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Day in the Life

He's got a long, white beard and gentle eyes that twinkle. For most people, Santa Claus is a mystery to ponder./**1B**



SPORTS

Dallas loses

The Carolina Panthers unceremoniously ended the Cowboys' five-year reign as NFC East champions, with a 23-13 win./**1C**

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U.S. offers concessions at global warming talks

By Charles J. Hanley
Associated Press

KYOTO, Japan — The United States, in intense negotiations for a new climate agreement, has offered to cut U.S. gas emissions more than originally proposed in President Clinton's plan for combating global warming, negotiators reported Tuesday.

European delegates said the U.S. team offered a 2 percent deeper cut than previously envisioned in the Clinton plan, which proposed reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2012.

The Europeans complained that was too little to achieve a compromise.

American negotiator Todd Stern said, however, that the 2-percent report was an "understatement" of what Washington was offering, and negotiations were continuing.

Given a freer hand by the White House, the U.S. negotiators earlier Tuesday reported progress in the final intensive talks to piece together a historic accord to control energy use and protect the planet against global warming in the 21st century.

In a lightning one-day visit Monday, Vice President Al Gore announced he was giving the U.S. team "increased negotiating flexibility" to end a standoff with Europe over how deeply to cut fuel emissions.

On Tuesday, chief U.S. negotiator Stuart E. Eizenstat said the Europeans and Americans "had a very detailed, thorough and useful discussion" late Monday and "look forward to making further progress today."

After meeting with Gore on Monday, Britain's deputy prime minister sounded optimistic the 150-nation Climate Change Treaty conference will conclude

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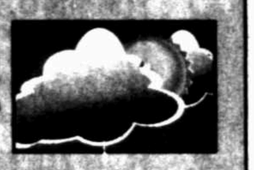


AP Photo

U.S. Vice President Al Gore shakes hands with [illegible] Kimble, acting assistant secretary of state, as Stuart [illegible]enstat, second from left, undersecretary of state, and U.S. Ambassador to Japan Thomas Foley, right, look on during a business breakfast with the U.S. delegation to global warming talks in Kyoto, Japan Monday. Gore's promise of more U.S. flexibility in negotiations rejuvenated the talks as they entered their final three days.

A.M. BRIEFING

TODAY
Partly cloudy with high near 60. Weather on 4A





AP Photo

Baby transplant

Ita Schuttke, from Dublin, Ireland, cuddles her healthy 5-month-old daughter, Baebhen, the world's youngest transplant patient, Monday. At just 5 days old, Baebhen was given a life-saving liver transplant.

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Flight 800 hearings

BALTIMORE — In the final moments before TWA Flight 800 blew up, pilots chatted about restless passengers, a wildly fluctuating fuel gauge and how the jet was handling sluggishly, like a "homesick angel." At the end, there is an abrupt, tenth-of-a-second noise that trails off into silence, possibly the sound of the center fuel tank exploding.

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Female execution

HOUSTON — An execution date is imminent for Karla Faye Tucker, one of seven condemned women in Texas, now that the U.S. Supreme Court has rejected what could be her final appeal, Harris County prosecutors say. The high court decision Monday paves the way for the first execution of a woman in Texas since 1863 and only the second in the nation since the death penalty was resumed in 1976.

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'Neuter Scooter For a Nickel'

Pet overpopulation still a problem in Midland

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Petsmart's program, "Neuter Scooter For a Nickel" may have a clever title, but the purpose behind the program is serious.

"One of Petsmart's primary goals in every community it serves is to help end the pet overpopulation program," said Sidney Hanslick, hospital director for Petsmart Veterinary Services in Midland in a statement. "This is Petsmart's way of increasing public awareness and doing our part to help solve the problem."

Dr. Lisa Sullivan, also of Petsmart, said the store had over 200 appointments for the nickel neutering and is unable to take any more appointments. The program began Monday and will continue through Friday.

She noted that, on the program's first day, "A lot of the cats I did were older male cats that probably have already contributed to the overpopulation problem."

Though a number of the appointments are for the neutering only, she estimated that 20 percent of the customers were also updating their pets' vaccinations.

Coy Willis, director of animal control at the City of Midland Animal Shelter, said that pet overpopulation continues to be a problem in Midland.

"We will euthanize better than 6,000, almost 7,000 animals a year here, and mostly that is because there are not enough homes," he said.

The average stay at the animal shelter is five days, he said.

"Most animal shelters can keep animals only a limited time," he explained. "SPCA shelters and humane shelters have a little more flexibility than government shelters because we're mandated to take in all strays. We have no control over our population except for euthanasia."

He said there are several causes for pet over-population.

"The average person whose pet has a litter of puppies or kittens runs out of friends real quick when the time comes to give them away or sell them. Also, a good number of people who own purebred animals, the litters their animals have aren't purebred because one of the parents is a fence-jumper and that makes the animal harder to get rid of."

He added that "Even if you get a purebred animal, if you're not going to breed it, it makes more sense to spay or neuter that animal because there are some health benefits that go along with spaying or neutering in addition to not having to deal with an unplanned pregnancy in your pet."



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Petsmart veterinarian Lisa Sullivan displays one of eighteen cats she neutered Monday during the "Neuter Scooter for a Nickel" campaign.

Dr. Sullivan said that the health benefits include the fact that neutered male cats roam less and won't get into fights with other males over a female cat.

"They're out roaming and get into fights over females. We treat lots of wounds here. Another benefit is related to feline leukemia. A cat can carry feline leukemia in its saliva and when cats bite each other, they can give it to other cats."

Neutered dogs also roam less and are less aggressive. Also, Dr. Sullivan said, unneutered dogs are more prone to prostate problems such as tumors. She added that unspayed female dogs and cats are more prone to breast cancers and uterine infections, which can be fatal.

Willis urged would-be pet owners to consider getting a pet from the animal shelter or SPCA.

"If you buy an older dog, a dog that's out of the juvenile stage, all you're

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Crime Stoppers introduces new school program

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Midland County Crime Stoppers is creating a uniform cash reward system for students who provide crime tips in its Safe School Program.

Sgt. Jim Crouse, Midland County Crime Stoppers spokesman, said that in the past there were no guidelines for the sizes of awards that campus administrators handed out, which created disparities among schools.

Crouse's new point system for student-reported crimes narrows the gaps.

He bases the reward on the number of crimes solved by the tip, the danger to the informant, the number of people arrested, and the amount of stolen property recovered.

"I give them the framework and the guidelines that they go by," he said.

The system begins with violations of the Texas Education Code and increases to felonies. It translates into rewards between $5 and $100.

The Crime Stoppers schools program has worked smoothly since its inception, but officials still wish that more students would come forward, Crouse added.

"The fear is still there about kids calling and then (being found out)," he said. "It's just that nobody wants to report on somebody. The fear factor. You've got to make them participate in the program."

Crouse said that in all cases people who calls Crime Stoppers to report a crime may remain anonymous. Caller ID is never used, and in fact it's against the law for Crime Stoppers to use it.

Dan Walkenshaw, chief of Midland Independent School District's police department, said MISD police have posted Crime Stoppers Safe School Program notices on every campus.

Administrators have rewarded students with $25 to $100 for tips, he said.

"This is working to a good degree," he said. "Twenty-five dollars to a junior high student is a good bit of money. The kids are encouraged — if you know about someone carrying a gun, tell someone and we'll reward you."

Walkenshaw then referred to a shooting last week at a West Paducah, Ky. high school in which a 14-year-old student killed three students during a prayer vigil.

The student had told friends a week earlier that "something big's going to happen" at the school.

Walkenshaw said that tragedies such

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Ms. Ballard to announce campaign to regain seat on education board

From Staff and Wire Reports

AUSTIN — Noted conservative Donna Ballard, who resigned from the State Board of Education this fall to join her husband in Midland, has indicated she will now seek to regain a board spot.

She is running for the seat now held by Democratic incumbent Rene Nunez, whose district includes Midland.

"In this time in my life, my passion is for education," Ms. Ballard said in a telephone interview with the Associated Press. "Basically, what I hope this campaign will be about is offering a positive and hopeful message to the people of District 1. ... If we do it right, we can have our schools performing at our highest expectations."

She will make her formal announcement at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri Ave., according to a press release from her campaign.

Ms. Ballard, a Republican, was elected to the education board from The Woodlands in 1994 with the backing of religious conservatives. She resigned effective Oct. 1 to move to Midland because her husband had taken a position here as a church pastor.

Now she said she is running again for the education board next year.

"I think she's just fishing for a position to get back into politics," said Nunez, who is completing his ninth year on the State

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Donna Ballard is to announce her campaign to regain a seat on the State Board of Education at a press conference Wednesday. She resigned this fall to move with her husband to Midland.

Estes indicted ... again

ABILENE (AP) — Former West Texas promoter Billie Sol Estes and an associate have been indicted on tax fraud charges involving a halfway house for ex-convicts and alcoholics.

A Brown County grand jury returned the sealed indictments on Friday against Estes and Mei Kwong of Houston, attorney James Norvell told The Abilene Reporter-News.

Norvell called the grand jury investigation and indictments "a trumped-up bunch of baloney" and "Gestapo crap."

The attorney said he has arranged for Estes, who lives in Brady, and Kwong to be released on $50,000 bond each.

Estes and Kwong are accused of using an alcoholism treatment program as a non-profit corporate shell to evade state taxes on a motel and check-cashing agency they own.

Estes and Kwong owned the Alcoholism-Central Texas Services Corp., a tax-exempt organization that operates the non-profit Freedom House residential alcohol treatment center

They also operated two for-profit businesses at the location, the Lone Star Inn and Fast Cash Services, according to a search warrant affidavit.

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Number of refugees rising as more safe havens turn them away

Associated Press

GENEVA — The number of people forced to flee their homes because of fear and hardship is rising, but refugees increasingly are being shut out of safe havens — especially in Europe, the U.N. refugee agency said today.

By turning away refugees, Europe sets a poor example for the rest of the world, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees said.

"It was in Europe that the institution of refugee protection was born, and it is in Europe today that the adequacy of that system is being tested," the agency said in its biennial report on refugees.

Since the mid-1980s, more than 5 million people have applied for asylum in industrialized countries, but "they have not received a particularly warm welcome," the report said.

"Rich and poor nations alike are closing their doors to refugees and forcing them to return to situations where their lives and liberty are at stake," the head of UNHCR, Sadako Ogata, told reporters in Geneva today.

At the same time, she said, "the world's great powers are retreating from the idea of political or military involvement to solve problems or conflicts."

Ogata said humanitarian aid must be backed by "effective political and economic action" — including reducing poverty, curtailing the arms trade and promoting human rights in countries afflicted by long periods of turmoil.

UNHCR is currently aiding 22 million people worldwide. About 13 million have been forced to flee their countries and the rest are internally displaced.

Overall, the U.N. agency estimates there are 50 million "victims of forced displacement," including in parts of the former Soviet Union, the Balkans and central Asia.

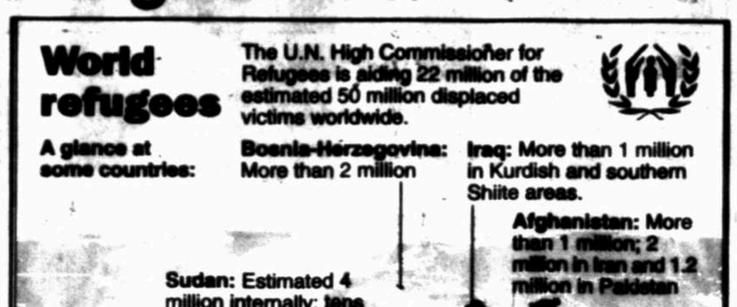
The report said since 1990, about 10 million people had returned to their homes.

Many had gone back voluntarily following the easing of conflicts in such nations as Mozambique, Cambodia, El Salvador, Ethiopia and Afghanistan. An estimated 250,000 people have returned to Bosnia since the 1995 Dayton peace accords, it said.

But it stressed that others had been repatriated against their will, especially from the former Zaire and Tanzania to Rwanda. Amid reports of mass murders, an estimated 250,000 Rwandan refugees remain missing in eastern Zaire — now Congo.

The report said the number of conventional refugees — those fleeing to other countries because of a fear of persecution — has dropped in recent years. But the number of people displaced within their own country has risen and will likely continue to do so.

This was due to a combination of civil wars — 35 now being waged — and civil unrest, it said.



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— Sadako Ogata, U.N. official

For instance, in Colombia, political and guerrilla violence forced 180,000 people from their homes in 1996 alone, bringing the total displaced to 900,000.

But increasingly, the displaced had nowhere to go.

Between 1991 and 1995, about 2.4 million people applied for asylum in western Europe. About 11 percent were given refugee status and a similar proportion allowed to stay temporarily for "humanitarian reasons."

UNHCR criticized tough immigration policies in Europe and elsewhere. These included tight visa restrictions and fines for airlines and shipping companies carrying people without proper documents.

The United States granted refugee status to just over 20 percent of asylum-seekers in 1995. Last year 195,000 people applied. Canada approved 70 percent of the 26,000 applications it received.

Of all the industrialized nations, Japan received fewest refugees. In 1996 only 147 people applied for asylum and just one person was granted it.

Generally, the low acceptance rate was due to restrictions imposed by Western governments, the report said.

"When the very countries responsible for establishing the international refugee regime begin to challenge its legal and ethical foundations, then it is hardly surprising that other states with far more pressing economic problems follow suit."

European Union, Mexico sign trade, cooperation deal

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The European Union and Mexico signed an agreement Monday that provides for vastly enlarged economic and political cooperation and sets them en route to a free trade zone.

"We are opening a new and ambitious relationship with the European Union," Mexican Foreign Minister Jose Angel Gurria said at a signing ceremony with EU foreign ministers. "Europe today is a priority of our foreign policy."

He said Mexico sought a trustworthy partner for a common front against attempts to dictate the terms of global trade. Without naming Washington, he said Mexico and Europe are upset about "unilateral views ... which threaten international law" — an apparent jab at American efforts to punish non-U.S. companies for trading with Cuba.

Under the accord, Mexico and the 15-nation EU pledged to work together for a "progressive and bilateral" reduction of tariffs, leading eventually to a free-trade zone. Both sides also committed to respecting human rights.

The EU and Mexico will form a special panel to draft a free-trade zone. Negotiations are to open in 1998 but there's no deadline for their completion.

European sources said free trade negotiations are bound to be painful as several EU capitals fear a free-trade deal would leave their industries and farming sector overexposed to Mexican competition.

However, the EU is increasingly worried that European companies are losing out to U.S. competitors since Mexico signed the North American Free Trade Agreement in 1994.

The EU-Mexico panel also will work on improving cooperation in 30 areas including fighting the drug trade, protecting the environment and promoting tourism. Also, the EU and Mexico agreed their leaders would hold regular summit meetings and that Mexican ministers would meet frequently with the EU to coordinate policies.

Trade between Mexico and the EU totaled $11.2 billion in 1996. A decade ago, trade with Europe represented 14 percent of Mexico's overall trade, a level that has dropped to 6 percent.

Even still, that made Western Europe Mexico's number two trade partner after the United States, with which Mexico did $150 billion worth of business last year.

The accord takes effect after ratification by the legislatures of Mexico, the EU countries and the European Parliament. However a "fast track" clause allows talks on demolishing trade barriers to start before ratification.

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5-day-old receives liver transplant

LONDON (AP) — A 5-day-old baby who received a new liver — cut down to one-eighth of its original size — has become the world's youngest liver transplant patient.

Dark-haired Baebhen Schuttke, born with a disease that killed her two brothers, laughed and gurgled Monday through a news conference called to announce the operation.

"She's just like any normal baby ... it's almost easy to forget how close we came to losing her," said her Irish mother, Ita.

Mrs. Schuttke, 30, and her German husband, Jurgen, 33, were referred to King's College Hospital in London, the largest transplant center for children in Europe, as first one son then another died.

Two days after her birth in Dublin, Baebhen was diagnosed with the same condition, neonatal hemochromatosis, which causes a buildup of iron in the liver. She was flown by air ambulance to King's College Hospital.

There, doctors told the Schuttkes there was a chance for Baebhen. And on the fifth day of her life, the family of a 10-year-old boy who died outside London gave permission for the liver transplant.

"This is the youngest child to get a liver transplant because she was lucky enough to get a donor," said Dr. Mohammed Rela, the surgeon who led a 20-member medical team that performed the six-hour operation in July.

"She has done very well, and the liver is now adapting to her body and is growing normally. She will not need another transplant when she is older," Rela added.

The Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa., the biggest pediatric transplant center in the United States, said the youngest baby given a liver transplant there was two weeks old.

Younger children have received heart transplants. Canadian Paul Holc, now age 10, received a heart at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital in California three hours after birth.

During the surgery at King's College Hospital, one group of doctors took two hours to prepare a 4-inch by 3-inch section of liver for the transplant. Other doctors removed Baebhen's diseased liver.

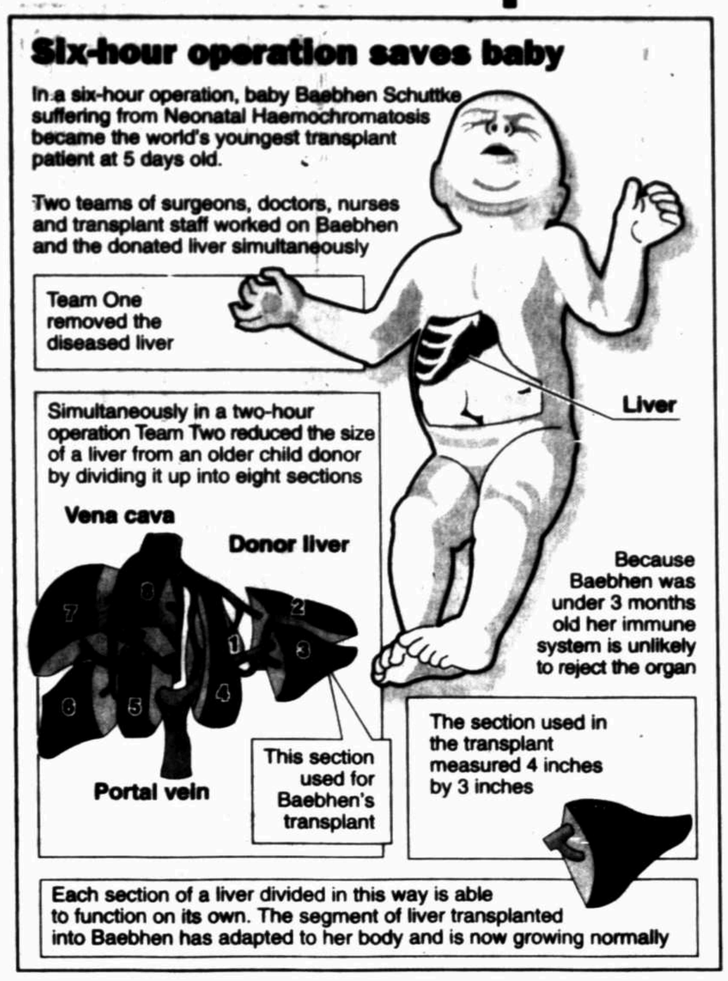
The cut-down liver still was slightly too big for the 6-pound infant, hospital spokesman Nick Samuels said, and for a few days "the wound was left open while the liver adjusted to the size of the patient."

Infants are good candidates for transplants — for the first 30 days of life, a baby's immune system is too immature to detect foreign bodies, reducing the risk of rejection.

Baebhen — whose name is Gaelic for "sweet, beautiful woman and melodious" — now takes a light dose of anti-rejection drugs.

The Schuttkes also have an elder daughter, 5-year-old girl, Aodhbha, who was born healthy.

"We want to thank them (the doctors) from the bottom of our hearts," said Mrs. Schuttke. "Because the donor is anonymous, it is impossible to thank them for what they have done. But we would like to give our heartfelt gratitude to donors of all organs."



Ramos backs house speaker as successor

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Ending months of speculation, Philippine President Fidel Ramos today endorsed the candidacy of the house speaker in next May's presidential election.

Ramos, who is forbidden by the constitution from seeking a second term, announced his decision to back House Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. after summoning all eight presidential aspirants from his ruling Lakas-NUCD party to the presidential palace.

Ramos' endorsement bestows the backing of the ruling party's powerful national political machine behind de Venecia — as long as the party remains united.

De Venecia, who commands a large following within the party, supported Ramos' successful run for the presidency in 1992. He then helped Ramos assemble a political coalition in Congress that allowed the passage of economic reform legislation that opened up domestic monopolies to competition.

"We're going to carry out the successful Ramos reforms into the 21st century," de Venecia said after his selection.

Speculation over Ramos' choice had been intense. De Venecia's biggest rival for the endorsement, former Defense Secretary Renato de Villa, is a Ramos confidant who resigned his Cabinet post to pursue the presidency.

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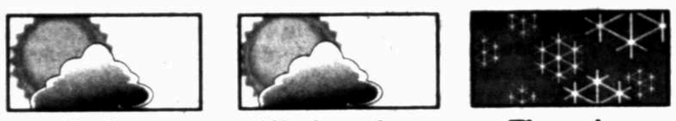
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Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Wednesday	Thursday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Snow
High 58	High 38	High 40
Low 25	Low 24	Low 21

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and windy with a high of 55-60 and northwest winds at 25-30 and gusty. Tonight should be partly cloudy and becoming colder toward morning with a low near 25, according to the National Weather Service. Wednesday should be cloudy and cold with a 40 percent chance of light rain or snow and a high of 35-40.

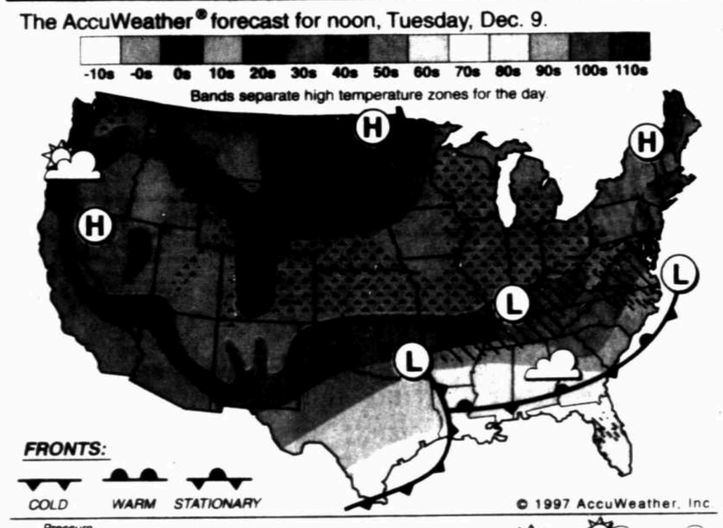
After an overnight low of 48, Monday's high reached 69, compared to the record high for that date of 83 set in 1977. The record low was 15 set in 1978.

Yesterday's precipitation		Yesterday's temperatures	
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Rainfall Monday	.00 in.	low	48
Total for month	.19 in.	Normal high	60
Total for year	15.98 in.	Normal low	32

Sunrise 7:38 a.m. Sunset 5:45 p.m.

National forecast

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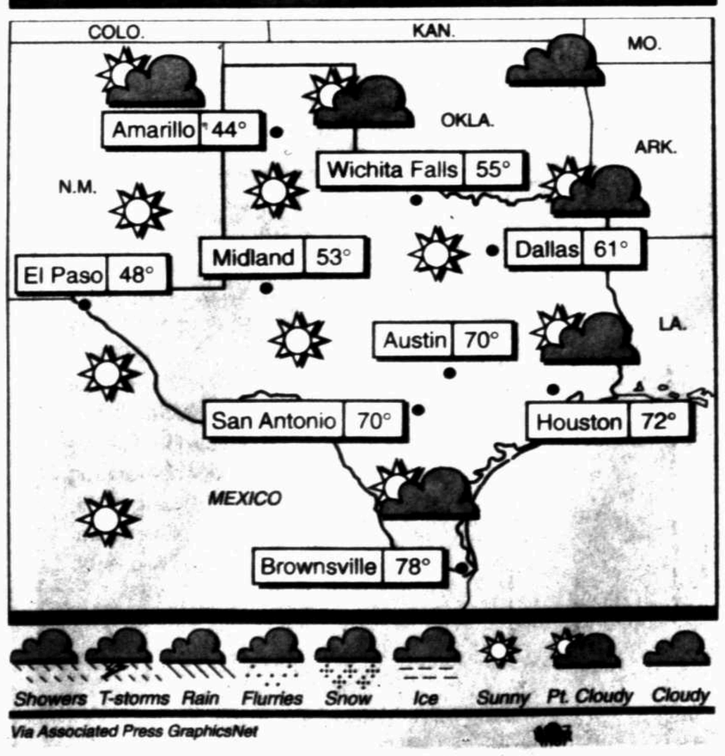
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United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:42 p.m. EST

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	36	35	cdy	
Albuquerque	51	37	01	cdy
Amarillo	63	30	cdy	
Anchorage	25	23	10	cdy
Asheville	31	17	05	rn
Atlanta	38	28	28	cdy
Atlantic City	47	36	cdy	
Baltimore	46	39	rn	
Billings	36	22	sn	
Birmingham	43	29	24	cdy
Bismarck	29	22	cdy	
Boise	35	34	33	cdy
Boston	44	34	cdy	
Brownsville	79	65	clr	
Buffalo	35	32	cdy	
Burlington,Vt.	30	28	cdy	
Casper	43	30	sn	
Charleston,S.C.	49	27	rn	
Charleston,W.Va.	34	29	rn	
Charlotte,N.C.	40	25	05	cdy
Cheyenne	45	31	sn	
Chicago	30	27	sn	
Cincinnati	34	26	rn	
Cleveland	34	32	rn	
Columbia,S.C.	42	23	02	rn
Columbus,Ohio	33	30	rn	
Concord,N.H.	39	30	clr	
Dayton	32	29	rn	
Denver	48	20	sn	
Des Moines	31	23	08	sn
Detroit	35	33	sn	
Duluth	23	11	cdy	
Evansville	30	22	16	rn
Fairbanks	10	-7	cdy	
Fargo	28	24	cdy	
Flagstaff	33	31	cdy	
Grand Rapids	34	30	sn	
Great Falls	m	12	clr	
Greensboro,N.C.	39	19	rn	
Hartford Spgfld	43	34	cdy	
Helena	36	14	clr	
Honolulu	82	71	clr	
Indianapolis	32	28	sn	
Jackson,Miss.	53	37	.31	cdy
Jacksonville	63	32	rn	
Juneau	39	34	rn	
Kansas City	35	30	sn	
Las Vegas	56	48	02	clr
Little Rock	40	37	69	cdy
Los Angeles	61	50	29	clr
Louisville	34	29	02	rn
Memphis	40	34	.56	cdy
Miami Beach	70	51	cdy	
Milwaukee	32	27	sn	
Mpls-St Paul	29	24	sn	
Nashville	37	26	01	rn
New Orleans	74	45	.35	cdy
New York City	45	41	cdy	
Norfolk,Va.	46	33	rn	
North Platte	32	29	sn	
Oklahoma City	44	35	14	cdy
Omaha	32	26	08	sn
Orlando	70	41	cdy	
Philadelphia	47	37	cdy	
Phoenix	64	54	08	cdy
Pittsburgh	34	31	sn	
Portland,Maine	40	22	clr	
Portland,Ore.	43	37	14	cdy
Providence	47	25	cdy	
Raleigh-Durham	42	20	rn	
Rapid City	22	18	cdy	
Reno	39	26	09	clr
Richmond	44	23	rn	
Sacramento	m	45	clr	
St Louis	31	28	03	sn
Salt Lake City	43	39	33	sn
San Diego	61	59	23	clr
San Francisco	55	49	66	cdy
San Juan,P.R.	86	71	clr	
Santa Fe	43	32	11	cdy
St Ste Marie	27	16	cdy	
Seattle	45	40	02	cdy
Shreveport	60	38	70	cdy
Sioux Falls	28	23	02	sn
Spokane	31	28	16	cdy
Syracuse	34	33	.05	cdy
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	67	43	cdy	
Topeka	35	31	50	sn
Tucson	62	51	28	cdy
Tulsa	40	34	47	cdy
Washington,D.C.	49	37	rn	
Wichita	36	32	08	sn
Wilkes-Barre	36	35	cdy	
Wilmington,Del.	46	35	cdy	

State forecast



Via Associated Press GraphicsNet

Texas temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	72	45	
Alice	80	56	
Amarillo	63	30	0.01
Arlington	70	44	0.01
Austin bergstrom	81	42	0.01
Austin Mueller	80	46	0.01
Beaumont	73	48	0.99
Brownsville	79	65	
Burnet	75	41	0.02
Childress	57	38	
College Station	M	51	0.12
Conroe	76	48	0.43
Corpus Christi	77	55	
Corsicana	72	44	0.20
Cotulla	78	49	
Dalhart	60	20	
Dallas	65	44	0.01
Del Rio	79	42	0.01
Denton	59	43	0.03
Dfw Airport	64	43	
E. Paso	62	46	0.07
Fort Worth	65	45	0.01
Galveston	71	57	2.00
Harlingen	77	62	
Hondo	76	42	0.02
Houston Intrctnl	75	50	1.43
Huntsville	76	47	0.18
Junction	76	40	
Kingsville	79	56	
Laredo	73	48	
Lubbock	66	39	
Lufkin	73	42	0.32
Marfa	64	30	
McAllen	76	60	
Mineral Wells	69	41	0.02
Navy Corpus	72	60	
New braunfels	81	47	0.02
Palacios	69	56	0.05
Paris	46	39	
Rockport	70	56	
San Angelo	74	40	
San Antonio	78	44	0.02
Shreveport, La.	60	41	0.70
Terrell	66	43	0.18
Texarkana, Ark.	45	38	0.92
Victoria	75	56	

TALKS: Deeper emissions cuts offered

(From 1A)

successfully Wednesday.

