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Hard news

Broadcast news divisions are currently embroiled in a my-news-is-harder-than-yours war of words. It's a quarrel that's hard to take very seriously./**9C**



SPORTS

Jerry and George

Dallas owner Jerry Jones said he met with former 49ers coach George Seifert for several hours Thursday to discuss the Cowboys' head coaching vacancy./**1C**

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TODAY
Partly cloudy with high near 60. Weather on 2A.



AP Photo

Sonny Bono's widow jumped into the race for his congressional seat on Thursday. Mary Bono, 36, said she wouldn't start her campaign for the April 7 special election until early next month so she can attend to family business and see to a memorial service for her husband.

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Pope in Cuba

HAVANA — On his first full day in "this beloved country," Pope John Paul II went straight to the hearts and home life of the Cuban people, despairing over easy access to abortion and scolding the Castro government for closing the doors to Catholic education. The pope and Castro talked privately for about 50 minutes in the Palace of the Revolution Thursday. There was no immediate word on what they discussed.

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Jack Lord dies

Jack Lord, the deadpan star of "Hawaii Five-O" who made "Book him, Danno" a fixture of American slang, died Wednesday at his home in Honolulu. He was 77 and died of congestive heart failure, said Carolyn Tanaka, a spokeswoman for Marie Lord, the actor's wife and only survivor.

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Clinton vows answers; Lewinsky gets reprieve

By Nancy Benac
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton, firmly denying all accusations, sought Thursday to calm the firestorm over allegations he had an affair with a White House intern and then urged her to lie about it.

His friend Vernon Jordan acknowledged trying to find the young woman a job — and taking her to see a lawyer when she came under scrutiny.

The former intern, Monica Lewinsky, meanwhile, received an indefinite reprieve in having to decide whether to stand by her earlier assertion in an affidavit that she did not have an affair with Clinton, take the Fifth Amendment or change her story.

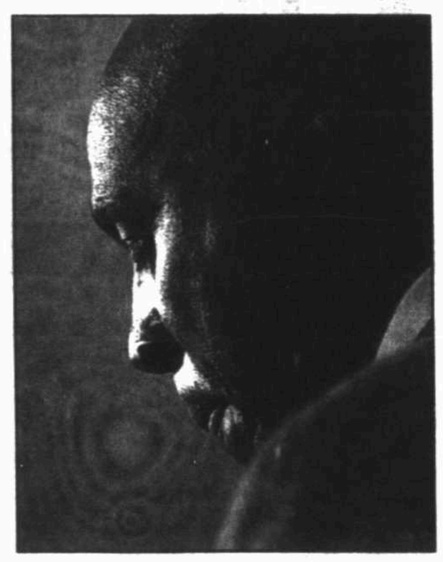
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A federal judge in Little Rock, Ark., postponed a deposition that had been scheduled Friday for Lewinksy, 24, to testify in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against Clinton. Lewinsky remained secluded, telling CBS News by phone that she had no comment.

"The deposition of Monica Lewinsky has been indefinitely continued," U.S. District Judge Susan Webber Wright wrote in a one-line statement.

With Yasser Arafat at his side in a sur-

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Vernon Jordan

25th anniversary

Pro-lifers rally to mark anniversary of Row. vs. Wade

The 25th anniversary of the landmark Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in America was marked by silent protest, tears and prayer in downtown Midland Thursday.

About 100 men, women and children gathered at noon at City Hall to take part in a pro-life rally sponsored by West Texans for Life. A flyer for the rally urged people to "stand peacefully with us as we pray for a nation that has had 25 years of legalized abortion under Roe vs. Wade."

LuAnn Lane, 36, attended the observance because of the "tragedy" of abortion. "In the 25 years since Roe vs. Wade there have been 35 million lives aborted," Mrs. Lane said. She said she believes that many women do not want to have abortions, but do so because they believe there are no other options.

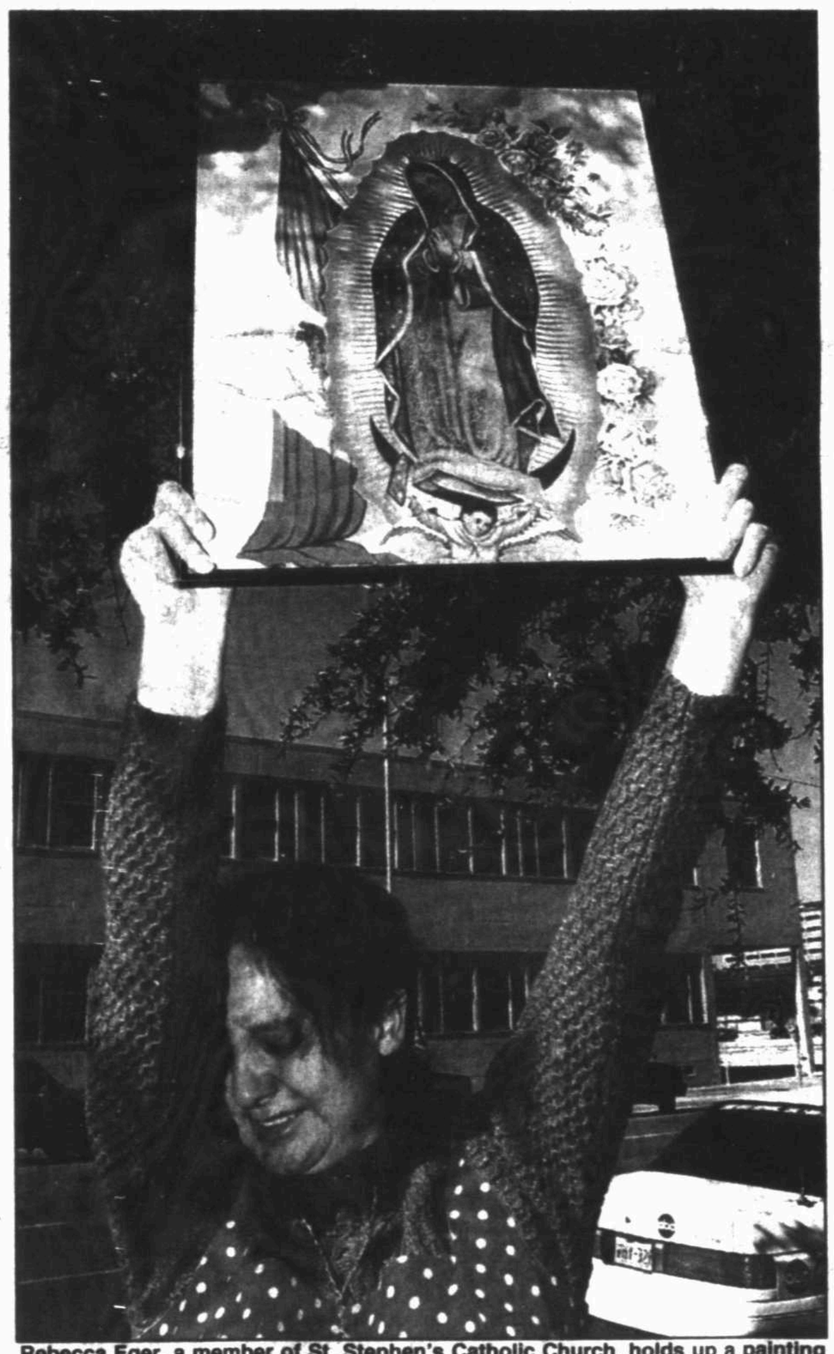
She was pleased to be a part of the peaceful protest. " I absolutely do not condone violence," Mrs. Lane said. "It only compounds the problem, and it is not helping women in need."

Victor Munding, a volunteer organizer of the rally, told the Reporter-Telegram, "We are here to pray and remember the day — the mothers who have been physically and emotionally scarred, and the babies that have been killed."

Munding noted that one in three pregnancies in America end in abortion. "They are denied life that is fundamentally guaranteed by the United States Constitution," he said. He characterized the years since the Supreme Court decision as "25 years of struggle."

Rebecca Eger wept during the rally and throughout the ceremony held aloft a painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She took part in the observance "because it is the worst sin — the death of these babies." She said she has friends who chose to have abortions. "That's five babies that I know of," she said tearfully. Ms. Eger was highly critical of Pres-

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Rebecca Eger, a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, holds up a painting of the Virgin Mary during a prayer rally Thursday at City Hall. West Texans For Life hosted the rally in conjunction with the 25th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion.

Story by Allee Ashmore *Photo by Curt Wilcott*

Kaczynski admits he's Unabomber

■ Guilty plea ensures Kaczynski will not get death penalty but will receive life imprisonment.

By Linda Deutsch
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — In a deal that averted the spectacle of the government pushing to execute a mentally ill man, Theodore Kaczynski pleaded guilty to being the Unabomber on Thursday in return for a sentence of life in prison without parole.

Kaczynski sat unflinching as a prosecutor recited in minute detail the horror of his 17-year reign of terror — bombs that killed three men and injured 29, including one who had his arm blown off.

In a calm and forthright voice, Kaczynski confirmed he had written in his journal: "I would do it all over again."

The 55-year-old mathematics professor turned woodland hermit entered the last-minute plea on the day a jury was to be sworn in and opening statements were to begin.

The agreement avoids the possibility of his execution. Had the jury convicted Kaczynski, he could have faced death by injection. He will be formally sentenced on May 15.

Afterward, David Kaczynski — who had first alerted the FBI that his brother could be the Unabomber, than criticized the government for seeking to execute him — appeared visibly relieved.

"We feel it is the appropriate, just and civilized resolution to this tragedy, in light of Ted's diagnosed mental illness," he said.

David had sat in the front row of the courtroom, tears streaming down his face, as he heard how a man's heart was pierced by the shrapnel from one of his brother's bombs.

Their 80-year-old mother, Wanda, maintained her composure, but handed David a tissue to wipe his tears.

The defendant, who has been estranged from his family for 12 years, never acknowledged their presence.

Outside court, Connie Murray issued a statement supporting the plea agree-

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Smoking constraints increased by county

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

In addition to smokers, tobacco chewers and dippers will be unwelcome at all county facilities, including county-owned vehicles.

The Midland County Commissioners' Court is revising its existing smoking policy, which will prohibit "smoking within county facilities and vehicles."

The new policy will also prohibit the use of all tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, such as snuff and plugs, said Commissioner James Brezina, who this week proposed the ban in order "to provide a safe and healthy work environment."

"As long as they don't ban nicotine gum, I'm OK," said District Attorney Al Schorre.

"I assume (the commissioners) don't have anything against nicotine gum or patches because I've got some people who are on patches," Schorre said.

The tobacco ban is incorporated in the county's

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Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

County court officials have expanded its no-smoking policy to include county vehicles. Also, all forms of tobacco will be banned when the amended policy goes into effect after the next Commissioners' Court meeting.

Physicians alliance to file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy

■ Midland Odessa Medical Group lost chance at $23 million buyout due to disagreements, and has decided to file for bankruptcy to protect assets.

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Midland's first physicians' cooperative group dedicated to providing comprehensive, managed health care is now out of business, although all of the physicians involved in that group are still seeing patients and will not be affected by the shutdown.

The Midland Odessa Medical Group has ceased doing business as such, according to Dr. Shelton Viney, former chief executive officer and one of the founders of the organization.

At the time of this report, the MOM Group had not filed for U.S. bankruptcy protection at the Midland federal building, although Viney said the company would be filing under Chapter 7 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Saturday	Sunday
Partly cloudy	Sunny	Partly cloudy
High 60	High 64	High 66
Low 28	Low 32	Low 36

Today's forecast calls for early morning fog, becoming sunny amd breezy by afternoon. The high will be between 55 and 60. Winds will be from the southwest at 10-15 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight calls for clear skies with a low between 25 and 30.

Saturday calls for mostly sunny skies with a high near 65.

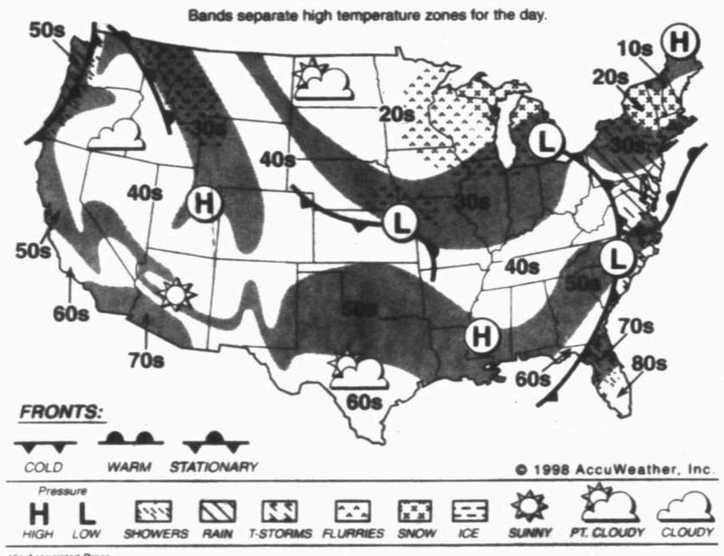
After an overnight low of 27, Thursday's high reached 56, compared to the record high for that date of 83 set in 1950. The record low was 2 set in 1966.

Yesterday's precipitation		Yesterday's temperatures	
Rainfall	.00 in.	High	56
Rainfall	trace	low	27
Total for month	trace	Normal high	57
Total for year	trace	Normal low	29

Sunrise 7:47 a.m. Sunset 6:15 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, Jan. 23.



Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:35 p.m. EST.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Abilene,Tex.	42	35	.17	clr
Akron,Ohio	34	23	.01	m
Albany,N.Y.	19	14	sn	
Albuquerque	45	26	clr	
Allentown,Pa.	38	24	cdy	
Amarillo	46	29	clr	
Anchorage	23	12	cdy	
Asheville	39	37	.65	m
Atlanta	47	44	.52	m
Atlantic City	41	23	m	
Austin	49	45	cdy	
Baltimore	39	24	m	
Baton Rouge	63	57	2.38	cdy
Billings	32	16	cdy	
Birmingham	53	47	1.09	cdy
Bismarck	27	4	.01	cdy
Boise	43	33	.02	m
Boston	27	21	sn	
Bridgeport	32	27	sn	
Brownsville	70	64	cdy	
Buffalo	24	20	.01	sn
Burlington,Vt.	8	1	.03	sn
Caribou,Maine	4	-5	clr	
Casper	29	3	cdy	
Charleston,S.C.	66	45	.11	m
Charleston,W.Va.	49	33	.12	m
Charlotte,N.C.	47	40	.06	m
Chattanooga	45	44	m	
Cheyenne	33	12	cdy	
Chicago	33	31	.01	sn
Cincinnati	46	37	.11	cdy
Cleveland	35	27	.03	m
Colorado Springs	37	10	clr	
Columbia,S.C.	60	43	m	
Columbus,Ga.	54	49	.41	m
Columbus,Ohio	41	32	.01	cdy
Concord,N.H.	26	11	clr	
Corpus Christi	55	55	.63	cdy
Dallas-Ft Worth	49	40	clr	
Dayton	43	32	.07	cdy
Daytona Beach	75	56	m	
Denver	38	17	clr	
Des Moines	30	27	.13	cdy
Detroit	29	27	.04	sn
Duluth	24	21	.01	sn
El Paso	56	32	clr	
Elkins	45	24	.03	m
Erie	33	22	.07	m
Eugene	49	44	.32	m
Evansville	39	37	.32	cdy
Fairbanks	-3	-11	clr	
Fargo	25	12	cdy	
Flagstaff	48	11	clr	
Flint	29	24	sn	
Fort Smith	46	37	.26	cdy
Fort Wayne	32	28	.01	cdy
Fresno	50	39	.01	cdy
Goodland	41	17	cdy	
Grand Junction	30	17	clr	
Grand Rapids	29	25	.04	sn
Great Falls	36	16	clr	
Green Bay	29	26	.03	sn
Greensboro,N.C.	41	35	.02	m
Harrisburg	39	23	m	
Hartford Spgfld	29	19	sn	
Helena	36	13	cdy	
Honolulu	83	74	cdy	
Houston	59	59	.24	cdy
Huntsville	49	45	.56	cdy
Indianapolis	44	36	.11	cdy
Jackson,Miss.	57	53	2.76	cdy
Jacksonville	74	53	m	
Juneau	36	23	m	
Kansas City	33	26	cdy	
Knoxville	46	42	.37	m
Lake Charles	62	60	1.83	cdy
Lansing	29	24	.02	sn
Las Vegas	57	36	clr	
Lexington	49	40	.11	cdy
Lincoln	25	13	cdy	
Little Rock	44	40	.49	cdy
Los Angeles	69	50	clr	
Louisville	50	44	.10	cdy
Lubbock	49	33	clr	
Macon	56	43	.96	m
Madison	30	28	.02	sn
Medford	46	40	.18	m
Memphis	47	45	.39	cdy
Miami Beach	78	70	.21	cdy
Milwaukee	30	29	sn	
Mpls-St Paul	29	23	sn	
Mobile	64	56	2.22	cdy
Montgomery	58	49	cdy	
Nashville	49	44	.52	cdy
New Orleans	63	62	1.99	cdy
New York City	36	31	m	
Newark	37	30	sn	
Norfolk,Va.	44	31	m	
North Platte	33	21	cdy	
Oklahoma City	40	28	cdy	
Omaha	26	23	cdy	
Orlando	77	60	m	
Paducah	37	37	.37	cdy
Peoria	33	32	.01	cdy
Philadelphia	42	30	m	
Phoenix	66	45	clr	
Pittsburgh	40	25	m	
Pocatello	34	24	.01	cdy
Portland,Maine	25	12	clr	
Portland,Ore.	45	41	.11	m
Providence	33	22	sn	
Pueblo	43	10	clr	
Raleigh-Durham	43	30	m	
Rapid City	39	14	cdy	
Reno	51	27	cdy	
Richmond	44	32	m	
Roanoke	40	36	.19	m
Rochester	24	20	sn	
Rockford	31	30	.03	sn
Sacramento	55	39	cdy	
St Louis	33	31	.08	cdy
St Thomas	88	m	cdy	
Salem,Ore.	50	44	.28	m
Salt Lake City	40	26	cdy	
San Angelo	46	38	clr	
San Antonio	50	46	cdy	
San Diego	67	49	clr	
San Francisco	56	44	cdy	
San Jose	58	40	cdy	
San Juan,P.R.	87	74	cdy	
Santa Fe	42	19	clr	
St Ste Marie	18	5	sn	
Savannah	62	45	.29	m
Seattle	48	37	.10	m
Shreveport	51	51	.66	cdy
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	80	65	m	
Toledo	32	27	.04	m
Topeka	31	24	cdy	
Tucson	65	35	clr	
Tulsa	38	29	cdy	
Tupelo	52	47	.50	cdy
Waco	51	43	clr	
Washington,D.C.	41	31	m	
W.Palm Beach	77	66	9.10	cdy
Wichita	34	24	cdy	
Wichita Falls	41	32	.06	cdy
Wilkes-Barre	32	22	cdy	
Wilmington,Del.	40	26	m	
Yakima	33	22	.01	cdy

PROBE: Lewinsky may invoke Fifth Amendment

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real moment of White House diplomacy, Clinton made his firmest denial yet to Ms. Lewinksy's claims in taped conversations with a friend that she had an affair with Clinton and that he and Jordan asked her to deny it to Jones' attorneys.

"The allegations are false, and I would never ask anybody to do anything other than tell the truth," Clinton said. Lewinsky herself has denied the claims she made in tape-recorded conversations with her friend Linda Tripp. Jordan added to the denials at a press conference Thursday afternoon in remarks the White House hoped would dampen political speculation in Washington.

"I want to say to you absolutely and unequivocally that Ms. Lewinsky told me in no uncertain terms that she did not have a sexual relationship with the president," Jordan told reporters. He would not answer any questions.

Jones' attorneys had a wide-ranging subpoena served on the White House Thursday seeking all documents and evidence concerning Lewinsky's employment there, her contacts with the president and others and other information sought in a similar subpoena issued by Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr a day earlier, officials said.

The fresh denials from Clinton and Jordan came as details emerged about Ms. Lewinsky's entries to the White House and gifts she got from the president. FBI agents working for Starr were contacting other interns, including some who apparently still work at the White House, according to officials.

Starr promised to move swiftly to sort through explosive allegations that were the talk of the nation. Starr, a Republican, rejected suggestions he might be out to "get" Clinton. "Our job is to gather facts and to evaluate those facts and to get at the truth," he said. He said the investigation would be pursued "consistent with the presumption of innocence."

Clinton sought to avoid any defensiveness as he faced questions about the Lewinsky matter during a photo session with Palestinian leader Arafat.

"You and the American people have a right to get answers," he told reporters. "We will give you as many answers as we can, as soon as we can, at the appropriate time ... and that's not a dodge."

Clinton met earlier Thursday with his legal advisers about how to comply with subpoenas demanding documents related to the matter.

Investigators refused to comment publicly on what they know, but details trickled out from unidentified sources. The new revelations centered on:

—Gifts. In a sworn deposition on the Jones case last weekend, Clinton denied a sexual relationship with the woman but acknowledged providing her some gifts, including a dress, officials told The Associated Press.

—White House visits. White House records show several visits by Ms. Lewinsky to the Oval Office after she had transferred to a job at the Pentagon last year. She usually checked in to see Clinton's personal secretary, Betty Currie, who was a friend, officials told the AP.

Jordan, a Washington lawyer, read a brief statement to reporters in which he acknowledged trying to help Lewinsky get a job in New York, and arranging her representation by lawyer Frank Carter after she was subpoenaed by Starr.

"I actually took her to Mr. Carter's office, I introduced them and I returned to my office," Jordan said.

Jordan said he often helped individuals from the Clinton camp obtain jobs. He said he had been served with a subpoena by Starr on Wednesday and would cooperate, and he was adamant that he never suggested Lewinsky lie.

Lewinsky was scheduled to be deposed in Washington by lawyers for Jones, and was said to be considering declining to testify and invoking her Fifth Amendment right to avoid self-incrimination. She has sworn in an affidavit that she did not have an affair with Clinton, a declaration apparently at odds with what investigators heard on Tripp's tapes.

White House aides, speaking on condition of anonymity, made a point of raising questions about Ms. Lewinsky. One described her as "totally infatuated" and "getting too close" to the president. The officials said they did not suspect an affair but felt she was spending too much time around the president.

Around the country, reaction to the charges against a president often battered by questions about his character ranged from disbelief to dismay.

"I think he's losing his credibility, and it wasn't so great to begin with," said Don Wiebelhaus, a 59-year-old Detroit security guard.

Lusya Shmavonian, 28, an administrative assistant from Ridgefield, N.J., said she doesn't know whether to believe that Clinton had an affair, but added, "I think he's a good president and I don't see what that has to do with anything."

In Washington, the day's events unfolded in something of a crisis atmosphere.

"Welcome, ladies and gentlemen, to the theater of the absurd," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said at the outset of a daily briefing dominated by questions about the Lewinsky matter.

McCurry's predecessor, Dee Dee Myers, told NBC: "This is a situation that's completely out of control. ...It is a feeding frenzy of the first order." Even so, she said of Clinton, "If he's not telling the truth, I think the consequences are just astronomical."

The seriousness of the potential charges — adultery and encouraging perjury — reverberated among congressional leaders.

"The allegations are certainly very serious. If they should prove to be true, that's going to cause some problems legally," Republican Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said in Jackson, Miss.

Gerald Solomon, R-N.Y., chairman of the House Rules Committee, said Republicans were waiting to see how events unfold before considering impeachment. But he said that if charges against Clinton were found to be valid, "the whole roof could blow off. I feel sorry for the country."

Beyond the revelations about Lewinsky, there was new information about Clinton's relationship with another woman.

Clinton acknowledged in his weekend deposition that he had an affair with Gennifer Flowers during the 1970s, according to a source familiar with testimony. Flowers, who has claimed she had a 12-year affair with Clinton, told AP that it was "hard to believe after all this time" that Clinton now admits what he long denied.

Also Thursday, an individual familiar with the Jones case said that Shelia Lawrence, wife of the late Ambassador M. Larry Lawrence, had been subpoenaed by Jones' attorneys. Ms. Lawrence, a friend of the president, has offered an affidavit saying she has no information relevant to the case, the individual said.

Starr took on the Lewinsky matter as an extension of his independent counsel probe into the president's Whitewater dealings. He told a swarm of reporters outside his office that he would work as promptly as possible to sort out the allegations.

He was questioned about whether it was fair to wire a Lewinsky friend and tape the woman's conversations with Lewinsky. "We used appropriate techniques that are traditional law enforcement techniques," he said.

Attorney General Janet Reno refused to explain her decision to refer the matter to Starr, saying any comment she made could risk "impairing the independence of the independent counsel.

"I'm bound and determined to make sure that this is done the right way," she said.

PLEA: Kaczynski wrote reward offered was 'flattering'

(From 1A)

ment. "He will never, ever kill again," she said.

Her husband was Kaczynski's last bombing victim: Timber lobbyist Gilbert Murray was killed in his Sacramento office in April 1995.

The plea agreement resolves all federal charges against Kaczynski, who also admitted his role in Unabomber attacks in which he had not been charged.

A deal had been discussed for months, but was repeatedly turned down by the government because Kaczynski insisted on certain conditions. At the last minute, his lawyers dropped all demands.

A senior federal official in Washington said that a report submitted only days ago by a federal Bureau of Prisons psychiatrist was the decisive factor in Kaczynski's decision to accept a deal.

Dr. Sally Johnson concluded that Kaczynski was competent to stand trial but suffered from paranoid schizophrenia, an illness marked by delusions and a potential for violence.

Kaczynski was adamantly against being portrayed in court as a madman. Prosecutors, meanwhile, clearly did not want to be perceived as trying to execute a mentally ill man.

As Kaczynski entered his plea, new details of his life as a wanted terrorist were revealed. In a journal entry discussing the first fatal attack — that of Sacramento computer store owner Hugh Scrutton in 1985 — Kaczynski wrote: "Excellent. A humane way of eliminating somebody. He probably didn't feel a thing."

Noting that a $25,000 reward had been placed on his head after that attack, Kaczynski called it "flattering."

The journals also showed that he proudly followed newspaper accounts of his crimes, such as the attack on John Hauser, an aspiring astronaut whose arm was mangled and whose career was forever changed by his injury.

"I felt bad about having crippled this man's arm," Kaczynski wrote at one point, but at another, he criticized Hauser for participating in the "technological class" Kaczynski reviled.

"Do not get the idea I regret what I did," he wrote. "I would do it all over again."

SMOKING: Commissioners have not enacted enforcement fines

(From 1A)

personnel policy that the five-member governing body is modifying. Revisions are to be adopted early in February, Brezina said.

"Instead of just getting rid of smoking, why not get rid of all tobacco use. ... Everybody (on the court) approved it. (Tobacco users) need to go outside to a designated smoking area."

Midland County Attorney Russell Malm, who said that the commissioners have not enacted any fines to enforce the ban, said that the "only real (in-city) enforcement would be the city ordinance prohibiting smoking in certain areas in certain buildings.

"My experience has been that honor systems really work ... work great," Malm said. "That's basically how it's being done ... the honor system.

He said that the only way the ban could be enforced is if an employee who violated it was fired.

Commissioner Henry Goulet said that he would propose more stringent rules. He would prohibit tobacco use within 50 feet of a courthouse entrance, for example, since smokers "congregate around the (north) entrance. It's just full of smoke all of the time.

"I can't stand it (smoking)," said Goulet, an ex-smoker. "I can't stand chewing or dipping. ... You can't swallow it all," he said of tobacco juice. "You've got to put it somewhere."

Sheriff Gary Painter, who said that he has asked his deputies and other staff members to "take into consideration other people's feelings and other people's health," said that the ban should have some latitude in the pursuit of justice and crime-fighting.

"There are certain times when you've got a suspect or you are taking a statement, and that guy wants a cigarette. You are going to give him one.

"I'm not going to stop in the middle of a statement and make a guy get out and smoke a cigarette," Painter said. "If it's a problem for the officers, they are not going to let him smoke. But if it is a situation where we are going to have to have it (smoking) to clear a case, to get a statement, I'm not going to let them get up and walk outside. They may take off."

Whether an investigator allows a suspect or witness to smoke while under interrogation is "going to be a judgment call on the officer's part," Painter said.

Of his workforce, "nearly everybody goes outside to do their smoking," Painter said.

Texas 238th District Court Judge John Hyde, a non-smoker who noted that "the world is closing in on smokers pretty rapidly," said that the "judges will enforce the county commissioners' rule on non-smoking" and any other tobacco-related order.

"It's not a problem for any of us on the (judicial) staff," Hyde said. "None of the judges smoke."

And when it "comes to jurors, what we normally do is take a poll and see how many smokers that there might be" serving on a case.

"Not too surprisingly, fewer and fewer smokers are appearing on juries because it seems like the numbers of smokers are probably diminishing," Hyde said. "If we do have smokers, we take breaks ever so often," Hyde said. "We also permit some breaks during jury deliberations."

Sue Gambill, the county's human-resources director, said that she does "not have a problem with tobacco use in general as far as dipping and chewing. But that was a decision of the (Commissioners') Court. (Smokeless tobacco) is not hurting anyone except the individual employee ... (It') pretty much self-contained. It's not like smoke that floats across the room. When you're smoking, that secondhand smoke can bother other people."

Like the sheriff, Ms. Gambill said that exceptions must be made and should be made with the law-enforcement agencies. "When you are interrogating a witness, (smoking) can be very vital tool in getting information from that witness. ..."

As for jurors, Ms. Gambill, a non-smoker, said that smoking a cigarette can "calm them down" and possibly help them to "think clearly and to use good judgment. Sometimes I think a cigarette helps in that instance."

Commissioner Louisiana Valencia, an ex-smoker who has lost three family members to lung cancer, said, "I had rather see people smoke than dip. I think smoking is cleaner than dipping or chewing," Ms. Valencia said.

"We had a lot of complaints from people who had to get into deputies' cars. They smoke inside those cars all the time."

In Odessa, Ector County Judge Jim Jordan said that the Commissioners' Court prohibits smoking in county buildings, including Ector County Coliseum.

"That's pretty much the extent of ours (the tobacco-use ban). Smoking is as far as we went. It's hard enough to make them stop smoking, much less to prevent them from dipping or whatever."

BANKRUPT: New, smaller alliances likely to be forged

(From 1A)

"We decided to shut down to protect the assets and make sure everybody gets paid," Viney said.

The demise of the group ended a roller coaster ride for group officials. The group had received a $23 million offer to purchase the company, but several member physicians disagreed with the buyout plan and exercised their contractual right to leave the group.

Once these physicians left, the deal for purchase failed and, more importantly, the group's line of credit was impaired. While the group could have struggled to work through the crisis, Viney and others decided that prudence mandated dissolving the company to protect the assets of all involved.

"We are a very cash-flow sensitive company," Viney said. In addition, managed care has not manifested itself locally with the same intensity that medical communities in other parts of the country have seen, he said.

The individual physicians of the group will continue seeing patients and new, smaller alliances will likely be forged in the wake of the MOM Group's demise, Viney said.

The MOM Group began in January 1996 when 38 Midland physicians joined 26 from Odessa to produce a fully integrated, multi-specialty medical organization capable of providing a full range of primary and specialty medical care in the coming world of managed health care.

Currently, there are two other physician groups providing managed care in Midland, the West Texas Physicians Alliance and Integrated Physician Partners, which is associated with Memorial Hospital and Medical Center.

The consolidation was made to save money on administrative costs, increase purchasing power to get supplies and malpractice insurance at lower costs, while providing a diverse group of medical specialists to provide the majority of patients with complete medical

ABORTION: Pro-choice groups did not mark anniversary

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ident Clinton and his veto of legislation that would ban partial-birth abortions. "It shows how evil this current president is."

The pro-life group sang Christian songs, heard from several local ministers and prayed for Norma McCorvey (also known as Jane Roe). "We want her to know that she is forgiven," the Rev. Roy Smith said.

Karen Pieper-Hildebrand, president of Planned Parenthood of West Texas, said that to her knowledge, pro-choice forces did not organize to commemorate the anniversary. She said her employees were simply too busy. "We can't stop providing reproductive and health care services to the women of West Texas."

Ms. Hildebrand said that abortion services comprise only 2 percent of the total services provided by Planned Parenthood of West Texas. The organization also provides family planning services and education, pap smears, breast exams and screening for sexually transmitted diseases. "It's not about abortion. It's about women being able to make choices about their bodies."

She noted that the abortion services offered in Midland are the only such services available between El Paso and Fort Worth, and that the Midland clinic draws from a large portion of West Texas.

"Abortion is an individual and private decision made by a woman in consult with her family, her doctor and her god," Ms. Hildebrand said. "It is a personal decision, not a political decision."

Ms. Hildebrand does not see an end to the abortion controversy. "I doubt the debate will ever end." She is hopeful that the opposing sides can find some common ground. "I think tha there are certainly areas in which we can work together to prevent unwanted pregnancy."

She said, "The majority of Americans are strongly in favor of abortion remaining safe and legal."

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Pope despairs over abortion, meets privately with Castro

HAVANA (AP) — On his first full day in "this beloved country," Pope John Paul II went straight to the hearts and home life of the Cuban people, despairing over easy access to abortion and scolding the Castro government for closing the doors to Catholic education.

When it comes to schools, "parents ... should be able to choose," the pope declared, to applause from tens of thousands assembled for Mass in the dust and sweltering heat of an athletic field in the provincial city of Santa Clara, 160 miles east of Havana.

The demand for Catholic education was also believed high on John Paul's agenda for the most important official encounter of his five-day visit — a meeting with President Fidel Castro.

The pope and Castro talked privately for about 50 minutes in the Palace of the Revolution Thursday. There was no immediate word on what they discussed.

Entering and leaving the meeting, John Paul walked slowly with the help of a cane down a red carpet, with Castro slowing his step to the pope's pace. After concluding their talks, they exchanged gifts and posed for photographers at the top of the broad steps outside the palace.

"(See) how we are after 70 and something years?" the 77-year-old pope said to Castro, who is 71.

Noting John Paul's difficulty in walking, the Cuban leader responded, "It must be because of the accident," referring to a 1994 fall that required the pontiff to undergo hip replacement surgery.

Castro gave the pontiff a 120-year-old, leather-bound biography of Father Felix Varela, a 19th-century priest considered to be a founder of Cuban nationalism. "We racked our brains a lot" to come up with something, Fidel told John Paul. The book is one of nine copies in existence.

The pope gave Fidel a brightly colored mosaic portrait of Christ.

In just two addresses over less than 24 hours, on the first papal visit ever to this Caribbean nation, the pontiff has been blunt in listing what he considers failings — along with accomplishments — of Cuba's communist system.

And in this unprecedentedly open, high-profile criticism of the 39-year-old revolution, he has found help from a surprising quarter — the system itself.

The Communist Party newspaper, Granma, published Wednesday's papal arrival speech, including its call for "a climate of freedom" in Cuba. Even more important, the government is devoting hours of national television time to the papal events, giving the merely curious — in bars, shops and homes — a heavy helping of John Paul's message.



The Havana leadership clearly is taking a calculated risk that this may encourage dissent. But just as clearly it hopes to burnish its image with a display of tolerance and openness.

What the curious saw Thursday was an outpouring of deep emotion and affection for the pontiff after he flew in for a half-day in this heartland city.

"We feel it! We feel it! The pope is here among us!" the crowd chanted as the "popemobile," a white pickup truck topped by a bulletproof-glass compartment, wended its way toward the open-air altar.

Before, after and throughout the Mass — even as the ailing, slow-moving pope distributed communion — a vast chorus and orchestra filled the air with the romantic, lilting beat of "son," the sound of Cuba, maracas and drums set to Roman Catholic prayer.

At one point, they sang a song of welcome to the "messenger of truth and hope." And in his homily, John Paul got quickly to his message, delivered in Spanish, about "the social situation experienced in this beloved country."

He denounced systems "which, under the guise of freedom and progress, promote or even defend an anti-birth mentality."

Abortion is free of charge and available on demand in Cuba, which has long had one of the world's highest abortion rates.

"Abortion ... is always, in addition to being an abominable crime, a senseless impoverishment of the person and of society itself," the pontiff said. Premarital sex, promiscuity and easy recourse to abortion have "a profoundly negative impact on young people" in Cuba.

In recent years, Cuban officials have accelerated a campaign to discourage abortions. They say the rate — once one abortion for every live birth — has been cut in half.

Castro himself, on a visit to Rome to meet the pope in 1996, told reporters, "We do not like abortion. It is not healthy or advisable or desirable."

But Health Minister Carlos Dotres told Granma last week that legal hospital abortions are necessary "so we don't have deaths under poor conditions" at the hands of unqualified abortionists.

John Paul drew the most enthusiastic reaction from the Santa Clara crowd when he called for restoration of Catholic education in Cuba.

In the early 1960s, newly triumphant revolutionaries shut down the Catholic schools, which in a largely mulatto and black nation catered to the white upper class — most of which had left the country.

The government has certain rights in education, the pope acknowledged, but "this does not give public authority the right to take the place of parents."

The pope will celebrate three more outdoor Masses, in the city of Camaguey on Friday, in Santiago de Cuba on Saturday, and in Havana on Sunday.

Cuban schoolchildren express faith in God

HAVANA (AP) — Their prayers are the same as prayers of children throughout the world: Magda wants her ailing grandmother to live for a long, long time; Johanna appeals heavenward for her divorced parents to reunite; and Raymond asks God for just one night when he does not suffer from asthma.

What is noteworthy about these pleas to God is that they come from children in Cuba, where schools only six years ago encouraged official atheism.

During visits arranged through the Foreign Ministry with kindergartners, fourth-graders and sixth-graders in two public schools, many children revealed a strong personal faith. More than half of the children in each class said they were Catholic, and few showed any hesitation in discussing their religion.

If they could talk to the pope during his visit to Cuba, they would ask for his help in seeking divine intercession on issues from ailing relatives to filling the pencil boxes and putting a fresh coat of paint on their school.

"I would tell him everything that has happened to me," said Viviana Carbonelle, a sixth-grader at the International Student Union. "He is like another father of mine who gives us strength, who guides us in what we should do. I believe he would help me."

Communist Cuba was officially atheist for 30 years until 1992. Today, only 40 percent of Cuba's 11 million people are baptized Catholics, and few practice their faith on a regular basis.

The easing of government hostility to religion has gradually affected public school classrooms, where a militant atheism is no longer generally fostered, said Enrique Lopez Oliva, an authority on religious affairs at the University of Havana.

Nearly every child at the two schools said they were going to see Pope John Paul II, who arrived in Cuba on Wednesday. No one spoke against religion.

"To believe in the pope you don't have to be Catholic," said Laura Estralla, a sixth-grader. "You just have to feel love for one another."

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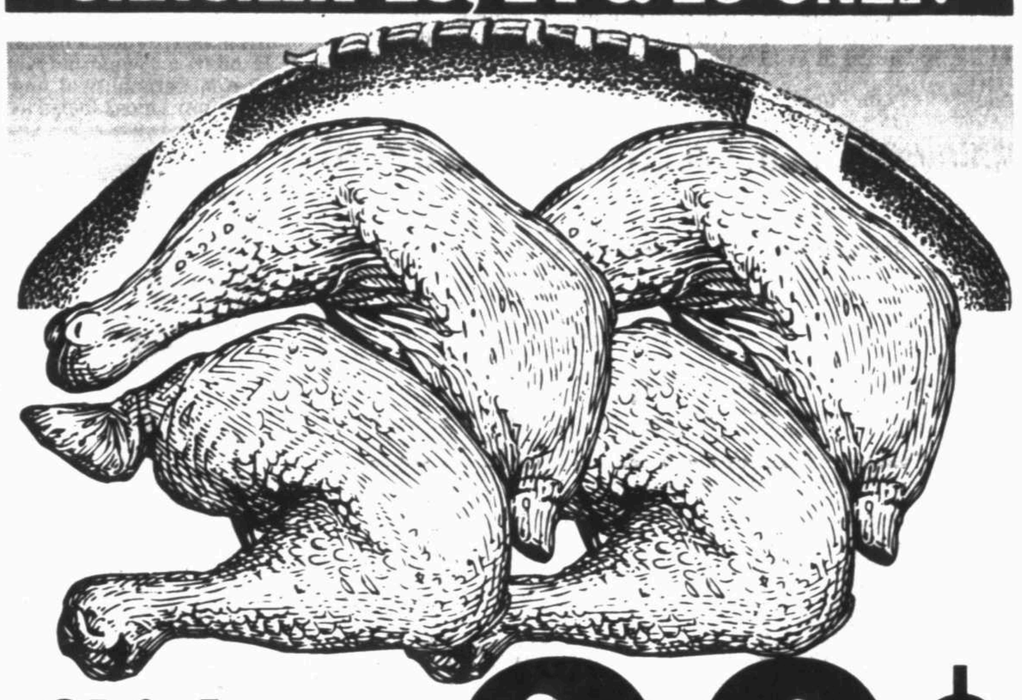
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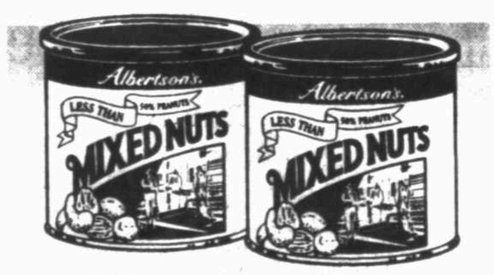
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Choice of next Indonesian vice-president considered critical

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — For decades, the post of vice president in Indonesia has been largely ceremonial, an endless routine of hand-shaking and ribbon-cutting. That was the way President Suharto wanted it.

The former general with an autocratic style buttressed his own strength by keeping his deputies weak during his 32 years in power — the longest of an Asian ruler.

But now, the question of who 76-year-old Suharto will select as his running mate for March elections suddenly is critical. With Indonesia, the world's fourth most populous nation, in economic turmoil, the would-be vice president must have the skills needed to help rescue the nation he likely will one day lead.

Speculation that Suharto will choose Bacharuddin Jusuf Habibie, the technology minister who favors expensive projects, fueled fears that sent Indonesia's currency plummeting to a new low Thursday.

The rupiah hit 16,500 to one U.S. dollar, an 85 percent loss in value since the Asian financial crisis began seven months ago.

Calls for Suharto to relinquish power are growing. About 200 youths protested peacefully Thursday outside Parliament, urging the president to step down in favor of opposition figure Megawati Sukarnoputri.

Suharto is certain to win a seventh five-year term, since his supporters dominate the 1,000-member assembly which chooses Indonesia's president. There is no popular vote.

"There is a common perception that the post (of vice president) this time will be a vital one due to Mr. Suharto's age," Environment Minister Sarwono Kusumaatmadja said Thursday.

"He should have a proven track record. We don't want to have a basketcase," Sarwono told The Associated Press.

The focus turned to Habibie on Tuesday when Suharto accepted the ruling Golkar party's nomination and said his deputy should be loyal, have a knowledge of science and technology and be able to perform in international forums.

Habibie, a 61-year-old German-educated aeronautical engineer, fits that bill. Once labeled a "high-tech dreamer" by a newspaper, Habibie has his own Internet site, and model airplanes adorn his office desk.

He has also backed costly, high-tech projects — ones that counter the austerity spirit of reforms Suharto signed last week under pressure from the International Monetary Fund, which is leading a $40 billion bailout for Indonesia.

"Habibie wants to spend a lot of money, so there is a difference with the IMF. That's a problem," said Arbi Sanit, a political scholar at the University of Indonesia.

The government has slashed funding for Habibie's national aircraft project, IPTN, to comply with IMF demands.

Sarwono said Habibie was unsuitable and that Suharto needs a candidate with solid economic credentials.

Habibie is very close personally to Suharto, who befriended his family in the 1940s while on assignment as a junior military officer on the island of Sulawesi.

"The children of President Suharto used to say Habibie is actually the eldest son," said Harun Alrasid, a constitutional lawyer.

A dozen people, including several Cabinet ministers, are regarded along with Habibie as contenders for the No. 2 position. They include:

—Vice President Try Sutrisno, armed forces commander in 1987-92. He is viewed as intellectually weak and largely on the fringes of power.

—Hartono, a retired army chief who is now information minister. He is member of the Indonesian Muslim Intellectual Association, an influential group of scholars headed by Habibie.

—Army chief of staff Gen. Wiranto, a fast-rising young commander.

—Ginandjar Kartasasmita, a former air force general and now national planning and development minister. He has been widely consulted by Suharto throughout the economic crisis.

—Siti Hardiyanti Rukmana, Suharto's oldest daughter, commonly known as Tutut. A chairman of the Golkar party and a business tycoon, she is the most politically active of Suharto's six children, who have all become wealthy under his patronage.

Malaysian man could be oldest at 140

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Supporters of a Malaysian man who claims to be 140 years old are trying to get him recognized in the Guinness Book of Records as the world's oldest living person.

If confirmed, Omar Abbas would have a more than two-decade advantage over Canadian Marie-Louise Febronie Meilleur, 117, the titleholder since France's 122-year-old grande dame, Jeanne Louise Calment, died last August.

Other people claim to be older than Meilleur, but lack the documents Guinness requires to prove their claims, notably a birth certificate.

Although Abbas does not have a birth certificate, his birth date has been confirmed by the State Registration Department as Sept. 26, 1857, the New Straits Times reported Thursday.

The department's head, Wahab Mohd Yasin, was quoted as saying only Malaysians born after June 1926 were issued birth certificates. Those born earlier were given ration cards recording their birth dates.

Wahab said Abbas' birth date was transferred from his ration card to a plastic identification card in 1966, when identity cards became mandatory for residents without birth certificates.

"As long as his age is certified by the (registration) department ... this is proof of his age," said Irene Liong, a spokeswoman for Malaysia's first Book of Records, to be published later this year. It plans to list Abbas as its oldest person.

Abbas married in his late 60s and lives with his 96-year-old wife, Minah, the newspaper said. It said the couple has four children, 23 grandchildren and 73 great-grandchildren.

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Algeria to expand militia, gives first death toll in insurgency

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Algeria's military-backed government insisted Thursday it was defeating a 6-year-old Muslim insurgency but also announced plans to boost local militias after massacres that killed hundreds of people.

In a marathon question-and-answer session with Parliament that lasted until 4 a.m., Prime Minister Ahmed Ouyahia also gave the government's first death toll in the insurgency: 26,536 dead, 21,000 injured.

The figures were about three times lower than press estimates in the rebellion, which the government has sought to play down in an effort to demonstrate that it is still in control of this petroleum-rich North African nation.

Ouyahia said the surge in violence over recent months stemmed from Muslim militants' anger over alleged fraud in 1997 elections, which consolidated the power of President Liamine Zeroual, a retired general.

"We are approaching our objective," the prime minister told the lawmakers, saying it took Italy 18 years to put down the Red Brigades terrorist group. "Terrorism is in clear regression."

To back up his point, Ouyahia cited a diminishing number of acts of sabotage against public buildings and other targets — 1,071 in 1995 and 276 in 1997.

Algerian leaders have insisted that the insurgency has been reduced to "residual terrorism" — even though massacres since the Dec. 30 start of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan have slaughtered hundreds of villagers at a time, killing a total of 2,000 by media estimates.

'We are approaching our objective. Terrorism is in clear regression.'
— Algerian Prime Minister Ahmed Ouyahia

Ouyahia repeatedly referred to the need for "vigilance," "prudence," and "self-defense," a reference to local militias organized by the government.

Authorities "will encourage defense groups," he said. "At the local level, defense must be assumed by the defense groups" — 5,000 of which are in place.

In addition, there are 216 new gendarmerie brigades and tens of thousands more police, Ouyahia said, without elaborating.

The army has been criticized as failing to defend remote villages that have been devastated in attacks that often go on for hours. Ouyahia said only that the traditional role of the military "is to defend the country, the border and the population."

After Ouyahia spoke, several lawmakers said they were satisfied with the information he provided but "not convinced" by government claims about protecting the population or decreasing violence.

The government's official account of the devastation came just a day after a visiting European Union delegation called for more candor from Algerian authorities about the violence.

Some nations and human rights organizations have sought an international investigation into the violence, to find out why security forces have been unable to protect the population. There have been claims that an army faction may have had at least a passive role in the violence, perhaps in hopes the massacres would discredit the Islamic rebellion.

Algerian authorities have maintained a policy of silence about casualties since the start of the insurgency.

They acknowledge the attacks only occasionally and consistently provide figures far lower than those cited in the nation's newspapers or by hospital sources.

The Associated Press uses a death toll estimate of about 75,000. Some opposition politicians here, as well as the banned Islamic Salvation Front, put the figure as high as 120,000.

The insurgency began after December 1992, when the government canceled January 1992 parliamentary elections that the Salvation Front party was expected to win. Voters had favored the Front as a way to fight corruption and high unemployment.

Dismay, delight over British plan to curtail political ads

LONDON (AP) — To the dismay of most political parties and the delight of many TV viewers, British broadcasters want to curtail a national institution: free political ads on TV and radio networks.

The ads of up to 10 minutes, which began with a stilted, unedited radio speech by Prime Minister Ramsay Macdonald in 1924 and developed into panoramic TV productions, traditionally have sent millions reaching for the remote or into the kitchen to make tea.

They are the byproduct of a ban on buying political advertising on the airwaves; political parties only are allowed to buy much cheaper newspaper ads. Almost no one wants to change that.

The report recommends restricting political ads mostly to national election campaigns, which last about four weeks every five years.

The BBC, funded by license fees paid by everyone with a TV set, and the Independent Television Commission noted that the two major-party candidates in the 1996 U.S. presidential campaign spent at least $50 million each on advertising — a practice many Britons see as a sort of influence-buying by the wealthy.

While many countries allocate free ads to political parties at election time, Britain is among the few to do it all the time.

Even in non-election years, the three major parties — Labor, the Conservatives and the Liberal Democrats — get free access to the airwaves four or five times.

The broadcasters want to make it more difficult for small groups, with messages ranging from the offbeat to the avowedly racist, to get on the air at all.

During campaigning for last year's May 1 national elections, the Greens, anti-abortionists, neo-fascist British National Party, two anti-European Union groups and the Natural Law Party, which advocates power for yoga practitioners, all got 10 free minutes nationwide.

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Clinton trying to arrange U.S.-run meeting between Arafat, Netanyahu

WASHINGTON (AP) — Yasser Arafat demanded on Thursday that Israel turn over 60 percent more of the West Bank as President Clinton moved to set up a U.S.-run meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the Palestinian leader.

After the first of two meetings at the White House, Arafat also insisted the Palestine National Council had followed through on a promise to nullify calls for Israel's destruction. He said he had presented a letter to Clinton to bolster that statement.

Still, Clinton urged Arafat to do more to stop terrorism against Israel. "There always is more that can be done," spokesman Mike McCurry said.

"Thwarting terrorism has been at the top of the list of his concerns," McCurry said of Clinton's Middle East agenda.

Arafat called the first meeting encouraging. He told reporters that Netanyahu had distorted the Palestinian record on terrorism, jailing in Jericho the alleged killers of an Israeli who Netanyahu had claimed were free to frequent coffee houses on the West Bank.

Sitting down with Arafat two days after a similar session with Netanyahu, Clinton said, "I'm convinced we can make some progress."

Under the proposal for a three-way meeting, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright would mediate between Netanyahu and Arafat at a still-to-be-determined site in Europe, hoping to close a deal based on a large Israeli pullback on the West Bank, in phases linked to Palestinian moves against terrorism.

She already has insisted on a sizable Israeli withdrawal and also called for a freeze on building new homes for Jews on the West Bank or in Arab neighborhoods in Jerusalem.

Arafat told reporters in the White House driveway that Palestinians were entitled to 60 percent more of the West Bank under agreements with Israel. That would be in addition to the 27 percent Israel already has turned over, along with Gaza.

He said he had turned over to Clinton a letter specifying steps taken by the Palestine National Council to annul calls for Israel's destruction. Arafat asserted that Netanyahu had blocked implementation of a security measure approved by the Central Intelligence Agency.

"I hope that Mr. Netanyahu will understand that peace is not only a Palestinian need. It's an Israeli need, it's a Palestinian need, it's an Arab need, it's an international need," Arafat said. "And I hope that Mr. Netanyahu will turn his words to deeds and comply with the agreements."

A senior Arafat aide, Saeb Erekat, said the Palestinian leader registered his objections to Netanyahu's characterization of Palestinian jails as a "revolving door" for terrorists and told the president "we're willing to go the extra step" to fight terrorism "as long as the Palestinian goal is not destroyed and that is to have an independent state."

Erekat said Clinton did not present any American plan for an Israeli pullback. "We haven't seen any (new) ideas," he said.

Arafat and Clinton were due to meet again Thursday night, after the daytime Ramadan fast observed by many Muslims.

Bringing the two leaders together, with Albright directing their discussions, would step up U.S. involvement in the dispute between Israel and the Palestine Authority. Arrangements are being discussed in hopes for a February meeting.

"I couldn't say we are there yet," State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said. But for the two sides to make tough decisions a three-way meeting with Albright "will probably be necessary," he said.

Albright, who made one trip to the Middle East last year and said she would not go back just to "tread water," met twice separately in Europe with Netanyahu and Arafat.

"We believe the Oslo process sets out a schedule for redeployment," Clinton said.

Arafat came to Washington saying he was "not asking for the moon."

"I am asking for what was signed at the White House," Arafat said before calling on Clinton. Referring to an interim agreement he reached with Israel in 1995, Arafat is insisting on a big pullback of Israeli forces — 60 percent, he told reporters in the White House driveway.

Netanyahu, on the other hand, said getting more territory depends on the Palestinians taking tougher measures against terrorists and the Palestine National Council publicly annulling calls for Israel's destruction.

He told reporters here before going home that he had not given the president "any percentages."

Former lawmakers urge action on campaign finance legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Vice President Walter Mondale and ex-Sen. Nancy Kassebaum Baker released a statement Thursday signed by 189 former lawmakers urging current members of Congress to enact campaign finance reform this year.

"The fact that so many prominent former lawmakers support reform highlights the widespread dissatisfaction that exists and that there is a consensus for action," said Mondale. President Clinton asked him and Kassebaum Baker last year to work on building support for campaign finance legislation.

The statement said any legislation must ban "soft money," unlimited contributions by corporations, unions and wealthy individuals that are supposed to be used for party-building activities rather than individual campaigns.

Also, it should contain complete and rapid disclosure of political contributions and expenses and independent enforcement of campaign finance laws, the statement said.

Among signees were former Senate majority leaders George Mitchell, D-Maine, and Mike Mansfield, D-Mont., and former Sens. Paul Simon, D-Ill., George McGovern, D-S.D. and William Brock, R-Tenn.

