2⅞pz	+⅛
ALTN	Altaron	4¼pz	-⅛pz
ALTR	Altera	47⅞pz	+1⅝pz
AMZN	Amazon s	126¾pz	-5⅛
AMTD	AmTrde s	18⅞pz	+1¼pz
AMBXA	AmBiogn	1¼pz	+⅛pz
ACEI	AmChmp	d1½pz	+½pz
AEOS	AEagleO s	51	+1½pz
ECGOF	AmerEco	13½pz	+½pz
AHOM	AmHomPat	2	-⅛pz
AIPN	AmIntPt	1⅝pz	-⅜pz
AMSY	AmSS	31⅞	
AORI	AOncol	13¾pz	+⅛
APCC	APwrCnv	42⅛pz	-⅜pz
AMES	AmesDS	20⅝pz	-⅛
AMGN	**Amgen**	**79¾**	**-2⅛**
AMKR	AmkorT n	6¾pz	+1½pz
AMXI	Amnex	¾pz	-⅛
AMMB	Amresco	8¾pz	-½pz
AMLN	Amylin	7⅜	-¾pz
ANAD	Anadigc	9¾	+⅜
ANLT	AnlytSur	29¾	+1
ANCR	AncorCm	27⅛	+⅜pz
ANDW	Andrew	17⅝pz	-⅛
ADRX	AndrxCp	40½pz	+1⅛
NSTA	Anesta	20⅝	-1⅛
ANGN	Angeion	1⅞	-1⅛
ANIK	AnikaTh	5½pz	-1pz
ALREF	AntlyLfe n	24½pz	-⅜pz
ANTC	Antec	17½pz	+1⅛
APEX	ApexPC	30¼pz	+1⅛pz
APOL	ApolloG s	33¾	+⅜pz
AAPL	AppleC	33⅝pz	-1⅝pz
AGTX	AppGrph	14¼pz	-⅜
AMAT	**ApldMat**	**37 ⅝pz**	**+1⅜pz**
AMCC	AMCC rt	u30⅜pz	+⅝pz
APGR	ArchCm	1⅝pz	+½pz
ARDT	ArdentSft	17⅞pz	+1½pz
AVEI	ArrVasc s	31½pz	-1
ARTSN	Artesyn	14½pz	+⅝
ASND	Ascend	51½pz	+1⅝pz
ASTN	AshtnT	1⅛	-⅛
ASDV	AspctDv s	34⅞	-1
ASPT	AspectTel	17⅝pz	-⅜
AZPN	AspenTc	14⅛pz	-⅜
ASFC	AstoriaF	47	+⅞
ASYT	AsystTch	15	+1⅞pz
ATHM	AtHome	48¼	+⅛
ATML	Atmel	13½pz	+⅛
AURA	**AuraSy**	**1⅝pz**	**+⅜pz**
ASPX	Auspex	3⅞pz	
ADSK	Autodesk	34⅛pz	+⅛
AVDO	AvadoBrdd	7½pz	-⅜pz
AVNT	Avanti	17	+⅛pz
AVAN	Avantimm	1⅝	+⅛
AVID	AvidTch	25⅛	+½pz
AVIR	Aviron	19⅝pz	-1½pz
AWRE	Aware	u18¼	+1½pz
AXNT	AxentT	25⅜	+¼
BEAS	BEA Sys	22⅝pz	+1
BSYS	BISYS	48⅝	+¼
BMCS	BMC Sft s	42¼pz	-1½pz
BNCM	BNC Mtr n	5¾pz	-1⅛pz
BAANF	**Baan s**	**14⅝pz**	**+⅛**
BLDPF	Ballardp s	30¾	+2⅛
BGALY	BncGalic	19	+⅛
BPLS	BanknPlus	3¼	+½pz
BNKU	BnkUntd	40⅛	+⅝
BNYN	BanynSy	4⅞	+⅛
BBBY	BedBath s	25½pz	-1¾
BERW	Beringer	38⅞pz	-1¾pz
BEST	BestSft	26⅛	-1½pz
BIKR	BikeDrm n	3¾pz	+⅝pz
BILL	BillConc s	17	
BREL	BioRince	d7⅜pz	-2⅝pz
BIOI	BioSrce	3½pz	-⅞pz
BCHE	BioPharm	21½pz	-⅜pz
BGEN	Biogen	u77⅜pz	+1½pz
BMET	Biomet	u36⅞pz	+1½pz
BIME	Biomune	⅜pz	-1pz
BSTE	BiosDesign	9¼	-⅛
BTGC	BioToG	7½pz	-⅜pz
RINO	BlueRh n	16⅜	+1
BFLY	Bluefly	5⅝pz	+⅜
BFLYW	Bluefly wt	u1⅞pz	+⅜pz
BOOL	BooleB s	28⅜	-⅞
BLPG	BorLePr	26½pz	-1½pz
BOSTQ	vjBostChk	⅞	-1pz
BLSI	BstLfSci	4½pz	+⅛pz
CELL	Brghtpt s	14⅜pz	
BRYO	BrioTech n	8⅜	-⅝pz
BVSN	BroadVis	16½pz	+1⅝pz
BCST	brdc com n	51¼	-4
BRCM	Brdcom n	u90	-6½pz
BRKS	BrooksAu	13½pz	+½pz
TMBR	**BrownTom**	**13**	**⅜pz**
BOCB	Buffets	11⅜	+⅜pz
BOSS	BldgOne n	15	-½pz
BOBJY	BusnObj	18⅛	-⅜pz
CUBE	C-CUBE	21¾	-½pz
CFON	C-Phone	3⅛	-⅛pz
CBTSY	CBT Gp	12⅞pz	-⅞pz
CDWC	CDW Cpt	78	-9
CDNW	CDnow n	14⅜	+2⅜
CFIM	CFI Mtg	13½pz	+½pz
CFMT	CFM T	10½pz	+¼
CHRW	CH Robn	23½pz	-½pz
CKSG	CKS Grn	u28⅝	+½pz
CMGI	CMG Inf s	73½pz	+1⅛
CNWK	CNET	45⅝pz	-4½pz
CNXS	**CNS**	**43¾**	**-⅜pz**
CSGS	CSGSys	54⅜pz	-⅞pz
CUNO	CUNO	14⅜	+1⅛
CAER	Caere	11½	+⅝pz
CDIS	CalDive	19⅝	-⅜
CMIC	CalMic	13¾	+1½pz
CALY	Calypte	2⅛	-1⅛pz
CATP	CambTch	21-1	+1½pz
CLRT	CaperSys	1½pz	-½pz
CTEA	Celestial s	19⅛	+⅜
CELG	Celgene	9⅜	-⅞
CEGE	CellGens	4½pz	+½pz
CTIC	CellTh	3¾	+½pz
CNOS	CellNet	6⅛pz	-1pz
CLST	Cellstar s	7½pz	-⅜pz
CGRM	Centgrm	7¾	-1⅛
CNTO	Centocor	51⅞	-⅛pz
CENT	CenGardn	17⅛pz	+½pz
CBIZ	CentBusn	15⅝pz	+⅞pz
CERN	Cerner	21	-⅛
AMFM	ChancMd s	38¾	-1⅞pz
CHANF	Chanln	7½pz	+⅛
COFI	ChtOneF s	28⅜	-⅜
CHKPF	ChkPnt n	29	+1⅛pz
CKFR	ChkFree	14½pz	-⅛pz
PLCE	ChldPlc	u14½pz	+1⅜pz
CHIR	Chiron	22⅜	+⅞pz
CDCO	Cidco	2¾	+⅛pz
CIEN	CienaCp	17⅜	-⅞pz
CPCI	**Ciprico**	**7**	**-1⅛pz**
CRUS	Cirrus	10½pz	+⅛pz
CSCO	Cisco s	66½pz	-⅝pz
CAST	Citation	13	-⅜
CTXS	CitrixSy s	73½pz	+1⅛pz
CLFY	Clarify	u19⅜pz	+1⅜pz
CWEI	**ClayEng**	**8¾**	**-⅛pz**
CLSR	ClosMed	27	-⅝pz
CGNX	Cognex	17¾	+⅛pz
COHR	**Cohernt s**	**13**	**⅞pz**
CMED	ColoMED	7¼pz	-⅜pz
CMTO	Com21 n	18½pz	-⅝pz
COMR	Comair s	31¼	-⅛
CMCSA	Comcast	48	+1⅜
CMCSK	Comc sp	49	+1⅛
CICI	Comintell	½pz	
CFBX	ComFBk s	21½pz	+⅜pz
CBSI	CmpBusi s	25½pz	-1⅜
CMPC	Cmpcm	4½pz	-⅜pz
CCEE	CptConc	2⅝	-⅛
CHRZ	CmptHz	27	-⅞
CLCX	CptrLrn s	10½pz	-1⅝pz
CNRS	Cornerinet	7⅜	+⅜pz
CEXP	CorpExp	6¼	-⅛
CORX	Cortex	d3½pz	-⅜pz
COST	Costco	57⅞	-⅜pz
COSE	**CostEner**	**7¼**	
CLTR	CltrPhr	30½pz	+1½pz
CYOE	CoyoteNt	nu12⅜	+1
CBRL	**CrkrBrl**	**25½pz**	**-1⅝pz**
CBMI	CrBioMol	21½pz	-1pz
ERICY	**EricTel s**	**22¾**	**+⅝**
ETEC	EtecSys	32⅛pz	+⅛pz
EWEB	Euroweb	2½pz	+⅜pz
XCIT	Excite s	u48⅝pz	-2½pz
EXDS	ExdsCm n	36	+1⅜
ESRX	ExpScpt s	u56¼	-1¼pz
FBARP	FamBpfA	6½pz	+½pz
FITB	FifthThrd	67⅞pz	-¼
FILE	FileNet s	8½pz	-⅛pz
BSMT	FstBsmt	2¾pz	+⅛
FINL	FinLine	9⅝	-1¼
FHCC	FstHlth s	d15⅜	+⅜
FSCO	FSecCp s	z20⅞pz	-⅞pz
CYMI	Cymer	13½pz	+⅜
CYPB	CyprBio	2⅝pz	-⅜pz
CYTO	Cytogn	1½pz	
CTII	Cytothr	1⅝pz	-⅛
CYTC	Cytyc	18¼	-1⅛
D E F			
DIIG	DII Grp	17⅝pz	+⅞pz
DMMC	DM Mgt s	15½pz	-⅛
DUSA	DUSA	7¾	+2½pz
DZTK	Dasytix s	14⅞	+½pz
DANKY	Danka	4¼	-½pz
DBCC	DtBdcst	5¾	+⅜pz
DDIM	DtaDimn	13½	+½pz
DSSI	DataSyst	2⅞	+½pz
DTLN	DtTrNw	33⅞	+1⅜
DATC	Datatec	3¼	+⅝pz
RACE	DataRce	2⅜pz	-⅞pz
DWSN	**Dawson**	**10⅝**	**-⅛**
DELL	DellCptr su	71½pz	+1¾
DRTE	Dendrite s	19½	-2⅛
XRAY	Dentsply	25⅝pz	+⅛pz
DVLG	DevlBul	4⅜pz	+⅛pz
DLGC	Dialogic	22⅜	
DMED	Diamatrc	3⅞pz	+⅜
DIMD	DiamM	5¾pz	-½pz
DCTI	DigCourier	5⅛	-⅜
DMIC	DigMic s	5½pz	-⅛
DRIV	DigRiver n	13	-⅛
DLTR	DitrTree s	42½pz	+1⅜
DGLK	DbleClick n	32¾	-3⅝pz
DURA	DuraPh	10¾pz	+⅝pz
DROOY	DurbanRo	2⅞	-⅛pz
EGRP	ETrade	24⅛	+1⅜
ESPI	e.spire	8⅞	-½pz
EBAY	eBayInc n	115⅝pz	-¼
14⅝pz			
ECILF	ECI Tel	32⅝pz	-⅛
EFTC	EFTC Cp	41½pz	+½pz
ESCMF	ESCMed	9½pz	+½pz
ESST	ESSTech n	4⅜	+⅜pz
EAGL	EgilHrd	23⅛pz	-⅝pz
ELNK	Ethlnk s	47¾	-2⅝pz
ERTH	EthnShll n	12⅜pz	-⅛
EWBX	EthnWeb n	48½pz	-⅛pz
EESI	EstnEn	27⅝pz	+1⅜pz
DISH	EchoStar	u34	+2
ESTI	EcipSurg	7¾	+⅜
ECLP	Eclipsys n	11½pz	+⅝pz
EDFY	EdfyCp	5⅝pz	+⅜pz
EDMC	EdcMge	38½pz	+1⅞pz
EGGS	**Egghead**	**13**	**-⅞**
IFLY	800 Trav n	5½pz	+⅝pz
IFLYW	800 Trv wt	1¼	-⅛pz
ELNT	Elantec	4⅜	+½pz
ERTS	ElcArt	44¼pz	+1⅝pz
EFII	EFII	29⅜	+⅝
ELSI	**Elctsrc**	**1**	**⅞pz**
ELRNF	**ElronEl**	**13½**	**+⅛**
EMKR	Emcore	11⅞	+1⅞
ENCD	Encad	4⅜	+⅛pz
EMN	EnginesA s	54¼	+1½pz
ESVS	EnhanSw s	3	-⅞
ENMD	EntreMd	32⅝	-1⅛
ENTU	Entrust n	19	+1
ENZN	Enzon	u8⅜	+⅝pz
ERICY	**EricTel s**	**22¾**	**+⅝**
ETEC	EtecSys	32⅛pz	+⅛pz
EWEB	Euroweb	2½pz	+⅜pz
XCIT	Excite s	u48⅝pz	-2½pz
EXDS	ExdsCm n	36	+1⅜
ESRX	ExpScpt s	u56¼	-1¼pz
FBARP	FamBpfA	6½pz	+½pz
FITB	FifthThrd	67⅞pz	-¼
FILE	FileNet s	8½pz	-⅛pz
BSMT	FstBsmt	2¾pz	+⅛
FINL	FinLine	9⅝	-1¼
FHCC	FstHlth s	d15⅜	+⅜
FSCO	FSecCp s	z20⅞pz	-⅞pz
FSLA	FSourceBc	8⅝	+⅜pz
FSACF	FstSoAtr	1⅜	+¼
FTEN	FstTenn s	z32⅝	-⅛pz
FSPT	FstSpr n	36¾	+½
FCLX	FirstCom	11½pz	-⅜pz
FISV	Fiserv s	45½	-⅞
FLEX	Flextrn	u56⅞	+1⅞
FONX	FonuxCp	1¾	-⅛
FDLNB	FdLioB	9¾pz	-⅜pz
FDLNA	FdLioA	10	+½pz
FORE	ForeSys	14⅝pz	
FRTE	ForteSft	5⅝pz	+⅜pz
FOSL	Fossil s	25¼	-⅛
FRAG	FrenchF	5¾pz	-½
FGII	FGoldmn	15⅞	-1½pz
FFEX	**FrozenFd**	**7⅝pz**	**-½pz**
FUSE	FusuzT	11¼	-⅜
FMDAY	Ftrmdia	1	+⅛
G H I			
GTIS	GT Interac	6¾	-⅜pz
GADZ	Gadzooks	8⅞pz	+1⅛pz
GALX	GlxyFd	⅞	
GALTF	GalileoT	16	+⅛
GELX	GelTex n	23½pz	-⅝pz
GMSTF	Gemstr	58⅝	-⅛
GMGC	GMagic	6½pz	-⅞pz
GNCI	GenNutr	13⅝pz	-⅜
GEND	GeneDir n	5½pz	+⅛pz
GNSSF	GenMicr n	13⅞	-½pz
GNSA	Gensia	4⅜pz	+⅛
GGNS	Genus	27pz	-1½pz
GENZ	GenzymGnu	43⅜	-⅛
GEOC	GeoTelC s	28½pz	-1
GCTY	GeoCities n	37½pz	-
41½pz			
GERN	GeronCp	11⅝pz	-½pz
GIGX	Gigalnfo n	3¾pz	-⅛pz
GILTF	GilatSat	47⅞pz	-1½pz
GILD	Gilead	29⅜pz	-⅜pz
GEMS	Glenayre	6¼pz	-⅛pz
GLIA	Gliatech	24⅜	+¾
GBLX	GlbiCrss n	27⅝pz	-1½pz
GLBL	Globlind	7½pz	-⅛pz
GTSG	GlbITie n	45½pz	+2½pz
GSTRF	Globalstr s	16⅞pz	+⅜pz
GDBK	GoldBks	⅜pz	
GDYS	GdyFam s	12⅞	-½pz
GOTH	GothicEn	½pz	-⅜pz
GBTVK	GranBd	6¾	+¼
GMTI	Greenm	⅜	
GMA	GlMannng	5¾pz	+1⅞pz
GRDN	GuardTc	3	
GTRC	GuitarC	17¾	+⅛
GYMB	Gymbree	7⅝pz	-⅛pz
HBOC	HBO s	23¾pz	-1⅞pz
HMTT	HMTTch	10⅜	+⅛pz
HNCS	HNC Sft	32	+⅜
HDCO	Hadco	30½pz	-1⅜pz
HBIX	HagerB nd	15½pz	-2⅞pz
HANS	Hansen	5¾	+⅛
HRBC	Harbngr s	8⅞pz	+⅛
HCRI	HithcrRc	16¼	+⅞pz
HDIE	HIE	3⅜pz	-⅛
HWLD	Hithwrld n	11⅞	-3⅛
HPRT	Heartport	6⅞	+⅜
HELE	HelenTr	15¾	+⅝pz
HELX	HelixTch s	10⅜pz	+⅛
HLYW	Hlywd	17⅜	-⅜
HMCH	HomeChce	15¾	+1⅛
HHCA	HmeHlth n	d⅞	-⅛pz
HOCM	HmecmC	3⅜pz	+⅜pz
HORC	HorizHC	7⅝	-¾
HMSC	HumaScan	3¾	+½pz
HBAN	HuntBnk	30	-⅛
HRCNH	HrrcneH	23pz	-1¼pz
HTCH	HutchT	30	+1⅛
HYSL	HyperSolu	32¾	+½
HYSQ	Hyseq	4¼	
ITWO	i2 Tech s	23½pz	-2⅛
ISAC	IC Isys n	2	-⅞pz
ICGX	ICG Com	23¼	-½
ICOC	ICG Inc	3½pz	+⅜pz
ICOS	ICOS	20⅜pz	+⅜pz
IDXX	IdexxLb	23⅞	-½pz
IDMC	IDM Env	½pz	-⅛
IDTC	IDTCorp	20⅝	
IDXC	IDXSys n	41⅜	+⅝pz
IMCC	IMC Mt	1½pz	-⅜pz
IMPX	IMP	⅜	+½pz
INSO	INSO	22	+¼
ISSX	ISS Grp n	33½pz	-1⅛pz
ITCD	ITC Dlta	17½pz	+⅛
ITEQ	ITEQ Inc	2⅝pz	
DISK	ImagEn	5⅜	+½pz
IMTI	ImagynMd	½pz	
IMAT	Imatrn	2	-1½pz
IMCL	Imclone	8½pz	-⅛
IMUL	ImuLog	1½pz	+⅜pz
IMGN	Imungn	1⅜pz	+⅛pz
IMNR	ImunRsp	12⅞	-¼
IMNX	Imunex	68¼	-1⅞pz
ICII	ImpCrd	6¾	+⅞
INFS	InFocus s	6	-⅛pz
IMIC	IndusMate	7	-1⅛
INFO	Infonau	2½pz	-⅛
IACO	InfoAdv n	6⅝pz	+⅛pz
IMRS	InfMgeR	21⅛pz	-2⅛pz
IFMX	Informix	6½pz	+⅜pz
SEEK	Infoseek	32⅛	-4
INHL	InhalTh	26⅝	+1
INKT	Inktomi n	120¼	-9⅛pz
INVX	**Innovex**	**14¼**	**-⅜pz**
INPR	Inprise	51½pz	+3pz
INSI	Insci	1¾pz	+⅛pz
NSIT	Insight s	33⅝	-⅛pz
INTAF	Intasys	2½pz	+⅛
ICST	IntegCirc	13⅜	-⅛
IDTI	IntgDv	17½pz	+½pz
IPEC	IntgPrc	9⅜	+1¼
INTC	Intel	u103½pz	+6½
ICOM	Intelect	28½pz	
ITIG	Intelligrp	18¾	+⅛
IHOC	Intensiva	9⅜pz	+⅛pz
INTL	InterTel	20½pz	+½pz
ITVU	InterVu n	10½pz	-⅜
IMGK	IntMagic n	5⅜pz	+⅛pz
IFSIA	Intrface s	12½pz	-⅞pz
IFSC	Intfrm	1½pz	-⅞pz
INTXA	Intrnets	1½pz	
ICIX	IntmdCm s	16⅞pz	+⅝pz
INMT	IntmetC	14½pz	+½pz
IFCI	IntFbcm	8¼	-2½pz
IMSX	IntlMatnf	7¼	
INSS	IntlNtwk	44⅝pz	+⅜
IPIC	Internaur	3½pz	-⅞pz
INTV	Intvoice	29½pz	-⅝pz
INRS	IntrnatSol	3¾	+⅛
INTU	Intuit	55⅝pz	+2½pz
IVCR	Invacare	22⅛pz	+⅛
IONAY	IonaTch	25⅞	-3
IRIDF	IridmWr	45⅝pz	-1½pz
ITEX	ItexCp	1⅞	
J-K-L			
JDEC	JD Edwr	32	-2
JDAS	JDASoft s	9⅞	-⅛pz
JLMI	JLM Ind n	5½pz	-⅜pz
JCOR	JacorCm	55½pz	-1¼pz
JJSC	JalSmrf	13	-⅜pz
JOINA	Joinet A	27½pz	+⅛pz
JMED	JonesPhm	36⅛pz	-1pz
FEET	JstFeet	20½pz	+⅛pz
KTEL	K-tel s	32⅝pz	+9½pz
KTWO	K2Design n	2⅞	+⅛
KLAC	KLATenc	36½pz	+1½pz
KOGC	KaliOG	1½pz	-½pz
KMET	Kemet	12⅜pz	-1⅜pz
KTCC	KeyTrn	3⅝pz	+⅜
NITE	KnightTrn n	13	-⅛
YLCCF	KnightT	21½pz	+⅜pz
KMAG	Komag	7⅜pz	+⅛pz
KKRE	KooKoRoo	⅞pz	+⅜pz
KLIC	Kulicke	16⅞pz	+2⅝pz
LCAV	LCA Vis	1⅛pz	-⅛pz
LCCI	LCC Intl	4	+½pz
LHSG	LHS Grp s	47½pz	-⅝pz
LJLB	LJL Bio n	3⅛pz	
LTXX	LTX	29⅝pz	+1½pz
LRCX	LamRsch	14⅞	+⅜
LAMR	LamarA s	35½pz	-1⅝pz
LDMK	LndmrkS n	10¼	-⅜
LDRY	Landrys	8½pz	-⅛pz
LSON	Lason	58⅜	-⅞
LSCC	Lattice	33½pz	+2½pz
LEAP	LeapGrp	3½pz	+½pz
LWIN	LeapWrl n	6¾pz	+⅝pz
LGCY	LgacySft	1½pz	-1⅛pz
LGTO	Legato s	45¼	-2⅛pz
LHSPF	LmHaus s	37⅞pz	+1⅜pz
LVLT	Level3 s	34	-⅝pz
LEVL	LevelOne s	24¼	-⅜pz
LGND	Ligand B	11	+¾pz
LNCR	Lincare s	37½pz	+½pz
LLTC	LinearT	66⅜	+2⅞pz
LIPO	Liposm	7½pz	-⅛
STAR	LneSStx	8	-⅛
LBFC	LngBchF	8¾	-⅜
LCOS	Lycos s	48⅞pz	-6⅝pz
LYNX	LynxTch n	10¾	+⅜
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WCOM	MCI Wrld	54½pz	-1½pz
MIPS	MIPS Tc n	u25	-⅞
MMCN	MMC Nt	10½pz	-⅜
MRVC	MRV Cm	7½pz	+½pz
MTIC	MTI Tch	4	+½pz
MACR	**Macrmdia**	**22¾**	**-1⅝**
MADGF	MadgeNt	4½pz	+½pz
MANU	Manugist	16	+⅜
MARG	MktGde	8⅞	+1
MATH	**Mathsft**	**3**	
MAVK	MavTube	8	+⅞
MXIM	Maxim s	39⅞	+1½pz
MXTR	Maxtor n	13¾pz	+½pz
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MTRS	MetraCo	36⅛pz	+⅛
MCLL	Metricom	4½pz	-⅜
MFNX	MtrmcF s	39⅜pz	+2¼
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MICRL	Micrel	38⅜	+1
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MSTR	MicroStr n	26⅞pz	-⅜pz
MVIS	Micrvisn	6⅞	-⅛pz
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MSPG	MindSpr s	51¼	-5¾pz
MRVT	Miravant	13⅜	-⅝pz
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MGAM	MultimdG	5⅜	+1
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NCTI	NCT Grp	⅜	
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NEWZ	NewsEdge	8⅞	-1
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NXTL	NextelCm	21⅞pz	-⅜pz
NXLK	Nextlink	33	-½pz
NOBE	Nordstr s	30¼	+⅜
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NVLS	Novlus	44⅝pz	+2½pz
ODSI	ODS Netw	3½pz	
OVONE	OIS	½pz	+½pz
OSIP	OSI Phrm	5⅜	+⅛
OBJS	ObjctShre	1⅞	
OCAS	OhioCas	39¾	-⅛
OMPT	Omnipoint	9½pz	+1½pz
ONHN	OnHealth	2⅝pz	+⅜pz
WEBB	OnlineSys	7¾	-¼
ONSL	Onsale	23½pz	+2½pz
OMKT	OpenMkt	8½pz	+⅛
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ORBKF	Orbotch	35⅜	-⅛
ORTL	Ortel	10	-⅛
FIBR	Oscom s	8¾pz	+⅝pz
OSSI	OutbkSte	35	+⅛
OXHP	OxfordHlt	11½pz	-¼
OXGN	Oxigene	10⅞pz	+⅜
OZEMY	OzEmail	15	-⅝pz
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PMCS	PMC Srra	u50⅛	-1⅝pz
PRIA	PRI Auto	17	+1⅛
PSIX	PSINet	17⅞	-¾
PSSI	PSS Wrld	21¾	+⅛
PCAR	Paccar	44½pz	+1⅛pz
PGEX	PacGate n	44⅜	-1½pz
PSUN	PacSun s	22⅜	-2
PAMM	PacMmry	3½pz	
PHSYB	PacifCB	80⅜	-1⅛
PAGE	Pagmgn	5¼	-1½pz
PAIR	PairgTch	10½pz	-⅝pz
PALX	**PalEx**	**6¾**	**-⅛**
PMTI	PalmrMd	27½pz	+1½pz
PANDA	PandaPrj	9⅝	-1½pz
PAJOH	PapJohn	37⅞	-1
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Prices steady