"It leads me to believe the flexibility and political will is there to reach an agreement," John Prescott said.

"I think it generated momentum," Gore said of his drop-by as he departed the conference hall late Monday.

But even if the U.S.-European differences are bridged, the U.S. team must still nail down another major feature — commitments by developing countries to limit emissions — to improve chances the agreement will be ratified in the U.S. Senate.

The Kyoto conference was convened to strengthen the 1992 Climate Change Treaty by setting legally binding targets for reducing industrial nations' emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases linked to global warming.

A new treaty protocol would set the energy course for much of the world for decades to come — from how we produce electricity to what we drive — by encouraging movement away from coal and other carbon-heavy fuels.

Carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, mostly products of fuel combustion, allow sunlight through to Earth but trap the heat the planet emits back toward space.

Scientists believe atmospheric warming has probably already begun, and will boost temperatures as much as 6 degrees by 2100 if emissions are not controlled. Warming would disrupt climate in potentially damaging ways, and raise sea levels by melting glaciers and expanding oceans.

One of the countries that would be most imperiled by rising oceans — low-lying, overcrowded Bangladesh — called on the bickering to end at Kyoto.

"I appeal to all of you to mobilize the collective will ... and reach a negotiated Kyoto Protocol," Syeda Sjeda Chowdhury, Bangladesh's environment minister, said in her address to the delegates.



AP Photo

Vice President Al Gore delivers the opening speech of the ministerial conference of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Kyoto, western Japan, Monday.

Gore's arrival clearly mobilized some new energy — at least within the U.S. negotiating team, which appeared stalled as it stuck to the original U.S. negotiating position.

The vice president announced from the conference podium that he had just spoken by telephone with President Clinton, and "I am instructing our delegation right now to show increased negotiating flexibility."

The Europeans have sought some "give" from Washington on the targets for cutting greenhouse emissions.

The European Union proposed ambitiously that emissions be reduced to 15 percent below 1990 levels by 2010. But Clinton's plan called for reductions only to, not below, 1990 levels by 2012.

Gore would not tell reporters whether the U.S. team would now be willing to adjust that "stabilization" target to some percentage below 1990 levels. But he noted negotiators had a long list of variable features that could be adjusted to fine-tune the targets — including the types of sources and gases covered.

Negotiators are also known to be looking at using further reductions in the post-2012 period to offset possible differences between U.S. and European reductions in the century's first decade. "That could well be part of it," said Britain's environment minister, Michael Meacher.

Any Kyoto agreement "probably will not be complete enough for Senate approval," Byrd acknowledged. But he said the Clinton administration could work on a "step-by-step" approach the next year or two to present a fuller proposal to the Senate.

Others close to the administration say such an approach would involve negotiating post-Kyoto bilateral agreements, involving emissions controls, between Washington and China and other Third World nations.

Vice president walks political tightrope at Kyoto talks

By Richard L. Berke
N.Y. Times News Service

KYOTO, Japan — Toward the end of his whirlwind 16-hour visit here at the international negotiations on global warming, Vice President Al Gore met Monday night with representatives of oil, coal and electric companies, assuring them that he would respect their interests.

Sitting in the same chair at the same rectangular table less than an hour later, Gore assured representatives of environmental groups that he would respect their interests.

These days Gore tries to satisfy — or at the very least, not offend — interest groups that are crucial to his quest for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2000.

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Increasingly, Gore has found himself navigating between competing constituencies because he may need them all for campaign contributions and other political support. Just weeks ago, he irritated labor groups and environmentalists when he helped the administration in its failed attempt to renew President Clinton's authority to reach international trade accords.

And on Monday the vice president's balancing act was on display for a world audience.

While this trip offered Gore an opportunity to appear on the world stage addressing his signature issue of global warming, it also exposed him to political risks he might have avoided. If the talks collapse later this week, as some White House officials fear, Gore could be blamed. If the talks succeed, he can take the credit. Had Gore stayed home, he may have avoided the controversy but may have been accused of not caring enough about an issue that he used to build his reputation as an environmentalist.

Even if the nations here fail to produce a treaty on global warming, Gore's advisers say the vice president's presence here at least moved him beyond months of inquiries and harsh publicity over his fund-raising practices in the 1996 campaign.

"There's always an element of political risk with issues fraught with so much conflict," Thomas Foley, the ambassador to Japan and the former speaker of the House, said in an interview.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., who attended the talks, said Gore's visit may have been a turning point — but may also embolden the vice president's foes among industrialists.

Gore insisted that political calculations did not enter into his decision to make the trip, even though he spent months wavering.

"That wasn't part of my analysis," Gore said in an interview before arriving here. "My analysis was, 'What can I do to help solve this problem?'"

Arlie Schardt, the executive director of the advocacy group Environmental Media Services, who was Gore's press secretary in the 1988 presidential campaign, said he worries that the vice president is no longer as committed to the issue.

"I think he feels that he has to give real strong consideration to fossil fuel, oil and coal and automobile industries because of the enormous campaign contributions that they have the capacity to provide," Schardt said. "I went to work for him because I thought for the first time we had the opportunity to have a dedicated environmentalist as president of the United States. If he lets down the environmental community, he's risking his credibility."

But by signaling in his speech here that the United States might make some compromises, the vice president won praise from environmental groups that were planning to attack him for pressing for a position that they viewed as far more modest than the prescriptions he offered in his best-selling book, "Earth in the Balance," which has been translated into 28 languages.

Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, who is observing the talks here and weighing whether to seek the Democratic nomination in 2000, said it was too early to tell whether Gore was spurring on the negotiations. "It depends entirely on what the instructions really are," he said, "and what the bottom line of the administration is. And they're the only ones that know that."

BALLARD: Former board member to run again

(From 1A)

Board of Education.

"I believe that my constituency — that of the Valley and far West Texas — have supported me in the past, and I believe that they have enjoyed our relationship, which has been one of a lot of contact with members of the education community. ... Hopefully they'll be there again," he said.

While on the board, Ms. Ballard was labeled a leader of a six-member bloc of Republican social conservatives. The other three Republican members of the 15-member board regularly have voted with the six Democrats.

Raising the hackles of some Republicans and Democrats alike, Ms. Ballard took strong stands on issues including "unwanted federal intrusion" into Texas education; legislative restrictions on the board's power; and a massive school curriculum rewrite, which she termed mediocre and faulted Republican Gov. George W. Bush for supporting.

Ms. Ballard said she will be "very comfortable" running in a district with a large Hispanic population.

"Children are children. If you love children and you care about their future, that'll come across," she said.

SYSTEM: Safe Schools program introduced

(From 1A)

as the one in West Paducah can be prevented if students are willing to come forward.

He also acknowledged that some children may think it's wrong to "rat" on fellow students, but he added, "What's wrong is for us not to get the information, and then because we don't get the information someone is seriously injured or killed," he said. "We're not trying to build snitches in kids, we want these schools to be safe for everybody."

Students can make that happen, he added.

"Maybe they can be rewarded for it, and the bad guy gets caught," he said.

MISD police plan to distribute more information on Crime Stoppers to elementary students, so that they'll know how to report a crime.

Crouse said every little tip helps law enforcement officials keep an eye on schools.

"Kids know more what goes on in their schools than adults, that's a fact, because kids talk," he said.

To report a crime, both children and adults can call Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS. They may remain anonymous and will be eligible for a cash reward.

Correction

The 25th anniversary celebration for the Rev. Domingo Estrada as an Oblate priest will be held Saturday at St. Stephens Church, 4601 Neely Ave. The church identification was incorrect in Saturday's issue.

PETS: National group to discuss overpopulation

(From 1A)

missing is chewed up sneakers or baby toys," he said. "These animals need homes just like the animals in pet shops do, in many ways probably more so."

Locally, he said, the overpopulation problem is not escalating as fast as it is nationally, but he still expects to handle an increasing number of animals each year.

The National Council On Pet Population Study and Policy will meet in Westlake this Friday and Saturday to announce the results of a three-year epidemiological study on the problem.

Pam Burney, vice president with the council, said that the group has been working on the problem for four years. "We'll be presenting the data from the study and working on some intervention procedures we can recommend to shelters that they can use to try to affect some change in the number of animals coming into shelters."

ESTES: Former Johnson crony was millionaire by age of 30

(From 1A)

Norvell said Estes should be thanked — not indicted — for sinking $96,000 of his own money into helping people such as former inmates and recovering alcoholics. He claimed Kwong lost $24,000 of her own money in the same non-profit enterprise.

Estes, now in his 70s, is a one-time associate of the late President Lyndon B. Johnson. Estes served prison time for mortgaging phony fertilizer tanks in the 1960s and for tax evasion in the 70s. The once-flashy West Texas farmer became a millionaire by age 30.

Pick 3 Texas

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

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Cash 5 Texas

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Landmine campaigners accept Nobel peace prize

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Jody Williams came to Norway on Monday to meet with royals and politicians, be feted with a torchlight parade and pick up a Nobel Peace Prize.

The 47-year-old American shares this year's prize with the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines. The group was a main force behind the treaty negotiated in September in Oslo calling for a global ban on antipersonnel mines.

Last week, 125 nations signed the treaty in Ottawa. That was more than had been expected and Williams said the Nobel Prize, announced in October, was a major factor in inducing some nations to sign, including Japan.

"Part of what we believe kept all of the countries on board and brought more on was the increased prestige and attention given by the Nobel Peace Prize," Williams said Monday.

The prize, worth $1 million, will be presented Wednesday at city hall. During three days of celebrations, Williams and representatives of the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines will meet King Harald V and political leaders and be honored with a torchlight parade through Oslo prior to a Wednesday night banquet.

Williams is the coordinator of the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines, an umbrella group of more than 1,000 organizations that pushed for a ban on landmines, which kill or maim an estimated 26,000 people a year — most of them civilians.

During the treaty negotiation conference in Oslo this fall, Williams' group kept pressure on delegates not to back down from calling for an absolute ban on landmines. The United States walked out of the conference because it wanted the draft treaty to contain exceptions.

Washington wanted implementation of the ban delayed and also wanted an exception allowing mines to be used on the Korean peninsula, where thousands of American soldiers are deployed.

Other holdouts on signing the treaty include Russia, China, Iraq, India and Pakistan.

The land mine umbrella group was created six years ago by Bobby Muller of the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation and others who were frustrated in their efforts to help landmine victims. Its visibility grew substantially when Princess Diana took up the cause.

The Nobel Prizes are always presented on Dec. 10, the anniversary of the death of Swedish industrialist Alfred Nobel, whose will established the prizes.

Saudi leader's visit to Iran marks turning point

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran and Saudi Arabia are edging closer after nearly 20 years of acrimony — a move that threatens to unravel U.S. policy in the oil-rich Persian Gulf.

Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Abdullah arrived Monday in Tehran for an important Islamic summit with delegates from more than 50 Muslim nations. His presence, and an expected meeting with Iranian President Mohammad Khatami, follows months of diplomatic maneuvering for a rapprochement.

Their talks, though distracting attention from the Organization of the Islamic Conference summit, could mark a turning point in relations between the two most influential Islamic countries. Saudi Arabia has been a close American ally for more than half a century — 5,000-plus U.S. troops are in the kingdom — but a new warmth toward Iran could jeopardize that.

The United States has been seeking to isolate Iran since the 1979 Islamic revolution toppled the U.S.-backed shah and led to 52 Americans being held hostage for more than a year.

Washington regards Iran as a sponsor of terrorism and has severely criticized its opposition to the Middle East peace process. A Saudi-Iranian axis also would be regarded as a grave threat by Washington's prime Mideast ally, Israel.

The kingdom is the world's largest oil exporter and played host to the U.S.-led coalition against Iraq in the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Last year, however, the Saudis refused permission for U.S. planes based in Saudi Arabia to take part in an attack on Iraq. And last month, they joined most Arab states in boycotting a U.S.-backed economic conference in Qatar.

The catalyst for the change in Saudi policy toward Iran was last year's powerful explosion at a U.S. military barracks in the city of Dhahran in eastern Saudi Arabia.

It served as a stunning indication of the depth of internal opposition to the kingdom's close ties with the United States.

If Washington had firm evidence to back suspicions of an Iranian hand in the attack, it could weaken Iran by pressing for more international sanctions or even a limited military strike. But the Saudis have kept the investigation to themselves.

Iran's ambassador to Saudi Arabia said Abdullah's visit goes beyond just attending the Organization of the Islamic Conference, which begins Tuesday.

"Relations between Iran and Saudi Arabia are good, and getting even better," Mohammad Reza Shahroudi told The Associated Press in Tehran.

Monday's arrival of Islamic summit delegates offered many striking scenes beyond Abdullah's arrival, some equally unimaginable just years ago. The Iraqi anthem, for example, played while vice presidents of Iraq and Iran — neighbors that fought an eight-year war in the 1980s — stood on the same platform.

The mending of fences between Iran and Saudi Arabia can be seen as strategic.

The Saudis have sought U.S. military protection against external threats. But if they are moving away from the United States, they need to patch up differences with their main rival in the Gulf.

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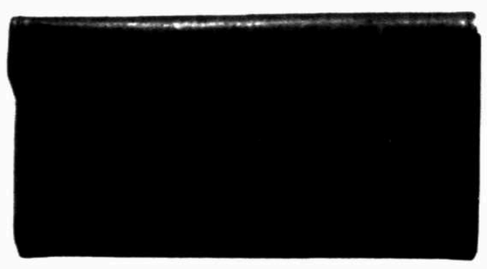
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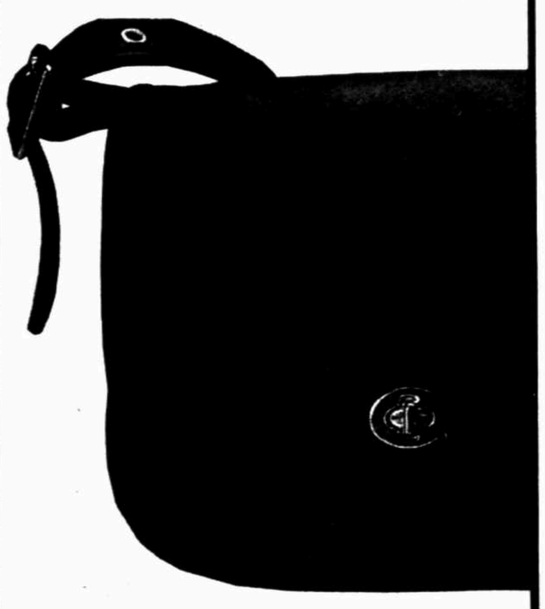
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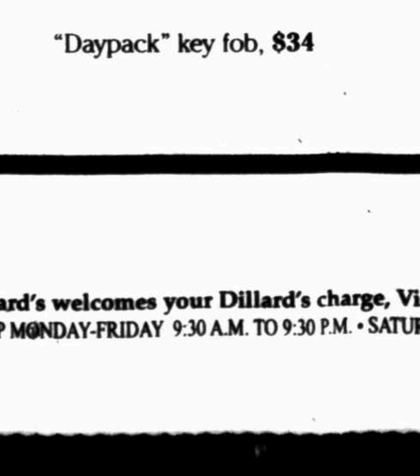

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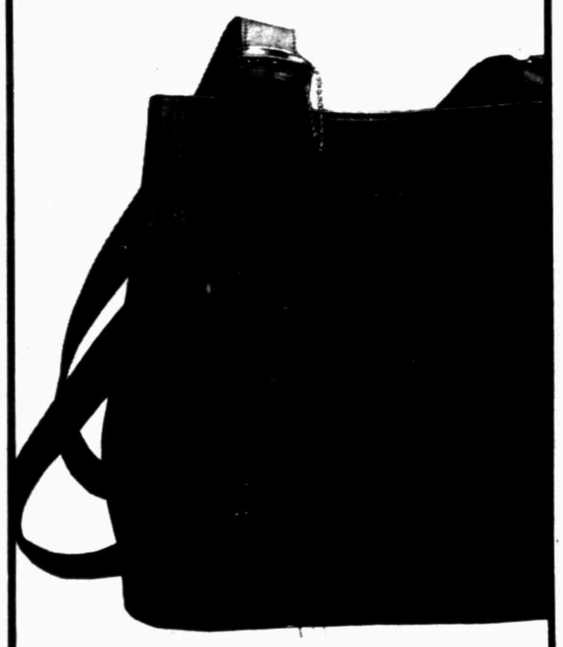

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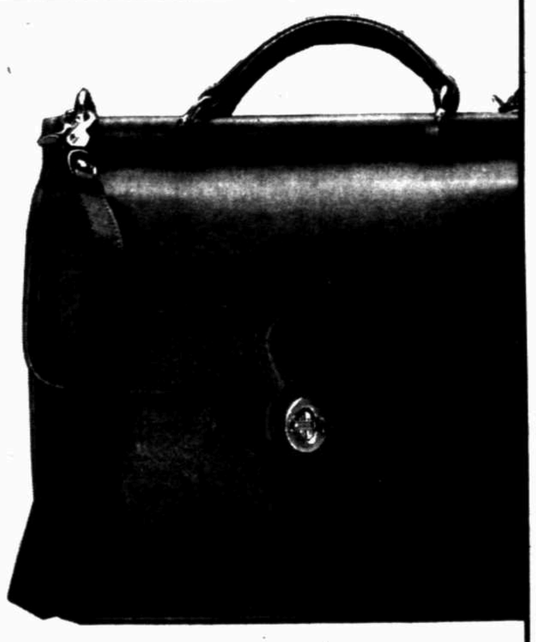
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Ending parole an idea worth considering

Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, who heads the Texas Senate's Criminal Justice Committee, has put forth an intriguing possibility that Texas lawmakers should consider: Doing away with the system of parole.

Before getting too worked up about what many people may consider an outlandish proposal, consider a few of the facts put forth by Whitmire. He says:

- Parole rates have fallen to historic lows and the only inmates getting out of prison early today are those who were sentenced when the state had a mandatory early release law. That law has now been repealed and the number of inmates still eligible for it is falling.
- Abolishing parole would mean that the 18-member Board of Pardons and Paroles could be reduced or eliminated, saving the state money.

Whitmire believes that with parole abolished citizens would be safer and would know exactly how long a criminal would spend behind bars for a crime.

"We have essentially done away with parole," Whitmire noted, "we just continue to spend a lot of money and time on it."

By doing away with parole, said Whitmire, Texas would simply say, "If you get a 10-year sentence, you're going to do 10 years." Sounds like a possible crime deterrent to us!

While we're not ready to sign onto the senator's campaign to do away with the parole system at this point, the idea certainly merits study by the Legislature in light of the facts stressed by Whitmire. If there really is no value in maintaining the system, why continue to ride a dead horse? Why not devise a better and perhaps more cost-conscious system?

A.M. ROSENTHAL

Danger is just a few short miles away for Israelis

The duty of President Clinton is to warn against possible threats to U.S. interests arising thousands of miles from American shores.

The duty of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is to protect the Israeli nation and its people from neighboring armies that have attacked three times before. The existence of the state and the lives of its people are measured in a few miles and minutes, the height of a hill or the distance across a single valley.

Clinton is failing to do his job in the Mideast. Faced with Saddam rising, Iraq and Iran arming with nuclear and biological weapons and Russia stabbing America, he targets Israel as blocking Mideast peace. This watchman ignores the thugs entering the house and floodlights a rabbit trying to find a shelter-hole.

When Clinton fails in his duty, Americans in their safety barely notice. If Netanyahu fails in his duty Israelis will notice, as they die.

In those four paragraphs lie the reason that what sometimes seems like intransigence to Americans is survival to Israelis.

Security, to the Israeli government, means control of its border areas. In the east it wants a 12-mile zone in the Jordan River Valley, which it controls now.

If Arab armies led by Iraq and Syria attack, they are likely to go through Jordan. They took that route in 1948 when they captured the West Bank, which is supposed to be the new Palestinian state. They took the same route in 1967 when they lost it all to Israel. They will try to intimidate or remove King Hussein. He knows Israeli control of the valley is his protection against Palestinians, the hostile majority of his country.

Israeli air power could not wipe out earlier invasions; that was done largely on the ground. A rejuvenated Iraq would need 36 hours to cross Jordan into Israel — 12 hours less than Israel needs to mobilize. Iraq alone will have dozens of divisions more than it did previously. It will have the help of Palestinian forces.

But Arab divisions would have to cross into Israel from an area 1,200 feet below sea level and then fight up into hills and passes 3,000 feet high. The Arabs swept over the hills when Israel was not in control of the area. Israel does not intend to be without that 4,200-foot defensive wall again, or spend Israeli lives in recapturing it.

On the Mediterranean, just an hour's drive from the Jordan River, are Tel Aviv and other cities, where 70 percent of Israel's population lives. Israel will demand a six-mile-wide buffer zone to help protect them — and an underground water supply. Large as the Sea of Galilee, this aquifer provides drinking water to 40 percent of Israelis.

To American Jews who denounce and try to destroy the Israeli government for reasons of politics or religious practice: Think, six miles. And think: Without the buffers, Israel would be back against the borders that invited the Arab annihilation attempt of 1967. The Israeli army has security-based maps drawn up, largely corresponding to the work of Ariel Sharon, an Israeli asset of endurance and sophistication.

All this does not mean Israel would surrender all the rest of the West Bank, and no, not Jerusalem. But with U.S. acceptance of and pressure for the buffers could come room for negotiations. Palestinians would have all the cities of the West Bank, and much of the land. And they would have a state; Labor created it at Oslo.

But further land transfer would depend on Yasser Arafat fulfilling his promises of reciprocity — particularly his broken promises to destroy the leadership of terrorism. The United States gave Israel its written support on that, on Jan. 17, 1997.

Israel has not decided how specific it should be now about security zones, or how much additional territory it would give up in the next withdrawal of Israeli troops, or its plan for the final deal Netanyahu wants to speed.

With disclosure Netanyahu will lose some leverage with the Palestinians — and create trouble among Israelis passionately against any more concessions at all.

But I think Israel would gain something increasingly important. Americans would understand what Israel cannot give up without inviting another invasion by the same armies that attacked before, and are rebuilding their strength, miles, minutes and a valley away.

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CHARLEY REESE

The United States should simply leave Iraq, Saddam alone

Should President Clinton order the bombing of Iraq, he will be acting as a cold-blooded terrorist and will be guilty of first-degree murder.


Reese

The only difference will be Clinton, unlike most terrorists, doesn't have the guts to do his own killing. Let me dig out a few facts for you from the pile of horse manure the U.S. government has unloaded to hide the truth about this latest flap with Iraq.

First, Iraq did not — I say again, did not — halt United Nations inspections. All Iraq said was that the Americans on the team were not acting in good faith and would not be allowed to participate. Continue the inspections without the Americans. That was the Iraqi position.

It was the United Nations, not Iraq, which chose to halt the inspections. Now, if they really thought Iraq was about to whip up a weapon of mass destruction, why did they halt inspections? They could have continued the inspections while protesting the exclusion of the Americans. Instead the United Nations pulled out. The obvious inference to be drawn is that the United Nations, despite its lies to the contrary, does not really think Iraq has any weapons of mass destruction.

And let's look at the issue of whether or not the United States is acting in good faith. Why do you suppose Iraq reached that conclusion? Perhaps because after nearly seven years of full-time inspections and the supervised destruction of missiles, manufacturing plants, warheads and stores of chemical weapons, the United States still refuses to lift sanctions on the grounds that somewhere in this little country something may be hidden. But there is an even better reason to justify the Iraqi position.

Earlier this year Madeleine Albright made an official, public speech in which she said plainly and explicitly the sanctions were not going to be lifted no matter what the Iraqis do as long as Saddam Hussein remains in power.

You do understand plain English. Albright said, and the president confirmed it in a message to Congress, that the United States will not lift the sanctions no matter how cooperative the Iraqis are, no matter what proof there is they have no weapons of mass destruction. In short, inspections are a pretense.

And why, after Clinton just finished wallowing all over a Chinese dictator with an infinitely worse human rights record than Saddam Hussein, does the United States refuse to even discuss the issue with Iraq? Why did we prevent an Iraqi official from addressing the Security Council? Whatever happened to the idea of constructive engagement? Free speech?

So bottom line is you had a disagreement over the composition of an inspection team but no refusal to be inspected. For that, Clinton, the great military strategist, moved ships and planes to the Persian Gulf to threaten defenseless people with death.

Death for what? For being Iraqis, I suppose. There is something about Iraq which makes the moral decadence in American society rise to the surface like pus in an infected wound. Journalists, both conservative and liberal, suddenly advocate murder and like the contemptible cowards safely on the fringe of a lynch mob, scream for blood. That is despicable behavior.

Do you understand how ridiculous we look in the eyes of the world, making such a fuss over a small country run by a quite ordinary dictator not unlike 100 others we do business with? Even Kuwait has told the United States not to use military force against Iraq. Make no mistake: The life of an Iraqi is as precious in the eyes of God as any other. And we're in enough trouble with Him already for murdering half a million Iraqi children with the sanctions. How's that for mass destruction?

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RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

Facing Christmas with a new attitude

The other day I bought something at the store called "The Smell of Christmas." Never mind that I hadn't even smelled Thanksgiving turkey yet. I still wanted, needed, the small bag of clove, orange, pine and cinnamon mixed together and tied up with a bow in Heber Springs, Ark.


Johnson

I figure in a pretty spot like Heber Springs they know what Christmas should smell like.

I carefully poured the not-cheap crumbs of Christmas into a basket and then placed it near a gas heater to speed the smell up. Sure enough, before too long, the whole house smelled like the perfect holiday of your fondest dreams, if not a real one.

It would be impossible, not to mention undesirable, to bag "The Real Smells of Christmas," including burned dinner rolls and egg-nog cups left soaking overnight, new puppy poop and the cosmetics clerk's too-strong perfume. Oh, and throw in the odor of mothballs stored with the Christmas-tree skirt and Uncle Bob's cigar.

Best to go with the fanciful notion that all homes operate on a soap-opera-smooth Christmas schedule. (Ever notice how the ice buckets in soap-opera homes always have ice in them, even when the residents have been out-of-state on some smarmy soap-opera business for weeks, even years?)

I have made a solemn vow to put my pessimistic nature on a high shelf this year and enjoy the holidays. The United States may be at war with Iraq, my old friend may be getting a divorce, El Nino may ice the woods until all the trees fall over, but I plan on being uncharacteristically jolly. At least through the holidays.