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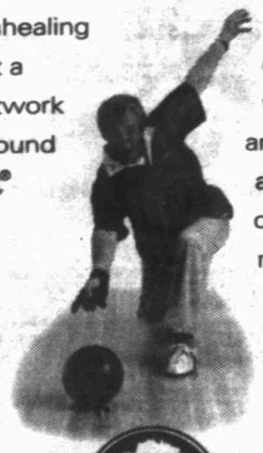


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25 years after Roe, issue is fought out on street

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twenty-five years to the day after the Supreme Court legalized abortion, thousands of opponents marched to the court with children in tow. Counterparts held giant coat hangers aloft as a symbol of suffering endured when the procedure was illegal.

"Abortion stops a beating heart," said the slogan stitched into the sweater of a woman demonstrator. Other marchers carried banners which read "Emancipate the unborn" or — addressed to President Clinton — "Bill, do you feel the pain?"

Another was addressed to his wife: "Hillary, abortion isn't child care."

But with Congress in recess and the capital preoccupied with an embattled president trying to cope with new accusations of sexual promiscuity, the annual effort to whip up sentiment caused barely a flutter.

On the grassy Ellipse behind the White House, demonstrators pounded white crosses into the ground as a symbol of the 35 million abortions performed since Jan. 22, 1973, when a profoundly divided court gave abortion constitutional protection.

The skies were gray, the wind chilly as the protesters made their way along Constitution Avenue to the Supreme Court, as they have this anniversary week for 25 years. Some were accompanied by pet dogs. Some pushed baby carriages.

His voice booming from the loudspeakers, Rep. Christopher H. Smith, R-N.J., called the number of abortions "a holocaust of staggering proportions." When Congress returns, Smith said, he will help lead the fight to override President Clinton's veto of a bill outlawing some late-term procedures that opponents called "partial-birth abortion."

Another speaker, Rep. Joseph Pitts, R-Pa., said abortions since 1973 have outnumbered all American dead in every war from the Revolution to the Persian Gulf.

In a crowded hotel ballroom, Vice President Al Gore addressed a luncheon of those on the other side, sponsored by the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League — the nation's leading abortion-rights advocacy group. He said President Clinton will propose a sharp increase in spending for family services.

"The single way to reduce abortions is to reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies," said Gore. "Let us move toward the day where every pregnancy is a wanted pregnancy."

A new group, Voters for Choice, announced plans to mobilize as a potent voting bloc the 22 million women who it said have undergone legal abortions — some more than one — since Roe vs. Wade.

"Anti-choice politicians have made abortion more difficult to get and more dangerous by making women delay their abortions while they maneuver a host of restrictions, including fear of violence and picketing at their clinics," said feminist writer Gloria Steinem, the group's president.

Outside, many of those demonstrating had not been born when the court ruled. Since then, polls have shown a country deeply split by the issue, with majorities supporting the right to abortions but also supporting states' power to impose restrictions, especially in pregnancy's later stages.

The division on this wrenching issue was evident even on Washington's streets. A 21-year-old student from Antioch College in Ohio, who wouldn't identify herself beyond her first name, Amber, said she drove all night to make herself heard. She held up a sign: "Without reproduction rights, I am Breeding Unit Amber."

She and other pro-abortion rights demonstrators said they were called "baby killers" by some in the nearby crowd.

Anti-abortion demonstrator Marian Neff, 52, of Chicora, Pa., 40 miles north of Pittsburgh, said she was urged by a doctor to have an abortion for her own safety, but she refused.

"I have a 21-year-old son, who was almost aborted," she told a reporter. "He's 21 now, and he's healthy as an ox."

The day started with an all-night prayer vigil at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and later with a meeting of demonstrators who made their way to the capital from Missouri.

Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., who is considering a run for the presidency in 2000, addressed the Missourians, holding aloft pictures of an ultrasound image of his unborn grandchild.

"If we'd had this kind of technology that literally demolishes the artificial reasoning of the Roe vs. Wade decision," he said, "then I wonder if they would have made the same decision."

Sonny Bono's widow to start campaigning for his House seat

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) — Sonny Bono's widow jumped into the race for his congressional seat on Thursday.

Mary Bono, 36, said she wouldn't start her campaign for the April 7 special election until early next month so she can attend to family business and see to a memorial service for her husband, who was killed in a skiing accident on Jan. 5.

Sonny Bono was 62. A Republican in his second term representing the desert sprawl of California's 44th Congressional District, Bono will be eulogized in Washington on Jan. 28.

"The past two weeks have been the most difficult and trying of my entire life," Mrs. Bono said in a press release. In an earlier television interview, she said she had worried about how much time she would have for daughter, Chianna, 6, and son, Chesare, 9.

"Prior to reaching this decision, I have had many in-depth discussions with my family and close friends. We all agreed that Sonny would have encouraged me to continue his work," she said.

Mrs. Bono has never held elective office.

Opponents have yet to file for the special election, but actor Ralph Waite, the father on TV's "The Waltons," told a newspaper he will seek the Democratic nomination.

"I am concerned at the way ... the national leadership is trying to shape and influence this local race," the 68-year-old Waite told The Desert Sun newspaper, mentioning House Speaker Newt Gingrich and former Vice President Dan Quayle.

Waite was the district's Democratic nominee in 1990, losing to the Republican incumbent at the time, Al McCandless.

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Jack Lord, star of 'Hawaii Five-O,' dies at 77 of heart failure

N.Y. Times News Service

Jack Lord, the deadpan star of "Hawaii Five-O" who made "Book him, Danno" a fixture of American slang, died Wednesday at his home in Honolulu.

He was 77 and died of congestive heart failure, said Carolyn Tanaka, a spokeswoman for Marie Lord, the actor's wife and only survivor.

Playing strait-laced, tight-lipped Detective Steve McGarrett, head of an elite state police investigative unit, Lord helped make "Hawaii Five-O" the longest running police drama in television history. It lasted 12 seasons on CBS, from 1968 to 1980, and was also seen in more than 80 other countries.

The phrase "Book him, Danno," used when the bad guy was captured, came from the name of McGarrett's assistant, Detective Danny Williams, who was played until the show's penultimate season by James MacArthur.

Lord was not only the star; his contract gave him control over dramatic decisions on every episode, and it was he who insisted, against the network's wishes, that the show be shot entirely on location in Hawaii.

That decision enhanced not only the show's appeal, as viewers seemed as entranced by the idyllic island scenery as by the crime stories, but also the Hawaiian economy. The network's spending on the production and on staff members' living expenses was estimated at more than $100 million a year, and the show fostered what Hawaiian government officials called significant increases in tourism.

"It was considered the ultimate travelogue for Hawaii," David Poltrack, executive vice president of research at CBS, said Thursday. "The ascent of Hawaii as a major tourist location coincided with the strong years of that program. It really hit a chord."

Lord helped shape the show with its creator and executive producer, Leonard Freeman. After Freeman's death in 1973, a succession of producers followed, but it was widely known that Lord controlled the show. He also directed several episodes.

"He was always a strict taskmaster, a perfectionist," said Kam Fong, an original cast member, who played Detective Chin Ho Kelly for 10 years. "When we were on the set, it was strictly business; he wouldn't stand for any horseplay. And he was not the sociable type. After work, he had nothing to do with us socially.

"But I learned quite a lot from him, and so did others," added Fong, who had acted on stage but never in films or television before "Hawaii Five-O." "We always had a lot of local actors on the show who were inexperienced, and he helped them a lot. He would yell at them, but always to help them learn."

Different biographies give varying birth dates for Lord, but Ms. Tanaka said the correct date was Dec. 30, 1920. He was born John Joseph Patrick Ryan, in Brooklyn, N.Y., the son of a steamship company executive. As a youth, he served as a merchant marine officer, and pursued his first love, painting, while working on freighters around the world.

Returning to New York, he won a football scholarship to New York University, where he majored in fine arts.

Selling Cadillacs from a showroom at 57th and Broadway in Manhattan by day, Lord began studying acting with Sanford Meisner at the Neighborhood Playhouse by night. His first break was a role in the Ralph Bellamy television series "Man Against Crime," and he went on to play in numerous live television dramas in the early 1950s. He also appeared in four Broadway plays, including Elia Kazan's production of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," in the role of Brick.

He later had roles in several movies, most notably "Dr. No," one of the early James Bond films.

Before "Hawaii Five-O," Lord won acclaim as the lead character, a rodeo rider, in "Stoney Burke," a 1962-63 series that lasted one season competing against "I Love Lucy" and "The Danny Thomas Show."

According to Fong and other acquaintances quoted in Hawaiian newspaper accounts, Lord and his wife, a former fashion designer, were famously reclusive. In recent years, when Lord's health deteriorated, he was rarely seen.

Endeavor blasts off for one more Mir rendezvous

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour thundered into the night Thursday on a flight to take one last American to live aboard the Russian space station Mir.

Thick, dark clouds that had hovered over the launch site throughout the afternoon were gone by the time Endeavour and its crew of seven rocketed away at 9:48 p.m. EST, right on time.

Andrew Thomas, Mir's next astronaut, was the main attraction.

"Good luck, Andy!" well-wishers shouted when he headed to the pad. Among those on hand for the launch was newly renamed astronaut John Glenn, preparing for his own shuttle flight this fall.

Thomas, a 46-year-old Australian-born engineer, will replace David Wolf aboard the space station. Endeavour is due at Mir on Saturday.

"We begin '98 sending our last astronaut for his stay on Mir," a launch controller said moments before liftoff. "We're going to howl for the Wolfman."

The only snag during the final stage of the countdown was a computer crash that erased some data in launch control; all the lost data had to be reloaded.

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Newsweek held off running Clinton story amid lingering doubts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newsweek had the story. Reporter Michael Isikoff had learned the Whitewater special counsel was investigating allegations that President Clinton and his longtime friend, Vernon Jordan, had worked to conceal an affair between the president and a young White House intern.

But Newsweek held the story as it went to press on Saturday night. The magazine decided it needed more information before publishing its findings. Then, on Wednesday, The Washington Post scooped the magazine with a front-page story headlined, "Clinton accused of urging aide to lie."

Ann McDaniel, Newsweek's Washington bureau chief, said she stands by the magazine's decision, which she helped make.

"I felt some sense of regret, particularly for Michael Isikoff, who had done so much reporting that put him ahead of everybody else. But I was proud that we had standards and lived up to them," McDaniel said Thursday.

Isikoff began his investigation a year ago into allegations that Clinton had an affair with the intern, Monica Lewinsky. From the outset, Newsweek decided it would not let a weekly deadline spur it into publishing anything less than an ironclad story, McDaniel said.

And, as last Saturday's deadline approached, there were lingering doubts.

Was Lewinsky credible? Would publishing the story harm the criminal investigation, as Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr was warning the magazine?

Brant Houston, executive director of Investigative Reporters and Editors, a media group, said he can empathize.

"I think some investigative stories have pretty clear-cut standards for when you go and don't go," Houston said. "But in the United States, when you enter the arena of private lives and sexuality, the standards aren't always clear. And I think the press is increasingly under scrutiny for jumping into people's private lives too aggressively, even if they're a public official."

The delay prompted reports of infighting at the Newsweek bureau.

"It's just totally, completely false," McDaniel said. "We had hours of open conversation and comparison of notes and thoughts."

The Post story prompted Newsweek to action. The magazine posted a chronology of the alleged affair on its Internet site late Wednesday. It promised to follow up with full details in its issue next week.

In the story posted on the Web, Newsweek said that it decided to forge ahead after obtaining the type of additional information it had so desperately sought as its deadline approached on Saturday.

It was a list of written talking points — source unknown — that Lewinsky was alleged to have given to her colleague and confidant, Linda Tripp. Under the heading "points to make in affidavit," the document urges that the reader undercut the credibility of another woman who accused Clinton of making a pass at her.



AP Photo

President Clinton poses with the 1995 class of White House interns in front of the South Portico of the White House in Washington, D.C., in this White House photo. Monica Lewinsky is pictured in the third row above Clinton off his right shoulder wearing a black dress.

The Newsweek chronology also contained the following information:

■ That Clinton allegedly began his affair with Ms. Lewinsky in November 1995, when the woman was 21.

The magazine said the two had sex on numerous occasions during late-afternoon or weekend visits.

■ That when Starr's investigators subpoenaed Tripp in December, she told Lewinsky she planned to tell the truth about Lewinsky's relationship with Clinton.

"According to Tripp, Lewinsky responded that she intended to lie," Newsweek reported. Also according to Tripp, Lewinsky said that Clinton had advised her to deny the affair.

■ That Lewinsky, acting on the advice of Betty Currie, the president's personal secretary, sought advice from Jordan.

"They can't prove anything," Jordan is alleged to have told her. "If they thought they could, your answer is 'it didn't happen, it wasn't me.'"

■ That as time went on, Lewinsky soured on the president. On the tape heard by Newsweek, Ms. Lewinsky never names Clinton; but apparently refers to him as "the big he" and "the creep."

Newsweek says it was concerned about Lewinsky's credibility because she also said on the tape, "I have lied my entire life."

The magazine writes: "The statement raises the possibility that the affair itself was a lie, an exaggeration of a flirtatious moment, perhaps, that grew into a big lie."

People talking about Clinton: 'If he's lying, it's over'

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Karen Johnson doesn't want to believe that President Clinton had an affair with a young White House aide and covered it up. She voted for him, she says, "but if he's lying about all this, it's over."

Across the country, in airports and malls and barber shops, Americans wrestled with mixed feelings Thursday. Many said they could excuse a sexual dalliance inside the West Wing, but a cover-up would be politically fatal.

"If there's proof he tried to cover it up by trying to get her to lie, that's going a little to far," said Don Wiebelhaus, a 59-year-old security guard in Detroit. "If that's the case, it'd be in his best interest" to resign.

Kevin Hill, a Portland, Ore., bartender, polished a shine into the tables at Yamhill Pub while considering Clinton's fate.

"The president is from society like we are — is he supposed to act like he practices fidelity just because he's president?" he said. "The only thing that bothers me ... is if he put this girl in a position so that she had to perform certain acts to get gratuity she deserved anyway."

Monica Lewinsky, a 24-year-old former White House intern and employee, is said to have told a friend in secretly taped conversations that she and the president had an affair. But she later signed an affidavit denying the affair. She will be put under oath in the sexual harassment lawsuit filed by Paula Jones.

Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr is investigating whether Clinton or presidential confidant Vernon Jordan urged Lewinsky to lie. Clinton has denied the affair and efforts to cover it up.

Polls immediately after the allegations became public suggested that a narrow majority of Americans are prepared to believe Clinton and Lewinsky had a sexual relationship. Still, most Americans said they didn't want Clinton out of office.

What has Americans most upset: The possibility that Clinton may have asked her to lie under oath. A quick ABC poll Wednesday night found that 53 percent of those surveyed said Clinton should resign if he had had an affair and told the woman to lie about it.

"Telling her to lie, that's what crosses the line," said Jamie Phace, 22, of Portland.

"I believe his behavior was entirely inappropriate and stupid, if it's true," said Barbara Rhodie, 55, a film producer from Heathrow, Fla. "I don't think it's asking so much to have someone with morals and intelligence in the White House."

Though many people interviewed believe Clinton had the affair, few were willing to count him out yet.

For many Americans, it's old news. He was elected in 1992 amid allegations of extramarital affairs and "they've decided to dismiss it," said Rod Strickland, a 38-year-old Detroit attorney.

"It's not so surprising — as much as he's allegedly done so far," said Jake Finch, 28, of Overland Park, Kan. "What's one more?"

Radio was buzzing. A woman called WCOS, a country music station in Columbia, S.C., to say, "She's 24 years old and of legal age. That's just a big trophy for him."

A few voters wondered if Clinton is being set up.

"I could say I've had an affair with Clinton and he tried to romance me and I'm sure Ken Starr would be happy with that," said Al Blum of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., lugging a duffle bag through the Charlotte airport.

Clinton's political advisers are worried that the controversy could hurt the president's standing with female voters, especially if the White House begins to attack Lewinsky's credibility. Yet no more women than men expressed reservations with the alleged affair, according to ABC.

"If he did it, so what?" said Sherri Ford of Kansas City, Mo. "Other presidents have done that and it was kept quiet."

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Alleged sex and lies justify inquiry

The new sex-and-lies allegation against President Clinton that has Washington in an uproar is not just the latest in a long series of "bimbo eruptions." Unlike the scandals that followed Bill and Hillary Clinton to Washington in 1992 and have dogged his footsteps ever since, the latest scandal contains the implication of impeachable offenses — perjury, obstruction of justice and witness tampering.

Even Democrats in Washington were wringing their hands earlier this week and shaking their heads over news reports that Clinton had carried on an 18-month affair with a young White House intern named Monica Lewinsky and then he and his friend and adviser, Vernon Jordan had told her to lie about the affair to lawyers representing Paula Jones.

The allegation asserts that the president of the United States not only lied but also is guilty of obstruction of justice and instigation of perjury.

Linda Tripp, Lewinsky's boss after she went to work at the Pentagon, reportedly tape recorded some conversations with Lewinsky in which the young woman described her 18-month affair with Clinton. Those tapes also reportedly contain the young woman's assertion that Clinton and Jordan told her to lie to lawyers representing Ms. Jones in a sexual harassment lawsuit against Clinton.

Clinton has denied having the affair and urging anyone to lie.

While Ms. Lewinsky's allegation, if true, heaps more shame on the Clinton White House, what truly is at stake here is Clinton's presidency. The allegation asserts that the president of the United States not only lied but also is guilty of obstruction of justice and instigation of perjury. Those are significant charges that once brought down another president.

A three-judge panel felt the allegations serious enough to ask independent counsel Kenneth Starr to investigate the matter. We agree completely.

ANOTHER VIEW

Any progress welcome in Algerian nightmare

The continuing bloodshed in Algeria's civil war is generating renewed international concern, but the rest of world is doing little more than watching and worrying.

More than 1,000 civilians have been slaughtered in the North African nation since the Muslim holy month of Ramadan began two weeks ago as a new wave of violence has taken hold of the ailing nation.

The death toll has topped 75,000 in the long-running civil war which began in 1992 after the military government halted elections that almost certainly would have handed power to the Islamic Salvation Front.

The Islamic guerrillas want to end the country's secular social system and replace it with Islamic law.

European nations, Canada and the United States are exploring ways to end the killing, but there is no easy solution, particularly because the West has limited clout in Algeria.

Each side blames the other for the current rash of bloodshed, which includes the slaughter of children, according to media reports.

One positive development has emerged: Military leaders and some Islamic insurgents say they will accept a planned United Nations human rights inquiry.

The inquiry will be only a first step, but any progress is welcome in this lengthy and bloody nightmare.

— San Antonio Express-News

JACK ANDERSON

Staying in House would have benefited Espy

To understand how hypocritical Washington can be, consider the double-standard that applies to the enforcement of ethics rules in two branches of our federal government.

Right before Christmas, it was announced that poultry giant Tyson Foods, President Clinton's old Arkansas benefactors, had agreed to pay penalties totalling $6 million for their illegal care and feeding of former Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy.



Anderson

Tyson wanted Espy to hold off on new poultry regulations that could've cost the company as much as $30 million. As part of their campaign to win relief, they wined and dined the secretary to the tune of about $12,000. This included tickets to a Dallas Cowboys playoff game, a scholarship for Espy's girlfriend, and other favors of the type that companies bestow when they want to ingratiate themselves with public officials.

Bad stuff, to be sure. And Espy has certainly paid the price for his error in judgment. Not only has the government's investigation cost him his Cabinet job and his reputation, it'll presumably cost him hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal bills before he's through. (Espy's trial is slated to begin March 30.)

The ironic thing is that none of this would've happened if Espy had stayed in Congress. Before joining the Clinton administration in 1993, Espy was a rising star in the House of Representatives; a smart, black Democrat from a desperately poor district whose appeal often cut across racial lines.

Had Espy stayed in the House, he would have benefited from a lenient and self-serving ethics process that has degenerated to the point of parody. And he could have raked in $12,000 from the poultry industry without anyone batting an eyelash — or calling a lawyer.

No ethics case is bigger than the one affecting Rep. Bud Shuster, R-Pa., who is one of the last unreconstructed pork-barrel politicians in the House, and who lords over the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Shuster is in trouble over conflict-of-interest allegations stemming from his close relationship with Ann Eppard, his former chief of staff, who now represents several top transportation clients with business before his committee.

It took more than two years after the allegations surfaced for the Ethics Committee to get off its duff and agree to investigate. But rather than referring the matter to an outside counsel — which would insulate the Ethics Committee members from their own conflicts-of-interest — the House will deal with the matter internally.

That's great news for Shuster, who'll be in the spotlight this winter as the House tries to pass a five-year authorization plan for highway spending. For there is hardly a member of the House -- including three of the four members who are investigating the charges against Shuster -- who don't have a pet project pending before the Transportation Committee. In the past, Shuster has had no compunction about using his chairman's power to punish his enemies and reward his friends with the power of the purse.

Privately, there are several members, Republican and Democrat, who wouldn't mind seeing Shuster take a fall and having a new chairman appointed. But in reality, chances are the Ethics Committee won't have the spine to discipline one of its own. Which is why Espy probably wishes he'd stayed in the House.

KING'S LEGACY — The annual observation of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday tends to occasion a great deal of thought on the progress – or lack thereof – of race relations in America since the civil rights leader was slain in 1968.

While there is no doubt that King's dream of a colorblind society is far from fulfilled, we'd like to favorably note the progress that's taken place in the White House. We point specifically to a memorandum written less than 30 years ago, on the first anniversary of King's tragic death.

President Richard M. Nixon was trying to decide if he should use the anniversary to meet with King's widow, Coretta Scott King. Nixon's aides were split on whether such a meeting should take place.

One of Nixon's top advisers soon weighed in with a memo urging the president to avoid such a meeting, calling King "one of the most divisive men in contemporary history." The memo warned that a visit "would outrage many, many people who believe Dr. King was a fraud and a demagogue and perhaps worse. ... There are no long-run gains, and considerable long-run risks in making a public visit to the Widow King." Nixon took the advice and decided not to make the visit.

The memo was written by none other than Patrick J. Buchanan, the pundit and perennial presidential candidate. And it stands in sharp contrast to the events of last Monday, when Vice President Al Gore scored a political coup with a speech delivered from the Atlanta pulpit where King once preached. Standing next to Gore was none other than Coretta Scott King. The fact that this failed to spark any controversy suggests that there has been some progress made after all.

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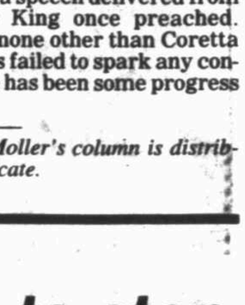


CHARLEY REESE

It's time to stop playing banking bailout game

The Clinton administration and probably the Republican leadership are going to try to tax you $14.5 billion to bail out the big New York banks.

They will call it "our share" of an international relief effort for the Asian economies. That's a bunch of hooey. It will be used to pay off the New York banks that made loans to the Asian tigers, which now resemble sick kittens.



Reese

It's the same as the Mexican deal, which was also a bailout of the New York banks. It would be all right if the banks shared their profits with taxpayers. They don't. But when they face losses, it's to heck with free enterprise and let's bribe Congress to dump our losses on the backs of single mothers, bricklayers, coal miners and shoe clerks.

To paraphrase Winston Churchill, this is something up with which you should not put.

Fortunately there are a few brave congressmen, or perhaps I should say unbought congressmen, in both parties, who oppose this raid on the taxpayers by the obscenely rich.

It is in your self-interest -- about $14.5 billion worth -- to help them and register your opposition to this bad policy. You can tell the GOP phonies, such as Newt Gingrich, that that free enterprise he claims to support means eating your own losses and not resorting to the socialistic scheme of dumping them on the taxpayers.

You can tell the Democrats that they had better remember who their constituents are or else they can face the next election hoping David Rockefeller lives in their district so he can vote for them.

Now you will be regaled by the president, probably by Gingrich and Trent Lott, ex-cheerleader, defender of female Air Force adulterers and liars, and majority leader of the Senate. You'll get a big load from Madeleine Albright and the Federal Reserve Board and Jim Leach, that funny-looking guy (he always looks like he just swallowed a lemon) who is chairman of the House Banking Committee.

You remember the House Banking Committee, of course. It did nothing to prevent the savings and loan collapse and then stuck the taxpayers with nearly half a trillion bucks.

All the lap dog newspapers will be howling for the bailout, too.

So what's new about the international bankers and the internationalist politicians raping the American taxpayers while they pile on the cow manure by claiming that it is not a rape, but a noble, responsible act opposed only by backward isolationists and ignorant people?

Nothing. It's just time to stop playing their game.

Maybe I'm just an ink-stained version of Don Quixote, but I refuse to believe that the capacity of the American people for indignation is stone dead. Americans stopped the fast-track rip-off (though we will have to fight that battle again this spring), and they can stop the Asian-New York rip-off if they make their feelings known.

It really is unforgivable to bail out rich, giant corporations with money taken from the sweat of people who work all their lives and are lucky to end up with a cheap funeral. Politicians who do that deserve to be tarred and feathered, a once honorable expression of public contempt. I suppose because of changing times, we'd have to super-glue and rubber-foam them, but that would work just as well.

And don't feel sorry for New York banks. They will also rape the Asian countries by buying up their bankrupt industries for pennies on the dollar. If the bankers have their way, it will be business as usual – the taxpayers will be nailed for the cash, and the Asian countries, for their assets. And the bankers will have once again mugged justice and retired to Fat City.

Are you up for a good political fight?

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WILLIAM MURCHISON

There's no middle ground in abortion debate

As the silver anniversary of Roe vs. Wade drew nigh, Republicans reluctantly demonstrated why and how the vexed issue of abortion got so vexed.



Murchison

Republican National Chairman Jim Nicholson, an abortion foe, begged his committee not to shut off party funds to Republican candidates who oppose banning the gruesome procedure called "partial-birth" abortion.

Another abortion foe, Dr. James Dobson of Focus on the Family, in an open letter to Nicholson, delivered to the chairman a rhetorical uppercut: "Shame on you, sir! Shame on your party!"

After Congress' No. 1 abortion foe, Rep. Henry Hyde, backed up Nicholson, the national committee canned the ban. The committee called instead for a law outlawing partial-birth abortion (Dr. Dobson's description of which is worth noting: "physician pierces the skull of an unanesthetized, fully viable baby who is already born except for the head. Then, the skull is collapsed by removing the brain through a suction tube."

Wait. The GOP would oppose this horrific practice while continuing to subsidize those favorable or indifferent to it? What kind of sense does that make? Late 20th century sense is the obvious answer.

The murkiness of the abortion debate enshrouds more than the GOP: "Most Americans," according to a new American Enterprise Institute study of public opinion on abortion, "are at once pro-choice and pro-life."

How's that again? According to Everett Carll Ladd and Karlyn H. Bowman, "People recognize that human life is precious, and they think it should be protected. At the same time, they feel strongly that individual choice should be respected." Abortion for birth control or personal convenience goes down poorly with most; abortion to save the mother's life, or to prevent birth of a deformed baby — the majority finds that different altogether.

Perhaps such murkiness of viewpoint should not surprise. What kind of guidance, as to abortion, is the watery, relativistic theology of the 1990s supposed to afford? Yes, theology. Whether or not we admit it, abortion is purely a theological question.

What you think about abortion depends on whether, and how strongly, you believe that God made and continues to make human life, thus exercising strict dominion over it.

Not to affirm strongly, powerfully, the sacredness of human life, as orthodox Christians affirmed it for 2,000 years, is to affirm life's non-sacred character.

If life turns out to be less sacred than we once thought (We were duped! We know better now!), murkiness sets in straightway. Which lives are we to protect? All? Just some?

All lives, orthodox Christianity answers (with carefully reasoned loopholes for capital punishment and "just wars"). You've got it backward! the relativists rejoin. The only justifiable "death" penalty applies to "preborn" types probably ill-fitted for life anyway.

Whether secularists, including "liberal" Christians, like it or not, orthodox Christianity is the guarantor of human life. Its reference point — God — is above all others.

I invite attention to these matters as a way of cutting through the Jan. 22, 1998, fog. Marketplace secularism, which calls one view as good as another view, can't and won't resolve the abortion controversy because, absent a religious consensus, no principle exists for resolving said controversy. Life is good, declares orthodox Christianity; life is sometimes good, the marketplace secularists declare, irritably.

So large a matter as this, the Republican National Committee can't resolve, nor Congress, nor the president. What has to happen for that to happen? A general purging of relativism and materialism by the society itself. Or a general, unconditional surrender by orthodox Christianity. There's no middle ground anywhere, no possibility of political compromise.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Jan. 23, the 23rd day of 1998. There are 342 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Thirty years ago, on Jan. 23, 1968, North Korea seized the U.S. Navy ship Pueblo, charging it had intruded into the communist nation's territorial waters on a spying mission. The crew was released 11 months later.

On this date:

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In 1845, Congress decided all national elections would be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

In 1920, the Dutch government refused demands from the victorious Allies to hand over the ex-kaiser of Germany.

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Jury begins deliberations in Mowbray retrial

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A woman once given a life sentence for her husband's 1987 death collapsed into tears and screamed, "I didn't do it! Please don't let them do this to me again!" minutes before jurors began deliberating at her capital murder retrial Thursday.

The outburst came as prosecutors wrapped up closing arguments in the murder trial of Susie Mowbray, who is accused of killing her husband, Brownsville car dealer Bill Mowbray, on Sept. 16, 1987.

Falling onto the defense table, Mrs. Mowbray sobbed and quivered as she repeatedly shouted, "I didn't do it! Oh God, I didn't do it. I loved him."

The eight-woman, four-man jury stared stone-faced at Mrs. Mowbray during the episode.

Her son, Wade Burnett, a Louisiana law student who has spearheaded efforts to prove his mother's innocence, rushed to comfort her as state District Judge Darrell Hester ordered bailiffs to escort Mrs. Mowbray from the courtroom.

Once she was removed, Hester instructed jurors to disregard the outburst and decide the case solely on the evidence they heard during the two-week trial.

Jurors deliberated for about 4 1/2 hours Thursday before Hester sent them home for the evening, with plans to resume at 9 a.m. Friday.

Lead prosecutor Bill Hagen said he would not ask for a mistrial, adding that he believed the jury would not rely on theatrics to decide the case.

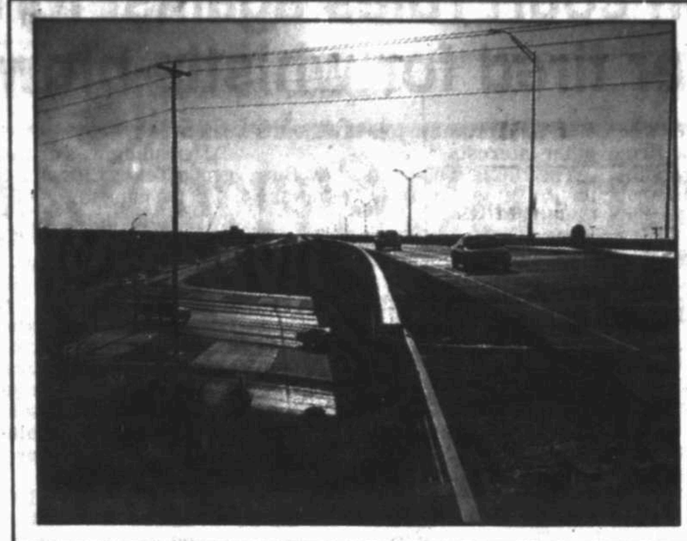
"It had an effect on the jury, no doubt," he said. "But how it goes is anyone's guess. They will either see it as a desperate attempt to escape the truth or they will feel sorry for her."

Mrs. Mowbray's attorney, Robert Ford, denied the disruption was a performance for the jury.

"I thought her comments were sincere," Ford said. "She's been under a tremendous amount of pressure."

Mrs. Mowbray is accused of shooting her husband in the head while he slept for $1.8 million in insurance money. She insists he killed himself because of depression and financial problems at his Cadillac dealership.

She was convicted of killing Mowbray in 1988 and sentenced to life in prison, but won a new trial in 1996 after an appeals court ruled prosecutors suppressed a blood expert's report contradicting their homicide theory.



New signal timing

The city of Midland Traffic and Engineering Division is in the process of modifying the traffic signal timing at major intersections at Loop 250: Midland Drive, Garfield Street, Midkiff Road and Wadley Avenue. The new timing will allow a larger number of vehicles through the intersections during green lights, according to Gary Saunders, traffic coordinator for the city.

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Obituaries



Bennie King

Services for Mrs. Bennie Ashton King, 79, of Midland will be January 24, 1998, at Greater St. Luke A.M.E. Church with the Rev. I.C. Cooper officiating.

Mrs. King died at her residence on January 18, 1998.

She was born December 7, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Brookens in Malakoff, Texas. She made the decision to follow Christ early in her childhood and served her faith with love and service. She also completed a course of religious studies. After completing high school, she pursued a career in nursing and cosmetology. Her friendly spirit and professional attitude endeared her to many.

She was preceded in death by both parents; one brother and her husband. Mrs. King leaves to mourn her death, one sister, Ms. Mattie Templeton of Midland and a host of relatives and friends.

The interment will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home.



Patricia Chiles

Funeral services for Patricia Chiles have been scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, January 23, at Fairmont Park Church of Christ with Ralph Gates officiating. Interment will be in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers will be Bill Beasley, Madison Box, Harold Douglas, Grady Lobley, Karl Petty and Ed Poulter.

Honorary pallbearers will be James Blake, Jim Eakin, Jack Estes, Goodrich Hesl, Bill Johnson, Bob Lutrell, Jack Moss, Bill Prude and Charlie Smith.

The lieu of normal remembrances, the family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland Inc., P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702 or Look Good Feel Good Shop, Allison Cancer Center, 2200 W. Illinois Ave., Midland, Texas 79701.

TODAY'S FUNERALS

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Death Notices

Dow Moseley

ANDREWS — Dow Moseley, 83, of Andrews, died Thursday, Jan. 22, at his residence.

Memorial services are to be 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at McNett Funeral Home Chapel in Andrews with Leslie Gross Jr. officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 27, 1914, in Haskell County.

He moved to Andrews in 1955 from Haskell County. He had worked for the County of Andrews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy May Carter Moseley in 1984.

Survivors include one son, Gary Moseley of Midland and one grandson.

Memorials may be directed to Means Memorial Methodist Youth Fund in Andrews.

Herminio Vasquez

Herminio Vasquez, 58, died Wednesday, Jan. 21, at a local hospital.

Services are to be in Mexico under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Survivors include his sons, Samuel Vasquez and Juan Vasquez, both of Midland, and Humberto Vasquez and Rigo Vasquez, both of Mexico; a daughter, Teresita Vasquez of Midland; four grandchildren; and two brothers and three sisters.

Astrid Casbeer

Astrid Casbeer died Thursday, Jan. 22, at her Midland residence.

Graveside services are to be 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at Greenwood Cemetery with the Rev. Wayman Swopes officiating. Ellis Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

She was born Jan. 16, 1920, in Melvin.

She worked for a short time as a care giver. She was a charter member of Greenwood Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur Casbeer on Oct. 5, 1984; a brother, Alvin Bratt and a sister, Allie Anderson.

Survivors include four sons, Michael R. Casbeer, Wilbur R. Casbeer, Jimmy E. Casbeer and David K. Casbeer, all of Midland; two daughters, Patricia A. Smyres of Little Rock, Ark., and Beverly J. Haney of Midland; three sisters, Ruby Bratt and Bernice Jones, both of Brady, and Eunice Maxwell of San Angelo; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Midland Inc., P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702 or American Heart Association, 3525 Andrews Highway, Suite 111, Midland 79703 or Greenwood Baptist Church Building Fund, 10908 FM 307, Midland 79706.

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.

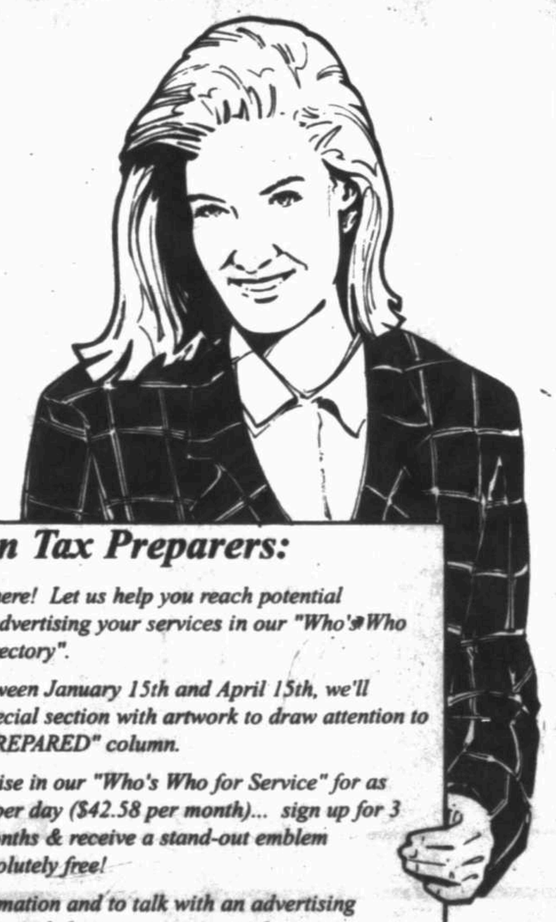
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Texas high court rules against former law partner fired for whistle-blowing

AUSTIN (AP) — A partner who was expelled from her law firm after blowing the whistle on another partner whom she suspected of overbilling has lost an argument in the Texas Supreme Court.

In a 6-2 ruling, the Supreme Court on Thursday upheld a decision by a lower court to overturn more than $4 million in damages awarded to Colette Bohatch, who had been a partner in the Washington office of the Houston-based law firm Butler & Binion.

Ms. Bohatch contends she was told by the firm in 1990 to find another job after she reported that the managing partner of the office, John McDonald, was overbilling Pennzoil, the office's chief client.

Ms. Bohatch said McDonald was taking long lunches, shopping trips and practicing photography during office hours and billing Pennzoil for 11- and 12-hour work days when he would only put in three to four hours.

The firm looked into the allegations. Pennzoil's then in-house counsel, John Chapman, said Pennzoil was satisfied that the bills McDonald was submitting were reasonable, according to court records.

McDonald responded by informing Ms. Bohatch that Pennzoil wasn't satisfied with her work. Roughly a month after she had raised her concerns, Ms. Bohatch was told to leave the firm.

She sued, arguing that she was retaliated against.

A Houston jury in 1993 ruled in her favor, awarding her $57,000 for past lost wages, $250,000 for mental anguish and $4 million in punitive damages.

The judge in the case cut the award to $851,000, which was cut even further by the 14th Court of Appeals in Houston in 1995.

The appeals court reduced the award to $35,000 and also awarded her $235,000 in attorney fees. The Texas Supreme Court upheld that ruling.

"Such duties sometimes necessitate difficult decisions, as when a lawyer suspects overbilling by a colleague," the court said in its majority opinion.

"The fact that the ethical duty to report may create an irreparable schism between partners neither excuses failure to report nor transforms expulsion as a means of resolving that schism into a tort."

A dissenting opinion authored by Justice Rose Spector and joined by Chief Justice Tom Phillips said: "The court's writing in this case sends an inappropriate signal to lawyers and to the public that the rules of professional responsibility are subordinate to a law firm's other interests."

The ruling was praised by Butler & Binion attorney Richard Countiss.

"If any one person doesn't want to be a partner or if all of the other partners don't want a single person, they have a right to reform that partnership without it leading to massive damages," Countiss said.

Countiss said Ms. Bohatch's claims against McDonald never were substantiated.

"I think the fact that the client (Pennzoil) said from the outset that it was not overbilled is a pretty strong indication that Ms. Bohatch was going to have a tough time with her complaint," Countiss said.

The ruling was criticized by the group Texas Citizen Action.

"The consumer of legal services, the client, will suffer, and the reputation of the legal profession will be tarnished further if partners fail or hesitate to police their colleagues," said Walt Borges of Citizen Action.

"This opinion would appear to have larger implications for whistleblowers and partnerships in any regulated profession that has ethical or conduct rules enforced by a disciplinary process," he said.

Messages left at Ms. Bohatch's residence and with her attorneys by The Associated Press weren't immediately returned.

Border water projects to receive $37 million

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The North American Development Bank announced Thursday it is recommending $37 million in grants for water and wastewater projects in four cities along the U.S.-Mexico border.

The money, earmarked for projects totaling $90 million in El Paso and in Ciudad Juarez, Naco and Tijuana in Mexico, is the first to be distributed under the bank's Border Environment Infrastructure Fund.

The BEIF was formed last year with an initial $170 million in grant money from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"The concept is very simple — affordability. There are many communities on the border which will never be able to afford projects without some assistance," said Victor Miramontes, managing director of the San Antonio-based NADBank.

The EPA has oversight over how the grant money is spent. Each of the four grants still must be finalized.

The El Paso project, slated to receive a $9.54 million grant, is an expansion of a water treatment plant that will extend the safe water supply to a number of colonias.

In Cuidad Juarez, a project that includes construction of the city's first two wastewater treatment plants and expansion and improvement of sewers and collectors has been recommended for an $11.08 million grant.

The Naco, Mexico, project near the Arizona-Mexico border is to receive $420,000 for upgrading the water supply and wastewater collection and treatment system.

A sewage collection and treatment project in Tijuana, in Baja California, is to receive a $16 million grant.

The NADBank and the Border Environment Cooperation Commission, which certifies projects for funding, were formed in 1994 connection with the North American Free Trade Agreement.

The NADBank has been capitalized with money from the United States and Mexico and has a total lending capacity of $3 billion.

State funding for remedial courses rising

AUSTIN (AP) — Funding set aside in the state budget for remedial courses at public community colleges and universities has increased 346 percent in the last decade, to a total of $172 million for the current two-year fiscal period, according to a new report.

Of such education — now called "developmental" instead of remedial — about 54 percent is to address students' deficiencies in mathematics, 22 percent in reading and 24 percent in writing, says the report released Thursday by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Lawmakers last year approved restrictions on the amount of state funding universities and colleges can get for remedial courses. The law limits university students to six state-funded remedial courses, while those at community colleges can take nine state-funded courses.

Supporters said it was meant to spur universities to put into place remedial courses that work.

That funding limitation doesn't become effective until the next budget period, because the money set aside for 1998-99 was calculated based on previous course hours, said board spokesman Ray Grasshoff.

The report released by the agency said, "From one perspective, it is desirable to implement policies that minimize funding for developmental education because they would allow institutions to focus on providing college-level instruction.

"From another perspective, constraints on funding for developmental education negatively impact access to higher education, a major state goal," it said.

"Routing more high school students into a curriculum that adequately prepares them for college may be the single most important step that can reduce the costs of developmental education in higher education without affecting access."

Besides those addressing deficiencies in certain subjects, developmental courses also include those that provide an orientation to campus facilities and programs. Those courses, however, generally aren't state-funded.

Courses on such things as study skills or time management generally aren't paid for with state funds at universities but may be at community colleges, according to the agency.

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Motran to release trade figures

Supporters of trade along La Entrada al Pacifico say numbers promising

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

The unveiling of "bullish" figures regarding current and potential trade along the La Entrada al Pacifico Trade Corridor between West Texas and Mexico will take place today, giving proponents on both sides of the border new ammunition in the struggle to expand the route.

Officials with Motran Alliance Inc. commissioned the prestigious Perryman Group to do a study of the route and its potential.

Supporters of the trade route in West Texas met with fellow supporters in Chihuahua in December. Mexican leaders sought assistance from their Texan counterparts in convincing the Mexican government that funds are needed to expand the corridor, explained Charles Perry of Motran.

"Although we got it for that purpose, all the information is very important to us," Perry said.

The economic impact study showed that the trade route, with its current and potential trade, is a major economic factor and a good investment for expansion funds.

"It really charged them up," Perry said of the Alliance's Mexican counterparts. "The numbers were so bullish — and so optimistic ...," he said.

At an 11 a.m. conference today, members of the Perryman Group, including doctorate-level economist Ray Perryman, will present the report in its entirety with summaries and detailed analysis.

The report indicates current trade is at $4.7 billion in exports and $10.5 billion in imports.

According to the study, these figures are expected to rise continually to $11.4 billion in exports and $22.5 billion in imports by the year 2020.

Also to be included is another study of the trade between Midland/Odessa, Lubbock, Amarillo and San Angelo.

The projected growth for this trade also is extremely optimistic, according to Perry.

The cities of Midland and Odessa are currently supporting a piece of proposed legislation relating to the La Entrada al Pacifico Trade Corridor.

The Senate Transportation Bill, specifically the Byrd-Gramm Amendment to this bill, would provide an appropriation of $450 million for emerging trade corridors.

Recognized by the Texas Legislature and Gov. George W. Bush, La Entrada al Pacifico is the first and only such trade corridor designated in Texas.

The Senate Transportation Bill will be debated when Congress convenes for the 1998 session.

BASIN BRIEFING

Livestock show

The Midland County Livestock Show this weekend for 4-H Club and FFA members will include a culinary arts contest for youngsters Saturday at Midland County Exhibit Building. Entries are to be submitted between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Saturday. Kindergarteners through second-graders may submit four categories of cookies — bar, drop, shaped, and rolled cookies. Entry fee is $1 each. Older youths, junior, ages 9 through 11; intermediate, 12 through 14; and senior, 15 through 19, may also enter cakes. The entry fee for older youths is $2 each. Each entry is to include a 4-by-6-inch card containing the cook's name and the cookie or cake recipe.

Town meeting

ODESSA — A town hall meeting, concerning the proposed VA outpatient clinic in Odessa, is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at American Legion Post 430, 2201 E. Eighth St. Representatives of the Big Spring VA Medical Center will provide information and answer questions about the new clinic for area veterans. For more information call 915-264-4824.

Reporter slain

TEMPLE (AP) — Police arrested a man found covered in blood Thursday in the apartment of a slain Central Texas television reporter.

KWTX reporter Kathryn Dettman, 36, was discovered in her second-floor unit at the Wildwood Apartments, where there was no evidence of a break-in or forced entry, police spokesman Tony Hennes said.

"The suspect, when he was taken into custody, did have a considerable amount of blood on his clothing," Hennes said.

Charges have not been filed.

Neighbors called police shortly after 8:30 a.m. Thursday after hearing a scuffle in the woman's apartment, KWTX news director Rick Bradfield said. A manager let police into the unit.

"When they opened the door they found a man in the apartment. The reporter was dead on the floor of the bedroom. She'd been beaten to death," Bradfield said.

Ms. Dettman, who lived alone, was scheduled to work a day shift Thursday. Friday would have been her last day at KWTX, where she was assigned to the station's Bell County bureau.

Ms. Dettman was to start work Monday as a general assignment reporter for KTVT-TV in Dallas-Fort Worth, said KTVT assistant news director Denise Clodjeaux.

Both are CBS affiliates.

Ms. Dettman also was a former employee of The Associated Press in Los Angeles and the AP Broadcast News Center in Washington, D.C.

The KWTX staff had planned a going-away party for Ms. Dettman Thursday night.

"Obviously, everybody is in a state of shock," Bradfield said.

TODAY'S AGENDA

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

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Tall City Road Riders, dinner ride, 7 p.m., leave from Texas Am. Bank. 684-5310.

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Soaring above

A hawk, circling the skies outside Midland, is alert for signs of field mice or other small rodents, its favorite prey. West Texas boasts large numbers of several species of hawks.

Judge approves settlement with tobacco industry

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. District Judge David Folsom formally approved the state's $15.3 billion settlement with the nation's tobacco industry Thursday.

Folsom had been asked by two lawmakers to allow them to become party to the case. They wanted to argue against portions of the settlement that set aside the first year's payment, $1.2 billion, for specific health care spending.

Under the Texas Constitution, the Legislature has the authority to decide state spending.

Folsom denied the lawmakers' request. Other details about how he ruled on the proposed spending or on the fees to be paid to outside attorneys hired to help represent the state were not immediately available.

Under a 1996 agreement with Attorney General Dan Morales, the attorneys were to be paid $2.3 billion, or 15 percent, of the settlement.

When Morales announced the settlement last Friday, he said the issue would be turned over to Folsom, who had the authority to ignore the 1996 agreement. Whatever the fees are, the tobacco industry, not the state, will pay the attorneys, Morales said.

Earlier Thursday, Morales had said he was making minor changes to the settlement to allow all of the funds to flow through the Texas Legislature.

Morales said he believed he had a deal with the legislative leaders so the Legislature would "rubber stamp" the spending as laid out in the settlement agreement.

"Rubber stamp was his words?" asked Sen. Bill Ratliff, chairman of the Senate Finance

Please see SETTLE/2B

School board set to meet, discuss aging buildings

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Midland Independent School District school board members on Saturday will discuss what to do about the district's older and crowded school facilities.

The board will hold its second retreat of the new year at 9 a.m. in the MISD Administration building on Missouri Avenue. The public is invited to attend. Board members will discuss items, but will not vote on them.

Wilson Heidelberg, MISD construction manager, and Joseph Baressi Jr., MISD superintendent, said one of the top issues will be how the district should update aging schools.

Baressi said he believes the most urgent facility issue will be what to do about Midland High School. MISD officials have said the 70-year-old school is surrounded by other property and has inadequate facilities for programs like girls' athletics. They also believe the downtown area isn't a good place for the school because of its busy streets.

The school board backed a $110 million bond issue that included a new MHS but it was rejected by voters about two years ago. Opponents claimed the package was exces-

Please see RETREAT/2B

Groups collecting cans for 'Souper Bowl'

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Surveys indicate that Super Bowl Sunday is the third largest day for food consumption in the country, behind Christmas and Thanksgiving.

Two community outreach programs are using a Super Bowl Sunday theme to help Midlanders who won't be huddled in front of the television watching the football game and snacking on chips, dip, sandwiches and other treats.

On Saturday, high school-age members of Grace Lutheran Church will conduct its second "Souper Bowl" event at H-E-B — collecting cans of soup or other canned goods to benefit the West Texas Food Bank.

"We will have a large display set up at H-E-B and we invite people to contribute cans of soup — though we'll take any canned items — to their favorite team or the team they want to see win the Super Bowl," explained the Rev. Larry Krueger of Grace Lutheran. "Each can is worth one point that can be designated for either team and we'll keep a running tally ..."

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— Rev. Larry Krueger of Grace Lutheran Church

Last year, the Green Bay Packers — which won the Super Bowl — beat the New England Patriots 456-440 in the Souper Bowl.

Grace Lutheran youth members will be at H-E-B collecting food and handing out fliers from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., though later donations will be accepted, Krueger said.

Last year the group collected 896 cans for the food bank, totaling 1,065 pounds of food. Krueger hopes to collect even more this year.

"The crew that worked last year couldn't wait to do it again this year, and we have even more wanting to work this year," he said. "They have fun; they get to cheer for their team."

The event is part of a national effort by a national organization called the Souper Bowl.

"The best part of the whole thing is — I know food banks, during the holiday season get all these donations, but come January and February, when it's still cold, donations drop off. We're trying to help them keep their supplies stocked. The real need is helping the community. This is a positive way for the community to be involved and we're providing a way that's fun as well. Our motto is Loving God, Loving Our Neighbor," Krueger said.

Joe Gillespie, store director at H-E-B, noted that "by the time they were through last year, they had pretty much emptied the (store) shelves (of

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Faithful fans

Talk show host Oprah Winfrey signals to fans as she leaves the federal courthouse during a lunch break in Amarillo Thursday. Winfrey is in day three of her beef defamation trial. Story on page 2B

AP Photo



Bungled S.W.A.T. team drill posed no real danger, says FBI supervisor

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

A botched S.W.A.T. team practice held in downtown Midland Tuesday caught witnesses by surprise, but could not have resulted in serious danger, officials said Thursday.

Terry Kincaid, senior supervisory agent in charge of the FBI office in Midland, told the Reporter-Telegram that local television reports were inaccurate and tainted by sensationalism. As a result, some of the community has been misinformed on the incident.

"Obviously, we regret the mistakes that occurred, but I think the situation was dramatized ... and contained a bit of editorialization," Kincaid, said.

Kincaid explained the events that led Midland Police to detain an El Paso FBI agent in connection with a tactical exercise.

"There were no explosives and no live ammunition. It was a training exercise," Kincaid said of the Tuesday night drill. He noted that some "gunshots" people reported to police were really explosion simulators detonated for the drill.

During the exercise, agents with the El Paso FBI were scheduled to use the vacant, old police headquarters for room-clearing and hostage rescue training.

"The Police Department provided us with the key. They were aware we that we were going to use the building," he said.

Municipal court officials also approved the use of their facilities, Kincaid said.

"We made the mistake of not notifying the Midland P.D. patrol units that were going to be there that night," Kincaid said. "On the same token, we did not plan on having any outside activities, so we never anticipated any involvement with the patrol units."

The FBI did not have plans to carry out their

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Court sentencings

142nd District Court Judge George D. "Jody" Gilles on Thursday sentenced 33-year-old Dusty Nelson Moore to 30 years in prison for the aggravated robbery of an Albertson's supermarket.

Gilles found Moore guilty of the charges on Jan. 13.

During the course of the robbery, Moore hit a store clerk in the chest with a claw hammer — knocking her to the floor. During his trial Moore had blamed his actions on an addiction to narcotics.

"He claimed it was all the fault of crack cocaine, but I'm sure the victim didn't care," said Prosecutor John Westbrook. He added that a charge against Moore for an offense allegedly committed the same night as the aggravated robbery is still pending.

Westbrook said this will be Moore's third trip to the penitentiary. He was convicted previously of theft and burglary of a habitation. Under state statutes, Moore must serve a minimum of 15 years before he will be eligible for parole, Westbrook said.

Meanwhile, a 30-year old Midland woman has been sentenced to three years in prison for delivery of crack and powder cocaine to an undercover narcotics officer.

Regina Watson was found guilty on two counts of delivery of a controlled substance by a Midland jury on Jan. 13. Her sentence was decided Thursday by 385th District Court Judge Willie DuBose.

Prosecutor Wayne Frost said he felt the penalty was not severe enough. "I was thinking more along the lines of five years," Frost said. "She does have at least two other similar charges pending at this time." The range of punishment was from two to 20 years.

"It's not like she was a first-time dealer," Frost said. "It is apparent to me that this is what she is doing in lieu of legal employment."

He said records show Ms. Watson has not worked in a number of years.

Impersonating police officer

Midland police arrested two men on Thursday in connection with a Jan. 19 incident in which two men told a group of teenagers that they were police officers.

The three teens, two boys and a girl, told police that the two suspects approached them in an alley in the 4000 block of Pleasant at about 7 p.m. Monday.

The suspects identified themselves as undercover police officers. The suspects told the two boys to go home and told the girl, who was 15, to walk with them to a nearby home at 4006 Pleasant. At that location, they searched the girl's pockets and patted her down. They then let the young girl leave the area. She walked to one of the boy's house and told their parents, who called police.

After the investigation, police concluded that 23-year-old Joshua Ray Mellas and 27-year-old Richard Andrew Stark were involved in the incident. Each was charged with impersonating a peace officer, a third-degree felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

Plaintiff's son first to take stand in Oprah case

AMARILLO (AP) — Although there's never been a case of mad cow disease reported in this country, the risk cannot be considered nonexistent, the son of a man suing Oprah Winfrey testified Thursday.