NEW YORK — Crude oil was little changed, retreating from early gains, on perceptions that any U.S. military attack on Iraq will have little effect on Iraqi exports or abundant world supplies.

December crude oil was little changed at $13.55 a barrel, 3 cents higher, on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Prices are down 34 percent from a year ago as weak demand in Asia left the world awash in unneeded crude.

Earlier in the day, the December contract rose as much as 38 cents, or 2.8 percent, to $13.90 a barrel, after the UN said it was evacuating personnel from Baghdad.

Meantime, a report from the American Petroleum Institute late Tuesday showing that inventories fell unexpectedly last week was not enough to move prices. The API said stocks shrank by 1.9 million barrels, or 0.6 percent, to 341.8 million barrels last week.

Heating oil prices were supported by the API report. The API said distillate supplies, which include heating oil, rose by 332,000 barrels to 147.147 million barrels.

December heating oil rose 0.16 cent to37.92 cents a gallon on the Nymex.

Gasoline inventories rose by a larger-than-expected 1.65 million barrels to 202.11 million barrels last week.

December gasoline fell 0.66 cent, or 1.6 percent, to 40.54 cents a gallon.

Dollar declines

NEW YORK — The dollar declined against most major currencies Wednesday, falling against the Japanese yen on news that a new fiscal stimulus package from Japan would include tax cuts, considered essential to any efforts to revive that country's economy.