I think the clue is simplicity, "The Smells of Christmas" notwithstanding. I will eliminate the headaches by aiming for the heart.

For instance, I could have brewed my own bag of smells with a walk in the woods. (Last year I would have mentioned that such a walk would be dangerous without an orange vest because of the army of deer hunters, but that was last year. This year I refuse to be gloomy and doomy.)

I may return to the trees of my youth, the airy, cedar ones that are free in the woods. They won't support the heavy ornaments that I've collected over the years, but so what? Maybe I'll let the ornaments rest a year. That will prevent the day-long crying jag that the sentimental ornaments always cause.

For Christmas dinner I just may go with my friend Annie Louise Laxson to the Waffle House, if she'll have me. Annie Louise has dined there before on Christmas day and had a great time. (Last year I would have said that's the most depressing thing I've ever heard, but this year a cheeseburger all the way sounds pretty good.)

For presents I'll give only practical items, new cheese graters or white cotton socks or economy-sized bottles of that miracle cleaner, Greased Lightning. That approach should eliminate exchanges, if not disappointed looks.

By killing the pressure of matching expensive gifts with dozens of people, I will have more time to listen to carols, which ought to light a fire in any willing soul. I can sit and smell Christmas and sing along with the Carpenters. (Last year I might have made rude jokes about such dripping sweet music, but not now.)

I'll work more on my attitude and less on the wooden snowman that falls over whenever the wind blows. After all, maybe it's my bad attitude that always made Christmas stink.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Next 'silver bullet' to tempt overweight

The latest in a long line of "silver bullets" or magic antidotes sought by too many overweight Americans appears destined to be on the market soon. The Food and Drug Administration has cleared for distribution a new compound, called Meridia.

So desperate are many of the 58 million overweight Americans for respite from the excess baggage they carry that they may consider the new medication's unknown side-effects a justifiable trade-off for the potential loss of unwanted and unhealthy body weight.

Meridia arrives on the heels of the FDA's decision to ban distribution of Redux and fenfluramine because of the apparent risk of heart valve damage. The newcomer has been greeted in some quarters as a "moderately effective" course of treatment for some who qualify as seriously obese. Yet, the FDA warned that Meridia may affect blood pressure and pulse rates in some patients.

— The Gazette
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 9, the 343rd day of 1997. There are 22 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 9, 1854, Alfred, Lord Tennyson's poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," was published in England.

On this date:

In 1608, English poet John Milton was born in London.

In 1907, Christmas seals went on sale for the first time, at the Wilmington, Del., post office. Proceeds went to fight tuberculosis.

In 1940, British troops opened their first major offensive in North Africa during World War II.

In 1941, China declared war on Japan, Germany and Italy.

In 1942, the Aram Khachaturian ballet "Gayane," featuring the surging "Saber Dance," was first performed by the Kirov Ballet.

In 1958, Robert H.W. Welch Jr. and 11 other men met in Indianapolis to form the anti-Communist John Birch Society.

In 1965, Nikolai V. Podgorny replaced Anastas I. Mikoyan as president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

In 1979, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, the religious broadcaster, died in New York City at age 84.

In 1995, Rep. Kweisi Mfume, D-Md., was chosen to head the NAACP.

Ten years ago: On the second day of their White House summit, President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev grappled with differences over Afghanistan and cutbacks in long-range nuclear arms.

Five years ago: Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana announced their separation. (Their divorce became final Aug. 28, 1996.) Former CIA spy chief Clair George was convicted of lying to Congress about the Iran-Contra affair (President Bush pardoned him).

One year ago: More than four months after the Olympic Games bombing, the FBI posted a $500,000 reward. The United Nations gave Iraq the go-ahead to resume oil exports for the first time since 1990 to buy food and medicine. Archaeologist and anthropologist Mary Leakey died in Kenya at age 83.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Douglas Fairbanks Jr. is 88. Actor Kirk Douglas is 81. Actress Dina Merrill is 72. Actor Dick Van Patten is 69. Actor-writer Buck Henry is 67. Talk show host Morton Downey Jr. is 64. Blues musician Junior Wells is 63. Actor Beau Bridges is 56. Football Hall-of-Famer Dick Butkus is 55. Rock singer-musician Rick Danko (The Band) is 54. Actor Michael Nouri is 52.

Workers search for cause of crash, remains in Siberia

Associated Press

IRKUTSK, Russia — Russia's premier praised the dead pilots of a doomed cargo jet Monday, saying they did all they could to prevent an even greater death toll as their plane slammed into an apartment building.

Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said "technical reasons" caused two of the plane's four engines to shut down Saturday, sending the craft diving into a residential neighborhood 20 seconds after takeoff in the Siberian city of Irkutsk. Officials say 65 people died.

"In that situation, the pilots obviously did their best, turning away from the central part of the residential area," he said after visiting the smoldering ruins Monday.

The huge An-124 military transport jet crashed into a five-story apartment building, turning it into a fireball as 100 tons of fuel on board the plane exploded.

The aircraft was carrying 23 people and two Su-27 fighter jets being exported to Vietnam. Most of the other dead were believed to be residents of the apartment building, along with at least two children who died in a fire at an orphanage that the plane clipped during its deadly descent.

The death toll could have been much higher if the plane had crashed into the orphanage or more densely populated buildings across the street, Emergency Situations Minister Sergei Shoigu said.

Yevgeny Shaposhnikov, an aerospace adviser to President Boris Yeltsin, said one of the aircraft's black boxes — the one that recorded flight data — revealed that the crash was caused by the failure of two engines. The aircraft's other two engines also had problems, the Interfax news agency quoted him as saying Monday.

The black box containing cockpit conversations was too badly damaged in the fire to be of use, officials said.

Investigators have not said what caused the engines to stall. One possible reason was the use of substandard fuel, and fuel samples from the site were being analyzed.

Experts say the crew had no chance to control the 320-ton plane, about the same size as a Boeing-747 jumbo jet.

"The two engines' failure at such a low altitude could only mean that the aircraft would go down," Anatoly Kvochur, a renowned Russian military test pilot helping with the investigation, told NTV television.

Col. Alexander Vinokurov, chief of the Russian air force unit to which the crashed jet belonged, also said the pilots were not to blame.

"It was my best crew," he said on Russian Television, adding that commander Vladimir Fyodorov had been flying for 20 years.

Officials dismissed speculation that the 11-year-old plane had been in a bad shape, saying it had been properly maintained and its engines were in the middle of their expected life span.

Pending results of the investigation, the Russian air force grounded its fleet of more than 20 An-124s. That did not apply to about the same number of the planes used by civilian carriers.

Working at temperatures that dipped to minus 4 degrees, rescue workers finished their brick-by-brick hunt for remains Monday as weeping residents looked on.

Workers have found 59 bodies but have been able to identify only 11 of them. The rest were charred beyond recognition. The death toll stood at 65 Monday.

Twelve people remained hospitalized, including five children.

The crash site was littered with wood splinters, shards of glass, ice, and bits of soup cans. Residents sifted through for signs of their belongings.

Andrei Derevenchuk, 53, lives in the only apartment in the entire five-story building to have survived the crash intact. His wife, daughter and young grandson also survived the crash — his wife only after firemen plucked her off their fourth-floor balcony.

"It was Saturday, a day off — everyone was at home," the retired airplane factory technician said. "I know them all, all the people who died.

"They're dead. They're dead," he repeated, as if in shock. "They all died."

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Exiled leaders promise not to attack tourists

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The exiled leaders of a militant Islamic group whose guerrillas massacred 58 foreign tourists last month have promised to stop targeting tourists, a newspaper reported Monday.

The leaders of al-Gamaa al-Islamiya, or the Islamic Group, said they did not order the Nov. 17 attack and the gunmen acted on their own, the London-based daily Al-Hayat said, quoting a statement. Four Egyptians were also killed in the attack.

The group's Egyptian leaders have already acknowledged the six gunmen were members. But they disassociated themselves from the killings, saying the gunmen acted independently in attacking the tourists with automatic gunfire outside the Hatshepsut temple near Luxor.

All six gunmen were killed in a subsequent shootout with police.

The attack was the worst in a five-year campaign of violence by Islamic radicals seeking to topple Egypt's government.

In their statement, the exiled leaders called the attack an "unacceptable incident" and said they had "decided to stop acts that target the tourism industry and foreign tourists."

The decision was being conveyed to "all the group's bases and cells in Egypt," according to Al-Hayat, a respected Arab-language daily.

Al-Hayat did not say how it received the statement and it was impossible to independently confirm its authenticity.

Many of the Islamic Group's top leaders inside Egypt are in jail, and the exiled leaders — most of whom are believed to be in Afghanistan — wield considerable influence.

The exiled leaders were apparently under pressure from the jailed leaders to condemn the attack, which has devastated Egypt's tourism industry and raised public anger at Islamic militants. The statement said the exiled leaders were acting "in harmony" with the imprisoned leaders.

It said they were "appalled at the large number of victims and at reports of mutilation to some bodies that contradict the legal, humanitarian and political beliefs of the Islamic Group."

The Islamic Group, the most powerful militant organization in Egypt, has been fighting since 1992 to turn the secular country into a strict Islamic state. The uprising has cost more than 1,220 lives.

Even in condemning the tourist attack, the exiled leaders blamed the Egyptian government for it, saying the country's leaders had created a "climate for such random acts that affect innocent people."

The statement also complained that jailed Islamic radicals were not allowed visits from their families. "Those who shed tears for the innocent foreigners should also remember the mothers, children and wives who are deprived of visiting their relatives," it added.


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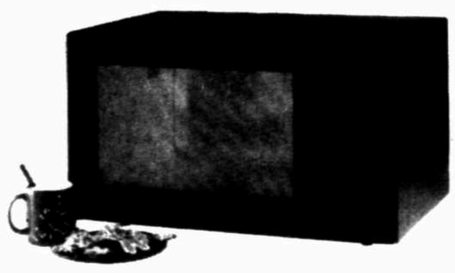
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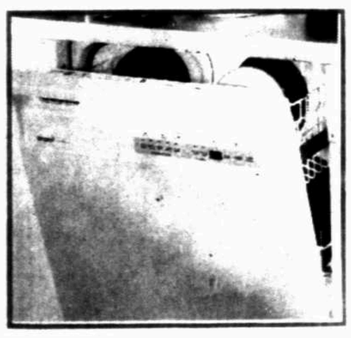
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White House talking more about appointing Lee

WASHINGTON (AP) — Looking to pressure Congress, the White House pushed the idea Monday that President Clinton might appoint Bill Lann Lee as his new civil rights chief while lawmakers are out of session and powerless to stop him.

At every turn, the president's aides were saying that Clinton hopes the Senate will confirm Lee as assistant attorney general for civil rights but remains willing to make a rare recess appointment if Republican opposition persists.

"I think it's clear what we will do," White House spokesman Mike McCurry said when asked about the president's options if opponents refuse to grant Lee a Senate vote. Abandoning Lee in favor of another nominee is "not an option," McCurry said.

Attorney General Janet Reno appeared with Lee at a Justice Department ceremony and said Senate opponents were using unfair reasons to deny him a vote.

"Some say he should be denied the job simply as a payback for the rejection of past nominees. Others say he should be rejected because he shares the views of the president on affirmative action," Reno said. "I say 'no' to that, and so does the president."

A White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said some senators have cited the idea of avenging two civil rights nominees from GOP administrations who, like Lee, failed to win approval from a Senate committee. They are Bill Lucas, nominated by President Bush in 1989, and William Bradford Reynolds, nominated by President Reagan in 1985.

McCurry said, "The president would like to see (Lee) confirmed, first and foremost, but in any event wants him to serve as assistant attorney general."

But Clinton did not act immediately to name Lee.

McCurry said the White House wanted to allow time for senators to relent and schedule a vote, perhaps being "shamed into seeing" what they should do. Already, he said, "some senators are squirming a little bit."

Lee, 48, the Western regional counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, would be the first Asian-American to hold the civil rights job.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, has urged in a letter that Clinton not appoint Lee during the congressional recess, suggesting that could chill relations with Congress. The maneuver would allow Lee to serve through 1998, when the current term of Congress ends.

Hatch's opposition to Lee was unchanged Monday, said committee spokeswoman Jeanne Lopatto.

Hatch has been a leading critic of Lee, saying his views on affirmative action disqualify him for the position. Opponents also argue that Lee promoted racial quotas during his time with the NAACP by forcing companies into out-of-court settlements to avoid expensive trials.

Lee spoke Monday at a ceremony marking the 40th anniversary of the Justice Department branch he wants to head. He did not mention the controversy surrounding him but instead praised the work of the civil rights division.



AP Photo

Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., applauds civil rights nominee Bill Lann Lee during a ceremony at the Justice Department in Washington Monday marking the 40th anniversary of the department's civil rights division. Amid fresh warnings against alienating Congress, President Clinton is nearing a decision on whether he will ignore Republican opposition and install Lee in the civil rights job.

Judge refuses to suspend release date of 'Amistad'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A federal judge Monday refused to block the release of Steven Spielberg's "Amistad," saying the moviemaker did not appear to have plagiarized a novel about the 19th-century mutiny aboard a slave ship.

U.S. District Judge Audrey Collins rebuffed a move by Barbara Chase-Riboud to stop the film's premiere Wednesday in New York and Los Angeles and its opening on Friday in the nation's 50 biggest markets.

But the judge said Ms. Chase-Riboud can press ahead with her lawsuit and try to prove at a trial her claim that much of the "Amistad" screenplay was stolen from her historical novel "Echo of Lions."

"The judge said there was no reasonable likeliness of success on the merits of the case," said Bert Fields, an attorney for Spielberg and his DreamWorks studio. "She took apart their claims of similarities and said these things appear to come from history."

Ms. Chase-Riboud said she was disappointed but was confident she would prevail at trial, which has not yet been scheduled.

"A preliminary injunction is the only protection a poor person has against a rich infringer," she said outside court. "I'm doing this for all writers."

The dispute has turned increasingly personal and vitriolic.

"What an irony that the renowned filmmaker who produced and directed 'The Color Purple' would be a party to denying a prominent black American of letters and the arts her rightful recognition for raising public consciousness about slavery," Ms. Chase-Riboud's lawyers said in court papers.

The allegations challenge the reputation of Hollywood's best-known director over a movie Spielberg calls "perhaps the most important of my career." In turn, DreamWorks is attacking the integrity of the award-winning novelist.

Actress-choreographer Debbie Allen, producer of "Amistad," said she began working on the film before "Echo of Lions" was published.

"This is a great day," Allen said. "This is such an important story, and now the world will be able to see it."

The tentative ruling was made after the parties failed to reach a settlement behind closed doors.

Collins ruled that Chase-Riboud had not established a "substantial similarity" between one of her characters and a key character in the movie, while other evidence that the movie copied her book is inconclusive.

Ms. Chase-Riboud's attorney, Pierce O'Donnell, said DreamWorks killed any possible settlement by refusing to give Ms. Chase-Riboud any screenplay or story credit.

O'Donnell said he would prove at trial that the screenwriter who received the credit for "Amistad," David Franzoni, is a "rank plagiarist who copied freely from 'Echo of Lions.'" He claimed that Spielberg tried to hide the theft by editing out incriminating scenes at the last minute.

Spielberg attorney Fields said: "We deny there was any copying. We believe we can prove there was no copying." Similarities between Amistad and "Echo of Lions" are simply similarities of history, he said.

Ms. Chase-Riboud's 1989 book "Echo of Lions" chronicles the real-life 1839 rebellion led by a Sierra Leone slave named Joseph Cinque, and the resulting landmark legal case, argued by John Quincy Adams before the Supreme Court.

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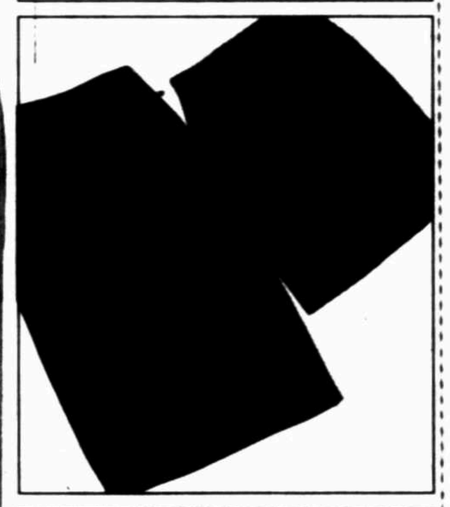


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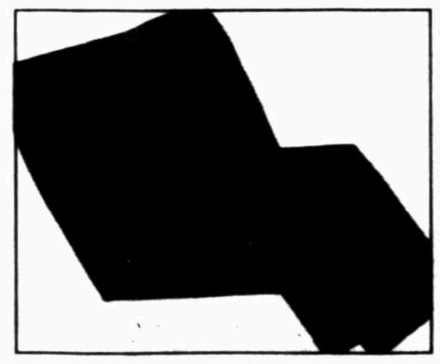
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Blaze engulfs local doctor's home

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

Gusty winds between 30 and 35 mph helped fuel a massive fire that destroyed the home of a local plastic surgeon Monday afternoon.

The blaze, officials said, tore through Dr. Sylvan Bartlett's house at 3910 Country Road 1244. The fire was reported at 12:13 p.m. Authorities said that a woman and young child, both identified as family members, escaped the home without injuries and reported the blaze from a neighbor's house.

Six fire suppression units were called to the scene, said Jerry Petree, City of Midland Fire Marshal. Witnesses said plumes of smoke could be seen from the Midland Independent School District's Division of Transportation, located approximately two miles away.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said that the cause of the fire and its origin were unknown as of late Monday afternoon.

"The fire investigators are still out at the scene putting out hot spots and shifting through the contents," Painter said. "It looks like a total loss."

Painter said firefighters were able to control the flames before damaging other houses a few yards away. The high winds and arid grass could have posed a threat to the neighboring homes, he said.

"The winds added to the fire. As you know, fire needs oxygen to burn," he said. "The fire department did a good job by stopping it in time. The only thing they could do is prevented it from spreading to other people's lawns."

Bartlett and other relatives watched from a distance as groups of firefight-

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A local firefighter works to extinguish flames that erupted Monday at the home of Dr. Sylvan Bartlett, 3910 N. County Road 1244.

Curt Wilcott
Reporter-Telegram

BASIN BRIEFING

Odessa fire

A fire destroyed two units at the Longhorn Court Apartments at 2525 E. 2nd St. in Odessa, Monday.

Odessa firefighters were called to the scene about 4:50 p.m. and found the two rooms totally involved, according to Odessa Fire Department reports. The Longhorn Court Apartments are a converted motel in that city's south side.

Smoke damaged several other units, but no dollar estimate of damage was available at the time of this report. It is believed the fire started in apartment number 2 of the complex.

No one was injured in the blaze, although one person was given oxygen at the scene for mild smoke inhalation. Firefighters brought the blaze under control and remained on scene until 6:50 p.m.

OFD officials are continuing to investigate the scene of the fire to determine a cause.

Ribbon cutting

West Texas' first Marian Peace Center is to open with a ribbon cutting 1 p.m. Sunday at 1406 E. Garden Lane. The center initially is to serve as a source of books and audio and video tapes. Subsequent phases include an expanded library and conference rooms. The peace center is owned and operated by La Promesa Foundation, a non-profit organization of local Catholics.

'Live Nativity'

Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely Ave., is planning a "Live Nativity" from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The "Live Nativity" will be on the church's front lawn.

Christmas play

Emerson Elementary fifth-graders will present a Christmas musical performance and a play today at both 9:45 a.m. and at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The children will present "The Mice Before Christmas." Emerson parents are invited to attend.

Cadet released

Memorial Hospital and Medical Center employees and KNFM Radio are urging Midlanders to spread their holiday cheer to those less fortunate in today's Holiday Food Drive effort.

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TODAY'S AGENDA

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

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

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

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

Better Breathing Club, 11:30 a.m., Westwood Medical Center lecture hall, 522-2273.

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

La Leche League, 7:30 p.m., Grrace Presbyterian Church, 694-2018 or 697-0539.

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

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

Midland West Rotary Club, noon, Furrs Cafeteria.

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

Midland Outreach Aglow Fellowship. 6:30 p.m., Rodeway Inn, 756-3688 or 332-9151.

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A Day in the Life of Santa Claus



Santa talks with Brady Lain, 5 and his sisters, Avery, 4, and Jamie, 8, Saturday afternoon at Midland Park Mall.

Mystery of Santa unveiled as Christmas draws near

He's got a long, white beard and gentle eyes that twinkle when he smiles.

For most people, the stout, joyful Santa Claus is a mystery to ponder.

Though many know the names of his eight reindeer and his hometown, not much more is known about the fur-clad man who delivers gifts to children all over the world every year.

Mr. Claus — who has been greeting local youngsters at the Midland Park Mall since Dec. 1 — said the West Texas warm climate is a much-appreciated relief from the freezing conditions he usually lives in.

"I'm used to the change in weather by now," he said. "I've been doing this for a long time."

Claus starts working on his millions of requests the day after Christmas, he said. Though the demand for toys increases, he still only has one central workshop in the North Pole.

"It only takes a few minutes to go back home and work on gifts," he said. "The reindeer get faster every year. They have to be able to get around the world in one day."

A flight to the North Pole on sleigh takes only 15 minutes. He noted that a friend who drove a new car from the Tall City to the North Pole (North Pole, Alaska, actually, located between Fairbanks and Anchorage) completed the trek in 13 days.

"She said it's only three minutes from the pipeline," he said. "And there's a lot of oil there, too."

Between 75 and 100 children visit the legendary old man every day. On his busiest days, the number of youngsters who come to him with a holiday wish can increase to about 150 children, he said.

"Lately, I've been finding a lot of requests for Barbie dolls, Giga-Pets and Nintendo 64," he said. "I get a lot of

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Story by Rick Lopez *Photo by Tim Fischer*

Jury to assess sentence for gym instructor

By Alice Ashmore
Staff Writer

A former Midland gymnastics teacher pleaded guilty Monday to one count each of aggravated sexual assault of a child and indecency with a child.

Gary Carl Seth, 43, a former gymnastics instructor at the Alamo YMCA, quietly admitted to the felony charges before 238th District Judge John Hyde. The incident occurred Aug. 1, 1987, when the girl was 12 years old.

Seth chose to have his sentence assessed by a seven-man, five-woman jury panel.

The victim was injured in a car accident in 1994 that left her with a severe head injury. She reported the assault in April of 1996.

In his opening statement to jurors, defense attorney Woody Leverett told jurors, "This is going to be a hard, daunting task for you all."

"This case is about a kind, compassionate, gentle, caring man who worked at the YMCA and devoted his life to teaching children how to perform gymnastics," Leverett said. "One evening he did a terrible thing — he molested this girl."

"This was a single isolated incident," Leverett said. "Why it happened — I don't know."

Leverett told jurors he was seeking probation for his client. "The state will try to convince you he is a bad man and beyond redemption."

As testimony began in the punishment phase of Seth's trail, Leverett seemed to imply that revenge by the victim's mother, who worked at the YMCA, was a possible motive for pressing charges. "She hoped for some sort relationship with Seth — she wanted to marry him but that did not come to pass."

The assault occurred when the victim was allowed to sleep over at Seth's house, according to testimony.

The victim's 22 year-old sister, who was also enrolled in the Alamo YMCA

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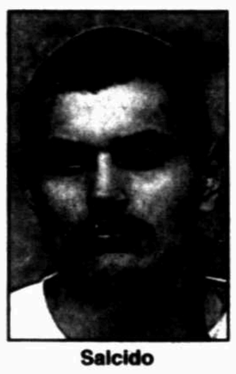
Third suspect arrested in connection with November stabbing

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

Police on Monday arrested a third suspect in connection with a November gang-related stabbing which officers say involves members of two rivaling gangs.

The suspect, 18-year-old Daniel Salcido, was arrested at his lawyer's office, 1000 W. Mississippi Ave., at 10:25 a.m., according to police reports. He was charged with engaging in organized criminal activity, a first-degree felony.

According to the Texas Penal Code, the offense can be classified as third-degree felony or Class A misdemeanor for most crimes. However, if the suspect is a member of a criminal street gang and committed an act or aggravated assault or other violent crime, the offense can be upgraded to a first-degree felony.



Salcido

Salcido remained in the Midland County Detention Center as of late Monday and was awaiting a bond hearing, which was set for Tuesday, officials said.

Police said that the arrest stemmed from a gang fight that occurred Nov. 29 at 1200 S. Dallas St. during predawn hours. Two victims — 21-year-old Sebastian Arizpe and a male juvenile — sustained stab wounds from the incident. Officers said that Arizpe sustained 13 stab wounds, and the juvenile was injured to his hands and arms. It is believed that other weapons — including bats and clubs — were used sometime during the incident.

On Thursday, police arrested 18-year-old Jose Luis Jimenez and 21-year-old and Jaime Martinez at 1006 Canyon Drive. The men identified themselves as members of a south-side gang.

Both were charged with engaging in organized criminal activity, also a first-degree felony, and taken to the Midland County Detention Center. Jail officials said that both Jimenez and Martinez were released from the detention center on Saturday on $7,000 bond each.

Officials noted that Martinez, who was convicted of the same charge on Aug. 7 from an unrelated incident, also had to post a $10,000 bond for violation of probation.

Another gang-related crime was reported that evening. A drive-by shooting was reported from 2800 Mariana Ave. Gang members allegedly fired shots at a vehicle occupied by a man and child. Police have made three arrests in connection with that incident.

GARY OTT

Neighborhood magic shows weren't very good

More rambling thoughts ...

— Just hearing the sound of birds chirping first thing in the morning is enough to make a person want to brew up a pot of coffee and spend the next couple of hours sitting on the back porch, daydreaming about nothing in particular.



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— Every neighborhood used to have at least one kid who fancied himself a magician and who was constantly putting on magic shows that weren't very good.

— Janet Reno seems like the kind of woman who used to be affectionately referred to as, "a tough ol' gal." And it really was meant as a compliment.

— Great country-western line for women who want to get even (if you know what I mean): "Your good girl is going to go bad."

— And then there is this one from the man's perspective: "I got the memories and he got you."

— I hate to admit this out loud, but I've never spent a great deal of time worrying about global warming.

— Wise words from Abraham Lincoln: "What kills a skunk is the publicity it gives itself."

— I hope I never get so organized that my entire day is mapped out before I leave the house in the morning.

— Even though we laugh about it at times, it is downright depressing to realize you really ARE forgetting more things than you used to.

— "Password" may have been the all-time best TV game show.

— I wish there was more loyalty in the world today.

— The old phrase, "Time cures all," sounds good, but sometimes it just isn't true.

— Sir William Connor once said, "I have never seen pessimism in a company prospectus."

— Rarely does time pass faster than on those mornings when you are eyeing the clock next to your bed as you keep giving yourself "just 15 more minutes" before finally getting up.

— Donny Osmond, one of the original "goody-goody two shoes," turns 40 tomorrow.

— This just in from the Associated Press (and I'm not kidding): "The former Lorena Bobbitt, accused of cutting off her husband's penis in 1994, arrived in court Monday with her mother, whom she was charged with assaulting."

— All in all, Mrs. Bobbitt seems like a really fun person, doesn't she?

— I've never dreamed of running in a marathon.

— Scary thought: Latrell Sprewell reportedly has contacted Johnnie Cochran about how best to fight his one-year suspension from the NBA. Gee, I wonder if the "race card" is about to be played.

— "Decadence" is one of those words that has a certain naughty appeal to it.

— And today's final quote comes from Alfred Hitchcock, who once said, "I never said all actors are cattle; what I said was all actors should be treated like cattle."

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Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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DEATH NOTICES

Kenneth Roberts

Kenneth W. Roberts of San Angelo, 61, brother of Midlanders Wanda Bishop, Glenda Frantz, Nancy Franks and Ronnie Roberts, died Friday, Dec. 5, in a local nursing home.

Services were held 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at Bangs Cemetery with Howard Gene Klutts officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home of San Angelo.

He was born Dec. 17, 1936, in Hamilton.

He had been a resident of San Angelo for two years.

Survivors include two other sisters, Terry Huckabee and Rose Klutts, both of Gatesville; and two other brothers, Jerry Roberts of Bangs and Royce Roberts of Mertzon.