Under questioning by Winfrey attorney Charles Babcock, Mike Engler said that as a scientist with a doctorate in biochemistry, he couldn't rule out the possibility that U.S. beef could become tainted.

"It's very difficult to say 'no risk,'" said Engler, senior vice president of Cactus Feeders Inc. "I think that's a scientific statement of fact. But it's very close to no risk."

His father, Paul Engler, owns Cactus Feeders and is among the cattlemen claiming they lost $10.3 million because cattle prices dropped after Ms. Winfrey's April 16, 1996, program about food safety.

The cattlemen are suing Ms. Winfrey under a 1995 Texas law that holds people liable for false and disparaging statements about perishable food products. In addition to actual damages, they are seeking unspecified punitive damages.

Food safety activist Howard Lyman's warnings about beef safety prompted Ms. Winfrey to swear off hamburgers on the air that day. The already weak cattle market tumbled afterward, though the defense blames other factors for the price drop.

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— Oprah Winfrey

Lyman, a co-defendant, said the U.S. practice of feeding processed livestock back to cattle mirrored the custom in England. Scientists believe the disease spread as a result.

The U.S. beef industry voluntarily banned the feeding practice two weeks before the show. The government officially forbade the process last August.

Under questioning from plaintiffs' attorney Joseph Coyne, the younger Engler was asked what he thought was objectionable about the show. He cited an exchange between Ms. Winfrey and Lyman in which she asked him, "You said this disease could make AIDS look like the common cold?" And Lyman answered, "Absolutely."

"I could not make the comparison in my mind between AIDS and the common cold, and how much more horrific this disease could become," Engler testified.

Engler said that before the voluntary ban in 1996, Cactus Feeders fed processed cattle protein to cattle at its feedlots. Using real feed components as props, Engler described the amount of cattle protein as less than a handful per 20 pounds of feed, most of which is corn.

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, is a brain-destroying disease. It ravaged British cattle for a decade and caused worries when British scientists announced in March 1996 that humans might have contracted a similar ailment by eating infected beef.

During cross-examination, Babcock introduced several death certificates for Cactus Feeders animals that died from central nervous system disorders, known as "brainers." Some died of encephalitis.

Many certificates bore a stamp from a Hereford renderer that read, "Picked up by your local used cow dealer." The pickups were made prior to the voluntary ban, and Engler allowed that some of the processed byproducts probably went into feed.

Most of the "dead slips" were signed by feedlot managers or other on-site personnel, rather than veterinarians. Engler said that was common practice and didn't mean a veterinarian hadn't treated the animal before.

Under questioning from Babcock, Engler acknowledged that the symptoms of some nervous disorders and BSE are similar. He later asserted that he doesn't suspect BSE has killed any Cactus Feeders cattle.

Some jurors' attention appeared to drift off and others fidgeted a bit toward day's end. Even Ms. Winfrey looked uninterested at one point, resting her head in her hand and looking off into space.

Engler remained on the stand when court recessed for the day.

Outside the courthouse, dozens of spectators endured bitter cold to catch a glimpse of Ms. Winfrey as she entered and left the building.

"People here are treating me extremely well, I have to say," Ms. Winfrey said as she went to lunch. "It's a really lovely place, Amarillo."

Several hundred fans gathered at the theater where Ms. Winfrey was taping her talk show during the trial. One Amarillo resident, Debbie Fair, stood along a fence, craning her neck to see the talk show queen emerging from her trailer.

"I can't believe no one's selling tickets," Ms. Fair said. "I'd give my $800 wedding ring for a ticket. I just want to see Oprah."

Tickets have been snapped up to sit in the studio audience for two shows this week.

SETTLE: Lawmakers criticize Morales' decision to allocate funds

(From 1B)

Committee. "I take pretty strong exception to the words 'rubber stamp'."

Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said he and House Appropriations Chairman Rob Junell, D-San Angelo, understood the deal was to give all the money to the Legislature. The two lawmakers pledged to try — but would not promise — to secure funding for the programs Morales proposed.

"It was not anywhere near what we discussed," Ratliff said of how Morales described the deal. "They knew better."

Ratliff said he and Junell will ask the Texas Supreme court to block parts of the settlement if Folsom approved the deal with Morales' proposed spending intact.

"It ain't over til it's over," Ratliff said. "We have said all along that if we didn't prevail at the federal court, we would be at the Texas Supreme Court. There are a lot of questions unanswered, and I assure you we are going to pursue the matter."

The settlement, announced last Friday, is the largest recorded against the tobacco industry, which has denied all wrongdoing as part of the agreement.

Morales discussed the settlement Thursday before the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

Two members, Sens. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, and Jon Lindsay, R-Houston, criticized Morales' decision to allocate any funds.

Lindsay called it an insult that Morales would not trust lawmakers' judgment.

Morales, a former legislator, emphasized that more than 90 percent of the funds, to be paid over 25 years, will be left to lawmakers' discretion. He added however, that Texas lawmakers long have neglected the needs of children and public health.

"I would strongly encourage you and your colleagues to do whatever is necessary to preserve 100 percent of this recovery for kids and for the public health," he said.

Ratliff said he would not discuss the merit of any of Morales' spending ideas, including the creation of a Permanent Health Fund, much like the Permanent School Fund that helps pay for public schools.

"We have consistently refused to talk about any particular use because we want to focus on who makes the decision," Ratliff said.

RETREAT: School uniforms among issues board will debate at meeting

(From 1B)

sive.

Baressi said the retreat will allow staff to learn about the board's views. Three new board members have been elected since the bond issue's defeat.

"We need to know if the current board is of similar mind, or if they want to approach it from a different direction," he said. "The other approach I would assume would be renovating (MHS)."

Jackie Hamilton, board president, said the retreat is a chance for the board to revisit the issue.

"The issue has not changed," Ms. Hamilton said. "They're still landlocked. We're having to deal with it. That school was not built to hold the amount of students it has."

Richard Bowden, chairman of the watchdog group Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility, opposed a new MHS in the past and his position hasn't changed. Bowden said the district can be cost-effective and improve matters by expanding MHS and adding pedestrian bridges.

"I think it's silly to refer to MHS as landlocked," Bowden said. "There are ways to solve the athletic facility issue that are short of a whole new campus. The need for a girl's athletic facility, that's not a need for a new MHS."

Heidelberg said MHS may be a top issue in his report to the board, but he's looking at ideas to update many elementary and secondary campuses.

Other key retreat issues include next year's enrollment projection figures and whether MISD should have school uniforms.

Joe Cummins, executive director for administrative services, is predicting that MISD's 1998-99 enrollment will average out to 23,492. Through this month the district has 22,996 students.

Board members also will decide on whether to conduct a parent opinion survey on school uniforms. San Jacinto Junior High is the only MISD school where students wear uniforms.

DRILL: Officers thought agent was playing paint ball game

(From 1B)

activities into the surrounding neighborhood, but one of the drill's participants hid behind a local barbecue restaurant during one of the operations.

"One of the (mock) snipers felt that he could get a better vantage point from a location that turned out to be behind this barbecue place," Kincaid explained. "He announced that he was going to move, but did not announce where he was going to move, which was a second mistake."

The business owner, District 2 City Councilman Juluis Brooks, saw the mock sniper lurking in the back of the building. The armed agent was dressed in camouflage and wearing a bulletproof vest. Brooks said he asked the agent what was going on. The man did not respond to Brooks' questions.

"Mr. and Mrs. Brooks were obviously alarmed and concerned just like anyone else would be. They called 9-1-1 and police responded," Kincaid said. "We also apologized to Mr. and Ms. Brooks. They understand what took place."

The arriving officers — according to information police gave Kincaid — thought that the agent was a young adult playing with paint ball guns.

"The arriving officers were not in the frame of mind that they were going to shoot somebody," Kincaid noted.

Police asked the man to put down his weapon. The agent, Kincaid said, obeyed the officer's instructions and informed them that he was an FBI officer. After police found his credentials, they released the man. Kincaid said he was satisfied with the behavior both officers displayed.

"Our officer made very certain that he did not excite the adrenaline of the officers. Once they were satisfied and knew he was an agent, the situation was resolved," he said.

Kincaid added that it is not unusual for an agent to be apprehended by police during undercover operations.

"It's happened to me twice before in my career in law enforcement. I have been drawn down by other law enforcement officers in the course of a night time search," Kincaid said. "All FBI agents are trained that if something like that happens ... they do nothing but follow the instructions of the police officer."

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John A. Urby, MPD chief of police, said that the incident was not handled differently from any other "basic call for service."

"It is a high-importance response because you have someone who reported hearing shots fired," Urby said. "When our officers got there, they found someone with a rifle and dressed in Army fatigues. The officers did draw their weapons because they don't know who the person was. The man identified himself as an FBI agent. They confirmed that this was all a legitimate deal. The FBI agent did exactly what he had to do.

"It could have been a major incident, but it wasn't," he added.

The situation did not cause any hard feelings between the law enforcement agencies.

"We have an outstanding relationship with the Police Department, and that will continue," Kincaid said.

"One of the most valuable lessons we and the (mock) sniper learned is that the officer does not change his position until he receives orders to change position," he said. "A sniper who does that is not only jeopardizing his own safety but the safety of other officers in the building. We will continue to have these training exercises now that we know where the mistakes were made. We have fixed the errors and as far as I am concerned, this issue has ended."

Urby also agreed that his department has always maintained an excellent relationship with any agency operating in this area.

"We pick up the phone and ask for something, and they're here. That's not the way it is everywhere else, but that's the kind of relationship we have," he said. "The FBI has always been supportive of us. We don't want this to be an adversarial situation with any law enforcement agency. All that we are asking is that in the future, they notify us in writing when they are going to conduct these exercises in the city."

The notice, he said, will give the Police Department time to spread the word among their officers, communications center and businesses in the area.

"We're all here for the same objective. There is a lot of value for law enforcement to have these practices out in the street," Urby said. "We will not be conducting an investigation. Our investigation was concluded when our officers left the scene that night."

Meanwhile, El Paso agent Kevin Colby apologized to Brooks and his wife for the misunderstanding.

"They told me they'd be more careful with these practices," Brooks said. "If someone would have been killed, it would have bothered me for years to come, but Mr. Colby assured this would never happen again."

He noted that his primary concern was the safety of all residents and the safety of the people of District 2, which is where the incident occurred.

"We've had a lot of robberies in this area, and when things like this happens, it stresses you out," Brooks said.

Volunteers needed to care for trees

From Staff Reports

Midlanders who wish to be volunteer "TreeKeepers" to help ensure the health and welfare of public trees may attend a Tree Care Workshop 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Sibley Environment Learning Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave.

The TreeKeepers will learn the techniques of pruning and mulching, tree identification, and how to detect diseases and malnutrition in trees, said Cindy Lanning, executive director of Keep Midland Beautiful, which is sponsoring the workshop with the city Parks Department.

Teaching the workshop is to be urban forester Nick Harrison of the Texas Forest Service and horticulturist Debbie Benge Frost of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

In the last several years, Keep Midland Beautiful has planted more than 6,000 trees in Midland.

"It's amazing," Ms. Lanning said. "They are not just 'stick' trees. They are trees" of size and substance.

TreeKeeper volunteers should wear work clothes to the workshop, Ms. Lanning said. Tools will be provided by the Texas Forest Service.

To register for the workshop, call Keep Midland Beautiful at 688-4190.

SOUP: Midlanders asked to give $1 or 1 hour a week to help AMOS

(From 1B)

soup)."

This year, he said, the store is making sure the product is available. He said, "We're going to make the product even more accessible. We're going to take some of the cans of soup right out in the foyer where they're collecting food, and customers who donate can take a slip of paper to the cash register and pay for the soup they donated."

He added, "H-E-B is proud and honored to participate in this program. All the canned goods stay within our area and we're helping the community right here in Midland."

On Sunday — game day itself — local churches, and all Midlanders, will be asked to pledge $1 a week or one hour of service as part of "Souper Sunday" to benefit AMOS, Area Missions Outreach Service. Congregations are also asked to bring cans of soup or other food to church, to be taken to AMOS.

AMOS Executive Director Margaret Thomas-Mouton said her service is a food bank supported by 11 Midland churches: Abundant Life, Asbury United Methodist, Bethel United Methodist, Calvary Assembly of God, Crossroads Christian Fellowship, First United Methodist, Greater St. Luke AME, Hollowell United Methodist, Holy Trinity Episcopal, St. Luke's United Methodist and St. Mark's United Methodist. It will celebrate its 10th anniversary in May.

"We're asking people on Souper Sunday to think about the people who don't have abundant food or snacks, even if they support another soup kitchen or food bank," Ms. Thomas-Mouton said.

AMOS also provides clothing for clients and has a special fund to help provide shelter for the homeless.

"Many people don't realize what a luxury it is to have a choice in what you eat or that you can drive a short distance to the grocery store to pick up something extra for dinner," she said. "A lot of our clients don't have transportation; and there are no large grocery stores in this area. Even if clients have transportation, they don't have the resources to buy food. It's amazing the number of people in this city who don't have an income, who get by with help from their family, friends or the grace of God."


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Dollar mixed

NEW YORK — The dollar rose against the Japanese yen Thursday amid increased scrutiny about economic troubles in Japan and throughout Asia. Those same concerns boosted major European currencies, forcing the dollar downward in a market skittish over the eruption of a White House scandal.

The Canadian dollar, also caught in the fallout of Asia's economic turbulence, fell to an all-time low.

In New York trading late Thursday, the dollar was quoted at 127.23 yen, up from 127.15 Wednesday. The U.S. currency also settled at 1.8045 German marks, down from 1.8193.

The dollar reached its all-time high against the Canadian currency at 1.4523 Canadian dollars, Thursday afternoon, far above the previous high of 1.4465 set in February 1986. By late trading in New York, the dollar traded at 1.4445 Canadian dollars, down from 1.4449 on Wednesday.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with Wednesday: 1.4697 Swiss francs, down from 1.4753; 6.0415 French francs, down from 6.0915; and 1,777.10 Italian lire, down from 1,788.

The British pound was quoted at $1.6485, up from $1.6311.

Southwest profits

DALLAS — Southwest Airlines Co. said Thursday its fourth-quarter earnings nearly tripled due to strong passenger bookings and cheaper jet fuel.

The Dallas-based airline earned $80.5 million, or 35 cents per share on a diluted basis, compared to fourth quarter 1996 earnings of $28.2 million, or 13 cents a diluted share.

Analysts surveyed by First Call Corp. had expected earnings of 27 cents a diluted share.

Revenue increased 17 percent to $975.6 million, compared to $831.8 million a year earlier.

Southwest chairman Herb Kelleher said the airline was able to keep costs down in the quarter mainly because of low fuel prices.

"Currently, jet fuel is averaging 54 cents per gallon, and we are hopeful for another good cost performance in first quarter 1998," Kelleher said. He also said passenger revenue grew 16.7 percent.

For the full year, Southwest reported a 53 percent increase in earnings to $318 million, or $1.40 per diluted share, compared to $207 million, or 92 cents per diluted share, in 1996.

Full-year revenue was $3.8 billion, up from $3.4 billion.

Greyhound contract

DALLAS — Greyhound Lines, Inc., said Thursday it has reached tentative agreement for a new labor contract for the bus line's drivers and mechanics.

The agreement must still be ratified by the local unit of the Amalgamated Transit Union. Specific terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

The 4,600 ATU members at Dallas-based Greyhound are now working under a six-year agreement ath expires Jan. 31, 1999.

Jim Cushing-Murray, president of Local 1700, said the negotiations went well and represented a "radical departure" from previous adversarial contract talks at Greyhound.

"That's the reason we reached a fair agreement early," Cushing-murray said.

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Supply glut continues to hit oil prices

■ Prices slump as consumption falls in Asia and U.S. supplies post biggest surge in over 10 years.

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Crude oil slumped to its lowest in almost four years, dragging down gasoline prices and oil company stocks, as consumption in Asia weakens and U.S. supplies posted their biggest surge in more than a decade.

Oil inventories rose 14 million barrels last week, the biggest jump since 1986, the American Petroleum Institute said. The 5 percent supply increase sent oil prices down to $16 a barrel in New York. U.S. refiners are slowing output and boosting imports just as producers pump all they can.

"We went from having plenty of oil to drowning in it," said Chris Schachte, a trader at GSC Energy Corp. in Atlanta.

Oil prices fell 29 percent since October as a mild U.S. winter and slumping Asian economies eroded consumption. A bleak outlook for 1998 prices — and lower oil profits — led to a drop in Exxon Corp., Mobil Corp. and Chevron Corp. shares.

Schlumberger Ltd., one of the oil industry's biggest providers of engineering and technology services, fell 12 percent after the company said its customers may cut spending because of weaker demand in Asia.

"We are surprised at where prices are," said Theodore Eck, chief economist at Amoco Corp., the fifth-largest U.S. oil company. "We didn't see the southeast Asian effect being so big, and the El Nino effect has made for a mild winter."

Crude for March delivery fell 2 percent to $16.04 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, the lowest for a contract closest to expiration since April 13, 1994. Adjusted for inflation, the price of crude these days is about 75 percent less than it was in 1980, after the Iranian revolution cut off some supplies to the West.

The abundance of crude available to U.S. refiners, the world's biggest oil consumers, in part reflects greater output by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which raised its production quotas on Jan. 1, and lower demand from Asia.

Turmoil in Asian economies has forced analysts to cut their forecasts of the growth in demand from Asia. While the International Energy Agency expects global demand to rise 2.2 percent this year, it's cut its forecast for Asia twice in the past two months.

A prolonged slump in oil prices could lead to less spending on exploration, though improved technology has reduced costs and improved drilling success rates in recent years, said George Gaspar, managing director of petroleum research at Robert W. Baird & Co. Inc. in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"This price was not the general expectation," Gaspar said. "The oil market was looking to $18 as the low level."

As demand growth slows in Asia, it's been less than buoyant in the U.S., the world's biggest energy consumer. Milder-than-expected winter weather reduced consumption of heating fuels, leaving inventories high.

U.S. crude oil stockpiles surged 14.6 million barrels last week to 318.1 million, or 11 percent more than a year ago, according to the API. The increase surprised most traders, who expected only a small increase of about 1.5 million barrels.

Microsoft, U.S. settle contempt charges

■ Broader dispute in government's antitrust case remain pending in court.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Seeking to avoid contempt of court charges, Microsoft Corp. agreed Thursday to let computer makers temporarily offer its latest version of Windows 95 without easy access to its Internet Explorer software.

By entering into the settlement with the Justice Department, Microsoft avoided the possibility of being hit with a $1 million-a-day fine by the court. The settlement represented only a temporary victory for the Justice Department, as the broader dispute in its antitrust case remains pending in court.

The government lawsuit, filed in October, seeks to prevent Microsoft from requiring computer makers to preinstall Internet Explorer as a condition of licensing Windows 95, the software that handles basic operations on personal computers and enjoys more than an 80 percent share of the market. The government contends Microsoft is using its near monopoly in Windows to muscle into the Internet browser market, thereby damaging rival Netscape Communications Corp. Browsers enable people to view and download information from the Internet.

Under the agreement, Microsoft agreed to let computer makers install Windows 95 but delete the Internet Explorer icons — the pictures that launch a program with a click of a computer mouse — from the computer's desktop or opening screen.

That leaves the Internet Explorer program in the computer, but not visible to the average user. Internet Explorer files are integrated with Windows 95 to let other programs, such as Intuit's Quicken personal financial software, access the Internet, Microsoft said.

Computer makers will be able to delete the Internet Explorer files via the "Add/Delete" program that comes with Windows 95.

The heart of the government contempt argument was that Microsoft didn't offer computer makers an easy option to remove Internet Explorer using the "Add/Delete" function.

The agreement, approved by U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson during a brief hearing, resolved only part of a larger antitrust suit in which the government accused Microsoft of violating a Dec. 11 court order. That order requires the company not to force computer makers to install Internet Explorer software as a condition of licensing the Windows 95 operating system.

Joel Klein, assistant attorney general in charge of Justice's antitrust division, hailed the agreement.

"Microsoft has agreed to immediately make available the most up-to-date, fully functional version of Windows 95 without forcing computer manufacturers to take its browser as well," he said.

The settlement provides "an opportunity for meaningful competition among browser companies for preinstallation of their software on new personal computers," the Justice Department said.

An April 21 hearing has been set on Microsoft's appeal of Jackson's order to separate its Internet software from Windows 95.



AP Photo

Bill Gates, chairman of Microsoft, introduces his company's latest Web browser, Internet Explorer 4.0, in San Francisco in this Sept. 30, 1997 file photo. Microsoft Corp. avoided a contempt of court citation on Thursday by agreeing to offer the most current version of its Windows 95 operating system without requiring computer makers to also install Internet Explorer software.

Home building strong in 1997

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vibrant job creation and low mortgage rates fueled strong housing demand, keeping builders busy in 1997. Analysts predict 1998 will be almost as good, with low rates helping to offset economic fallout from Asia.

Housing starts slipped 0.8 percent in December to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.52 million, the Commerce Department said Thursday. For the year, builders began construction on 1.48 million units, just 1,100 short of the 1996 total, which marked an eight-year high.

As 1997 began, most analysts were looking for a slowdown in housing. But unexpectedly vigorous job growth, reducing the unemployment rate to a 24-year low, plus better-than-anticipated stock market gains gave Americans the wherewithal to buy homes.

"The stock market has been a strong support ... especially for trade-up homes and second homes," said economist David Seiders of the National Association of Home Builders.

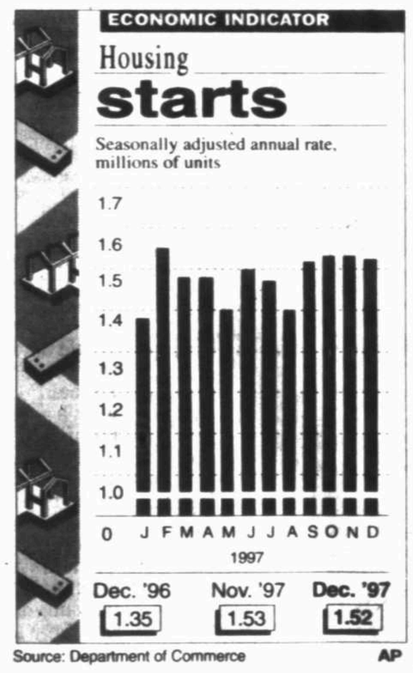
And declining mortgage rates, depressed late in the year as investors pulled money out of Asia and snapped up U.S. securities, made home-buying more affordable.

Mortgage rates edged below 7 percent as 1998 began. They hit a four-year low of 6.89 percent last week and ticked up to 6.99 percent this week, according to Freddie Mac, the mortgage company.

That's fueled a record number of mortgage applications, said the Mortgage Bankers Association of America. Applications last week were 277 percent higher than the same week a year ago. Refinancings accounted for 69 percent of the total.

"We're getting off to a running start ... but you can't sustain this type of pace forever," said economist David Lereah of the association.

He said continued low rates should help counter the impact on housing of a general slowdown as Asian financial turmoil crimps U.S. exports. On average, analysts are looking for about a 3 percent drop in starts to 1.44 million in 1998.



Source: Department of Commerce AP

AT&T may cut around 19,000 jobs

■ Chairman also plans to reassign much of senior management; plans to be announced Monday.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — AT&T Corp.'s new chairman reportedly is planning to cut as many as 19,000 jobs, or 15 percent of the company's work force.



C. Michael Armstrong, AT&T chairman

The Wall Street Journal, citing unidentified people close to the company, said Chairman C. Michael Armstrong is also planning to reassign much of AT&T's senior management.

The announcement may come as early as Monday when Armstrong plans to outline his strategy for the nation's biggest long-distance telephone company in a meeting with financial analysts, after AT&T releases its fourth-quarter results.

AT&T spokesman Burke Stinson declined to comment Thursday morning, saying only that AT&T plans to talk with its employees on Monday.

The job cuts could be the biggest to hit AT&T in a decade, the newspaper reported Thursday. AT&T currently employs about 128,000 people.

The Journal said AT&T could easily make the cuts just by freezing hiring, which it has begun to do. It said AT&T loses at least 10,000 employees annually through normal attrition.

The Journal said people close to the company said AT&T's directors on Wednesday had approved Armstrong's plan to cut jobs.

The company's former chairman, Robert E. Allen, cut more than 100,000 jobs at AT&T and was heavily criticized two years ago when he broke up AT&T, spun off its equipment businesses and laid plans to cut 40,000 jobs. But AT&T never made all of the cuts and its work force, excluding businesses it has sold, currently stands at 1996 levels.

Armstrong, who took over as chairman late last year, has said he is determined to make AT&T the industry's low-cost provider.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Investment clutter offers problems on different fronts

By Eric Tyson

Q: I am now retired and have recently tallied that I have about 10 different investment accounts with several dozen different securities investments, including limited partnerships. It's increasingly difficult for me handle everything as I get older. Many of the stocks were bought by my late husband, and the other things just got collected over time. What should I do?



Tyson

A: One's investment portfolio often reflects the history of one's life rather than one's current investment objectives, risk desires and tax situation.

Even if you had a clear investment plan five, 10 or 20 years ago, a lot has changed since then. Your husband has died. Your children might have left home. Your income, net worth and tax bracket probably all have changed. Whatever the case, your previous investment strategies might not fit your life any longer.

Too many accounts and too many investment holdings often result from many years of working and investing. As people move from employer to employer and get some extra money here and there to invest, the number of accounts and investments can quickly pile up.

Clutter is problematic on numerous fronts. First, it hampers your ability to keep tabs on your investments. The more investments you have, the less time you're likely to spend regularly assessing the pros and cons of holding each investment.

Do you read the annual reports each of your investments sends you? If not, that can be a useful sign you've got too many holdings.

Large volumes of paperwork can cost you money as well as time. The more complicated your portfolio, the higher your tax-preparation bill. Clutter also increases the possibility of losing track of an investment or two, especially those stocks and bonds for which you hold the certificates directly.

To clean up the clutter, first try paring down the number of accounts. Consider the purpose of each account, and eliminate accounts that have a purpose duplicated by another. All other features being equal — and they increasingly are these days — try to consolidate into accounts that charge lower commissions and smaller annual fees.

Brokerage accounts, for example, typically offer the same range of features and benefits, but some charge more for their services than others

Discount brokerage firms such as Charles Schwab & Co. and Jack White & Co. are good values, allowing customers the ability to hold mutual funds from various fund companies and individual securities all in one account. Discount brokerages generally don't charge an annual account fee.

Increasing numbers of discount brokers also now offer free dividend reinvestment plans. Account holders can use stock dividends to purchase more shares of the same stock without paying a commission.

Holding stock shares through such a brokerage account rather than directly through individual companies should also help you to cut down on the number of accounts.

In addition to shrinking the total number of accounts, you should consider paring down the number of different investments you hold within each account. Mutual fund investors should consider consolidating funds with very similar investment objectives.

Consider paring down individual security holdings and replacing them with mutual funds. Be mindful of your potential capital gains tax bill when selling investments.

Also weigh the hassle factor of some investments. For example, if you hold limited partnerships that require complicated tax filings and if you're able to sell them now, consider doing so.

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Compaq s	193933	31⅛	–1⅛
PhilMor s	114094	41 15/16	–2 5/16
Schlmb s	105624	71 9/16	–9 15/16
DiaOffs s	84191	39⅞	–4 15/16
AT&T	74531	65⅝	+½

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Chaus rt	3⅜	+2⅛	+170.0
Chaus s	2⅛	+⅜	+21.4
Fiat pf	10	+1¼	+14.3
Apria	11 15/16	+1	+9.1
LaidlawE	4⅝	+⅜	+8.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PlanHlly	7⅛	–3 5/16	–31.7
Iomega s	9 15/64	–4 11/64	–31.6
IndoSatel	13	–2⅜	–15.4
NatOilwl s	24 13/16	–4 3/16	–14.4
GulfIndo n	17	–2¾	–13.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,119
Declined	1,837
Unchanged	499
Total issues	3,455
New Highs	114
New Lows	41
Volume	268,582,450

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR	45434	98 5/64	–55/64
Nabors	27708	24⅜	–2 13/16
EchoBay	20472	1 13/16	...
Diamnds n	16626	77 3/16	–21/32
Autotote	14827	2 5/16	+1/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
UnityB wt	5¾	+1¼	+27.8
Sentry pf	2	+¼	+14.3
Globlink	2⅝	+5/16	+13.5
ChinaEn n	2½	+¼	+11.1
Sifco	20½	+2	+10.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
UTI Eng s	16¼	–2⅜	–12.8
Nabors	24⅜	–2 13/16	–10.3
GreyWolf	4 7/16	–½	–10.1
AlldDgtl	2⅜	–¼	–9.5
Emeritus	11⅛	–1⅛	–9.2

DIARY

Advanced	220
Declined	336
Unchanged	170
Total issues	726
New Highs	22
New Lows	9
Volume	35,022,555

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Microsft	199201	138⅛	+1⅝
WorldCm	139966	33¾	+⅜
Intel s	124995	76½	–⅜
ApldMat s	107002	30¾	–2⅛
Altera	81874	30 15/16	–3⅛

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BKC Sem	8⅝	+2¾	+46.8
CsmCntr n	3	+⅞	+41.2
IntBusSch	4⅛	+1⅛	+37.5
Depmd wt	2¾	+⅝	+29.4
Cabre	5¼	+1 3/32	+26.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DrChina n	2⅝	–⅞	–25.0
Cameiot	3¾	–⅝	–22.7
Sangstat	26	–6½	–20.0
AviGrp wt	2	–½	–20.0
Sybase	7 49/64	–1 59/64	–19.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,670
Declined	2,495
Unchanged	1,525
Total issues	5,690
New Highs	89
New Lows	82
Volume	660,504,400

HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 1,675 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 925 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 406 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 ...
YTD: Percent change in price since December 31.
How to use: The year-to-date percent change compares the most recent price with the company's price as of Dec. 31. The number is a good way to compare and track the performance of different companies in the same industry or the same town.

Benchmarks are important in investing and the year-to-date percent change can be a useful field of information when used as a benchmark. If you were considering investing in the automotive industry, for example, you could watch to see which auto stock was enjoying the best performance so far this year by looking at this field.

These numbers can be helpful in following stocks but as with all financial data are only one of many factors to use in determining how to invest. Consult your financial advisor before making any investment decision.

Tuesday

Div	Name	Last	Chg
.44	ACE Ltd	36⅞	–⅛
1.10	ACkrin	9⅝	+⅛
.60	ACM Op	7⅝	...
1.10	ACM Sc	17	...
.16	ACMSec	3¼	...

Wednesday

PE	PPE	Name	Last	Chg
8	8	ACE Ltd	36⅞	–⅛
17	18	ACkrin	9⅝	+⅛
6	...	ACM Op	7⅝	...
10	10	ACM Sc	17	...
...	8	ACMSec	3¼	...

Thursday

Thr	Name	Last	Chg
Air	ACE Ltd	36⅞	–⅛
ACkrl	ACkrin	9⅝	+⅛
ACM	ACM Op	7⅝	...
ACM	ACM Sc	17	...
...	ACMSec	3¼	...

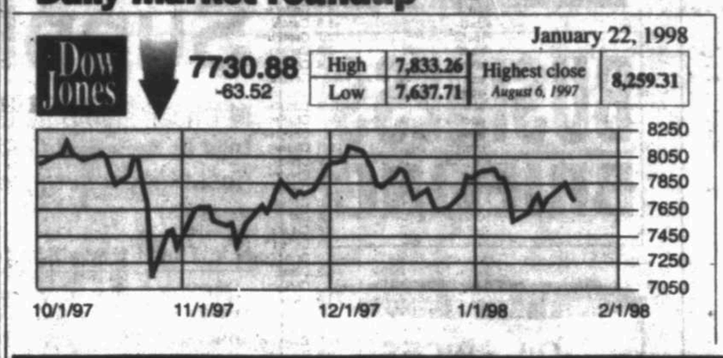
Friday

YTD	Name	Last	Chg
+8.3	ACE Ltd	36⅞	–⅛
–0.2	ACkrin	9⅝	+⅛
–3.0	ACM Op	7⅝	...
–0.2	ACM Sc	17	...
...	ACMSec	3¼	...

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

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. zw – Without warrants.

Daily market roundup



INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
6,299.49	6,356.78	Dow Jones Industrials	7,730.88	–63.52	–.81	–2.24	+14.43
3,384.40	2,300.67	Dow Jones Transportation	3,310.15	–27.46	–.82	+1.65	+40.93
273.44	208.98	Dow Jones Utilities	267.51	+.58	+.22	–2.04	+11.26
515.28	387.12	NYSE Composite	503.79	–4.11	–.81	–1.45	+23.13
723.03	541.02	Amex Index	665.61	–3.83	–.57	–2.78	+12.87
1,748.78	1,194.16	Nasdaq Composite	1,576.51	–11.41	–.72	+.39	+14.37
986.25	733.54	S&P 500	963.04	–7.77	–.80	–.78	+23.85
466.21	248.65	Russell 2000	426.20	–3.69	–.86	–2.48	+15.05
9,486.69	7,059.97	Wilshire 5000	9,196.76	–69.39	–.75	–1.09	+22.05

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

YTD	Name	Last	Chg
	A B C		
+16.0	AAR	u44 15/16	...
+1 3/16			
–3.6	ACE Ltd	93	–2¾
+4.0	ACMIn	11 7/16	–1/16
–1.2	ACM Sc	10	+1/16
+1.9	ACMSp	6¾	–1/16
...	ACMMD	13½	–1/16
–12.6	ACNiels	21⅝	+¼
–8.3	AES Cp s	42¾	+1/16
–3.7	AFLAC	49⅛	–9/16
–2.1	AGCO	28⅝	+3/16
–2.1	AK Steel s	17 5/16	–3/16
–1.7	AMB Pr	n24 11/16	–1/16
+.8	AMR	129½	–1½
+3.8	ARCOCh	48¼	–⅞
+2.1	ASA Ltd	21	–⅝
+7.0	AT&T	u65⅝	+½
+12.5	AVX Cp	20¾	–¼
...	AxÁ UAP	39	...
–7.2	Aames s	12	–⅜
+7.3	AbtLab	70¼	–7/16
–7.1	Abitibi g	13	–¼
+.8	Acptins	24⅜	+9/16
+9.2	AccuStff	25⅛	...
–.8	AdaEx	24	...
+3.5	AMD	18⅜	–3/16
+6.7	Advolnc	20 13/16	+3/16
–1.4	AeroVick	48⅜	+3/16
+5.4	Aetna Inc	74⅜	+1
+7.3	Aetna pfC	76 1/16	...
+1 3/16			
+7.1	AffCmpSv	28 1/16	...
+1 3/16			
+3.5	Agnico g	5½	–⅜
...	Agnium g	12 3/16	...
–13.9	Ahmans	57⅜	–1/16
–14.0	Ahmn pfD	118 37/64	...
+.85/64			
–4.3	AirProd	78 11/16	+3/16
+10.9	AirFrt	68⅞	+1/16
+2.7	Airgas	14⅜	–5/16
+8.0	AirTouch	u44⅞	–3/16
+7.5	AirTch pfBu	38 5/16	...
+1/16			
+6.7	AirTch pfC	66½	–¼
+1.8	AlaP pfB	25	...
+.7	AlaP pfC	25⅜	...
+2.6	AlaP adj pf	25½	...
+1.5	AlaPC pfQ	25 9/16	...
+1/16			
–25.6	AlamoGp	16½	–3/16
+18.2	AlskAir	45 13/16	–15/16
–3.9	Alberto s	30 15/16	+1/2
–1.9	AlbCulA s	26½	+1/16
+.3	Albertsn	47⅜	+¾
+2.7	Alcan	26⅜	+¾
–1.2	Alcatel	25	–1/16
–8.2	AlgEngy	30½	+1/16
–8.2	AllegTeldy	23¾	–1/16
–5.5	Allegiance	33½	+1/16
–8.1	AllenTel	16 15/16	–7/16
+2.6	Allergn	34 7/16	+1/16
+2.8	AllWrld2	13⅜	–1/16
+6.6	AlTch	59 7/16	+2 1/16
–5.2	AldSqnl s	36 13/16	+1/2
–2.0	AlmrFn	48 15/16	–1/16
–4.0	Alstate	86⅞	–2⅛
–8.0	Altel 98	56⅜	–3
+2.6	Altel	42⅛	+1/16
–5.8	Alumax	32¼	+1/16
–3.9	Alcoa	67⅝	–1
+14.1	Alza	36 5/16	+1/16
+8.1	AmaxG	2½	...
+.3	AmbacF s	46⅛	–1⅛
+.3	AmbssAp	t20⅝	...
–3.4	AmHas	53	–⅛
–15.0	Amerón n	36⅜	–7/16
+5.5	AmOnline	95 7/16	+3/16
+13.1	AmWest	21 1/16	+1/16
+33.3	AWest wt	10	+1/16
+.1	ABankrs s	46	–1/16
–1.8	AEP	50 11/16	+3/16
–10.3	AmExp	80 1/16	...
1 9/16			
+4.5	AGenCp	u56½	+7/16
+3.5	AGnHosp	27 11/16	+1/16
+1.0	AGIP	63⅛	–1/16
+3.1	AHltP pfB	25 9/16	+1/16
+16.3	AHome	68 15/16	–1⅛
–3.6	AmIntG s	104⅞	+9/16
+14.0	AIPC n	u28½	+⅜
+8.3	AmRadio	u57¾	+⅜
+16.8	AmResT n	13⅞	–1/16
–40.0	AmResidSvc	d9⅜	+5/16
–.8	ASking n	14⅜	–1/16
+6.0	AmStd	40⅝	+3/16
+8.5	AmStor s	22⅞	+⅜
+3.9	AmStP3	11 11/16	...
...	AWste	1⅝	+1/16
–1.6	AmWtr	26⅞	–9/16
–12.2	Amercrd	24⅝	–1/16
+26.6	AmerigTc	9¾	+1/16
–.4	AmeriSrc	58	–3/16
+8.7	Ameritch	u87½	+2 1/16
+6.6	Ametek n	27	+9/16
–5.9	Amoco	80⅛	–
2 7/16			
–7.1	AMP	39	+1/16
–4.1	AmSouth s	52 1/16	–9/16
–9.0	AmwyAe	17⅝	–⅛
–7.6	Anadrk	56 1/16	–
4 15/16			
–6.8	Analog	25 13/16	–15/16
+3.1	Anheus	45⅜	...
+1 5/16			
–9.3	AnnTayl	d12 1/16	–⅜
–4.3	Aon Cp s	56 1/16	+1/16
–5.9	Apache	33	–
2 1/16			
+2.7	Aptinv	37⅜	+⅜
+1.9	ApPw26	26 1/16	...
+8.5	ApplMg	11 15/16	–1/16
–11.2	Apria	11 15/16	+1
–10.2	Aptar	49 13/16	–1/16
–20.2	ArcadiaFn	5 15/16	+1/16
+1.7	ArchDan	22 7/16	+1/16
–8.2	ArgentFd	11 15/16	–⅛
–3.8	Armco	4¾	–1/16
–2.8	ArmWl	72 11/16	–7/16
–6.7	ArrowEl s	30¼	–⅞
–4.1	Arvin	31 15/16	–1/16
–7.0	Asarco	20⅞	–⅜
+5.5	Ashanti	8 7/16	+1/16
–1.7	Ashland	52¾	+3/16
+4.2	AsiaPc	7¾	–3/16
–40.0	AsiaPR	1⅛	–3/16
+2.5	AsiaPtp	10⅛	–⅜
+.8	AsiaTigr	7 9/16	–1/16
+.2	AscFCap	7 1/16	–⅜
+3.6	AstraAs	17 13/16	–3/16
+2.3	AtchCst	16⅝	–⅛
–1.2	AtlEnrg	20 15/16	...
–5.7	AtlRich s	75 9/16	...
1 13/16			
–9.5	ATMOS	27⅜	–1/4
–17.5	AtwdOcn s	39 1/16	...
3 13/16			
–6.4	AuthFlt	17 7/16	–1/16
–3.4	Autoliv n	31⅝	–3/16
–.6	AutoDt	61	–1/16
–9.7	AutoZone	26 3/16	–13/16
–4.7	AveryD	42⅝	–⅝
–9.2	Avisfl	13⅞	–1/4
+9.2	Avis n	34⅞	+7/8
–6.7	Avnet	61 9/16	...
1 9/16			
–3.3	Avon	59⅜	+3/16
+21.6	Aztar	7⅜	...
–8.8	BB&T Cp	58 7/16	–¾
–5.3	BCE g s	31 7/16	–⅜
1 9/16			
–18.9	BJS	58⅝	–4⅛
–2.0	BJs Wh n	30¾	–9/16
–1.5	BMC	16 1/16	–9/16
	BP Pru	16 1/16	–1/16
–1.3	BRE	27⅞	+⅜
+44.4	BT Off	11 3/16	+13/16
–17.6	BakrHu	35 15/16	–4 1/16
–.9	Baldor s	21½	–9/16
–13.8	Ball	30½	–17/32
–.5	Ballard	24⅛	+¾
–6.4	BallGE	31 15/16	+1/16
–2.9	BancOne	52¾	–3/16
+.5	BncBil prE	26⅛	+1/16
–6.6	BncoFrn	25 9/16	+1/16
–12.5	BcoRioP n	12⅛	–1/16
–12.4	BcSantCh	12⅜	–1/16
–1.6	Banctec	26⅜	–1/16
+9.1	BangH	6¾	+1/16
+2.7	BkTokyo	14 7/16	–1/16
–4.4	BkNY	55⅛	–1
–9.8	BankAm s	65 13/16	–1⅛
–2.7	BkAtlA s	15⅞	–1/16
–5.0	BkBost	89 1/16	+5/16
–6.6	BankTr	105	+2⅝
–5.0	Bard	29 3/16	–11/16
–10.9	BarnNbl s	29⅜	–⅜
+7.4	BarnesG s	24 7/16	–
1 9/16			
–9.9	BarrettRs	27¼	–⅞
–5.4	BarrickG	17⅝	–¼
–8.7	BattMt	5⅛	–1/16
+3.8	BauschL	41⅛	...
–.6	Baxter	50 1/16	–5/16
–2.6	BayApt	38	–9/16
+2.4	BayNtwk	26⅛	–⅜
–14.2	BearSt	40¾	+1/4
+5.9	BckIns	42⅜	–1/2
+17.0	BectDk	u56½	+2
–4.3	BedfrdP	20 15/16	–1/16
–38.9	BeijYan n	5 11/16	–1/16
	BellAtl	91 15/16	...
+7.1	BellSo	u80 5/16	...
+1 11/16			
–4.2	BeloAH	53¾	–¼
–6.8	Bemis	41⅛	–⅞
+5.6	Benckisr n	43 7/16	+1/2
–6.2	BenefCp	77 15/16	–
1 9/16			
– 5	BentonOG	12 7/8	–3/16
+6.3	BergEl s	23¾	+⅜
–5.3	BergBr s	39 7/8	–11/16
+7.2	BerkHa	A49300	–700
–1.0	BerkRty	11⅞	–1/2
–7.5	BerryP	16⅛	–¼
+33.2	BestBuy	u49⅛	+2¾
+19.5	BestB pf	u59	+2 1/4
– 1	Bestfoods	100⅜	–1⅜
–2.9	BethStl	8 7/16	–3/16
–3.8	BetzDearb	58¾	–⅞
+2.9	Beverly n	13⅜	...
+10.9	BigFlower	26¾	+1/4
–6.1	Bindly	29 15/16	–⅛
–8.5	Biovail	35¾	...
+1 5/16			
	BirStl	15¾	–1/16
+12.3	BlackD	43⅞	–1
–2.8	BlkHlCp	34¼	–¼
+ 6	Blk1998	9 13/16	+1/16
+2.2	Blk2001	8¾	+1/16
+2.7	BlkIT	7¼	+1/16
+3.3	Blk2008	15¾	+3/16
+2.8	BlkIMT	11 5/16	...
+3.0	BlkIO	8⅝	+1/16
+1.5	BlkStr	8⅝	+1/16
+.7	BlkTT	9⅜	+1/16
–6.4	BlckHR	41 15/16	–¼
+14.3	Bluegreen	5	+1/16
–4.6	Blyth s	28 9/16	–7/16
–7.5	Boeing s	45¼	+1/16
+.8	BoiseC	30½	+1/8
...	BoiseC pfF	25 1/16	...
1/16			
+.4	BoisCOff	15	–5/16
–2.3	BordCh	8⅛	–1/16
–.8	Borders s	31 1/16	+1/8
–1.7	BostEd	37¼	–3/16
+4.5	BostPrp n	34 9/16	+7/16
+6.1	BostSc	48 11/16	+3/16
–16.7	Bouygs	18⅛	–1⅜
+10.1	Bowatr	48 15/16	+1/16
+13.2	BoydGm	7½	–3/16
–.3	BradRE	20 15/16	–1/16
–5.7	Brahma n	13⅜	+1/4
–2.5	Brandyw	24½	+5/16
–6.5	Brazil	19⅝	+1/16
–3.4	BredTch	17⅝	–1/16
+2.3	Brinker	16⅜	–5/16
–13.3	BristHl s	25⅜	+1/4
+1.1	BrMySq s	95⅞	+1⅛
–4.0	BritPet s	76½	–2½
–14.7	BritSky	37 15/16	+3/16
–1.2	BritStl	21⅜	–1/16
+18.4	BritTel	u95⅛	+4⅝
–3.3	BrwnFA	51	+⅜
–2.1	BrwnFB	54 1/16	+⅜
+7.5	BrwnGp	14⅛	+1/16
–1.0	BrwnFr	36⅝	+⅝
–1.3	BrnFAC	33⅞	+⅝
–4.1	Brnwk	29 1/16	+1/16
–8.1	BrshWl	23	–9/16
–1.8	BudgetGp	33 5/16	+1⅞
–6.5	BurlCoat s	15⅛	–7/16
–.5	BurlInds	13⅜	+1/16
–5.3	BurlNSF	86	+1/4
–8.1	BrlRsc	41 3/16	–5/16
+29.6	BurlRsCl	7 15/16	+1/16
–16.5	CANTV	34⅜	–1¼
–12.2	CB CoRl	28¼	+⅝
+2.3	CBS	30⅛	–⅝
+2.5	CIGNA	176⅝	...
+1 7/16			
+.7	CIGHl	8½	+1/16
–2.3	CIT Gp n	31½	+13/16
+4.7	CKE Rst	40⅛	–1/4
	CMAC Inv	60⅜	–1/4
–35.8	CML Gp	2⅛	...
+.3	CMS Eng	44⅜	+1/16
+18.1	CNF Tran	45⅜	...
+1 9/16			
–7.4	CSX	50	–
1 9/16			
+2.0	CVS Corp	65 5/16	–⅜
–1.6	CabWire	26⅜	+1/16
	CabiDsg s	29 11/16	–1/16
–9.2	Cabltrn	13⅜	–1/16
–5.8	CbtOG	18⅝	–
1 5/16			
+3.3	Cadence s	25 5/16	+9/16
–5.0	Calenergy	27 5/16	–21/16
–4.7	Calgon	10⅜	–⅜
+7.4	Caliber	52 5/16	–7/16
+3.9	CallGolf	29 11/16	–⅜
–10.5	Calpine	13 5/16	–5/16
–16.2	Camco	53⅜	–5⅜
–2.2	CamdnP	30 5/16	...
+14.3	CmpR g	½	...
–50.0	CmpR wt	1/32	...
–8.4	CampSp s	53¼	–1⅛
+5.0	CdnRy g	49⅝	–⅜
–7.3	CdnPc g	25⅛	–⅛
+1.4	Capita pf	t 27	–¼
+7.2	CapOne	58⅞	–
1 13/16			
–12.8	CapMAC	30⅝	–1/16
–3.1	Capstd	19 5/16	–
1 5/16			
– 7	CapstCT	25⅜	+¼
–6.8	CardnlH	70	–⅝
–1.7	CareyDv	nd21¾	–⅜
–23.7	Carlbnr s	33 15/16	–
1 9/16			
+5.2	Carmik	30⅜	+⅛
– 2	CarnvCp	55⅛	+⅜
–1.8	CaroPw	41⅝	...
+3.0	CarsPr	51⅝	–⅜
–5.1	CaseCp	57⅜	–1/16
–7.7	CashAm	11 15/16	–3/16
–15.9	CastCk	14 3/16	–11/16
+6.2	CatMkt	49⅛	+⅞
–7.5	Catelus	18½	–1/4
–6.1	Caterp s	45 9/16	–
1 5/16			
+3.1	Cendant	u35 7/16	+⅝
–3.7	Centex	60 5/16	–15/16
+.2	CenSoWst	27⅛	+5/16
–4.4	CenLAEl	30 15/16	...
+6.6	CeMPw	16¼	–5/16
–1.4	CtrNws	63½	–1/2
+3.4	CntyTl	51½	+1/4
– 7	Ceridian	45½	+1/2
+1.2	ChmpE	20 13/16	...
+8.1	Chmpln	49 7/16	...
–25.2	Chart s	17 1/16	–11/16
–4.2	ChaseM	104¼	–⅞
–5.6	Chaus s	2⅛	+⅜
–2.1	Checkpnt	17⅞	+7/16
–22.3	ChesEng	5⅞	–¾
–2.0	Chevron	75 1/16	–⅜
1 9/16			
–22.6	ChileTel	23½	–9/16
–20.9	Chilgener	19⅜	–⅜
–39.8	ChinaEn n	3⅜	–1/16
–17.3	ChinaFd	10¼	–1/16
–37.9	ChnSAir n	8 3/16	–9/16
–14.2	ChinaTlc n	28 13/16	–
1 13/16			
–14.6	Chiquita	13 15/16	–1/8
–2.8	Chrysir	34⅜	–5/16
+3.0	Chubb	77⅞	–⅛
+.6	CIBER	u58⅜	+1⅛
+9.5	CinnBell s	33 15/16	–7/16
–8.0	CinMil	23⅞	+1/16
+10.0	CiscOd	1⅜	+1/16
–4.2	CINergy	36 11/16	–¼
–22.9	CirCCar	nd6 15/16	–3/16
–2.8	CircCtyCC	34 9/16	+⅞
+21.3	Circus	24⅞	–⅜
–9.1	Citicorp	114 15/16	–2 1/16
–1.3	CitzUtil	9½	...
–10.3	CityNC	33½	–⅛