The dollar's fall against the mark came as a German central banker emphasized that no interest rate cuts were in the offing.

Against the yen, the dollar was quoted at 121.72 yen in late New York trading, down from 122.52 late Tuesday. The U.S. currency also was changing hands at 1.6764 marks, down from 1.6842.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Tuesday: 1.3820 Swiss francs, down from 1.3885; 5.6265 French francs, down from 5.6646; 1,659.00 Italian lire, down from 1,665.50; and 1.5450 Canadian dollars, unchanged.

The British pound was quoted at $1.6620, up from $1.6603.

Dow retreats

NEW YORK — Profit-takers sent stocks lower for a third straight day Wednesday, although many technology shares again bucked the trend after an upbeat earnings outlook from Intel.

The damage to Wall Street's autumn rebound remained fairly marginal, with the Dow Jones industrial average falling just 40.16 to 8,823.82.

Most broad-market measures also extended a weeklong slump, but the decline has barely put a dent in the market's recent success.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq market held out the longest, thanks to a 6 percent surge by Intel, but turned lower by the close to halt a four-session winning streak.

The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 7.29 to 1,120.97, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 3.51 to 1,862.11.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by a 3-to-2 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where composite volume totaled 861.56 million shares.

The NYSE composite index fell 4.06 to 553.36, and the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 1.28 to 663.81.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 3.39 to 393.47.

Budget cuts planned by Mobil, Unocal

■ Mobil, Unocal latest big oil companies to plan cuts as result of low oil prices.

Associated Press

Mobil Corp. and Unocal Corp. will cut spending on capital investments next year, becoming the latest big oil companies to announce major cuts as a result of the worldwide drop in crude oil prices.

Mobil announced Wednesday that its 1999 investment spending would drop below 1998's level of $5.9 billion, although the amount has not yet been determined. Unocal will cut spending by as much as $650 million during 1999.

Fairfax, Va.-based Mobil also announced it will attempt to slash $500 million in costs over the next three to four years — which would include cutting an unspecified number of jobs — to help boost earnings amid the poor industry conditions.

Oil prices, depressed by low demand brought on in part by the Asian economic crisis, are at their lowest levels in a decade.

"Frankly, it's prudent to take out some insurance against the possibility that depressed oil and chemical market conditions will continue for some time," Mobil's president and chief operating officer, Eugene Renna, said in a statement.

Unocal will cut its capital expenditures — money spent on equipment, land leases and other long-term investments — by 30 percent to 40 percent, from $1.65 billion this year to $1 billion to $1.2 billion next year.

The El Segundo, Calif.-based company also will trim $150 million in project development, administrative and general expenses. The cuts do not target employees, although some jobs could be eliminated if overlapping operations are scaled back.

"We don't know yet," said spokesman Barry Lane. "We're looking at scalpel approach, and it's not always people."

Two other Southern California-based oil companies, Occidental Petroleum Corp. and Atlantic Richfield Co., have in recent weeks announced major cost-cutting campaigns, including job reductions.

Arco has said it will eliminate 900 jobs and close 20 small offices over the next two years to trim costs by $500 million. Occidental has said it will eliminate 80 jobs from its headquarters staff and 210 jobs at its Bakersfield, Calif., oil and gas drilling subsidiary.

Recent forecasts call for the oil slump to continue for two or three years as Asia works its way out of recession, said Jack Kyser, chief economists for the Los Angeles Economic Development Corp.

Such forecasts are difficult because oil prices are influenced by the weather and political developments. Tension between the United States and Iraq or an unusually harsh winter could provide a spike that would quickly boost prices, said Alvin Silber, an analyst with Herzog, Heine Geduld in New York.

Stock market applauds Fox Entertainment IPO

■ Initial offering becomes third-richest ever.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stock in Fox Entertainment Group Inc. surged 7 percent Wednesday in its first day of trading, coming off a strong summer at the box office with "There's Something About Mary," "Dr. Dolittle" and "The X-Files."

Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. raised $2.8 billion by selling 18 percent of its film, television and sports empire to the public — a much larger offering than expected.

It is the third-richest initial public offering ever, behind Conoco Inc.'s $4.5 billion offering last month and the $3 billion spinoff of Lucent Technologies Inc. from AT&T Corp. in 1996.

Fox includes the 20th Century Fox movie studio, the Fox broadcast network, the Los Angeles Dodgers and cable channels such as Fox Sports Net and Fox News Channel. Fox also owns 22 television stations

Its shares closed at $24.12 1/2, up from their offering price of $22.50, on the New York Stock Exchange after reaching a high of $25.12 1/2. Fox was the most actively traded stock on the NYSE, with 48.7 million shares changing hands.

The sale confirmed News Corp.'s hope that investors would leap at the chance to purchase shares in its entertainment and sports businesses without having to buy into other parts of its global media empire, such as newspapers and book publishing.

There had been some worries that the summer downturn in U.S. stocks would diminish demand for Fox stock, but the recent market rebound and Fox's summer movie success helped keep investors hungry.

In advance of the offering, Fox reported Monday that its fiscal first-quarter earnings more than doubled to $57 million on the strength of its film releases and video sales of "Titanic," which it coproduced with Paramount Pictures.

Fox accounted for about $7 billion of News Corp.'s $12.8 billion in revenue during its last fiscal year, which ended in June.

Like other broadcasters, the Fox network's ratings have been mediocre so far this season, as "King of the Hill" has suffered from its move to Tuesday night and the World Series logged the lowest ratings in history.

AP Photo

Excited traders on the New York Stock Exchange floor deal shares of Fox Entertainment Group Inc., Wednesday. The stock's shares jumped 7 percent in their first day of trading after Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. raised $2.8 billion by selling 18 percent of its entertainment and sports empire to the public. The Fox sale is the third-largest initial public offering ever, behind Conoco Inc.'s $4.5 billion offering last month and the $3 billion spinoff of Lucent Technologies Inc. from AT&T Corp. in 1996.

Compaq to direct-market its computers

■ Move intended to fend off Dell, targets small and medium-sized businesses.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Compaq Computer Corp. will start selling its personal computers directly to customers, mimicking the technique of archrival Dell Computer Corp. in a bid to fend off its advance.

Compaq Wednesday said it would sell a new line of desktop computers directly by telephone and over the Internet, bypassing the distributors who sell to most of Compaq's computers. Compaq said it would pay a commission to dealers who refer their customers to the company.

The move is Compaq's latest to try to slow the meteoric rise of Dell, the No. 1 direct seller of PCs. Dell, based in Round Rock, Texas, has surpassed Compaq's sales and profit growth by delivering orders for new PCs faster and eliminating the middleman, inspiring other industry players such as IBM and Hewlett-Packard to also imitate the direct-sales model.

Houston-based Compaq is targeting small- and midsize businesses with Wednesday's move, promising to deliver orders for new PCs quicker than before. These customers until now have bought fewer computers from direct sellers than big businesses or consumers.

But Compaq could use the initiative to expand the sales method to other customers. Compaq acquired a huge direct sales force when it completed its acquisition of computer maker Digital Equipment Corp. five months ago.

However, Compaq risks angering its distributors by further squeezing their profit margins. The move is Compaq's latest to try to streamline its process for selling personal computers.

Compaq stock rose $1.62 1/2 a share at $34.50 on the New York Stock Exchange. Dell's stock also was up $1.62 1/2 a share, reaching $71.93 3/4 on the Nasdaq Stock Market, a day before it releases its third-quarter financial results.

AP Photo

Compaq President and CEO Eckhard Pfeiffer unveils the new Compaq Prosignia family of computer products for consumers in the small to medium business market, in New York City, Wednesday. The new products feature made to order configurations and several purchase and lease options.

Acquisitions lift Simon Property third quarter profits 26 percent

N.Y. Times News Service

INDIANAPOLIS — Simon Property Group Inc. said third-quarter earnings rose 26 percent, as the largest U.S. shopping mall company benefited from property acquisitions and higher rents.

The company, a real estate investment trust, said funds from operations increased to $79.9 million, or 68 cents a share, from $63.3 million, or 64 cents, a year earlier. Per-share results, which matched analysts' estimates, reflect an increase in shares outstanding. Revenue rose 24 percent to $322.3 million.

"Our core business continued to perform strongly in the third quarter, with sustained increases in occupancy, rents and tenants sales," David Simon, president and chief executive of the Indianapolis-based company, said in a statement.

Gates upbeat at Microsoft's annual meeting

N.Y. Times News Service

BELLEVUE, Wash. — Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates said government claims that the world's biggest software maker sabotaged the multimedia software of rival Apple Computer Inc. are "simply untrue."

Speaking at the annual shareholders meeting, Gates responded to a shareholder question on the issue by saying "the facts couldn't be clearer. We have never done that." Microsoft stands accused of using predatory business practices to extend its monopoly in computer-operating systems to the Internet, undermining rivals such as Apple. In the antitrust trial now in its fourth week, lawyers for the U.S. Department of Justice and 20 states have sought to portray Gates as the mastermind behind a pattern of anti-competitive behavior.

"I'm confident that the legal system will protect Microsoft's freedom to build innovative products," Gates told the audience, which gave him standing ovations at the beginning and end of the meeting in Bellevue, Washington, near Microsoft's Redmond headquarters. "The DOJ has misused e-mail snippets to create a false impression."

Gates, who's also chief executive, went on to say that "allegations against us simply are wrong. As our witnesses come forward, you will see that the facts don't support the government's claims."

The government presents its case first in the landmark antitrust trial, and then Microsoft follows.

THE ECONOMIST

'Free riders' can disrupt economic signals to free market

By M. Ray Perryman, PhD

Among the many elementary concepts in economics, one stands out as a favorite of mine. It's known as the free-rider — and it's not about the dangers of hitchhiking. The free-rider issue relates to the natural incentives we all have to let someone else bear the costs of a particular decision. In doing so, we gain for ourselves a free ride.

Perryman

Let me offer a brief (albeit improbable) example. I live in Odessa, Texas, where we really don't get much snowfall. But if the local weather reporters forecasted snow for this winter, I suspect my neighbors would sit up and pay attention. If it did snow, we would all be better off by agreeing to hire someone to plow the roads. The catch is that if one family or person chose not to pay, he could still travel the cleared roads.

After we paid to clear the snow from the roads, it would be difficult to exclude the folks who did not share in the expense. The free-rider enjoys the safer streets but does not bear any of the costs of clearing them. Not pitching in — while the rest of the group foots the bill — leaves him better off economically. This situation wouldn't bother most folks, but the lack of fairness would aggravate others to no end.

This simple concept comes into play whenever there is a service or product that cannot easily be withheld from those who refuse to pay. For the one person who does nothing, it's just like magic! All of the economic benefits and none of the costs.

Central to the notion of a free-rider is the economic issue of determining the value of a certain good. For most goods, we make our opinions known with our dollars; that is how we tell producers how much we value a particular item. What we buy speaks volumes; that's how the correct number of gallons of milk or loaves of bread end up where and when we want them — any hour of the day, any day of the week, in any town in America.

This "signaling" process is the beauty of the capitalist system. In a free market economy, we, the actors, are continually sending signals to producers through the purchases we make.

One reason this system works so well for most goods is that when you or I pony up the funds to purchase them, they are automatically not available for someone else to use. The gallon of milk in my refrigerator is mine; no one else can drink it.

If free-riding occurs, these signals can be distorted, resulting in misinformed decision-makers and inadequate quantities of the good or service desired.

When the consumption of a purchase cannot be easily controlled or excluded, such as traveling public highways, the instances of free-riders are frequent; avoiding such occurrences requires thoughtful, dedicated leaders and circumspect planning processes.

The good news is that for the great majority of the time, the free market system works equitably. When consumption is limited to those who pay the associated costs (as with most goods and most services), we need only to state our preferences by spending our dollars. That's what makes the economy go 'round!

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Lady Raiders gun for return to Final Four

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — With an array of deadly shooters and a powerful post player, No. 14 Texas Tech is aiming for another Big 12 title this season.

But the ambitions don't stop there. No one on the team is coy about the feeling that Tech is overdue for a trip to the Final Four. The Lady Raiders haven't been there since a 1993 national championship.

"I don't think we've changed the fact that we want to go the Final Four," said senior guard Rene Hanebutt. "Coming in here as a freshman, I expected to go to three or four of them."

The Lady Raiders also feel slighted by their No. 14 ranking.

"I think we're better than that and it's going to be up to us to prove where we should be ranked," Hanebutt said. "We're probably a better team than we were this time last year."

The only one who seems hesitant about the Lady Raiders' chances is head coach Marsha Sharp, who has led the team to seven Sweet Sixteen appearances.

Sharp said that when it comes to postseason play, the most important factor is mental toughness, and this team might not yet have it.

"The truth is a lot of the success depends on how well they react to certain situations and how quickly they learn," Sharp said. "I've had teams that maybe weren't the most talented but developed a mental toughness that took them far. We'll have to see if this team will develop that toughness."

Sharp also said much of the offense will rely on the success of senior post Angie Braziel, who averaged 14 points and 6.5 rebounds last season. She also led the conference with 53 blocks.

"We all know we have more to do this season," Braziel said. "My role is to be a leader, come out and play hard and make sure we hold things up down low."

The Lady Raiders will also look to capitalize on their perimeter shooting by running a three-guard offense for most of the season, Sharp said.

"We're very athletic and very fast," Sharp said. "We're going to use that and try to get a lot of open looks."

Last year, Tech's guards scorched several Big 12 teams on the way to the league title. Hanebutt and starting guard Julie Lake averaged 10 points. Lake shot 43 percent from 3-point range.

"We may not be quite as strong as everybody else but we can shoot the ball better than a lot of people," Hanebutt said.

But the team is also concerned about being overmatched by larger Big 12 teams. All three starting guards are under 6 feet.