Fay Stensgaard

Fay Overby Stensgaard, 92, sister of Midlander Raymond Overby, died Saturday, Dec. 6, at a local hospital.

Services are to be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at the Marshall Funeral Home in Rockport under the direction of Charlie Marshall Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 21, 1905, in Cisco.

She taught school for 35 years. She was the past president of the Women's Club of Aransas Pass.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew Stensgaard.

Other survivors include her sister, Beth O. Newsome of Marfa, and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Alexander Labowski

Alexander Labowski died Sunday, Dec. 7, at his Midland residence.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness with Pastor Edward Roundtree officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 17, 1934, in Southfield, Mich.

He married Nancy Ann Elledge in Midland Aug. 1, 1956. He worked as a machinist in Midland for 45 years.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy Ann Labowski of Midland; his sons, Alexander Labowski, Jr., of New Braunfels and John William Labowski of Graford; his daughter, Virginia Elleene Taghavi of Arlington; his brother, Daniel Labowski of Midland; his sisters, Elsie Moe of South Lions, Mich., and Christina Witters of Bay City, Mich; and five grandchildren.

Clarence Mount

PECOS — Clarence Mount, 95, father of Midlander Clarence Mount, died Thursday, Dec. 4, at an Odessa hospital.

Services were 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, at Mount Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Pecos Funeral Home.

He was born Dec. 10, 1901, in Big Spring.

HE was a Navy World War II veteran. He was a member of the First Christian Church. He had been a member of the Pecos Fire Department for 45 years.

Survivors include another son, Robert Eral Mount of Round Rock and five grandchildren.

Wanda Haman

HOBBS N.M. — Wanda Lee Welker Haman, 66, of Hobbs, N.M., died Friday, Dec. 5, in Hobbs, N.M.

Services were 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, in Griffin Funeral Home Chapel with Jerry Phillips officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Griffin Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 31, 1931, in Cardwell, Mo.

He was past worthy matron of the Eastern Star. He worked at K-Mart for 10 years and Jewel Osco for six years.

Survivors include a mother, Verna Welker of Montette, Ark.; two daughters, Susan Maxwell of Hobbs, N.M., and Cyndi Pulliam of Gardendale; a son, Mitchell Haman of Hobbs, N.M.; one sister, Donna Sandbothe of Manilla, Ark.; three brothers, Edie Welker of Memphis, Tenn., and Glenn Welker and Lynn Welker, both of Jonesboro, Ark.; and three grandchildren.

Jackie Anz

Former Midlander Jackie Anz, 65, of Sweetwater, died Friday, Dec. 5.

Services were 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, in Sweetwater Cemetery with the Rev. David Edwards officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home of Sweetwater.

He was born April 18, 1932, in Anson.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954. He established a C.P.A. accounting business in Midland for many years.

Survivors include two brothers, John Anz and Robert Anz, both of Sweetwater; two sisters, Nettie Imhoff of Barnstable Village, Maine, and Dorothy Manning of Rockledge, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church in Sweetwater, 301 Cedar St., Sweetwater 79556.

Rosalie Egnew

Former Midlander Rosalie Egnew, 91, Gladbrook, Iowa, died Friday, Nov. 28, at a care center in Gladbrook, Iowa.

Services were held Tuesday, Dec. 2, at First Presbyterian Church in Gladbrook, Iowa, under the direction of Estel-Perrin-Avey Funeral Home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin Egnew in 1977; one brother; and two sisters.

Survivors include one daughter, Susan Egnew of New Orleans, La.; a son, John Egnew of Gladbrook, Iowa; four grandchildren and three nieces.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department
Sunday

Criminal mischief: A fence was vandalized at 4709 Wylea Ct. A report was made to police at 5:30 a.m.

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Midland County Sheriff's Office
Sunday

Criminal mischief: Maria Calderon told deputies that an identified suspect broke a window on her boyfriend's car. A report was made at 1:51 a.m.

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Theft: An employee of City Cab of Odessa told authorities that a customer refused to pay cab fare. A report was made from 10112 W. County Road 54 at 10:15 a.m.

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Assault: Anita Gonzalez Duran made an assault report from 3909 W. County Road 166 at 2:02 p.m.

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

3 shot to death in apartment commotion in northeast Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Three people died of apparent gunshot wounds Monday inside a northeast Dallas apartment where neighbors had earlier heard loud noises, investigators said.

Police also found what appeared to be drug paraphernalia at the third-floor unit of the Windtree Condominiums.

Responding to neighbors' complaints of loud music around 3:30 p.m., a manager called police who found the bodies of two women and a man inside.

"They were lined up in a corner," said police spokesman Ed Spencer. "They appeared to be have died fairly recently — right before the officers were called."

The deaths occurred in an area thick with apartment complexes between White Rock Lake and Lyndon B. Johnson Freeway.

Identities of the three, all in their mid-20s, were not released pending notification of relatives. A motive and circumstances behind the killings were not available Monday evening, Spencer said.

"It appears that whoever shot them probably knew them," said police Sgt. Gary Kirkpatrick, "and we believe that the victims allowed this person inside their apartment."

A surveillance camera had been installed outside the condo to monitor those approaching the front door.

No weapon was recovered, said homicide Detective M.S. Butler. But he said investigators were interviewing neighbors to find more information on the victims.

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OBITUARIES



Clifton McMullan

PELHAM — Funeral services for Clifton T. McMullan, 81, of Midland, will be 1 p.m. December 10, 1997, at the Greater St. Luke A.M.E. Church with the Rev. I.C Cooper Jr., officiating.

Mr. McMullan died December 7, 1997, at a local hospital.

He was born to Forrest and Cannis McMullan Sept. 15, 1916, in Pelham, Texas.

He and was a farmer, barber, electrician and cook. He was educated in the public schools of Pelham, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Alsa McMullan and one daughter, Joyce Barnett of Los Angeles, Calif.; six sisters, Georgia, Katherine, Etta, Gladys, Dorothy and Jewel.

He was preceded in death by one son, Halbert McMullan; his parents; a sister, Annie; and a brother, Marrion.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, 1997, in Pelham, Texas at Brushie Prairie Cemetery under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Douglas Smith, Morris Mayberry, Milton Porter, William Woodard, Nathaniel Barnett, Don Stanford.

Honorary pallbearers will be Larry Valentine, Nathaniel Davis, Carlton Price, J.B. McGowan, Bernard Porter, J.B. Porter, Alfred Martin and Eddie Baker.

Steve Thompson

The life journey of Steve Thompson ended on December 8, 1997. James Steven Thompson was born August 20, 1947, in Dallas. After serving in the U.S. Navy, Steve attended the University of Texas, Austin. He married Rebecca Dene Chamrad in 1979, and in 1980, they were blessed with a son, Kendall.

Steve was the Facilities and Services Coordinator at Mobil Oil Company, Midland. He and his family were members of St. Ann's Catholic Church for 18 years. Involved in Boy Scouts of America, Steve served as Den Leader and Pack Master for St. Ann's Pack 84. He also served as an Assistant Scout Master for Troop 225 and Troop 175, and was a member of the Order of the Arrow.

Steve was preceded in death by his mother, Billie Louise Bailey Thompson.

He is survived by his loving wife, Rebecca "Dene" Chamrad Thompson; his beloved son, James Erin "Kendall" Thompson; and his father, Ed Thompson, all of Midland, Texas. Other survivors include two sisters, Linda Kay Viek of Wichita, Kansas, and Karen Sue Thompson of Lexington, Kentucky. He is also survived by numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Steve was a lover of life and shared this love with all whose lives he touched. He was a devoted husband and father and a ready volunteer, especially at youth-oriented activities. Rarely seen without a smile on his face, Steve was the eternal optimist. He will be sorely missed.

Memorials tributes may be sent to Hospice of Midland, Buffalo Trails Council Boy Scouts of America or the Robert E. Lee High School Band Booster Club.

Memorial services have been scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 10, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Ellis Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 4:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

FIRE: House had been remodeled less than four months ago

(From 1B)

ers tugged water hoses in and out of the home. Bartlett said the entire house was remodeled less than four months ago. He'd been living in the home since November 1990, he noted.

The home's east side and carport were gutted. From a few feet away, the rest of the home seemed charred. Bartlett said the house had been somewhat barren after its recent renovations.

"There were no drapes or carpeting in there. It was all marble floor," he said. His family, he said, were able to escape before saving any contents.

"Everything was in there ... my medical library, business documents ... family photos and belongings. It's all destroyed," Bartlett said. "That's what it looks like."



Dr. Sylvan Bartlett, right, looks on Monday as firefighters attempt to extinguish a blaze that eventually destroyed his home.

Curt Wilcott
Reporter-Telegram

SENTENCE: Both felony charges can carry jail time and fines

(From 1B)

gymnastics program with her sister, told the court, "I personally did not like Gary very much." She added that he showed favoritism to certain students, and was more affectionate toward his favorites. "Coaches usually hug students — that is pretty normal," the girl said, but added Seth paid more physical attention to the favored students. She testified her sister was one of Seth's favorites.

Under examination by prosecutor Scott Stephenson, she confirmed that a relationship had existed between Seth and her mother. She said when the relationship ended her mother received a goodbye letter, but that most of the letter was addressed to the victim.

"I thought he was a loner and didn't have too many friends except at the YMCA and his family," she said of Seth.

She testified that by the time her sister was in high school, the girl was drinking heavily, and was "very vulnerable."

She said of her sister's assault: "I think it is sick and I am sorry she had to go through that."

The range of punishment for aggravated sexual assault of a child is five to 99 years in prison. The charge of indecency with a child carries punishment of two to 20 years in prison. Both charges can also carry up to a $10,000 fine on each count.

Past record with state privatization raises concerns

By Renea Merle
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Legislative budget writers expressed concern Monday about privatizing a system to determine eligibility for welfare in the wake of problems with private vendors that run Texas Lottery and the Lone Star Card for welfare recipients.

"It appears to me that we have two and maybe three situations in Texas today where we have privatized a massive system" and then run into problems, said Sen. Bill Ratliff, chairman of the Senate Interim Finance Committee. "We find that we are virtually captive to this company because there is nobody else out there to do it or it's so expensive or changing companies would be too disruptive."

Ratliff was referring to the operators of the Lone Star Card which have threatened to sue the state and bail out of their contract. Transactive Corp., a subsidiary of GTECH Corp., has complained that because its profits are tied to the number of welfare recipients, the company is losing money as the number of poor Texans receiving welfare declines.

Ratliff said the dispute threatens Texas' ability to deliver food stamps.

The state also has run into problems with GTECH, which runs the Texas Lottery. GTECH has sued the lottery to prevent it from considering new bids for the work it's done for the agency since the inception of the state's numbers games.

Ratliff's Senate Finance Committee heard testimony Monday about the progress of the Texas Integrated Enrollment and Services (TIES), a computer system being designed to determine eligibility for welfare benefits. Lawmakers approved the development of the system earlier this year.

The Texas Heath and Human Services Commission is planning to award the contract for the automated system by November 1998.

HHS Commissioner Mike McKinney he is closely watching the problems with the operators of the Lone Star Card and the lottery.

"I've tried not to make the same mistakes," he said. "We're going to make sure we make a computer system that gives us what we want."

McKinney said the commission is aiming to have the plan for the system completed by February 1998 and submit it to Gov. George W. Bush and the Legislative Budget Board by April.

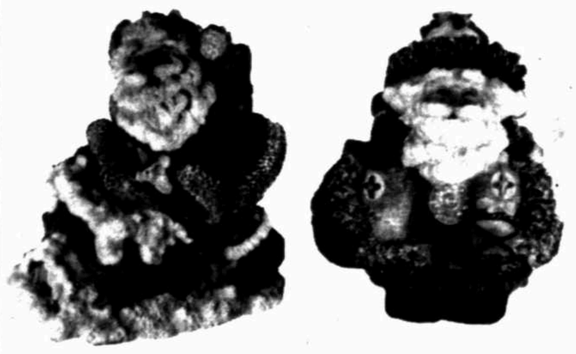
The first pilot programs should begin in November 1999, McKinney said, adding that it will take about two more years to fully implement the system.

"There is a potential for small mistakes, small problems, to be magnified," he said. "So if we actually get it out in three years, I'd be tickled."

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Karla Faye Tucker, shown in this file photo, in Gatesville lost an appeal Monday before the U.S. Supreme Court, clearing the way for the first execution of a woman in Texas since 1863. Tucker was convicted of the 1983 killing of a Houston man with a pickax.

Court denies appeal by female death row inmate

HOUSTON (AP) — An execution date is imminent for Karla Faye Tucker, one of seven condemned women in Texas, now that the U.S. Supreme Court has rejected what could be her final appeal, Harris County prosecutors say.

The high court decision Monday, without comment, paves the way for the first execution of a woman in Texas since 1863 and only the second in the nation since the court in 1976 allowed the death penalty to resume.

Texas, the nation's most active capital punishment state, has administered lethal injection to 143 inmates since executions resumed in 1982, but none has been a woman.

Thirteen years ago, Velma Barfield was sent to the North Carolina death house, making her the only woman executed in the modern era of capital punishment.

According to Texas records, Chipita Rodriguez was the last woman to be executed in the state, hanged in 1863 for the murder of a horse trader. Ms. Tucker and some of the other condemned Texas women have had previous execution dates but all have been halted by court reprieves.

"We're going to ask for something for the end of January or the first part of February," Roe Wilson, an assistant district attorney in Harris County, said Monday. "That's really the next step.

"Then it's just going to be up to the governor. There's nothing left courtwise."

Gov. George W. Bush, a staunch supporter of the death penalty, has said he has not reviewed Ms. Tucker's case yet.

Once a date has been set, the governor could issue a one-time 30-day reprieve. Based on the findings of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, whose members he appoints, he could commute her sentence to life, although the governor is not required to follow the recommendation of the panel.

Ms. Tucker, 38, has been on death row since her conviction for killing Jerry Lynn Dean, 27, with a pickax at Dean's Houston apartment during a burglary. Dean's companion, Deborah Thornton, 32, also was killed with the 3-foot-long ax, which was left embedded in her chest by her killers.

Ms. Tucker's companion, Daniel Garrett, also received a death sentence for his part in the slayings. He died in prison in 1993 of liver disease.

Testimony at their trials showed the pair broke into Dean's apartment June 13, 1983 to steal some motorcycle parts. After Dean was bludgeoned with a hammer by Garrett, Ms. Tucker repeatedly hit him with the ax to stop the beaten Dean from making a gurgling sound. Ms. Thornton was hiding under a blanket during the attack. When she was discovered in the room, Ms. Tucker turned the ax on her, according to testimony. The victims' bodies had more than 20 stab or puncture wounds.

Since her conviction, Ms. Tucker has insisted she has turned her life around, found religion, married a minister and no longer is the drug-addicted prostitute who as a young teen-ager was a groupie touring with rock and roll's Allman Brothers Band.

"I'm so far removed from the person that I used to be out there," Ms. Tucker told the CBS program "60 Minutes" in an interview aired Sunday. "For me, what's weird is thinking back on some of the things I used to do, and thinking, 'I did that?'"

She had no reaction Monday when informed of the Supreme Court ruling by her warden at a prison in Gatesville, about 40 miles west of Waco, David Nunnelee, a Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman, said.

In the high court appeal, her attorneys contended instructions given to her jury prevented them from considering that she was intoxicated at the time of the killings. The appeal also argued that her trial lawyers were ineffective.

"She very well could be rehabilitated," Ms. Wilson said. "If she is, that's wonderful and good for her, but it doesn't wipe out the offense. If they all find God and are truly sincere about it, great. That would have helped before the pickax went through.

"The death penalty is not for rehabilitation. You give it to them expecting they will be executed."

Hospital employees accepting donations for food drive

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Memorial Hospital and Medical Center employees and KNFM Radio are urging Midlanders to spread their holiday cheer to those less fortunate in today's Holiday Food Drive effort.

More than 100 hospital employees will be accepting food donations at the Abell-Hanger Medical Pavilion at 200 Andrews Highway. Donations will be accepted beginning at 3 p.m. until midnight.

For the effort, hospital staff are hoping to get donations of frozen foods, such as meats and fresh vegetables, according to Laurie Johnson, director of public relations for MHMC and coordinator of the Holiday Food Drive. "We try to get meat, eggs, milk, potatoes ...," Ms. Johnson said.

This is the only time of the year that the West Texas Food Bank accepts donations of perishable foods, putting them in baskets for quick delivery to those homes in need of food for the holiday season.

Any donations of food, however, will be accepted during the drive, according to Ms. Johnson. Employees of the hospital will take food directly from the donor's car — no need to step out for those donors in a holiday rush, she said.

Because the Holiday Food Drive is the only food drive during the year that accepts perishable goods, it is a primary means for the Food Bank to obtain those kinds of food for holiday distribution, she said.

"The employees of Memorial Hospital encourage the community to take advantage of this opportunity to bring some brightness to (those in need)," Ms. Johnson said.

"In addition, by collecting food, we also help meet an immediate need," she said of the Food Bank's recent call for more support.

Those donating food today can get free tickets to a Dec. 19 concert, including the country music band "Perfect Strangers" and other performing groups.

The first people who bring in substantial donations, such as cases of food or a couple of hams or turkeys, will receive backstage passes and T-shirts for the upcoming concert, Ms. Johnson said.

During the effort, KNFM will be broadcasting from the donation site and organizers expect to collect more than 8,000 pounds of food for area families. Last year, more than 10,000 pounds were collected by hospital volunteers.

This is the 10th year that MHMC employees have hosted the food drive, and it has become a favorite charitable effort by those employees, she said.

"The Holiday Food Drive is designed to help focus attention on the needs of others in our community," Ms. Johnson said. "The holiday season is always filled with wonderful lights, cheerful sounds and delicious smells and yet, we have people in our community who don't know if they will have food to feed their family," she said.

"For these people, the sights and sounds of the holidays are dimmed due to hunger," she added.

Throughout a large area of West Texas, a network of charitable organizations rely on the Food Bank to help feed about 50,000 families each year, according to Ms. Johnson.

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requests from people of all ages, because no one is ever too old for Santa. Even grandparents take their picture with Santa ... so they can give the picture to their grandchildren."

So what keeps this Yuletide icon so enthusiastic about his work?

"Just looking at the children's smiles and their excitement it worth it," he said. "I look forward to it every year."

The most difficult part of his job, he said, is trying to determine which children go on the naughty or nice list.

"I'd say there are not a lot of kids on the bad scrolls," Claus said. "Around this time of year, a lot of parents tell their children that if they don't behave, Santa won't bring them any gifts. That is not true. I can tolerate a little misbehavior before the holidays."

Though it is said that the magical man has been granting wishes for centuries, he does not take all the credit for spreading joy throughout the Christmas season.

"You don't have to be Santa Claus to make people happy," he said. "Take every chance you can to make people smile."

At a Glance: Santa Claus

Born: In Patara, the area now called Turkey. The legend evolved from stories about a person called St. Nicholas, who once helped a poor nobleman by giving him dowry for his three daughters. He is also known as St. Nick, Father Christmas and Kris Kringle.

Background: Santa now weighs about 270 pounds ... or big enough that a young child can't completely wrap their arms around him. Back in the 1800s, people used to visualize Mr. Claus as a tall, thin man who wore a bishop's robe and road a white horse. It wasn't until Dec. 23, 1823 when a poem by Clement Clarke Moore portrayed Santa the way he is pictured now — a stout, jolly man with twinkling eyes and a red nose. The poem that made him famous starts with the familiar opening, "'Twas the night before Christmas...", and was published in the Troy (N.Y.) Sentinel.

Fastest reindeer: Comet. Though Rudolph is the most popular, it is said that Comet is twice as fast as anyone on his team.

Favorite food: Cookies and milk, of course.

Additional information: There are more than 100 Web sites for Santa on the Internet. A city in Indiana (with a population less than 1,000) is named after him.

Prosecutors dismiss attempted murder charge against cadet

By Pauline Arrillaga
Associated Press

HARLINGEN — A military school cadet accused of slashing the throat of a classmate was released from jail Monday after prosecutors dropped an attempted murder charge against him pending further investigation.

The move came one day before a hearing was scheduled to determine if there was enough evidence to continue holding 17-year-old Jeremiah George Jensen.

"Obviously there's no evidence against my client, and so instead of presenting what little evidence they had, they decided to drop the charges now," said Jensen's attorney, Rudy X. Rodriguez.

Jensen, a senior at the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, said, "They realize they don't have the right man, so they're letting me go. I thank God that I can go home."

Authorities allege Jensen and another MMA cadet, 17-year-old Christopher Lee Boze, attacked classmate Gabriel Cortez as he slept at the private boarding school on Oct. 6.

Cortez, 18, needed 28 stitches to close the gash.

Boze remains charged, but is free on $100,000 bond. Jensen had been jailed since the cadets' Oct. 7 arrest.

Although neither cadet has been indicted, Cameron County Assistant District Attorney Oscar Ponce said he still anticipates presenting the case to a grand jury.

"We've got something. We just feel that we need further investigation in light of what the Harlingen Police Department has already found," Ponce said. "The case is still pending."

Last week, Jensen's attorney asked a judge to dismiss the attempted murder charge and release his client because prosecutors allegedly ordered an unauthorized polygraph exam, which Ponce said Jensen failed "miserably."

While the judge refused to dismiss the charge, he prohibited prosecutors from having further contact with Jensen.

Both cadets contend they were sleeping when Cortez was attacked. Authorities have not disclosed a possible motive.

"I had absolutely nothing to do with this," Jensen said after his release from jail. "I can't figure out why they'd pin this on me."

Jensen, of Vancouver, Wash., and Boze, of nearby Olmito, were suspended from the academy after their arrests. Jensen planned to return immediately to Vancouver.

"I'm really excited I'll be able to go home for Christmas," he said.

Jensen, who came to MMA on a full scholarship and consistently earned A's and B's, said he did not know whether he would try to return to the school and pursue his dream of joining the Marine Corps.

His time in jail has led him to consider becoming a missionary, he said.

"It's been very good for me. I've grown closer to my walk with Christ," he said. "I try to always look for the good out of things."

Actress Bo Derek appears in Fort Worth court for lawsuit

FORT WORTH (AP) — Actress Bo Derek asked a judge Monday to dismiss a lawsuit filed against her by a company owned by a once-prominent Texas preacher.

Ms. Derek, the star of such movies as "10," was sued by Joel Gregory, former pastor of First Baptist Church of Dallas. Gregory now operates Magnolia Media Group.

The lawsuit alleges that Ms. Derek agreed to use Gregory's company to promote a line of pet care products she was developing. Ms. Derek agreed to "lend her name ... and marketing efforts" to help sell the products.

MMG contends that Ms. Derek didn't follow through on that promise and told MMG in October that she was ending their business relationship.

The lawsuit seeks at least $200,000 in damages.

The actress wants Judge Jon Barton to rule that Texas courts have no jurisdiction because the contract was negotiated in California, where she lives with her director-husband, John Derek.

Ms. Derek also contends she should not be held personally liable because she took action in her capacity as president of the pet product company, Bo's Dogs and Horses, and not as an individual.

The hearing was expected to continue Tuesday.

"I think it's just a nuisance suit," Ms. Derek told The Dallas Morning News on Sunday. "I think they think we've got a big deal coming, and we'll just pay them off. But they've just met Don Quixote here. We won't just give in."

Mark Hulme, chief executive officer for Gregory's company, said the lawsuit is justified.

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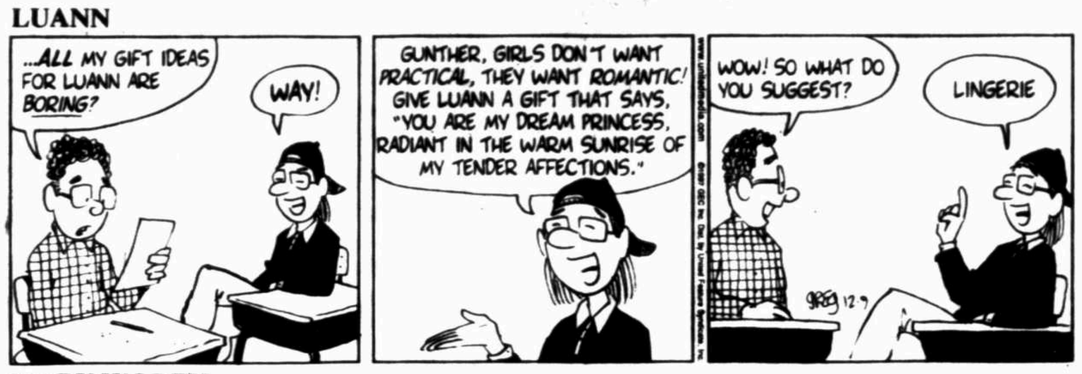
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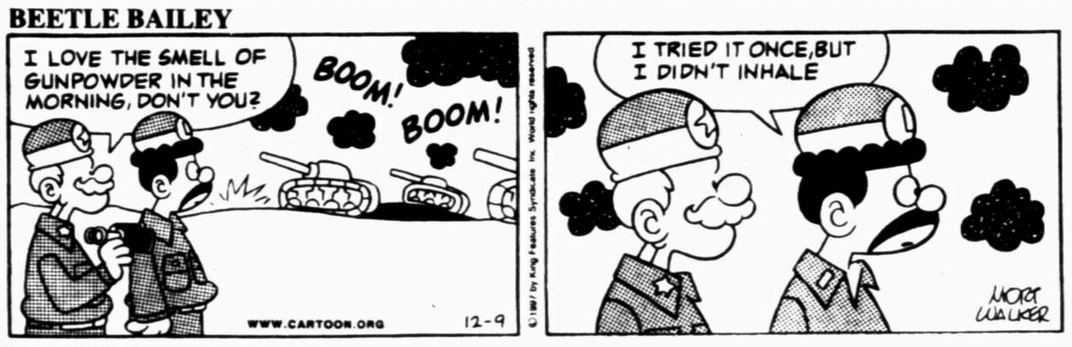
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You are personality-plus, though temper can get out of control. Friends make you grin; news comes through that slices the pie of life in a new way. Prepare for swift changes, major hoopla and new vision. Get some exercise to work through excess energy. Tonight: Call your shots.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Listen to whispers in the background but don't necessarily honor or act upon them. Tempers rage; you might think someone has caught a "madness" disease. Be wise; pull yourself out, and don't be a player. You can make money from an investment. Tonight: Smile inside.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Everyone likes to be a winner, including you! When a partner's lack of cooperation threatens an idea, you kick hard. The good news? You will win. But at what cost? Step back to view the big picture before behaving in an inappropriate manner. Tonight: Let off steam!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Sometimes, as hard as you try to keep work, personal interactions and discussions under control, flames erupt. Thankfully, you are a good firefighter, and can handle what others present to you. Work provides security and an anchor for you. Tonight: Stay in the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Let your imagination soar, and reach out for others. When someone lights your fuse, remember there are many ways of handling it. Use your remarkable imagination and sunny personality to find resolution. A partner is putty in your hands. Tonight: Visit other lands through the movies.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Develop different points of view. Discussions need to be direct yet creative. Another might do whatever he needs to get matters under control. Follow through on business and money management. Honor a trusted partnership. Tonight: Let another come to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ A grumpy partner could once more trigger passionate reactions from you. What you say might be memorable yet disastrous. But standing up for yourself is important. Spruce up your communication skills, and there will be positive responses. Tonight: Adore someone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Recognize that you're slightly more uptight than usual, and you might feel out of control. Take a long walk at lunch, and think about what is good in your life. Finances are your strong suit. Build a stronger security base for yourself. Tonight: Get plenty of relaxation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You can't help it — a flirtatious moment comes to you. Taking risks, though at times healthy, can be dangerous in the wrong realms. Take care of yourself by avoiding any wild gambles. Your joyous manner and ways lure others in. Tonight: Give in to another.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Center on family, and what is important to you. Solid values will empower you. Use them to create what you want. Mobilize your anger, but don't unleash it. You have some excellent points to make; make sure others hear them clearly. Tonight: Hanging out is easy to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You are aiming in the right direction, and creating good things from your verbal skills and enthusiasm. Do you notice a low frustration level? Some exercise or stress reduction might be in order. Have a discussion with someone who understands you. Tonight: Chitchat away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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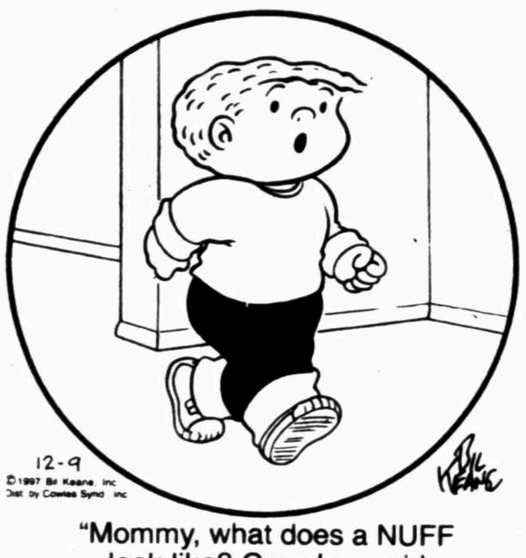
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PEOPLE

'Still more to do,' DeGeneres says as she picks up award for program

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Out of the closet and onto the podium, **Ellen DeGeneres** picked up an award for furthering gay rights with her TV show.