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YTD	Name	Last	Chg
	A		
-16.7	AST Bd	d15	-⅞
-1.9	ACC Cp	48⅜	+1/16
-34.4	ADC Tel	27⅜	-1⅛
+5.0	ADFlex	16⅜	+⅜
...	ADM Tr	⅛	+1/16
+3.2	AMBI	2	-1/32
-8.9	APACT	12⅜	-⅜
-45.0	APS Hld	1⅜	-1/16
+16.9	ASA Hold	33⅜	-⅛
+27.7	ASE Tst	83½	-1
-3.9	ASM Lith s	64⅞	-6½
+46.8	ATC Com	14½	-⅛
+15.3	ATL PrAn	12½	+⅜
+18.5	AavidTh	26½	+2⅞
+16.4	AbleTel	8	--
-28.8	Abrazax	10⅝	--
1⅝			
-7.9	Accest	24⅞	+1⅛
...	AccentS	⅞	--
-11.5	AccesHt	28	-⅜
+15.5	Acclaim	43⅝	+⅛
-8.9	Actel	11⅜	-⅛
-4.5	Activisn	17½	-1/16
-37.4	Actrade	10⅝	-1 15/16
-2.6	AdacLb	19⅜	-⅝
-37.5	Adastrac	23⅜	-1⅝
-6.7	AdobeSy	36½	-⅞
+3.6	AdrienR	28⅝	-⅜
+9.7	Adtran	30½	-⅞
+125.0	AdvEnv	9⅞	-1/16
+3.0	AdvFCm	30	-1½
+21.2	AdvTiss	15	-¼
+11.9	Adventa	29⅜	--
+14.8	AdventB	29⅛	+⅜
+3.5	AerialC	7⅜	-⅝
-14.9	Athymet	26½	-1½
+6.8	Agourn s	31⅜	-1⅞
+9.2	AgriBio	18⅝	-⅞
-7.0	AirExp s	28⅝	-⅛
+8.3	AirTran	4⅛	--
+3.9	Aksys	9⅝	+1⅛
+15.0	Alanco	2⅝	--
+3.0	AlexBld	28½	+¼
+25.8	Alkerm	25	+1⅞
	AlrAFG	d¼	--
+7.1	AlsGam	5⅞	-1/32
+5.1	AltaCap	23⅜	-⅛
-2.8	AltaWste	22½	-9/32
+9.3	AltaGld	1⅝	--
-6.6	Altera	30½	-3⅝
-10.6	AltResc	20⅝	-⅛
+18.3	Alydaar n	18⅝	+⅛
+.6	Amati	19⅝	+1/16
+2.3	Amazon n	61⅜	+¾
+19.5	ACornS	15½	-1/16
-8.9	AmDisp	33⅛	--
+9.7	AEagleO s	25½	+½
-7.0	AmFrghtf	9⅜	-1/16
+6.1	AGreet	41½	--
+7.6	AHomstr s	u17⅜	+⅛
+22.2	AmInPt	4⅛	-9/32
-6.3	AOncol	15	-⅜
+9.0	APwrCnv	25⅜	-⅞
-35.0	AmTele	9⅜	-1/32
+2.7	Amarin	28⅜	+⅜
-7.8	AmerUs n	34	-¼
-11.4	AmesDS	15½	-½
-12.9	Amgen	47⅛	--
2 1/16			
-8.0	Amylin	5	-9/16
+6.1	Analgic s	31⅞	+3/32
-2.2	Analogy	5⅝	+⅛
+8.7	Anaren	17⅛	+2⅛
+24.6	AncorCm	5⅛	+½
+16.7	Andrew s	28	+1⅛
-12.4	Antec	13½	-⅜
+32.5	ApexPC n	29⅜	--
-9.3	ApolloG	42⅞	--
+46.7	AppleC	19⅛	+⅝
-10.8	AppISou d	10⅛	-⅛
-8.9	Appletree	16⅝	-⅛
+12.5	ApiCell n	5⅛	+1/16
+74.8	ApidDgtl	10⅛	-½
+8.2	Appling	27⅝	-1⅛
+.2	ApldMatl s	30	⅜
2 1/16			
+39.4	AMCC n	u17⅛	+⅛
+2.5	Aquagnx	7⅝	+1/16
+10.8	Arakis	2⅛	-1/32
+5.9	ArbrDrg su	19⅝	-9/32
-.8	ArborSft	40⅛	+3⅛
+5.9	AriadP	4⅜	+⅛
-18.9	ArtVasc	52⅜	-1⅛
+17.5	Artsft	2⅝	+⅛
+16.1	Ascend	28⅞	-1⅛
+18.8	Ashwrth	13⅛	+⅛
+12.0	AspctTel s	23⅝	+⅛
-12.8	AspenTc s	29⅞	-⅛
+20.1	AsystTch s	26⅛	+1¼
-10.4	AtHome n	22½	-1¼
-12.5	Atmel	16⅛	-⅜
-7.8	AuraSy	3	-1/32
-16.9	Auspex	6⅝	+⅛
+1.4	Autodesk	37½	-⅜
+4.7	AutProt	7	--
+8.3	Avanti	17⅜	-1⅛
+10.7	AvidTch	29⅝	-1¼
+40.2	Avwire	14⅜	-⅜
-16.3	AxentT	14⅞	-⅞
+8.7	AxysPhrn	8⅝	-⅛
-18.5	BE Aero	21⅜	+⅛
+10.1	BEA Sys n	19⅛	-1/16
+12.8	BI Inc	10⅛	+⅛
	BISYS	33⅜	-½
-2.5	BMC Soft	64	+1⅜
+30.6	BOSLtd	57⅜	+1/16
+8.0	Baan s	35⅛	+⅜
-8.0	BallyTot n	20⅛	-1/16
-4.0	BnoDalc	21	-¼
+2.1	BedBath	39⅛	+⅜
-8.9	Bellweth	9	-9/16
+1.3	Beringer n	38½	-1⅛
+40.5	BestSft n	13	+⅛
-4.8	BigBuck	5	-⅛
+18.1	Bill Info	55⅜	-⅜
-1.2	BioPhar s	20⅝	+⅜
+33.3	Biostrl	⅛	+1/32
+6.7	Biogen	38⅛	-1/16
+7.1	Biomet	27⅞	-⅜
+9.9	BioTeG	11⅛	-⅜
-25.7	Biotime s	14⅛	-1
-4.4	BlackBx	33⅛	-⅝
-3.4	Borlnd	7⅛	+1/16
	BostChk	6	-⅜
	BrassieG	9⅜	-1/16
+35.6	Brightpt s	18⅜	+⅝
-13.2	BrodSft	22⅛	-⅛
-17.0	BrooksAu	15⅝	-1
+10.9	BrookeF	61	+1⅛
-8.7	BrownTom	17⅜	-⅛
-15.6	BrushCrk	4⅞	-1/16
+22.2	C-CUBE	19⅛	+⅝
+2.2	CBT Gp	83⅛	--
3⅝			
-9.2	CDRadio	15⅛	-¼
+2.2	CDW Cpt	53¾	-1/16
+13.5	CHS El s	19⅞	-⅛
+6.5	CNS	7⅛	+⅜
-26.9	CTC Cm	9⅜	+¼
-10.7	CV Thera	8⅜	-⅛
+2.2	Cadiz	9⅜	-⅛
+9.8	CalPro	1⅞	+⅜
-4.8	CambHe	17⅞	-9/32
+6.5	CambTchu	44	+1¼
+43.7	Camelot	3⅜	-⅝
-8.4	Candies	5½	+⅛
+4.4	CarGrpt	35¼	+½
+20.7	Caseys	30⅝	-¾
+47.8	CasinoD	4⅛	-⅜
+48.6	CasMagic	1⅝	+3/32
-82.1	Casmyn n	⅛	-1/16
-21.2	CayenneR	1⅛	--
+27.4	CelNet	9⅞	-½
+1.8	CellesB	1⅜	-⅛
+5.5	Cellstar s	20½	+⅞
-19.8	CelbTch	2⅜	+1/16
+4.5	Centocor	34⅜	-½
+17.1	CenGardn	30⅜	-⅛
-13.8	CentreBn	31½	-⅜
+16.7	CntMne	7⅜	--
+5.8	CentAl	14⅛	-⅛
-12.7	CentBan	15½	+⅜
-7.7	Cephln	10½	-⅛
-5.4	ChaseInd s	36⅜	-1
+166.7	Chantal	⅛	+1/32
-8.0	ChrmSh	4⅛	-⅜
-10.9	ChkChnF	56⅛	-½
-8.7	ChkPnt n	36⅝	+⅛
-8.7	ChkFree	24½	-⅜
-29.1	ChkRex	12½	-⅞
+43.9	ChildPlc n	7⅜	+½
+4.0	Chiron	17½	-⅛
-.8	ChlenaCp n	60⅝	+⅜
+9.6	Cintas s	42⅜	+⅛
+2.4	Cirrus	10⅞	+⅛
+3.6	Cisco s	57⅜	-1⅝
+29.3	CitFed s	50⅞	-⅛
+10.0	CitzNtTx n	13⅜	+⅛
-8.3	CitrixS	71¼	-3⅛
+81.3	Clyncaps	8⅜	-1/16
+1.9	Claire	13¾	-⅛
-42.9	ClareTch	10⅜	-1⅜
+5.9	Clarify	12⅝	-⅜
-17.5	ClayEng	12⅝	-⅜
+3.3	Clearnet	11⅜	-⅛
-26.1	Cognex	20⅛	-1⅜
-8.3	Cognos g	21⅜	-1/16
+94.2	Coherent	43⅝	-⅜
-17.1	CohoEn	7⅜	-⅛
+34.7	Cohu	41⅛	+2⅜
+17.3	Coinmch	u28⅜	-⅜
+27.9	ColtTel	u54½	+1⅞
+8.3	Comair s	28½	-⅜
+3.1	Comcast	32⅝	+⅜
+4.8	Como sp	33⅛	+⅞
+4.8	Comintell	1⅜	+1/32
+102.8	CmtyCr wt	1⅜	+1/16
+3.1	CmpBnc s	45½	+⅜
+91.7	CmpWld wt	1⅞	-1/16
+39.7	CmpScrpt	2½	+9/32
+10.3	CmpuSrv	13⅜	+¼
+7.6	Cmpcm	8⅞	-⅛
-8.3	CptConc	9⅝	+1/32
+4.6	CptrLrn s	34½	--
+13.2	CptrLrn s	34½	--
1 1/16			
+23.6	Compwr s	39⅝	-1⅞
-11.2	Comvers	34⅝	-1⅛
+1.1	ConcMngd	34⅛	+⅜
-.3	CncEFS	24⅛	+⅜
-22.7	ConcCm	1⅝	+1/32
--	Conning n	16⅜	-⅛
+208.1	Conolz wt	u2⅛	+¼
+79.6	Conolgy n	5½	+⅞
-3.7	ConsCap n	19⅝	-1/16
+8.0	CnsFrtC n	14⅞	+1/16
-75.0	ConHCre	1/32	--
-33.3	ConsNev	3⅛	+1/16
-7.8	CorTher	20⅜	-⅜
-.3	CoreLab s	18	-⅜
+1.9	CoreICp g	1⅞	-9/32
-5.7	CoreStaff	25	-¼
-26.6	CorpExp s	9⅜	+1/16
+22.3	Corsair n	19⅞	-1⅞
-21.3	CostPlus	22⅝	+⅜
--	Costco	44⅝	+1/16
+8.0	CostEner	11⅜	+½
+100.0	CtryStr	1/32	-1/16
-10.7	Coventry	13⅝	-⅜
+4.9	CrkrBrl	35-	⅞
-13.4	CreToLtd	19⅛	+⅜
-16.0	CredSys	24⅝	-⅞
-19.7	CreeRsch	15⅛	-⅜
-1.0	CrwnGrp	3⅛	+1/16
+160.0	CMatthew	9⅜	-1/16
-10.3	CyberCsh	11⅛	+⅛
-13.7	CyberMd	13	-1⅛
+18.9	Cyberonic	u18⅛	+1⅜
+40.9	Cyclopse	1⅝	-1/32
+15.4	Cylink	11¼	+⅜
-.8	Cymer s	14⅞	-⅛
+95.7	CyprBio	u2⅝	+⅛
+9.1	CytoPh	7⅛	+⅜
+15.4	Cytogn	1⅜	-1/32
-28.6	Cytotrv	2⅝	-⅛
-19.1	Cytyc	20⅛	-⅞
	D		
+40.3	D&K Hlthr	u11⅜	+1
-.7	DII Grp s	27⅛	+⅛
-10.7	DSC	21⅞	-⅞
...	DSP Gp	20	-1⅛
+29.4	Danka	20⅜	+⅛
-22.0	DaouSys n	24⅜	-⅛
-18.1	DtaDimn s	14⅛	-1⅛
+22.6	Datastr	38⅛	+⅝
-12.6	DaveB&s	19⅜	-½
-18.6	Davox s	26⅝	-1⅜
-8.2	Dawson	14⅞	-2
-28.2	DawsnP	13-	⅝
-11.9	DBser	18	+⅛
+18.0	Delias	26⅛	-⅜
+10.1	DellCpt s	92½	-1⅜
+21.9	Dendrte	23⅜	-1⅛
-4.1	Dentsply s	29⅛	-⅛
+73.5	Depomd n	u7⅜	+1⅛
+11.4	DiaSys	6⅛	-⅛
+40.8	DiamM	12⅞	-⅜
-15.2	DigLght n	11⅛	-1⅞
+28.9	DigMic s	18½	+⅛
+9.7	DigtlSol	2⅛	-⅛
+1.9	DigtSd	1½	-1/32
-19.9	Documnt	33⅜	-⅜
-12.4	DltrTrees	36⅛	--
+34.8	DomBrdge	1⅝	--
-8.6	DreaB	25⅝	-⅛
-9.6	Drypers	5⅝	-⅜
-24.7	DuPont P	26⅛	-⅜
...	DunnCm n	9⅜	-½
-8.3	DuraPh	43	-1⅛
+58.3	DurbanRo	2⅜	+1/32
-55.6	Dynagn	1⅛	-1/16
+3.0	ETrade	23½	-⅛
...	ECI Tel	25⅛	-⅛
-5.5	ESCMed	36⅝	-1⅛
-11.1	ESSTech n	6⅜	-⅛
-3.2	EgiHld	18⅜	-⅜
+13.8	EarthSc	12⅞	+⅛
+20.4	Erthlnk n	31	-5⅞
+20.2	EcoSoil	6⅛	-3/32
+17.3	Egghead	7⅝	+⅛
+22.4	Eldos	15	+⅛
-40.0	8X8 Inc	d8⅜	-⅛
+1.1	Einstnlx	5⅝	-⅜
-12.5	ElcSci	33¼	-2¼
-1.2	ElcArt	37⅜	-¾
-5.8	EFII s	15⅞	-3/32
+2.6	Elcsarc	2⅞	--
-18.0	ElronEl	13⅛	-⅜
-13.4	EmisTch	16¼	--
+16.8	EmplySt	5⅛	-⅛
-11.1	Encad	24⅞	-⅜
+9.4	Envoy	31⅞	+¾
+13.9	EpiCompr	2⅞	--
-28.7	ErgoBlit n	6¹¹/₁₆	+⅛
-70.9	Escalon	2⅝	-3/32
+13.6	EuroCr	3⅛	-1/16
+7.7	Euroweb	7⅛	+⅛
+26.0	Excite n	38½	+3/32
+1.7	FPA Mid	18⅛	+⅜
-11.1	FTP Sft	2	-1/32
+18.3	FX Ener	7½	-⅛
+8.8	FamGolf	33⅞	+1
+4.3	FargTch n	12⅛	-⅛
+8.0	Fastenl	41½	-⅛
-4.8	FfthThrd s	78	+⅛
-1.1	FileNet	29⅝	-1⅛
-1.9	FinLine	12⅞	+⅛
-7.9	FstFtrs	45½	-⅛
+12.5	FstARwy	9⅝	+1/16
-10.1	FtHarr	35⅜	--
-8.1	FstHlth	48	-⅜
-18.2	FSecCp s	34⅛	-1
-10.5	FstTenn	59⅜	-1
-18.8	FrstVrtl n	2⅞	-1/16
+8.1	Fiserv	u52⅛	-⅛
-24.3	Flanders	7	-⅛
+4.3	Flextrn	36	-3⅛
+5.5	FonixCp	3⅝	-⅛
+8.4	FdLioB	6⅝	--
+7.0	FdLioA	9½	-1/16
+7.0	ForeSys	16⅛	-1
+30.8	Forward s	21⅝	--
-17.8	FGoldmn s	24⅜	-3⅞
+48.0	FrntNet	14⅜	+⅛
+5.6	FrozenFd	9½	+⅛
-8.8	FuszT	7⅝	+⅛
+3.0	Fulcrum	1⅛	+⅛
-5.0	Funco	14⅛	+⅛
	G		
-2.0	GT Interac	6⅛	-1/16
+4.2	Gadzooks	21⅞	-⅛
+13.9	GalileoT n	32⅞	+⅜
-1.0	Gartner	36⅞	-½
+38.4	Gamstr	u33⅛	+⅝
-43.2	GeneMed	2⅞	--
+1.8	GenNutr	34⅝	-1⅛
-12.3	GenScan	15⅛	-⅛
+6.3	Genset	21	-¼
-12.9	Gensia	5⅛	-⅛
+72.7	GentiaS	4⅜	+9/32
-19.6	Genus	d2½	-⅛
-8.3	Genzym	26	-⅛
+22.4	GeoTelCm	19⅛	+½
-29.6	GeoTk	1⅜	-1/16
-26.2	Geowaste	6⅜	-7/32
+55.3	GeronCp	12⅝	+⅛
-20.1	GilatSat	22⅞	+⅜
...	Gilead	38⅛	+⅛
+18.4	Gleneagle	11¹¹/₁₆	-⅛
-16.2	Globlind s	14⅛	-1⅛
+9.2	Globalstr s	63⅜	-1
-15.4	Globeco n	9⅜	+⅛
+92.9	GoffTSy	9⅞	+9/32
+19.5	GdyFam	32½	+⅛
-13.0	GothicEn	2½	-1/32
-9.0	GuitarC n	20⅝	-⅞
-10.0	Gilfsind s	18	-2⅛
+2.5	Gymbree	28⅛	-⅝
+2.3	HBO s	49⅛	-1⅞
-13.9	HMTTch	11⅜	+⅛
-13.1	HNC Sft	37⅜	--
-4.7	HSN Inc	49⅛	-½
-7.0	Hadco	42½	-4⅜
+17.0	HainFood	10⅜	+⅞
+3.6	Harbngr s	29⅛	-1⅜
+9.6	HarmLgt	11⅝	+⅛
+18.2	HtCrim	1⅝	+1/32
-1.7	HrstArT n	28⅛	-⅞
-12.3	HrtlndE	23⅝	-3⅞
-7.4	Heartprt	18⅞	-⅛
-.6	Heartst	10⅝	--
-5.3	Hefel s	44¼	+⅛
-7.0	HelenTr s	15	+½
+12.8	HennyJk s	u30¾	--
+1.4	HrtgaFn n	13⅞	+⅛
+100.0	HireHold	⅜	+1/32
+.8	HywdE	10⅛	--
+7.7	HmecnCn	3½	-1/32
+3.0	Honlnd	60¾	+⅛
-3.0	HuntJB	18⅜	+⅛
-7.8	HuntBnk	33⅛	-⅜
-19.8	HrroneH n	6⅛	-⅜
+5.1	HutchT s	23	-1
+13.1	HydelM	22⅜	-1⅜
-58.4	HybridN n	6⅜	-⅜
+9.1	HyprSf	37⅝	+1⅛
+8.8	I2 Tech	57½	-3⅛
+11.1	IC Isys n	u11⅛	+⅜
-4.9	ICG Com	25⅝	-1⅛
-18.1	ICOS	15-	+⅛
+46.3	ICOS Vtn	u15	+2
+22.2	IDEC	42	-⅜
-9.0	IdexxLb	14½	+⅛
-12.1	IDM Env	6¾	-⅞
+16.4	IDTCorp	23⅝	+⅛
-3.2	IFR Sys s	15	+⅛
+31.6	IGEN	17⅞	+⅞
	IL Form n	14⅞	--
-16.9	IMC Mt	9⅝	+⅛
+14.6	INSO	13⅜	-⅛
+1.1	ITEQ Inc	11⅜	-⅞
+9.7	IVC Inds	21⅜	+¼
+18.3	IXC Com	37⅛	+⅜
-31.0	IlliniSup	d1¼	-1/32
-24.1	ImagynMd	1⅞	--
-20.0	Imcline	6½	+⅞
+169.3	Imungn	2¾	+9/32
-7.9	ImunRsp	10⅛	+⅜
-10.0	Imunex	48⅝	-2¼
-3.7	InFocu	29⅛	+2⅛
-17.0	InControl	4⅞	--
+8.0	InfMgeR	40½	-⅛
+1.4	InfoRes	13⅞	+⅜
+17.1	Informix	5⅝	-⅛
+9.6	Infoseek	11⅜	-9/32
+18.3	InnovT	3½	--
-8.7	Innovex	20⅝	-⅜
-4.8	Innovo	4⅛	+1/32
-10.1	InsgSol n	1⅝	-1/32
-12.3	IntgCirc	25	-1⅛
+26.5	IntgDv	11⅝	-⅜
-2.4	IntgPrc	15⅜	-⅞
+22.1	ISSI	9⅛	-1/16
+8.9	Intel s	78½	-⅝
+12.4	Intel wt s	55⅜	-⅛
+7.3	Intelect	5½	-⅛
-14.6	IntelEl	4⅜	-⅛
+11.9	IntTel s	21½	+⅛
+10.5	IntopEx n	5⅛	+⅜
-31.7	Intrfm	5⅝	-⅞
-1.9	Intgph	9⅝	+⅛
+2.5	IntracT	17½	+⅛
+43.5	IntBusSch	u41⅛	+1⅛
+17.9	IntFibcm	6¾	-⅛
+30.8	IntLotTot	1⅛	+1/32
-3.4	IntlMatrl n	7	+1⅛
+1.1	IntlNtwk	23⅜	-⅛
	IntlNtwrk	3⅜	-⅛
+30.7	Isolyser	3⅛	+⅛
	J		
+2.1	JD Edwr n	30⅛	+1
-8.1	Jabil s	37⅝	-2⅞
-2.0	JacoEl	6⅛	-⅜
-3.3	JacorCm	51⅛	+⅛
+4.6	JonesM	40	+⅝
-6.5	KLATenc	36⅛	-1⅝
+3.1	KTI	16⅞	-¼
-5.7	KeltDG	2⅛	-1/32
-5.2	Kemet	16⅝	-⅛
-3.0	Kendle n	16⅛	+1
-3.1	Kimball s	17⅞	--
-8.2	KnightT n	26	-⅛
-8.4	Komag	13⅜	-1⅛
-4.3	KooiKR	21⅝	-⅜
-24.7	Kos Phr n	11⅜	+⅜
+1.9	Kulicke	16⅞	-1
+38.9	LCA Vs	1⅝	-1/16
-34.5	LCC Int	9½	+⅛
+4.2	LTX	4⅜	+⅛
+8.3	LaTelco	9⅜	+1/16
+4.7	LabrRdy s	20⅛	+1½
-21.8	LamBach	22⅞	-9⅜
-8.6	Landrys	21⅝	-⅞
+.7	Larscom	9⅜	-⅛
-12.5	Lasertech	9⅛	+1/16
-.8	Lattice	47	+2⅞
+21.2	LearBur	5	-1/16
+2.3	Legato	45	--
+35.4	LevelOne s	36⅛	+⅛
-23.7	Lidak	1⅜	-1/16
-8.5	Life Bcp	33½	-⅞
-1.0	Ligand B	12⅜	+⅛
+2.3	Lghtbrd n	u19⅝	--
+1 1/16			
+5.7	Lincare	u80¼	-⅜
+12.1	LinearT	64⅝	+⅛
+27.0	Liposm	5⅞	-⅛
+7.5	Lifeltuse s	26⅜	-⅜
+1.8	LneSStk	17⅝	+⅛
+7.5	LngBchF n	12½	+⅛
-7.1	Lycos	38⅞	-1⅛
	M		
+5.4	MCI	u45⅛	+⅛
-12.5	MPW Id n	7⅞	-⅛
+4.3	MRV Cm	24⅝	-⅜
-13.6	MS Carr	21½	-⅜
+1.9	MTI Tch	13½	+⅜
-3.1	MVSI n	5⅝	+1/32
+11.3	Macrmdia	9⅛	-⅜
-16.3	MagPhr	6⅜	-⅞
-3.2	Manugist s	43⅞	-1⅛
-19.0	MarDri	17⅞	-2
-3.8	MarinerH	15¾	-⅜
...	MktFct	16⅜	+⅛
-7.9	MktServ	4⅜	+⅛
+3.0	MarksBr	17	--
-12.5	MarshIls	54⅜	-⅜
+21.6	MasTchNZ	21⅛	--
+20.5	MatthwR	3⅝	--
-10.0	MatrixH n	5⅛	-1/16
-34.7	MatrixSv	6	--
-18.8	MavTube s	20⅜	-⅝
1 1/16			
+8.2	Maxtm s	37⅝	-⅞
+1.1	McCor	28⅝	+⅛
+14.1	McLeod	36½	-1⅛
-1.0	McMoRn	3¾	-⅛
+7.8	Mecklm	26⅝	+11/16
+5.3	Meconn	7½	+⅛
-2.6	Medimun	41¾	-2⅜
+9.1	Medaph	7⅜	+⅜
-9.5	Medarex	4⅜	-⅜
+13.3	MedResc	10⅜	+⅛
-6.6	Medicis	47¾	-1⅜
-6.3	MehlBio	⅝	+1/32
-31.5	Mentor	25	+⅞
-7.1	MentGr	9	-⅛
-13.1	MercttBk s	34	-2⅜
+4.2	Mercntac	u27⅞	-1⅛
-30.0	Merisel	3½	--
-4.0	MerlMd	6	--
+11.4	MesaAir	5½	+1/16
-36.2	MetaCreat	7⅜	-9/32
-17.3	MetaMgt	13¾	+1⅜
-5.8	MethdA	15⅝	-⅜
+8.1	Metrom	10⅜	-1⅛
+44.4	MtrmdF n	24	+1⅝
+6.9	MiamSb	2⅛	-1/16
-5.3	MichBnc	27½	--
+1 1/16			
+10.9	Micrel s	31½	--
4 1/16			
+13.5	MicroLin	8⅝	+⅛
-18.4	MicroWre	11⅜	-⅛
-29.9	MicroAged	10⅝	-1⅛
-23.1	Microchp	23½	+⅜
+15.1	MicronEl	10½	-⅛
-12.9	MicrPrse	1⅜	--
+7.3	Microsft	136⅝	+1⅜
+29.3	MilestnSci	21½	-⅜
+1.3	MillPhar	19⅛	-⅜
+.9	MindSpr s	33⅛	+⅛
1⅛			
-9.7	Minorc	15⅛	--
-14.4	Mitcham	15⅝	--
+3.2	MobMdn	6	-⅛
-.9	MobTel	21⅝	-⅛
-28.3	MdaCad	14⅜	-⅞
-38.5	MolecDy	10⅛	-⅜
-22.8	Molex s	24⅝	-1
-16.5	MolexA s	24	-⅜
+498.7	yMolsknsl	9⅝	+1/32
-15.1	MrchDst n	11⅛	+⅛
-17.7	Mondavi	40⅛	--
7 1/16			
+8.1	Moovie	1⅛	-1/32
+80.0	MustSft	u2⅜	+⅞
+41.9	N2K Inc n	20⅜	-1⅛
+8.3	NABI	3¹¹/₁₆	-⅛
+12.7	NBTY	37⅜	+⅜
-12.3	NatEng	3⅛	+⅛
+43.2	NatHead	5⅝	+9/32
+40.0	NatRag	7/32	--
-23.1	NatMkt	35⅝	-1⅜
+20.4	Nautica	28	+⅛
+28.9	NeoMgic n	16⅞	-⅛
+4.4	NeoRx	5⅞	-⅛
+27.9	NeoPath	16⅜	-⅛
-25.6	Netcare	18⅛	+⅜
+1.9	NetwkPer	53⅜	+1⅛
+1.7	Netwkmg	6⅛	+⅛
+28.1	Neurex	17½	+⅛
+4.4	Neumed	2⅝	+1/16
+25.0	NtrPst n	5⅝	-1/16
-10.0	NwEngHl n	10⅛	+⅛
-24.6	NewCrm n	11⅛	-⅛
-.2	NextelCm	26⅝	+⅜
-2.6	NoiseCT	1⅜	-1/16
-18.8	Nordst	49+1	7/16
-1.7	NrthFos	21⅜	+⅛
-10.8	NorTrst	62⅜	-1⅜
+9.4	NwstAir	u52⅜	-1½
-4.2	Novell	7⅝	-1/16
+9.0	Novlus s	32⅝	--
1 1/16			
-4.4	Novoste	21½	--
-10.3	NoBVis n	1⅜	-⅛
+1.0	ODS Netw	6½	-⅜
-4.8	OPTI	6½	-⅛
	ORsbyAs	28⅛	-1/16
+1.0	OakTech	6⅝	-1/16
+41.8	ObjSys	11⅞	+1
-18.4	OffsLog	17⅞	--
1 1/16			
-4.9	OldDom	14½	-⅛
-3.0	OldKent s	38⅞	+⅜
+15.0	Oltcom	29⅜	+⅜
-34.9	OmegaRa n	3½	+⅛
+3.8	Omnipoint	24⅛

LIFESTYLE

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AROUND TOWN

Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri in Midland, will show an exhibit on "A Texas Treasure" Jan. 27-Feb. 23. Items on display will include storyboards from "Gone With The Wind," an original manuscript by Charlotte Bronte, plot wheels used by Erle Stanley Gardner when he wrote his Perry Mason mysteries, and paintings by Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. The exhibit is composed of items from the holdings of the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center at the University of Texas at Austin.

An opening reception will be 7 p.m. Jan. 27 at the museum. The center's director, Thomas Staley, will attend.

The museum is open to the public 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2882 or 570-7770...

...WEST TEXAS Writers will meet 2 p.m. Feb. 7 in the second floor meeting room of Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave. Leslie Williams, chairman of fine arts and communications at Midland College, will be guest speaker. Her topic will be "The Ins and Outs of Getting Published."

Ms. Williams is the author of several articles, poems and books. Her latest book, "Seduction of the Lesser Gods," is scheduled to be released soon.

All interested people are invited to attend the meeting. For more information call 682-5370...

...VAN (Visual Aids Needs and Services) will have a crafts class 10:30 a.m. Jan. 28 at the VAN House, 2908 W. Ohio. Doris Kinser will be the instructor. Brown bag lunch and social time will follow. For more information call 694-2648...

...HIGH SKY Squares Dance Club will host a dance 7-10:30 p.m Jan. 24 at M-Squarena, 2800 West County Road 130 in Midland. Steve Hoffman of Mount Pleasant will be caller; cuers will be Carol and Harold Franklin of Midland. Admission will be a donation of $10 per couple. Round dancing will start at 7 p.m. and square dancing will start at 8 p.m. Singles, couples and families are invited to attend this non-smoking, non-drinking event. For more information call 685-3226 or check the Web site at http://www.iglobal.net/ewbank/pbsrda.htm...

...JUNIOR WOMEN'S Association will host its annual spring style show luncheon 11 a.m. Feb. 9 at Midland Center. The event will feature the fashions of Pat McMahon, wife of Ed McMahon, well-known as Johnny Carson's sidekick on the Tonight Show and as the spokesperson for the Publisher's Clearinghouse Sweepstakes. The McMahons will attend the New York style show which will be presented by Robbie Casey.

Lunch will be catered by Murray and the Frenchman. Tickets are $40 each. All proceeds will benefit the Community Children's Clinic and the Pediatric Ward of Midland Memorial Hospital. The Community Children's Clinic provides medical care for babies and children through age 14 from low income families in Midland.

For more information call 686-3921...

...NEWCOMERS' COFFEE will be 9:30 a.m. Feb. 5. For more information and location call 686-8737 or 570-6262...

...HOSPICE OF Midland Inc. will have a grief recovery program for anyone who has experienced grief through death, divorce, moving, job loss or any other cause. The program will be 7-9 p.m. Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24 at Hospice House, 911 W. Texas. For more information call 682-2975...

...BLACK IMAGE will host a party for junior high school students 8 p.m.-midnight Jan. 31 at The White House, 1703 W. Wall in Midland.

Students from all junior high schools are invited. Cost will be $2 per person; $1 for youth club members...

...MIDLAND WOMAN'S Club will host its annual Mexican Fiesta dinner 6:30 p.m. Jan. 23 at the clubhouse in Hogan Park. Entertainment will be by Hispanic Folklorico Dancers of the Hispanic Culture Center.

Tickets are $15 each and will be available at the door. The public is invited to attend...

FAMILY MATTERS

Dual-career couples don't always share housework

By Jim May, Ph.D.

DEAR FAMILY: I need your advice on how to handle my husband and his "male chauvinist pig" attitudes. We have been married over 11 years and have two girls (9 and 6). I went back to work right after the first of last year to help pay off our credit cards. I have helped do that, but now we spend more and bought a new car. I like my van, but now I *have* to keep working to pay for it and help with everything else.



May

When I went to work, my husband was all for it and said that he would help around the house. His idea of help turned out to be that he would pick up his clothes for a change! I have to do *everything* else.

I do all of the cooking, cleaning, washing and helping the girls with their homework, while he watches television. He says that he does the outside and that I'm supposed to do the inside. I don't want to do the yard work, but I think that there is a lot more housework than there is yard work.

When I try to talk to him about how unfair I think this is, he says that his job is a lot harder than mine and that's he's stressed at work and needs to relax when he comes home. I know that his job is hard and he does make more money than I do, but I'm tired and stressed too.

He is a good husband and father, but I need his help around the house. He tells me that I should make the girls do more and I probably should, but it's really hard for me to make those little girls stop playing and do housework when he's watching television.

I really am wearing myself out. I feel depressed and am getting where I don't even care what the house looks like. Can you help? EXHAUSTED

DEAR EXHAUSTED: I have some suggestions for you to try. Your husband believes that the "inside/outside" rule is correct; then he uses the "Golden" Rule on you — "He who has the gold, rules." Neither of these if correct or fair.

Make a list of all of the chores that must be done to keep the home functioning. Include everything that you believe needs to be done and by when — specify a time and day of the week. Include grocery shopping and preparing the meals.

Make your list, then add to it for at least a week so that it is as comprehensive as possible. After you are satisfied that your list is complete, arrange a time to meet with your husband to discuss the list. At that meeting, first review for completeness and agreement on what does need to be done as compared to what you would like to have done.

Once you reach agreement on that, divide the work up fairly between the two of you. If he wants to include the girls, give them some simple chores. Make a "Chore List" and post it on the refrigerator. Try it for a couple of weeks and make modifications as needed.

A final comment: No one can have it all — that is a lie created by Madison Avenue. In his book, "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families," Dr. Steven Covey does a wonderful job of explaining what is happening to families and what steps families can take to create a more Godly-based life.

Forget shortcuts or quick answers — the spiritual journey is about the journey, not the destination. You and your husband can use this "normal" dual-career family crisis as an opportunity to reevaluate what is truly important to the two of you. It will happen by default — for example, the new car — or you can do it by design — creating a family mission statement. Include God and good things happen.

THE FOLLOWING "TIPS ON SHOPPING WITH YOUR CHILD" ARE PRESENTED BY THE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

- Discuss with your child appropriate behavior that is expected of him while shopping. For example, running in the store is unacceptable.
- Discuss what suggestions your child might have if you were to misbehave in the store.
- Try not to shop when you have had a bad day or when you are so tired that you could drop.
- Make sure that your child is rested and not hungry.
- Develop some "sign language" at home with your child — signals that mean "stop," "come here" and "be careful."
- Try to make shopping fun for yourself and your child.
- Relax and try to focus on really enjoying this experience with your child.
- Promise to look with your child where she wants to look and show an interest in what she wants to see.
- Reward good behavior and do what you promise!

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DEAR ABBY

Unwanted attention on plane is handled by changing seats

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I had an unfortunate encounter on an airplane recently, and I'd like to share what I learned.



Van Buren

I was seated in coach, in a window seat, with a woman on the aisle and a middle-aged man in the middle. We chatted briefly about where we had been and our destination. The man was polite and neatly dressed.

After takeoff, I put my seat in a semireclining position so I could nap. The man took out a newspaper and began reading. As he turned the page, his right elbow touched my breast. The first time, I thought since we were in such cramped quarters, it could have been an accident, so I ignored it. When it happened again, I told him in a firm voice not to touch me again — but he did it a couple more times. Since he had both hands on the newspaper, the lady on the aisle didn't know what was happening. Not until I threatened to smash his ribs with the thick magazine I had rolled up did he stop.

When I mentioned this to the flight attendant, he said I should have called him immediately, and he would have moved me to another seat. I replied that I was not sure what was happening at first, and that we had been told the plane was full. He told me it did not matter — when in doubt, ask to be moved. They would have found another spot for me.

So, ladies, even if you aren't sure you are sitting next to a sexual predator, call the flight attendant and ask to be moved. I could have lost my cool and bashed that jerk with my magazine. On an airplane, such an act carries a very stiff federal sentence, and I could have been jailed for assault and battery. — E.T. IN LOS ANGELES

DEAR E.T.: Thank you for a helpful letter. A less assertive individual might have suffered in silence and never found out that the flight attendants could help. Although the majority of us may never have to use the information, it's reassuring to know what to do in a pinch.

DEAR ABBY: As both a businessman and consumer, I find negative signs to be far more offensive than signs that carry positive messages. The attitude signs reflect is often indicative of the attitude of the business as a whole.

In my business, we concentrate on never saying "no" to a customer until all other options have been explored. I publish a telephone directory, and often encounter customers who want preferential treatment in the placement of their ads. I believe it's unfair to give preferential treatment to one customer who is buying the same ad space as someone else. So, we now offer "preferred placement" for a fee. If a customer asks for something as unreasonable as a free ad without reasonable cause, I reply, "I will give you a free ad if you pay for the next three issues in advance."

As a consumer, I am offended by "No shirt, no shoes, no service" signs, and will instead patronize a business with the positive sign, "Shirt and shoes required by state law." I appreciate businesses that say "We accept Visa" instead of "No American Express," or "30-day money-back guarantee with sales receipt" instead of "No returns without receipt."

I wish you had told "Sick of Signs" to put a positive spin on them when it's her turn to make signs. She could even replace the more tattered of the existing signs with positive messages. — RIC TURLEY, BOULDER, COLO.

DEAR RIC: It's not surprising that your positive philosophy has made your business successful. In this increasingly competitive environment, companies would be wise to take a critical look at what their signs and customer service policies say about them. Both can be very revealing.

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Men's fashions are both classic and innovative

By Constance C.R. White
N.Y. Times News Service

MILAN, Italy — There is nothing quite so menacing as a man with nothing left to prove. One is never sure which way he may turn. On the one hand, he may choose to stride purposefully into the unknown and try to open some new territory. Then again, his position as conqueror may keep him on the path to victory. Giorgio Armani's studied adherence to the look he used to revolutionize men's wear almost two decades ago reveals a designer who has clearly decided that being on top is preferable to being in the vanguard.

Having redefined men's wear, and women's dress for that matter, Armani is content not to try it again, which leaves the race wide open to others hungrier than he, like Donna Karan and Calvin Klein.

In offering a vision for fall that did not appreciably veer from his classic power-shoulder draped suits, Armani was defending his esthetic territory from the onslaught of relaxed sportswear offered by designers like Klein and Karan and the pared-down clothes that Miuccia Prada, Jil Sander and Helmut Lang have birthed in the last two years.

THERE ARE STILL millions of dollars in pursuit of the Armani suit, for some customers a comfortingly familiar style in the face of what must seem like the oddly aggressive clothes of Gucci and Prada. And with so much new money around, Armani still represents one of the first tastes of the flush life. On Armani's runway, with Adonislike models draped in fabrics suggesting molten luxury, it was evident that the Armani look is still about tangible success.

Armani did posit a new jacket of a longer length with a Nehru-style collar, but it retained the signature fluid fabrics, strong shoulders and polished pleated trousers. He further translated fluidity into moss-colored velvet shirts and jackets for evening. Languid contemporary coats, both trenches and long and lean to the knee, came in dusky hues. A drop-waist, placket-front navy jacket suggested a man who might want to relax in his Armani.

Before his show, Armani said he did not want to mystify his clothes or draw from the past as Jean-Paul Gaultier and Gucci do. "It's much easier to make people talk about something by using a reference to the past, or a trick," he said.

Though Armani has decided to go the safe route, he also wants praise for being a la mode. Perhaps only someone of his stature could see the link between his orthodox collection and the hottest trend on the streets.

"The idea of tight clothes is already passe," he said. "All you have to do is look at the way young kids are wearing large-fitting jeans."

The restless counterpoint to Armani's resolution is Calvin Klein's search for the edge. In a collection as refreshing as Armani's was familiar, Klein managed to stake out territory in Italy, no less — where every designer seems to have a men's line. The only downside to Klein's triumphal entry into Milan, where he showed in sparkling white showrooms large enough to accommodate close to a thousand people, is that he may never again introduce his men's wear in his own country, the United States. At best, he will be a sporadic presence on the American men's show scene.

With great precision, Klein offered a new soft suit in tactile fabrics like mohair and felted wool in which the shoulders of jackets fell soft and rounded like a cardigan and the quintessential trouser was wide-legged and seamless with a couple of pleats at the waist. The flat-front pants that were his Holy Grail only last season were presumably in the back room, should anyone still want them.

The idea, Klein said, was to offer men the comfort of pajamas or lounge wear. But men will breathe a sigh of relief to know that the designs were not reminiscent of anybody's pj's.

Klein has always been good at extravagant sobriety, and in both his men's collection and his women's line he has found a way to soften the severity of his puritan trademark so his designs look up-to-date. The effect is the same as deflating a tire: the heavy padding and construction of classic suits are taken away, leaving behind shape and structure with an underlying ease. Sensuous wools — felted, boucle or stretch — and sueded cotton offset the spartan appearance of these slyly indulgent clothes.

A DOUBLE-FACE, knee-length navy cashmere coat fell open to reveal a blue bias-cut turtleneck and wide gray melange stretch pants that brushed the heel of the heavy black round-toe boots worn by the models. The navy leather placket-front shirt and navy felt pants had enough room for a man to reach across his desk for a pencil or toward a basketball hoop to try a dunk.

At 55, Klein is young enough that one could assume that his self-assured runway presentations in women's wear a few months ago and now in men's wear here in Italy may be a product of a fresh rush of creativity. It may also be that, as fashion tries to evolve minimalism, Klein, a sturdy soldier of stripped-down dressing for so long, is among the first to find his new footing.

Karan, who wears her design creativity on her sleeve, was in her element with this season's comfort clothes. Her men's wear is a sedative in a harried world, tranquil and nurturing.

The grouping of smooth stones and driftwood on the floor of the showroom where she mounted her still-life presentation was meant to convey what she called the "holistic" sensibility of the collection, sensitive to a man's physical demands and his internal life. A laser left the edges of a funnel-neck leather jacket raw and sharp, yet the forgiving shape and smoothness of the leather made the garment tender and approachable.

She juxtaposed a traditionally constructed chalk-stripe suit with a deconstructed one that had tubular, seamless trousers and a jacket with gently sloping shoulders.

What Ms. Karan's demonstration suggested — albeit on mannequins rather than on men — is how little a man might have to give up in the armor of a traditional suit to gain comfort and ease of movement, how many of the barriers to change in men's wear reside mostly in men's heads.

New book celebrates differences in couples

By Emily J. Minor
N.Y. Times News Service

You're stubborn; he's easy going. You're a saver; she loves to spend. You're a homebody; he loves crowds. But those differences, say authors and marriage therapists Judith Sherven and James Sniechowski, do not have to destroy the relationship. Those differences can actually — are you ready for this? — bring you closer together.

The California couple, married 10 years, has written "The New Intimacy, Discovering the Magic at the Heart of Your Differences" and gave seminars recently in West Palm Beach, Fla.

"The primary issue is to live in reality instead of fantasy," says Judith, 54. "A real marriage cannot be compared to a romance novel."

"When people live with unrealistic expectations," adds Jim, 56, "they use the other person's imperfections to crucify each other."

So, if you're ready to chuck a relationship because the two of you will never, ever agree that the night sky is black and the moon is yellow, consider this advice: "The world cannot be a carbon copy of you," says Jim, so make a commitment to look at your differences as a way to get to know your mate better. Be curious about the way he tells a story. Ask questions about why she hangs a wet towel that way. Stop using "should." "Should is the one-word expression of a fantasy," he says. "You must deal with 'is.' "

Try to see the romance in everyday events — choosing paint for the bathroom, selecting a movie. Allow your partner to be him or herself. If she is constantly misplacing her car keys, laugh about it instead of yelling. That way, she knows that she is loved for the way she truly is. Stop taking so much for granted. Allow yourself to feel gratitude for the little, caring things. (A full tank of gas, a midnight snack.)

Imagine how it would be if those things were gone! Don't expect your partner to read your mind. Ask for help. Tell your partner what you want and what you need.

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CASA DE AMIGOS

Casa de Amigos is located at 1101 E. Garden Lane. For more information about services provided call 682-9701. Activities include:

■ Monday: 9 a.m. billiards/bowling; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.

■ Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. gem and mineral; 10:15 a.m. sing-a-long; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. bingo.

■ Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. advisory meeting; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. table games.

■ Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. adult classes; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. billiards; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. Bible study.

MIDLAND YMCAs

The Midland YMCAs have many activities scheduled for Prime Time adults. For more information regarding available activities and classes contact Central YMCA, 682-2551; Alamo YMCA, 694-2528; Northeast YMCA, 682-8469.

Scheduled activities at the Central YMCA are:

■ Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Low impact aerobics; 7 a.m. YMCARDIAC (YCT) Therapy, call for appointment before beginning class.

■ Call for information, Y's Way to a Healthy Back.

■ By appointment, Specialized Strength Training for Seniors.

Scheduled activities for Alamo YMCA are:

■ Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 10:15 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 pm. and 5 p.m. Arthritis Water Class.

■ Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 1-1:45 pm. P.A.C.E. class, dry land class for people with arthritis (arthritis classes co-sponsored by Northwest Texas chapter of the Arthritis Foundation).

■ Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-1 p.m. lap swim, open swim, water walking.

■ Saturday: 1-4:30 p.m. lap swim, open swim and water walking.

■ Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30-10:30 a.m. aqua aerobics.

■ Friday: 9-10 a.m. aqua aerobics.

■ Water therapy by appointment.

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

The Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana, is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information about services offered, call 685-7231. Activities include:

■ Monday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, needlework and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. quilting, crafts and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, choir and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Thursday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Bible class and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. movie and center bingo.

MIDLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Midland Senior Center is located in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. For more information call 681-7636. Activities for Jan. 26-30 include:

■ Monday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes and exercise; 9:30 a.m. art class; 10 a.m. Kitchenettes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. ceramics for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.

■ Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and ceramics; 9:30 a.m. line dancing for fun and blood pressure check; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art class; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes, cards, billiards and ladies billiards; 1:30 p.m. FitPro exercise class; 7 p.m. Gospel singing.

■ Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards, ceramics, cards, dominoes and exercise; 10 a.m. Gospel singing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.

■ Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 9:30 a.m. country/western dancing and country line dancing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards; 1:30 p.m. FitPro exercise class.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 10 a.m. "Beginning Today" video program; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards; 1:30 p.m. creative writing class.

Gospel singing at 7 pm. Tuesday is open to the public.

MISSION ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Mission Adult Day Care Center of Midland is open 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2510 W. Ohio. For more information call 570-8710. Weekday schedule includes:

■ 8 a.m. light breakfast or snacks; 9 a.m. visitation, dominoes, special events; 10 a.m. exercise, R.O.M., discussion, current events, Dear Abbey, devotion prayers; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. rest period; 2:30 p.m. snacks.

■ Men's bowling, second Friday of each month; women's shopping trips, first Friday of each month.

Birthday parties and visits by the Kitchenettes are monthly.

Licensed professional staff includes nurses, activities director and certified nurses aids present daily. Transportation is insured.

COM AQUATICS SENIORS AND THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE

City of Midland Aquatics has programs of water exercise for seniors. The schedule is:

■ Monday: 7-11 a.m. water walking; 8 a.m.-noon, aquatic physical therapy by appointment; 10:15-11 a.m. seniors/therapeutic deep aerobics; noon-12:45 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.

■ Tuesday: 7-9:30 a.m. water walking; 9:30-10 a.m. stretch and strengthen; 10 a.m.-noon aquatic physical therapy by appointment; 10:15-11 a.m. seniors/therapeutic aerobics; 12:30-1:30 p.m. arthritis plus; 7-8 p.m. healthy happy hour.

■ Wednesday: 7-11 a.m. water walking; 8 a.m.-noon, aquatic physical therapy by appointment; 10:15-11 a.m. seniors/therapeutic deep aerobics; noon-12:45 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.

■ Thursday: 7:30-11 a.m. water walking; 9:30-10 a.m. stretch and strengthen; 10 am.-noon aquatic physical therapy by appointment; 10:15-11 a.m. seniors/therapeutic aerobics; 12:30-1:30 p.m. arthritis plus; 7-8 p.m. healthy happy hour.

■ Friday: 7-11 a.m. water walking; 8 a.m.-noon, aquatic physical therapy by appointment; 10:15-11 a.m. seniors/therapeutic deep aerobics; noon-12:45 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.

■ Saturday: 11 a.m.-noon water walking.

CITY OF MIDLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY

Recreation and leisure activities at Hillcrest Manor, Langtry Village and Parker Place are managed by City of Midland Housing Authority and coordinated through Community and Senior Services. The schedule is:

■ Tuesday: 10 a.m. exercise at Parker Place; 2 p.m. arts and crafts at Hillcrest Manor; 3:30 p.m. senior update at Langtry Village.

■ Wednesday: 9 a.m.-noon wellness clinic at Langtry Village; 10 a.m. bingo at Parker Place; 2 p.m. bingo and 3 p.m. birthday party at Hillcrest Manor.

■ Thursday: 9 a.m.-noon wellness clinic at Hillcrest Manor; 10 a.m. exercise at Parker Place; 3 p.m. bingo and 4 p.m. birthday party at Langtry Village.

RSVP

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is recruiting persons 55 years and older to volunteer with non-profit agencies. RSVP will match volunteers' skills and interests to community agencies' needs. The program is sponsored by Community and Senior Services, 3301 Sinclair. For more information, call 689-6693. A sample of current opportunities include:

■ Confederate Air Force library needs an assistant registrar to catalogue its video collection. Previous experience in library work is helpful. Duties include computer data entry and library cataloguing. Individual training is necessary. Volunteers will work in the room adjacent to CAF office.

■ Centers for Children and Families needs Parent Partners volunteers to spend two hours a week with a friend helping a Parent Partner family. Volunteers work individually with parents and with children. Twelve-hour training is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Jan. 27 and 29.

■ Marian Blakemore Planetarium Sky-Theatre needs ushers to assist visitors, and cashiers to collect admission fees, record transactions and help supervise visitor activity in the planetarium lobby.

'Busy feet' keep volunteer going

By Lana Cunningham



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

After a career of raising seven children and teaching school, Cecilia Lara has found a new career as a busy volunteer. Some of the agencies she works with are Community Children's Clinic, Casa de Amigos, Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Curch, Courtyard Care Center, RSVP Advisory Council and Hospice.

Mondays are busy for Cecilia Lara. Her feet will attest to that. Stretched out in front of her, the aching feet told the story of the previous Monday — working at the Community Children's Clinic, a luncheon, another meeting and church.

It's not often the feet of Mrs. Lara get a chance to rest. "I hardly sat down all day," Mrs. Lara said of that Monday. "There was so much going on."

And it's not just Mondays that keep her feet busy. This "professional volunteer," as she jokingly calls herself, stays on the run on Fridays and now is quickly tapping her way through the mid-week days.

Her busy feet can be seen at Community Children's Clinic, Casa de Amigos, Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Courtyard Care Center, RSVP Advisory Council and a Hospice patient's home.

Although she dates her volunteer career back to 1993 when she retired after teaching 22 years in the Midland Independent School District, Mrs. Lara's active life in Midland began 43 years ago when she moved here. Raised in Laredo, she had met Merce Lara when visiting relatives here. They married in 1952. Then came the seven children — five boys and two girls. "I spent 13 years in the kitchen and barefoot and pregnant," she said jokingly.

Then she decided she wanted to go to school and get her teaching degree. Her interest was sparked after working in the classroom with her children and as a room mother.

"When Head Start came along, I had a daughter who qualified. I was there every day helping out. One day the teacher said they needed to hire a teacher's aide," and Mrs. Lara got the job. Then one day she had a call from De Zavala Elementary School about a position with the migrant program and she was hired. "Monies were available if you wanted to continue your education."

For Mrs. Lara, it was a door opening. She received a grant and started at Midland College, earning her degree in elementary education at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Then she began 18 years of teaching second grade, followed by working with the migrant program.

"When I retired, my husband had died and my mother was living with me. She was in a wheelchair and I felt I needed to spend more time with her."

But the first thing Mrs. Lara did was travel, first to Medjugorje in Europe and then to the site of the apparitions of Our Lady of Betania in Venezuela.

"When I came back, I was ready to settle down and do something." She found many "somethings" to do, but settle down she has not. After attending United Way's Project Blueprint leadership training seminar, Mrs. Lara was "ready to serve anywhere." For three years, she helped with soliciting campaign contributions from minority businesses.

Then she was asked to serve on a new RSVP Advisory Council being formed. During one of the meetings, Mrs. Lara heard an appeal for volunteers. One of the locations listed was Community Children's Clinic, where a bilingual interpreter was needed. Mrs. Lara volunteered, "and I've been there ever since."

It is there she starts her Mondays. "It's the busiest day and I really enjoy working there. We're all the same age and we have a lot in common."

She assists the doctors and nurses, interpreting instructions for the non-English speaking parents "to make sure they understand." This job fulfills a dream she had in high school of working as a nurse.

Then she turns her feet toward Hospice, an agency that had provided support when her husband was dying of cancer. Mrs. Lara shares her bilingual skills with the nurses when they need this assistance on home visits.

Then she was assigned a Hospice Friend — a woman she has visited every Friday for three years. Recently this patient told Mrs. Lara, "I thank God every day I have you as a friend."

The feeling is mutual. "We have a lot in common. We're the same age and we both lost our husbands. We could talk about anything for hours."

Looking around the Hispanic community, Mrs. Lara saw there was a need for a Spanish-speaking Grief Support Group. Along with her friend, Isabel Gonzalez, the two started a group which meets monthly at Casa de Amigos. "Mark Mercer of Hospice comes and works with the group. Grieving is a long process and Mark is good about working with the whole group or one-on-one."

Wednesdays are spent at the Courtyard Care Center where she visits a relative. But that's just for starters. Before she leaves, Mrs. Lara has shared her friendship with many other patients.

On Fridays, Mrs. Lara's feet head toward Casa de Amigos, where she works as Volunteer Coordinator and assists Ludy Navarro.

"I keep track of the volunteer hours worked for the senior program. We have an office there and I interview new volunteers and help with orientation."

Through her years in Midland, first as a young wife and mother, then a teacher and finally, widow and retiree, the church has been a constant factor in her life.

"I've taught classes there for 35 years. I started with children and now I work with adults. I've been doing it so long I wouldn't know what to do without teaching."

Occasionally Mrs. Lara gives her feet a rest while she reads and watches television. "I don't have time to be depressed or lonely. I enjoy my time alone."

The young senior will celebrate her 67th birthday on Jan. 26. "I'm trying to do all I can while I can. I give myself three more years and see how I'm doing ... and what else comes up," she said with a laugh.

The phone rang and a friend announced that soup was ready for lunch. Mrs. Lara's feet were on the go again.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Experience valuable in business

By John Slyker

Today there are many seniors who have been retired, but do not necessarily want to be. They have backgrounds with extensive job experience. In this good economy, they can be an excellent answer to any business' employee needs. In addition to specialized skills and the ability to learn, most of these seniors have experience in dealing with people. If there is a foremost advantage in these qualifications, it is in "working with people." Call it human skills — they include empathy, understanding attitudes, beliefs, feelings, viewpoints, perceptions and what others really mean by their words and behavior.

A Harvard Business Review Classic article ("Myth of the Well-Educated Manager," J. Sterling Livingston, HBR) — the precepts of which have endured the test of time — discussed three skills which an administrator must have to be successful. One of them is "Human Skill," the one most seasoned citizens are likely to have. While there are a few old soreheads without the necessary inclinations, they exist in no greater percentage than in the general population, so factor them out.

What is important about the skill of working with people? Management experts such as Peter Drucker say it is one of the basic skills that lead to business success. It is not just an administrator skill, it is a successful nonsupervisory employee skill. And it is not (and maybe cannot be) taught. It has to be learned.

According to "Across the Board," leadership skills may peak in later years since most leadership positions require the ability to make responsible decisions rapidly — a skill that comes with experience.

By highlighting older workers' leadership, mentoring, teamwork and people skills, more jobs for seniors who want to work will be found. This will become more important as Midland becomes a senior citizens center.

John Slyker is community coordinator for American Association of Retired Persons, District 10.

"Hearing aids are too loud"

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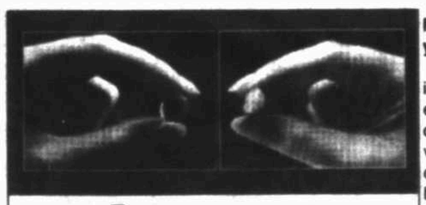
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PERMIAN PLAYHOUSE: "Love, Sex and the I.R.S." 8:00 PM, 310 W. 42nd. For reservations call (915) 362-2329.

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Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXPEDITION INDIA: through March 22, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBITION: As Blue As I Wanna Be, Mail Art Exhibit, includes pieces from around the world, through Feb 22, 1114 N. Big Spring, Thurs.-Sun. 1-5pm, 685-9944, Free.

HEB Wine Department: EXHIBITION: The Works of Jan Foust Hurt, call 697-1471, 3325 W. Wadley, Mon.-Sun. 24 hours.

McCormick Gallery, Midland College: EXHIBITION: A Visual Language, works by Sculptor James Tisdale, through Feb 15, 3600 N. Garfield, Mon.-Thurs. 8am-10pm, Fri. 8am-5pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 1-5pm, call 685-4500, Free.

Midland County Historical Society: Z. Taylor Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, Midland's oldest restored home, 213 N. Weatherford, guided tours give fine capsule of Midland County History - open by appointment, call 682-2931, Admission free.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBITION: Audubon's Texas Animals, through July 26, **EXHIBITION:** Works by Andy Warhol from the Cochran Collection and Eclectic Visions: Contemporary Artists Series featuring Jim Wagner, through Feb 22, **EXHIBITION:** A Texas Treasure: From the Ransom Center at the University of Texas at Austin, Jan 27-February 22, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-2882, Free.

Odessa College: LRC, 201 W. University, Mon.-Thurs. 7:30am-10pm, Fri. 7:30am-5pm, Sat. & Sun. 2-5pm, call 335-6646, Free.