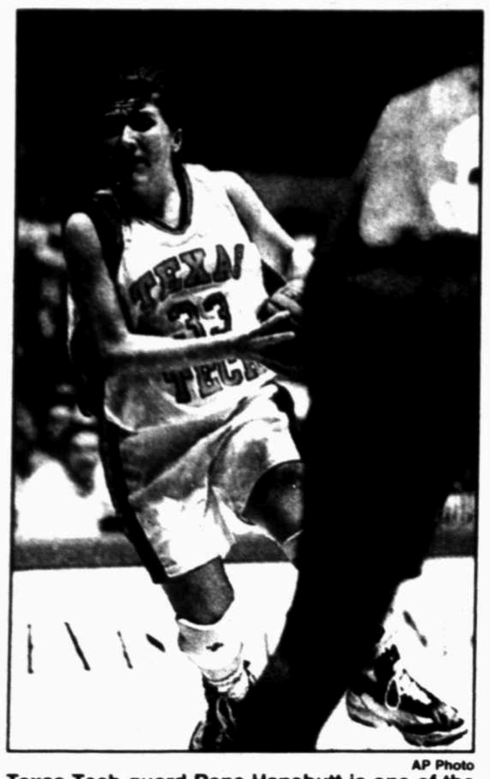
Sharp said that when the chips are down, she will rotate in post Aleah Johnson to help out on defense if necessary.

"I will probably get Aleah in there if I feel we're giving up too much size," Sharp said. One of the good things about this team is that we can give people a lot of looks. Even though Aleah (6-1) is taller, she is still incredibly fast and can get open quick."

Johnson is replacing star Alicia Thompson, who averaged 24 points and now plays for the WNBA New York Liberty. She is a transfer from South Plains College and averaged 24 points last season.

Braziel said that with Thompson gone, members of the team are going to have to help fill the void.

"A lot of people used to try to run the whole offense through Alicia," Braziel said. "That's not going to be an option. Everyone's going to have to be a little selfish and step up and do what needs to be done."



AP Photo

Texas Tech guard Rene Hanebutt is one of the most experienced Lady Raiders returning for the 1998-99 season.

Players hold meeting to discuss lockout

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Jordan's next basketball game could occur the first weekend of December in an exhibition that would be held in Las Vegas, players' union director Billy Hunter said Wednesday.

"Whether or not (Jordan) will play won't be known until the last moment. If he doesn't play, he'll coach. But he'll be physically present," Hunter said after the union's negotiating committee and several team player representatives met for about 5 1/2 hours to discuss the lockout.

No new negotiations are scheduled, although Hunter said he would call commissioner David Stern on Wednesday night or Thursday to gauge whether the sides want to sit down at the negotiating table again.

"He has indicated that he does have another proposal. When he puts it out there remains to be seen," Hunter said. "I think what he wants to do is sweat our players a little more and see whether there's any inclination on our part to want to submit."

In response, the NBA denied it was holding back a new proposal.

"We have no idea what he's talking about," deputy commissioner Russ Granik said.

There have been no discussions since talks broke off Friday, and the season cannot start until mid-December at the earliest.

If another three weeks go by without an agreement, the season probably won't start until 1999.

"Fans may be somewhat disheartened at this moment, but I don't think the fans are turned off to the point that we can't regain their support," Hunter said. "It's sort of crunch time. Sooner or later the (owners) will have to decide that it's time to get a deal.

In the meantime, agents David Falk, Arn Tellem and Eric Fleisher are trying to organize an exhibition game in Las Vegas for the first weekend of December.

Hunter said the Showtime cable network has expressed interest in televising the game. A spokeswoman for Showtime had no comment.

Hunter said the game might be a matchup between two of the three Dream Teams that competed in the 1992 and 1996 Olympics and the 1994 World Championships.

But it would be impossible to put the original Dream Team back together since Magic Johnson and Larry Bird are now part of management — Johnson as a part-owner of the Lakers and Bird as the coach of the Indiana Pacers. Also, Christian Laettner ruptured his Achilles' tendon last summer and could not play, and Clyde Drexler will be busy coaching the University of Houston basketball team.

"Our players are interested in keeping themselves busy, and we think that one day to do it is have some sort of an exhibition competition," Hunter said.

LOCAL SPORTS

Trinity to host doubleheader

Midland will become the host of a Texas Christian Athletic League six-man football playoff doubleheader Saturday when Trinity has two games starting at 11:30 a.m.

Trinity will host Dallas Victory Christian at 2:30 p.m., preceeded by El Paso Faith Christian against either San Antonio Sunnybrook or Houston South Shaver. Admission for the doubleheader is $5 for adults and $3 for students.

MC's Crawford named all-state

Jenni Crawford, a senior setter for the Midland Christian volleyball team, was a first team Class 4A Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools selection.

Crawford, who had 296 assists for the regular season, helped the Lady Mustangs reach the playoffs this season. Making the second team for Midland Christian were senior middle blockers Mandy Choat and Sarah Koss.

Koss led the Lady Mustangs during the regular season with 122 kills while Choat had 41 kills in only 10 matches.

First Team: Ashley Burroughs, Dallas Chr., Sr.; Jenni Crawford, Midland Chr., Sr.; Jacqualin Del Fierro, San Antonio St. Francis, Sr.; Nancy Geyer, Houston Second Baptist, Sr.; Regan Goodwin, Austin St. Michael's, Sr.; Chelsea Grear, Houston Lutheran North, Sr.; Jenni Kapp, Austin St. Michael's, Sr.; Kanna Mosley, Cedar Hill Trinity Chr., Sr.; Natalie Niceworiger, Fort Worth Chr., Sr.; Kristin Papp, Houston Second Baptist, Jr.; Nicole Sansor, Lubbock Trinity Chr., Sr.; Virginia Smyth, Fort Worth Chr., Sr.

Second Team: Morgan Beakley, Fort Worth Chr., Sr.; Taryn Biggs, Houston Lutheran North, Sr.; Shenigua Browder, Cedar Hill Trinity Chr., Sr.; Mandy Choat, Midland Chr., Sr.; Brittany Glenn, Houston Second Baptist, Sr.; Sarah Koss, Midland Chr., Sr.; Stephanie Null, Lubbock Trinity Chr., Sr.; Sarah Rodrigues, San Antonio St. Francis Academy, Sr.; Rachel Sudela, Dallas Chr., Sr.; Aly Stolpman, Tomball Concordia Lutheran, Sr.; Jillian Wagner, San Antonio Chr., Sr.; Gina Williams, Castle Hills First Baptist, Jr.

Midlanders shine for ASC

A pair of women runners from Midland have distinguished themselves during the American Southwest Conference cross country season.

Sophomore Talitha Belcher, a Midland High graduate running for McMurry University, finished fourth in the ASC meet in Richardson, running a time of 21 minutes, 54.11 seconds over the 5K course. Belcher's finish led McMurry to a second place finish in the team standings, only a point behind Mississippi College.

Another Midlander, Alena Oetting, distinguished herself in the classroom. Oetting, a senior, was named to the ASC cross country Academic All-Conference team. Oetting carries a 3.88 GPA as a major in mathematics.

Extreme girls finish second

The Midland Extreme girls under-10 soccer team posted a 5-1 record for a second place finish in the Midland Turkey Shoot this past weekend.

Extreme defeated Lubbock Phoenix 3-0, Odessa Purple Thunder 3-2, the Midland Lady Gators 2-0, Lubbock Double Trouble 2-1 and the Amarillo Starburst 3-1 before losing to the Odessa Sidekicks 2-0 in the finals.

Team Members: McKensey Corbett, Cydney Cumbest, Taylor howard, katie Kloosterman, Lauren Knsa, Taylor Lamb, Lindsey Moore, Jeehyun Park, Kelsey Patterson, Megan Reed, Kasey Ryan and Abby Young.

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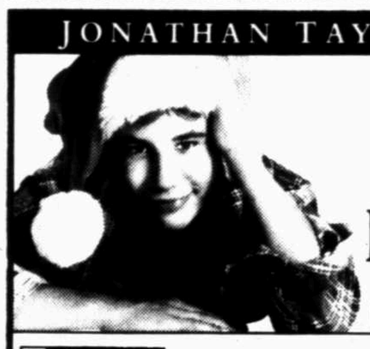

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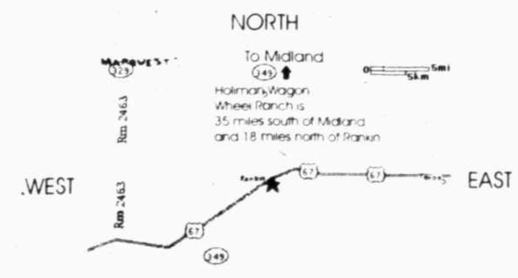

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Bishop secures legacy at Kansas State

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Less than 14 months ago, Kansas State quarterback Michael Bishop made his debut at home.

Now, he's already preparing to step onto the field at KSU Stadium for the final time when No. 2 Kansas State (9-0, 6-0 in Big 12) plays No. 11 Nebraska (8-2, 4-2) on Saturday.

Bishop's run with the Wildcats has been quick: He transferred from Blinn (Texas) Community College and didn't redshirt. Despite the brevity of his stay, though, he's produced results that will be remembered at Kansas State for years to come.

When he arrived, the Wildcats were the third-best team in the Big 12 North, trying to shake off Colorado and Nebraska.

But he led Kansas State to two victories over the Buffaloes, a team the Wildcats hadn't beaten since 1984, when Bishop was a second-grader. And on Saturday, a Kansas State victory over the Cornhuskers would not only end a 30-year drought for the Wildcats, but give them legitimate national title hopes as well.

"Last year, we made a decision whether we would redshirt Michael Bishop or not, and I think that probably was the defining factor that we would have a chance to be a pretty good football team this year," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said.

So far, the Wildcats have been better than pretty good behind Bishop. Kansas State is off to the first 9-0 start in school history; last year, the Wildcats played to their first-ever 11-win season.

Bishop has a 44-1 record as a starter in college, losing only to Nebraska last year.

He can't talk about what makes him a winner — Snyder has held him out of interviews since the Wildcats took on Colorado in their fifth game of the season. However, those who surround him say there's no mystery to why he doesn't lose.

"He's the kind of guy who just wants to go, go, go. He can't stand being stopped. He's a winner," wide receiver Gavin Peries said. "Every time we get the ball, he wants to score. That's his attitude. When we don't, sometimes he gets really upset. That's just how he is. He's a winner."

His list of accomplishments reads as long as a career criminal's rap sheet.

He's Kansas State's all-time leading rushing quarterback. He holds the school record for total offense in a game. He's a candidate for the Davey O'Brien Award and the Heisman Trophy. He's led the Wildcats to a school-record 17 consecutive wins. He has rushed for more touchdowns than any other quarterback in Kansas State history. He won national championships during both of his two seasons at Blinn. Now, he's fighting for a third with the Wildcats.

"I have never played with a player or seen an athlete that wants to win as bad as he does," offensive guard Jeremy Martin said. "His emotion is tremendous. It's a tremendous uplift for this team.

"When things aren't going well or when things aren't happening quite the way we want them to, you see that confidence and his ability — it gives us all confidence."

Bishop's competitive spirit carries over to his life off the football field, teammates say.

"He gets very upset if he loses at any video game," said wide receiver Darnell McDonald, Bishop's favorite target during his two seasons with the Wildcats. "He's competitive in anything. If it's paper, scissors and rocks, he wants to win."

Arkansas running backs healthy, productive

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — It seems as if all Arkansas has done during the '90s is change football coaches.

When Houston Nutt was hired in December, he became coach No. 4 for a team with 38 victories during the decade. That's too many coaches and not enough wins.

But, now Arkansas is winning and, on Saturday, the Razorbacks play their most important game in 10 years — at No. 1 Tennessee.

An attitude adjustment is the easy explanation for the unbeaten season and No. 10 ranking. For sure, Nutt is positive and inspirational.

"At any given time, he can make you want to knock down the nearest wall," said fifth-year senior center Grant Garrett. "That's the gospel. He can raise the hair on your neck."

There is much more, including a dramatic turnaround in the running game built around two healthy, unselfish tailbacks and a stable, experienced offensive line.

In 11 games last year, Arkansas ran for 622 yards — worst in Division I.

This year, Chrys Chukwuma has gained 562 and Madre Hill has 560. Between them, they are averaging 150 yards per game.

Hill missed 1996 and 1997. As a sophomore in 1995, he set a school record with 1,387 yards rushing and the Razorbacks won the Western Division of the Southeastern Conference. Knee surgeries put him on the sideline.

In 1996, Chukwuma established a school record for freshmen with 590 yards. Last year, he hurt his back and missed the last seven games. The Razorbacks started 3-1 and were 1-6 with him out of the lineup.

Rod Stinson led the Razorbacks last year with 413 yards rushing. Stinson works hard and all that, but Hill and Chukwuma have more talent.

"You put Madre Hill or Chrys Chukwuma in the backfield, I think you're looking at more of a big-time back, somebody that's a real threat, somebody that can go 99 yards on you," said offensive guard Brandon Burlsworth. "In the running game, the offensive line is important, but it's just as important to have a back who can hit the hole and take off."

"What he's talking about, they don't have to block them all with Madre or Chukwuma," said running back coach Danny Nutt, Houston's brother. "They can slip down and those guys can make the first one miss. That's the difference."

"We couldn't pin our ears back and rush the passer due to our inability to stop the running game," said Alabama coach Mike DuBose after the Razorbacks ran for 206 yards in a 42-6 victory.

Chukwuma and Hill have been remarkably consistent. Chukwuma topped 100 yards in each of the first two games and Hill did the same in the next two games. In fact, after the first two weeks, there was some grumbling about Hill starting in front of Chukwuma.

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Midland County has completed its 1996 Texas Community Development Program (TDCDP) project under a contract with the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs. This sewer line improvement project was carried out in the "window pane" target area in the southeast quadrant of the City of Midland.

A public hearing on this TCDP project will be held at 9:00 a.m. on November 23, 1998, in the Midland County Commissioners Courtroom, 200 W. Wall, Suite 005, Midland, Texas. The purpose of this public hearing will be to discuss and evaluate the County's implementation of this water line improvements project.

Citizens are encouraged to attend this public hearing will be to discuss and evaluate the County's implementation of this water line improvements project.

For further information about the County's 1996 TCDP project, contact Jeff Norwood, County Judge, Midland County at (915)688-1147. Handicapped individuals who might have difficulty for special assistance.