DeGeneres advanced the cause of gays "100-fold," ACLU award proclaims.

"From the beginning, I said that I didn't want to become a spokesman for gay rights. But here I am," she said Sunday at a dinner.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California gave her its Bill of Rights Award for advancing "the cause of gay rights 100-fold" when she came out of the closet on "Ellen" and in real life.

"There's still a lot more to do," she said. "There's a warning label on my show sending a message that there is something wrong with me."

DeGeneres has been fighting with ABC to remove the parental guidance warnings at the beginning of the show.

MANASSAS, Va. — The woman known as **Lorena Bobbitt** when she cut off her husband's penis with a kitchen knife was arraigned Monday on charges of punching her mother.

Lorena Gallo, who has used her maiden name since her divorce from John Wayne Bobbitt, could get up to a year in jail and a $2,500 fine.

Ms. Gallo, 28, remained free on $750 bail and faces a trial April 2.

Her parents, with whom she lives, didn't want her charged. They accompanied her into court.

Neighbors told police that Ms. Gallo's mother, Elvia Gallo, 49, was watching television Friday when her daughter started punching her. The older mother had scratches and bruises around her eyes, police said.

Police wouldn't say who filed the complaint.

Ms. Gallo said during her 1994 trial that years of sexual abuse drove her to cut off her husband's penis, which was reattached surgically. She was found not guilty by reason of insanity.

LONDON — The handwritten lyrics to "Candle in the Wind 1997," **Elton John's** funeral tribute to Princess Diana, will be sold at auction to benefit a hospital.

The lyrics, along with the final typed version, are signed by the creators of the song, Bernie Taupin and John.

Proceeds from the Feb. 11 sale at Christie's in Los Angeles will be donated to the Children's Hospital there.

John sang the reworked version of the 1973 hit at Diana's funeral Sept. 6. The song has sold a record 35 million copies. Jonn plans this week to give more than $33 million in proceeds to the Diana memorial fund.

ALBANY, N.Y. — Sen. **Hillary Rodham Clinton**? Of New York?

According to Monday's New York Post, state Democratic chairwoman Judith Hope raised the possibility with the first lady at a White House party last week.



Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton? New York Democratic chairwoman likes the idea.

"I was talking to the first lady and said to her that if she ever had any thoughts about electoral politics, she should consider moving to New York and running for the Senate in 2000," Hope, a friend of the president, was quoted as saying.

"Mrs. Clinton laughed and said, 'You're kidding?' She raised her eyebrows in her usual charming way at the suggestion, but she didn't rule it out."

Marcia Berry, a spokeswoman for Mrs. Clinton, said Monday the first lady is "obviously flattered" by the suggestion but "she doesn't have any interest in running for public office."

Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., has said he expects to seek re-election in 2000, but some New York Democrats think he will retire.

NEW YORK — The owner of alleged sweatshops that made clothes for **Kathie Lee Gifford's** label surrendered Monday to face charges.

Several dozen Chinese immigrant workers gathered on the sidewalk to jeer as Lai Fong Yuen went to her arraignment.

"Shame on you!" some shouted. Several held signs with photos of the talk show host.

Yuen allegedly ran three sweatshops that made garments under a dozen labels, including Kathie Lee Woman. Investigators said workers were forced to toil up to 80 hours a week for low wages or sometimes none at all.

Yuen could get up to a year in jail and a $10,000 fine if convicted of failure to pay wages.

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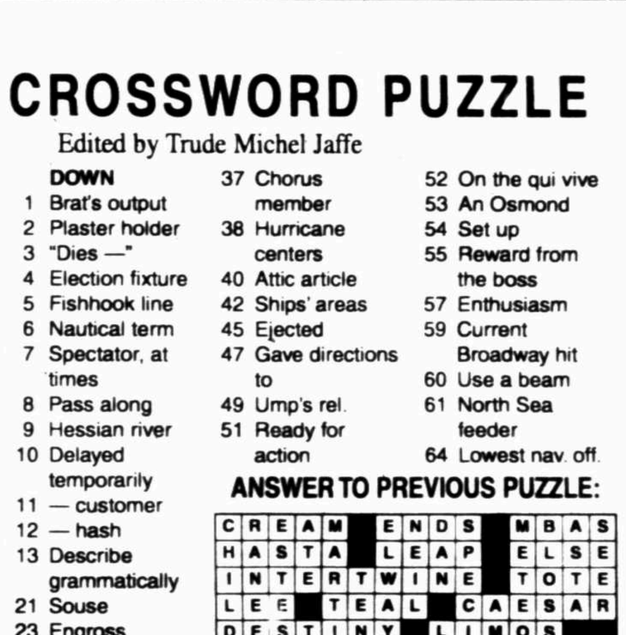
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Biologists find excess ultraviolet radiation deadly to amphibian species

WASHINGTON (AP) — Biologists have shown for the first time that excess ultraviolet rays from natural sunlight kills amphibians, an ominous sign of the dangers of solar radiation leaking through a thinning ozone layer.

Oregon State University researchers found that natural sunlight contains enough ultraviolet-B radiation to kill most embryos of the long-toed salamander in mountain lakes of the Cascade Mountain Range, a home for the animals for thousands of years. Salamanders shielded from UVB were able to reproduce normally in the lakes, said Andrew Blaustein, leader of the Oregon team.

"We were stunned by our findings," said Blaustein. "This is proof that excess UVB radiation in nature can cause death and deformity in this species."

A report on the study was being published Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Other scientists said the study sharpens concern about the thinning of the natural ozone layer of the atmosphere that normally shields the Earth from high levels of UVB. Studies have shown that the ozone layer has been eroded by industrial chemicals, principally cholorfluorocarbons used in refrigeration.

Most such chemicals are being phased out or have been banned worldwide, but the chemicals from earlier years remain in the atmosphere and continue to affect the ozone layer. Among the effects is the so-called ozone hole that forms annually over the Antarctic, but similar thinning has been detected over North America.

Blaustein said the findings strongly support the theory that increased solar UVB has played a role in the worldwide decline of a number of amphibian species. Most of these animals reproduce by laying eggs in jelly-like masses in shallow water where they can be affected by solar UVB radiation.

Scientists internationally have reported a sharp decline in the numbers of frogs, toads and salamanders in many locations and a number of explanations have been proposed.

Although earlier studies in laboratories have shown that UVB can cause genetic damage and death for some amphibians, the Oregon State University work is the first to precisely measure the effects of UVB in a comparative study in nature.

"This is something we should be concerned about," said Dennis B. Fenn, chief of biological resources at the U.S. Geological Survey. "UVB is one of the theoretical causes of the worldwide decline of amphibian species. We had better start taking it very seriously."

Gary Ankley, an Environmental Protection Agency scientist, said the Oregon State study "is a serious thing," but he cautioned that the result applies to only one animal species and does not prove that UVB is the cause for the all of the declines of frogs, toads and salamanders.

Ankley said there could be a combination of factors, including water pollution, that will explain why some of the amphibian species are decline.

"It would be simplistic to blame all of the declines on one factor at this time," he said.

In the Oregon State study, egg masses of some long-toed salamanders in lakes were shielded with UVB filters, while other egg masses were left exposed. All other factors were the same, said Blaustein, with many of the comparative groups of eggs side by side in the same lake.

Blaustein said that 85 percent of the embryos in the exposed eggs died. Of the 15 percent that hatched successfully, all but four individual animals were deformed.

Among the eggs shielded from UVB, there was a 98 percent hatch rate and virtually all of the animals were normal, said Blaustein.

"The point is that these were not artificially elevated levels of UVB in a laboratory," he said in an interview. "These were natural levels of sunlight in their natural habitat. The only difference between the two groups was the amount of ultraviolet light."

New testimony details effects of drug abuse

DENVER (AP) — Challenging the credibility of a key prosecution witness, Terry Nichols' attorneys today called a doctor who said methamphetamine abusers suffer from memory gaps similar to alcoholic blackouts.

Sustained use of methamphetamine, which the star witness admitted abusing, also causes individuals to become more paranoid and suspicious and to suffer mood swings, said Dr. Michael Abrams of the Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

When they are under the influence of the drug, people have "a real high intense feeling," he said. "They feel euphoric and good."

Michael Fortier, who admitted to being a habitual user of marijuana and methamphetamine, implicated Nichols in the Oklahoma City bombing, but then acknowledged he lied, used drugs and committed a burglary with Timothy McVeigh.

At one point, defense attorney Michael Tigar had Fortier demonstrate how to inhale methamphetamine powder through a straw, which Fortier said he did regularly.

Testifying at Nichols' trial earlier, Fortier described McVeigh's violent plan to bomb the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building to avenge the 1993 government siege on the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas.

He also said McVeigh and Nichols appeared to have disagreements as the date for the bombing drew near.

Abrams' testimony came after defense witnesses provided varying descriptions of the mysterious man dubbed John Doe 2, who was scene accompanying McVeigh in the weeks before the bombing.

"I don't think these eyewitnesses who see Ryder trucks on any given day in April 1995 or these witnesses who were in shock from the blast and say they see Timothy McVeigh are very credible," said Andrew Cohen, a Denver attorney and media analyst. "But, I think that they do serve a purpose for the defense, and that is to sort of diminish the effectiveness of the government witnesses."

At times, the mysterious man and McVeigh were seen in a Ryder rental truck resembling the one used in the blast. A bombing survivor was convinced she saw McVeigh and a man near the building about 30 minutes after it was bombed.

But no witness saw either McVeigh or the man with Nichols when prosecutors say Nichols helped McVeigh carry out the April 19, 1995, bombing that killed 168 people.

Prosecutors have said John Doe 2, a composite sketch of a man who witnesses said was with McVeigh when he rented the truck, was someone who was not involved in the attack.

Nichols' attorneys also plan to emphasize McVeigh's shift from a Gulf War veteran into a paranoid, lone survivalist.

One expected witness is McVeigh's sister, Jennifer, who testified during his trial that her brother wrote her in February 1995, saying he was shifting from propaganda to the "action stage."

The identity of another witness will not be revealed to prosecutors until he enters the courtroom.

"Neither the witness nor the media need advance notice that he is being sought after by the defense," Tigar wrote in a motion granted last week.

Tigar said Friday it would be impossible to estimate when he would conclude the case, but doubted it would be this week.

Nichols, 42, could receive the death penalty if convicted of murder and conspiracy in the bombing. McVeigh, 29, was convicted of identical charges in June and sentenced to die. His appeal is pending.

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Govemment loses appeal in campaign contributon case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Election Commission lost a Supreme Court appeal Monday in a case that government lawyers said "drastically undermines" enforcement of campaign contribution limits.

The justices refused to reinstate a $10,000 fine against a California man accused of violating contribution limits in giving to Jack Kemp's presidential campaign during 1987.

A lower court ruled that the FEC missed the deadline to sue Larry R. Williams, and the justices let that decision stand with no comment.

Justice Department lawyers said the ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals "drastically undermines the commission's ability to enforce the federal campaign contribution laws." The court allowed the deadline clock to keep running in Williams' case even though relevant information had been concealed from the FEC, government lawyers said.

The 9th Circuit court's ruling will ensure "that all but the most obvious violations of the federal campaign contribution limitations will go unsanctioned," government lawyers added.

The justices also turned down an appeal by Ohio's Miami University that sought to shield student disciplinary records from public scrutiny. Ohio's highest court ordered the records released — with names deleted — to the student newspaper, which wants to use them to track student crime trends.

The campaign contribution case involves a federal law that limits individual contributions to $1,000 per election for any candidate for federal office.

According to the commission, Williams fed $22,000 to Kemp's campaign in 1987 by giving $1,000 each to 22 people who then contributed the money to the campaign. Disclosure reports filed with the FEC showed 22 donors' names but did not indicate that Williams reimbursed them.

The commission said it learned of the scheme when a former employee of Williams filed a complaint in September 1988.

After an investigation and an attempt to resolve the allegations with Williams, the commission sued him in October 1993, seeking a fine and a court order barring future violations. A federal judge in Los Angeles imposed a $10,000 penalty and ordered Williams not to violate the contribution limit for 10 years, based on his "continuing belief he committed no wrongdoing."

The 9th Circuit court threw out the penalty and court order, saying the government waited too long to sue. Federal law sets a five-year time limit on such lawsuits, the appeals court said.

The time limit can be delayed when someone has concealed relevant facts, the appeals court said. But it refused to allow such a delay in Williams' case, saying the commission could have found out about the scheme earlier if it had investigated the financial reports.

In the appeal denied Supreme Court review, Justice Department lawyers said the commission cannot investigate every report. They also contended the time limit does not apply to FEC lawsuits seeking court orders to bar future violations of the law.

Board releases voice recorder transcript

BALTIMORE (AP) — In the final moments before TWA Flight 800 blew up, pilots chatted about restless passengers, a wildly fluctuating fuel gauge and how the jet was handling sluggishly, like a "homesick angel."

At the end, there is an abrupt, tenth-of-a-second noise that trails off into silence, possibly the sound of the center fuel tank exploding.

The 54-page transcript released Monday during the opening of federal hearings into the July 17, 1996, disaster was described by investigators as routine conversation, revealing nothing unusual leading up to the blast aboard the Paris-bound flight that killed all 230 people aboard.

Having ruled out a bomb or missile, investigators are searching for a mechanical explanation for the explosion in the Boeing 747's center fuel tank. Their goal: to prevent something similar from happening again.

The weeklong hearings are intended to gather facts, and a probable cause will not be determined until late next year.

National Transportation Safety Board Chairman James Hall warned victims' relatives attending the hearings that they might want to leave the room before another exhibit — a videotape simulation that chronicled the disaster second by second, picking up where the cockpit voice recorder left off.

It shows the explosion, the nose of the plane shearing off, while the fuselage continues to rise. Suddenly, the plane slows and begins dropping, diving for a long time before bursting into flames and crashing into the Atlantic Ocean off New York's Long Island.

On the transcript, a comment from TWA Capt. Steven Snyder, six minutes before the explosion, appeared intriguing and a little eerie.

"Seems like a homesick angel here," Snyder said, using pilot lingo to say the plane did not seem to be going as fast as it should.



AP Photo

Protester Hillel Cohen is led away after he interrupted the start of the National Transportation Safety Board public hearing in Baltimore, Md., Monday.

"It's bleeding off airspeed," Capt. Ralph Kevorkian responded, implying that the minor decrease in speed was not a problem.

"Yeah," Kevorkian said, ending that discussion.

Investigators have said the flight data recorder showed nothing unusual.

Then, two minutes before the explosion, Snyder said: "Look at that crazy fuel flow indicator there on No. 4. See that."

Alfred Dickinson, the NTSB chief investigator, testified that it is not unusual for the indicator to fluctuate. Investigators cautioned that the transcript can be misleading if parts are taken out of context. Dickinson said the pilot communications seemed routine.

At 8:30:15 p.m., Boston Air Traffic Control told Flight 800 that it could climb from 13,000 to 15,000 feet.

"Climb thrust," Snyder said before quickly adding, "Climb to one five thousand."

"Power's set," said flight engineer Richard Campbell, indicating he had adjusted the power to allow the plane to go higher. It was 8:30:35 p.m. Those were the last words from the plane. Thirty-seven seconds later, it blew up.

The transcript chronicled more than 31 minutes of conversation, beginning when a gate agent at Kennedy International Airport told the cockpit crew that everyone was seated for the flight to Paris.

The flight had been delayed more than an hour because a piece of luggage seemed to be on board without the passenger. It later turned out that the passenger had been on board the whole time.

"We won't bother telling them that," Snyder said of the restless passengers.

"We'd have a mutiny back there," Campbell said.

Also Monday, FBI Assistant Director James Kallstrom met with about 75 family members of victims to brief them on the criminal investigation he suspended three weeks ago after finding no proof of a bomb or a missile.

After a two-hour meeting, he said most of the families had accepted the FBI's findings, but a few thought the FBI was holding something back. "I tried to convince them that nobody knows the answer to this tragedy," he said.



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Housing policy results in evictions of troublemakers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Twenty months after President Clinton told public housing authorities to kick out tenants arrested for drug-related and violent crimes, evictions are up but some troublemakers are still escaping the get-tough rule.

Under the "one strike and you're out" policy created by presidential directive in March 1996, tenants who are arrested — or whose guests are arrested — can be evicted from their public housing. A conviction is not necessary.

An Associated Press review shows that in many cities the number of tenants tossed out under the policy is far fewer than the number of residents who have been arrested. And some tenants who've done nothing wrong have faced eviction.

In Miami, 88 tenants were arrested for felonies from January through November, but only seven tenants were evicted for criminal activities over roughly the same period, officials said.

In Newark, N.J., with nearly 9,000 public housing units, 78 tenants have been arrested for criminal acts. The housing authority hasn't kicked anyone out yet. Evictions are pending against 21 leaseholders.

"We probably don't catch them all, but we get some," said Harold Lucas, housing authority director.

In Los Angeles, the nation's second-largest city, with nearly 8,800 public housing units, just 83 residents have been evicted this year.

Housing officials say many people leave on their own or beat the eviction in court. Others were not evicted because their crimes weren't serious enough. And many crimes in public housing projects are committed by people who don't live there, officials say.

What started as a simple election-year pledge — "If you mess up your community, you have to turn in your key," Clinton declared — has not been easy to deploy, the AP review shows.

Many housing authority officials report they don't know how many of their residents have been arrested for offenses covered under the policy because police don't share arrest information.

That has forced housing officials to rely on word of mouth to locate offenders.

And in cities all over the country, elderly residents who have done nothing wrong have faced eviction because a visitor was arrested.

Housing and Urban Development officials, who enforce the program, say it is helping to lower crime in public housing by getting rid of drug dealers and making it harder for people with criminal pasts to get in.

Nationwide, 3,847 tenants were kicked out of public housing in the first six months of the new policy, an 84 percent increase over the number evicted for drugs and other crimes in the previous six months, according to the most recent data available from HUD.

In addition, more than 19,000 potential residents have been denied apartments because criminal background checks found prior wrongdoing, officials said.

Over 3 million people live in public housing.

In Baltimore, model resident Howard Williams, 66, had just returned from the hospital, still recovering from a heart attack and stroke, when he received an eviction notice. The grounds: His 39-year-old son, who rarely visits, was caught selling crack at his father's apartment during Williams' absence.

Williams said he didn't even know about the arrest until he returned from the hospital. Police dropped the charges against the son. Yet the Baltimore Housing Authority proceeded with the eviction.

Williams, a retired laborer, won a reprieve to remain in his $167-a-month apartment but had to promise to keep his son from ever staying there.

HUD officials say tenants who are aware that visitors are committing crimes should be kicked out, but not those who truly don't know about the problem.

"We want to evict the wrongdoer," said HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo. "If there is complicity on the part of the leaseholder, then that person should also be evicted, but an innocent person — no."

Housing officials say they often rely on word of mouth from security guards, neighbors and building managers when identifying residents to evict.

Tenants say that makes some easy targets of some leaseholders — mothers with grown kids who drop in and grandmothers raising grandchildren, for example — while drug dealers can slip through the cracks because people are too frightened to report them.

Housing authorities say the policy is supposed to serve as a deterrent for tenants who turn a blind eye to what their children or friends are doing.

"If you're the leaseholder, you'd better know," said Steven Falek, associate director of the Milwaukee Housing Authority.

In Boca Raton, Fla., Lee Eunice Martin received an eviction notice after her 20-year-old grandson, whom she raised, was caught selling crack.

Martin, who has lived in the same housing complex for 38 years, said she didn't know about her son's problem.

"I can't stay here and watch him; I work," Martin said. "You never know what he's doing."

The 62-year-old grandmother was allowed to stay as long as her grandson moved out and doesn't visit — except in emergencies.

The resolution is a common one. Over 46,000 people have been barred from the projects under "exclusionary agreements" signed by tenants whose leases were in jeopardy, according to HUD.

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Court ruling opens college students' discipline records

Scott Montgomery
Cox News Service

WASHINGTON — Miami (Ohio) University began releasing student discipline files Monday, immediately after the U.S. Supreme Court chose to let stand an earlier decision by the Ohio Supreme Court that made the files public.

All school discipline cases, from violations of dormitory rules to campus assaults and rape, became public record in Ohio after years of being shielded by student confidentiality concerns.

Ohio is now the second state, after Georgia in 1993, to make student criminal and disciplinary records open to the public the way they are for other adult citizens.

"I think this is an important step to getting a nationwide system for release of this information," said Daniel Carter, vice president of Security on Campus Inc.

The non-profit group, founded outside of Philadelphia by a couple whose daughter was raped and murdered on campus at Lehigh University in 1987, advocates a wide spectrum of safe campus initiatives — including greater public disclosure of campus crime.

The Ohio suit was brought by Miami University's student newspaper, which sued the university to get statistics on proceedings of the University Disciplinary Board. The students wanted to establish a database to review offenses and punishments to determine such things as the safest and most dangerous places on campus.

Marc Mezibov (CQ), the Cincinnati attorney who handled the newspaper's case and wrote the original lawsuit, said campus crime statistics are in desperate need of independent review because parents and students use them in choosing the schools they attend.

"I'm telling you," Mezibov said, "by the way these records are kept, they are not accurate."

What seems unclear for Ohio is whether student names are supposed to be part of those public records. The section of the Ohio Supreme Court ruling that was upheld Monday says names aren't part of the records because the student paper that brought the original lawsuit wasn't seeking names.

But another section of the Ohio ruling, which came out in July, makes the broad conclusion that student discipline records are not part of a student's "education records," which are protected from public disclosure by a confidentiality provision in federal law.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled without commenting Monday, and therefore failed to clarify whether it supported both elements of the Ohio decision, or just the one ordering the school to surrender the records it was sued over.

Suspect faces fifth trial in shooting death

Karen Testa
Associated Press

FORT PIERCE, Fla. — A fingerprint on the murder weapon's clip, a spent shell casing and witness accounts pointed to Colandro Peters as the person who put a bullet in a man's head during a $10 crack deal.

It should have been a routine murder case.

But on Monday, Peters went on trial for the fifth time. Four previous attempts to convict him ended in mistrials because of deadlocked juries or loose-lipped witnesses.

"After four different times, I think you're approaching cruel and unusual punishment," said defense attorney Mark Harllee. "I think it's time for (prosecutors) to face the music and dispose of this case."

> **'What the case comes down to is credibility. The main witness whose credibility is called into question is Troy Cole.'**
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> —Mark Harllee, defense attorney

Not yet, they say.

"How can I not try this case again when I'm confident I'm trying the right person?" asked prosecutor Lynn Park.

Chris Slobogin, a law professor at the University of Florida, said no one keeps track of a record number of trials for a single crime. However, he said an Internet chat group of criminal law specialists couldn't find a case with more than five.

Peters, 25, faces life in prison without parole if convicted of the first-degree murder of Terry Strickland, 52, a man of limited intelligence who did not drink or take drugs but had a penchant for seeking out the wrong company. In this case, his brief friendship with skateboarding freeloader Troy Cole apparently got him killed.

Cole, 26, met Strickland about a month before the 1996 slaying while Cole was skateboarding through the parking lot of a business where Strickland detailed automobiMureles.

That same night, Strickland bought Cole beer and cocaine, and the two slept together, Cole said in sworn testimony.

Cole's license had been suspended but Strickland agreed several times to take him to a dangerous area known for illicit drug sales.

Cole admitted that on the night of the shooting he was high on crack and wanted more.

Prosecutors say a nervous Strickland sat in the driver's seat of his truck with his window rolled up while Cole negotiated with Peters from the passenger-side window for $10 in cocaine.

Somehow, the truck rolled forward. Authorities say Peters believed the men might take off with the rock Cole had been tasting. He allegedly took a step back, pulled a 9mm pistol from his waistband and fired into the truck's cab — missing Cole, but striking Strickland in the head, prosecutors maintain.

"What the case comes down to is credibility. The main witness whose credibility is called into question is Troy Cole," defense attorney Harllee says.

Cole admitted to burning his own bloody clothing and trying to wash out Strickland's truck. He eventually went to police to tell his story. He has not been charged in the death or for related drug offenses.

Peters, already serving a 17-year sentence for violating his probation for an armed robbery conviction, was identified by an informant as Strickland's shooter.

When police found Peters in a stolen car, they also found the gun that matched the shell casing in Strickland's truck, and Peters' thumb print on the clip.

The first two trials ended in deadlocks. The third and fourth trials ended in mistrials when two of the state's witnesses — an admitted crack user and Peters' girlfriend — made reference to Peters having been in jail. The judge said the reference to prior convictions could have prejudiced the jury.

The credibility of the state's witnesses — mostly admitted crack users — has made the prosecutors' job much more difficult.

"If we could choose our witnesses, I'd have nuns ... But we can't pick them. We have to go with what we have," Park said.



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DEAR ABBY

Woman's cooking causes romantic tension

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My fiance hates my cooking. Every time I make a meal and ask him what he thinks, he has a different complaint. If I correct what he complained about, he finds a new complaint.



Van Buren

I made a meatloaf. He said the onions overpowered it. I made a romantic, candlelit dinner of chicken and roasted potatoes with a cream sauce. He called it weird. When I prepare a time-consuming dinner, he smothers it with ketchup or salad dressing. It's always "too much salt," "too bland," "needs something," or "not like my mother made," etc.

Abby, I have told him this is hurtful, but he still complains. He has even called my cooking "gross."

I'm sure it isn't that I can't cook — other people love what I prepare, and my mother says I'm a natural. I have been cooking since I was 11 years old.

My fiance also cooks occasionally, and when he does, I always compliment him on whatever he makes. Is it too much to expect him to express appreciation for my efforts?

— CRUSHED IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS

DEAR CRUSHED: Since you can't please your fiance and he knows how to cook, turn the chore over to him. When you feel the urge to cook, do it for your friends who appreciate your culinary skills.

Your fiance may get his fill of cooking if he has to do all of it, and then he may be glad to let you take over. However, refuse unless he promises not to criticize, to give you a compliment now and then, and share his recipes and culinary secrets.

DEAR ABBY: Some time ago, you printed a letter about people carelessly opening car doors in parking lots, marring adjacent cars. Paint nicks and surface dents barely scratch the surface of this issue. But car doors opened into traffic cause much worse damage — to bicyclists.

Most states require cyclists to ride on the right, beside parked cars. No cyclist is psychic enough to anticipate when a car door is about to open in front of him, and many serious injuries have resulted from such an action.

A growing number of people commute by bicyces, and most cyclists will tell you that their most constant fear is getting "doored." It's happened to me, and although it was painful, I was fortunate that my bicycle was damaged more than my body.

Vehicle occupants have the benefit of rearview mirrors. This is why most states require drivers to check those mirrors and only then carefully open the doors without impeding traffic — including bicycles.

If you drive, please remember that cyclists aren't just "careless kids." Many of us are responsible adults who've speeded up your commute by keeping our cars off the road. In return, please realize that we are vulnerable, and check your mirror carefully before reaching for your door handle.