Odessa Art Association: 4909 E. University, San Miguel Square, Odessa, call 362-7988, Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: EXHIBITION: The Dongying Sister City Cultural Exchange Exhibit, includes 22 panels of photographs, folk art, handicrafts and calligraphy, **SUNDAY RIG TOURS:** tours of the modern drilling rig, 2:30-4:30, weather permitting, a docent will be at the site near Interstate 20 to explain the rig for no additional charge, 1500 W. I-20 West, Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-4403, Admission Charged.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: EXHIBITION: Palimpsest: Erasure and Recovery, exhibit of paintings from WAVE, a Women's art organization in Dallas/Ft. Worth, through Feb 22, UTPB Gallery, call 552-2806, Mon.-Thurs. 8am-10pm, Fri. 8am-5pm, Sat. 1-5pm, Sun. 1-5pm, 3rd Floor Gallery, 4901 E. University, Odessa, call 552-2806, Free.

White Pool House: 112 E. Murphy St.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

YOUR PLACE: Pool & Games.

Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library: EXHIBITION: Guy Coheleach, In His Sights, nationally acclaimed wildlife artist, Main Galley, through Feb. 6, 1998, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, 1805 W. Indiana, call 682-5785, Free.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

YOUR PLACE: Pool & Games.

Presidential Museum: EXHIBITION: PARTNERS ACROSS AMERICA: Girl Scouts & First Ladies, Other Displays: Every Four Years, new portrait of Bill Clinton, the new First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton miniature, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, 622 N. Lee, Odessa, call 1-332-7123, Admission charged.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

YOUR PLACE: Pool & Games.

Museum of the Southwest: BROWN BAG TALK: 12:15, by Danny Holeva, the Museum's Curator of Collections, Thomas Gallery, will discuss the works in the Warhol exhibit, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm, Sun. 2-5pm, call 683-8228, Free.

Special Olympics and Casa de Amigos: SPORTS BANQUET AND MEMORABILIA AUCTION: Midland Angels and Odessa Jackalopes, 6 p.m., location TBA, call 683-4251.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

YOUR PLACE: Pool & Games.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

PERMIAN PLAYHOUSE: "Love, Sex and the I.R.S." 8:00 PM, 310 W. 42nd. For reservations call (915) 362-2329.

YOUR PLACE: "Dixie Dance Kings" Country & Western

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

YOUR PLACE: "Showdown" Country & Western

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SKIING — FIS World Cup, men's short downhill (delayed tape), midnight, ESPN.

Texas Scores

NBA — Charlotte Hornets 93, Houston Rockets 86.

WPHL — Odessa Jackalopes 4, San Angelo Outlaws 2.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, No. 24 Hawaii 65, Rice 63.

SMU 60, UTEP 57.

WJCAC BASKETBALL — Men, Midland College 82, Clarendon College 66.

Women, Midland College 81, Clarendon College 72.

Sports Today

WPHL — Lake Charles Ice Pirates at Odessa Jackalopes, 7 p.m., Ector County Coliseum. RADIO: KMCM (96.9 FM).

PREP BASKETBALL — San Angelo Central boys at Midland Lee, 7:30 p.m., Chaparral Center.

Midland Lee girls at San Angelo Central, 7:30 p.m. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).

WJCAC Standings

WOMEN

	Conference W	Conference L	Season W	Season L
Midland College	4	0	15	5
Howard College	3	1	19	1
Clarendon College	3	1	12	2
South Plains	3	1	13	6
New Mexico JC	1	3	7	7
Odessa College	1	3	8	9
Frank Phillips	1	3	5	10
Western Texas	0	4	5	14

Thursday's Games

Midland College 81, Clarendon College 72; Frank Phillips 69, Western Texas 57; South Plains 73, Odessa College 51; Howard College 65, New Mexico JC 44.

Monday's Games

Frank Phillips at Midland College; South Plains at Howard College; Clarendon College at New Mexico JC; Odessa College at Western Texas.

MEN

	Conference W	Conference L	Season W	Season L
South Plains	3	1	12	8
Frank Phillips	3	1	10	9
Howard College	3	1	10	10
Midland College	2	2	16	2
New Mexico JC	2	2	11	7
N. Mexico Military	2	2	7	11
Odessa College	1	3	8	9
Clarendon	0	4	8	6

Thursday's Games

Midland College 82; Clarendon College 66; Frank Phillips 77, New Mexico Military 70; South Plains 69, Odessa College 65; Howard College 90, New Mexico JC 70.

Monday's Games

Frank Phillips at Midland College; South Plains at Howard College; Clarendon College at New Mexico JC; Odessa College at New Mexico Military Institute.

Aikman honored

SAN DIEGO — Troy Aikman's job is to get the football into the end zone. The Dallas quarterback is the NFL's man of the year because he's taken the end zone to hospitalized children.

Aikman was honored Thursday by the league for his contributions off the field as well as on.

Aikman's foundation provides financial support for high-tech, football-themed playrooms — "End Zones" — for disabled and other hospitalized youths.

"When you get to spend time with these kids, it gives you a chance to put things in perspective," he said. "Although football is important to us, these kids aren't worrying about who we're playing next Sunday.

"They're worrying about whether they're going to be able to get up and walk in the morning."

Aikman and the Cowboys had a 6-10 season that resulted in the firing of coach Barry Switzer.

Aikman would not talk about the Cowboys' troubles, saying, "I'm sure there are football questions, but I'm not going to answer those today."

Although the Cowboys failed to make the playoffs this season for the first time since 1990, Aikman has an extremely successful career.

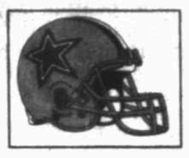
He led Dallas to three Super Bowl victories and has an 11-2 postseason record.

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Jones talks to Seifert about Dallas job

By Ken Peters
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — Dallas owner Jerry Jones met with former San Francisco 49ers coach George Seifert for several hours Thursday to discuss the Cowboys' head coaching vacancy.



"We will meet again within the next two or three days, informally," Jones said.

Also on Jones' list is Green Bay Packers offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis, but NFL rules bar interviews with assistant coaches on Super Bowl teams until after the game.

Jones spoke after attending a press conference announcing Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman as the NFL man of the year. The Cowboys' owner said he and Seifert have known each other since working on the league's competition committee.



Seifert

"I feel comfortable that we could work together. ... I've got to say we would be very compatible. Going forward could be an exciting challenge for both of us," Jones said.

"You're going to find us selecting (the best) coach. If he happens to have been the coach for the 49ers, so be it."

Jones' "wish list" for a coach nearly matches Seifert's resume. Still, he denied that he has made up his mind.

"If I had, I wouldn't be talking to Sherman on Sunday," Jones said.

Seifert is the first candidate known to have interviewed for the position, which came open when Barry Switzer resigned Jan. 9. The Cowboys are coming off a 6-10 season that was their worst since going 1-15 in 1989.

Jones reportedly has a short list of three to six candidates. He would not say specifically how many people he was going to interview, nor would he reveal a timetable.

Jones said he was planning to interview Lewis "because he's competing in the Super Bowl, and

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MHS boosters get emotional at banquet

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

With a Marine war hero (Clebe McClary) as the featured speaker, Midland High's annual football banquet Thursday night at Midland Center was almost as emotional as the Bulldogs' football season.



Jackson ...MHS MVP

The 1997 Bulldogs have only a 2-7 record to show for their efforts last season, but you could see the rising confidence as a record crowd of more than 700 filled Midland Center. Even though the Bulldogs came away with only two victories, they were one drive away from beating Midland Lee, four seconds away from beating District 4-5A champion Abilene Cooper and a play away from beating San Angelo Central.

But one of those two victories came against playoff bound and then undefeated Odessa High on the last night of the Bulldogs' season. Despite the record, it was a phenomenal season that was only seconds away from being something special.

And McClary, a one-armed, one-eyed hero, was the perfect figure to show this group what can be done with so little.

McClary, in fact, may be the best motivational speaker in the nation. After all, he came to West Texas and talked about character, using the recently deposed Dallas Cowboys head coach Barry Switzer as his example — and made you believe it.

MHS used the event to honor its football teams and special awards were handed out.

Senior quarterback Camar Jackson, who threw for 754 yards and ran for another 445 yards, tripling his production from his junior year, was named as the team's Most Valuable Player for 1997.

Offensive tackle Stuart Atnipp, another senior who was under-sized for his

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Garden City opens district vs. Sanderson

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

The Garden City basketball teams take their first step towards bigger and better things as they open the District 30-A schedule tonight at home against Sanderson. The doubleheader begins at 6 p.m.

Last year, the Garden City girls basketball team missed a trip to the state Final Four by one game — a 53-47 loss to Henrietta Midway in the Region I-A final.

In that game, the Lady Bearkats were within one point many times in the fourth quarter but couldn't break through to grab the lead. Having a ticket to the big dance of Texas high school girls basketball within their reach has made the team hungry to get back.

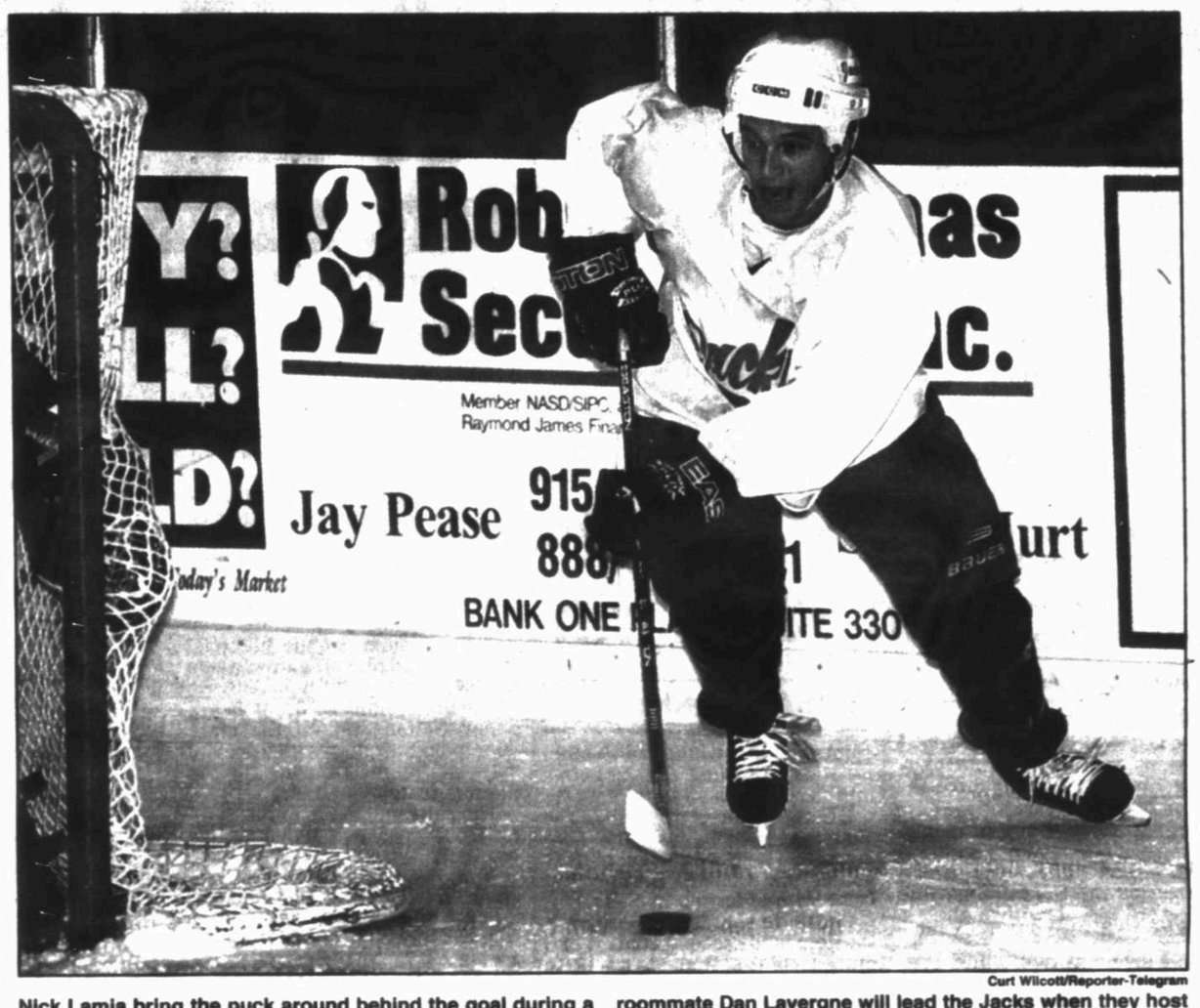
"There was several times in the fourth quarter when we were within one point. I felt if we got the lead, even one point lead, we would win," said Meeks, who is in his second year of coaching the Lady Bearkats. "We do feel like we have the capability to go to Austin, and I feel the girls are aiming to that point."

With the 1996-97 finish, there are a lot of expectations on the team and many people are already looking to the playoffs. That is something that Meeks doesn't want to do. Garden City, which has won district the last four years and five of the last seven years, has business to take care of in District 30-A. Garden City is the four-time defending district champs, having gone undefeated over the last three district campaigns.

"Being district champions, everyone is hunting for us," Meeks said. "I don't feel like we are automatically district champs. Just because you win a lot of games before doesn't mean you will do it again. Going into Friday, our record might be 18-3 (overall), but we are 0-0 (in district). We have to approach it from that standpoint. We have to play to our

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JACKS COME BACK HOME



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Nick Lamia bring the puck around behind the goal during a recent Odessa Jackalopes practice at Music City Mall. He and roommate Dan Lavergne will lead the Jacks when they host Lake Charles tonight at Ector County Coliseum.

Jackalopes boast their own version of Twin Towers in Lavergne, Lamia

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

ODESSA — In the 1980's, the NBA Houston Rockets had Hakeem Olajuwon and Ralph Sampson. At the Alamodome this basketball season, rookie Tim Duncan is teamed with David Robinson of the San Antonio Spurs.



Twin Towers, they call them.

And in case you may have not noticed, the Permian Basin has its own version in Nick Lamia and Dan Lavergne, a pair of Odessa Jackalopes that provide much of the team's scoring opportunities.

OK, referring to Lamia and Lavergne as towers may be a little stretch. Still, there are aspects of the pair that draw comparisons to the NBAs two true Twin Tower teams.

The pair are inseparable. They're a set. With one, you get the other. Acquainted since their days at Colby College, Lamia and Lavergne are best friends and in their fifth year as roommates. Jackalopes' head coach Joe Clark even has them playing on the same line together.

But stack them end to end and they may make one tower. Standing side by side, they're more like Twin Two-Story Townhomes. Both stand at 5-9, and what they lack in vertical size, they make up for with their quickness, their offensive ability and what Lamia calls a mind set for the game.

Following a recent practice at Odessa's Music City Mall, Lavergne and Lamia patiently spend almost an hour talking, mainly about life and hockey. Hockey and life. The two are interchangeable. Like Lavergne and Lamia.

Only 13 home games remain on the Jacks' 1997-98 schedule. Tonight, the team plays the first of three consecutive home dates, against Lake Charles, La. Saturday it's a face off with division rival San Angelo, then Tuesday, Waco comes to town. All three games are at 7 p.m. at the Ector County Coliseum. The Jacks have another six home dates in February, then four in March to complete the team's inaugural season, which concludes the 14th of that month against El Paso.

The Jacks have been away from home since Dec. 28, a brutal 26-day, 8-game period during which they have been away from familiar ice.

Even though West Texas is far from home for any of the Jackalopes, they have let it become a second home. Invariably, when athletes or other people come to Midland-Odessa, the first thing they talk about is how different, how friendly the people are

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AP Laserphoto

Andre Agassi hits a forehand shot during his Australian Open match against Albert Costa Thursday in Melbourne. Agassi won the match, 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5.

Agassi shows his best game, playing Costa like puppet

By Steve Wilstein
AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — At his best, Andre Agassi manipulates an opponent the way a puppeteer makes a marionette dance.

Agassi yanked Albert Costa all over the court Thursday night, pulling him from sideline to sideline until the 16th-seeded Spaniard collapsed in a heap and gasped for breath.

It was Agassi the way he played when he was No. 1, deftly drilling groundstrokes on the sharpest of angles within inches of the lines, controlling the pace, the movement, the tenor of the match in a 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5 victory.

"It feels incredibly familiar," Agassi said. "It feels really great. The only difference is I used to enjoy watching it from the hitting perspective. Now when I do it, I'm kind of wishing I could sit on the side and watch it, just kind of get a good clear picture of how I'm playing. It's something I want to hold onto."

He may not be able to do it every round, the way he could when he won the U.S. Open and the Australian Open back-to-back a few years ago. But on this night, with a light rain tapping on the retractable roof, he produced the most sublime baseline tennis over a man who is, himself, a baseline master with

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Local Basketball Today

Boys

Midland Lee

Opponent: District 4-5A rival San Angelo Central...

Where: Chaparral Center...

When: 7:30 p.m...

Records: Lee is 14-10 overall and 3-2 in district, in a three-way tie for second behind Midland High. Central is 14-11 and 0-5, sitting in last place...

4-5A Significance: A win keeps the Rebels in no worse than a tie for second place, a spot they would hold alone if Abilene High and Abilene Cooper both lost. Central is merely looking to get into the win column before the first half of district concludes...

Notes: The Rebels come into this game off one of the two best outside shooting performances in school history. They hit 14 three-point shots in Tuesday's 68-50 win over Odessa Permian, tying a school record they set in an earlier game against Odessa High... When it's considered that Lee made only 20 shots from the floor against Permian, it's no exaggeration to say that the 3-pointer saved the Rebels. Chamcy Ephriam, the team's leading scorer with 21.3 points a game, was shackled in the first half by the Panthers, but scored 16 points in the second half thanks in large part to four treys in finishing with a game-high 22 points. Ephriam's dead-on bombing, along with that of Robert House, helped Lee overcome a 17-point third-quarter deficit... Any kind of similar shooting performance tonight against the Bobcats should signal another win...

Next Action: Lee will return to the Chap Center Tuesday for a 7:30 p.m. district game with crosstown rival Midland High, which has beaten the Rebels in each of the previous three meetings this season.

Midland Lee Statistics (14-10, 3-2)

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Chamcy Ephriam	24	202	83	510	21.3
Robert House	24	83	10	244	10.2
Aaron Erdwurm	21	58	28	145	6.9
Blake Hinsley	22	46	12	136	6.2
Matt Winston	22	47	31	131	6.0
Josh Brewster	19	42	10	94	5.0
Jeremy Conaway	6	8	3	19	3.2
Jake Lacy	24	26	15	72	3.0
Orlando Castillo	16	17	7	44	2.8
Ken Myer	10	8	3	20	2.0
Brandon Cobb	8	5	1	13	1.6
Keith Rotan	13	8	3	20	1.5
Derrick Walker	8	3	2	11	1.4
J.R. Norman	1	0	1	1	1.0

Three-Point Goals: House 68, Hinsley 32, Ephriam 23, Lacy 6, Winston 5, Walker 3, Castillo 3, Cobb 2, Erdwurm 1, Myer 1, Rotan 1.

Girls

Midland Lee

Opponent: District 4-5A rival San Angelo Central...

Where: At Central High gym...

When: 7:30 p.m...

Records: Lee is 6-15 overall and 2-5 in district, sitting in sixth place. Central is 13-6 and 4-3, tied for second with Odessa Permian...

4-5A Significance: Central appears to have the most at stake here. A win would keep the Lady Bobcats in the 4-5A playoff race. Lee might appear to be playing only for pride, since even winning the remainder of its games wouldn't guarantee the Lady Rebels a playoff spot...

Notes, Quotes: An inexperienced and injury-plagued Lee team has gone from being a playoff contender to a potential spoiler since the first of the year. "Our goal right now is to go out and play hard every game and play with some intensity," said Lee coach Elise Kail... Perhaps tonight's opponent can serve as a rallying point for the Lady Rebels. Central was the last district team Lee defeated when the Lady Rebels surprised the Lady Bobcats 62-55 at the Lee gym. Since then, Lee has lost five straight district games... The Lady Rebels lost to Permian 68-50 Tuesday, but got some good news with the return of junior Heather Wells to the team after missing three weeks with a knee injury. Wells played sparingly and didn't score...

Next Action: Lee will return to Chaparral Center for a district date with crosstown rival Midland High Tuesday at 6 p.m., the third time the two teams have met this season.

Midland Lee Statistics (6-14, 2-5)

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Maurion Strambler	21	111	62	315	15.0
Tamika Thurman	15	66	34	169	11.3
Valerie Morgan	21	48	19	109	5.2
Rochelle Warren	17	33	19	86	5.1
Heather Wells	15	29	10	72	4.8
Christina Brown	21	30	17	77	3.7
Dee Frazier	21	19	12	54	2.6
Danielle Dickey	8	6	2	16	2.0
Julie Jay	20	11	11	31	1.6
Clarissa Valenzuela	15	8	5	22	1.5
Andrea Long	18	6	3	17	0.9
Allison Newton	18	7	2	16	0.9
Katie McLane	16	3	5	11	0.7

Three-Point Goals: Strambler 31, Frazier 4, Wells 4, Thurman 3, Long 2, Valenzuela 1.

Midland College sweeps Clarendon

Staff Report

CLARENDON — Both of the Midland College basketball teams got what they needed on the road Thursday night.

After having lost two straight Western Junior College Athletic Conference openers by a point each, the MC men took a sizable lead and didn't make a close game an issue, beating Clarendon College 82-66. The Lady Chaps, though, kept their steadiness rolling, and now sit alone atop the WJCAC after an 81-72 win over Clarendon.

The Chaps (16-2 overall, 2-2 in conference) needed a solid performance to close out the week after two tough games which knocked them from the No. 4 spot in the national rankings.

"We were in control most of the way," said MC coach Pat Rafferty, whose team held a 40-27 halftime lead and built it up to over 20 in the second half before cruising to victory. "We had some moments of really good play but we had some moments where we lost concentration."

But not enough to keep them from beating an overmatched team which fell to 8-6 and 0-4. Alu Williams led a balanced scoring attack for the Chaps with a game high 23 points. He was helped out by Harold Arceneaux, who had 15 and James Ware, who added 12.

Clarendon was an unknown to the Chaps, but the opposing gym added to MC's task Thursday, which Rafferty felt was important to survive.

"It was a road win and that's what's important," Rafferty said. "I thought our guys came out with a good frame of mind. This is a team which has a good attitude."

So apparently do the Lady Chaps. Against previously unbeaten Clarendon, they held fast in the opposing gym and improved to 15-5 and 4-0.

But it was hardly an easy triumph for MC.

"We never did put the game away," said Jones, whose team held the lead most of the way. "I was a little concerned about a letdown (after beating Howard College on Monday night)."

Taqita Hunter led the attack with 15 points while Autumn Johnson added 10.

Women

Midland College 81, Clarendon College 72

Midland College (15-5, 4-0): Fatimah Holiday 0 0-0 0, Jody Finley 1 3-4 6, Shelly Alderman 3 2-2 8, Taqita Hunter 8 3-6 15, Mamie Ndoye 3 1-1 7, Jill Davis 1 2-2 5, Candy Mitchell 3 2-2 8, Brooke Bowman 2 2-2 7, Holly Turnbough 1 0-0 2, Janice Thomas 2 2-4 6, Autumn Johnson 5 0-0 10, Amie Kane 1 1-2 3, Erica Levy 1 2-5 4. **Totals: 29 20-30 81.**

Clarendon College (12-2, 3-1): Knorpp 3 0-1 9, Hopkins 1 2-2 4, Laurey 0 1-2 1, Simpson 0 0-0 0, Miller 1 0-0 2, Watson 8 0-0 16, Tubbs 0 0-0 0, Flores 8 1-3 17, Parks 3 5-7 11, Neptune 3 6-7 12. **Totals: 27 15-22 72.**

Halftime: MC 42, CC 34. **3-Point goals:** MC 3 (Finley 1, Davis 1, Bowman 1), CC 3 (Knorpp 3). **Total Fouls:** MC 22, CC 21. **Fouled Out:** None.

Men

Midland College 82, Clarendon College 66

Midland College (16-2, 2-2): Brandon Burney 0 2-2 2, James Ware 4 3-4 12, Lance Robinson 1 2-2 5, Edward Kirk 0 0-0 0, Alu Williams 10 3-8 23, Calvin Williams 2 1-2 6, Keith Leslie 2 2-2 6, Dejuan Daniel 1 1-1 3, Harold Arceneaux 6 3-4 15, Walter Newsome 1 0-0 2, Javon Banks 1 0-0 2, Dennis Ondeng 0 0-0 0, Doug Wade 1 2-3 4, Randal Williams 1 0-0 2. **Totals: 27 19-28 82.**

Clarendon College (8-6, 0-4): Browning 0 2-2 2, Hunnicutt 2 1-2 6, Preston 2 6-6 11, Robertson 1 0-0 2, Paschal 6 3-4 16, Williams 2 1-3 5, Ross 0 0-0 0, Long 1 0-2 2, Hillery 1 4-6 6, Monson 5 2-2 12, Marshall 1 2-3 4. **Totals: 18 21-20 66.**

Halftime: MC 40, CC 27. **3-Point goals:** MC 3 (Ware 1, Robinson 1, C. Williams 1), CC 3 (Hunnicutt 1, Preston 1, Paschal 1). **Total Fouls:** MC 26, CC 20. **Fouled Out:** None.

No. 6 Wildcats cruise past Oregon, 87-57

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Miles Simon had 20 points for No. 6 Arizona, which scored the first 15 points of the game en route to an 87-57 victory over Oregon on Thursday night.

The Wildcats held Oregon scoreless over the first 5 1/2 minutes, a span in which the Ducks committed seven turnovers and six fouls.

Bennett Davison scored seven points and Simon had six during the game-opening run by Arizona (16-3, 6-0 Pac-10). Mike Bibby finished with 15 points for the Wildcats.

No. 20 Florida St 83, Wake Forest 59

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Randell Jackson scored 19 points and Terrell Baker added 16 as Florida State beat cold-shooting Wake Forest.

The Seminoles (14-5, 3-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) took command late in the first half and were never challenged afterward on the way to their first conference win at home this season.

Wake Forest (9-7, 2-4) tried to offset a height disadvantage by shooting a lot of 3-pointers, but managed to hit only 4 of 25 tries from long distance while shooting 33 percent overall.

No. 22 Rhode Island 73, Virginia Tech 66

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. — Joshua King scored 16 points and David Arigbabu had a season-high 14 as Rhode Island beat Virginia Tech.

Hornets keep Rockets reeling with 93-86 win

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Charlotte guard David Wesley isn't known as an explosive scorer, but the Houston Rockets have brought out the best in him this year.

Wesley scored 26 points, including consecutive 3-pointers during a crucial stretch of the fourth quarter, as the Hornets beat the Rockets 93-86 Thursday night.

Wesley, who scored a season-high 32 points at Houston on Dec. 29, sank a 3-pointer from the top of the key to tie the game at 70-70 with 9:47 left.

Ten seconds later, Wesley blocked Rodrick Rhodes' layup attempt at the other end and with 9:17 left, he hit another 3-pointer from the left wing.

"I came down and sneaked up on him," Wesley said of his 12th blocked shot of the season. "I caught him from behind. He actually took his time shooting the layup, and that gave me time to catch up because I was really beaten on he play.

"Then I think he was down there arguing with the ref, thinking it was a foul, and that gave me an opportunity on the back side. B.J. Armstrong found me for a wide-open shot."

After Houston's Clyde Drexler tied it 83-83 on a three-point play with 3:01 left, Charlotte took the lead for good with a 10-0 run that started with Glen Rice's jumper from the top of the key.

Rice scored 19 points for the Hornets, while Matt Geiger had 13 points and 16 rebounds and Anthony Mason finished with 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Drexler scored 20 points for Houston, which lost its fifth straight. Matt Maloney had 19 points, and Charles Barkley finished with 13 for the Rockets.

Charlotte shot 59 percent from the field in the second quarter and outscored the Rockets 28-13 to take a 51-43 halftime lead. Rice scored eight points in the period and had 14 in the first half on 7-of-12 shooting.

Maloney led Houston with 13 points in the first half, including a pair of 3-pointers during a 14-0 run midway through the first period.

Cavaliers 112, Kings 96

CLEVELAND — Shawn Kemp had 29 points as Cleveland snapped a three-game home losing streak with a 112-96 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Thursday night, the Cavaliers' highest point total of the season.

Kemp and the Cavs recovered from Tuesday night's 86-84 loss to Portland in which the star forward had 31 points and 20 rebounds in a losing cause. With the win, the Cavs avoided becoming a .500 team at home. They are 11-9 at Gund Arena and 12-7 on the road.

Rookie point guard Brevin Knight had another stellar game with 10 points, 16 assists and five steals. Zydrunas Ilgauskas had 14 points and 13 rebounds.

■ NBA Roundup

LOCAL SPORTS

Cotton named Man of Year

STANTON — Stanton head football coach Mark Cotton was named as "Stanton's Man of the Year" here Thursday night at Stanton's annual Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Cotton led the Stanton Buffaloes to a record-setting 16-0 season, which ended with a Class 2A state football championship last December with a 33-7 victory over Rogers.

Stanton had never before been past two rounds of the playoffs. They won six playoff games alone in 1997.

The community of Stanton will honor Cotton and all the state champion Buffaloes with a special rally at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Stanton football stadium.

The rally will move to the Stanton High School gym if there is bad weather.

Stanton's Class 2A state championship trophy will be at the rally.

Maroon freshmen defeat White team

The Lee Freshman Maroon girls basketball team defeated Lee White 57-41 in an interschool game Wednesday. Shamera Bryson led Maroon with 21 points, five rebounds and five steals while Shandi Neatherlin had 11 points eight rebounds and three steals. Latreika Smith had 14 points and seven steals for White while Kim Strambler had nine rebounds and six steals and Ashley Kellum had six steals.

Greenwood frosh beat Reagan Co.

The Greenwood freshman boys basketball team defeated Reagan County 58-44 Thursday. Kevin Thornton led Greenwood with 15 points while Justin Outlaw had 11 and Bobby Sowder added 10. Greenwood is 8-6 on the season.

Lady Mustangs edge Stanton

The Midland Christian eighth grade girls basketball team held on defensively in the end to beat Stanton 26-25 Thursday. Natalie Taylor led the Lady Mustangs with 12 points while Cara Brininstool added 10. Midland Christian is now 10-6.

Eighth grade girls basketball

San Jacinto Green defeated Goddard 70-30 Thursday in an eighth grade game. LaQuori Harris led Green with 29 points while Kathy Bass added 17. Larhonda McKee and Ashley Burns scored eight points apiece for Goddard.

Goddard White defeated San Jacinto White 56-54. Tracy Jones led Goddard with 15 points while Natalie Madden had 13 and Lindsay Madden added 12. Daphne Sims led San Jacinto with 14 points while Kelly Griffen had 13.

Abell Blue defeated Alamo Red 63-52. Angela Urtado led Blue with 22 points while Chelsea Saldate added 13. Ashley Riggs led Red with 15 points while Nicole McKinney and Erin Evans added 12 apiece.

Abell White defeated Alamo Gray 57-27. Ana Esquivel led Abell with 57 points while Wykia Wallace had 13. Laura Pagano led Alamo with nine points.

Seventh grade girls basketball

San Jacinto Green easily defeated Goddard Black 51-6 Thursday in a seventh grade game. Shannon Creamer had 20 points for Green while Kaki Childress added 15.

Goddard Red beat San Jacinto Gold in another lopsided game 63-18. Danielle Randolph had 25 for Goddard while Adrian Monroe added 12. Alamo Gray defeated Abell White 30-25 as Rachel Dillon led Alamo with 16 points.

Alamo Maroon defeated Abell Silver 46-41. Stephanie Byrd led Maroon with 20 points. Heather Shulze led Silver with 13 points.

Abell Blue routed Alamo White 51-26 as two players did all the scoring for Abell. Lauren Hinsley did most of the scoring with 45 points as well as pulling down 16 rebounds and making seven steals. Jessica Steppe scored the other six points for Abell and had six steals.

Goddard White defeated San Jacinto Purple 35-32. Amanda Martin led Goddard with 14 points, while Kaylea Booth had 12 for San Jacinto.

Goddard Purple defeated San Jacinto White 41-39. Lauren Lucas led Purple with 17 points while Amy Brammer led White with 20, while Erin Chancellor added 13.

Abell Maroon defeated Alamo Red 53-9. Neisha Washington led Abell with 18 points and 19 rebounds. Hillari Neely added 12 points.

Charger seventh beats Coahoma

The Trinity seventh grade boys basketball team defeated Coahoma 45-24 Thursday. Jeehaun Yi led the Chargers with 12 points while Andrew Anderson and Chase Woerndle had 10 apiece.

Trinity girls split pair

The Trinity junior high girls basketball team split two games with Coahoma Thursday, with the seventh grade winning 25-24 and the eighth grade losing 52-17.

Susan Stasney led Trinity's seventh graders with 14 points as they improved to 12-4 on the season. For the eighth graders, Nicole Kennerly and Sara Jane Eubanks had six points each.

Jacks get by Outlaws

Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — They were outshot by a 2-1 margin Thursday night, but that didn't stop the Odessa Jackalopes from beating the San Angelo Outlaws on the road for the second straight time.

After giving up the first goal of the game, Odessa then scored the next four over the first two periods to coast to a 4-2 victory over San Angelo. It gives the Jacks some momentum as they return home tonight to square off with Lake Charles at 7:30 in their first home game of 1998.

After falling behind 1-0 to open the game, Don Margettie scored for the Jacks late in the first period to tie it at 1-1. Just over 3 1/2 minutes later, Dan Lavergne scored on a power play goal which gave Odessa the lead for good.

Paul Berrington had a big game for the Jacks, assisting on Lavergne's first goal and a goal by Jeff Triano in the second period which gave the Jacks a 3-1 lead.

Berrington capped the scoring late in the second period with an unassisted goal of his own.

The Jacks won despite outshot 38-19, and faced a barrage of 17 San Angelo shots in the third period but allowed only a goal less than two minutes into the period.

Odessa 4, San Angelo 2

Odessa	2	2	0	—4
San Angelo	1	0	1	—2

First Period: 1. SA Blouin (Boudreau, Cook), 9:33; 2. O Margettie (unassisted), 15:15; 3. O Lavergne (Lamia, Berrington), 18:47.

Second Period: 4. O Triano (Barton, Berrington), 10:39; 5. O Berrington (unassisted), 14:03.

Third Period: 6. SA Boudreau (Chaput), 1:49.

Shots: Odessa 8-6-5 — 19. San Angelo 11-10-17 — 38. **Saves:** Odessa 10-10-16 — 36. San Angelo 6-4-5 — 15. **Power Plays:** Odessa 2-2. San Angelo 1-1. **Penalties:** Odessa 5 for 10:00. San Angelo 4 for 8:00. **Att** — 3,460.

MHS: Jackson gets MVP

(From 1C)

position, earned the prestigious Fighting Bulldog Award for his outstanding contribution to the team.

A special Sportsmanship Award was given to senior Tim Breninger. Senior Chris Lent took home the Theresa Kapproth Award, which goes annually to the player with the highest grade point average. Lent's GPA is 5.5.

Offensive awards went to Kyle Nix, offensive line; Shemond Davis, running back (a junior with 902 yards rushing and 191 yards receiving); wide receiver Lance King (a junior with 280 yards receiving); and special teams player Preston Reeder, who set a school record with three field goals in a single game.

Defensive awards went to Erik McCright, linebackers; Nick Conder, defensive linemen; and Jason "Turtle" Williams, defensive secondary (four interceptions and three blocked punts).

One of the highlights of the awards portion of the program came when new MHS booster club president Andy Reed and MHS head football coach David Browning gave Neil Richmond, MHS principal, a game ball. It turned out not to be just any game ball, but the game ball from the Odessa High game.

Reed and Browning also presented Gary and Laura McCright, the 1997 booster club heads, a couple of mementos.

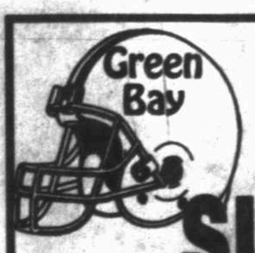
The booster club also presented a painting of Browning to the coach. The painting was done by Danny Jordan, an assistant baseball coach.

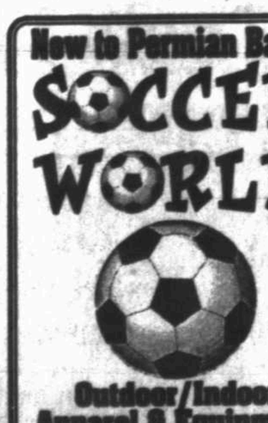
Reagan Hughes, the reigning Miss Texas and a Midland Lee graduate, sang the national anthem.

As banquets go, this one had about all you could ask for with McClary, Hughes and a bunch of gutsy kids.


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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

NBA Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	25	14	.641	—
New York	23	16	.590	2
New Jersey	23	17	.575	2 1/2
Washington	21	21	.500	5 1/2
Orlando	20	22	.476	6 1/2
Boston	17	22	.436	8
Philadelphia	13	24	.351	11
Central Division				
Chicago	29	12	.707	—
Indiana	26	12	.684	1 1/2
Atlanta	26	14	.650	2 1/2
Cleveland	23	16	.590	5
Charlotte	24	17	.585	5
Detroit	20	20	.500	8 1/2
Milwaukee	19	22	.463	10
Toronto	7	33	.175	21 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	27	12	.692	—
San Antonio	28	13	.683	—
Minnesota	23	16	.590	4
Houston	18	20	.474	8 1/2
Vancouver	11	30	.268	17
Dallas	7	32	.179	20
Denver	2	37	.051	25
Pacific Division				
Seattle	32	9	.780	—
L.A. Lakers	31	9	.775	1/2
Phoenix	25	13	.658	5 1/2
Portland	23	16	.590	8
Sacramento	17	25	.405	15 1/2
L.A. Clippers	10	32	.238	22 1/2
Golden State	7	31	.184	23 1/2

Thursday's Games
Charlotte 93, Houston 86
Cleveland 112, Sacramento 96
Detroit 94, L.A. Clippers 76

Friday's Games
Utah at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Chicago at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 7 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Hornets 93, Rockets 86
HOUSTON (86): Rhodes 4-9 2-3 10, Barkley 5-15 3-4 13, Willis 3-8 1-2 7, Maloney 7-7 1-1 19, Drexler 8-18 3-5 20, Davis 0-1 0-0 0, Johnson 2-7 1-1 5, Harrington 6-8 0-0 12, Price 0-0 0-0 0, Bullard 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-73 11-16 86.

CHARLOTTE (93): Mason 4-7 2-2 10, Rice 8-17 3-4 19, Geiger 5-10 3-4 13, Wesley 9-19 8-8 28, Beck 4-8 0-0 8, Royal 2-4 0-0 4, Reid 3-8 1-1 7, Armstrong 1-1 0-0 2, Williams 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 37-76 17-19 93.

Houston 30 13 22 21 — 86
Charlotte 23 28 16 26 — 93

3-Point goals—Houston 5-14 (Maloney 4-4, Drexler 1-4, Barkley 0-1, Willis 0-1, Davis 0-1, Johnson 0-3), Charlotte 2-8 (Wesley 2-2, Rice 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Houston 41 (Willis 11), Charlotte 43 (Geiger 16). Assists—Houston 20 (Drexler 6), Charlotte 25 (Mason 8). Total fouls—Houston 20, Charlotte 17. A—23,603 (24,042).

Cavaliers 112, Kings 96
SACRAMENTO (96): Owens 3-7 2-2 8, Williamson 7-13 5-6 19, Stewart 1-3 2-4 4, Johnson 2-7 1-2 6, Richmond 11-21 6-6 31, Smith 1-2 2-4 4, Hendrickson 0-1 0-0 0, Dehere 1-5 0-0 3, Polynice 7-10 0-2 14, Abdul-Rauf 3-7 1-1 7. Totals 36-76 19-27 96.

CLEVELAND (112): Henderson 8-16 0-0 16, Kemp 10-15 9-9 29, Ilgauskas 5-11 4-4 14, Knight 4-5 2-2 10, Person 6-12 0-0 15, Anderson 4-8 0-1 9, Potapenko 5-9 4-4 14, Brooks 0-0 0-0 0, Ferry 1-3 0-0 3, James 1-2 0-0 2, Scott 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 44-81 19-20 112.

Sacramento 25 18 28 25 — 96
Cleveland 36 23 28 25 — 112

3-Point goals—Sacramento 5-13, (Richmond 3-7, Johnson 1-2, Dehere 1-4), Cleveland 5-9, (Person 3-3, Anderson 1-3, Ferry 1-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 41 (Stewart 7), Cleveland 45 (Ilgauskas 13). Assists—Sacramento 30 (Dehere 9), Cleveland 33 (Knight 16). Total fouls—Sacramento 20, Cleveland 23. Technical—Sacramento coach Jordan. A—13,092 (20,562).

NHL Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	30	15	3	63	142	98
Philadelphia	27	11	9	63	144	103
Washington	24	17	8	56	138	126
N.Y. Rangers	16	21	12	44	124	134
Florida	15	24	10	40	123	145
N.Y. Islanders	16	26	7	39	125	142
Tampa Bay	9	30	8	26	84	151
Northeast Division						
Montreal	26	16	7	59	149	117
Pittsburgh	25	15	9	59	134	112
Boston	21	17	9	51	119	113
Ottawa	19	22	8	46	113	119
Buffalo	18	21	8	44	113	121
Carolina	18	26	6	42	123	141
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
Dallas	31	11	8	70	152	101
Detroit	28	13	10	66	159	117
St. Louis	26	18	7	59	147	125
Phoenix	22	19	8	52	139	132
Chicago	19	21	9	47	116	113
Toronto	16	24	7	39	112	136
Pacific Division						
Colorado	24	11	16	64	151	123
Los Angeles	20	19	8	48	133	132
Edmonton	17	22	9	43	122	138
Anaheim	17	25	8	42	121	149
San Jose	17	24	6	40	116	129
Calgary	12	28	10	34	123	158
Vancouver	12	29	8	32	127	175

Thursday's Games
Late Game Not Included
Carolina 4, Ottawa 2
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
Pittsburgh 3, New Jersey 2
Toronto 3, Chicago 0
N.Y. Islanders 3, St. Louis 3
Anaheim 4, Colorado 3
Florida at Los Angeles (n)

Friday's Games
Tampa Bay at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
Edmonton at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Penguins 3, Devils 2
Pittsburgh .....2 1 0 — 3
New Jersey .....0 1 1 — 2

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Jagr 22 (Francis, Barnes), 2:40. 2, Pittsburgh, Hatcher 10 (Straka), 19:39 (sh).

Second Period—3, New Jersey, Rolston 9 (Thomas), 8:54. 4, Pittsburgh, Barnes 16 (Jagr), 10:30.

Third Period—5, New Jersey, Niedermayer 8 (Gilmour, Arnott), 7:47.

Shots on goal—Pittsburgh 8-8-4—20. New Jersey 7-7-12—26. Power-play Opportunities—Pittsburgh 0 of 0; New Jersey 0 of 2. Goalies—Pittsburgh, Barrasso 19-9-7 (26 shots-24 saves). New Jersey, Brodeur 28-10-2 (20-17). A—17,936 (19,040).

Hurricanes 4, Senators 2
Carolina .....2 1 1 — 4
Ottawa .....2 0 0 — 2

First Period—1, Carolina, O'Neill 9, 1:32 (sh). 2, Ottawa, Yashin 21 (McEachern), 3:36. 3, Ottawa, Falloon 6 (Redden, Zholtok), 4:45 (pp). 4, Carolina, Haller 2 (Kapanen, Gelinas), 13:17.

Second Period—5, Carolina, O'Neill 10 (Gelinas, Wesley), 2:26 (pp).

Third Period—6, Carolina, Kapanen 18 (Kron), 19:58 (en).

Shots on goal—Carolina 10-7-11—28. Ottawa 11-10-12—33. Power-play Opportunities—Carolina 1 of 4; Ottawa 1 of 4. Goalies—Carolina, McLean 2-1-0 (33 shots-31 saves). Ottawa, Rhodes 9-13-4 (27-24). A—15,491 (18,500).

Flyers 4, Rangers 3
Philadelphia .....2 1 1 — 4
N.Y. Rangers .....1 0 2 — 3

First Period—1, Philadelphia, LeClair 34 (Lindros, Coffey), 3:33 (pp). 2, New York, Leetch 12 (Richter), 7:55 (pp). 3, Philadelphia, Brind'Amor 22 (Neidermayer, Coffey), 9:16 (pp).

Second Period—4, Philadelphia, Forbes 5 (Gratton, LeClair), 16:19.

Third Period—5, New York, LaFontaine 19 (Kovalev, Gretzky), 8:52 (pp). 6, Philadelphia, Zubrus 6 (Gratton, Desjardins), 14:43. 7, New York, Kovalev 9 (Stevens, LaFontaine), 15:19.

Shots on goal—Philadelphia 14-12-6—32, New York 10-10-13—33. Power-play Opportunities—Philadelphia 2 of 3; New York 2 of 5. Goalies—Philadelphia, Snow 13-7-4 (33 shots-30 saves). New York, Richter 13-17-10 (32-28). A—18,200 (18,200).

Islanders 3, Blues 3
N.Y. Islanders 1 1 1 0 — 3
St. Louis .....0 1 2 0 — 3

First Period—1, New York, Smolinski 8, 1:20.

Second Period—2, New York, McCabe 2 (Smolinski), :50. 3, St. Louis, Alcheynum 10 (Konroyd, Poeschek), 1:26.

Third Period—4, St. Louis, Courtnall 19 (Rivers), 2:28. 5, St. Louis, Courtnall 20 (Turgeon, Duchesne), 3:00. 6, New York, Palffy 23 (Lachance), 18:09.

Overtime—None.

Shots on goal—New York 8-7-7-1—23. St. Louis 12-8-12-6—38. Power-play Opportunities—New York 0 of 5; St. Louis 0 of 4. Goalies—New York, Salo 12-16-3 (38 shots-35 saves). St. Louis, Fuhr 20-15-6 (23-20). A—19,766 (19,260).

Maple Leafs 3, Blackhawks 0
Toronto .....0 1 2 — 3
Chicago .....0 0 0 — 0

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Toronto, Sundin 21 (Smith, Korolev), 16:59.

Third Period—2, Toronto, Tremblay 1 (Johnson, Sundin), 13:55 (pp). 3, Toronto, Schneider 5, 18:38 (en).

Shots on goal—Toronto 9-6-5—20. Chicago 9-8-6—23. Power-play Opportunities—Toronto 1 of 3; Chicago 0 of 3. Goalies—Toronto, Potvin 15-17-5 (23 shots-23 saves). Chicago, Hackett 11-10-9 (19-17). A—17,520 (20,500).

Avalanche 4, Mighty Ducks 3
Anaheim .....1 2 1 — 4
Colorado .....0 1 2 — 3

First Period—1, Anaheim, Ruchin 7 (Selanne, Kariya), :36.

Second Period—2, Anaheim, Rychel 5 (Sacco, Young), :58. 3, Colorado, Sakic 23 (Kamensky), 14:45 (pp). 4, Anaheim, Mironov 6 (Selanne, Kariya), 15:52.

Third Period—5, Colorado, Deadmarsh 15, 2:43. 6, Anaheim, Kariya 13 (Selanne, Ruchin), 12:36. 7, Colorado, Miller 1 (Kamensky, Foote), 16:58.

Shots on goal—Anaheim 14-6-12—32. Colorado 12-13-19—44. Power-play Opportunities—Anaheim 0 of 1; Colorado 1 of 4. Goalies—Anaheim, Stalenkov 6-6-3 (44 shots-41 saves). Colorado, Roy 19-8-12 (32-28). A—16,061 (16,061).

Phoenix Open

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Scores Thursday after the first round of the $2.5 million Phoenix Open, played on the 7,069-yard, par 35-36—71 Tournament Players Club of Scottsdale. (Note: Due to darkness five players were unable to finish the first round. They will complete the round Friday morning).

Mike Hulbert	31-32 — 63	
Steve Stricker	33-31 — 64	
Brent Geiberger	32-32 — 64	
Steve Jones	33-32 — 65	
David Duval	32-33 — 65	
Larry Rinker	33-32 — 65	
Joe Durant	32-34 — 66	
Doug Barron	31-36 — 67	
Nick Price	33-34 — 67	
Scott McCarron	34-33 — 67	
Rick Fehr	33-34 — 67	
Justin Leonard	34-33 — 67	
Kelly Gibson	34-33 — 67	
John Adams	35-33 — 68	
Glen Day	33-35 — 68	
Duffy Waldorf	33-35 — 68	
Phil Mickelson	33-35 — 68	
David Edwards	34-34 — 68	
Dan Forsman	35-33 — 68	
Jesper Parnevik	35-33 — 68	
Tommy Armour III	31-37 — 68	
Don Pooley	33-35 — 68	
Tom Watson	32-36 — 68	
Brian Henninger	34-34 — 68	
Steve Flesch	33-35 — 68	
Brandel Chamblee	34-35 — 69	
Vijay Singh	35-34 — 69	
Frank Nobilo	33-36 — 69	
Mike Springer	33-36 — 69	
Chris Perry	34-35 — 69	
Lee Rinker	35-34 — 69	
Steve Pate	35-34 — 69	
Jeff Maggert	35-34 — 69	
Mark Carnevale	34-35 — 69	
Nolan Henke	33-36 — 69	
Billy Andrade	36-33 — 69	
Paul Stankowski	35-35 — 70	
Stewart Cink	35-35 — 70	
Kenny Perry	36-34 — 70	
Kirk Triplett	35-35 — 70	
Blaine McCallister	34-36 — 70	
Jay Don Blake	34-36 — 70	
Scott Simpson	34-36 — 70	
Joe Ozaki	34-36 — 70	
Len Mattiace	36-34 — 70	
Olin Browne	36-34 — 70	
Steve Lowery	33-37 — 70	
David Ogrin	37-33 — 70	
John Daly	35-35 — 70	
Gabriel Hjertstedt	35-35 — 70	
Dudley Hart	34-36 — 70	
Rocco Mediate	36-34 — 70	
Andrew Magee	36-34 — 70	
Howard Twitty	35-36 — 71	
Dan Pohl	35-36 — 71	
Mike Standly	35-36 — 71	
Michael Christie	37-34 — 71	
Ted Tryba	35-36 — 71	
Phil Blackmar	36-35 — 71	
Paul Goydos	35-36 — 71	
Willie Wood	35-36 — 71	
Pete Jordan	36-35 — 71	
Gary McCord	36-35 — 71	
Jim Carter	35-36 — 71	
Clark Dennis	34-37 — 71	
Robert Damron	35-36 — 71	
Sandy Lyle	36-35 — 71	
Kevin Sutherland	33-38 — 71	
Lee Janzen	35-36 — 71	
Mark Brooks	34-37 — 71	
Tom Lehman	36-35 — 71	
Tom Byrum	34-37 — 71	
Fuzzy Zoeller	35-36 — 71	
Mike Brisky	38-34 — 72	
Frank Lickliter	33-39 — 72	
Chris Smith	34-38 — 72	
Jonathan Kaye	38-34 — 72	
Ronnie Black	36-36 — 72	
Brad Fabel	36-36 — 72	
Fred Funk	37-35 — 72	
Bob Tway	34-38 — 72	
David Sutherland	35-37 — 72	
Russ Cochran	35-37 — 72	
Tommy Tolles	37-35 — 72	
Mark Wiebe	38-34 — 72	
Doug Martin	35-37 — 72	
David Toms	37-35 — 72	
Jim Furyk	37-35 — 72	
Hal Sutton	37-35 — 72	
Jim Gallagher	36-36 — 72	
Paul Azinger	35-37 — 72	
Billy Mayfair	37-35 — 72	
Donnie Hammond	36-36 — 72	
Neal Lancaster	38-34 — 72	
Tommy Johnson	37-35 — 72	
Bob Estes	34-38 — 72	
Skip Kendall	38-35 — 73	
Stuart Appleby	34-39 — 73	
John Huston	39-35 — 73	
Lee Porter	37-36 — 73	
Bob Gilder	38-35 — 73	
Mike Reid	38-35 — 73	
Scott Verplank	37-36 — 73	
Grant Waite	37-36 — 73	
Tim Herron	32-42 — 74	
Michael Bradley	39-36 — 74	
Trevor Dodds	34-40 — 74	
Ben Crenshaw	36-38 — 74	
Bruce Lietzke	38-36 — 74	
Jerry Kelly	35-39 — 74	
Omar Uresti	36-38 — 74	
Wayne Levi	37-37 — 74	
Scott Gump	35-39 — 74	
R.W. Eaks	38-37 — 75	
Ed Fiori	35-40 — 75	
P.H. Horgan III	39-36 — 75	
Tom Purtzer	41-35 — 76	
Clarence Rose	37-39 — 76	
Guy Boros	36-40 — 76	
Mark Calcavecchia	39-37 — 76	
Fulton Allem	40-36 — 76	
Randy Wiltig	38-38 — 76	
Phil Tataurangi	37-40 — 77	
Corey Pavin	42-36 — 78	
Lennie Clements	41-37 — 78	
Chip Beck	39-40 — 79	
Kevin Pappas	45-36 — 81	

WPHL

Eastern Division

Team	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Fort Worth	31	14	7	69	227	175
Shreveport	29	14	2	60	204	147
Austin	24	11	10	58	173	166
Central Texas	24	16	3	51	156	160
Lake Charles	20	20	5	45	177	192
Monroe	21	20	1	43	129	134
Waco	9	33	3	21	133	222
Western Division						
Team	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
New Mexico	31	12	3	65	238	144
El Paso	29	11	5	63	222	161
Amarillo	18	18	10	46	154	191
San Angelo	20	24	5	45	201	234
Odessa	16	28	3	35	180	272

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; one for a shootout loss.

Thursday's Games
Odessa 4, San Angelo 2
Shreveport 4, Austin 1
Fort Worth 6, New Mexico 5

Friday's Games
Waco at Austin
Amarillo at Central Texas
Fort Worth at El Paso
Lake Charles at Odessa
Monroe at Shreveport

IHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Northeast Division

Team	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	28	11	7	63	157	130
Grand Rapids	23	19	3	49	121	120
Orlando	23	16	8	48	144	140
Quebec	16	25	4	36	111	149
Central Division						
Team	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Fort Wayne	25	15	3	53	140	130
Cincinnati	22	15	9	53	157	145
Michigan	19	19	6	44	123	135
Cleveland	20	21	3	43	130	144
Indianapolis	20	23	3	43	132	159
Midwest Division						
Team	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	32	12	2	66	162	135
Milwaukee	25	18	3	53	138	140
Kansas City	19	20	8	46	143	158
Manitoba	17	24	4	38	138	154
Southwest Division						
Team	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	31	12	5	67	160	121
Long Beach	29	15	6	64	162	135
Utah	29	11	5	63	159	121
Las Vegas	22	17	5	49	143	145
San Antonio	13	28	5	31	112	170

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; one for a shootout loss.