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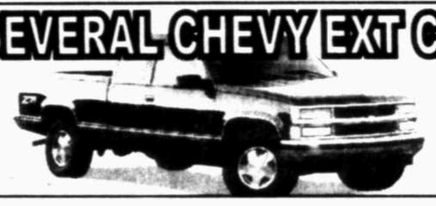

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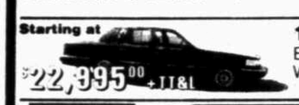

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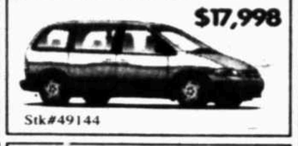

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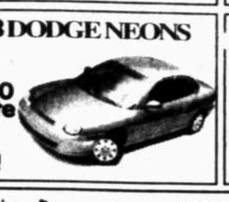

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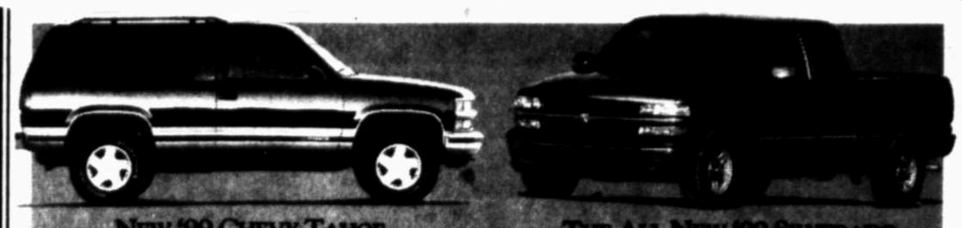

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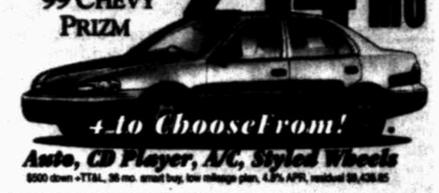

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Positions offer competitive salaries and benefits. Please send resume and salary history to:

Concho Resources Inc.
Attn: HR Department
110 W. Louisiana, Suite 410, Midland, Texas 79701

NOTE: Only applicants who are contacted for interest will be notified when positions are staffed.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

OLSTEN STAFFING SRVCS
Temp & Perm Positions
No Fee Benefits & Bonuses
689-6607

PART/ FULL time secretary, $5- $7/ hour. Computer experience required, WordPerfect, Quicken, etc. Call 684-1102.

Global Personnel Network
Temp & Perm positions. Locally & around the globe! 686-8360.

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V.I.P. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Never a Fee Benefits
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➔NEW TODAY←
WANTED IMMEDIATELY: Natural gas accounting clerk to perform producer accounting functions, spreadsheets and computer input. Must be mathematically inclined and technically qualified. Send resume to: Producer Accountant, 211 N Colorado, Midland, Texas 79701 or fax to 915-682-4024.

316 Sales Help Wanted

***LIFE INSURANCE AGENTS**
Leads Leads Leads
Unlimited Income Potential.
Great Agent Benefit Package
Advances Paid Daily
Call Carla
800-722-4605

SALES
Established growing company $40 to $50K 1st year. Unlimited potential. Apply in person: Morgan Buildings & Spas, 12000 W. Hwy. 80E., 1/4 mile east of Water Wonderland.

Britt
BRITT MERCEDES - Benz-Volvo is expanding. We are looking for top quality, highly motivated, self starter for new and pre- owned sales. College degree required. All inquiries confidential. For an appointment contact Brenda Bowen at 699-7993.

CABLE SALES. Opportunity to earn excellent income with great bonuses! Cable TV sales for the premier cable company in Midland. Flexible hours make it ideal for homeakers or professionals. 694-5049.

GREAT OPPORTUNITY in exciting new technology. Experience with internet or advertising sales helpful but not necessary. Above average earnings. 520-8882.

TEXAS REFINERY CORP. needs dependable person now in Midland area. Regardless of training, write: D.G. Hopkins, Dept. M-79701, Box 711, Ft. Worth, TX 76101-0711.

318 Management Help Wanted

MANAGER/ Assistant Manager Position available for local apartment community. Experience preferred. For more information please call 520-3751.

RESTAURANT. Train to be a manager. You could be running one of my stores in as little as 60- 90 days. Weekly & monthly bonuses. Rapid advancement. Please send resume to Mr. Clark, 3704 Springdale, Odessa, TX 79762

➔NEW TODAY←
SUPERVISOR needed for trailer manufacturing. Must have a minimum of 5 years experience in welding, assembly line in Goose Neck production. Send resume and salary requirements to: C.P.T., 2716 S. Congress, Austin, 78704. Closing date 11/ 24/ 98.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

✔ PURCHASING AGENT wanted for large oil field service company. Should be familiar with AS 400, Excel and Word. Duties would include procurement of steel, bearings, castings, and various supplies for office and machine shop operations. Excellent benefits, 401K, medical and dental insurance. 5 years experience, salary DOE. Send or fax resume to: Operations Manager, PO Box 60050, Midland, TX., 79711. Fax: (915) 563-2375. EOE.

CORE ANALYST. Immediate vacancy. Minimum 5 years experience. Must be willing to relocate to Houston area. International and Domestic market. Send resume and names of 3 references to: Box P-6145, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

320 Skilled Trades

EXPERIENCED IO System II trouble shooters, shooters crew leaders, and experienced line helpers. Please apply in parson at: 1511 W. Montgomery, Midland, Tx 79701. 570-8656.

MAINTENANCE PERSON needed. Certification required. Apply in person at Sante Fe Apartments, 5010 W Loop 250 North.

MECHANICS- immediate opening for experienced truck mechanics. Salary DOE. Apply in person, 2214 Carter. 682-8077.

NEEDED: LICENSED Journeyman electrician with residential and commercial experience. Licensed for both Odessa and Midland. Call 661-8508.

336 Adult Care Providers

★ NEED HELP with an elderly person? I can help. Available any time. Reasonable rates, references. 570-8824 or 499-6183.

INHOME CARE for all your in home health needs. Bathing, cooking, cleaning, running errands, etc. Give us a call for more information at 570-4475, ask for Tonya or Jackie.

CERTIFIED CNA with references will sit/ live- in anytime. For $7.00 hourly. Call Linda 699-6388.

EXPERIENCED care givers willing to spend quality time in your loved one's home. Flexible hours (up to 8 hours per day), providing everyday needs and more! Call 520-7639.

341 Child Care Providers

➔NEW TODAY←
YOUNG MOM will keep children in my home from 7 pm- 7 am Monday- Friday. All day Saturday/ Sunday, meals provided. 697-9794/ 425-5035.

LICENSED HOME has openings for little people in our playgroup. 520-6239.

CHERI'S DAYCARE, lots of fun and activities, ages 18 months to 5 years. All meals furnished. 6 AM to 6 PM. 694-2734.

(INFANTS ONLY) Bring you rattlers, pacies, and blankies. Don't forget your favorite milk; diapers and wipes just for you. Jan 697-6437.

CHRISTIAN MOM will keep kids in my home. Any days- any hours. Morning and evening snacks provided. Reasonable rates. 528-9337. 520-8192.

350 Business Opportunities

Attention Readers

Occasionally, ads found in this section come from distant points & the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract/ or giving out your credit card or bank information.

Get your Real Estate license quickly, short, day, weekend, evening classes. Southwest College 697-7277

LOCAL BUSINESSES for sale. Small and large. Some have low down payments and owner financing. Call for a free confidential interview- Sunbelt Business Brokers, 520-1515.

400 Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION: Auction Liquidation Supercenter, 201 W. Washington, Midland, Texas. 570-9599. First of Three Huge Public Auctions! Saturday, November 14, 1998, 10 AM sharp! Texas Finest Design & Interiors from Dallas, Texas. 10% Buyer's Premium. Preview: November 13, 1998, 10 am- 4 pm. Trunks; Extensive collection of interior decorator items, baskets, lots of glass decorator items, hall stands, tables, mirrors, stained glass windows, buffets, dressers, lamps, wardrobes, bronzes, drop front secretary, sideboards, umbrella holders, rugs, old ice boxes. Auction Conducted by: Fisher Auction Service. Kerry Fisher, Auctioneer. License #12855.

400 Auctions

UNCLAIMED STORAGE Auction. We have been commissioned to sell by-public auction several units of abandoned goods. For convenience, all abandoned property has been moved to 601 S Terrell, Midland, Texas. To be sold on Friday, November 13th, 7:00 pm. 10% Buyers premium. Fred F.Munoz, Auctioneer. Texas License # 6250. Phone (915)570-8592.

410 Misc. Sales

FULL GREENTREE membership for sale, $500. For more information please call 694-1318.

WALKER, bouncer, baby crib and car seat carrier. Baby and Maternity Clothes. 683-6422.

➔NEW TODAY←
2 COUCHES, complete day bed, oak triple dresser with mirror, dresser, complete bunk bed, oak coffee and side tables, refrigerator, freezer, camping equipment. p.

5 SPEED Tandem Bike. Great condition. $400. Please call 699-6748, leave message.

COOKWARE- Holiday Clearance! We stopped doing dinner parties! Have a few beautiful new 17 piece sets left! 7 ply! Waterless! Was $1,599, now $394! $69 bonus! 800-434-4628.

★ BIBLE • TALK: Can We Establish Authority from the Precepts of the Bible? 520-0381. Free recorded message.

CLOSEOUT ON '98 model spa/ hot tub- 3 to choose from- seats 5 to 6, 563-3108.

QUICK! Before my wife changes her mind! Color TV (Curtis Mathis console), "cadillac" 5-head Hitachi VCR (can be portable too) and Hitachi color Video Camera. All work great! $325 takes all! 570-6780 evenings. 687-8885 days.

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MOVING BOXES, clean, all sizes. Most only used once. $1, $2 & $3 each. 689-3473.

JACKET FOR Everyday use or for skiing. Cost $100 plus. Asking $20. Call now, 694-9491.

PANASONIC Stationary Bicycle with Workout exercise movements for arms and legs. $75. 685-0911.

(2) TAYLOR- MADE bubble graphite drivers. $100. 700 Image Weight Trainer. $300. Large barbecue pit. $150. Freezer $150. After 6 pm, 620-0618.

➔NEW TODAY←
BROTHER word processor with monitor, $120. Royal cash register. 6 months old, $90/ offer. 570-5961.

JUNOME 5000 sewing machine with scanner. Excellent condition. 580-8919.

BINGO. American Legion. 501 Airpark Road. Friday nights, games start at 8. Food. Refreshments. 682-5511.

BIONAIRE CLEANMIST humidifier, used 2 seasons. $35. Please call 694-1680.

MILLER BLUESTAR Welder/ Generator, 16 hp, auto idle, runs good, welds good. $1,650. 697-7263.

410 Misc. Sales

➔NEW TODAY←
MAKE AN offer! (2) Choice spaces Eteral Light, Resthaven Cemetery. Owner anxious to sell, 699-5231.

DRAFTING TABLE, 48" L X 38" W. $50. For more information please call 6972178.

✔ DOG HOUSES- new $35/ $45, Glider Swings $65. Porch Swings $35. Handmade all new. 563-0452.

WASHERS, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, couches, dining suits, loungers, heaters, mowers. 1989 Plymouth Sundance. 570-4851.

LITTLE TYKES covered sandbox or pool. $20. For more information please call 697-2178.

➔NEW TODAY←
FOR SALE: Wedding gown, gloves and veil. Size 10- 12. Must see. Selling for 1/3 of original price. Your cost $350. Call 520-8902.

AT&T VOICE Mail System 25 with battery backup. System has been thoroughly checked out by Lucent Technologies, $8,500 negotiable. Call 699-8900.

KING Yellow check coverlet, Blue daisy dust ruffle, shams, toss pillows, $50. 694-1441.

413 Jewelry & Furs

LUNARAINE 3/4 mink coat. $2,500 firm. Appraised at $7,000. Please call 699-7821 after 5 PM.

WEDDING RING set, mens & womens 14K, $300. Call 687-5762.

BRIGHT, BEAUTIFUL pink Tourmaline pendant. 9 x 9 x 9 mm. with 20" solid gold rope chain. $500. Can be seen at Houcks Jewelry. 684-4851.

BUYING ROLEX Watches. Vintage to New. Cash paid. Call John, 685-1037 or Cellular 559-1785.

415 Misc. Wanted

WANTING UNWANTED Couches or twin beds. Will pick up. 520-2912.

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

➔NEW TODAY←
WANTED TO BUY- 1984 Chevrolet 1/2 Ton Truck, 4 x 4, 5.0 V8, dual tanks, short bed. Call collect (281)480-9847 ask for Lewis.

10- 20 ACRES land to rent or lease with water, in or close to Midland. Call 686-8455 after 7 PM.

420 Good Things To Eat

FOR SALE: Pecans. Local, shelled. $4.50 per lb. pieces. $5.00 per lb. halves. 687-0516. Days.

HOLIDAY CAJUN Cooking. Deep fried and smoked Turkeys or briskets. Order early- 699-7754 or 687-6072.

✔ CHECK OUT the newest specialty pecan company of the Permian Basin at: Trader Vic's/ Bedazzle, Suite 18, Imperial Shopping Center, Midland, TX.

432 Household Furniture

BOY'S BEDROOM set. Dressers, bunk bed, nightstand, desk. White & blue. $300. 570-7728 after 4.

432 Household Furniture

QUEEN SIZE bed set $30. Call 699-5949.

BEAUTIFUL QUEEN bed with armoire. White washed finish. New $2,800, sacrifice $1,200. 520-4528.

LARGE OAK rolltop desk, 75 gallon aquarium with stand, pair of Cockatiels with cage. 522-5049.

BUNK BEDS, white/ L shaped, laminated- built in desk/ chest of drawers. $350. 689-6627.

14' BENCHCRAFT 3 piece sectional sofa, has queen hide-a- bed, 2 recliners, 4 years old, $3,500 new- sacrifice at $800. 694-2612, 687-0702.

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards- Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699-1224.

AFFORDABLE Elegance Quality Connection- Upholstery Refinishing and Supply Company. Your one stop shop! Box of 2,000 yard 5 /32 welt cord $35. Roll of cardboard tack strip $2.35. Tapestry $10 per yard. 2801 Andrews Hwy. 332-4222. Odessa, TX.