—MICHAEL KATZ, STEERING COMMITTEE, BICYCLE-FRIENDLY BERKELEY COALITION

DEAR MICHAEL: You've given voice to a small but important group who care about the environment as well as their own safety. More pedal power to you!

DEAR ABBY: My problem is I curse way too much. I truly would like to stop, because I hate cursing. I am 36 years old and have three young children, all under 10 years old. I lose my patience with my kids, and that's when I use the worst of words.

I'm a good parent otherwise, and I love my children very much. But I need to quit cursing. Please help!

—CURSING MOM

DEAR CURSING MOM: When you feel like cursing, substitute an acceptable word or phrase for the curse words. I had a neighbor who, when angered, would shout, "Holy Moses!" and, "Gosh darn son-of-a-sea-cook!"

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Hoops Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 7, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Duke (49)	8-0	1,726	1
2. North Carolina (19)	9-0	1,694	3
3. Kansas (1)	8-1	1,520	2
4. Kentucky	8-1	1,459	7
5. South Carolina	5-0	1,449	5
6. Arizona	5-2	1,424	4
7. Xavier (1)	5-0	1,289	9
8. Purdue	6-2	1,166	6
9. Utah	7-0	1,137	11
10. Iowa	6-0	1,119	10
11. Stanford	5-0	1,052	12
12. UCLA	3-1	949	15
13. Connecticut	7-1	904	13
14. New Mexico	5-1	890	8
15. Arkansas	6-0	712	18
16. Florida St.	6-1	575	19
17. Clemson	5-2	553	17
18. Fresno St.	3-1	548	16
19. Maryland	4-2	480	23
20. Temple	4-1	467	20
21. Mississippi	4-1	384	14
22. Princeton	6-0	271	25
23. Georgia	5-2	171	21
24. Georgia Tech	5-1	140	22
25. Wake Forest	6-1	127	24

Others receiving votes: Rhode Island 82, Syracuse 79, Texas Christian 71, Hawaii 61, Miami 60, Marquette 46, Michigan 32, Saint Louis 29, Tennessee 21, West Virginia 19, Oklahoma St. 17, Minnesota 16, Louisville 15, Mississippi St. 14, Oklahoma 11, Colorado St. 9, Texas 9, Arizona St. 6, UNLV 6, N. Carolina St. 5, Massachusetts 3, Cincinnati 2, Gonzaga 2, Murray St. 2, Washington 2, Ball St. 1, Indiana 1, South Alabama 1.

Cotton Bowl tickets

DALLAS — Tickets to the Cotton Bowl game between No. 5 UCLA and No. 20 Texas A&M will go on sale Wednesday, A&M officials announced Monday.

Tickets this year will sell for $55 each, with parking passes going for $10 each.

Texas A&M, which is obligated to sell at least 12,500 tickets of the 68,252 seats, has begun taking ticket orders from the Aggies' current season tickets. The deadline for their order forms to be in the ticket office in College Station is Friday.

The general public can order tickets by calling 888-992-4443 or 409-845-2311 on weekdays.

Manning on TV

NEW YORK — Peyton Manning was up to David Letterman's quarterback challenge.

Manning, in town for this weekend's Heisman Trophy presentation, successfully threw a football across 53rd St. and into an open third-floor window on 53rd St. during a taping Monday of CBS' "Late Show" hosted by Letterman.

The Tennessee quarterback was the first collegian to compete against Letterman, who has had passing competitions with Steve Young, Terry Bradshaw and Boomer Esiason.

After Manning threw the second of his two attempts into the window, Letterman was good on the second of his two tries.

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Marshall University's Randy Moss crosses the goal line for his third touchdown of the game against the University of Deleware at Marshall Stadium.

Marshall receiver Randy Moss: 'Nobody in America' covers him

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press Writer

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — When Randy Moss showed up at Florida State, coach Bobby Bowden was almost giddy over his new wide receiver.

"He can run, he can jump, but what he does best is run like a scalded dog," Bowden said before Moss ran afoul of the law and was kicked off the team.

A year and another school later, Moss hasn't stop running. And no one can catch him.

Heisman Hopeful

This is the first of four features that will run on the top four Heisman Trophy candidates.

- Today: Randy Moss.
- Wednesday: Ryan Leaf.
- Thursday: Charles Woodson.
- Friday: Peyton Manning.

"Nobody in America can cover him," Ball State coach Bill Lynch said after Moss caught five touchdown passes in Marshall's 42-16 victory against the Cardinals.

The only sophomore among this year's Heisman Trophy candidates, Moss set the Division I-A single-season mark with 25 receiving touchdowns — five covering 70 yards or more — and has caught 90 passes for 1,647 yards to set a Mid-American Conference record.

In two seasons, he has scored 53 TDs for Marshall.

"He's doing this with people putting triple coverage on him," Marshall coach Bob Pruett said. "They doubled and triple-teamed Randy, but he always seems to find a way to make

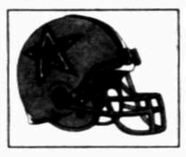
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Dethroned

Carolina ends Dallas' reign as East champs; 'Boys all but eliminated from playoffs

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — The Carolina Panthers unceremoniously ended the Dallas Cowboys' five-year reign as NFC East champion and may also have ended the NFL's most successful run of the decades.



Kerry Collins threw two touchdown passes, and Fred Lane rushed for 138 yards Monday night as the Panthers stayed alive in the NFC wild-card race and all but eliminated the Cowboys with a 23-13 victory.

"I hope this isn't the end of an era," said Troy Aikman, the quarterback and team leader. "I don't think we are willing to concede that. We just couldn't get things going."

"We were inept," said coach Barry Switzer. "It was frustrating and disappointing."

It was also most likely the end of Dallas' playoff hopes although at 6-8 the team that has won three Super Bowls this decade remains technically alive for a wild-card berth.

But their run of five NFC East titles is over — the New York Giants lead the division and even if they lose twice, the Cowboys can't catch them.

Carolina (7-7), which won the NFC West and reached the NFC title game last season in only its second season is also alive, but needs help.

"We're still in it, we're still in it," said Lane, a rookie free agent. "This was big for us to beat the Cowboys on Monday night football. We were confident we could run the ball and we did."

.The Panthers have ended the Cowboys' hopes twice in the last year.

Carolina knocked Dallas out of last season's playoffs with a 26-17 victory on Jan. 5 in Charlotte. Now they just want to keep alive this year

"We have a legitimate shot at the playoffs now," said guard Greg Skrepenak. "We just played our best game of the year."

Coach Dom Capers agreed.

"We really bounced back and played a tremendous game," Capers said. "We've still got a playoff chance."

Collins, who suffered a concussion last week, hit key passes while Lane kept Dallas off balance with his hard runs despite the presence of tackle Leon Lett, who made some spectacular plays in his first game back after a one-year suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy.

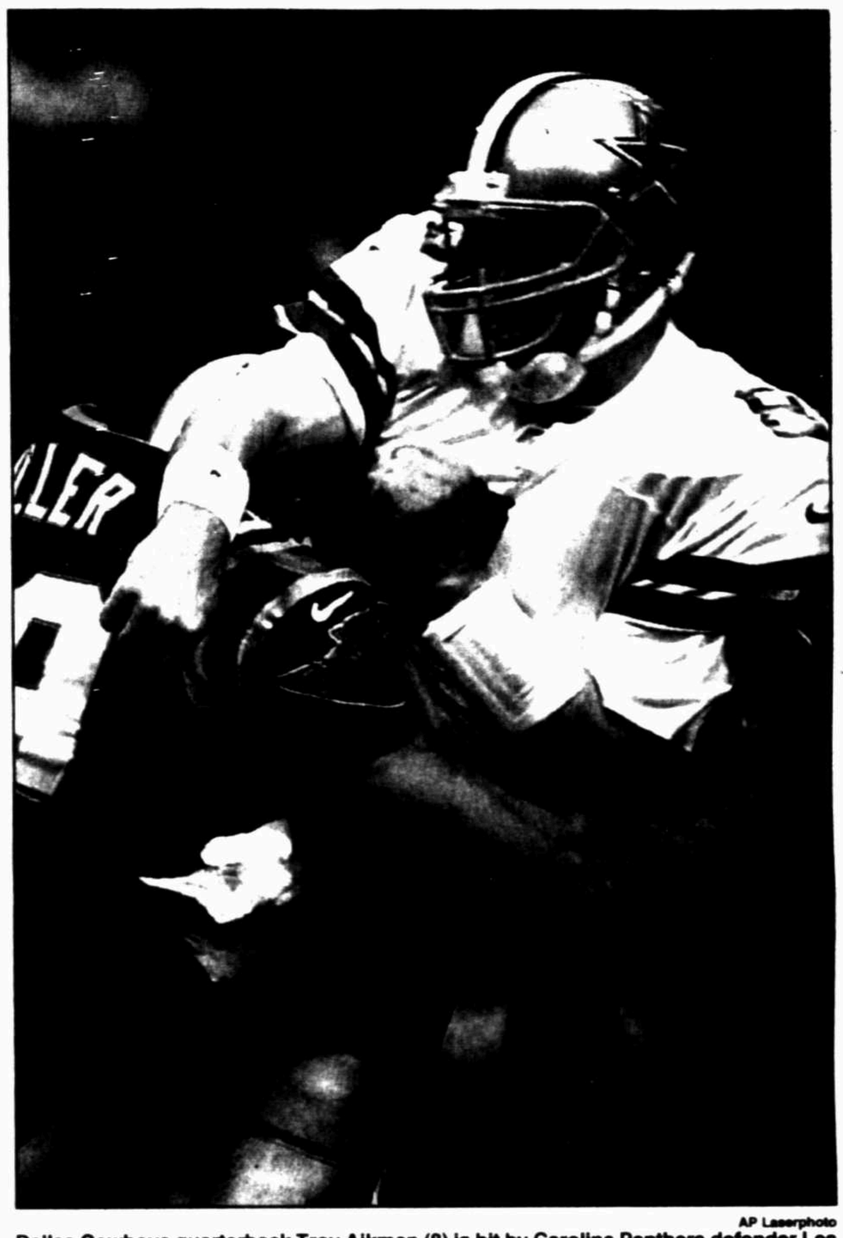
Collins, who threw a 15-yard TD pass to Rae Carruth in the second quarter, guided Carolina on a 69-yard drive to open the second half. That put the Panthers ahead 17-6.

He completed passes of 13 yards to Anthony Johnson, 18 yards to Muhsin Muhammad, and finally found Scott Greene on a 1-yard touchdown pass.

John Kasay then hit a 40-yard field goal to start the fourth quarter, making it 20-6. He also had an 18-yarder with 53 seconds left to finish off the Cowboys

Aikman hit Michael Irvin with a 52-yard touchdown to put Dallas within seven points with 6:33 left.

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Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman (8) is hit by Carolina Panthers defender Les Miller (69) in the first quarter, Monday in Irving. Aikman was injured on the play, but did return to the game. The Cowboys lose the game and are all but eliminated from the playoffs for the first time since 1990.

BASEBALL ROUNDUP



AP Laserphoto

Cleveland Indians general manager John Hart, right, checks the fit of Kenny Lofton's uniform during a news conference announcing the signings of Lofton and Dwight Gooden Monday in Cleveland. The Indians also traded Marquis Grissom and pitcher Jeff Juden to Milwaukee.

Cleveland sends Grissom to Brewers, brings back Lofton

By Ken Berger
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — Kenny Lofton wasn't kidding when he grabbed a microphone two years ago and shouted at the top of his lungs, "Cleveland, you ain't seen nothin' yet!"

In a remarkable epilogue to one of baseball's biggest trades, the Indians brought Lofton home on Monday and traded Marquis Grissom to the Milwaukee Brewers.

"It's like I was a ghost for a year," a grinning Lofton said, "but now I'm back."

When Lofton returned to Cleveland, there was a new teammate waiting for him — Dwight Gooden, who signed a two-year contract worth $5,675,000.

The Indians, who made it to the World Series for the second time in three years after trading Lofton to Atlanta, signed their career stolen base leader to a three-year, $24 million deal.

"We missed him for a year," said Cleveland general manager John Hart, who traded Lofton and pitcher Alan Embree to Atlanta on March 25 for Grissom and David Justice. "It is now my great pleasure to bring Kenny Lofton back home."

The Brewers acquired Grissom and right-hander Jeff Juden for pitchers Ben McDonald, Mike Fetters and Ron Villone. Cleveland immediately turned around and dealt Fetters to Oakland for right-hander Steve Karsay.

Lofton, 30, helped Cleveland shake its loser image by leading the Indians to their first World Series in 41 years in 1995. It was at the team parade — something once

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Bagwell questions effort to keep Kile

By Michael Lutz
AP Sports Writer

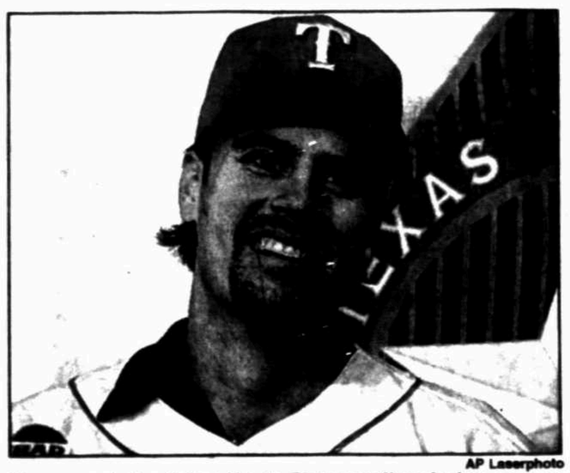
HOUSTON — The Houston Astros gained Moises Alou but lost Darryl Kile, and Astros first baseman Jeff Bagwell doesn't like it.

Bagwell is disputing claims by the Astros that they offered a three-year $21 million contract to Kile before the pitcher signed with the Colorado Rockies.

Kile, the ace of the Astros staff with a 19-7, 2.57 ERA last season, received a three-year, $24 million deal from the Rockies. The Astros acquired Alou, a left fielder, from the Florida Marlins.

"If they (Astros) claim they offered him $21 million for three years, that's a lie," Bagwell said. "My understanding is Darryl

Please see **KILE**/6C



AP Laserphoto

Free agent shortstop Kevin Elster smiles during a news conference in Arlington after the Texas Rangers announced Monday that the club has signed him to a one-year contract for the 1998 season.

Rangers ink Elster to 1-year contract

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers moved to solve their crippling problems at shortstop Monday by turning to a familiar face — Kevin Elster.

The Rangers signed Elster, whose reliable fielding at shortstop and clutch hitting helped the Rangers to the 1996 American League West title, signed a one-year deal with an optional second year for a guaranteed $1.65 million Monday to return to Texas.

The deal calls for a guaranteed $1.5 million

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Mustangs' Miller named all-state

Staff Report

Midland Christian kicker Josh Miller, a junior, has been named to the Class 4A TAPPS Football All-State team.

Miller was the only Mustang to make the elite team. Miller was also a second team pick as a defensive back.

MC offensive lineman Brian Bayley and defensive lineman Kevin Baggett also were listed as members of the second team All-State squad. Craig Patteson, a linebacker, was an honorable mention selection.

Miller, Baggett, Bayley and Patteson were also first team selections for the TAPPS 2-4A All-District team at the same positions. Miller was also a first team defensive back on the All-District team, earning two positions.

The other first team All-District selection for MC was receiver Joey Johnson. Second team picks were Geoff Chinn, offensive lineman and defensive lineman; Patteson, running back; Johnson, defensive back; and Kendall Cox, linebacker.

Honorable mention honors went to J. Murphy, running back; John Coffman, offensive lineman; and Nick Mims, defensive lineman.

TAPPS 2-4A All-District
First Team Offense

District MVP: Justin Engler, Liberty Christian, 200, Sr.
Offensive MVP: Josh Krass, FW Christian, 165, Sr.
Defensive MVP: Adam Spinks, Liberty Christian, 230, Sr.
Coach of the Year: Mark Bowles, Liberty Christian.
Offensive Linemen: Charles Kiser, FW Christian, 225, Sr.; Clint McDonald, Liberty Christian, 260, Jr.; Bryan Bayley, Midland Christian, 255, Sr.; Clint Rhodes, Lubbock Christian, 215, Sr.; Daniel Foster, Liberty, 185, Sr.
Quarterback: Vance Smith, Liberty, 225, Sr.
Running Backs: Justin Engler, Liberty, 200, Sr.; Josh Krass, FW, 165, Sr.; Adam Crawford, Lubbock, 190, Sr.; Lance Davis, Liberty, 165, Sr.
Receivers: Matt Middleton, Lubbock, 165, Sr.; Joey Johnson, Midland, 180, Sr.; Seth Carpenter, FW, 185, Sr.
Tight End: Brock Edwards, FW, 240, Soph
Kicker: Josh Miller, Midland, 190, Sr.
Second Team MC Picks: Geoff Chinn, OL, 180, Sr.; Craig Patteson, RB, 170, Sr. **Honorable Mention:** J. Murphy, RB; John Coffman, OL

First Team Defense

Defensive Backs: Justin Engler, Liberty; Miller, Midland; Stephen Latham, FW, 175, Soph.; Josh Combs, Liberty, 150, Sr.
Defensive Line: Rhodes, Lubbock; Kevin Baggett, Midland, 215, Sr.; Kiser, FW; McDonald, Liberty; Foster, Liberty; Dan Cameron, FW, 235, Jr.
Linebackers: Adam Spinks, Liberty, 230, Sr.; Brad Walton, FW, 190, Jr.; Barrett Hardage, Liberty, 190, Sr.; Craig Patteson, Midland, 170, Sr.
Punter: Vance Smith, FW, 225, Sr.
Second Team MC Picks: Johnson, DB; Chinn, DL; Kendall Cox, LB, 185, Sr.; Miller, punter. **Honorable Mention:** Nick Mims, DL.

TAPPS 4A All-State
First Team Offense

Linemen: Kevin Holmes, San Marcos Baptist, Sr.; Charles Kiser, FW Christian, Sr.; Clint McDonald, Liberty Christian, Jr.; Jordan Black, Dallas Christian, Sr.; Enuh Jackson, Trinity Christian, Jr.
Quarterback: John Tharpe, Northwest Academy, Sr.
Running Backs: Justin Engler, Liberty Christian, Sr.; Josh Krass, FW Christian, Sr.; Curtis Carter, Trinity Christian, Sr.
Wide Receivers: Travis McGinty, Northwest Academy, Sr.; Raphael Freeman, Dallas Christian, Sr.
Tight End: Brock Edwards, FW Christian, Soph.
Kicker: Josh Miller, Midland Christian, Jr.
Second Team MC Pick: Brian Bayley, Sr.

First Team Defense

Defensive Linemen: Clint Rhodes, Lubbock Christian, Sr.; James Hude, Reicher High, Sr.; Adron Lorenz, Reicher High, Sr.; David Turner, Northwest Academy, Sr.
Linebackers: Adam Spinks, Liberty Christian, Sr.; Brad Walton, FW Christian, Jr.; Curtis Jackson, Northwest Academy, Sr.; Brandon Avance, Dallas Christian, Sr.
Defensive Backs: Raphael Freeman, Dallas Christian, Sr.; Vincent Martinez, First Baptist, Sr.; Justin Engler, Liberty Christian, Sr.; Tim Baines, O'Connell High, Sr.
Punter: Rusty Simpson, Dallas Christian, Sr.
Second Team MC Picks: Kevin Baggett, DL; Josh Miller, DB. **Honorable Mention:** Craig Patteson, LB.

Sixth-ranked Wildcats end grueling road trip with romp over Baylor

Associated Press

WACO — Arizona didn't show any weariness as its grueling road trip came to end and the sixth-ranked Wildcats shut down Baylor's big man in an 83-68 victory Monday night.

"I think the last two games we did a lot better," center A.J. Bramlett said of his team's two-game sweep against Texas teams. The Wildcats beat Texas 88-81 Saturday in Austin.

"We know everybody plays their best against us, but if we jump out early like we did it's hard for the other team to get going."

It was the third road game in seven days for the Wildcats, who began the trip with a 90-87 loss to No. 3 Kansas in the Great Eight at Chicago.

Miles Simon had 20 points for the Wildcats (6-2), while Bennett Davison had 11 points and 18 rebounds. Mike Bibby added 18 points and Jason Terry had 14 for Arizona.

Patrick Hunter led Baylor (3-3) with 19 points as the Wildcats shut down center Brian Skinner, who led the Bears in scoring in four of their first five games. The senior entered the game averaging 19.0 points and 12.8 rebounds, but was held to 10 points and seven rebounds.

"The outside shots were falling, but we needed to find a way to get Brian involved in the game and we didn't do that," Hunter said. "We just needed to play with intensity for 40 minutes. That's what those guys do."

The Wildcats finished with a 46-32 rebound advantage, 17-10 on the offensive end.

Skinner, who attempted only one shot in the second half, didn't score his first points until there was 7:28 left in the first half. All of Skinner's three blocked shots came in the first half.

"If (three blocks) was all he had, he must have made us miss 12 or 15 shots," Arizona coach Lute Olson said of Skinner. "The job A.J. Bramlett did on Skinner was certainly key. I'm pleased with the way we came out ready and alert right from the start."

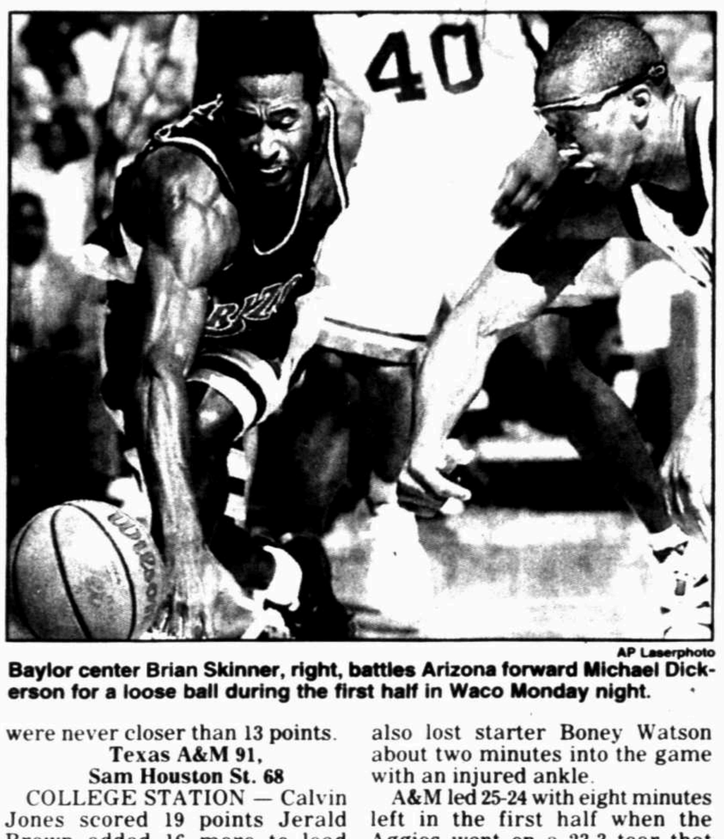
Arizona went on a 17-5 run, including eight points from Simon, to take a 25-13 lead with 9:12 left in the first half. The closest Baylor got in the first half was 28-22 with 5:58 left.

Arizona took a 43-28 halftime lead with Simon and Bibby combining for 21 points, mostly from the outside.

Simon finished 7-of-15 from the field, including 3-of-6 from 3-point range, while Bibby was 6-of-10, 2-of-4 from beyond the arc.

Arizona led by as many as 23 points despite Baylor shooting 53 percent from the field and making six 3-pointers in the second half.

A 7-0 run by Baylor got the Bears within 58-42 with 14:36 left, but they were never closer than 13 points.



AP Laserphoto

Baylor center Brian Skinner, right, battles Arizona forward Michael Dickerson for a loose ball during the first half in Waco Monday night.

■ Texas Roundup

Texas A&M 91, Sam Houston St. 68

COLLEGE STATION — Calvin Jones scored 19 points Jerald Brown added 16 more to lead Texas A&M to a 91-68 win Monday night over Sam Houston State.

Texas A&M (5-1) used full-court pressure to grab 16 seals and force 29 turnovers by Sam Houston State (1-5).

The Aggies were good on 48.6 percent of their shots from the field, including 20-of-39 in the first half, while the Bearkats connected on just 40.7 percent.

The Bearkats were without the Southland Conference's leading scorer, Mike Dillard, benched with a bruised foot. Sam Houston State also lost starter Boney Watson about two minutes into the game with an injured ankle.

A&M led 25-24 with eight minutes left in the first half when the Aggies went on a 23-3 tear that opened their lead to 48-27 with three minutes left before intermission. Brown scored nine of those points.

Shanne Jones contributed 15 points and Larry Thompson added 12 more to the Aggies offense. Jones and Thompson also grabbed eight rebounds each.

Jeremy Burkhalter led the Bearkats with 18 points, with Charles Naihe adding 16 points. David Amaya chipping in 15 points and a game-high eleven rebounds off the bench.

No. 3 Kansas makes short work of Penn

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Raef LaFrentz had 25 points and 11 rebounds as No. 3 Kansas rebounded from its first loss of the season by rolling past Penn 89-71 Monday night to take third place in the Franklin National Bank Classic.

Paul Pierce added 14 points and T.J. Pugh had 13 as Kansas' formidable frontcourt trio was too much for Penn (3-4). The Jayhawks (9-1) shot 57 percent and outrebounded the Quakers 35-28.

Three consecutive inside baskets — two by LaFrentz and one by Pugh — combined with three turnovers by Penn gave Kansas a 28-17 lead with 8:51 left. It was 37-29 at halftime, and the lead hit double digits for good when Billy Thomas hit a 3-pointer early in the second half.

George Washington 70, No. 19 Maryland 66

WASHINGTON — Shawnta Rogers scored 23 points and made a steal that led to a four-point play down the stretch as George Washington won the championship game of the Franklin National Bank Classic.

Maryland (4-3) beat No. 3 Kansas in Sunday's first round.

After George Washington (7-2) took a 63-62 lead on Alexander Koul's 14-footer with 2:07 to play, the 5-foot-4 Rogers stripped the ball from Rodney Elliot in the paint. Elliot fouled Rogers and it was ruled an intentional foul. Rogers hit one of two free throws and the Colonials retained possession, with Seco Camara hitting a 3-pointer to make it 67-62 with one minute remaining.

Laron Profit led Maryland with 15 points, eight rebounds and four steals.

Sprewell to hold news conference today

By Rob Gloster
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Latrell Sprewell, fired by Golden State and banned from the NBA for a year, plans to break his silence Tuesday about his attack on coach P.J. Carlesimo.

Sprewell, who apologized to Carlesimo this weekend, will be joined at the 5:30 p.m. EST news conference by agent Arn Tellem, attorney Johnnie Cochran Jr. and NBA Players Association executive director Billy Hunter.

Cochran, who successfully defended O.J. Simpson on murder charges, has not been hired by Sprewell. But Hunter confirmed late Monday that Cochran will participate in the news conference at Sprewell's request.

Sprewell, a three-time All-Star guard, was fired by the Warriors and suspended by the NBA after attacking Carlesimo twice at practice last week.

Sprewell received the longest nondrug suspension in NBA history last Thursday, hours after the Warriors terminated the final three years of his four-year, $32 million contract.

Witnesses said Sprewell grabbed Carlesimo by the throat and threatened to kill him. About 15 minutes later, Sprewell returned to practice and confronted the coach again.

The players' union has filed grievances against the NBA and the Warriors, arguing the penalties against Sprewell were excessive. The case will be heard by Fordham Law School Dean John Feerick no earlier than Jan. 4.

In two interviews last week, Sprewell admitted he was wrong to have attacked Carlesimo and apologized to fans and his family and friends for the incident. But he did not apologize to Carlesimo, and said the coach provoked the attack with his verbal abuse of Sprewell throughout this season.

Kurt Robinson, Sprewell's attorney, told KNBR-AM on Monday that Sprewell called Carlesimo over the weekend and apologized to the coach.