Thursday's Games
Cincinnati 4, Houston 3, SO

Friday's Games
Utah at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Indianapolis at Grand Rapids, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Quebec, 6:30 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Michigan at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Manitoba, 7:30 p.m.
Long Beach at Las Vegas, 9 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Columbus	25	7	.781	—
New England	18	16	.529	8
Atlanta	13	19	.406	12
Philadelphia	11	21	.344	14
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Long Beach	19	14	.576	—
Portland	20	15	.571	—
San Jose	17	17	.500	2 1/2
Colorado	16	17	.485	3
Seattle	10	23	.303	9

Thursday's Game
Portland 86, Long Beach 84

Friday's Games
Seattle at New England, 6 p.m.
Columbus at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Colorado, at McNichols Arena, 8 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Agreed to terms with OF Gary Thurman to a minor league contract.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Named Bud Black pitching coach of Buffalo of the International League.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Pat Rapp on a minor-league contract.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Agreed to terms with OF Rickey Henderson on a one-year contract.
TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with INF Lee Stevens, RHP Ryan Glynn, RHP Jonathan Johnson and RHP Tanyon Sturtze, to one-year contracts. Announced a four-year operating agreement with Pulaski of the Appalachian League, through 2002.
National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with RHP Pete Harnisch on a one-year contract.
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with RHP Bobby Jones on a three-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Named Gary Ruby pitching coach of Scranton-Wilkes-Barre of the International League and Milt Thompson coach of Reading of the Eastern League.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Acquired the rights to RHP Salvador Rodriguez from the New York Yankees for LHP Jim Baron.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with SS Rey Sanchez on a one-year contract.
Frontier League
KALAMAZOO KODIAKS—Named Alan Riffle manager.
Northwoods League
BRAINERD—Announced MightyGulls as their nickname.
Western Baseball League
GRAYS HARBOR GULLS—Signed 1B Mike Rendina.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHARLOTTE HORNETS—Placed C Vlade Divac on the injured list. Signed C Michael McDonald.
FOOTBALL
Arena Football League
ALBANY FIREBIRDS—Acquired OL-DL Bryan Driskill from waivers.
FLORIDA BOBCATS—Waived OL-DL Len Johnson and OL-DL Lorenzo Styles. Activated K Carlos Huerta.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
BOSTON BRUINS—Assigned D Dean Chynoweth to Quebec of the IHL.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Signed LW Bob Probert to a three-year contract.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Claimed D Jassen Cullimore off waivers from the Montreal Canadiens.
American Hockey League
ADIRONDACK RED WINGS—Announced RW Roger Maxwell has been recalled by Grand Rapids of the IHL.
PROVIDENCE BRUINS—Acquired C Kimbi Daniels on loan from Quebec of the IHL.
ROCHESTER AMERICANS—Announced D Eric Lavigne has been recalled by Grand Rapids of the IHL.
International Hockey League
CHICAGO WOLVES—Acquired Dave Paradise from Peoria of the ECHL.
SOCCER
National Professional Soccer League
CLEVELAND CRUNCH—Activated D Tim Tyma.
KANSAS CITY ATTACK—Signed F Carlos Olivas.
COLLEGE
PENN—Named Brian Fuller men's soccer coach.
SOUTH FLORIDA—Named Steve Horton assistant athletic director for compliance services.
SYRACUSE—Announced Ed Orgeron, defensive line coach, has left to take over the same duties at Southern California.

College Basketball

Men's Top 25

No. 20 FLORIDA ST 83, WAKE FOREST 59
WAKE FOREST (9-7): O'Kelley 3-13 8-9 15, Arinze 5-7 4-4 14, Rutland 1-7 0-1 3, Vidaurreta 2-5 0-3 4, Shoemaker 2-5 0-0 4, McMillian 2-3 0-0 4, Goolsby 4-11 1-2 11, Amonett 1-2 0-0 2, Braswell 0-1 0-0 0, Griffin 0-6 2-2 2. Totals 20-60 15-21 59.
FLORIDA ST (14-5): K.Thompson 2-4 0-0 6, Jackson 6-14 7-8 19, Greer 2-8 0-0 4, Baker 5-6 4-4 16, Louis 5-7 4-7 14, Shabazz 2-3 2-5 6, Hale 1-4 0-0 3, Deas 3-3 3-4 9, Simmons 1-1 0-0 2, Chiebek 2-2 0-0 4, Mulligan 0-0 0-0 0, R.Thompson 0-1 0-0 0, Pierre 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 29-53 20-28 83.

Halftime—Florida St 40, Wake Forest 29. 3-Point goals—Wake Forest 4-25 (Goolsby 2-7, Rutland 1-6, O'Kelly 1-7, Amonett 0-1, Griffin 0-4), Florida St 5-12 (K.Thompson 2-2, Baker 2-3, Hale 1-3, Greer 0-4). Fouled out—Arinze. Rebounds—Wake Forest 31 (Vidauretta 7), Florida St 40 (Jackson 8). Assists—Wake Forest 10 (Rutland 3), Florida St 15 (K.Thompson 7). Total fouls—Wake Forest 20, Florida St 21. A—8,078.

MARQUETTE 66, No. 21 CINCINNATI 63, OT
CINCINNATI (14-3): Lovett 5-13 1-4 12, Brannen 6-10 6-8 18, Martin 4-9 0-0 8, Myrick 1-8 11-12 13, Baker 0-8 0-0 0, Fletcher 2-3 0-1 4, Petrus 0-0 2-2 2, Patterson 1-4 4-6 6. Totals 19-55 24-33 63.

MARQUETTE (12-4): Bargen 1-5 0-1 3, Shaw 0-4 3-6 3, Lovette 1-6 2-5 5, Hutchins 8-19 12-14 32, Wardle 5-11 0-0 12, West 2-8 1-3 6, Joseph 2-2 0-0 4, Clausen 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 19-55 19-31 66.

Halftime—Cincinnati 29, Marquette 28. End of Regulation—Cincinnati 53, Narquette 53. 3-Point goals—Cincinnati 1-6 (Lovett 1-3, Baker 0-1, Myrick 0-2), Marquette 9-24 (Hutchins 4-11, Wardle 2-6, West 1-2, Lovette 1-2, Bargen 1-3). Fouled out—Brannen, Martin, Shaw, Lovette, Joseph. Rebounds—Cincinnati 45 (Myrick 12), Marquette 34 (Shaw 7). Assists—Cincinnati 7 (Martin, Myrick 2), Marquette 10 (West 5). Total fouls—Cincinnati 26, Marquette 24. Technical—Huggins. A—12,509.

No. 22 RHODE ISLAND 73, VIRGINIA TECH 66
VIRGINIA TECH (6-9): Roberts 7-10 4-6 18, Ray 1-2 0-0 2, Wheeler 3-8 0-0 6, Guillory 3-11 0-0 9, Lucas 2-10 0-0 5, Rodriguez 0-0 0-0 0, Whaley 2-2 0-0 6, Dunlop 4-8 2-2 12, Floyd 0-0 0-0 0, Browne 0-2 0-0 0, Tor 3-5 2-4 8. Totals 25-58 8-12 66.

RHODE ISLAND (13-3): King 5-7 2-2 16, Reynolds-Dean 3-8 6-8 12, Clay 1-3 4-6 6, Mobley 3-5 0-0 6, Wheeler 3-12 0-0 7, Jefferson 0-0 0-0 0, Arigbabu 4-6 6-6 14, Gay 0-0 0-0 0, Murphy 2-8 4-5 9, Bennett 1-1 1-1 3. Totals 22-50 23-28 73.

Halftime—Rhode Island 39, Virginia Tech 25. 3-Point goals—Virgina Tech 8-18 (Guillory 3-9, Whaley 2-2, Dunlop 2-2, Lucas 1-5), Rhode Island 6-20 (King 4-6, Murphy 1-3, Wheeler 1-8, Reynolds-Dean 0-1, Mobley 0-2). Fouled out—Dunlop. Rebounds—Virginia Tech 34 (Roberts, Wheeler 7), Rhode Island 31 (Arigbabu 5). Assists—Virginia Tech 14 (Dunlop 5), Rhode Island 17 (Wheeler 6). Total fouls—Virginia Tech 23, Rhode Island 10. A—3,685.

No. 24 HAWAII 65, RICE 63
HAWAII (13-3): Kroeger 3-8 3-4 9, Ambrozich 4-9 1-2 9, Galloway 3-3 1-2 7, Smith 3-11 0-0 7, Carter 7-12 1-2 16, Hook 0-1 0-0 0, Robinson 3-6 2-2 8, Cartwright 2-4 3-4 7, Zivanovic 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 26-55 11-16 65

RICE (5-12): Armstrong 1-5 0-0 2, Johnson 9-17 2-2 26, Sanni 2-14 1-2 5, Stringer 1-4 0-0 3, Crawford 7-13 7-9 27, Thomson 0-0 0-0 0, Wilks 0-1 0-0 0, Michaelis 0-4 0-0 0, Bougaieff 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 20-59 10-13 63.

Halftime—Hawaii 37, Rice 35. 3-Point goals—Hawaii 2-12 (Carter 1-2, Smith 1-4), Rice 13-27 (Johnson 6-12, Crawford 6-9). Fouled out—Hawaii none, Rice none. Rebounds—Hawaii 39 (Ambrozich 10), Rice 34 (Sanni 9). Assists—Hawaii 16 (Carter 6), Rice 17 (Crawford 7). Total fouls—Hawaii 14, Rice 19. A—2,893.

Women's Top 25

No. 3 CONNECTICUT 89, SETON HALL 59
CONNECTICUT (18-1): Ambrosimova 2-5 2-2 7, Sales 11-15 2-3 25, Sauer 5-9 0-0 10, Williams 3-7 1-1 8, Duran 7-10 5-5 22, Hansmeyer 2-5 0-0 4, Glenney 0-0 0-0 0, Czel 0-0 1-2 1, Gaine 0-1 0-0 0, Hunt 2-3 0-0 4, Schumacher 1-5 2-2 4, Abric 1-2 2-3 4. Totals 34-62 15-18 89.

SETON HALL (3-13): Lee 2-7 0-1 4, Fisher 2-14 0-0 5, Golay 11-20 0-1 22, Busichio 0-3 0-0 0, Mitchell 2-5 1-2 6, Brookins 2-4 2-4 6, Koren 3-4 0-0 7, Allen 0-1 0-0 0, Fuller 3-7 0-0 6. Davis 1-2 1-2 3. Totals 26-67 4-10 59.

Halftime—Connecticut 37, Seton Hall 33. 3-Point goals—Connecticut 6-13 (Duran 3-4, Ambrosimova 1-1, Sales 1-2, Williams 1-5, Sauer 0-1), Seton Hall 3-11 (Mitchell 1-1, Koren 1-2, Fisher 1-6, Busichio 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Connecticut 42 (Sales 8), Seton Hall 36 (Golay 6). Assists—Connecticut 27 (Sales 6), Seton Hall 18 (Koren 8). Total fouls—Connecticut 13, Seton Hall 15. A—1,611.

OREGON 68, No. 7 ARIZONA 66
ARIZONA (11-4): Bristol 5-7 0-0 11, Barnes 10-17 7-8 27, Alexander 5-7 0-2 10, Griffith 1-7 0-0 2, Crank 4-6 0-0 10, Willis 0-2 0-0 0, Minter 0-0 0-0 0, Giordano 3-6 0-0 6. Totals 28-52 7-10 66.

OREGON (9-6): Hughes 4-12 1-2 10, Curtis 0-2 0-0 0, Wolvert 1-5 2-3 4, Bowyer 0-2 0-0 0, McKnight 1-1 0-0 3, Piers 0-1 0-0 0, O'Brien 9-14 0-0 22, Strange 4-5 0-1 8, Dion 0-1 0-0 0, Benson 2-5 2-2 6, Meharry 7-15 1-1 15. Totals 28-63 6-9 68.

Halftime—Oregon 41, Arizona 66. 3-Point goals—Arizona 3-13 (Crank 2-3, Bristol 1-3, Willis 0-1, Griffith 0-6), Oregon 6-17 (O'Brien 4-7, McKnight 1-1, Hughes 1-7, Piers 0-1, Meharry 0-1). Fouled out—Bowyer. Rebounds—Arizona 30 (Alexander, Crank 6), Oregon 30 (Wolvert 5). Assists—Arizona 15 (Minter 5), Oregon 14 (O'Brien 4). Total fouls—Arizona 16, Oregon 16. A—3,620.

No. 11 NORTH CAROLINA 67, No. 8 N. CAROLINA ST. 64
N.C. STATE (15-3): Gillespie 1-1 0-0 3, Melvin 6-9 0-2 12, Shepard 2-5 0-0 4, Jones 9-18 3-4 21, Lewis 7-10 2-

Raiders hire Gruden as new head coach

By Rob Gloster
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — After promoting their last three coaches from within, the Oakland Raiders went outside the organization for the first time in a decade Thursday with the hiring of Jon Gruden.

Gruden, offensive coordinator for the Philadelphia Eagles the past three seasons, was hired to be the Raiders' third coach since 1995. The hiring had been expected the last few days.

Gruden, 34, will replace Joe Bugel, who was fired Jan. 6 after leading the Raiders to a 4-12 record in his only season.

"Jon Gruden is an extremely bright, perceptive, talented young coach with an outstanding background," Raiders executive assistant Al LoCasale said. "He's gone through an extensive interview process here over the past few years."

Gruden had a follow-up interview Tuesday with the Raiders, his fourth meeting with Oakland officials in the past two years.

Gruden, who also met with Raiders officials on Jan. 8, had interviewed twice with the Raiders last year — when Oakland owner Al Davis decided to promote Bugel.

Gruden and his agent, Bob LaMonte, were not available for comment Thursday. Gruden was scheduled to have a news conference next Tuesday in Oakland.

Gruden will be the third-youngest coach in franchise history. Only Davis and John Madden were younger when they became Raiders head coaches.

"He seems like he has a lot of energy, which is something we really need," said running back Napoleon Kaufman, who met Gruden earlier this week. "And he seems to be really confident about what he can do."

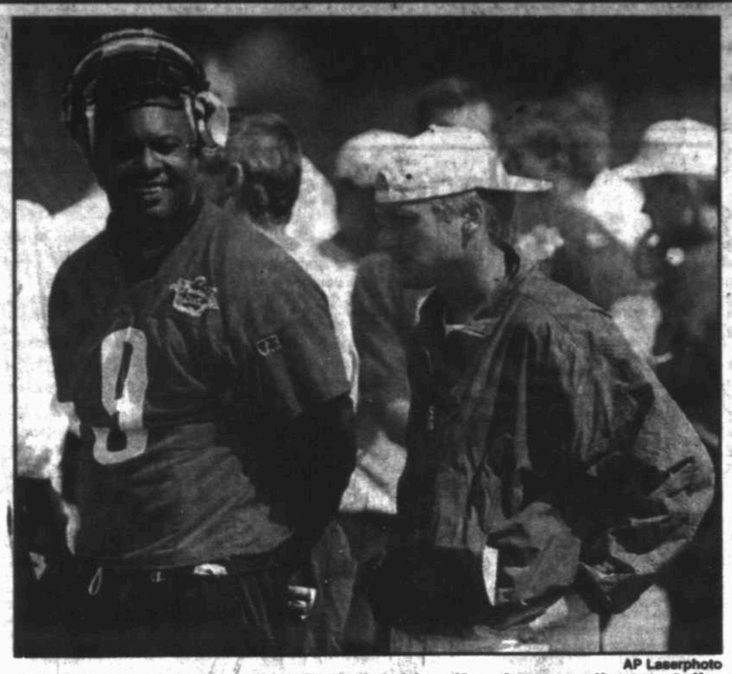
Gruden is the first coach hired from outside the organization since Mike Shanahan, who was the Denver Broncos' offensive coordinator when hired by Davis in 1988.

Shanahan, who now has Denver in the Super Bowl, was fired by Davis after just four games of the 1989 season.

When the Raiders fired Shanahan, they promoted assistant coach Art Shell. He was replaced by Mike White, who was promoted after five years as a Raiders assistant. White was replaced by Bugel, who also was promoted from within.

The Raiders also interviewed Shell, who had a 56-41 record with the team in 1989-94, and New York Jets defensive coordinator Bill Belichick for the vacancy created by Bugel's firing.

Shell, the last coach to take the Raiders to the playoffs, currently is the offensive line coach for the Atlanta Falcons. The Raiders have missed the playoffs four straight seasons.



AP Laserphoto

Jon Gruden, right, then the Philadelphia offensive coordinator, talks with Eagles quarterback Rodney Peete during practice in August. The Oakland Raiders hired Gruden on Thursday to be their new head coach.

Gruden is an advocate of the West Coast-style short passing offense that White tried in 1995-96, but that Bugel scrapped — with Davis' encouragement — last year.

Gruden will inherit a team that had the NFL's worst defense last season. The offense was explosive, with quarterback Jeff George throwing for 29 touchdowns and a club-record 3,917 yards, but too inconsistent to overcome the defensive problems.

Gruden became the NFL's youngest offensive coordinator when he was hired by Eagles coach Ray Rhodes in 1995.

Before joining the Eagles, Gruden worked for three seasons with the Green Bay Packers under coach Mike Holmgren. He was an offensive assistant for the San Francisco 49ers in 1990, when Holmgren was offensive coordinator there.

Gruden also has been wide receivers coach at Pittsburgh, as well as an assistant at Southeast Missouri State and Pacific. Gruden, a native of Sandusky, Ohio, was a quarterback at Dayton.

Two Jacks aren't used to brutal hockey style

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

Queasy.

It's a word normally used when you've eaten something that doesn't sit well, or by an unsuspecting person that has endured his first horror movie.

It is not, however, a word you would expect to come from a hockey player when asked to describe how he feels about fights on ice.

But queasy is precisely the word Nick Lamia uses when talking about on-ice fights he used to witness in his earlier days.

"Summer hockey is where I saw most of my fights before this year," said Lamia. When he played at that level, he said, "I'm like, I'm not gonna be able to handle the blood and seeing the kids getting pounded on."

Lamia and linemate Dan Lavergne are in their first season of pro hockey with the WPHL's Odessa Jackalopes. As a result, they are experiencing fighting for the first time. Such brutality is not allowed in the college or junior levels of the game. Get caught fighting before you turn pro, and you're booted out of the game.

For years, there have even been discussions — formal, informal, fueled on barstools and driven by the media — calling for a ban on fighting on the pro level. The brutal side of the sport has long received a bad rap — and justifiably so, many feel — from people opposed to violence of any form. Banning fighting would radically alter the American version of the sport and severely cut into its popularity, at least temporarily.

"It's a part of the game," Lamia said. "But it's just a part. It's not the whole game."

Lavergne feels it's an important part, because, "you have players like Nick and me and Sami (Laine) trying to score the goal, and then you have the big guys who are a presence on the ice. Gretzky's always had four or five goons on his team just protecting him, to make sure no one went near him. Gretzky's the greatest player ever, but he wouldn't have had his numbers if he didn't have those guys protecting him."

Admittedly a troublemaker when he was growing up, Lamia said, "I never had the mouth to back it up." Now, his and Lavergne's role as hockey players is not to fight.

"Being little guys, unless you go looking for it, it's pretty much gonna be the fighters fighting the fighters. Scorers score, fighters fight."

It is a part of the game. Has been since its inception. But what kind of message does the violence send to the so many young fans that have flocked to the games, especially the Jacks' games?

"I think in Texas it might send a bad message because (the sport) is new here and nobody knows about the sport that much yet," Lavergne said. "I'm from New England, where it's instinctive and fighting is a part of the sport. Here, fans just might think we're a bunch of guys fighting because they don't understand the sport."

The strategy behind fighting involves intimidating the opponent. Sometimes, Lavergne said, fights are started when a team is down a goal to get a team pumped up.

Seldom do the fights turn personal and most of the time, Lamia said, the fighting comes out of frustration. Most altercations come after a player has lost the puck and has been banged up against the board by an opposing player.

Lavergne and Lamia know as West Texas fans' knowledge of the game continues to grow, so too will their appreciation for the finer aspects of the game.

"It's the fastest game in the world," Lamia said. "It's 100 miles an hour for 20 minutes and then — boom — it stops, and everyone's, like, I can't wait for more. It's just an unbelievable game. The perfect game, I think."

Vikings coordinator resigns amid turmoil

By Ron Lesko
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Brian Billick made good on his threat to quit the Minnesota Vikings unless he got a contract extension, resigning after nearly five seasons as the team's offensive coordinator.

Billick, who guided four of the most productive offenses in Vikings history, sent a letter of resignation to team headquarters late Wednesday. He stopped in briefly Thursday morning before flying to San Diego, and he now is a leading candidate for the same job with the Dallas Cowboys.

Vikings president Roger Headrick, reached Thursday in San Diego, acknowledged he thought losing Billick was possible after meeting with him Wednesday afternoon. But Headrick also thought Billick might take more time to make a decision.

"I was surprised more by the timing," said Headrick, who is struggling to keep his coaching staff together while negotiating to buy the team. "I thought maybe he'd use the weekend and maybe think about it, but maybe he felt he'd made a decision, that was his decision and he was going to move on."

Neither Billick nor his agent, Ray Anderson, returned telephone calls Thursday.

There was no change Thursday in the status of coach Dennis Green, Headrick said. However, Headrick indicated he had learned one or more teams might have contacted Green about a head coaching job.

Headrick said his only contact with another team about Green came two weeks ago when the Oakland Raiders called to ask if Green was under contract for 1998. The Raiders hired Joe Gruden as their coach Thursday.

The discussions Headrick said he had become aware of were lateral moves for Green, and he reiterated that none of his coaches will be allowed to leave without getting promotions.

"Those are head-coach-to-head-coach discussions," Headrick said. "The answer is the club is not in a position to allow coaches to make lateral moves."

Like Billick, Green is threatening to resign or pursue a financial settlement if Headrick doesn't give him a contract extension. Green, who also is represented by Anderson, has one year left on his contract at $900,000. He would lose that money if he resigned.

Headrick, one of the 10 current owners, has been firm in his refusal to discuss contracts until the sale of the team is resolved.

Billick, who took his first NFL job as Minnesota's tight ends coach in 1992, said Wednesday he understood the difficult position Headrick was in regarding the organization's future. But after being mentioned in some circles as a head coaching candidate in recent weeks, Billick felt he needed to protect his own career.

He didn't feel he could do that by waiting for the Vikings' sale to be resolved, fearing that if Headrick is unsuccessful in his bid to buy the team another ownership group might bring in a completely new coaching staff.

JACKS: Duo enjoys friendly West Texas

(From 1C)

here. Happens most every time in discussions with people who have come to call the area at least their temporary home.

"It's definitely a lot different than New England," said Lavergne, a native of Providence, R.I. "You go places and you're treated with a lot of respect. I don't know if it's because we're Jackalopes or what."

Lamia chimes in, saying, "It's not so much that we're Jacks. I go out, and I don't have a name tag saying I'm an Odessa Jackalope. They're just very kind and respectful people here, and that's a contributing factor as to whether I would come back next year."

As much as the people have grown on them, there are still aspects of West Texas life that these guys have not yet experienced but probably should before leaving. Neither has had Mexican food OR chicken fried steak. Neither owns a pair of boots, and both missed the recent rodeo because of their road trip.

Lamia, a St. Louis native, has incorporated "ya'll" into his vocabulary, but admittedly only when he's feeling a dose of sarcasm coming on.

"I've said 'ya'll,' but I don't think I could bring myself to say 'fixin' to.' "

The two are down-to-earth enough to readily admit their hockey careers are limited. Both hold degrees — Lamia in economics, Lavergne in business. Both have plans for their post-ice days. Lamia wants to coach or scout; Lavergne's dream it to open a roller hockey rink with a sports bar, incorporating his business savvy with his knowledge of a sport similar to ice hockey.

Their immediate dreams are also similar: both would like to play hockey in Europe, feeling that the way the game is played overseas is more conducive to their personal styles. Both are also impressed with Sami Laine, the team's Finnish center who adheres to a distinctly European brand of the game.

"Just look at Sami," Lamia said. "His style is unbelievable. He has to be a great player to watch. He's fun, strong in his skates, doesn't make stupid mistakes and loves regrouping."

The European game, Lavergne said, "is more finesse. American hockey is guys going for hard-working goals, banging goals. In Europe, they try to make everything look pretty. In Europe, if there's not a nice pass available, guys will go back and skate toward the other end to make everything look beautiful. And there's no fights. There's never any fighting."

Lavergne grew up learning hockey from his grandfather and idolizing Guy Lafleur and the Montreal Canadiens. Lamia, a "die-for-'em" Blues' fan who idolized Brian Sutter, said, "I used to call their games in my bedroom — even when they weren't playing games."

Aside from the fighting in professional hockey — not allowed in college or junior league games — what perhaps is hardest for them to get used to is their popularity and the attention that has been suddenly heaped upon them. Never before, both of them say, have they signed autographs like they have since coming to West Texas.

After they're finished talking on this day, Lavergne and Lamia head to the exits. They open the door to find six kids, ranging in age from 3 to 12, waiting to meet them, for a chance to talk to them and be friendly for just a little while. Fifteen minutes later, the two of them have signed everything imaginable from shirts and books to sticks and pucks. They have had their picture taken with every member of this mostly preteen female bunch, and they have done so willingly and with no attempt at trying to hurry the process.

The sight of a young athlete actually intrigued and enjoying the interaction with fans is unusual in today's world of sport.

"It's kinda new to us," Lavergne said of the attention. "In college we signed minimal autographs. It's fun, and it's different."

"It's neat to have a following," Lamia said, "because all of my life I've been following, looking up to role models. It's neat to have kids look up to you and say to yourself, hey, I want to be a better person. It makes you dig deeper and be a better person both on the ice and off."

Surprise! Owners approve huge TV deal

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

SAN DIEGO — Here's a surprise. None of the NFL owners objects to the new television contract that will bring in nearly $18 billion during the next eight years.

The owners unanimously approved the new deal Thursday and league sources say it could increase the salary cap by as much as a third — from $41.5 million to between $53 million and $55 million next season.

Even Al Davis of the Oakland Raiders, the maverick of the bunch, was in a playful mood about a contract that nearly doubles the amount of TV money for each team.

"I kept hearing they anticipated 40 percent, 50 percent, 60 percent," said Davis, who had predicted the contract would double. "Then we got to where we should be."

While the full details of the contract have yet to be worked out, some owners say they would like to help veteran players at the expense of rookies.

Harold Henderson, chairman of the Management Council, said he'd like the rookie salary cap to increase only by about 10 percent to provide even more room for veterans.

GARDEN CITY: Bearkats host Sanderson

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capability and not take anything for granted because we have had success so far."

Meeks also said that the girls' desire is one of their best assets.

"They work hard to prepare for games and do what it takes to prepare for that level," Meeks said. "The success we have isn't because we are just great basketball players. They have a great attitude and work hard."

Garden City takes the court with a team which returns six letter winners, including three starters from last year's team. Senior all-state guard Tiffany Maxie headlines the team which Meeks calls very balanced offensively and aggressive defensively. Maxie is scoring at a 22-point-per-game clip while 6-foot post J'Layne Niehuis adds 11.5 points a game.

THE GARDEN CITY BOYS are going into their 30-A opener with 6-11 Sanderson not expecting to play second fiddle to anyone.

The Bearkats have qualified for the postseason in each of the last two seasons, and expect to make a run at No. 3.

"I have seen all three teams play in person and feel good about our chances in district play," Bearkat coach Rob Robinson said. "It will be competitive. Rankin won on the road (Tuesday against defending district champion Irion County). They will be the people to chase from the get-go."

The Bearkats take a 6-11 record into their opener with Sanderson, but their record might be deceiving. Their four losses since Christmas break have been by a combined total of nine points. They are also playing tough defense, giving up just 49.4 points a game.

Offensively, Casey Hoch is scoring 11 points a game to lead Garden City. Steven Hoelscher is second on the team with 8.5 points.

However, Robinson expects all guns to be firing tonight. The district season is what all teams play for.

"We are excited for district to be opening up. It is a clean slate. Everyone has one," Robinson said. "We take the attitude that every game prior to district is a prep for those district games.

"It should be a competitive game. Anytime a team travels 190 miles one way, the home court will be in your favor."

District schedule for the Garden City girls and boys basketball teams.

Jan. 23 vs. Sanderson; Jan. 27 at Irion County; Jan. 30 vs. Rankin; Feb. 3 at Sanderson; Feb. 6 vs. Irion County; Feb. 10 at Rankin.

Tuesday and Friday double headers begin at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., respectively.

AREA HOOPS

Key Matchups around the area

Midland Christian girls (10-7, 1-1) at Lubbock Christian (9-12, 2-0): A win tonight wouldn't seal a district playoff spot, but with Lubbock Trinity struggling at 0-2 in district, it would mean a lot. Also, a win tonight and next weekend against Lubbock Trinity, who MC has already defeated, would give the Lady Mustangs a share of the district title.

Andrews boys (10-14, 3-0) vs. Sweetwater (13-8, 3-0): The only two unbeaten teams in District 4-4A face off in Andrews tonight. Andrews is coming off a 81-63 win over Fort Stockton. In the win, Jacob Lopez hit for 30 to lead the Mustangs. Sweetwater defeated San Angelo Lake View, 72-63, at home on Tuesday.

BOYS
District 4-4A
Andrews (10-14, 3-0) vs. Sweetwater (13-8, 3-0)
Big Spring at San Angelo Lake View (13-8, 1-2)
District 4-3A
Greenwood (13-9, 2-1) at Reagan County (12-11, 0-3)
District 6-2A
Stanton (8-1, 4-0) at Tornillo (11-11, 1-3)
District 30-A
Garden City (8-12, 0-0) vs. Sanderson (6-11, 0-0)
TAPPS 1-4A
Midland Christian vs. Lubbock Christian (17-4, 2-0)
TAPPS 1-3A
Friday
Trinity (16-10, 0-4) vs. Jesus Chapel (13-4, 4-1)
Saturday
Trinity vs. El Paso Faith Christian (9-5, 2-1)

GIRLS
District 4-4A
Big Spring (12-9, 3-2) at San Angelo Lake View (13-10, 2-3)
Andrews (18-5, 5-0) vs. Sweetwater (22-5, 4-1)
District 4-3A
• Greenwood (11-12, 2-2) at Reagan County (15-8, 3-1)
District 6-2A
Stanton (11-8, 4-0) at Tornillo (15-6, 2-2)
District 30-A
Garden City (18-3, 0-0) vs. Sanderson (7-11, 0-0)
TAPPS 1-4A
Midland Christian (10-7, 1-1) vs. Lubbock Christian (9-12, 2-0)
TAPPS 1-3A
Friday
Trinity (6-9, 1-3 in district) vs. Jesus Chapel (11-7, 3-0)
Saturday
Trinity vs. Faith Christian (2-10, 0-3)

DALLAS: Jones talks with ex-49ers coach

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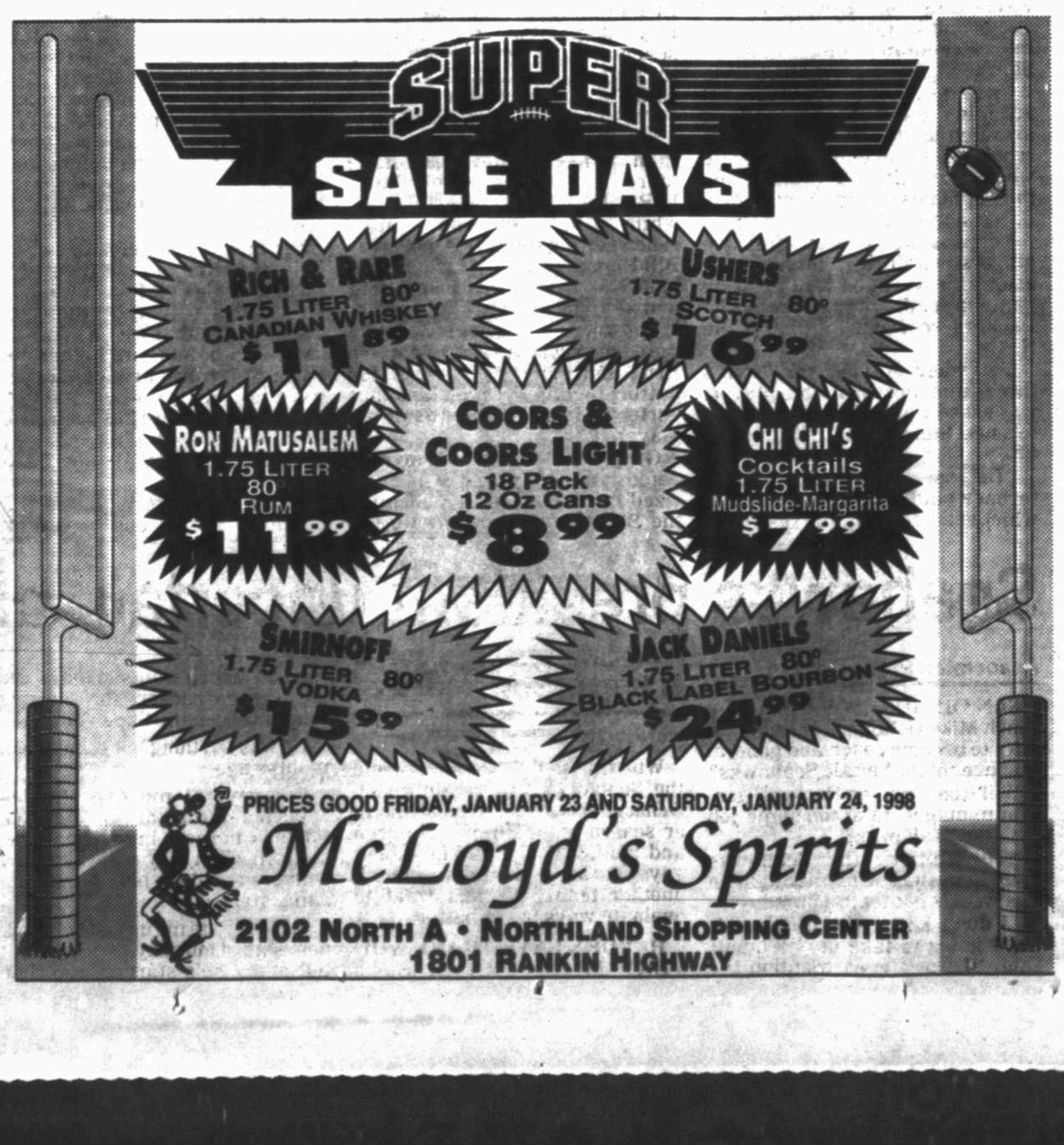
The Packers drubbed the Cowboys 45-17 in November, beginning a winning streak that has led them to their second straight Super Bowl. Dallas missed the playoffs this season for the first time since 1990.

Lewis has been the Packers' offensive coordinator since the 1993 season. He was receivers coach the previous season, and spent nine years before that as a position coach in San Francisco.

Another apparent candidate for the job is former UCLA coach Terry Donahue. Although Jones hasn't confirmed meeting with Donahue, the ex-coach's agent, Bob Rosen, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram the pair met.

Other reported candidates include Broncos offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak and former Cowboys defensive coordinator Butch Davis, the head coach at the University of Miami.

Jones also is believed to be interested in hiring Minnesota offensive coordinator Brian Billick for the same job in Dallas.



Elway, Schmelway: Joyner's happy just to be at Super Bowl

By Arnie Stapleton
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — Seth Joyner bristles when he hears for the millionth time how the world is rooting for John Elway.

Poor John Elway.

Hard-luck John Elway.

Sentimental favorite John Elway.

Puh-leeze!

"It's very difficult for me to have any sympathy for John Elway," Green Bay's 12th-year linebacker said. "He's a great player and I respect him. He's definitely a Hall of Fame quarterback. But, hey, he's been here three times.

"This is my first."

The 33-year-old Joyner signed with the Packers last summer after three wasted years in Phoenix, where the Cardinals never sniffed the playoffs.

But his eight seasons with the Eagles were even harder.

"My years in Philadelphia were definitely wasted years because we just had too much talent not to win one or two Super Bowls," Joyner said.

"I know exactly what he's going through," said teammate Reggie White, who played with Joyner on those dominate Eagles defenses before leading Green Bay back to the promised land.

"Hopefully, I can help him get his ring," White said. "It means the world to him, all the work he's put into this game."

A year after White left Philadelphia for Green Bay in 1993, Joyner followed Buddy Ryan to Arizona, signing for five years and $15 million.

"Obviously, from a financial standpoint it was the best decision for me," Joyner said. "From a career standpoint, it wasn't that great because I was looked upon as a loser."

So, Joyner was delighted when the Cardinals cut him and his $2.75 million salary in June.

He rebuffed a $1.5 million offer from the Cincinnati Bengals, who promised to make him the focal point of their defense, and an incentive-laden proposal from the Dallas Cowboys.

Instead, he chose a team that didn't even have a position for him.

"I wanted to come to Green Bay because it's not about money anymore. It's all about getting that ring," said Joyner, whose presence prompted the trade of Wayne Simmons.

"For every team there's a small window of opportunity to get it done," Joyner said. "I knew the year when Randall Cunningham got hurt, our window of opportunity just closed in Philadelphia. It was done."

In Arizona?

"I was in a box room with no windows," Joyner said.

Although he missed the first five games following arthroscopic knee surgery, Joyner played a key role in Green Bay's second straight NFC title.

The Packers traded Simmons to the Kansas City Chiefs on Oct. 7 to open a starting spot for him. After getting acclimated to Fritz Shurmur's defensive schemes, Joyner began to make a regular contribution as a situational pass rusher.

"He's one of the hardest workers I've ever been around," coach Mike Holmgren said. "You can see the desire in his eyes."

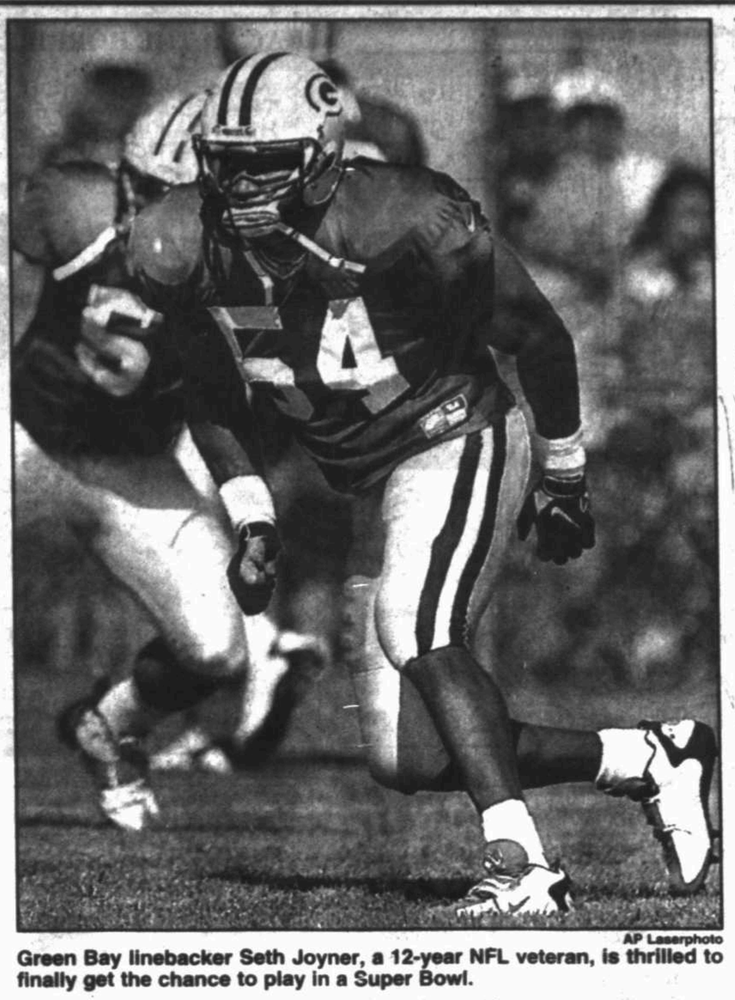
"When I go home I have the playbook over here and the game plan over here," Joyner said. "It's not enough to say I know my position, I need to know what everybody around me is doing."

The reward was Joyner's first playoff berth in five years.

"Once you get a taste of the playoffs, it's like a wild animal that eats berries all his life and then he gets a taste of blood," Joyner said. "Now, all of a sudden, berries won't satisfy his hunger."

Joyner knows this might be his last shot at a championship. His salary cap figure of $400,000 this year jumps to $2.2 million next season, and he realizes the Packers might not be willing to spend that kind of money.

"And the odds of maybe me getting on with somebody else who has that opportunity may not be that great, either," Joyner said.



AP Laserphoto

Green Bay linebacker Seth Joyner, a 12-year NFL veteran, is thrilled to finally get the chance to play in a Super Bowl.

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Strained hamstring will keep Beebe on sideline

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Don Beebe got the news Thursday: He'll have to sit out Sunday's Super Bowl, which would have been his fifth as a player.

The 33-year-old Beebe, who's been on six Super Bowl teams, has been bothered by a strained hamstring since the final week of the regular season.

The wide receiver-kick returner was told by Green Bay Packers coach Mike Holmgren before practice that he will be placed on injured reserve or become one of the team's inactive players on Friday.

"He's a speed guy and while his hamstring is healed, we can't run the risk," Holmgren said. "He's a favorite of our players. He's been to a lot of these.

"It's been a hard year for him. He took it like you'd expect it. Disappointed."

Holmgren said if Beebe was placed on injured reserve, he might activate another receiver. Holmgren would not identify that player, but the Packers have just one receiver on their practice squad, rookie Ronnie Anderson.

Beebe played on the four Buffalo Bills teams that were Super Bowl losers in the early 1990s as well as last year's Packers team, which beat New England 35-21.

He didn't play in Buffalo's first Super Bowl appearance — a 20-19 loss to the New York Giants — due to a broken left leg.

Beebe was involved in one of the most memorable plays in Super Bowl history when he stripped the ball away from defensive tackle Leon Lett near the goal line during Buffalo's 52-17 loss to Dallas five years ago. It happened just as Lett was about to score a touchdown on a fumble return.

Meantime, the Packers also practiced without leading receiver Antonio Freeman, who has the flu. Freeman attended practice,

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but only as an observer. Holmgren thought Freeman would have no problem playing Sunday.

"He looked like he's pretty sick," said Holmgren, who replaced Freeman in the practice with Derrick Mayes.

Broncos slip on chopped up practice field

SAN DIEGO — The Denver Broncos were slipping and sliding Thursday on a practice field that became more chopped up as their two-hour workout progressed.

"It's as slick as can be," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan. "And we were wearing the long cleats, too. We kept on moving down the field because of it.

"Players are hesitant to put on the long cleats because of (the potential) for injury. Maybe it's an indication of how the (game) field will be. I don't know."

Wide receiver Ed McCaffrey, the only player on the Broncos' injury report — left knee, probable — had a full practice for the secon straight day.

The Broncos worked out in helmets, but no pads.

Officiating crew chosen for Super Bowl

SAN DIEGO — Referee Ed Hochuli heads the seven-man crew of game officials working Sunday's Super Bowl.

Hochuli, finishing his eighth year as an NFL official, will referee his first Super Bowl. He was the alternate referee for last year's game and has worked six playoff games in his career.

His crew includes umpire Jim Quirk, head linesman John Schleyer, line judge Ben Montgomery, back judge Paul Baetz, side judge Doug Toole and field judge Don Dorkowski.

Referee Dick Hantak and Ed Coukart are the alternate officials.

Broncos' Traylor plays with heavy heart

By Hal Bock
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — The tears are gone now, swept away by Denver's drive to the Super Bowl, dried by the excitement, the accomplishment and the drama of the moment.

Defensive tackle Keith Traylor thinks they will return when this odyssey finally ends Sunday. That's because the loss of his mother still weighs heavily on his heart.

He cried that day three weeks ago when Vernistine Traylor died. And he will cry again after the season, when he returns to Malvern, Ark., and reflects on the emotional final weeks of his season.

"After all this is over, it will hit me and my brothers," Traylor said Wednesday. "It will be back to reality when this is over."

The reality is that on Jan. 2, at age 45, Vernistine Traylor finally lost a long, hard battle with failing health. That was the Friday before Denver played the AFC divisional playoff game against the Chiefs.

Traylor flew with the Broncos to Kansas City, and owner Pat Bowlen then chartered a plane for him to fly to Arkansas. He spent 3 1/2 hours with his family, then flew back to Kansas City and played the next day.

"I did my crying on my own," Traylor said. "She was on my mind the whole day. I would do what I had to do and then, there it was again. I'd see something in the stands that would remind me of her. I thought about her the whole game."

He made three tackles that day, two behind the line of scrimmage. After the Broncos won, they presented him with the game ball. He thought about burying it with his mother, but decided not to, keeping it instead to remind him of that difficult day.



AP Laserphoto

The death of his mother three weeks ago will be fresh in the memory of Denver defensive tackle Robert Traylor when he takes the field Sunday.

Traylor said he made it through that game with the help of his family and his teammates. "They gave me a hand whenever I needed one," he said. "There was a little relief in knowing that I was not in that situation by myself. I dedicated the rest of the season to her.

"Lose or win, I did my best. She'll know I did my best."

Vernistine Traylor had always faced life that way. In 1990, doctors gave her no more than 18 months to live. She went far past that.

"You've got to live life the best way you can," Traylor said. "My mom lived a happy life. She enjoyed her life. We had what we needed, not always what we wanted. It was rough. It was a survival type of thing. Get through it and maybe it will get better."

Traylor's football career has been like that, too. There have been an abundance of detours and dead ends, with pit stops all over the map, from Denver to Kansas City, from Green Bay to Los Angeles, from the NFL to the World League. He sat out 1994, out of a job and out of luck.

"I sat around, worked out, stayed in shape, hoped somebody would call," Traylor said. "It was very depressing. It was hard to watch games. You need to be out there. It was a wakeup call for me. You live this life thinking nothing can go wrong. A thing like that can open your eyes to reality.

"It did me some good. Until then, I didn't realize what it took. The NFL was a new world. I had a lot to learn. In college, you just put on a helmet and play. Here, there are schemes to learn."

Finally, Kansas City called. Traylor played two seasons there and then signed with Denver for a second term there. The first stay was difficult.

"I had the problem, not Denver," Traylor said. "I had to grow up. It was a question of knowing when to go home and when not to. It got out of hand there for a minute."

Through it all, Vernistine Traylor kept faith in her son.

"She always said, if we go to the Super Bowl, she's coming," Traylor said.

"I'm sure she's here."

Police arrest man posing as Broncos' DB Braxton

SAN DIEGO (AP) — He pretended to be Denver Broncos safety Tyrone Braxton, but his football fantasy had a flaw.

San Diego police arrested a 29-year-old man for allegedly posing as Braxton, romancing an unsuspecting woman and buying rounds of drinks for strangers in a hotel bar.

Police said Rodney Johnson of Ohio, using a stolen credit card number, checked into a room at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla, where the Broncos are staying during Super Bowl week.

Johnson's alleged scam was discovered on Tuesday morning when the woman called Braxton to thank him for the night of champagne and courtship. Braxton told the woman he "didn't know what she was talking about" and notified Broncos' security chief Bill Malone, police said.

NFL and hotel security joined police in investigating the report and, using the man's room number given by the duped woman, arrested Johnson on Tuesday. He was taken into custody at the hotel on suspicion of charging about $3,000 with a stolen credit card number.

"It was just a guy impersonating Tyrone," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said Thursday. "Tyrone came to me in the morning and said, 'Coach, I had this girl call me about 7:45, and she told me what a great time she had the night before.' He said, 'Coach, I swear I was in my room.' I said, 'Yeah, that's your story and you're sticking to it.'

Braxton was informed of the scam by assistant coach Rick Smith. "He's been calling me Rodney," Braxton said.

Informed that the impostor was using a stolen credit card, Braxton said, "That ain't all he was doing, from what I hear."

Defense will have its say in Super Bowl

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

SAN DIEGO — The biggest crowds at Super Bowl interview sessions have surrounded Brett Favre and John Elway, Terrell Davis and Dorsey Levens, Antonio Freeman and Shannon Sharpe.

The defensive players get attention, too, but nowhere near as much as the guys who do the scoring. Hey, even Reggie White wasn't engulfed by cameras, microphones and notebooks every single minute.

Perhaps the focus on offensive players is natural. The Broncos, after all, averaged 29.5 points a game in leading the league. The Packers scored 26.4 to top the NFC.

Yet when Favre, the NFL's three-time most valuable player, was asked what will make the difference Sunday, he didn't hesitate.

"Defense," the Packers quarterback said. "Pure and simple, whichever defense makes more stops. Defense does win championships."

Defensive stats indicate a standoff. The Packers yielded 282 points, five fewer than the Broncos gave up. Denver ranked fifth in total defense (measured by yardage) amd Green Bay was seventh. Both were stingier vs. the pass than against the run, and both have peaked in the playoffs.

The defending champion Packers had 32 takeaways, one more than Denver. They also have more big names with White, LeRoy Butler and Gilbert Brown, while the Broncos' most renowned defender this year was Bill Romanowski — perhaps best known for spitting at an opponent and getting fined for dirty hits.

The Pack also seems to have the edge in coaching. Coordinator Fritz Shurmur has a knack for putting together game plans that perfectly fit the strengths of his players.

Greg Robinson, Denver's defensive coordinator, was criticized late in the season because the Broncos were giving up too much yardage and making mistakes late in tight games. But the Packers claim they aren't underestimating Denver's defense.

"We have a healthy respect for them," Packers coach Mike Holmgren said Thursday. "They stopped some pretty good offensive teams in the playoffs, and they have some veterans who have been in big games and some very fine young players."

One of those veterans, Alfred Williams, thinks the defense has gotten more aggressive mostly because he's healthy and so is fellow end Neil Smith.

"I think it just helps the whole defensive line to take their play up to a whole new level by seeing us out there flying around and doing things that we can do," he said. "The stakes are higher and when the stakes are higher, you have to be at your best game. I think that pressure has been on us as a defense to play our best games in the playoffs and I like it."

Smith, who like Williams was bothered by triceps problems, claims what Jacksonville, Kansas City and Pittsburgh saw in the AFC playoffs is exactly what Green Bay will see in the Super Bowl.

"I don't think that we should change what we're doing from what got us here," he said. "It's been great plays and we played some great teams and we still don't get our credit. But that's fine.

"We're going to throw a lot of things at them and, hopefully, something works."

They can't possibly throw as much at the Packers as Shurmur will use against the Broncos.

One Packer jokingly called Shurmur "the mad scientist" when asked about the complex defensive game plans. Butler, the All-Pro safety, said Shurmur put in 15 coverages Thursday morning and the players were expected to have mastered them by the afternoon practice.

"It might be a bit confusing now," he said before practice, "but by Sunday we'll be fine with it."

Seahawks president uncertain about future

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Will Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren consider an offer to become coach and general manager of the Seattle Seahawks?

Will Ron Wolf, the Packers' general manager, take the same job with the Seahawks?

Bob Whitsitt, the Seahawks president, shed no further light on this week's hot topic Thursday.

"I don't know where the journey's going to take us," Whitsitt said. "I won't even mention the words 'Green Bay' or 'Denver.' "

Whitsitt said it's conceivable the Seahawks will retain coach Dennis Erickson for at least another season and said of Holmgren and Wolf: "You're talking about guys who are under contract with another team. We just want to evaluate ways to get better."

■ Super Bowl Notes

HAYDEN SAYS THANK YOU VERY MUCH: Green Bay's Aaron Hayden wants to thank the San Diego Chargers for allowing him to play in the Super Bowl.

He was anything but grateful six months ago.

For several months, Hayden expected to start at running back for the Chargers in 1997, but was stunned when they placed him on waivers two days before training camp started.

"It really ate me up inside," Hayden said Thursday. "You don't tell a guy he's starting and then waive him like that. Evidently, that was their plan the whole time."

Hayden feared he would have trouble getting a job when the Chargers let him go because of the timing of the move. However, he was claimed by the Packers.

"There were plenty of offers from other teams wanting to trade for me in January," he said. "I had said after the season I wanted to be traded. (General manager) Bobby Beathard called me and tried to smooth things over."

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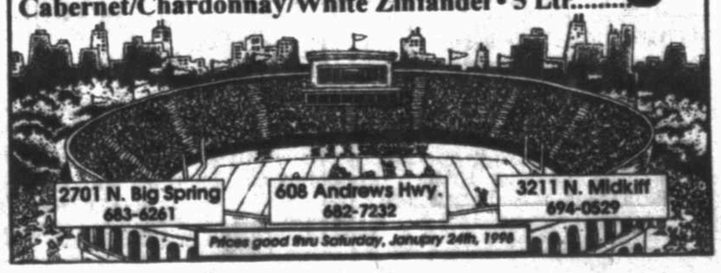


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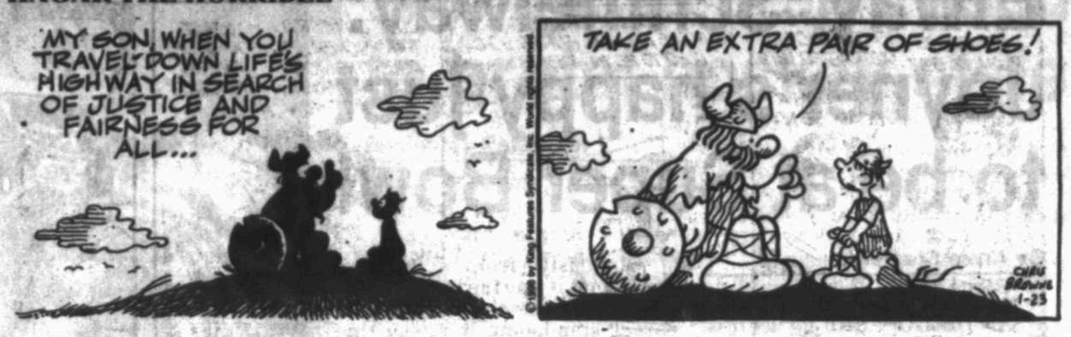


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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Jan. 23, 1998:
You'll find this an extraordinary year, as you will get more of what you want. Expand your horizons, and make many new friends. Your perspectives will change; in turn, so will your goals. Make this every bit of the dynamite year it can be. If you are single, romance blooms, though there will be some awkward moments. A friendship could develop into something more. If attached, you will have difficulty with daily conversations. Work on the quality of the friendship, and you will prosper as a couple. SAGITTARIUS can be intense.