COMPUTER DESK $75, sewing machine with cabinet $75, treadmill $75, sofa $100, credenza $25, high chair $15, strollers $5- $30. All or best offer, 694-6390.

SUPER SINGLE waterbed, complete with accessories real nice, $100. Please call 694-2766.

➔NEW TODAY←
CENTURY Dining table, black lacquer/ burled, plus 2 leaves & 6 upholstered chairs- $1,000. 687-6353.

OLD SCHOOL Teacher oak desk, great condition. Locking drawers- $200. Call 570-1839.

ANTIQUE WHITE vanity dresser, chest, nightstand, queen bed with headboard, $375. All wood maple table, leaf, 6 chairs, hutch and buffet, $595. White wrought iron daybed with trundle $275. Navy floral couch $200. 915-362-2746.

✔ FULL BEDDING Set. Both great condition. Seldom used. Cost $700, Sell $140. 570-5484.

QUEEN HIDE A Bed. Bright floral design. $125. Please call 689-3922.

➔NEW TODAY←
DAY BED WITH Floral pattern comforter and sheet set $150. Glass topped oak table, new condition, $25. 689-3200.

➔NEW TODAY←
SOLID OAK Desk, complete with drawers and hutch. Excellent condition. $215. Call 694-0161.

SOLID OAK 3 piece entertainment set. Custom built, lots of extras $1,200. Serious inquires 689-2205.

435 Household Appliances

KIRBY VACUUM Cleaner. $50 or best offer. Please Call 682-2385.

WESTINGHOUSE refrigerator/ freezer. Good condition, 17 cubic feet. Asking $75. 689-9517 After 6:30 pm weekdays.

KENMORE MATCHING Almond Washer and dryer. $300 for the pair. Please call 684-6577.

GE WHITE Refrigerator. Asking $100. Please call 689-2184 after 6 pm.

GE- SELF Cleaning, 4 burner, white, gas stove, asking $250. Please call 689-2184 after 6.

435 Household Appliances

KENMORE GAS range. Nearly new. Bought for $600. Sell for $500 or best offer. 697-2077.

★ FREE REMOVAL of appliances. Washers, dryer's, refrigerator's, $100 each. Free delivery. 90 day warranty. 567-5221.

KENMORE ELECTRIC matching heavy duty white washer and dryer. $250 for pair. Call 689-5405.

FRIGIDAIRE ELITE refrigerator/ freezer- $250. Please call 522-1535 before 5:30 pm.

TRADE IN spa- seats 3, cover and chemical kit, please call 563-3108.

TWO REFRIGERATORS machine washer & dryer. Excellent condition. 687-0497.

KENMORE FROSTLESS freezer, 21 cubic feet. Good condition. Asking $100. 689-9517 After 6:30 pm weekdays.

GE UPRIGHT freezer- $100. Please call 522-1535 before 5:30 pm.

QUASAR TV Projector 52" large screen, wood frame. $350, excellent condition. Call John, 694-8665, 553-6487.

440 Firewood

DENNIS WOOD Yard- Good seasoned oak. Delivered and stacked. 699-1670.

EAGER BEAVER Firewood. Seasoned Oak, Mesquite, Pinon, Juniper. Will deliver. Also sell- apartment cords. 685-3521.

FIREWOOD MIX- $85 a cord. Delivered and stacked. Please call 570-9617.

DICK'S FIREWOOD. Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver 1-(915)-453-2151, Fax 1-(915)-453-4322.

FIREWOOD, FOR Sale- Mixed stacks $65 + $15 delivery. Also welded iron firewood racks. 697-5768.

SEASONED FIREWOOD- Oak or Mesquite. No Checks. Call Larry Tucker, 689-7151.

LEE'S FIREWOOD, Pinon, Juniper and Mountain Cedar. Direct from the Sacramento Mountains, NM. 520-3091, 699-0017.

TURF SPECIALTIES- Best firewood in town! Neatly delivered and stacked. Open Weekends seasonally. 684-7166.

450 Sporting Goods

FOLLOWED ME home but wife won't let me keep it. Goldwin 10° ADVP Driver to good home. Regularly $249, sell for $150. 697-7176 or 553-7820.

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GUN & KNIFE SHOW
Odessa
November 14 - 15
Ector Cnty Coliseum
Bldg "G"
Sat. 9 - 6 Sun. 10 - 5
Admission $4.00
Franks' Promotions Inc.
(512)258-7172
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JIM'S GOLF Clubs. Adams "Tight Lie" (clone) woods $60. King Cobra II irons (clone) $184 set. Reshaft, regrip, lowest prices. 3115 Haynes. 694-1334.

CLASSIFIED CAN!

79701

2900 W. KENTUCKY. Unit #109- Garage Sale!!! Thursday and Friday 9-5. Furniture, tools, glassware, books, 3 1/2 cubic foot cement mixer and miscellaneous..

The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

★ 1502 N. "C". Huge Sale! Kohler power plant, butane tank, marine radio phone, signal kit, household, gifts, bedding, computer, stationary, greetings, Christmas cards, his/ hers clothes & shoes, more. Friday 1- 5. Saturday 9-?

2309 COUNTRY CLUB- Radios, TV's, record players, kitchen gadgets, costume jewelry, what nots. Friday & Saturday.

2913 W. INDUSTRIAL WAREHOUSE SALE
Wednesday 4:30 to 8 pm, Thursday-Saturday 8:30 to 5:30. Office furniture, tools: industrial and power, large and small hand tools, filing cabinets, tables, lamps, storage building, camping equipment, heaters, butane tanks, ladders, yard tools, entire warehouse to be liquidated. Outside trailer, pipe, etc.
ATTENTION HUNTERS
Reloaders Paradise. All shooting supplies, bullets, primers, brass cases, powder, shotgun shells, handmade gun cases, too much more to list!
Handled by Floy Maberry

906 W. STOREY. Little Bit of Everything! Selling everything cheap! Thursday 8 am til Saturday

3124 FRANKLIN- Backyard sale. Friday Noon- Dark. Saturday Sunrise- Noon. Moving- Everything must go!

114 RIDGLEA DRIVE. Friday- Saturday, 8:00- 2:00. Clothing, shoes, dishes, miscellaneous household and much more!!!!

79701

1902 W FLORIDA- Corner of Florida & "L" Street, #75. Friday: Sunday, 10:00-4:00. Lots of everything!!!

79703

★ 4420 "B" THOMASON. Friday, 8 am!! (in alley). Electric and gas range, piano, sewing machine, dresser, computer desk, metal desk, lawn mower, dishes, brass, clothes, shoes, Avon, new bathroom sinks, lots of miscellaneous!!

4303 ANDREWS HWY., #105- Inside Sale!!!! Wednesday & Thursday. Christmas items, clothes, more! Come see!

Southern Scents invites you to an Open House, Friday- Saturday, 1-5. All handmade candles, goats milk soap, lotions and much more will be on sale. A candle basket worth over $40 will be given away! 3403 Andrews Hwy. (The grey brick house that makes scents!)

4322 BROOKDALE. Estate Sale
Antiques, china, crystal, bedroom sets, lots of knick knacks, paintings.
Nov. 12th, 13th & 14th.
9 am to 4:30 pm

3606 BAUMANN- Child's wooden toy chest, old- fashioned childs wrought iron table & chairs, lots of Christmas decorations and stuffed animals. Clothes, pictures, bowling ball, books, golf umbrella, umbrella and much, much more! Friday only 8- 3.

79705

405 E. Maple- 6 Families! Friday 7 am. Lots of children's clothes, large- XXL Adult clothes, furniture, miscellaneous.

79705

★ 2411 CAMARIE, Friday 7 am- 6 pm, Saturday 7 am- 3 pm. Hooker entertainment center, Drexel Game table and chairs, brass and glass sofa table, 1130 Bernina sewing machine, fabric, golf clubs and bags, luggage and lots miscellaneous items!!

VOGLER ESTATE
1006 Shirley Lane
Fri. - Sat. 9 - 6
Sun. 1 - 5
Large Lalique Swan on cut mirror, Lowell oy Lennox, Swarski Crystal Chandelier, Cranberry Victorian hanging lamp, Silver plate tea service, Estate Jewelry, Turquoise, Cut glass, Carnival, Dresden, Severs, Bavarian, Beleek, Perfume collection (Czech, Waterford, Cut glass, art glass), Sabino collection (over 47 pieces including the large elephants, Lady and the Lamb), Flow blue pitcher and bowl, chamber pot, and more, cup and saucer collection, oriental pottery, Ivory figurines, Cloisonne Horses, Large oriental figurine, Chinese rugs, Art including the following originals (Te Mails, J.W. Thrasher, Devel, Blynch, Art Cole, Charles Pruitt, Brigl, Palmer Chrisman and more), French marble top commode, fine linens, 1939 Wedding gown, Sewing misc., fabric, French provincial bedroom suite, almost new Seely electric bedding, Trundle bed, Twin beds, Freezer, Kitchen misc., and too much more to mention!
Services provided by The Cats Meow
Visa, MC, Amex accepted.
Due to the Contents of this sale, No Children Please.

The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

79706

❤ 1401 S. COUNTY RD. 1140- (Fairgrounds to 307, left to 1140, follow signs). Two Shop- a- holics with more clothes than a department store! (Infant- adult, boys, girls). Furniture, home decor, toys, appliances. New items daily! Friday & Saturday 8:30- 1, Sunday 1- 4, no early sales.

79707

3707 BERMUDA COURT. Friday 9 am. Little Tikes car bed, miscellaneous infant items, etc.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

DON'T MISS OUT!
The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon.
Please be sure to call 682-6222, before noon, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

$20.50 $20.50 $20.50 $20.50
GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE $20.50
★ **7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)**
★ **2 Days**
★ **■✔●♥ Stand Out Emblem**
★ **Garage Sale Kit**
(includes Signs, Stakes, Marker, Balloons, Helpful Hints. $5 Value!)
★ **Package of Flavored Drink Mix**
(for the Kids to Open a Drink Stand!)
★ **$3 Off Classified Coupon**
(Place an ad to sell those left-over garage sale items & get $3 off!)
Or Get 3 Days for Only $24.50!
Call 682-6222 Today!
$20.50 $20.50 $20.50 $20.50

460 Antiques & Arts

BEAUTIFUL ANTIQUE Gold leaf curio cabinet. Appraised at $2,000. Asking $1,200. Lovely Victorian love seat. Appraised at $1,000. Asking $700. 684-8114.

→NEW TODAY←

VIENNA ANTIQUES- 1019 N. Midkiff, 522-1157. Collectables, glass, furniture, religious items, silver. Monday- Saturday 1- 5:30.

MEME'S COLLECTION, 3205 W. Cuthbert, 520-0055, (next to Weddings By Design). One Stop Shopping! Wonderful selection: Antiques, Toys from the Past, Vintage Jewelry, Depression Glass, Linens, Kitchen Collectibles, Stockings (filled with goodies), Wreaths and Arrangements. Yes! Ty Beanies (1997 Santa and Snowball). Gift Certificates and Gift Wrapping. Layaways Welcome. All major credit cards accepted. Tuesday through Saturday 10- 6!

HAND PAINTED furniture, frames, and etc. for sale. Your furniture or mine. Please Call 684-4728.

ESTATE Sales by JOSEPH'S. Let our experienced team liquidate your estate. 687-3040, 687-2868, 694-5034.

THE CATS MEOW- 4000 sq. ft of fine merchandise- we buy and sell antiques. 408 Andrews Highway. (915)687–2004.

JUDY JACKSON'S Estate Sales. An experienced professional working for you! 689-3536, 682-6147.

465 Collectibles

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LIONEL TRAINS running under the Christmas tree is on of the great American Christmas traditions. Get yours ready now. Lionel and Marx service. No HO. Call 570-8292.

470 Musical Instruments

CHICKERING BABY grand piano, excellent condition, $5,500. 683-6509.

HAMMOND ORGAN with speakers. Maple finish. Ideal for small church. Asking $800. Call 915-267-6858 after 6:00 pm.

SAMICK EUROPEAN style white piano. $700 or best offer. 694-9609 after 5 pm.

485 Electronics

→NEW TODAY←

27" HOME Theater system. $700 firm, Please call 699-4467.

490 Computers/ Access.

INTERNET ACCESS. Call 620-0839 for details.

LAP TOP computer, Compaq Presario, 286 MGH, new one year warranty, $975. Call 694-5875 after 5 pm.

IBM THINKPAD 385, 233 MHZ, 32 memory, 3.2 harddrive, active color. Clean with box and warranty. Steve 682-3897 days.

SERVICE AFTER THE SALE Computers- New and used, upgrade and repair. Night Owl Computers, 10am- 8pm, 1015-B N Midkiff. 520-5917, 686–8835.

495 FOR FREE

(2) LARGE abandoned & abused dogs need loving home(s). Call 522-2071.

To GOOD HOME, long haired, Calico, spayed, declawed, indoor only. 697-8312.

7 WEEK Old Puppy. Female short hair. Black. Mother-Australian Shepherd. 685-4045.

1/2 LAB Mother and 7 puppies will be ready Nov. 13th. 522-7814.

FREE CATS & kittens, must see, 3820 Bowie Avenue, Odessa.

FREE PUPPY! 4 Months old to good home. 1/2 Doberman. Please call 686-8474.

BLUE HEELER Mix Puppies, 5 males, 2 females- 6 weeks old. 694-3845.

PART GERMAN Shepherd part lab. 1 year old, spayed female, great with kids. 689-6534.

500 Pets and Supplies

LAB PUPPIES. AKC. Coming from Georgia & South Carolina November 16, 1998. Shots & dewormed. 2 Males, 2 Females. Call 697-6625 for information.

UNWANTED Kittens & Puppies often suffer from the West Texas heat, malnutrition, neglect, & other abuse. Then, after all that, they may be taken to a shelter & put to sleep. Be kind to our furry friends, spay or neuter your pets.

AKC CHIHUAHUA puppies, first shots, vet checked. 9 AM-8 PM. J & L. 580-5193.

DOBERMAN PUPPIES, 5 weeks old. Tails docked and dew claws. $50. Call 570-4559.

ADORABLE AKC black Labs. First shots, all females. Call for appointment, 684-9662.

CARALOT Obedience Training Center. Puppy, beginner and advanced classes. Board and train service available. 683-4718.