"Spree did apologize to Carlesimo," Robinson told KNBR. "What he didn't want to do was a public apology in the media. He felt it was a man-to-man situation and one of those things that happens between men sometimes, where you just feel that what is said to you is of such a magnitude that you must address it. He felt it should be addressed man-to-man between him and Carlesimo, and that's what he did."

Robinson, who did not return calls to his office, also told the radio station that "the apology was accepted and I also understand Carlesimo also apologized to Spree."

A source confirmed Monday night that Sprewell and Carlesimo talked during the weekend. The source, who asked that his name not be used, said Sprewell apologized and Carlesimo accepted the apology and said he was sorry the whole incident had occurred.

The Warriors refused Monday evening to comment on Robinson's claims, saying, "Due to the pending litigation, we have no comment on the issue."

Stockton returns in Jazz' win over Indiana

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY— John Stockton, playing his first game of the season after recovering from knee surgery, had 10 points and seven assists as Utah beat Indiana 106-97 Monday night.

Pacers star Reggie Miller was ejected with 6:32 left in the third quarter after bumping referee Jim Kinsey while protesting a three-second violation.

Karl Malone led the Jazz with 31 points, but the focus was on Stockton, who was limited to 20 minutes in his first game since undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery eight weeks ago.

Stockton, who received an ovation before the game, scored eight points in the first 5:37 of the game to spark Utah. The NBA's career assists leader also was involved in two third-period confrontations that preceded Miller's ejection.

■ NBA Roundup

With about eight minutes left in the third quarter, Stockton set a pick on Indiana's Dale Davis. Stockton, wearing a light brace on his left knee, fell to the court and got tangled up in Davis' legs. Nothing was called, and Stockton protested.

About a minute later, Stockton attempted the same pick and fell to the floor again. This time, Davis appeared to kick at Stockton while the point guard was on the ground.

Malone and Greg Foster of the Jazz confronted Davis, and shoving ensued. Davis was given a personal and technical foul.

The Jazz became the first team to score 100 points this season against the Pacers, who had their six-game winning streak snapped. Indiana dropped to 0-7 at the Delta Center.

Trail Blazers 105, Lakers 99

PORTLAND, Ore. — Isaiah Rider scored 21 of his 26 points in the second half as the Portland Trail Blazers handed the Los Angeles Lakers their second straight loss.

It is the first time this season that Los Angeles has lost two in a row.

The Lakers, who lost at home to Cleveland 94-84 Sunday night, are 15-4 overall but only 5-4 since Shaquille O'Neal went down with an abdominal injury.

Magic 95, 76ers 86

ORLANDO, Fla. — Rony Seikaly scored 24 points as the Orlando Magic, playing without star Penny Hardaway, defeated the Philadelphia 76ers.

Hardaway, who missed his third straight game because of pain in his left knee, was placed on the injured list before the game. Orlando also lost Nick Anderson, who broke a bone in his right hand in the first half and is expected to miss at least four weeks.

Heat 105, Nets 97

MIAMI — Tim Hardaway scored 23 points and the Miami Heat took advantage of a fast start to beat the New Jersey Nets 105-97 Monday night.

Hardaway sank a pair of 3-pointers to help Miami build a 20-3 lead. The Nets scored just one basket in the opening 7 1/2 minutes and missed 10 of their first 11 shots.

The Nets closed to 95-89 with 1:31 left, but Eric Murdock hit eight free throws to ensure the win.

LOCAL SPORTS

MHS wrestling club places 3

AMARILLO — The newly formed Midland High School Wrestling Club competed in its first tournament this past weekend at Randall High School, placing three of the wrestlers.

Zach Harris, a sophomore at Midland Lee, placed second at 140 pounds. Adam Wilson, a freshman at Lee, placed third at 160 pounds. Nathan Young, a senior at Midland High, placed fourth at 130 pounds.

The Club will participate in its second tournament this weekend in Austin.

COM swimming

The following are the results on the COM swimmers who finished in one of the top 8 places at the City of Richardson Winter Classic Invitational Swim Meet over the weekend:

10 & U Girls

Kathleen Burleson — 50 back (8th), 37.53. McCall Keathley — 100 Fly (2nd), 1:13.00; 100 Fly (2nd) 2:41.58; 50 breast (8th), 41.88; 100 IM (8th), 1:17.93; 50 Fly (3rd), 33.45; 100 breast (7th), 1:29.55.

11-12 Girls

Caroline Carson — 100 back (6th), 1:08.54; Mallory Keathley — 500 free (8th), 5:40.67; 100 fly (3rd), 1:04.67; 100 back (4th), 1:07.90; 50 free (4th), 27.18; 50 fly (3rd), 29.02; 50 back (6th), 31.75. Katie Lowry — 500 free (2nd), 5:28.75; 100 fly (7th), 1:05.24; 200 free (1st), 2:03.76; 50 breast (7th), 34.91; 200 IM (4th), 2:20.29; 100 breast (4th), 1:14.32; 100 free (4th), 59.39. Brooke Mayes — 500 free (4th), 5:32.16, 200 free (5th), 2:04.03; 200 IM (1st), 2:16.87; 100 breast (3rd), 1:13.97; 100 free (8th), 1:00.50. 200 free relay — (4th) Lowry, Mayes, Keathely, Carson, 1:51.64. 100 medley relay — (3rd) Carson, Mayes, Keathley, Lowry, 2:04.95.

13-14 Girls

Stephanie Brown — 100 back (3rd), 1:01.46; 200 free (3rd), 1:58.81; 50 free (8th), 26.40. Jalie Fiske — 400 IM (8th), 5:55.59. Jessie Fiske — 200 fly (8th), 2:25.01. Catherine Jeff — 400 IM (5th), 4:51.59; 200 fly (7th), 2:24.93; 200 breast (6th), 2:37.47. Kristian Lowry — 1650 free (6th), 19:21.07. 200 free relay — (6th) Brown, Fiske, Lowry, Jeff, 1:48.84. 200 medley relay — (6th) Fiske, Jeff, Brown, Lowry, 2:00.59.

Senior Girls

Kristin Carson — 1650 free (7th), 18:34.53.

10 & U BOYS

Bradley Lowry — 100 fly (6th), 1:21.85; 50 breast (5th), 39.29; 100 breast (1st), 1:21.82. Cole Wehner — 100 back (6th), 1:18.43; 200 IM (8th), 2:50.64; 50 fly (6th), 37.07.

11-12 Boys

Kyle Edens — 500 free (3rd), 5:27.98; 100 fly (3rd), 1:04.77; 200 free (3rd), 2:04.12; 50 free (7th), 26.93; 200 IM (5th), 2:24.49; 50 fly (3rd), 29.87; 100 free (6th), 59.26.

Midland Flashback 2nd in tournament

MESQUITE — The Midland Flashback U-12 girls soccer team finished in second place in the North Texas State Soccer Association Target Tournament of Champions, losing the title game in a driving rainstorm to the Wichita Falls Angels, 4-0.

In the five games leading up to the championship game, Flashback was unscored upon. The team defeated Grapevine-Southlake, 3-0. Other Saturday games had the Flashback defeating Richardson and Tyler, both by 2-0 scores. In the quarterfinals Saturday night, Flashback defeated Garland, 2-0. In Sunday morning's semifinal, Flashback scored a goal in the final minute of the second overtime to defeat the Aledo Bearcats, 1-0.

Members of Flashback, the city champions in the U-12 division this year, include Sarah Taylor, Afton Glanton, Jessica Harkins, Brooke Wilson, Charlotte Epley, Cassie Meyer, Martha Scarborough, Courtney Major, Jennifer Patterson, Jordan Posey, Beth Osterwisch, Katie Liddell, Amy Wallace, Amy Lawler and Riley Blake. The team is coached by Mike Wilson and Lance Posey.

MCC duo tied for 29th

SAN ANTONIO — Scotty Niemann and Terry Lester of Midland Country Club are tied for 29th going into the final round of the Greg Norman Collection Texas Shoot-Out being conducted at LaCantera Golf Club and the Hyatt Hill Country Golf Club.

JC Anderson of Dallas and Sam Randolph of Fort Worth take a one stroke lead.

The 36-hole Four Ball Stroke Play Championship features 84 two-man teams of PGA professionals and apprentices from the state competing for a share of the $21,200 purse.

MHS soph girls beat Lee

The Midland High sophomore girls defeated the Lee sophomores 44-22. Susan Scarborough had 13 points for MHS (3-2).

Greenwood 9th boys get win

The Greenwood freshmen (1-2) defeated Forsan 42-27 with Blake Boyce scoring 11 points.

Midland Purple wins Shootout

The Midland Freshman Purple team went 3-0 over the weekend to win the Tall City Freshman Shootout.

Purple beat Midland White 81-46 With Daniel Campbell, Thomas Carrington, Michael Glasscock and Blaine Leonard scoring 10 points each. Purple then beat Lee Maroon 68-48 with Campbell scoring 11, Ryan Hightower 10, and Glasscock with 10. Purple finished out the Shootout with a 77-61 win over Lee White. Ray Johnson and Hightower had 14 points each, and Jason South and Scott Winters scored 10 apiece.

Trinity 7th boys beats McCamey

The Trinity seventh grade boys defeated McCamey 54-40. For Trinity (10-0), Andrew Anderson had 22 points, Jeehoun Yi had 11, Tyler Goree with 10 and Trevor Stoltz added six points and 12 boards.

Trinity girls split with McCamey

The Trinity 7th and 8th grade girls teams split with McCamey Tuesday. The 7th grade girls won 36-14 as Susan Stasney had 10, Olivia Holland had nine and Stephanie Walton had seven. The Trinity 8th grade girls lost to McCamey 43-21 as Nicole Kennerly had nine and Ashley Cockerhan had eight points.

Verplank wins Tour Qualifying event with 6th sub-par round

HAINES CITY, Fla. (AP) — Scott Verplank closed with a 71 — his sixth straight sub-par round — and won his PGA Tour card and its qualifying tournament by six shots Monday over Blaine McCallister.

"There's a heck of a lot more pressure on those guys," Verplank said of many of the other golfers who struggled to earn their cards.

He played the tour on a medical exemption in 1997.

"To be honest, just winning the tournament was big for me," Verplank said. "I haven't won a tournament for a while — and 10 years ago, I didn't lose too many.

"This is not a tour event, but there are some pretty good players here. Maybe things will turn around for me. I know my attitude will be more relaxed and I will be a little more confident."

Verplank finished 22-under-par at 407 in the $500,000 event played on the Grenelefe Resort's 7,301-yard, par-72 West Course and the 6,700-yard, par-71 South Course.

McCallister, who closed with a 70, was three shots ahead of Stephen Ames and Lee Porter. Ames finished the last of six rounds with a 70, and Porter had a 68.

Maple Leafs shut out Stars

By Mike Heika
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

TORONTO — This was the kind of night when the Stars easily could have looked around the locker room and wondered where Mike Modano was.

Suffering their first shutout in the past 53 games, the Stars simply couldn't find the goal in a 3-0 loss to the Toronto Maple Leafs. In stopping the Stars' winning streak at seven games — only good enough to tie the franchise record — the Leafs outworked and outhustled their more celebrated counterparts.

In fact, it was a downright Stars-like effort that dropped the Stars.

"They worked hard all night and they played well defensively," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said. "You've got to give them credit."

Paced by a superb night from center Mats Sundin (two goals and an assist) and steady goaltending from Felix Potvin (who posted his first shutout since blanking the Stars 3-0 on March 15, 1996), the Maple Leafs won all the important battles. In doing so, they pushed their record to 10-14-4, good for 24 points.

The Stars fell to 20-8-4 after only their second loss in their past 13 games (10-2-1). They lead the NHL with 44 points.

The Stars had not been held under four goals in their previous six games, so the natural inclination was to wonder if maybe the absence of Modano, who is out four to six weeks with a knee injury, is catching up.

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NFL Glance

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
New England	9	5	0	0.643	334	253
Miami	9	5	0	0.643	327	272
N.Y. Jets	8	6	0	0.571	307	274
Buffalo	6	8	0	0.429	220	316
Indianapolis	2	12	0	0.143	244	362

Central

y-Pittsburgh	10	4	0	0.714	342	270
Jacksonville	9	5	0	0.643	354	295
Tennessee	7	7	0	0.500	298	283
Baltimore	5	8	1	0.393	291	310
Cincinnati	5	9	0	0.357	308	367

West

y-Kansas City	11	3	0	0.786	321	212
y-Denver	11	3	0	0.786	417	250
Seattle	6	8	0	0.429	305	332
Oakland	4	10	0	0.286	294	377
San Diego	4	10	0	0.286	256	358

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	8	5	0	1.607	257	248
Washington	7	6	0	1.536	282	227
Philadelphia	6	7	0	1.464	268	317
Dallas	6	8	0	0.429	273	263
Arizona	3	11	0	0.214	244	326

Central

x-Green Bay	11	3	0	0.786	360	251
Tampa Bay	9	5	0	0.643	268	217
Minnesota	8	6	0	0.571	302	317
Detroit	7	7	0	0.500	352	283
Chicago	3	11	0	0.214	235	380

West

x-San Francisco	12	2	0	0.857	332	210
Carolina	7	7	0	0.500	237	253
Atlanta	6	8	0	0.429	274	315
New Orleans	5	9	0	0.357	197	292
St. Louis	4	10	0	0.286	259	328

x-won division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Monday's Game
Carolina 23, Dallas 13

Saturday, Dec. 13
Washington at New York Giants, 11:30 a.m.
Pittsburgh at New England, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 14
Dallas at Cincinnati, 12 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 12 p.m.
Tennessee at Baltimore, 12 p.m.
Jacksonville at Buffalo, 12 p.m.
Miami at Indianapolis, 12 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 12 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New York Jets, 12 p.m.
Arizona at New Orleans, 3 p.m.
Green Bay at Carolina, 3 p.m.
Kansas City at San Diego, 3 p.m.
Seattle at Oakland, 3 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 15
Denver at San Francisco, 8 p.m.

Panthers 23, Cowboys 13

Carolina	3	7	7	6 — 23
Dallas	0	6	0	7 — 13

First Quarter
Car—FG Kasay 34, 4:45.

Second Quarter
Car—Carruth 15 pass from Collins (Kasay kick), 4:28.
Dal—FG Cunningham 43, 2:27.
Dal—FG Cunningham 32, :00.

Third Quarter
Car—Greene 2 pass from Collins (Kasay kick), 8:03.

Fourth Quarter
Car—FG Kasay 40, 8:01.
Dal—Irvin 52 pass from Aikman (Cunningham kick), 6:33.
Car—FG Kasay 18, :53.
A—63,251.

	Car	Dal
First downs	22	9
Rushes-yards	45-155	21-78
Passing	169	138
Comp-Att-Int	17-30-0	14-27-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-5	4-42
Punts	4-38.3	6-38.2
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	4-30	10-70
Time of Possession	36:39	23:21

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Carolina, Lane 34-138, Biakabutuka 7-13, Greene 3-6, Collins 1-(minus 2). Dallas, Sh.Williams 19-75, E.Smith 2-3.

PASSING—Carolina, Collins 16-28-0-136, Beuerlein 1-2-0-38. Dallas, Aikman 14-26-0-180, Wilson 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING—Carolina, Muhammad 4-73, Carruth 4-36, Greene 4-31, Walls 2-13, Johnson 1-13, Lane 1-7, Rasby 1-1. Dallas, LaFleur 4-26, Sh.Williams 3-33, St. Williams 3-32, Irvin 2-67, Miller 1-19, Walker 1-3.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Playoff Picture

The Week 16 NFL playoff possibilities as released by the league

AFC EAST

•NEW ENGLAND: Can clinch division title with a win AND a Miami loss AND a N.Y. Jets loss or tie. Can clinch playoff berth with a win OR a N.Y. Jets loss.

MIAMI: Can clinch playoff berth with a win OR a N.Y. Jets loss.

AFC CENTRAL

PITTSBURGH: Has clinched a playoff berth. Can clinch division title with a win AND a Jacksonville loss or tie. Can clinch a first-round bye with a win AND a Jacksonville loss or tie AND a Miami loss or tie.

JACKSONVILLE: Can clinch a playoff berth with a win OR a N.Y. Jets loss.

AFC WEST

KANSAS CITY: Has clinched a playoff berth. Can clinch division title, a first-round bye and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with a win AND a Denver loss.

DENVER: Has clinched a playoff berth.

NFC EAST

N.Y. GIANTS: Can clinch division title with a win OR tie. Can clinch a playoff berth a Carolina loss or tie AND a Detroit loss or tie.

WASHINGTON: Can clinch a playoff berth with a win AND a Carolina loss or tie AND a Detroit loss or tie AND a Philadelphia loss or tie.

NFC CENTRAL

GREEN BAY: Has clinched division title and a first-round bye.

TAMPA BAY: Can clinch a playoff berth with a win OR two of the following: a Detroit loss or tie; a Washington loss; a Carolina loss or tie.

MINNESOTA: Can clinch a playoff berth with a win.

NFC WEST

SAN FRANCISCO: Has clinched division title and first-round playoff bye. Can clinch home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with a win OR a Green Bay loss.

Transactions

By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Claimed 2B Sergio Nunez off waivers from Kansas City.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with OF Kenny Lofton on a three-year contract and RHP Dwight Gooden on a two-year contract. Traded OF Marquis Grissom and RHP Jeff Juden to the Milwaukee Brewers for RHP Ben McDonald, RHP Mike Fetters and LHP Ron Villone.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Traded RHP Steve Karsay to the Cleveland Indians for RHP Mike Fetters.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with C John Marzano on a minor-league contract.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with 1B Paul Sorrento on a one-year contract.

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with SS Kevin Elster on a one-year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with C Mike Stanley on a two-year contract and 2B Tony Fernandez on a one-year contract.

National League

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with SS Jose Vizcaino on a three-year contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

ORLANDO MAGIC—Placed G Penny Hardaway on the injured list.

UTAH JAZZ—Activated G John Stockton. Placed G Troy Hudson on the injured list.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed LB Tim Terry on injured reserve. Signed S Cory Gilliard off New Orleans practice squad.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Placed Michael Cheever on injured reserve Monday.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

DETROIT RED WINGS—Recalled D Yan Golubovsky from Adirondack of the AHL. Reassigned D Jon Coleman to Adirondack.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Assigned F Reid Simpson to Albany of the AHL.

NBA Results

Standings
By The Associated Press
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	13	5	.722	—
Orlando	14	7	.667	1/2
New Jersey	11	8	.579	2 1/2
New York	11	8	.579	2 1/2
Washington	8	11	.421	5 1/2
Boston	7	11	.389	6
Philadelphia	5	12	.294	7 1/2

Central Division

Atlanta	15	3	.833	—
Cleveland	12	6	.667	3
Chicago	11	7	.611	4
Indiana	11	7	.611	4
Charlotte	10	7	.588	4 1/2
Milwaukee	11	8	.579	4 1/2
Detroit	8	12	.400	8
Toronto	1	18	.053	14 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	11	5	.688	—
Utah	12	7	.632	1/2
San Antonio	10	9	.526	2 1/2
Minnesota	8	10	.444	4
Vancouver	7	13	.350	6
Dallas	5	13	.278	7
Denver	2	15	.118	9 1/2

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	15	3	.833	—
Seattle	15	5	.750	1
Phoenix	11	5	.688	3
Portland	11	6	.647	3 1/2
Sacramento	6	14	.300	10
L.A. Clippers	3	16	.158	12 1/2
Golden State	2	15	.118	12 1/2

Monday's Games
Late Game Not Included
Orlando 95, Philadelphia 86
Miami 105, New Jersey 97
Utah 106, Indiana 97
Portland 105, L.A. Lakers 99

Tuesday's Games
New Jersey at Washington, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Denver at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Magic 95, 76ers 86

PHILADELPHIA (86): Jackson 7-11 2-2 18, Weatherspoon 6-12 1-4 13, Montross 1-2 0-0 2, Stackhouse 1-8 6-6 8, Iverson 10-25 1-4 21, Davis 2-7 2-4 6, Cummings 1-5 3-4 5, Williams 2-5 0-0 4, Overton 0-2 0-0 0, Thomas 4-7 3-9 9, Parker 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-84 15-24 86.

ORLANDO (95): Outlaw 2-6 0-0 4, Grant 5-12 2-2 12, Seikaly 9-16 6-6 24, Wilkins 3-10 2-2 10, Price 3-8 0-0 7, Armstrong 3-3 4-4 10, Schayes 3-9 1-2 7, Anderson 0-0 0-0 0, Evans 4-7 2-2 11, Harper 5-8 0-0 10. Totals 37-79 17-18 95.

Philadelphia	19	21	23	23 — 86
Orlando	26	25	16	28 — 95

3-Point goals—Philadelphia 3-11, (Jackson 2-3, Thomas 1-1, Davis 0-1, Stackhouse 0-2, Iverson 0-4), Orlando 4-9, (Wilkins 2-4, Price 1-2, Evans 1-2, Harper 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 55 (Jackson 8), Orlando 47 (Seikaly 15). Assists—Philadelphia 12 (Iverson 4), Orlando 20 (Price, Armstrong 5). Total fouls—Philadelphia 19, Orlando 21. A—16,824 (17,248).

Heat 105, Nets 97

NEW JERSEY (97): Gill 6-15 4-4 17, Van Horn 7-14 2-4 16, Williams 3-8 2-2 8, Kittles 5-12 1-2 12, Cassell 6-16 6-8 19, Benoit 1-3 0-0 3, Edwards 1-4 0-0 2, Gatling 6-7 0-0 12, Douglas 2-5 4-6 8, Cage 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-84 19-26 97.

MIAMI (105): Mashburn 4-13 5-6 13, Brown 3-6 1-2 7, Austin 6-14 5-6 17, Lenard 6-8 1-2 17, Hardaway 10-23 0-0 23, Strickland 0-0 0-0 0, Majerle 1-4 1-2 4, Murdock 4-8 8-8 16, Mills 3-5 1-1 8. Totals 37-81 22-27 105.

New Jersey	17	31	18	31 — 97
Miami	31	22	23	29 — 105

3-Point goals—New Jersey 4-14 (Kittles 1-2, Cassell 1-2, Benoit 1-2, Gill 1-4, Douglas 0-1, Van Horn 0-3), Miami 9-23 (Lenard 4-5, Hardaway 3-7, Majerle 1-3, Mills 1-3, Murdock 0-2, Mashburn 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—New Jersey 48 (Williams 11), Miami 55 (Austin 13). Assists—New Jersey 18 (Cassell 6), Miami 23 (Hardaway 9). Total fouls—New Jersey 24, Miami 25. A—14,387 (15,200).

Trail Blazers 105, Lakers 99

L.A. LAKERS (99): Fox 4-9 1-2 9, Horry 5-8 1-2 11, Campbell 6-21 5-8 17, Jones 4-16 2-2 10, Van Exel 9-18 1-1 24, Bryant 6-14 6-8 19, Rooks 1-1 1-2 3, Fisher 0-0 0-0 0, Blount 3-5 0-0 6. Totals 38-92 17-25 99.

PORTLAND (105): Wallace 7-14 4-5 18, Grant 4-7 1-4 9, Sabonis 2-7 0-0 4, Rider 10-19 2-3 26, Williams 7-10 2-4 16, Augmon 2-6 2-3 6, Brunson 2-3 5-6 11, Cato 0-2 0-0 0, Trent 6-11 3-3 15. Totals 40-79 19-28 105.

L.A. Lakers	17	27	23	32 — 99
Portland	20	31	27	27 — 105

3-Point goals—Los Angeles 6-19, (Van Exel 5-8, Bryant 1-3, Horry 0-1, Jones 0-7), Portland 6-8, (Rider 4-6, Brunson 2-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Los Angeles 52 (Campbell 12), Portland 58 (Wallace, Grant 9). Assists—Los Angeles 20 (Van Exel 12), Portland 23 (Wallace, Rider 5). Total fouls—Los Angeles 23, Portland 20. Technical—Fox. A—20,721 (21,538).

Jazz 106, Pacers 97

INDIANA (97): Mullin 4-10 4-4 12, D.Davis 2-5 1-2 5, Smits 5-8 4-4 14, Miller 7-11 1-2 16, Jackson 5-10 4-4 14, A.Davis 6-12 7-8 19, Rose 2-6 3-7, Best 2-5 1-2 5, Hoiberg 2-5 0-0 5, Pope 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-72 25-29 97.

UTAH (106): Keefe 2-5 0-0 4, Malone 13-19 5-8 31, Foster 1-4 2-2 4, Homacek 4-14 5-5 13, Stockton 4-7 1-1 10, Eisley 0-2 0-0 0, Vaughn 2-3 3-3 7, Ostertag 1-4 7-10 9, Russell 2-6 5-8 9, Anderson 6-12 0-1 12. Carr 3-6 1-1 7. Totals 38-82 29-39.

Indiana	26	30	24	17 — 97
Utah	28	29	27	22 — 106

3-Point goals—Indiana 2-12 (Hoiberg 1-2, Miller 1-3, Best 0-1, Jackson 0-2, Mullin 0-4). Utah 1-7 (Stockton 1-2, Anderson 0-1, Russell 0-2, Homacek 0-2). Fouled out—Smits. Rebounds—Indiana 37 (D.Davis 8), Utah 58 (Ostertag 9). Assists—Indiana 18 (Jackson 9), Utah 25 (Stockton 7). Total fouls—Indiana 31, Utah 28. Technicals—D.Davis, Miller 2. Flagrant fouls—D.Davis. Ejections—Miller. A—19,911 (19,911).

College Basketball

Men's Scores

SOUTHWEST
Alcorn St. 82, Ark.-Pine Bluff 68
Arizona 83, Baylor 68
Texas A&M 91, Sam Houston St. 68
Tulsa 93, Morgan St. 56
MIDWEST
Blackburn 74, Illinois Col. 58
Bradley 63, Michigan 58
Carroll, Wis. 83, Milwaukee Eng. 67
DePauw 100, Concordia, Ill. 58
Eureka 78, Judson 65
Illinois 88, Maine 69
EAST
Army 74, Yale 65
Duquesne 74, W. Kentucky 64
Penn St. 85, George Mason 46
St. Francis, NY 84, Lehigh 73
Staten Island 70, York, N.Y. 58
Vermont 95, Holy Cross 59

Women's Scores

SOUTHWEST
Lamar 82, Sam Houston St. 63
Texas Lutheran 82, Sul Ross St. 50
MIDWEST
Carroll, Wis. 66, Milwaukee Eng. 60
Cent. St., Ohio 85, Indiana Tech 68
N. Iowa 91, Chicago St. 55
Peru St. 63, Hastings 55
Wisconsin 89, Notre Dame 77
SOUTH
Chattanooga 66, Jacksonville St. 60
E. Kentucky 71, Murray St. 56
Fayetteville St. 76, Bowie St. 70
Florida Southern 88, Puerto Rico 41
Ga. Southwestern 64, St. Leo 54
High Point 93, Lees-McRae 41
Kennesaw 76, West Georgia 50
Kentucky 66, W. Kentucky 64, OT
Kentucky St. 73, Fort Valley St. 65
Lenoir-Rhyne 79, Tusculum 74
Liberty 78, Bethune-Cookman 55
Virginia 63, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 37
EAST
George Washington 69, Princeton 51
New Haven 79, C.W. Post 51
New Rochelle 38, Baruch 35
Staten Island 93, York, N.Y. 43
Temple 64, Lafayette 52

Top 25 Men

No. 6 Arizona 83, Baylor 68

Arizona (6-2): Davison 3-6 5-7 11, Dickerson 4-14 1-2 9, Bramlett 4-11 1-3 9, Bibby 6-10 4-5 18, Simon 7-15 3-4 20, Pastner 0-0 0-0 0, Tebbs 0-0 0-0 0, Wessel 0-0 0-0 0, Terry 4-9 4-4 14, Edgerson 0-2 2-2 2, Stewart 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-67 20-27 83.

Baylor (3-3): Morris 3-9 0-0 8, Gipson 3-6 1-3 7, Skinner 3-7 4-6 10, Jones 1-5 0-0 3, Hunter 7-14 1-3 19, Sellers 1-4 0-0 3, McCasland 0-0 0-0 0, Kendrick 3-5 1-2 8, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Miller 1-4 0-0 3, Perkins 0-1 0-0 0, Ramirez 3-5 0-0 7. Totals 25-60 7-14 68.