BORN TODAY
Princess Caroline of Monaco (1957), actress Jeanne Moreau (1928), actress-singer Chita Rivera (1933)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You are a lot stronger than you realize. Your mind absorbs more than the majority. Others need your dynamic point of view. The unexpected occurs with a friend. By now, you should be getting used to it. Plan a fun adventure. Tonight: Take off as fast as you can.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Close relating opens doors. Finally, you have found a true direction for a relationship; you have been transforming its basis. You might misunderstand another's plans. Confirm appointments, and ensure you are hearing the same thing. Tonight: As a duo.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Popularity is high. Carefully think through a decision; you might not be waiting to hear the whole story before you react. Someone's message confuses you. Verify the facts. Dynamic thinking occurs when you put two heads together. Tonight: Off to a party.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Mellow out, and consider what would most relax you. It's a great time to start an exercise plan or develop better eating habits. Eliminate red tape at work. Be more efficient. The unexpected occurs with a partner and finances. Tonight: Take a chill pill.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Be more explicit about what does and doesn't work. Your sense of fun helps you handle troublesome news. Do not underestimate how incredibly creative you are. There are only solutions, not problems. Plan to get out of the office early. Tonight: Out on the town.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Just when you thought you were in the groove, you find out there is a problem. A partner is hard on you. You might not see everything as clearly as you need to. Start rebuilding, counting on only yourself; after all, if you don't make yourself No. 1, who will? Tonight: Happy at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Express yourself, and get past a partner's stoic, cold front. Even if he doesn't react, clearing this up is good for you. Evaluate, and consider making changes ASAP. Communications flourish with a loved one. Expect a surprise from a child or lover. Tonight: You're a flirt!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Be more in tune with your financial needs. You are exhausted, pushed beyond your limits. Listen more carefully to instincts. Revamp your budget, with an eye to making things easier on yourself. Count on anything but calmness at home. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You are personality-plus. Try to understand what ails a loved one. He is pushing hard, but don't take it too personally. Be optimistic and sure of yourself, and go for what you want. You have changed a lot, and others are starting to see the new you. Tonight: Happy as a cat!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Take a back seat, and get centered. Discuss a change in your home life. What hasn't appealed to you before, does now. Root out feelings. Money matters can solidify if you listen to your inner voice. Don't be taken in by another. Tonight: A night for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You feel on top of the world. You are finally getting what you want, and it causes a major re-adjustment. Listen carefully to a loved one, who means a lot to you. You are thrilled; others laugh at your spirited enthusiasm. Tonight: What a celebration!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Take the lead, handle a professional matter and be direct. Your work reflects a new attitude, though distancing or pushing a boss doesn't serve you in the long run. Use unusual care with funds; you could easily make a mistake. Tonight: A force to behold.

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	NORTH ♠7432 ♡654 ◇A98 ♣K65	
WEST ♠J106 ♡832 ◇J73 ♣QJ98		EAST ♠A5 ♡1097 ◇10652 ♣A1074
	SOUTH ♠KQ98 ♡AKQJ ◇KQ4 ♣32	

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Pass	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♡	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

Even good guessers go wrong sometimes. But on occasion that cannot happen unless you offer your opponent the chance to take a wrong view.

The moment North raised, South was going to play in game. The three-heart rebid was to protect against the possibility of North having raised to two spades with three-card support while having longer hearts on the side.

West led the queen of clubs, and half of dummy's holding went up in smoke. Declarer covered with the king, East took the ace and returned the suit to West's eight. A third club was ruffed in the closed hand. Declarer crossed to dummy with the ace of hearts and led a trump; East produced the five, declarer played the queen and West followed with the six. Declarer returned the nine of spades, forcing East's ace. No matter what the defense did, declarer would draw the remaining trump and claim the rest of the tricks.

Have you spotted where the defense erred? When declarer leads a trump to the queen, West must follow with the ten, not the six. Now declarer has to decide whether to play West for J 10. If that is the distribution, declarer can get home by continuing with the king of spades, pinning the jack and limiting the defense to one trump trick.

There is no guarantee that South will select the losing line, but at least the defenders have presented declarer with the option to misguess.

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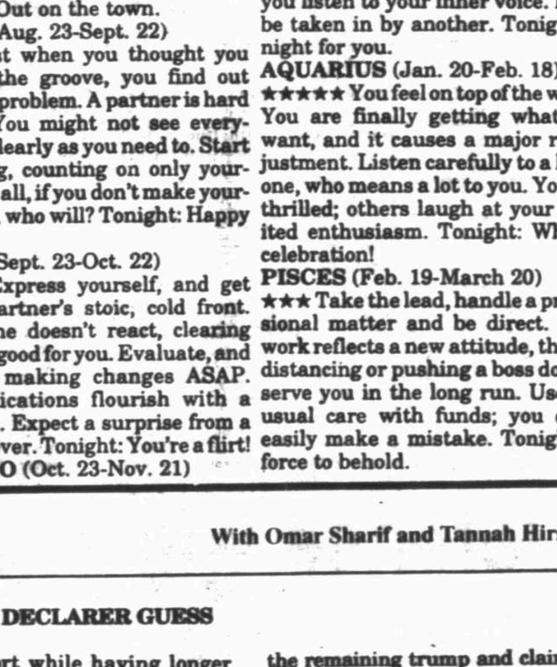
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TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

FRIDAY EVENING — January 23, 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 323	Wheel of Fortune	Sabrina, Witch	Boy Meets World	Sabrina, Witch	Teen Angel 5174	20/20 3491		News 10101	Cheers 36149	Nightline 2781	Keenen I. Wayans
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction? 12875 (TVPG)		Millennium: Luminary 21323 (TVPG-V)		Soldier of Fortune, Inc.: Last Chance 18859		Home Improvement	Mad About You	Vibe 76120	
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 6471	Grace Under Fire	Kids Say/Things	Gregory Hines	Family Matters	Step by Step 7762	Nash Bridges: Lost and Found 21743		News 4329149	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Married ... Children
(9) KWES	9	9	News 5675	Seinfeld 9255	Dateline NBC 70033		Figure Skating: Equal World Professional Championships 90897				News 4223217	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	Jack Hayford 51675	The Light of the Southwest 69878					Eve. News	Richard Roberts		Dr. Nangle	S. Soleyn	News
(19) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 895198	Washington Week	Wall St. Midweek	McLaughlin Group	TechnoPolitics		Held in Trust: Lt. Henry Ossian Flipper		Telecourse 628323		Off the Air	
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(8) CNBC		8	Business Center	Great Stuff	Equal Time W/Bay	Chris Matthews	Rivera Live 7613304		The News With Brian Williams 7633168		Charles Grodin 7636255		Rivera Live 1185043	
(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	Coach 757120					News 919033		Beverly Hills, 90210 912120 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night 544878 (TV14-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith										
(14) FAM		14	The Waltons: The Book 884014 (TVG)		Rescue 911 229101 (TVPG)		Diagnosis Murder 245149 (TVPG)		Hawaii Five-0: Up the Rebels 225385 (TVPG)		The 700 Club 228472		Bonanza 867410 (TVG)	
(24) BRAV		24	In Search of an Author								Raw Footage 925694		Inside Actor's Studio	
(26) BET		26	Planet Groove Top 20 550304				Hit List 551033		Comicview 571897		Rap City Top 10		227	Mid. Love
(27) DISN		27									Walt Disney Presents 927052 (TVG)		Zorro 200897	Mickey Mouse Club
(28) CNN		28	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today		Larry King Live 890588		The World Today		Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Showbiz
(29) ESPN		29	SportsCenter (5:30)	The 50: NASCAR's 50 Year Victory 463859		Roll-Over Contest	Boxing: Verno Phillips vs. Julian Jackson, Light Middleweights 614120				SportsCenter 633255		Rodeo: National Finals Spectacular 427728	
(30) USA		30	Highlander: Brothers in Arms 976584 (TVPG)		Walker, Texas Ranger 809236 (TVPG)									
(31) FX		31	Miami Vice 3982439		The X-Files 5904052		NYPD Blue 5980472		In Color	In Color	The X-Files 5903323		NYPD Blue 8596965	
(32) A&E		32	Law & Order: Right to Counsel 404830 (TVPG)		Biography 254762 (TVG)		America's Castles 263410 (TVG)		20th Century With Mike Wallace 250946		Law & Order: Manhood 253033 (TVPG)		Biography 687236 (TVG)	
(33) TLC		33	Vila's Home Again	Vila's Home Again	Real America: 48 Hours (Part 1 of 2) 588052		Alien Encounters 564472 (TVG)		Future Fantastic: Alien 584236 (TVG)		Real America: 48 Hours (Part 1 of 2) 587323		Alien Encounters 911526 (TVG)	
(34) NICK		34	Doug 829697	Rugrats 124089	KaBlam! 367875	Happy Days	The Wonder Years	The Wonder Years	I Love Lucy	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi 774101	Newhart 790149	Dick Van Dyke	Bewitched 864897
(35) LIFE		35	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries						Perfect	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Mysteries
(39) OUTDR		39	Great Outdoorsman	Wilderness Camper	Hooked/Fly-Fishing	Complete Angler	Sportsman Journal	On the Fly	Pull 5621385	Hunting With Hank	Hooked/Fly-Fishing	Complete Angler	Sportsman Journal	On the Fly
(42) UNI		42	Esmeralda 64149 (TVPG)		Maria Isabel 29651 (TVPG)		Alguna Vez Tendremos Alas 83101 (TVPG)		El Balcon de Veronica 29615 (TVPG)		Impacto Extra	Noticiero Univision	Al Ritmo de la Noche 458965 (TV14)	
(43) HSE		43	The Last Word	Fox Sports News	Women's College Basketball: Memphis at Louisville 81830				NHL Cool Shots	NBA Action 41236	Fox Sports News 71304		Fox Sports News 87014	
(44) COM		44	Kids in the Hall	Kids in the Hall	Kids in the Hall	Kids in the Hall	Kids in the Hall	Kids in the Hall	Kids in the Hall	Kids in the Hall	Kids in the Hall	Kids in the Hall	Kids in the Hall	Kids in the Hall
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(21) AMC		21	D-Day the Sixth of June (56) *** 608101				The Mirage Man (56) *** 6 Days Florida 818945				Rhapsody (PG, '73) *** (William Marshall) 8707839			
(22) TNN		22	Dukes of Hazzard		Motor Madness 623859 (TVG)						Dallas 592255		Motor Madness 558033	
(23) TNT		23	Babylon 5 729472		NBA Basketball: Orlando Magic at Miami Heat 180255					SBTV Presents 306830				Stop Shot Golden Nugget Invitational 5086
(46) HBO		46	Inside the NFL 862830		The Glass Shield (R, '94) *** (Ving Rhames, Michael Jai White) 6888762				The Girl Gets Moe (6:45) (R, '97) (Tony Danza) 94787768			Dennis Miller Live	Comedy Half-Hour	
(47) MAX		47	Poison Ivy (5:30) (PG, '92) ** 2001 s 2001101		Temptress (R, '97) ** (Ray Liotta, Lauren Holly) 4448830				Angel Heart (R, '87) *** (Mickey Rourke, Robert De Niro) 9997101				Hot Line 516149	
(48) SHOW		48	Jumanji (9) (PG, '95) ** 4229		Star Wars (PG, '97) **** (Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford) 4858627				Stargate SG-1 (9:05) 32805236 (TVPG-V)		The Outer Limits	The Hunger (10:35)	Poltergeist: The Legacy (11:05) 88597878	
(49) TMC		49	Bowfinger (5:25) (R) (Eddie Murphy, Steve Martin) 4229		Money Play (R, '96) ** (Ray Sharkey, Jon Bon Jovi, Sarah Buxton) 3067236		Girl Shy (R, '24) *** (John Travolta, Gene Raymond) 8881122				Things to Do in Denver When You're Dead (R, '96) 19128092			(11:40)
(50) VC1		50	Con Air (5) 9730626		Con Air (R, '97) *** (Nicolas Cage) 8540781				Con Air (R, '97) *** (Nicolas Cage) 4929532				Con Air (R) 2657743	
(51) VC4		51	The Lost World: Jurassic Park (5) (PG, '97) ** (Julianne Moore) 4229		The Lost World: Jurassic Park (PG-13, '97) ** (Jeff Goldblum, Julianne Moore) 4229						The Lost World: Jurassic Park (PG-13, '97) ** (Jeff Goldblum, Julianne Moore)			
(52) PLAY		52	Big Island Blues (AO, '97) (Laura Kobe Tell)				Women of South Beach		Biker Babes: Wheels		Secrets of a Chameleon (AO, '97)			
(53) HC		53	Another 9 1/2 Weeks (R, '97) 4924456				Supermodel Invasion		Private Passions		Operation Condor (PG-13, '91) ** 5888676			



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Merv Griffin thinks people should get out more, so he's opened a nightclub

LOS ANGELES — **Erik Estrada** will introduce celebrity whitewater rafting, safaris to Africa, off-road trail rides and auto racing on a new TV series.

Estrada, who co-starred on the old "CHiPs" show, will be teamed with Laura McKenzie in hosting the syndicated "Petersen's American Adventurer"



Estrada will explore celebrity adventures in a new show.

The show will go on the air later this month, expanding on the successful format of "American Adventurer," a family show on the air for five years, Petersen Enterprises President Justin McCormack said Thursday.

"'Petersen's American Adventurer' was created to appeal to a much broader broadcast audience," said McCormack, who has no affiliation with the existing show.

Guest stars will travel to exotic locales to participate in activities that include ballooning, skeet shooting, snow skiing, parachuting and diving for sunken treasure.

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — **Merv Griffin thinks** it's time people got out a little, so he opened a nightclub.

"I really think people are tired of sitting at home on their fannies," said the 72-year-old producer of "Jeopardy!" and "Wheel of Fortune."

Griffin's Coconut Club opened last weekend. It's his homage to the days when he sang with Freddie Martin's orchestra at the Coconut Grove.

"People want to go out and have a good time. And this isn't like a jazz club where you sit and don't participate. Here you dance, you eat, maybe have a drink or a smoke. It's an inexpensive night out — except for what you might have to pay the baby sitter," Griffin said.

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Attorneys for the family of **Princess Diana** filed a claim Thursday with the Nevada secretary of state to prevent any use of her name, voice or image unless authorized by the estate.

The claim, a legal pre-emptive strike, would allow the family to more easily go to court if any unauthorized use of her likeness pops up in Nevada.

Lawyers seeking to protect the financial interests of Diana's two sons have filed similar claims in other states as preventive measures.

Memorabilia has proliferated since Diana died Aug. 31 in a Paris car crash, producing doubts about whether her estate and her sons will get a fair share of the proceeds.

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Canceled checks and a Christmas card from Ringo Starr are among the earthly possessions of LSD guru **Timothy Leary** that will be auctioned by Christie's.



Timothy Leary's earthly possessions will be auctioned.

The 79 items will go on the block Feb. 4 in New York City.

The auction house estimated Leary's tattered driver's license will go for $600 to $800, his 1982 passport for $1,000 to $1,500 and a photo of him with John Lennon and Yoko Ono for $1,000 to $1,500.

"If Tim could see how much even little things he had were worth now, he'd have a good laugh," said Vicki Marshall, who was Leary's administrative assistant.

The ashes of Leary, who died of prostate cancer in 1996, were rocketed into space last April.

LOS ANGELES — The 1932 Ford canonized by the **Beach Boys** in "Li'l Deuce Coupe" was auctioned for $47,000.

The car, owned by Beach Boy Al Jardine, was one of several celebrity vehicles sold last weekend at Barrett-Jackson Classic Car Auction in Scottsdale, Ariz., organizers in Los Angeles said Thursday.

"Home Improvement" star Tim Allen's 1995 Saleen Mustang SR race car sold for $58,800 and Tony Curtis' 1959 Rolls-Royce convertible sold for $143,850.

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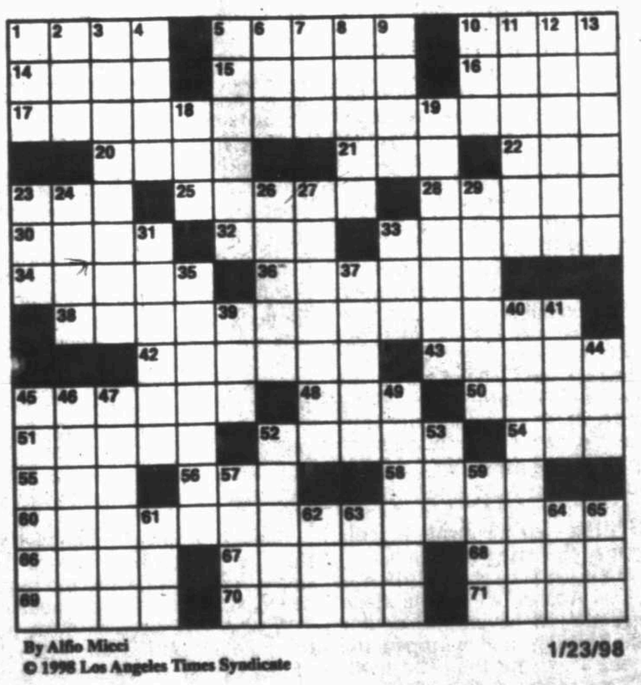
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More Sports/11C

Hulbert takes early lead in Phoenix

Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Mike Hulbert did nothing outlandish in the first round of the Phoenix Open. Merely spectacular play was good enough.

Steady all the way, he birdied eight holes and shot 8-under-par 63 Thursday while opening a one-shot lead over Steve Stricker and Brent Geiberger.

"It's probably one of the best rounds I've ever played," Hulbert said about the third 63 of his career. "You know, regardless of what year or what month or what day, that was one of the best rounds I've played as far as hitting the ball, putting and managing."

Hulbert credited new Mizuno clubs, which replaced the McGregors he had used so long that the grooves on the irons were worn down. He said he also felt fresh after skipping the Bob Hope last week.

"Being the first round of the year, I try to keep my expectations fairly calm," he said. "I don't know ... I drove the ball. That ball was going today."

Stricker matched his best score ever, and Geiberger, who earned $395,452 last year in a strong rookie season, set his career standard.

He said coming within five strokes of the PGA one-round record of 59 fired by his father, Al Geiberger, probably wouldn't stop the questions about the relationship.

"It gets brought up a few times a day," he said. "Usually they ask me if he's my dad or whatever."

Defending champion Steve Jones, Larry Rinker and David Duval were two strokes back and Joe Durant shot 66.

Doug Barron, Nick Price, Scott McCarron, Kelly Gibson, Justin Leonard and Rick Fehr were four shots off the pace.

The group of 12 golfers at 68 included 1996 champion Phil Mickelson, who won the season-opening Mercedes Championships two weeks ago, and Jesper Parnevik, last year's runner-up.

Vijay Singh, who won here in 1995, was part of an 11-player cluster at 69.

Morning frost delayed the start 30 minutes, and play was suspended at 6:05 p.m. MST with five players still on the course.

■ Golf Roundup

Hurst, Mallon lead first round of rain-swept tourney

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Pat Hurst has had a love-hate-love relationship golf and Meg Mallon has been fighting a painful shoulder inflammation.

Both seem to be feeling upbeat right now. Hurst and Mallon shared the lead at 5-under-par 67, going into today's second round of the rain-soaked Office Depot Pro-Am, the second stop on the LPGA tour.

The momentum Hurst and Mallon gained in the first round will have to carry over for another day. Today's play was canceled due to heavy rain and unplayable course conditions.

Despite the rain out, the event can still be 72 holes due to the fact the tournament started on Wednesday so as not to conflict with the Super Bowl on Sunday.

The second round will now be played on Friday, the third round Saturday and the final round on Sunday.

Hurst abandoned the tour — and golf — in 1993 after a frustrating start to a professional career tarnished her outstanding college and amateur play. She later took a job teaching golf and again begin to enjoy the game.

"I told my husband, 'I think we have to try again," Hurst said Wednesday after her opening round in blustery weather.

Tiger struggles, Els shares Johnnie Walker lead

PHUKET, Thailand — Tiger Woods, bothered by the tropical heat in his mother's native country, shot a par 72 today to drop five strokes behind the first-round leaders in the Johnnie Walker Classic.

"Things just did not go right," said Woods, who halted his backswing at one point when he was distracted by chirping birds. "It was hot and I didn't feel that comfortable. Basically I just didn't play very well."

Only 40 spectators followed Woods, compared to 4,000 each day last year when he won the Omega Tour's Asian Honda Classic near Bangkok. He finished the round with three birdies and three bogeys.

South Africa's Ernie Els, who won the PGA European Tour event last year at Gold Coast, Australia, shot a 5-under 67 on the Blue Canyon course for share of the lead with Denmark's Thomas Bjorn, Germany's Alex Cejka and Thailand's Prayad Marksaeng. Bjorn was paired with Woods.



AP Laserphoto

Grounds worker Javier Zapeta works in a flooded sand trap at the IBIS Golf & Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. The second round of the LPGA Office Depot Pro-Am was postponed due to heavy rain Thursday.



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Anna Kournikova of Russia returns a shot during her match against Corina Morariu of the United States Thursday at the Australian Open in Melbourne. Kournikova won the match 7-5, 6-2.

Aussie Open shows it's truly international

By Steve Wilstein
AP Tennis Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Fans waved flags from around the world as a United Nations of players marched into the round of 16 Friday in the Australian Open.

From American Venus Williams to Zimbabwean Byron Black among the day's winners, Grand Slam contenders are emerging from more countries than ever in tennis, the most international of major sports.

Players from 19 countries were seeded at the start of the year's first major event. Going into the third round, players from 14 countries remained in the men's draw and 21 in the women's draw. Morocco had as many players left as Sweden.

Resurgent Czech Petr Korda, who knocked Pete Sampras out of the U.S. Open, did three scissor kicks to celebrate his 30th birthday — "I couldn't do 30 because I would die," he said — after he moved ahead Friday with a 6-2, 7-6 (8), 6-2 victory over American Vince Spadea.

Cedric Pioline, one of 10 French players to start the day, advanced with a 6-2, 6-1, 6-4 victory over Spain's 11th-seeded Alex Corretja.

Moroccan Hicham Arazi, who bumped out big-serving, 15th-seeded Australian Mark Philippoussis in a five-setter in the second round, survived another long match in a 4-6, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 victory over Spain's Francisco Clavet.

Unseeded Slovak Karol Kucera, winner of the Sydney tuneup last week, kept going with a 6-2, 7-6 (3), 6-1 victory over Canadian Daniel Nestor. And the Zimbabwean Black won easily against American qualifer Steve Campbell, 6-4, 6-0, 6-2.

U.S. Open finalist Venus Williams, fresh from her victory over sister Serena, reached the fourth round with a 6-1, 6-4 triumph over France's Amielie Mauresmo in the first Australian Open for both.

Davenport, the women's No. 2 seed, beat Italy's Flora Perfetti 6-2, 6-2, and Frenchwoman Sandrine Testud, the No. 9 seed, downed Czech Adriana Gersi 6-4, 6-2.

Palmer, Colbert join fight against prostate cancer

By Ron Sirak
AP Golf Writer

NEW YORK — Arnold Palmer and Jim Colbert both were diagnosed with prostate cancer last year. On Thursday night, the two stars of the Senior PGA Tour became leading figures in the fight against the disease.

Hundreds of people paying up to $50,000 for a table for 10 gathered at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel to honor Palmer, Colbert and PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem and to announce the launch of the Senior PGA Tour for the Cure program to raise money for research.

Every dollar raised by the program, in which the public will pledge contributions for each birdie made by their favorite Senior Tour player, will be matched by CaP CURE, the largest private source of prostate cancer research funding.

"The Senior PGA Tour for the Cure has the chance to become a fantastic program," said Palmer, who addressed the gathering by satellite hookup from Hawaii where he is playing in the Seniors Skins Game this weekend.

"Any time we can get together to raise money for any type of cancer research and encourage more people to become aware of cancer, it has to help," he said. "We'd like to make sure they have a regular checkup. I believe, with CaP CURE's support, this program will work, and work well."

An estimated 184,500 American men will get prostate cancer this year, and about 39,000 will die, the American Cancer Society estimates. Men over the age of 50 — the minimum age for Senior Tour members — have a 42 percent lifetime risk for prostate cancer.

Palmer, 68, was diagnosed with prostate cancer last January, had surgery shortly thereafter and was back competing in less than two months.

"I've tried to help other people understand cancer and how to battle it," Palmer said. "Since I came back out on the tour, I've been getting lots of mail from people thanking me for telling them to get a PSA. That's been very gratifying for me."

A PSA is a blood test that can detect prostate cancer.

Colbert, 56, was diagnosed with prostate cancer during a routine physical in June, had surgery and also returned to competition before the end of the year.

Father of Williams sisters apologizes for comments

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Sorry for his "stupid statement" about Irina Spirlea at the U.S. Open, Richard Williams recanted a charge of racism on the WTA Tour toward his daughters, Venus and Serena.

Richard Williams, speaking by telephone Thursday from his home in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., said he apologized to Spirlea for calling her "a big, tall, white turkey" after she bumped Venus during a changeover in the U.S. Open semifinals last September.

The incident, he said at that time, was motivated by what he contended was a broader racist attitude on the tour.

"I love Irina Spirlea," Richard Williams said. "I don't see any prejudice at all. I met with her and apologized for making a stupid statement. She's a professional, and I shouldn't have talked about her that way."

Williams, who coached his daughters since childhood but doesn't like traveling with them to big events, has long said he believes Serena, 16, will ultimately be a better player than Venus, 17. Though Venus won their first professional match in straight sets in the second round Wednesday, Richard still believes Serena will be No. 1 someday.

"Serena will be the best on the WTA Tour," he said. "But Venus has a lot of pride and nothing will get in the way of her getting to No. 1 first."

Serena has played only four tournaments but has surged in the rankings with victories over Monica Seles, Mary Pierce, Lindsay Davenport and Spirlea. She started the year No. 99, came into the Australian Open at No. 53, and will probably be in the low 40s after beating Spirlea in the first round.

OPEN: Agassi plays well

(From 1C)

an indefatigable reputation.

"This was a good win for me because I haven't really established myself against good baseliners," Agassi said. "That's the key to my game. Once I make baseliners start feeling me, once I start putting the points together against guys who can run down a lot of balls in both wings, I start establishing myself with everyone else. I start reminding myself about what makes me better than the people I'm playing against."

That Agassi was able to handle Costa — except for a third set that Agassi virtually tanked after an early break on a smash he lost in the lights — testified not only to his fitness but his timing after taking off most of last year and sinking as low as No. 141 in the rankings.

"I've played pretty well before, but it's certainly the most significant match I've had," Agassi said. "It's a big step forward. It feels good to kick some butt again."

Costa must have run 10 times as much as Agassi, who often stood his ground just beyond the center of the baseline and whipped the ball one way and then the next. Costa ran madly with more heart than talent, but there were times when it was just too much.

One such moment came early in the fourth set, when Costa ran a half-dozen wind sprints chasing balls — "He's from Spain," Agassi said, "he's supposed to do that" — finally couldn't catch one, and came to a rest on a side wall, his chest heaving. Yet, somehow Costa struggled on, stayed with Agassi, even came back from 4-2 to tie it at 4-4.

Then Agassi did it to him again, making him scramble so desperately in such mad dashes that Costa sank to the court, wrapped his hands on his knees and looked as if he might faint. Agassi had a 5-4 lead and Costa was all but done.

Costa managed to hang in and tie it once again. But the end came a few minutes later, when Agassi held serve and an exhausted Costa was broken once more, a final forehand sailing wide.

"He's prepared to make something big again," Costa said. "He's playing like when he was No. 1. You can feel the pressure when you play him."

Though Agassi acknowledged that his 54 unforced errors, two more than Costa, were too many, he wasn't particularly concerned.

"I went out there with the plan to make an impression," he said. "I can't go out there and not make errors at the risk of staying back and not controlling the points. That's not my game. My game is to control the points."

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BOX OFFICE

Top weekend **movies**

Weekend of Jan. 16-19, 1998

All dollar figures in millions

	Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1	**Titanic** $242.7, five weeks, 2,767 screens	$36
2	**Good Will Hunting** $37.3, seven weeks, 1,819 screens	$13.7
3	**Fallen** $10.4, one week, 2,448 screens	$10.4
4	**As Good As It Gets** $67, four weeks, 1,753 screens	$10
5	**Hard Rain** $8, one week, 2,107 screens	$8
6	**Half Baked** $7.7, one week, 1,701 screens	$7.7
7	**Wag the Dog** $18, four weeks, 1,752 screens	$6.5
8	**Tomorrow Never Dies** $112, five weeks, 2,427 screens	$6.3
9	**MouseHunt** $52, five weeks, 2,003 screens	$5.5
10	**Amistad** $35, six weeks, 1,001 screens	$3.3

Top 10 lists

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. All lists c. 1998, Billboard Publications, Inc.:

Video Rentals

1."Face/Off," (Paramount)
2."Con Air," (Touchstone)
3."My Best Friend's Wedding," (Columbia TriStar)
4."Contact," (Warner)
5."Conspiracy Theory," (Warner)
6."Men In Black," (Columbia TriStar)
7."Spawn," (New Line)
8."Austin Powers," (New Line)
9."Speed 2: Cruise Control," (Fox)
10."Chasing Amy," (Miramax)

Top Singles

1."Together Again," Janet (Virgin)(Gold)
2."Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden (Columbia)
3."Nice & Slow," Usher (LaFace)
4."How Do I Live," Leann Rimes (Curb) (Platinum)
5."Been Around the World," Puff Daddy & The Family (Bad Boy)
6."Tubthumping," Chumbawamba (Republic)
7."I Don't Ever Want to See You Again," Uncle Sam (Stone Creek-Epic) (Gold)
8."You Make Me Wanna...," Usher (LaFace) (Platinum)
9."Show Me Love," Robyn (RCA) (Gold)
10."Candle In the Wind 1997 — Something About the Way You Look Tonight," Elton John (Rocket) (Platinum)

Top Albums

1."'Titanic' Soundtrack," (Sony Classical) (Platinum)
2."Let's Talk About Love," Celine Dion (550 Music) (Platinum)
3."Money, Power and Respect," The Lox (Arista)
4."Backstreet," Backstreet Boys (Jive) (Platinum)
5."My Way," Usher (LaFace) (Platinum)

Country Singles

1."Just to See You Smile," Tim McGraw (Curb)
2."He's Got You," Brooks & Dunn (Arista Nashville)
3."Love of My Life," Sammy Kershaw (Mercury)
4."On the Side of Angels," Leann Rimes (Curb)
5."Imagine That," Diamond Rio (Arista)
6."Don't Be Stupid (You Know I Love You)," Shania Twain (Mercury)
7."I Wanna Fall In Love," Lila McCann (Asylum)
8."Angel In My Eyes," John Michael Montgomery (Atlantic)
9."What If I Said," Anita Cochran (Duet with Steve Wariner) (Warner Bros.)
10."You've Got to Talk to Me," Lee Ann Womack (Decca)

Latin Tracks

1."En El Jardin," Alejandro Fernandez featuring Gloria Estefan
2."Contigo (Estar Contigo)," Luis Miguel (WEA Latina)
3."Lluvia Cae," Enrique Iglesias
4."Si Tu Supieras," Alejandro Fernandez (Sony Discos)
5."A Pesar De Todos," Ana Gabriel

REVIEWS AND PREVIEWS EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

The 'other' show makes its swan song this season



AP Laserphoto

Candice Bergen, second from right, with fellow cast members Faith Ford, right, and Joe Regalbuto, second left. The show is in its tenth and final season.

In 'Seinfeld's' shadow, 'Murphy Brown' says final goodbyes

By David Bauder
AP Television Writer

PASADENA, Calif. — If you'd asked a fearless forecaster a few years back which long-running comedy would create headline news and a television event with its farewell, the answer probably wouldn't have been "Seinfeld."

Instead, the clear choice would have been "Murphy Brown."

The show and its star, Candice Bergen, were once on a winning streak that earned a trophy case of Emmys. Sharp, topical humor made the show part of the national dialogue, most notably during Vice President Dan Quayle's public finger-wagging at Murphy for having a baby out of wedlock.

Funny how things turn out. At the end of this season, "Seinfeld" will leave at the top of the ratings, if not the top of its game. And it will almost certainly accomplish the staggering feat of seeing its audience grow for each of its nine years on the air.

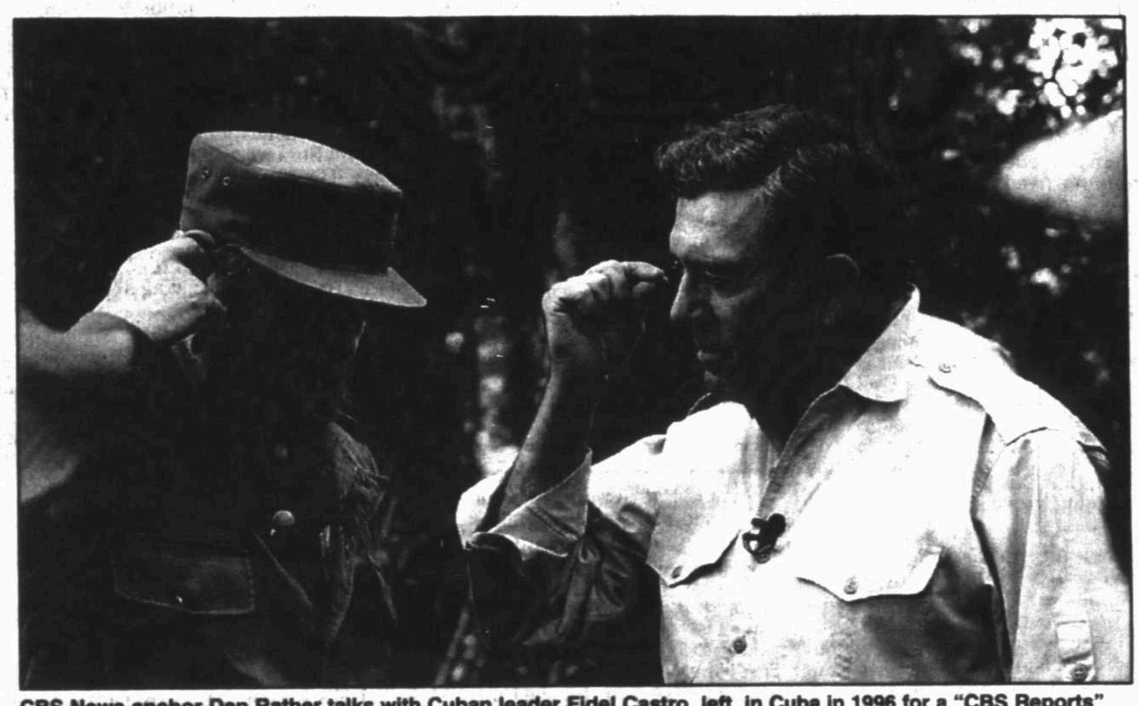
The also-departing "Murphy" has seemed, by contrast, increasingly like a good friend who did not know when to say goodbye. Long ago the show lost its edge, much of the audience drifted away, and by now no one talks about it. Some former fans aren't even sure when it's on (Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. CST on CBS).

So despite a provocative final year with Murphy contracting breast cancer, the show's swan song is muted, almost a bittersweet whisper.

"I think our numbers peaked in the fifth year and since then, you know, we've sort of been notching down," Bergen said.

The decision to do a 10th year wasn't taken in hopes of increasing audiences, she said. "Our hope was really to bring the show back to its beginning, to bring the show back to what it had been in its first four years — its best four

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CBS News anchor Dan Rather talks with Cuban leader Fidel Castro, left, in Cuba in 1996 for a "CBS Reports" show titled "The Last Revolutionary." Rather, intent on cultivating his image as the king of hard news, is back in Cuba this week for the visit by Pope John Paul II. AP Laserphoto

Who's the king of hard news?

By David Bauder
AP Television Writer

PASADENA, Calif. — News isn't satisfied just being news anymore. It has to be hard.

With that in mind, broadcast news divisions are currently embroiled in a my-news-is-harder-than-yours war of words. It's a quarrel that's hard (to use their favorite term) to take very seriously.

ABC's "World News Tonight" is trumpeting a return to hard news through an ad campaign that does everything but show the hard-bitten Peter Jennings in a green eye shade. ABC has even assigned Sam Donaldson, the ultimate hard-hearted journalist, back to the White House to gnaw on the leg of another president.

CNN says it's re-emphasizing hard news, too, beefing up a special reports team and adding newscasts on weekends where there were once feature programs.

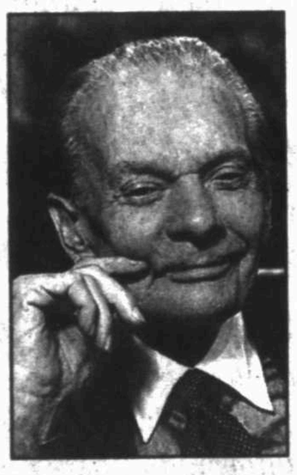
"CBS Evening News" anchor Dan Rather is so intent on cultivating an image as king of hard news that he used the phrase at least 21 times during a Q&A last week with television writers.

Hard, harder, hardest!

But finding a consensus among journalists on what "hard" actually means may be the hardest task of all; most say they know hard news when they see it. For broadcasters, it is a reassuring, familiar tag for what can be a confusing news world.

"There are fewer pressing issues out of Washington, there are fewer major stories overseas," said Jeffrey Zucker, executive producer of NBC's "Today" show. "Everyone has had to redefine how they fill all their front pages."

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David Brinkley

Man who defined what an anchor is turns salesman

By Frazier Moore
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — You gotta love TV news, a profession whose highest rank is another word for "dead weight."

Of course, no one has that in mind when they talk about TV anchors, unless they're referring to Ted Baxter.

But just what IS an anchor, other than an on-camera host who doesn't ask too many questions or tell too many jokes? Who could ever hatch one all-inclusive definition, as long as CBS News anchor Dan Rather and "Extra" anchor Maureen O'Boyle can put that same job title on their IRS returns?

And what about Geraldo Rivera, the about-to-be-former talk show host who, under his new $30 million NBC News contract, will continue his anchoring duties at CNBC as well as anchor specials on NBC? How, Tom Brokaw

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'98: Already the year of viewing dangerously?

By Frazier Moore
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — It's too bad the new year doesn't come with a warranty. After just three weeks, 1998 is on the blink.

TV-wise, anyway. What else can we conclude when ratings are soaring for the lowlife "Jerry Springer Show"? And this, when trash-talk supposedly is out and that nice "Rosie O'Donnell Show" is in!

And what else can we conclude when President Clinton, no less, taped a "Springer"-worthy TV appearance last Saturday? Well, actually, it was a behind-closed-doors legal deposition for that pesky Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit. But picture the possibilities: "I'm the Prez and She Says I Hit on Her!" ... next "Jerry."

Oprah Winfrey, the queen of daytime talk, has her own legal problems. This week she was on the stand in Texas cattle country, where she's being sued for her comments about mad cow disease.

No stranger to courtrooms, O.J. Simpson was interviewed last week on ESPN, comparing himself to Jesus and Job, then impiously declaring, "I feel I got screwed big-time in this case."

And don't forget veteran newsman David Brinkley. Vowing to continue speaking "straight and true," he has reintroduced himself at age 77 as a commercial pitchman for Archer Daniels Midland, the agribusiness giant with a crooked past. (In 1996, the corporation paid $100 million in price-fixing fines.) Say good night, David.

In the opening days of 1998's Bloopers, Bleeps and Blunders, NBC, too, was a major player.

The network waited until after "Saturday Night Live" returned from its holiday hiatus, and just before network brass faced reporters at TV's semi-annual "critics' tour," to bounce Norm Macdonald as mock-anchor of "Weekend Update." So perfectly positioned, a one-day story was inflated to a press free-for-all.

"Censorship!" wailed Macdonald's defenders. "The network weasels are trampling on the creative process!" You'd have thought Tom Brokaw had been yanked from the real-life "Nightly News" anchor desk in mid-sentence.

Of course, NBC has bigger troubles than Norm Macdonald's vexed fans. Socked with Jerry Seinfeld's Christmas Day decision to end his sitcom after this season, NBC is in a tizzy to replace the truly irreplaceable.

Maybe the answer to the network's Thursday-at-9 prayers lies in an inspiring new show based on Microsoft titan Bill Gates, already a partner with NBC

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JIMMY PATTERSON

Rickie Lee, 'Passion,' and that unsinkable movie



Patterson

Here's something to make you feel old: Twenty years ago this year, Rickie Lee Jones began recording "Chuck E's in Love," and other timeless gems off her solo, self-named, debut album. Twenty years later, it is still a masterpiece and still defies labels. ...

... Sonny Bono's death prompts the question: Are "I Got You Babe" and Smokey Robinson's "Tears of a Clown" the only two pop songs ever to chart using a bassoon as an integral part of their melodies? If there are others, I'd like to be reminded. ...

... Blast from the past: Listening to the old Rod Stewart song, "Passion," I had to chuckle when I heard the line, "Even the president needs ... passion." I'm thinkin' that may not be much of a problem these days.

... The Unsinkable Movie of the Year: Occasionally, maybe once a year if we're lucky, a movie comes along that gets everyone talking. Everyone is talking about "Titanic." Occasionally, Hollywood tosses out a gem that makes us remember that the entertainment industry is still capable of decent, long-lasting movie memories. "Titanic" is one of those. Others recently in that memory-making class: "Star Wars," "Jurassic Park" and "Schindler's List." One movie reviewer likened Titanic to a modern-day "Gone With the Wind." The parallels are there perhaps, especially where running time is concerned. The way the movie weaves a fictional, touching, heart-breaking love story into a piece of history is masterful. Leonardo DiCaprio is Oscar-worthy simply for his scene at the dinner table with all those bratty high-brows. Kate Winslet, as they say in Hollywood, is simply brilliant. ...

TV thoughts: Just a hunch, but I'm willing to make a hefty wager on the fact that life will go on even if "Seinfeld" will not. It just may not be as funny a world without it. Still hard to believe that at least two of the three evening newscasts, NBC and ABC, led their Christmas day newscasts with the announcement. You wanna talk slow news days ...

... I had no idea how important "E.R." was to my life until NBC agreed to pay $13 million an episode to continue it. Great show, yes. Worth that much? Maybe, maybe not. "E.R." is one of the few quality hours on television, so if execs have to pay that much to keep it piped into our living rooms, there'll be no complaint here. George Clooney's imminent departure following next season won't have much of an impact. The show is already playing down his character and contains other characters that are far more layered than his. The good thing about E.R. was, in the beginning, its weakness: the characters had no depth, they said. Not a problem anymore. The show's producers and writers have put an emphasis on making us have feelings for these actors, namely Eriq La Salle's grumpy-but-growing Peter Benton; Anthony Edward's, oft-brooding but likeable Mark Greene, and more than anyone, Gloria Ruben's compassionate Jeannie Boulet and Noah Wyle's John Carter, TV's reigning Mr. Nice Guy. The show has matured wonderfully and is already a piece of pop culture history.

... Thanks for nothing, Esquire: Just when we thought we were rid of him, there Esquire goes splat-

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MURPHY: Bergen blunt in assessment

(From 9C)

years."

Bergen is blunt in calling two of the show's recent seasons dismal, with the characters losing their focus and the storylines becoming too broad.

"We really just thought if we could get some critical recognition, and feel that we had, kind of, reclaimed our dignity as a show, which I certainly felt had been eroded over time, that that would be enough for us," she said. "And I think we've succeeded in that."

Blurring the line between comedy and drama this year, "Murphy" has served as an emotional road map for women with breast cancer, and for their families. There was even a revival of the show's old spirit of tweaking political taboos with an episode in which Murphy smokes marijuana to ease the discomfort of chemotherapy.

"It was weird coming back this year. It was almost like we were doing a new show," said actress Faith Ford, who as Corky Sherwood has endured 10 years of Bergen's good-natured backstage mocking of her Southern accent.

Because of the cancer storyline, "There was a completely different energy on the set," she said.

"The way the show was written ... it's just gone deeper. The issues are much deeper and all the humor is back to really strong, heavy character humor. I don't even think we've had these kinds of episodes written since the fourth season — or the third season."

Actor Joe Regalbuto had hoped for a point during Murphy's cancer ordeal where his character, Frank Fontana, could tell her he loved her. It came when he walked into her hospital room, talking to Murphy when he thought she was under sedation.

Murphy shoots back: "Frank, I have cancer. I'm not deaf."

As the season progresses, Murphy is dealing with support groups, the return of an old flame, and even a fling with a younger man. One of the things Bergen says she's learned from talking to real breast cancer survivors — a passion and desire to embrace life as a gift — is being reflected on the show.

Look for a nostalgic finale in May. "Murphy" will return to its longtime slot of Monday at 9 p.m. EST for the event. Series creator Diane English will return to write it, and some of the show's former actors are also expected back.

And, no, Murphy won't die. Producers say they want to leave with an air of optimism, and besides, there's always those future reunion shows. "It could be the only other job we get," Regalbuto joked.

"It's been really great for us, like a real shot in the arm for us as actors, to do this season," Ford said. "It's a perfect way to go out."

HARD: All three networks are very close in nightly ratings

(From 9C)

Is a story about people angry about their health maintenance organizations hard? How about one on the increased use of fertility drugs? Or the use of the Internet to replace real social interaction? Marv Albert? The questions are raised in newsrooms every day.

There's no correct answer, of course. What's ironic is that, after groping for a place in a changing television environment, each of the three evening news programs generally presents sober, complete reviews of each day's events. And, pushed by competition, each often has startlingly good enterprise reporting and isn't afraid to experiment with the broadcast format to make good use of it.

Which one is "harder" is strictly in the eye of the beholder.

"I think we and CBS are trying very hard to be hard news broadcasts," said Paul Friedman, executive producer of "World News Tonight" on ABC. "NBC's doing something slightly different."

Such talk drives NBC absolutely bonkers. Its "Nightly News" has tried to do fewer stories in greater depth, sacrificing volume and incremental government news in favor of longer stories, often on health news and social trends.

While Friedman didn't say the word "soft," NBC always hears it whispered. Soft, while great for baby's bottoms and freshly laundered towels, is an epithet in the news business.

So worried is NBC about this perception that last week it took the extraordinary step of showing TV writers a highlight newsreel detailing exclusive, hard-hitting stories done by Tom Brokaw and his team over the past year. Why extraordinary? Because the broadcast that's No. 1 in the ratings is so defensive.

"Frankly, we worry that we can be defined by others and not by what you see on the air," Brokaw said.

CBS was the first and loudest talker. Hard news become a preoccupation in the industry because CBS's evening news broadcast, once a consistent and distant third in the ratings, has rather suddenly become a real contender in the race.

All three of the keenly competitive networks are remarkably close in evening news ratings, and they love to gibe each other.

CBS News President Andrew Heyward admits hard news is a simplistic phrase, but the term "has kind of summed up for people that it's important, it's worth watching, it's a half hour that won't waste your time. We're not going to tell you things that you already know.

"In the fractured, splintering marketplace, programs that can establish and deliver a core mission and a consistent, strong identity are going to be the ones that succeed," he said.

NBC's Zucker is bemused by it all, even though he plays into it just like everyone else. He bragged to television critics, only half-jokingly, about how hard the first half hour of the "Today" show is.

"The fact is, everyone is pretty much covering the same stories, and the differences are in the margins," he said. "This is a game that's going on within the journalistic community to try and goad one another."

Laymen confused by all this talk of hard and soft may use this simple test:

You know it's hard news when Dan Rather frowns, and it's soft news when he smiles. If you watch closely, that sometimes happens at the end of his broadcast, just before he says good night.

BRINKLEY: Media critics condemn journalist for his 'sleazy sellout'

(From 9C)

might wonder, can Rivera be identified by the same term that's applied to the "NBC Nightly News" anchor?

"He does what he does, and I do what I do," Brokaw has told The New York Times. "There's very little common ground between us."

Maybe not. For that matter, how much common ground is occupied by NBC anchor Stone Phillips and ABC anchor Peter Jennings? Between CBS anchor Bryant Gumbel and E! Entertainment anchor Greg Agnew?

Maybe not much. But much of what they do share can be traced back more than 40 years, to a handful of pioneers who invented the job of TV anchor. David Brinkley was among those founding fathers.

This is Brinkley, who with the late Chet Huntley co-anchored the most successful evening newscast in history. Brinkley, who after nearly four decades at NBC, left in 1981 to begin a new chapter at ABC.

And this is Brinkley, a Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient who, at 77, was witnessed earlier this month hawking cubic zirconium jewelry on a home shopping channel.

Well, it wasn't quite like that. Actually, he made an unexpected return to the former "This Week with David Brinkley," the Sunday public-affairs program he had anchored for 15 years. He said he was back to talk about "food, the environment, agriculture."

But when Brinkley spoke of such "issues of importance to the American people and the world," it was as a paid mouthpiece for an agribusiness giant looking to shore up its image on the strength of his. And his forum was now a series of filmed commercials in which he aped the anchor and commentator he used to be, all in the margins of the program from which he had retired only three months before.

A sleazy sellout, howled media critics. Many of Brinkley's fellow journalists sadly agreed.

Meanwhile, ABC News took heat for airing the ads, which it pulled after the second week.

But what of the sponsor, Archer Daniels Midland, self-described "supermarket to the world"? Its purpose for buying time on a program like "This Week" (where it has advertised from the beginning) is to polish its image for the opinion leaders, investors and governing elite who watch the show in rich numbers. Brinkley brought luster to the company's reputation, had it not sprung him on viewers unprepared for his new role as pitchman.

Merrie Spaeth, a Dallas-based corporate communications consultant, says ADM should have announced Brinkley's enlistment at a high-toned breakfast for business leaders, which the press would have been invited to cover.

Proposes Spaeth, "I, as the executive from ADM, would have said, 'To contribute to an informed debate, we have asked this most respected newsman to bring you his thoughts.'"

And should some pesky reporter ask if Brinkley's compensation from ADM might influence his judgment, "I would respond with a laugh," Spaeth goes on. "Then I'd say, 'Have you ever known anything to alter his judgment?'"

Crisis nipped in the bud? No one will ever know.

Instead, what ADM got for its Brinkley ad dollars was public speculation over why a man of such stature had cashed in his good name. Even worse, every press account recalled ADM's not-so-shining recent past: price-fixing activities and a $100 million fine.

Surely, this wasn't what ADM had in mind when it tapped Brinkley to anchor a new public relations campaign. Yet the moment Brinkley accepted its bid, ADM got damaged goods.

And what did viewers get for their decades of faith in one of TVs reigning anchors? They got these words of wisdom: Informing and selling are two sides of the same tarnished coin, so grab it if you get the chance.

DANGER: Cast your 'Sein' vote

(From 9C)

in its MSNBC cable and online venture. The sure-to-be-Must-See "Touched by a Bill" would be about a lovable software nerd who wants to save the world by buying it.

Would anybody watch? Are you kidding? Gates could bundle the show with your local water supply. You'd watch, or die of thirst.

That's a joke, folks. In fact, the year's biggest programming news from the Big Four networks has centered on their multi-billion-dollar buys of NFL football rights (by ABC, CBS and Fox, that is) — and how, this time, NBC lost out.

"The NFL is the only solid ground in a very scary swamp," Fox Sports president David Hill said last week, in a telling indication of how dimly the networks have come to view their prospects for generating mass-appeal entertainment. How sports, whatever the cost, is the only thing they really trust.

It seems that, increasingly, the networks have conceded that their few smash-hit series — like "Seinfeld," "ER," "The X-Files" — are divine accidents. And they have rededicated themselves to thwarting future accidents in a surefire way: by jamming inspiration into pat recipes.

How else to explain NBC's "Jenny," starring former MTV "It" girl Jenny McCarthy in a sitcom devoid of any creative chemistry other than the leading lady's silicone implants? And what about "Dellaventura," a CBS drama best described as Sam Spade meets Chef Boyardee? Mercifully, both of these freshman series were cancelled last week.

What's next? Don't underestimate the networks' ability to focus on ratings strategy at the expense of entertainment value, or to dwell on whose trees are taller while the forest burns.

But 1998 has just begun. Due to rise from TV's trembling swamp later this year, if only for a glimpse: a revival of "Fantasy Island."

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Elsewhere in television ...

WHAT'S YOUR 'SEIN'?: With the end of "Seinfeld" in sight, we want to know how you, devoted fan, would bring this series to its just conclusion. How do YOU think "Seinfeld" should wrap up? Give us your ideas, your summary, or more for the finale. We'll read every submission and run excerpts from the best for the nation to see. No money, no prizes, not even any soup for you — just the satisfaction of getting to mouth off about your favorite show. So let your voice be heard! Let us know your notions for the destiny of Jerry, George, Elaine and Kramer. E-mail your suggestions to fmoore@ap.org — you'll make great time.

PATTERSON: Esquire doesn't get it

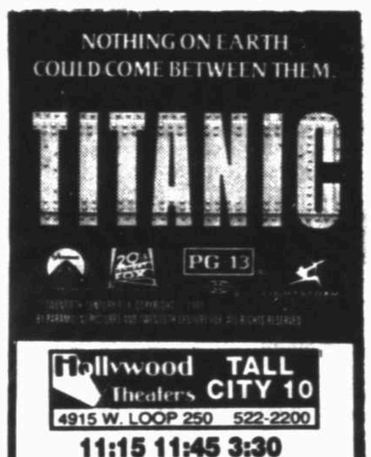
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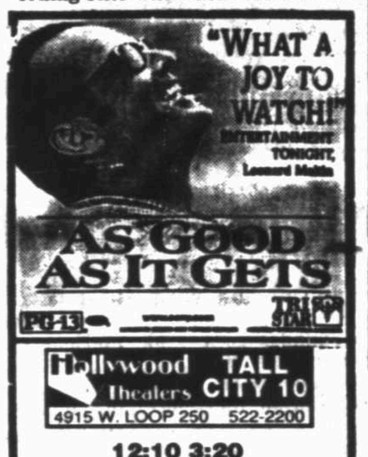
tering O.J. Simpson on its cover. Apparently Esquire has missed the message: We are sick of this guy. He has nothing important left to say. He has never had anything worth saying. So why do they do it? Hundreds of thousands of readers will buy the issue.

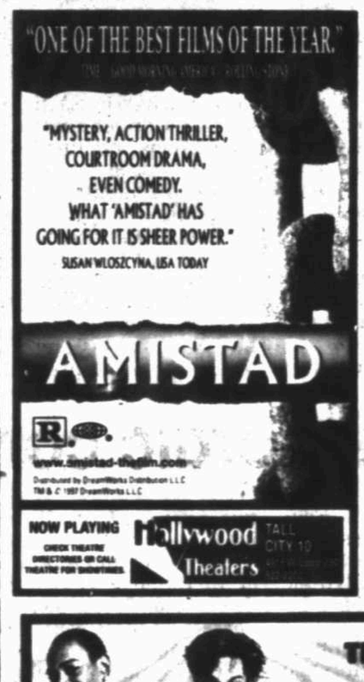
... Just once I'd like to see a public figure own up to his or her failure. Craig Kilborn, the smug host of Comedy Central's Daily Show, was recently suspended for sexually inappropriate comments he made to a magazine about a female coworker. Kilborn later said he was taken out of context. Craig, babe, Mr. Cha Cha, Dennis Miller Wannabe: Be a little responsible here. You screwed up. Admit it.

... Votes for Top 3 country albums of 1997 (and I mean country, in it's real sense): Jack Ingram's "Livin' or Dyin'", Kimmie Rhodes' "West Texas Heaven," and Kim Richey's "Bitter Sweet." If there were any better, I'd sure like to hear them.