AKC REGISTERED English Bull Dog puppies- 2 Females, 7 Weeks old. $800 each. 915/362-6665.

→NEW TODAY←

FULL BLOODED Beagle puppies for sale. 3 males, 2 females. 687-2206.

AKC PUPPIES- Toy Poodles, Chihuahuas, and Dachshunds. Also Jack Russell Terriers. No checks please, 915-943-5516.

→NEW TODAY←

4 MALE SHIH-TZU puppies. Full blood. $120 each. No papers. Call 699-7253.

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AKC WEST Highland Terriers, adorable, intelligent, parents on premises, first shots. Please call 683-6263.

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Gar. ..... Garage
Bldg. ..... Building
Cond. ..... Condition
N-QA ..... Non-Qualifying
..... Assumable
QA ..... Qualifying
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Williams, Quincy Harold
DOB 9-24-76 145LBs 5'6
Escape VOP
WRT# CR24146

Barbee, David Norman
DOB 8-18-67 200LBs 6'2
Forgery by Passing VOP
WRT# CR23427

Upton, Daniel Gene
DOB 10-28-75 135LBs 6'
Poss C/S Cocaine VOP
WRT# CR23890

Helmandollar, Stephanie Dalee
DOB 10-24-70 125LBs 5'5
Poss C/S Cocaine B/F
WRT# CR24541

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Midland Crime Stoppers Inc. would like to thank the Sheriff's Office for providing the photos and information on these fugitives.

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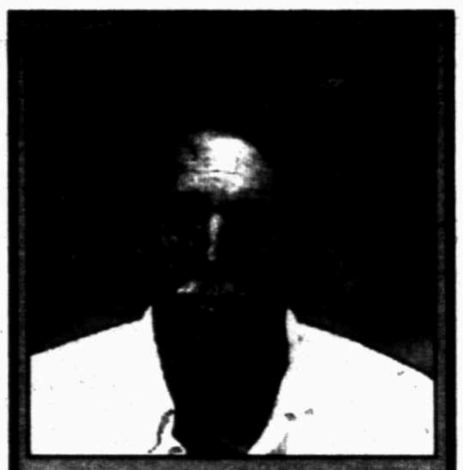
MATAN, LUIS ARMANDO
D.O.B. 10-3-79 5'10 200LBs
Poss C/S Cocaine SF
WRT# CR24432

DUARTE, GUADALUPE RODRIGUEZ
D.O.B. 7-3-73 6' 170LBs
Injury to child B/F
WRT# CR24315



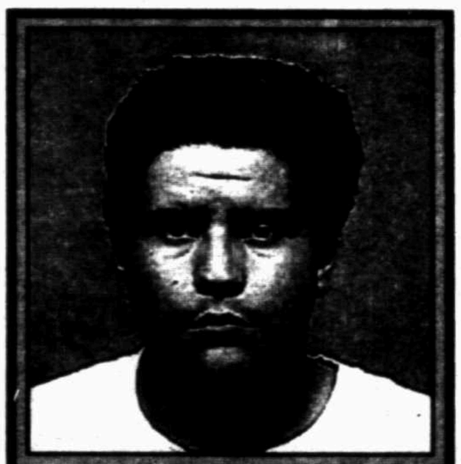
HALL, LARRY ALAN
D.O.B. 5-29-61 5'9 160LBs
Fel. DWI B/F
WRT# CR24346

GARCIA, MARK ANTHONY
D.O.B. 12-6-79 5'3 125LBs
Del. of Cocaine VOP
WRT# CR22951

RENDON, CHRISTINE
D.O.B. 12-21-62 5'3 155LBs
Poss of MJ VOP
WRT# CRD22761

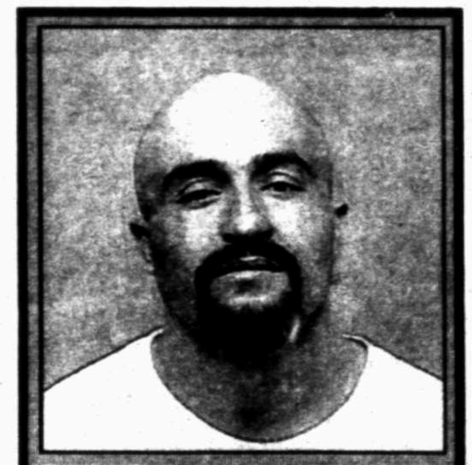
SANCHEZ, ROMELIA CHAVEZ
D.O.B. 8-26-65 5'2 160LBs
Forgery by Making VOP
WRT# CRA21030

ANDERSON, GARY WAYNE
D.O.B. 11-19-47 6' 195LBs
Theft of15,000
WRT# F48250



JURADO, MATHEW
D.O.B. 8-25-75 5'9 190LBs
Burg of habitation
WRT# F28248

WILLIAMS, TERESA ANN
D.O.B. 12-22-62 5'7 180LBs
Theft of Property VOP
WRT# CRA21759



OVEIDO, JOSE RUBEN
D.O.B. 7-24-62 5'5 170LBs
Aggravated Sexual Assault/
Viol Bond Condition
WRT# CR22254

MOLINAR, VERONICA
D.O.B. 8-25-76 5'7 140LBs
Forgery by Passing VOP
WRT# CR22669

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SWANEY, TOMMY LEE
D.O.B. 2-15-67 5'11 150Lbs
Felony DWI VOP
WRT# CR18517

GADDY, DILLARD ODELL, JR.
D.O.B. 12-15-63 5'10 210Lbs
Theft of prop. o/20,000
Viol of Bond Cond.
WRT# CR22743

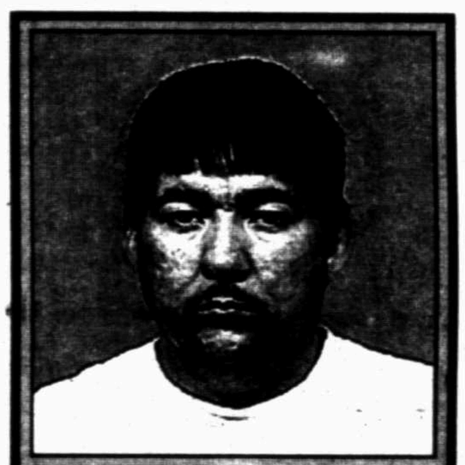
SOTO, ANDRES RODRIGUEZ
D.O.B. 11-13-75 5'8 185Lbs
Poss MH 2000lbs.
WRT# CR23728

BARRAZA, PATRICIO
D.O.B.3-17-63 5'4 125LBs
Agg. Sex. Asslt of a child
WRT# CR24077

MARTINEZ, BEBE ANTHONY
D.O.B. 11-16-80 5'6 130LBs
Deadly Conduct
WRT# CR24634

SUMMERS, DAVID HOUSTON
D.O.B. 6-15-77 5'11 155LBs
Forgery B/F
WRT# CR24095

JUAREZ, ROSARIO MARIA
D.O.B. 9-10-73 5'4 120Lbs
Forgery by Passing FTA
WRT# CR24066



VALDEZ, JOSE ARCIAGA
D.O.B. 2-20-66 5'8 170LBs
Theft over $750 VOP
WRT# CRC20777

Crime Stoppers
CRIME OF THE WEEK

This week Midland Crime Stoppers needs your help in solving an aggravated robbery.

On October 24 at approximately 12: 05 a.m., police responded to an aggravated robbery which occurred at Fiesta Foods located at 2200 Rankin Hwy. Approximately 12 employees were closing the store and after closing they were leaving the business and were approached by 5 or 6 armed men in the parking lot. All of the suspects were wearing masks, gloves, and dark clothing. They were armed with a rifle, semi-automatic pistol, a tire tool, and a crow bar. The employees were then ordered back into the store by the gunmen. They were then forced to kneel down while the assistant manager was told to open the safe. After a failed attempt, the suspects robbed all the employees of their personal belongings and then fled the scene in what was believed to be a white Chevrolet Astro van.

If you have any information which leads to an arrest or indictment, it can be worth up to a $1000 cash reward. Call Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP.

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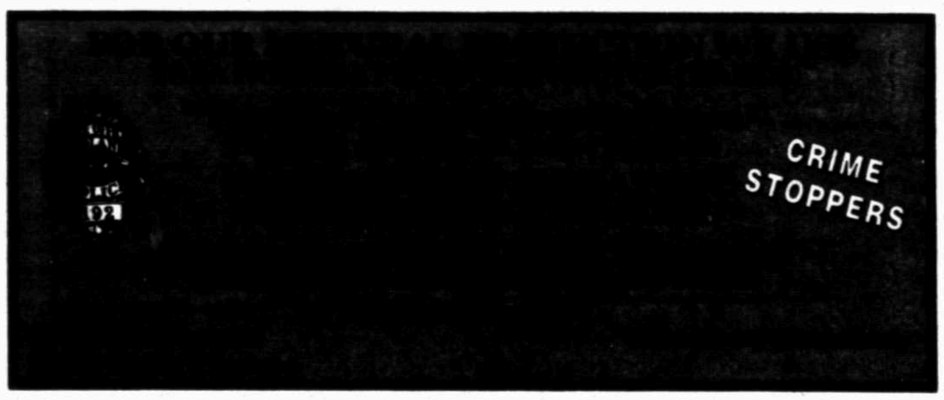

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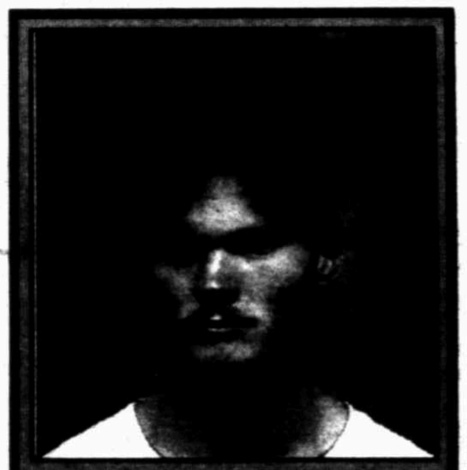
[redacted],
[redacted] YARBROUGH
D.O.B. 4-28-74 5'1 190LBs
Debit Card Abuse VOP
WRT# CR21457



[redacted],
[redacted] SIMON
D.O.B. 9-10-77 5'11 160LBs
Del. Marij. Act. Transfer B/F
WRT# CR23980

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DARNELL RAY
D.O.B. 9-11-74 5'8 160LBs
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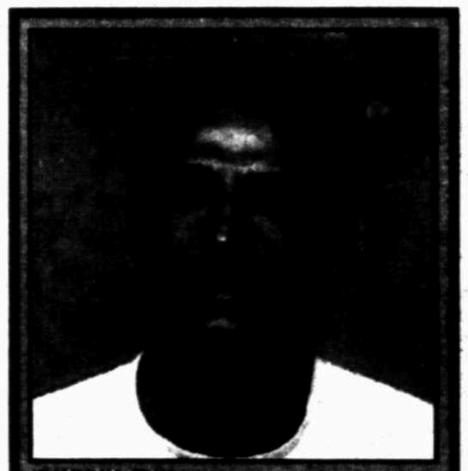
WRT# CR24449



[redacted],
[redacted] LUNA
D.O.B. 1-20-68 5'8 170LBs
Poss. C/S Cocaine
WRT# CR24589

FLORES,
MANUEL VENEGAS
D.O.B. 6-1-61 5'3 135LBs
Poss. C/S Cocaine VOP
WRT# CRA18428

[redacted],
DAVID [redacted]
D.O.B. 8-5-71 6' 195LBs
Del. of MJ VOP
WRT# CRB15812
Del. of LSD
WRT# CRB15812

POSEY,
JOHN LEE III
D.O.B. 8-28-79 5'9 165LBs
Bond Jumping B/F
WRT# CR23723

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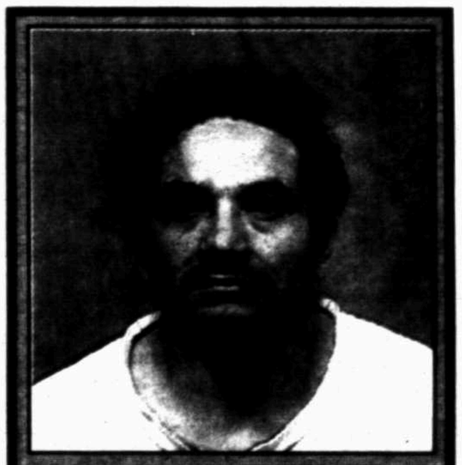
[redacted] LEE
D.O.B. 9-19-73 6' 250LBs
Poss MJ<5lb B/F
WRT# CR24482

HERNANDEZ,
VICENTE FLORES JR.
D.O.B. 7-21-74 5'4 135LBs
Burg of Bldg
Viol. of Bond Cond.
WRT# CR21115



[redacted],
[redacted] MADRID
D.O.B. 4-11-67 5'2 140LBs
Burglary Habitation VOP
WRT# CR23772

MIDLAND CRIME STOPPERS STATISTICAL REPORT OCTOBER, 1998

MIDLAND CRIME STOPPERS	MONTHLY	YEARLY
SUSPECTS ARRESTED	23	267
OFFENSES CLEARED	24	260
STOLEN PROP. RECOVERED	$28,250	$111,180
REWARDS PAID	$2790	$13,265
PROGRAM INCEPTION DATE: 1984		

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[redacted]
D.O.B. 6-16-64 5'7 166LBs
Poss Cocaine VOP
WRT# CRD23139

[redacted]
D.O.B. 4-29-69 5' 206LBs
UUMV VOP
WRT# CRA16811

[redacted]
D.O.B. 4-6-73 5'2 120LBs
Forgery by Passing VOP
WRT# CRA19685

[redacted]
D.O.B. 4-16-74 5'5 160LBs
Burg of Habitation
WRT# CRB23052

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D.O.B. 1-10-55 5'8 145LBs
Poss C/S Cocaine Rel Aff
WRT# CR24143

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D.O.B. 7-31-72 5'8 180LBs
Poss Cocaine less 1 gr. VOP
WRT# CRD23079

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Agg. Assault	=	Aggravated Assault
B/F	=	Bond Forfeiture
CTSII	=	More than one count of the same charge
DUI	=	Driving Under the Influence (Same as DWI)
DWI	=	Driving While Intoxicated (Same as DUI)
DWLS	=	Driving While License Suspended
FTA	=	Failure to Appear
FTA/PSI	=	Failure to Appear/Pre-Sentence Investigation
Poss C/S	=	Possession of a Controlled Substance
Poss MJ	=	Possession of Marijuana
UUMV	=	Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle
VOP	=	Violation of Probation

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NAJERA, SATURNINO CORNELIO
D.O.B. 11-29-69 5'6 160LBs
Poss. MJ
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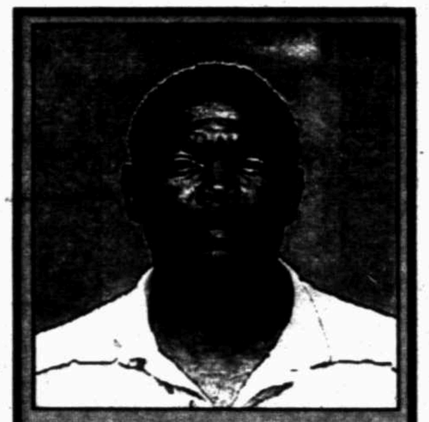


JACKSON, DONALD RAE SR.
D.O.B. 9-6-52 5'8 145LBs
Forgery CT I & II VOP
WRT# CRA20433

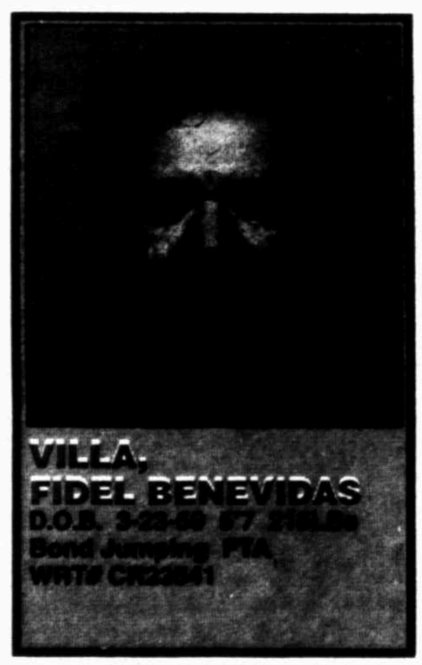
CORTEZ, MARCO ISIDRO
D.O.B. 9-18-80 5'7 175LBs
Poss. Cocaine w/int. to del.
WRT# CRB20882

KUYKENDALL, ROBERT DALE
D.O.B. 7-7-73 6'1 175LBs
Burg. Bldg VOP
WRT# CRA24220
Burg Habit VOP
WRT# CRA24221

PEREZ, MOISES FAUSTRO
D.O.B. 4-9-56 5'8 200LBs
Bond Jumping
WRT# CR23571

SHOENROCK, EVA MARIA
D.O.B. 5-12-59 5'6 150Lbs
Forgery by Passing VOP
WRT# CRA17354

DIFFEE, NICOLE GIERE
D.O.B. 4-1-79 5'2 168LBs
Poss. CS Meth FTA for PSI
WRT# CR22868



VILLA, FIDEL BENEVIDAS
D.O.B. 3-22-69 5'7 215LBs
Bond Jumping FTA
WRT# CR22841

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About Crime Stoppers...

Crime Stoppers of Midland is a community program, operated by citizens which involves the public, the media and area law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime. It offers cash rewards and anonymity to persons who furnish information leading to the arrest or indictment of felony crime offenders.

We at Crime Stoppers would like to hear your questions about the organization. If you have any questions or comments, please write to us at Midland Crime Stoppers, P.O. Box 1882, Midland, TX 79702 or call 694-8477. After we have received your letter, we will attempt to address your questions in the following month's fugitive flyer.

Q: If two people call Crime Stoppers and provide the same information, do both people get the reward?
A. No, Crime Stoppers pays the reward to the first caller who provides the information which results in an arrest or indictment.

Q: How much information does a caller have to provide on felony crimes or fugitives?
A. This is a question often asked. When a person calls Crime Stoppers with a tip they need to provide as much information as possible to make an arrest. For example, the people involved, the address, the illegal activity, law enforcement dangers, and anything else to help us catch the criminal.

Bust of the Month

In October of 1998, the Midland Police Department acting on a Midland Crime Stoppers tip confiscated 24.7 pounds of marijuana. Along with the marijuana the narcotics division also recovered over $1100 in cash and 4 guns. Midland Crime Stoppers wants to thank the concerned citizens who call Crime Stoppers and also the narcotic division of the Midland Police Department.

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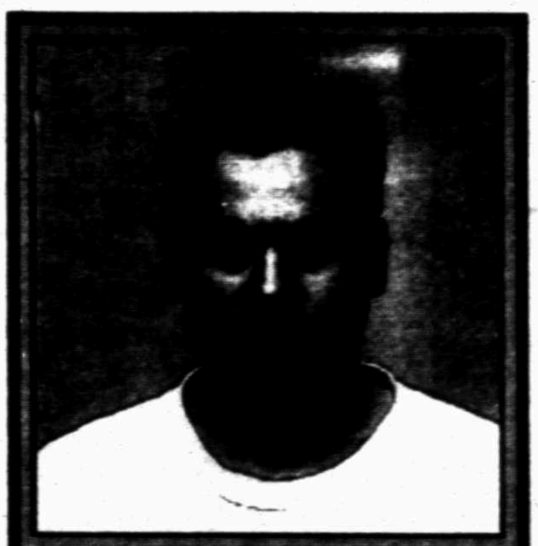
AGUIRRE, CHRISTOPHER [illegible]M
D.O.B. 7-28-79 5'8 140LBs
Poss C/S Cocaine VOP
WRT# CR23715



CARRASCO, ROGELIO LUNA
D.O.B. 1-14-74 5'8 132LBs
Criminal Mischief VOP
WRT# CRC21611

CASTILLO, ROBERTO FELIPE
D.O.B. 6-21-67 6'1 215LBs
Agg. Asslt VOP
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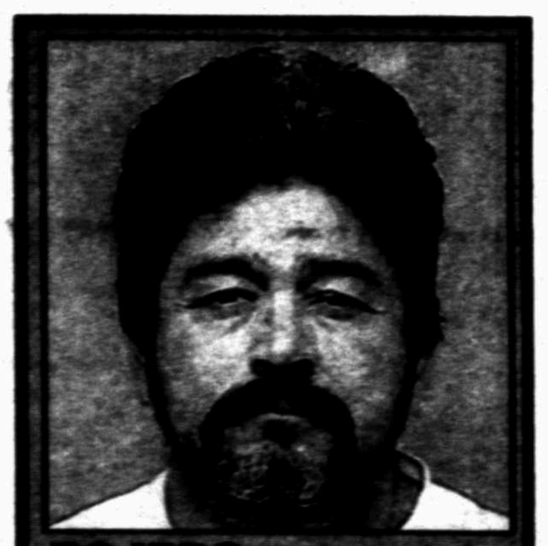

ROJERO, JOSE LUIS
D.O.B. 6-30-64 5'8 175LBs
Agg. sexual assault of child
WRT# CR[illegible]21197

RIOS, BRENDA
D.O.B.1-29-64 5'3 120LBs
Felony DWI VOP
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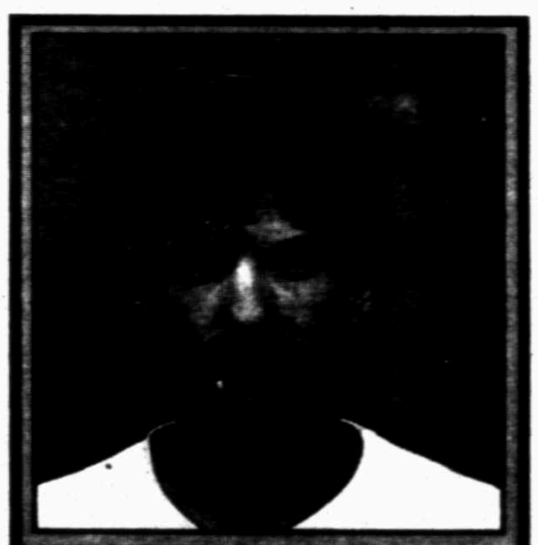

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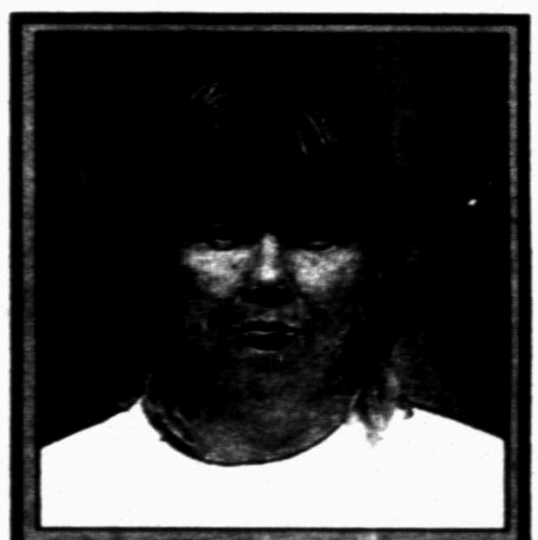
Burg of Bldg VOP
WRT# CR[illegible]



NORVELL, SYLVIA AMUNDSON
D.O.B. 10-25-54 5'4 165LBs
Forgery VOP
WRT# CR[illegible]

SHERIFF, BARBARA ANN
D.O.B. 4-4-57 5'1 110LBs
Fraud Prescription
WRT# CR24144

OXLEY, ROBIN
D.O.B. 6-17-72 5'7 [illegible]LBs
Credit Card Abuse VOP
WRT# CRC[illegible]

RIOS, MARCOS CASTANEDA
D.O.B. 12-16-[illegible] 5'6 140LBs
Poss. Cocaine less 1g VOP
WRT# CR[illegible]

LLEBARIO, ALONSO ALLEN
D.O.B. 6-26-71 5'6 140LBs
Poss. Cocaine
WRT# CR[illegible]

DEANDA, XAVIER ST. FRANCIS
D.O.B. 12-17-[illegible] 5'10 165LBs
Burg. of Habit VOP
WRT# CR[illegible]

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WHITLEY, JAKE
D.O.B. 2-25-30 6'2 215LBs
Poss. Cocaine VOP
WRT# CR21910

WILSON, KAREN ANN
D.O.B. 2-22-77 5'3 120LBs
Del. C/S Cocaine VOP
WRT# CR24009

SHEPHERD, REGINALD THEODORE
D.O.B. 5-1-51 5'4 120LBs
Del. Cocaine VOP
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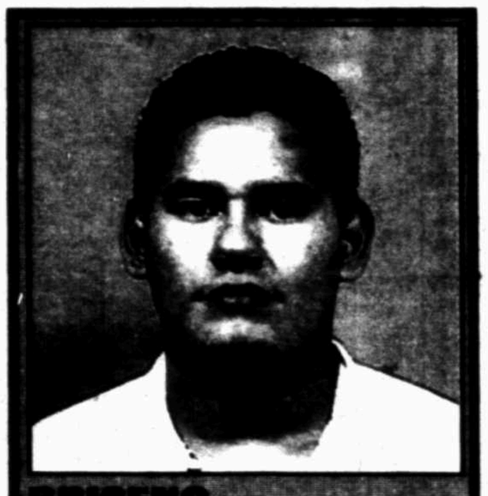

BRIseño, GABRIEL UMBERTO
D.O.B. 3-17-75 5'11 210LBs
Burg. of Bldg VOP
WRT# CR22999

MENDOZA, PATRICIA ESTRADA
D.O.B. 10-20-66 5'6 165LBs
Poss. Cocaine B/F
WRT# CR23145

RIOS, CONSUELO RAMOS
D.O.B. 2-4-60 5'6 195LBs
DWI 3rd or more VOP
WRT# CR22046

RIVERA, JOHN aka Johnny
D.O.B. 3-29-68 230LBs 6'4
Murder
WRT# CR402575

LOPEZ, DAVID THOMAS
D.O.B. 11-29-69 5'6 190Lbs
Felony DWI VOP
WRT# CRD22716

AGUIRRE, MARIO MARQUEZ
D.O.B. 6-19-63 5'9 220LBs
Agg. Sxl Asslt of Child B/F
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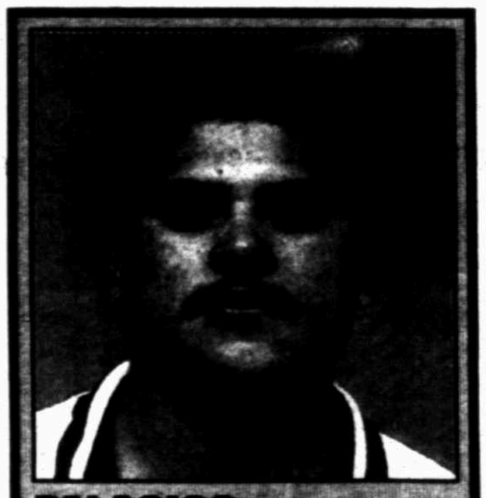

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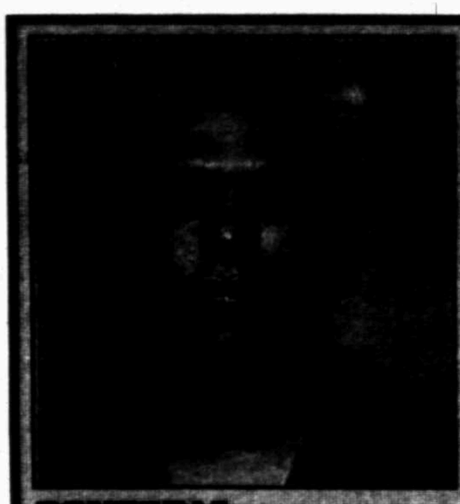
D.O.B. 5-29-77 5'7 200Lbs
Ct. I Crim Misch. VOP
WRT# CR23799



RENTERIA, MICHAEL DEWAYNE
D.O.B. 9-27-69 5'10 160LBs
Forgery by Passing
WRT# CR24618

COSTILLA, JESUS FUENTES
D.O.B. 2-18-58 5'11 212LBs
Poss. marij. VOP
WRT# CRA15795

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