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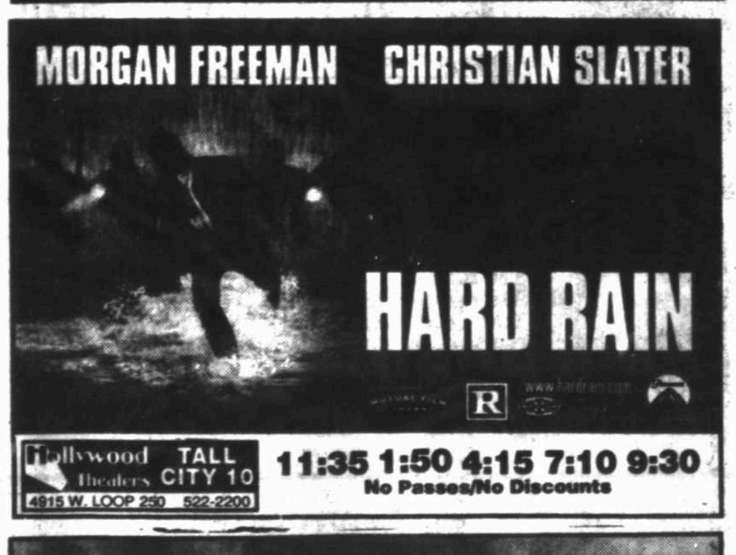








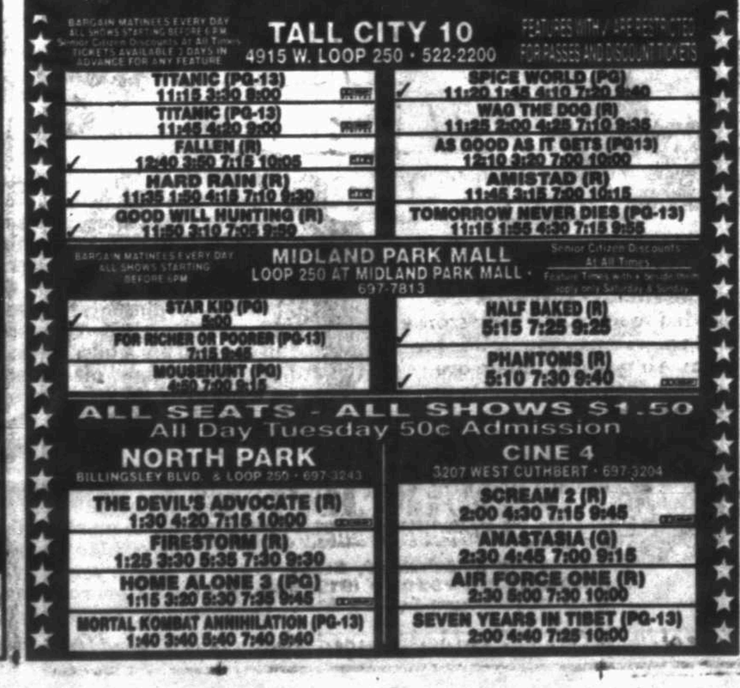












Henderson goes back to Athletics

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Rickey Henderson, baseball's career steals leader, joined the Oakland Athletics for the fourth time Thursday after agreeing to a one-year deal with the team.

Henderson, who grew up in Oakland, also played for the A's from 1979-84, 1989-93, and 1994-95. In all, he's spent 12 of his 19 major-league seasons with the A's.

Henderson's agent, Jeff Borris, said the 39-year-old outfielder wanted to come home.

"It was the most important thing," he said. "It's no secret that Rickey has seen much of his success with the Oakland Athletics. He's very excited to be returning to the team."

Last week, Henderson told the Contra Costa Times that the A's had offered him $1 million, but he was hoping for $1.5 million.

"I think I'm still the best lead-off hitter in the game," he told the newspaper.

Terms of the agreement Thursday were not disclosed, but Oakland general manager Billy Beane said the foundation of the A's offer remained consistent.

"We did a little tweaking this morning," Beane said.

Henderson, who has 1,231 career steals and also holds the record for leadoff homers with 72, was a free agent.

Last season, he played for Anaheim after being traded from San Diego on Aug. 21. He hit a combined .248 with both teams, stole 45 bases, drew 97 walks and scored 84 runs. For his career, Henderson has hit .286 with 252 homers and 921 RBIs.

Boston's deal with Valentin snags

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox have agreed to terms on value and length of contract with infielder John Valentin, but the deal has snagged over other details, general manager Dan Duquette said Thursday.

"In a deal of this magnitude, there's a number of items that need to be resolved," Duquette said before the Boston Baseball Writers' Association annual dinner.

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The Red Sox and Valentin have agreed to a four-year deal worth between $25 million and $28 million, sources have said. Duquette would not disclose what was holding up the deal.

Valentin, who made $3.8 million last year, asked for $7 million in salary arbitration and the Red Sox offered $5.5 million.

Phillies hire Andersen for booth

PHILADELPHIA — Larry Andersen knows that while he may have the late Rich Ashburn's seat in front of a microphone, there's no way he can be considered Ashburn's replacement.

"I don't think it's fair to call me a replacement for Richie Ashburn, but I think it's more unfair to Richie," Andersen said Thursday after the Philadelphia Phillies made their former reliever a broadcaster.

"Nobody can do what he did for as long as he did and have the hearts of this city with him all the time," Andersen said of Ashburn, the Hall of Fame outfielder who died Sept. 9 after announcing a Phillies game. "I'm not going to be able to do that."

After nearly 50 years in baseball, all but one of them with the Phillies organization, the 70-year-old Ashburn had a rare rapport with Philadelphia fans.

But Andersen, part of the Phillies' NL championship team in 1993, already evokes a positive emotion among most fans.

As the championship team's chief prankster, Andersen kept things loose by wearing an assortment of wigs, masks and other getups and orchestrating numerous pies to the faces of unsuspecting teammates.

Andersen, 44, is also known for his off-beat musings, like the one he offered Thursday: "Have you ever seen a turtle walking around in a peopleneck?"

After a 17-year major-league career that also included stops with the Indians, Mariners, Astros, Red Sox and Padres, Andersen had a chance to move into the broadcast booth last year, after Houston promoted pitcher-turned-broadcaster Larry Dierker to manager.

The Phillies also announced Milt Thompson, another link to the 1993 team, is joining the organization as a coach at Double-A Reading.

Giants sign infielder Sanchez

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco Giants, who lost shortstop Jose Vizcaino to free agency and cut backup infielder Mark Lewis, signed Rey Sanchez to a one-year deal Thursday that guarantees the infielder $600,000.

Sanchez, who spent his entire six-year major league career with the Chicago Cubs before being traded to the New York Yankees last August, will make $500,000 in 1998.

The Giants have an option of retaining Sanchez for 1999 at $1.4 million with a $100,000. If Sanchez is traded before Oct. 1 this season, his salary for 1998 would double to $1 million.

Jones gets $13.35 million deal with Mets

NEW YORK — Bobby Jones, the New York Mets' most consistent starter during the past four years, was rewarded Thursday with a $13.35 million, three-year contract.

Jones, a right-hander who will turn 28 next month, has won 10 or more games in each of the past four seasons.

Stewart sizzles in year's first IRL practice

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Another year, more Tony Stewart.

The defending Indy Racing League champion was easily the fastest driver Thursday in both practices on the opening day of the Indy 200 weekend at Walt Disney World Speedway.

Stewart, starting what apparently will be his final full season of IRL racing — he will move to NASCAR's Busch Grand National Series next year — picked up right where he left off in 1997 when he won four of 10 poles, turned a fast lap of 168.951 mph in the morning practice and 168.240 in the afternoon on the 1-mile oval.

But, despite his showing Thursday, Stewart says any edge he had last year is disappearing.

"All you have to do is look at the time sheet," Stewart said. "It looks like a NASCAR time sheet, it's so close. You're going to have to really work hard to gain ground on anybody now."

Closest to his G Force-Oldsmobile was a Dallara-Olds driven by Scott Sharp, returning to the driver's seat after two concussions sidelined him during the 1997 season.

Sharp, who turned a fast lap of 167.645, said, "I'm 100 percent fine."

Thursday's session had a considerably different feel from the opening day of practice at Disney last year, when the IRL was introducing all-new engines and chassis.

"We only had 16 cars ready and they were scrambling to get three more done, and nobody knew what was really going to happen," Sharp said. "It was frustrating last year to be part of a development cycle. You didn't know if the engine was going to last and entire race or whether you should even bother making changes to the car.

One of the biggest problems last year, only the second season for the IRL, was injuries — mostly concussions — from rear-end crashes. Addressing that problem during the offseason, the IRL has new, more crushable rear ends, with modified bell housings and gearboxes.

"They really have improved safetywise a hell of a lot," said Roberto Guerrero, who was third fast on Thursday at 166.929 in a Dallara-Olds.

Guerrero recalled that last year his car was one of those being put together at the last minute. And even after it was ready, the team had to wait for an engine to be shipped in the day of the race.

"We couldn't even qualify," Guerrero said. "Last year's race for us, you can really just throw it out the window. But, from the late part of last season to now, the cars feel better. I think they have gained in overall downforce and I think the tires have improved, too."

Others turning quick laps on Thursday included Buddy Lazier at 166.775 mph, Kenny Brack at 166.659, Scott Goodyear at 166.574 and Robbie Buhl at 166.723. Defending Indy 200 champion Eddie Cheever was 10th, at 165.069, among 31 drivers who made laps.

USSA names Nordic combined, jumping teams

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Four 1994 Olympians and a handful of young skiers, with an obvious eye toward 2002 in Salt Lake City, were named Thursday to fill the Olympic Nordic combined and ski jumping teams for next month's Winter Olympics.

The teams, which are training in Steamboat Springs, were announced during a conference call. Alan Ashley, vice president of athletics for the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association, said it was the strongest Nordic combined team ever sent to the Olympics but conceded the jumping team was the least experienced.

The Nordic combined team, in a sport mixing ski jumping and cross-country skiing, is led by Todd Lodwick, 21, of Steamboat Springs and Tim Tetreault, 27, of Norwich, Vt. Lodwick, a '94 Olympian, won the second World Cup event of his career earlier this month and has two other top-5 results while Tetreault, heading to his third Olympics, has a pair of top-10s.

The rest of the combined squad is comprised of Bill Demong, 17, of Saranac Lake, N.Y., and three other Steamboat Springs skiers: Dave Jarrett, 27; Kristoffer Erichsen, 18; and Johnny Spillane, 17.

The Olympic jumping squad is made up of Alan Alborn, 17, of Brighton, Colo.; Casey Colby, 23, of Lake Placid, N.Y.; Mike Keuler, 19, of Bloomington, Minn.; and Steamboat Springs skiers Randy Weber, 20, a 1994 Olympian, and Brendan Doran, 18.

While their teams train in Steamboat Springs, Erichsen, Spillane, Demong and Alborn are in St. Moritz, Switzerland, competing in the Nordic World Junior Championships.

"The Nordic combined team is a real tribute to hard work, good planning, dedication and keeping its focus," Ashley said. "They're right at the top of my list as we go into Nagano and look for some significant improvement and success.

"The jumping team is a young team, and doesn't have a ton of international experience, so we hope they get some experience in Nagano and use that as a springboard toward 2002."

Most observers put Lodwick on any short list for medal contenders in the individual event and gives the Americans an outside shot at a medal in the four-man team event.

"Todd and Tim have the experience and have shown the talent to produce the best Nordic combined results we've ever had," coach Tom Steitz said. Rolf Monsen's ninth-place finish in the 1932 Winter Games is the best Olympic result by an American.

Kostner, Street look good going into Winter Olympics

By Vania Grandi
Associated Press Writer

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy — Isolde Kostner of Italy and American Picabo Street have put themselves squarely in the picture for the Nagano Olympics.

Kostner scored her first victory in a year Thursday in a World Cup downhill, suddenly brightening a mediocre season and serving notice that she will be a force in Nagano next month.

Street, too, suddenly looks better for the games. The 1994 Olympic downhill silver medalist and 1996 world champion finished fourth Thursday, less than one second off Kostner's pace.

That was Street's best showing since coming back last month from a knee injury that kept her off the slopes almost all of last season.

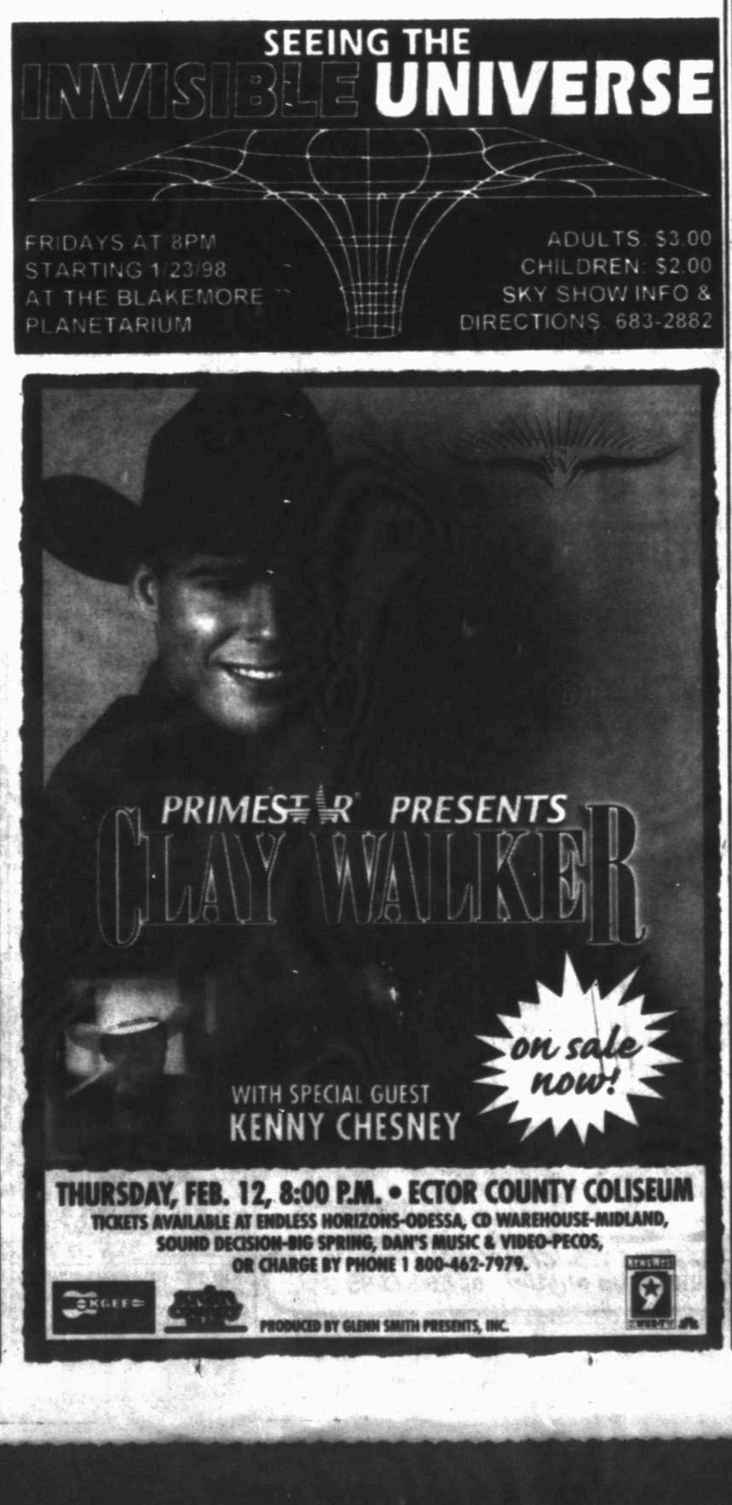
The 26-year-old nearly burst into tears of joy when she saw her position on the scoreboard in the finish area. She then rushed over to her boyfriend J.J. Lasley and kissed him.

"It is unbelievable" said a jubilant Street. "I finally skied aggressively like I knew I had to."

"I have two goals for the season, one is to win the gold in Nagano, the other was to finish in the top five in Cortina."

"I was really able to release the tiger in me. Normally, I would hate not being on the podium, but this counts as one of the nicest results of my career."

Street said her knee no longer bothered her and that she was confident she would be in top shape for Nagano.





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LOST! BLACK, Looney Tunes, canvas purse. Vanished in Wal-Mart parking lot January 15th at about 8pm. Call 620-0398.

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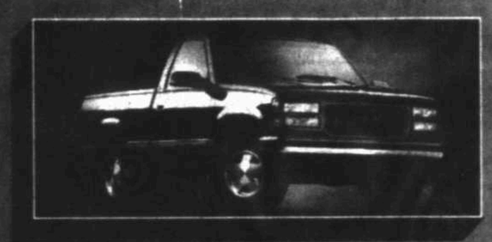
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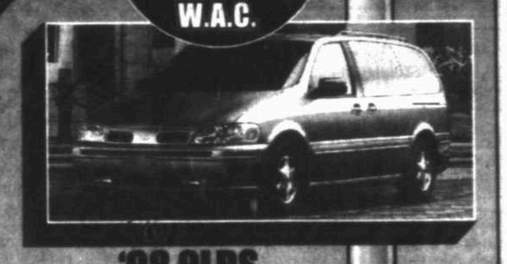


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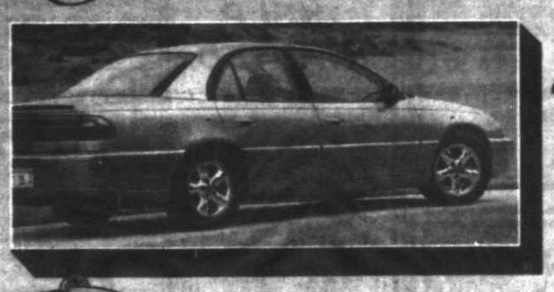
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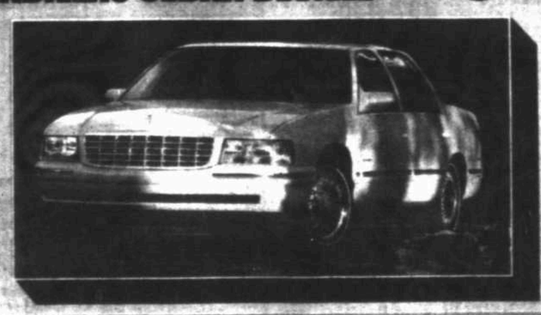


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MANAGER TRAINEE. Creative Schoolhouse is searching for a manager trainee for a new store in Odessa. Retail, education and management skills needed. Send resume to: 3001 W. Loop 250 N. E-115, Midland, TX 79705. Interviews by appointment only.

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RECEPTIONIST/ SECRETARY needed for 30 year established company. Candidate should be self motivated, dependable and organized. Position requires outgoing personality, professional phone etiquette, computer knowledge, 10 key, typing and filing. Drug screen required, non-smoking environment. Call 561-9822 for Marla.

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316 Sales Help Wanted

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SALES Representative. A 108 year old thriving company is searching for an enthusiastic, aggressive individual for the West Texas service area. Base salary + commission, generous car allowance, health benefits, 401K savings plan. Successful track record in business to business commission sales a must. College degree a plus! Qualified candidates send resume' to: AmeriPride Linen & Apparel Services, 1201 S. Jackson, Odessa, Texas 79761, ATT: Sales Manager.

316 Sales Help Wanted

SALESPEOPLE with experience needed: one of West Texas' fastest growing motorcycle businesses is looking for Sales People who are self motivated, courteous, honest and experienced. Excellent benefits, 401K, Health Insurance, Management possibilities. Apply at Golden Suzuki, Honda, Kawasaki Yamaha, 306 E. 2nd, Odessa.

318 Management Help Wanted

HOTEL MANAGERS
Husband and wife or single person to live in and manage new motel in San Angelo, Texas. Must have experience in business management. Very Good job and pay for the qualified people. Call 915-646-1668 anytime.

MIDLAND SPCA is seeking a Shelter Manager. Prefer person experienced in dealing with the public, must love animals, have good telephone skills and be able to supervise shelter staff. Non smoking environment. No phone calls please. Send resume to Box 4371, Midland, Texas 79704.

RESTAURANT. Fuddruckers now hiring Assistant Managers. Salary up to $27,000 per year depending on experience. We offer comprehensive medical ins, paid vacations, detail training monthly and quarterly bonuses, and our managers typically have 2 days off per week. Fax resume to: 915-689-6544.

RESTAURANT. Now hiring Assistant Manager for upscale pool room. Apply at Fast Freddy's, 4310 W. Illinois. Daily after 7 pm see Tom.

SHIFT MANAGEMENT positions available in high tech cotton yarn spinning plant located in Snyder, Texas. Management experience preferred but not required. Must be self starter, motivated and have High School Diploma or GED equivalent. Please send resume to Lorber Industries of Texas, P.O. Box 630, Snyder, Texas 79550. E.O.E.

WATER TREATMENT Service Manger. Growing company needs a career minded individual to manage service department. Experience with water softening and reverse osmosis preferred but not necessary. We will train the right candidate. Inventory control, strong supervisory skills, strong mechanical ability, and plumbing knowledge helpful. Must have common hand tools, auto insurance and a good driving record. Drug test required. Submit resume to: 9918 W. I-20, Midland, TX 79706, 563-9011.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

INDEPENDENT Oil well cementing company is looking for pump and bulk truck drivers/ operators. Must be able to pass physical & drug tests. CDL license preferred. Company offers uniforms, health insurance, 401k. Salary DOE. 570-0029.

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320 Skilled Trades

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNICIAN Needed, full time, ASE certified. All types domestic repairs, foreign car experience a plus. Must have own tools. 706 S. Colorado St. 683-8693.

BRICK LAYERS. Must be experienced. Starting at $14 an hour. Call 682-5708 or 570-2996.

BUILDING ENGINEER- Must be experienced in HVAC, lighting, plumbing and in maintaining HVAC system controls with the ability to read meters and gauges. Job includes moving furniture and landscaping. Full benefits package. Send resumes to Box B-04017, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

DRIVER needed with CDL, good driving record. We offer full benefits, competitive salary. Immediate position open. Apply in person at 100 St. Peter, Stanton, Texas.

EXPERIENCED BRICKLAYERS needed, full time permanent work in Midland/ Odessa area. Call 689-7247.

INSTALLER/ Service Tech: Install and service Reverse Osmosis, Units, General mechanical ability a must. Basic plumbing knowledge helpful. Must have common tools and a good driving record. Drug test required. Submit application/ resume to 9918 W. I-20, Midland, TX 79706, 563-9011.

LANDSCAPER/ FOREMAN- experience preferred. Immediate opening. For information, call 520-2144.

SHOP FOREMAN

HOLLOMAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY is seeking an experienced shop foreman for its Odessa equipment repair shop. Position will require extensive knowledge of heavy equipment and truck repair and maintenance. Previous supervisory experience and familiarity with computers preferred. Excellent salary and benefits available for the right person. Send resume or list of qualifications and experience to:

Holliman Construction Co.
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TECHNICIAN WANTED- A West Texas Electrical Equipment Service Company needs a technician experienced in switchgear testing, acceptance/ maintenance, breaker retrofit/ repair, infrared surveys and trouble shooting electrical power systems. Opportunity for advancement. send resume and salary history to: Gene Abbott, PO Box 1232 Odessa, Texas 79760.

TRUCK MECHANIC with experience. Must have tools and at least 5 years experience. Cummins and Cat certified preferred. Pay depends on experience. Excellent benefits. 1-800-337-4695.

330 Employment Wanted

ACCOUNTING/ Bookkeeping for small businesses. GL, AP, AR, Payroll, Inventory, Bank Reconciliations. Sales/ Payroll Taxes filed. Collections. Excellent references. 520-3654, leave message.

330 Employment Wanted

I WOULD like to work as a Nurses aid, have good references and I am willing to work night or day. Call 683-3922.

336 Adult Care Providers

CARE FOR you loved one in my private home setting. Experienced and fully equipped. 697-4116.

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ADULT CARE- Very reasonable rates. Private room/ bath, meals, maid, laundry service. Transportation provided. 687-2533.

INHOME CARE your locally owned sitter service. If you need dependable help call 570-4475, ask for Tamara or Jackie. (Low Rates).

EXPERIENCED CERTIFIED CNA will sit weekends, days nights for $7. per hour. Have references. Linda 520-5726.

340 Child Care Needed

CHILD CARE/ Housekeeper. Grassland area. 2 Girls, ages 10 & 6. Must have reliable car. 689-0445.

SEARCHING for responsible, Christian person to care for children ages 2 & 7 in our home. Part time, must have reliable transportation. Call 522-7883.

MOTHERS HELPER needed part time 8am until noon, 6 to 7. days per week, $3.00. per hour Spanish speaking ok. Call 683-2907.

CHRISTIAN PROFESSIONAL woman seeking part time child care provider for 1 year old in my office. May eventually become full time. Must have own transportation, excellent references and be highly responsible. Call 520-2876.

LOVING Christian woman wants to watch baby- toddler in my home. 697-1042.

341 Child Care Providers

INFANTS ONLY- Special care for the most important person in your life. Licensed for 11 years. Jan 697-2499.

OLDER LADY would like to baby sit in your home. References available. 683-3745.

BABY SITTING in my home, days, nights & weekends. Reasonable rates, references, call 684-5461.

350 Business Opportunities

DAYCARE FOR Sale in Odessa. Inquire at G.B.W. P.O. Box 4937, Midland TX 79704.

LOOKING FOR Internet representives. No computer experience necessary. Unlimited income. 1-800-489-1628 ext 24.

HAIR & NAIL Salon, good location, 4 hair stations, 4 nail stations, 3 of each leased. Call 687-3634 leave message.

CHOICE DOWNTOWN Location, nice, lounge. Includes all furniture and equipment. Owner, call 520-3263.

PERFECT Opportunity for aerobics studio in excellent location. Call Dana for information at 697-5918.

LATE MODEL coke machines $650. Locations available. Call 570-8158.

WE HAVE Cash buyers for your business. Call 684-5209. Bennett & Associates, Business Brokers.

SUNBELT BUSINESS Brokers, rated number one nationally, is seeking enthusiastic sales people for its Midland office. Complete training. Call Dan at 520-1515.

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Get your Real Estate license quickly, short, day, weekend, evening classes. Southwest College 697-7277

Need A Supplemental Income?? Great opportunity to earn extra $$ selling markers/ monuments to public. Sales experience helpful, but not required. We train and offer excellent company support. Call Memorial Monuments 1-800-528-8474.

FOR SALE: local vending route. Generates $400- $700 per month in cash. Requires 4-5 hours per week. 43 machines placed. $10,000. Call 689-3143 after 5.

410 Misc. Sales

DINA MERI manicure table, includes electric nail genie, good condition. $100. 520-5113 or 557-1349.

GRACO Portable play yard, roll down sides, toy bag, carrying case- Excellent condition $50. Crib mattress $15. Sky Glider exercise machine, adjustable tension with digital time, calorie and count meter. $70. 520-2622.

CARPET AND Pad, (2) large rooms, light color, excellent condition, $450. 694-8159.

COKE MACHINE for sale. Make offer. Call 563-4311.

RALEIGH R-700 racing road bike, mens 58, carbon fork, aluminum frame, lots of extras. (806)872-8711.

COOK STOVES, Heaters, Refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers 3/4 wood bed complete, dining furniture/ other. 570-4851.

BRANHAM FURNITURE at 1211 S. Big Spring St. in Midland, formerly Rowe's New & Used. Check out our selection & prices. Also visit our Super Store in Big Spring, Texas at 2004 W. 4th St.

2 MATCHING COMFORTERS- 1 twin, 1 double. Green reversing to green/ white stripe. $15 & $25 each or $35 both. 697-3563.

★BIBLE TALK: "Is Jesus' baptism an Example for Us to Follow?" 520-0381. Free recorded message.

410 Misc. Sales

BOXES of colored wool to make braided rugs, $50. 697-6050, 694-5111.

ANNIVERSARY Special Edition Encyclopedias, Great Books, Annals of America with custom made bookcases. $2,400 697-6019.

DINETTE SET with 4 chairs. White wash with wood & tile top. $85. 697-5304 after 5.

★BRENDA DYGRAF UltraGlide XL, with video. (Just like Total Gym) In excellent condition, $135. 684-5418.

ATT&T VOICE MAIL System 25, with battery back up. Excellent condition. Call 699-8900.

AIRSTEP 1500, exercise machine, $100. Ski machine $50. Full set Wilson golf clubs and bag, $125. Set of Toca fiber Congos, never used. $475. Call 686-9740.

30 GALLON Aquarium, complete with stand filters and cleaning equipment. $125. Call 685-4022.

SEVEN CD changer stereo system with AM/FM tuner, single tape deck. $125. 686-8692.

DISPLAY MODEL Hot Tubs/ Spas left over from show at Mall. Delivery and financing available 563-1807.

50'S COLLECTIBLES! Rainbow Jukebox, 10 Cent Coke Box (Bottle), 2 Pinball, 6 Video, 1 Slot, 3 Vending machines. Cafe booth with table, table & stools. 685-1076, ask for Ron.

DOG HOUSES, New, $35 & $45. Glider swings, new $65. Porch swings, new $35, 563-0452.

WATERFORD SHEILA Crystal. Water Goblets, White Wine Stems, Continental Champagne, Hock Liqueur & Tumblers. Excellent price. Call to see, 689-0554.

HERBALIFE & Natural efx Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 689-HERB!

BABY ITEMS white washed crib & chest, infant & toddler car seats, high chair, port-a-crib, Little Tykes car bed. 694-6312 after 6.

RESTHAVEN Memorial Park- 5 plots in the Garden of the Last Supper- Section EB, Lot 41: 3 plots, Lot 59: 2 Plots. (254)725-7651,W.D. Clark

SONY CAR stereo, AM/FM with presets and auto reverse cassette deck with music surge. $95. 686-8692.

SOLOFLEX exercise machine, all attachments, $500. Soloflex Rockit aerobic/ squat machine, $400. Or best offer. 697-2288.

GO KART- Manco 2 passenger with 5.5 HP. Excellent condition. $975. 694-3941.

PORTABLE 12 volt DC power supply for starting cars, charging car batteries or to power 12 volt appliances. $75. 686-8692.

GIRLS CONTEMPO Twin bed, satellite dish with converter and channel box. call 684-0571 after 5pm.

MOVING MUST Sell. Entertainment center $100, love seat $20, 1971 Volkswagen $750. Call 683-2414.

LIKE NEW- Hill-Rom Hospital bed with Dynamicaire sleep surface. $2,000. 687-3002.

413 Jewelry & Furs

REMEMBER VALENTINES DAY! 2.0 carat marquis, diamond, certified. Asking $8,900, see at D. Carrols Jewelers.

415 Misc. Wanted

WANTED OLD glass telephone insulators. Call 683-0857.

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

NEED 1000 Yards of used carpet, will pay in smaller lots. Call Luciano, between 9am and 5pm. 682-3469.

420 Good Things To Eat

ATTENTION DIABETICS. For delicious sugar free candy. Come by Anna Marie's Gifts, 1705 N. Big Spring. Monday thru Saturday 9:30 to 5:30

COFFEE LOVERS. Come by and taste our flavor of the day. Anna Marie's Gifts, 1705 N. Big Spring. Monday thru Saturday 9:30 am to 5:30 pm.

432 Household Furniture

COFFEE TABLE, black and gray, marble base, gold trim, square glass top, $175. 697-6331.

QUEEN SIZE, bed frame only. Pine Pencil Post, $300. Call 694-6322.

EXECUTIVE DESK $100. Nice couch $150. Blue Lazy Boy $30. Twin bed with head board $50. dinette table, 4 chairs $80. 6 dining chairs $10 each. Boys & girls bedroom furniture, lamps etc. 684-4556.

TAN STRIPED, Queen sized, hide a bed, sofa and matching love seat. Call 694-3437.

UPTOWN CONSIGNMENTS- has almost sold out again! Let us help you sell your furniture, accessories and antiques. 404 Andrews Highway, 570-0099.

CENTURY DINING Room furniture. Table, 6 chairs and buffet, perfect condition, $1,000 Please call 697-1337.

TWO DOOR Oak and glass China Hutch, $1,000. Call 694-1169.

WHITE DINETTE, 4 chairs, extra cushions. New glass top table, 4 chairs. $175 each set. 682-3668.

DRESSER 7 drawers, mirror, full or queen headboard. Very good condition. $350. 694-9572.

QUEEN SIZE bed, bedding, frame, night stand, chest. 2 years old, great condition, $600. 520-0104.

MOVING SALE- All new furniture: 5 piece white washed bunkbed or twin bed set, leather sofa and love seat, Tall Alexander Julian Colors bookshelf, huge armoire (white washed), king size bed set, iron and glass end tables. 699-4173, after 6- ask for Joe.

✔Help! Almost Sold Out Again! Let Judy Jackson's, Consignment Collection sell your fine furniture and accessories. 689-3536.

WOODEN DINETTE set with 4 chairs and bench, walnut color $350. Call 699-6526.

✔IN THE MARKET for previously owned fine furnishings? Shop at Judy Jackson's Consignment Collection. Imperial Shopping Center, 3211 Wadley, #6. Call 689-3536.

LOVE SEAT & Couch, green, $400. 2 dressers, $50. each, white daybed, complete, $150. Call 686-7100.

BEAUTIFUL NEW Stratalounger sofa black Finapel (looks like leather), each end can recline, wall hugger. Looks like regular sofa. 3 months old. Retails $1,595 asking $800. 685-0694.

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.

435 Household Appliances

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GARAGE SALES
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YARD SALE 1005 Carter. Saturday 8- ? No early birds please. Sectional, rocker recliners, water bed, wall decorations, end tables, microwave, toys, clothes, miscellaneous.

MOVING SALE. Saturday only, 8- 3. 1401 Ainslee. Navy love seat, books, swing set, miscellaneous.

INSIDE SALE, Saturday, January 24th, 8:00am- 3:00pm Miscellaneous household items, furniture, kitchen items, dishes, baby clothes. 2704 Delano.

❤10 YEARS OF accumulation. Maytag dryer, TV, Mauve sofa, golf clubs, lots of nice maternity, saved all baby items, crib, swing, car seat, bouncer, stroller, monitor, etc, girls- infant to size 6, boys- infant to size 5, ladies & mens clothes +. 2401 Lockheed (off Golf Course & Garfield). Friday 8:30 to 12:30, Saturday 8- 12, Sunday 8- ?

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HELOISE HINT: Collect match covers? You may grab a book of matches at a restaurant, hotel or business and not think about it. But there are serious collectors of match covers, and about half of the match cover collections produced are collectibles. In the 1940s, because of publicity of the New York Fair, more than 1 million people had match-cover collections. so check your attic or basement. E-mail HELOISE

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INSIDE SALE. Thursday & Friday 8- ? Avalon Springs Apts. 4000 W. Illinois #207.

5107 SUNNYSIDE DR., Saturday, 8- ? Couch, loveseat, recliner, TV, VCR, King size bed, exercise bike, bedding, dishes, clothes & lots more!!

FRIDAY 8:00- 6:00, Saturday 8:00- 12:00. 4721 Cuthbert. Furniture, books, clothing, VCR tapes, gardening items.

SATURDAY 9- 2, Sunday 9- 1, 4317 Douglas. Appliances, furniture, lots of kid's toys, clothes, etc.

902 CANYON, Thursday, Friday& Saturday, 8 until ? appliances, furniture, housewares, antiques, clothes, yard equipment, tools, and more.

SATURDAY ONLY 8- 1. 3702 Amelia. Furniture, dishes, plants, toys, microwave, lots of clothes and miscellaneous.

79705

3102 AUBURN, Saturday only, 8am. Furniture, TV, stereo, VCR, toddler bed car seat and more.

❄BIG INSIDE Retiring/ Moving Sale. Saturday 8 am. Couch, chairs, slate coffee table, computer, printer & desk. Treadmill, dishes, clothes, large plants, tons of odds and ends. 2508 Emerson Drive.

2100 CLUB DR. Friday 8 am- ? Clothes, tools, boat, van and lots more stuff.

79706

BARN SALE- Saturday 9- 5; Sunday 1- 5. Glassware, office & baby furniture, household items. Lots of everything! Clothes of every size $1 per bag. 5509 S. County Rd. 1185.

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Advertise your household item (priced under $150) with this Classified special! Call 682-6222 for details...

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ESTATE SALE
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Sat. 24th & Sun. 25th
Look for details in Saturday's Classified Furniture Section #432

79707

★INDOOR MOVING sale. Saturday 8- 5. 3203 Whittle Way. Furniture, clothes, appliance, dishes, TV, refrigerator & miscellaneous.

3623 SHELL, Friday Only, 8 until 8. Refrigerator sewing machine, fruit jars, utility cart, etc.

3513 IMPERIAL, (Behind Lee High School), 4 family sale, Friday & Saturday 8:30 until 2pm. Couch & Loveseat, exercise bike, books, men, women and girls clothes, kitchen & miscellaneous items.

MOVING SALE. Everything must go. Furniture, TV, stereo, microwave. Much more! Call to inquire 520-0163.

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(includes Signs, Stakes, Marker, Balloons, Helpful Hints. $5 Value!)
★Package of Flavored Drink Mix
(for the Kids to Open a Drink Stand!)
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ARMOIRE, FRENCH, 2 door, Mahogony, burl wood, could be entertainment center. $500. Call 580-3706.

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590 Legal Notices

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Cross Timbers Operating Company, 3000 North Garfield, Suite 175, Midland, Texas 79705, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is non-productive of oil or gas. The applicant purposes to inject fluid into the San Andres formation, University Block 9, Wolfcamp field, Well Number 4C.

The proposed injection well is located Eight miles South of Andrews, Texas in the University Block 9 (Wolfcamp) Field, in Andrews County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4510 to 5120 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section , Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 7871 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

590 Legal Notices

DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY- Internal Revenue Service. Public Auction Sale. Under the authority in Internal Revenue Code section 6331, the property described below has been seized for nonpayment of internal revenue taxes due from David Porras, Witliam Edmiston, HWD Inc., Pharaoh Corporation. The property will be sold at public auction as provided by Internal Revenue Code section 6335 and related regulations. **Date of Sale:** February 12. 1998; **Time:** 10:00 AM; **Place of Sale:** Christie's, 502 Park Avenue at 59th Street, New York, New York 10022. **Title Offered:** Only the right, title, and interest of David Porras, William Edmiston, HWD Inc., Pharaoh Corp. in and to the property will be offered for sale. If requested, the Internal Revenue Service will furnish information about possible encumbrances, which may be useful in determining the value of the interest being sold (See attachment for further details.) **Description of Property:** The Seamstress. painting by Eugene de Blaas (1884); Through the Hoop, painting by Charles Bertrand d'Entravques; The Mischievous Choristers, painting by Georges d'Estrayques; Grandfather's Day, painting by Eduard Hippolyte Margottet; **Property may be inspected at:** 502 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10022 (call the phone number below for additional information about viewing the property prior to sale) **Payment Terms:** Deferred payment as follows: in accordance with Christie's published payment terms. **Form of Payment:** All payments must be by cash, certified check, cashier's or treasurer's check or by a United States postal, bank, express, or telegraph money order. Mary Durgin Chief, Collection Division; Address for information About the Sale: Ron Matthews, 1515 Commerce Street, Suite 200, Fort Worth, Texas 76102; (817) 978-4655.

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THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at **11:03 A.M., Tuesday, February 10, 1998,** in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by **Shawn Jauz dba The Press Box Sports Cafe, Inc.** for a **Specific Use Permit with Terms for the sale and on premise consumption of all alcoholic beverages in a restaurant,** on Lot 18, Block 1, Providence Park Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas. (Generally located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Wadley Avenue and Midkiff Road.) The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting David Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (915) 685-7250. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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595 Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Midland has, in carrying out its public drainage improvements program, has determined that Casver Street, where it crosses Midland Draw, is located in a floodplain (100-year floodplain) as shown on the Federal Emergency Managements's Flood Insurance Rate Map, Panel 48329-C0102-C, dated September 27, 1991. Improvements to the water crossing are being considered and may be funded by the Community Development Block Grant Program by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This notice is published to provide public involvement in the decision making process for compliance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management.

Comments will be received for 15 days following the publication of this notice. Comments should be forwarded to the Community Development Division, City of Midland, P.O. Box 1152, Midland, Texas 79702.

Date of Notice: January 23, 1998

604 Want To Rent

PLEASE HELP! Wanting a home to rent/ lease behind a home, preferable north side of town or old town Midland. Please call, 8- 5, 495-3261 or home 570-7335.

605 Apartments Furnished

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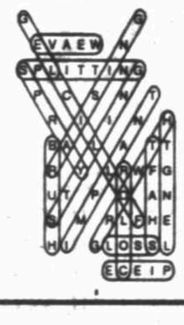
Thursday's unlisted clue: WALKER

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: BLOWS HOT AIR

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Single Hispanic mom, 22, 5'2", 125lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys spending time with her children, dancing and socializing with friends, seeks single Hispanic male, 25-35. Ad# 7332

CANDLELIGHT DINNERS
Single white female, 43, 5'2", light brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys cooking, fishing, crafts, sports, horseback riding, singing, moonlit walks and watching movies, seeks single white male, 40-50 Ad# 9042

COUNTRY-WESTERN ROMANCE
Single white mom, 26, 6'2", brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys dancing, rodeos, camping and quality family time, seeks honest and fun-loving single white male, 20-35. Ad# 9207

I LOVE LIFE AND THE LORD
Single white Christian female, 45, 5'7", brown hair/eyes, enjoys camping, hunting and the outdoors, seeks honest and intelligent single white Christian male, 40-50, to be a companion. Ad# 8136

WIN ME OVER
Divorced black mom, 48, 5'8", brown eyes, enjoys socializing, fishing, bowling, playing cards and Bingo, seeking loving, outgoing single male, 40-69. Ad# 8674

OUTSPOKEN TWIN
Single white female, 18, 5'8", green-eyed blonde, non-smoker, employed, hobbies include dancing, dining out, movies, family time, seeks secure, honest single white male, 18-20, with a good personality. Ad# 2424

LEAVE A MESSAGE
Outspoken single white female, 18, 5'8", long blonde hair, hazel eyes, employed likes dining out, movies, dancing, country music, time with friends, sports, seeks nice, honest, attractive, secure single white male, 18-20. Ad# 8527

WAITING FOR MR. RIGHT
Single Hispanic Christian female, 53, 5'2", 135lbs., brown hair and eyes, enjoys reading, long walks and quiet evenings at home, seeks tall, understanding, single white Christian male, 47-57. Ad# 8092

KEEP ME WARM
Attractive single white female, 38, mild-tempered, enjoys listening to music, motorcycles and hugging, desires a tall single white male, for possible relationship. Ad# 7979

NOTHING SERIOUS
Outgoing SWF, 25, 5'5", 135lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, employed, likes dancing, swimming, horseback riding, seeks nice, easygoing, fun-loving SWM, 28-38. Ad# 8383

INSIDE IS WHAT COUNTS
Athletic, open-minded single black female, 39, black hair, brown eyes, enjoys the outdoors, traveling, puzzles, reading and going for walks, seeking honest, strong single black male, 32-42. Ad# 9903

WANTS A REAL MAN
Outgoing single white mom, 18, 5'8", long hair, hazel eyes, seeking honest, secure single male, 18-27 Ad# 1800

PROFESSIONAL
Friendly single Hispanic female, 36, brown hair/eyes, enjoys spending time with family and friends, seeking honest, sincere single Hispanic male, 35-50. Ad# 7306

DON'T GIVE UP
Independent single white female, 40, 5'6", 135lbs., enjoys fishing, camping, sports, skiing, playing cards and the outdoors, seeking secure, humorous, positive single white male, 32-44. Ad# 7069

SEEKING COMPASSION
Single white mom, 32, 5'2", full-figured, brown hair and eyes, smoker, enjoys movies, dining out, dancing and more, in search of a joyful single white male, 27-41, who loves children. Ad# 9334

SOCIABLE
Single white female, 25, 5'1", 105lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, likes movies, bowling, miniature golf, reading, seeks nice, expressive, respectful single white male, 25-32. Ad# 9093

KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS
Compassionate single white female, 51, 5'5", 135lbs., brown hair/eyes, pretty, fit, likes oil painting, gardening, reading, seeks flexible, mature, kind single white male, 50-58, N/S. Ad# 8829

NO KIDS IN HER PLAN
Funny single white female, 18, 5'3", brown hair/eyes, employed, enjoys playing football, walking, seeks fun-loving single white male 18-25. Ad# 7473

PATIENTLY WAITING
Full-figured, shy single black mom, 19, 5'6", reddish-brown hair, smoker, employed, enjoys time with her son and her friends, basketball, seeks educated, employed single male, 20-35. Ad# 2878

I'M THE ONE!
Easygoing single white female, 38, 5'6", brown hair, blue eyes, employed, enjoys football, shooting pool and traveling when she gets the chance, seeking nice, outgoing single white male, 37-55. Ad# 8856

LOOKING FOR MY SOUL MATE
Professional single white female, 47, 5'7", 115lbs., blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys going to the movies, dining out, live plays, concerts and the outdoors, seeks single white male, 45-55. Ad# 8750

VERY STRONG MORALS
Single white female, 21, 5'9", brown hair/eyes, employed, enjoys the outdoors, traveling, puzzles, reading and going for walks, seeking honest, strong single black male, 20-26. Ad# 7232

LET'S GROW OLD TOGETHER
Professional single white female, 42, 5'9", blonde hair, blue-green eyes, enjoys movies, music, dancing, animals and socializing with family and friends, seeks honest single white male, 40-52. Ad# 7819

CAN YOU ACCEPT MY CHILD?
Single white mom, 32, 5'2", full figure, brown hair/eyes, a smoker, enjoys movies, dancing, dining out, traveling and family times, seeks single white male, 27-37, no head games. Ad# 7902

THE MOON, STARS & YOU
Single white mom to be, 18, 5'5", 130lbs., reddish-brown hair, light blue eyes, personable, fun-loving, seeks easygoing single white male, 18-23. Ad# 9465

SOMEONE HONEST?
Single black female, 29, 5'8", enjoys sports, movies, music, dining out, seeks funny, spontaneous, fun single black male, 28-37. Ad# 7364

CAN'T WAIT TO MEET
Single white female, 21, 5'6", 145lbs., blue-eyed brunette, likes sports, ice skating, the internet, playing sports, swimming, seeks romantic, nice single white male, 21-25. Ad# 8063

ONLY THE BEST FOR YOU
Pleasant single white female, 47, 5'7", 117lbs., compassionate, professional, enjoys live theatre, museums, travel, the lake, seeks a strong, loyal, professional single white Christian male, 43-55. Ad# 8916

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Single white Christian female, 42, 5'2", medium build, reddish-brown hair, brown eyes, enjoys travel, candlelit dinners, cooking, working with children, seeks a warm-hearted single white male, 37-47. Ad# 7919

MY MATE MUST LIKE KIDS
Easygoing single white mom, 22, 5', 115lbs., blonde hair, brown eyes, employed, likes candlelit dinners, reading and movies, seeks financially secure, honest single white male, 23-28. Ad# 7096

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PEOPLE-ORIENTED
Single white male, 48, 5'5", medium build, black hair, hazel eyes, fun-loving, outgoing, employed, likes long walks, dining out and more, hoping to meet a sociable, caring single female, 38-50. Ad# 9367

HONESTY IS THE KEY
Single white male, 24, 5'10", 230lbs., sandy blond hair, hazel eyes, enjoys tennis, golf, fishing, camping, watching movies and dining out, seeks single white female, 18-35, children welcome. N/S. Ad# 2373

EASY TO PLEASE
Single white male, 23, 5'9", 155lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys fishing, hunting, taking long walks, spending quality time with people, seeks honest and caring single white female, 18-26. Ad# 2232

VERY ADVENTUROUS
Employed single Hispanic dad, 23, 6'11", 245lbs., brown hair, light brown eyes, mustache, goatee, enjoys working out, martial arts, reading, seeks honest, sincere single female, 20-40. Ad# 2474

A PEOPLE PERSON
Single white dad, 49, 6', 210lbs., brown hair, green eyes, employed, enjoys time with his kids, the outdoors, dancing, seeks caring single Hispanic female, 32-40, with similar interests. Ad# 8392

JUST WANTS TO BE HAPPY
Cheerful single black dad, 24, 5'10", 185lbs., brown eyes, employed, enjoys playing football, running track, basketball, shooting pool, seeks respectful, funny single female, 18-24. Ad# 7820

DOWN HOME TEXAS GIRL?
Single Hispanic male, 30, 6'1", 195lbs., short black hair, big brown eyes, employed, enjoys volleyball, tennis, country dancing, seeks enthusiastic single female, 18-35. Ad# 9347

LIKES TO JOKE A BIT
Single Hispanic male, 22, 5'8", 140lbs., black hair, brown eyes, employed, likes good conversation, the outdoors, seeks honest single female, 18-30. Ad# 8690

ARE YOU OUT THERE?
Single white male, 37, 6', 210lbs., hazel eyes, fun-loving, open-minded, spontaneous, employed, enjoys collecting records and autographs, seeks honest, sincere single white female, 25-55. Ad# 7104

ITALIAN TEXAS ROMANTIC
Spontaneous, nice looking, single white male, 38, 5'9", brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys romantic candlelit dinners, sitting by fireplace, moonlit walks, seeking romantic, fun-loving single female. Ad# 8064

LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER
Hardworking single white male, 48, 5'5", medium build, black hair, hazel eyes, enjoys watching football, outdoor activities and taking long walks, seeks outgoing, fun-loving single female, 35-50 Ad# 9591

YOU CAN COUNT ON ME
Single white male, 28, 5'9", 140lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys art, socializing, building things, outdoor activities and working out, seeks single female, 20-30. Ad# 9031

SPONTANEOUS & HAPPY
Sensitive, fun-loving single white male, 60, 5'6", 130lbs., enjoys traveling, seeks petite single female, 35-99, for companionship. Ad# 7421

WAITING FOR YOUR CALL
Single Hispanic male, 22, 5'7", slim, smoker, likes going out, dancing, favorite sport is football, seeks medium-built single white female, over 18. Ad# 1189

DINNER AND A MOVIE?
Shy, friendly single white dad, 34, 5'11", 195lbs., dark hair, brown eyes, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys fishing, hunting, antiques, flea markets, seeks single Hispanic/white female, 25-35 Ad# 4283

LOVES SEINFELD
Single white male, 51, 6'5", 250lbs., friendly, non-smoker, enjoys movies, dining out, country-western dancing, seeks slender single white female, under 50, with similar interests. Ad# 2144

SOMETHING LONG-LASTING
Easygoing single white male, 44, 5'11", medium build, green-eyed blond, smoker, non-drinker, seeks humorous, attractive, medium-built, positive single female, without children at home. Ad# 1953

FRIENDS FIRST...
Family-oriented single Hispanic male, 40, 5'7", non-smoker, enjoys travel, movies, barbecues, seeks friendly single white female, 33-40, who is easy to get along with. Ad# 7463

GIVE ME A CHANCE
Single white male, 30, 6', outgoing and friendly, enjoys rollerblading, ice skating, watching movies, playing guitar, singing, seeking single white female, 19-35, who is athletic and who likes children. Ad# 7240

SHORT AND SWEET
Single white male, 30, 6'3", non-smoker, seeking single white female, 20-35, to spend quality time with. Ad# 2467

INTERESTED IN MEETING
Fun to be with single white male, 48, 5'5", medium build, hardworking, quiet times together, seeks single white female, 35-55 Ad# 1938

ONE STEP AT A TIME
Single white male, 25, 6', 180lbs., brown hair/eyes, non-smoker, enjoys listening to music, watching movies and sports, seeks slender single white female, 18-28, non-smoker Ad# 8888

FIT & FORTY
Single white dad, 40, 6', medium build, smoker, hardworking, seeks slender single white female, 25-45, to enjoy life with. Ad# 2653

THIS IS IT !
Single Hispanic male, 32, 5'10", medium build, brown hair and eyes, outgoing, friendly, seeking non-smoking, social-drinking single white female, 29-32 Ad# 8101

LOOKING FOR YOU
Single white male, 27, 6'1", slim build, brown hair, blue eyes, outgoing, enjoys sports, working out, teaching karate to children, seeking single white female, 20-34 Ad# 3920

QUIET NATURE
Single white male, 20, 6', a smoker, enjoys movies, dining out, seeks single white female, 18-23, slender, children welcome Ad# 2222

ANYTHING IN COMMON?
Shy single white male, 26, 5'10", medium-build, black hair, hazel eyes, non-smoker, enjoys the outdoors, sports, lives in Odessa, seeks single white female, 20-28, kids a plus! Ad# 9502

HEART OF GOLD
Shy single white Christian male, 45, 6', slim, dark brown hair, blue eyes, smoker, professional, from Midland, enjoys family life, country music, fairs, garage sales, looking for a single female. Ad# 4859

TALK TO YOU SOON
Easygoing single white male, 33, 5'11", from Odessa, enjoys sporting events, traveling, motorcycles, snowboarding, seeking single white female, under 25. Ad# 1245

FRIENDS FIRST
Romantic single white male, 30, 6', curly brown hair, non-smoker, enjoys movies, music, cooking, concerts, seeking single Hispanic female, 21-40. Ad# 2589

FOR KEEPS
Secure single white male, 41, 6'1", 180lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, smoker, seeking sweet, slender single white female, 28-45, Ad# 5541

ONE IN A MILLION
Single white male, 18, 5'6", strawberry blonde hair, hazel eyes, non-smoker, non-drinker employed, seeking slender, honest, loving single white female, 18-24. Ad# 1903

ROMANCING COWBOY
Single white male, 50, 6', slim-build, outgoing, enjoys dining out, dancing, movies, riding and roping, seeking single white female, 29-49, with similar interests. Ad# 4715

READY TO SETTLE DOWN
Single Hispanic dad, 31, 5'11", 175lbs., short black hair, brown eyes, non-smoker, lives in Ft. Stockton, enjoys the outdoors and skiing, seeks slender single Hispanic female, 21-40, children a plus. Ad# 1100

NOT PICKY
Easygoing single white male, 22, 5'9", medium build, smoker, hobbies include hanging out with friends, seeks slender single white female 21-25. Ad# 4685

TOGETHERNESS
Single white male, 27, 5'9", smoker, enjoys children, music and the outdoors, seeking special single white female, under 34, to share life. Ad# 1070

GO OUT WITH HIM
Single hispanic male, 22, 5'9", medium-build, shy, enjoys movies, playing pool, dancing, seeking single hispanic female, 18-23, with similar interests. Ad# 8735

FUN AWAITS
Outgoing single white male, 26, 6', medium build, smoker, enjoys photography, movies, seeking special single white female, 25-35. Ad# 1028

ARE YOU THE ONE?
Slim single Hispanic male, 19, 5'7", smoker, interests include law enforcement and martial arts, seeking slender single Hispanic female, 18-25. Ad# 2635

DEFROST MY HEART
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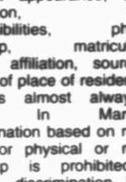
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