Halftime—Arizona 43, Baylor 28. 3-Point goals—Arizona 7-19 (Dickerson 0-2, Bibby 2-4, Simon 3-6, Terry 2-7), Baylor 11-29 (Morris 2-5, Jones 1-4, Hunter 4-9, Sellers 1-2, Kendrick 1-2, Miller 1-4, Perkins 0-1, Ramirez 1-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Arizona 46 (Davison 18), Baylor 32 (Skinner 7). Assists—Arizona 12 (Bibby 4), Baylor 17 (Hunter 5, Miller 5). Total fouls—Arizona 16, Baylor 20. A—8,135.

No. 3 Kansas 89, Penn 71

KANSAS (9-1): Pugh 5-9 2-4 13, Pierce 4-10 6-6 14, LaFrentz 12-15 1-5 25, Robertson 2-5 0-0 5, Thomas 5-10 0-0 15, Gregory 4-6 0-0 9, Chenowith 3-6 0-0 6, Bradford 1-2 0-0 2, McGrath 0-0 0-0 0, Martin 0-0 0-0 0, Janisse 0-0 0-0 0, Nooner 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-63 9-15 89.

PENN (3-4): Mboya 1-4 0-0 2, Langel 5-11 0-1 11, Sanger 0-0 0-0 0, Kreitz 6-11 0-0 17, Jordan 6-9 0-0 12, Brown 3-5 0-0 7, Ryan 4-8 0-0 10, Romanczuk 3-7 2-5 8, Plummer 0-1 0-1 0, Mechler 0-0 0-0 0, Goldstein 1-1 0-0 2, Sullivan 1-2 0-0 2, Dzik 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-59 2-8 71.

Halftime—Kansas 37, Penn 29. 3-Point goals—Kansas 8-16 (Thomas 5-8, Gregory 1-1, Pugh 1-2, Robertson 1-4, Pierce 0-1), Penn 9-19 (Kreitz 5-10, Ryan 2-4, Langel 1-2, Brown 1-2, Jordan 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Kansas 35 (LaFrentz 11), Penn 27 (Ryan, Romanczuk 5). Assists—Kansas 21 (Robertson 5), Penn 17 (Langel 6). Total fouls—Kansas 13, Penn 13.

George Washington 70, No. 19 Maryland 66

GEORGE WASHINGTON (7-2): Brade 0-5 0-0 0, Ngongba 0-0 0-2 0, Mescheriakov 8-13 2-2 19, Koul 7-11 1-3 15, Rogers 7-16 7-8 23, Iturbe 2-4 0-0 4, Camara 2-7 3-5 9, Krivonos 0-0 0-0 0, Eyal 0-0 0-0 0, de Miranda 0-1 0-0 0, Hazzard 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26-58 13-20 70.

MARYLAND (4-3): Profit 5-15 5-6 15, Elliot 3-10 3-4 9, Ekezie 5-8 0-0 10, Stokes 1-3 2-2 5, Jasikevicius 6-13 0-0 14, Kovarik 2-3 0-0 4, Mardesich 2-3 2-2 6, Morris 0-1 3-4 3. Totals 24-56 15-18 66.

Halftime—George Washington 41, Maryland 37. 3-Point goals—George Washington 5-15 (Camara 2-5, Rogers 2-7, Mescheriakov 1-2, Hazzard 0-1), Maryland 3-13 (Jasikevicius 2-7, Stokes 1-2, Morris 0-1, Profit 0-3). Fouled out—Elliot. Rebounds—George Washington 37 (Mescheriakov, Koul, Iturbe, Camara 6), Maryland 32 (Ekezie 10). Assists—George Washington 10 (Brade 3), Maryland 17 (Stokes 7). Total fouls—George Washington 17, Maryland 20. A—14,609.

Top 25 Women

No. 12 Virginia 63, Mt. St. Mary's 37

MT. ST. MARY'S (1-5): Williams 3-17 4-8 10, Gardiner 6-19 1-3 13, Williamson 0-2 0-0 0, Menichini 2-6 2-2 6, Chapman 0-9 0-0 0, Butters 0-3 2-2 2, Feldbusch 1-5 0-0 2, Nance 0-3 1-2 1, Hill 0-3 0-0 0, Henson 1-3 0-0 3, Carey 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 13-71 10-17 37.

VIRGINIA (7-1): Hosac 2-6 0-0 4, Mooney 3-9 0-1 7, Walker 8-9 3-5 19, Stovall 3-8 0-1 7, Robinson 0-5 0-0 0, Lias 5-10 0-0 10, Brown 1-4 0-0 2, Kravchenko 3-9 1-2 7, Swierczek 1-2 0-0 3, Mitchelson 2-2 0-0 4, Gardner 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 28-65 4-9 63.

Halftime—Virginia 31, Mt. St. Mary's 15. 3-Point goals—Mt. St. Mary's 1-13 (Henson 1-2, Menichini 0-1, Chapman 0-1, Feldbusch 0-1, Hill 0-1, Nance 0-2, Williams 0-5), Virginia 3-13 (Swierczek 1-1, Stovall 1-4, Mooney 1-7, Hosac 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Mt. St. Mary's 45 (Gardiner 10), Virginia 56 (Walker 17). Assists—Mt. St. Mary's 3 (Menichini 2), Virginia 15 (Walker 7). Total fouls—Mt. St. Mary's 12, Virginia 17. A—2,617.

Kentucky 66, No. 14 W.Kentucky 64, OT

KENTUCKY (4-4): Barnes 6-9 10-12 22, Meadows 7-19 0-0 18, Denkins 5-9 1-2 11, Martinez 1-4 0-0 3, Wait 0-5 2-2 2, Hay 1-4 0-0 2, Vieth 1-3 0-1 2, Ross 0-0 0-0 0, Christman 0-0 0-1 0, Boyd 0-1 0-0 0, Young 0-1 0-0 0, Jackson 2-7 2-5 6. Totals 23-62 15-23 66.

W.KENTUCKY (8-2): Lunsford 1-4 0-4 2, McCulley 7-22 5-7 21, Johnson 12-19 4-6 28, Townsend 0-4 0-0 0, Walz 0-5 0-0 0, Powers 0-0 0-0 0, Allen 1-4 0-0 2, Hartley 1-5 6-8 8, Britt 0-0 0-0 0, Mansfield 0-0 1-4 1, Witcher 0-2 2-2 2. Totals 22-65 18-31 64.

Halftime—W.Kentucky 21, Kentucky 19. Regulation—W.Kentucky 60, Kentucky 60. 3-point goals—Kentucky 5-15 (Meadows 4-10, Martinez 1-2, Wait 0-2, Hay 0-1), W.Kentucky 2-9 (McCulley 2-3, Townsend 0-1, Allen 0-1, Hartley 0-1, Walz 0-3). Fouled out—Barnes, Denkins. Rebounds—Kentucky 46 (Barnes, Meadows, Denkins 10), W.Kentucky 50 (McCulley 12). Assists—Kentucky 11 (Jackson 6), W.Kentucky 14 (McCulley, Witcher 4). Total fouls—Kentucky 23, W.Kentucky 20. A—2,500.

No. 17 Wisconsin 89, Notre Dame 77

NOTRE DAME (3-4): Peirick 2-5 0-0 5, Hutchinson 0-1 4-4 4, Riley 3-8 0-2 6, Green 5-14 4-6 14, McMillen 7-18 0-0 16, Henderson 3-3 3-6 9, Ivey 6-9 1-1 16, Braendly 0-0 0-0 0, Dunbar 0-0 0-0 0, Leahy 0-0 0-0 0, Siemon 3-4 1-1 7. Totals 29-62 13-20 77.

WISCONSIN (6-0): Sims 8-15 4-5 20, Boston 2-5 1-2 6, Klapperich 3-8 4-4 10, Pate 0-4 6-8 6, Voigt 7-17 0-0 18, Paulus 5-8 6-10 16, Hartwig 1-3 8-8 10, Rhodes 0-0 0-0 0, Konieczny 1-1 1-2 3. Totals 27-61 30-39 89.

Halftime—Wisconsin 48, Notre Dame 32. 3-Point goals—Notre Dame 6-18 (Ivey 3-5, McMillen 2-9, Peirick 1-2, Green 0-2) Wisconsin 5-11 (Voigt 4-9, Boston 1-1, Paulus 0-1). Fouled out—Peirick, Riley. Rebounds—Notre Dame 40 (Ivey 7), Wisconsin 36 (Sims 7). Assists—Notre Dame 13 (Ivey 4), Wisconsin 10 (Pate 4). Total fouls—Notre Dame 32, Wisconsin 19. A—6,225.

Texas Women

Texas A&M 91, Sam Houston ST. 68

Sam Houston St. (1-5): Naihe 6-13 0-0 16, Girtz 2-4 0-0 4, Grein 1-2 0-0 2, Watson 0-0 0-0 0, Burkhalter 5-15 8-11 18, Abdus-Salaam 2-4 3-4 7, Bracken 0-0 0-2 0, Amaya 4-12 7-9 15, Barosh 0-0 0-0 0, Winn 2-4 2-2 6, Heinrich 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-54 20-28 68.

Texas A&M (5-1): Davis 8-14 3-5 19, Jones 6-6 3-3 15, Thompson 5-7 2-4 12, Houston 1-4 5-6 7, Brown 6-13 1-3 16, Clayton 3-11 0-0 8, Barone 1-1 0-0 2, Schmidt 1-8 0-0 2, Brown 0-2 0-0 0, Reeves 1-1 0-0 2, Ogbogu 0-1 0-0 0, Richards 3-4 2-4 8. Totals 35-72 16-25 91.

Halftime—Texas A&M 53, Sam Houston St. 36. 3-Point goals—Sam Houston St. 4-14 (Naihe 4-7, Girtz 0-1, Grein 0-1, Burkhalter 0-4, Winn 0-1) Texas A&M 5-19 (Houston 0-2, Brown 3-6, Clayton 2-6, Schmidt 0-5). Fouled out—Girtz, Grein, Jones, Thompson. Rebounds—Sam Houston St. 36 (Amaya 11), Texas A&M 42 (Davis, Thompson 8). Assists—Sam Houston St. 16 (Abdus-Salaam, Amaya 4), Texas A&M 25 (Houston 9). Total fouls—Sam Houston St. 19, Texas A&M 25. A—2,735.

NHL Results

Standings
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	19	9	0	38	82	51
Philadelphia	15	9	6	36	84	70
Washington	15	11	4	34	90	80
N.Y. Rangers	9	12	11	29	83	87
N.Y. Islanders	12	13	4	28	79	79
Florida	9	15	5	23	70	87
Tampa Bay	5	19	4	14	54	95

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	17	10	4	38	94	73
Pittsburgh	16	10	5	37	88	77
Boston	13	12	5	31	74	79
Ottawa	13	13	4	30	78	72
Carolina	12	14	5	29	83	86
Buffalo	9	13	6	24	72	77

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	20	8	4	44	103	70
St. Louis	19	9	3	41	94	69
Detroit	18	7	5	41	98	69
Phoenix	13	14	3	29	80	84
Chicago	10	14	5	25	63	74
Toronto	10	14	4	24	63	76

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	16	7	8	40	94	79
Los Angeles	12	12	5	29	89	83
Anaheim	11	14	6	28	70	88
Edmonton	9	15	7	25	73	94
San Jose	10	18	2	22	76	93
Vancouver	9	17	4	22	84	104
Calgary	6	18	7	19	77	99

Monday's Games
Montreal 4, Colorado 2
N.Y. Rangers 3, Phoenix 1
Toronto 3, Dallas 0
St. Louis 5, Vancouver 1

Tuesday's Games
Calgary at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Maple Leafs 3, Stars 0

Dallas	0	0	0	0
Toronto	1	0	2	3

First Period—1, Toronto, Korolev 10 (Sundin, Johnson), 14:04.
Second Period—None.
Third Period—2, Toronto, Sundin 10 (Zettler), 1:27. 3, Toronto, Sundin 11 (Johnson, Smith), 18:49.
Shots on goal—Dallas 8-7-4—19. Toronto 8-9-11—28. Power-play Opportunities—Dallas 0 of 4, Toronto 0 of 2. Goalies—Dallas, Belfour 16-5-4 (28 shots-25 saves). Toronto, Potvin 9-9-3 (19-19). A—15,826 (15,726).

Rangers 3, Coyotes 1

Phoenix	0	0	1	— 1
N.Y. Rangers	1	0	2	— 3

First Period—1, New York, Graves 7 (Leetch, Gretzky), 3:31 (pp).
Second Period—None.
Third Period—2, New York, Karpovtsev 1 (Skrudland, Keane), 9:20. 3, Phoenix, Lemieux, 1 (Ronning, Gartner), 12:56. 4, New York, Vorobiev 1 (LaFontaine, Karpovtsev), 14:31.
Shots on goal—Phoenix 10-10-8—28. New York 10-7-12—29. Power-play Opportunities—Phoenix 0 of 5, New York 1 of 4. Goalies—Phoenix, Khabibulin 12-12-3 (29 shots-26 saves). New York, Richter 9-10-9 (28-27). A—18,200 (18,200).

Canadiens 4, Avalanche 2

Colorado	1	0	1	— 2
Montreal	0	2	2	— 4

First Period—1, Colorado, Sakic 16 (Deadmarsh), 1:59.
Second Period—2, Montreal, Bureau 4 (Popovic, Stevenson), 7:28. 3, Montreal, Quintal 3 (Manson) 10:29.
Third Period—4, Montreal, Brunet 4 (Bureau), 11:02 (sh). 5, Montreal, Recchi 14 (Koivu, Brisebois), 16:03. 6, Colorado, Klemm 4 (Lacroix, Sakic), 17:53.
Shots on goal—Colorado 14-6-5—25. Montreal 6-8-14—28. Power-play Opportunities—Colorado 0 of 5, Montreal 0 of 3. Goalies—Colorado, Roy 13-5-7 (28 shots-24 saves). Montreal, Moog 7-5-2 (25-23). A—21,273 (21,273).

Blues 5, Canucks 1

Vancouver	1	0	0	— 1
St. Louis	1	3	1	— 5

First Period—1, St. Louis, Rheaume

D & D Plumbing can help you cut heating costs

Sometimes it seems energy costs rise more and more, and there's nothing you can do about it. While you can't control the cost of energy, there are some ways to use it more efficiently, say David and Dwain Rotan of D & D Plumbing. Some of these can be done by the homeowner, some need a qualified professional.

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Second, keep the pilot and burner clean. This should be done by a professional. Soot and corrosion can build up in pilot and burner holes. Clogged burners generate less heat and burn gas inefficiently, meaning your unit must run longer to warm the house.

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Fourth, make sure bearings and motors are cleaned and oiled. Increased friction due to lack of lubrication can slow the blower. As mentioned above, anything that slows air flow through the unit decreases its efficiency. This is another area that should be handled by a professional, in order to get the right kind and right amount of lubrication in the right place.

Finally, the burner must be properly adjusted for top efficiency. While a professional should make the adjustments, you can often tell if there's a problem. A properly adjusted burner burns bright blue. Flames with yellow or other colors mean there's a problem that's probably costing you money.

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If you were thinking of locking in some of your capital gains this year, consider the more tax-efficient alternative: donate shares of appreciated mutual funds or stock to charity instead of writing a check. You can deduct the current market value of the gift for income tax purposes (subject to limitations covered below), just as if you had made a cash payment. As an added advantage, you will escape any capital gains taxes you would have owed if you had sold the assets instead, assuming you held the assets for more than one year and made the gifts to qualified charities. The transfer of ownership to a charity is easy. Just ask you financial institution to transfer the assets to an account for the benefit of each charity you name before year end.



Daniel Watts

What if you still like all of the appreciated investments in your portfolio? Instead of sending, say, $1,000 to a charity and keeping all your appreciated stock, consider giving $1,000 worth of stock and using the $1,000 in cash to buy new shares. That way, you will continue your investment in the stock, but will raise your tax cost basis, which will reduce the capital gain whenever you ultimately do decide to sell.

Say you are giving only part of a particular holding away. If you bought shares at different prices, you can maximize your tax savings by gifting the lot with the lowest cost basis. However, if you have ever applied the average-cost method to calculating gains on sales of mutual fund shares that you are gifting, you must continue to use that approach. If you do not specify which shares to give, the IRS assumes that you gifted the shares that you owned the longest.

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The meter provides a printout, which J & S passes on to the client, showing the results of each connection tested.

Computer cable must also be handled more carefully than other types of wire. Whereas electrical wire can be pulled with pretty good force if it gets in a bind inside a wall, computer cable—especially fiber optic—must be handled more gently so as not to stretch or break wires. This can cause the same problems as improper termination—slower data transfer rates. Fiber optic cable can't even be looped without damaging its ability to transfer data.

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J & S Data Com is a newly formed division of J & S Oilfield Electric, an eight-year-old Permian Basin company. Cunningham says they had many requests from clients to run computer cable while doing other jobs. As a result, they decided to become certified in computer cable in order to do the best possible job.

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Peggy reports that people are continuing to enliven their homes with gold and white for Christmas, along with the traditional reds and greens of the season.

Flowerland's Winnie the Pooh Christmas collection can brighten the eyes of both the young and young at heart this Christmas.

Why be a basket case again this year? Call Flowerland to the rescue!

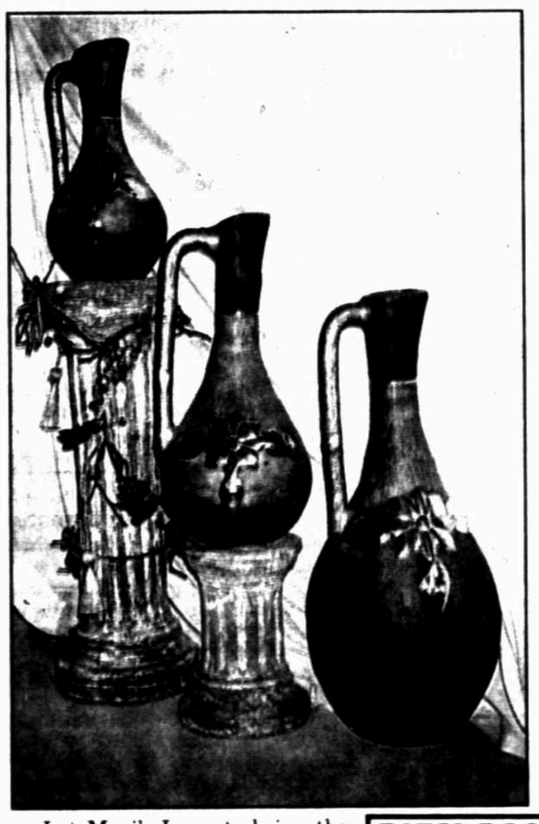
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Owner Maria Garcia has just returned from Guanajuato, Guadalajara and Michocan with lots of quality decorative items that say, "Feliz Navidad." She has a beautiful selection of blown glass pitchers, decanters and glasses. Amber is the most popular color, but blue and green are doing well, too.

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TRIBE: Indians trade Grissom

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unheard of in this town — that Lofton issued his rally cry.

Then, the Indians stunned the city and baseball by trading Lofton to the Braves, fearing he would sign with another team after the season. Always quotable, Lofton said, "It's like somebody stabbing you in the back."

After sub-par year in Atlanta, where he said he felt misunderstood and underappreciated, Lofton slipped into his Indians jersey again.

"We got the ol' No. 7," Hart said. "Still fit?"

"I'm glad to be back where I belong," said Lofton, who got a rousing ovation when he returned to Jacobs Field in a Braves uniform for the All-Star game. "Everyone knows I belong here. Hopefully I'll be here for the rest of my career."

Lofton's agent, Steve Zucker, said Milwaukee offered Lofton a five-year deal worth more than $40 million, but he turned it down. The Indians offered a similar deal for a little less money, but Lofton opted for the shorter contract with all money paid up front.

"We had our sights set on Kenny Lofton, but as that thing progressed it looked like we weren't going to be able to sign Kenny," Milwaukee general manager Sal Bando said. "We proceeded to contact Cleveland to see what they were looking for Marquis Grissom."

Grissom and Justice led the Indians to the World Series for the second time in three years, taking leadership roles on a club whose personality made a complete reversal from the volatile days dominated by Albert Belle.

"I was here with all those guys when the team was down," Lofton said, referring to Cleveland teammates like Sandy Alomar and Jim Thome. "I felt I wanted to be a part of this team when it won it all."

Asked what it was like to watch his former team in the World Series two months ago, Lofton said, "Hard. It was real hard. I felt like I was right there with the guys."

Lofton, who played for the Indians from 1992-96, will get $7.5 million in each of the next three seasons, and Cleveland has an option for 2001 at between $8 million and $9 million, depending on his performance. If the option isn't exercised, Cleveland must pay a $1.5 million buyout.

McDonald, 30, is a 6-foot-7 power pitcher known for a big-breaking curveball. He was 8-7 with a 4.06 ERA for the Brewers last season, but made only 21 starts because of shoulder injuries.

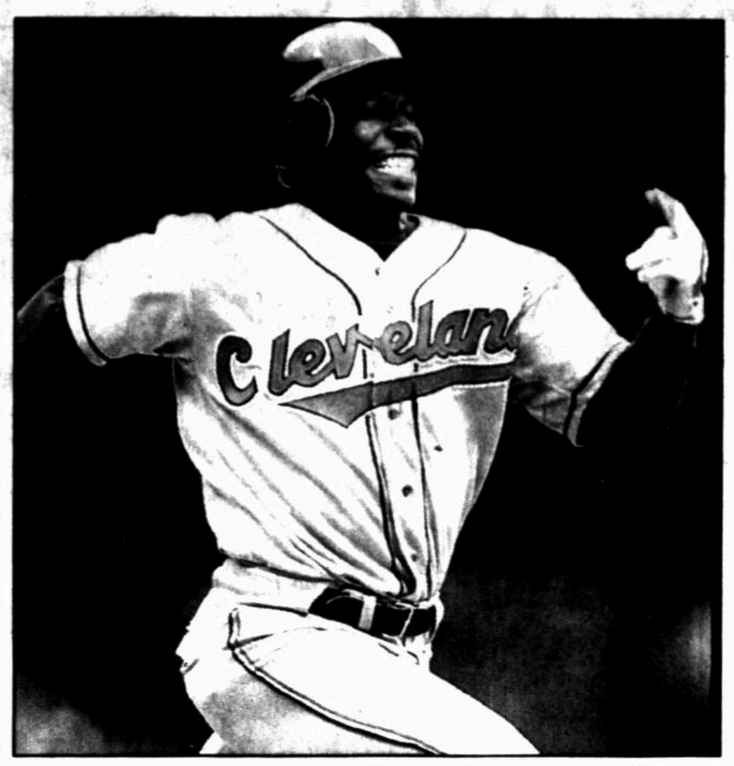
Fetters was set to be Milwaukee's closer, but pulled a hamstring in spring training and lost the job to veteran Doug Jones. Fetters was 1-5 with a 3.45 ERA and six saves.

Karsay, 25, was 3-12 with a 5.77 ERA in 24 starts for the A's last year as he battled elbow tendinitis late in the year. He missed most of 1995 and '96 after having surgery on the elbow.

Villone, 27, was 1-0 with a 3.42 ERA, striking out 40 in 52 2-3 innings. Juden, 26, was 11-5 with a 4.22 ERA with Montreal last year, but finished the year 0-1 with a 5.46 ERA with the Indians.

Grissom, 30, batted .262 with 22 steals, but improved to .292 in the postseason and .360 in the World Series. He played Gold Glove caliber defense all season — many thought better than Lofton.

Grissom is due to make $5 million in 1998, the first year of a $25 million, five-year deal he signed with the Indians in May. Lofton made $4.75 million in 1997.



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In a stunning turnaround, the Indians signed Kenny Lofton Monday and traded Marquis Grissom to Milwaukee for three pitchers including Ben McDonald, sources told The Associated Press.

Indians Trade Stats

By The Associated Press

Career regular season statistics for the players involved in Monday's trade between the Cleveland Indians and the Milwaukee Brewers:

TO MILWAUKEE

Marquis Grissom

Regular Season

Year, Team	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
1989, Mon	74	16	19	1	2	1	.257
1990, Mon	288	42	74	3	29	22	.257
1991, Mon	558	73	149	6	39	76	.267
1992, Mon	653	99	180	14	66	78	.276
1993, Mon	630	104	188	19	95	53	.298
1994, Mon	475	96	137	11	45	36	.288
1995, Atl	551	80	142	12	42	29	.258
1996, Atl	671	106	207	23	74	28	.308
1997, Cle	558	74	146	12	66	22	.262
Totals	4458	690	1242	101	458	345	.279

Jeff Juden

Regular Season

Year, Team	IP	W-L	BB	SO	ERA
1991, Hou	18	0-2	7	11	6.00
1993, Hou	5	0-1	4	7	5.40
1994, Phi	27.2	1-4	12	22	6.18
1995, Phi	62.2	2-4	31	47	4.02
1996, SF-Mon	74.1	5-0	34	61	3.27
1997, Mon	130	11-5	57	107	4.22
1997, Cle	31.1	0-1	15	29	5.46
Totals	349.2	19-17	160	284	4.35

TO CLEVELAND

Ben McDonald

Regular Season

Year, Team	IP	W-L	BB	SO	ERA
1989, Bal	7.1	1-0	4	3	8.59
1990, Bal	118.2	8-5	35	65	2.43
1991, Bal	126.1	6-6	43	85	4.84
1992, Bal	227	13-13	74	158	4.24
1993, Bal	220.1	13-14	86	171	3.39
1994, Bal	157.1	14-7	54	94	4.06
1995, Bal	80	3-6	38	62	4.16
1996, Mil	221.1	12-10	67	148	3.90
1997, Mil	133	8-7	36	110	4.06
Totals	1291.1	78-70	437	894	3.91

Lofton's Stats

By The Associated Press

Career regular season statistics for Kenny Lofton, who agreed to terms Monday on a three-year contract with the Cleveland Indians:

Regular Season

Year, Team	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	SB	AVG
1991, Hou	74	9	15	0	0	2	.203
1992, Cle	576	96	164	5	42	66	.285
1993, Cle	569	116	185	1	42	70	.325
1994, Cle	459	105	160	12	57	60	.349
1995, Cle	481	93	149	7	53	54	.310
1996, Cle	662	132	210	14	67	75	.317
1997, Atl	493	90	164	5	48	27	.333
Totals	3314	641	1047	44	309	354	.316

Indians ink Gooden

By Ken Berger
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — Dwight Gooden signed a two-year contract with the Cleveland Indians on Monday, leaving New York for the first time since that overwhelming rookie season for the Mets in 1984.

Saying he is a better pitcher and more mature person at 33, Gooden was introduced along with Kenny Lofton, who agreed to a three-year deal with Cleveland.

"There's no place like this in baseball where the crowd is so into it," said Gooden, who agreed to a two-year deal worth $5,675,000. "If I had to leave New York, this was the place to go."

Gooden was the 1984 NL Rookie of the Year for the Mets and won the NL Cy Young Award the following year, leading the league in strikeouts both years. His 24-4 record and 1.53 ERA in '85 stands as one of the best seasons ever by a pitcher.

But that was long ago. Gooden has been troubled by numerous drug suspensions throughout his career and has won more than 13 games only twice this decade. He missed two months after hernia surgery last season.

"Once I got back in the rotation, I felt strong, I felt fine," Gooden said. "Until the Indians knocked us out of the playoffs."

The Indians, who beat the Yankees in the first round en route to the AL championship, hoped to solve their pitching problems by signing Gooden and getting right-hander Ben McDonald from Milwaukee for Marquis Grissom.

"We wanted to improve our pitching staff this winter," Cleveland general manager John Hart said. "That was our first priority."

If nothing else, they got Gooden to quit pitching against them. Gooden is 5-0 in his career against Cleveland, including 3-0 last season. He was 6-5 with a 5.53 ERA against the rest of the American League.

"It was a nice ballpark, a nice atmosphere," Gooden said. "I felt comfortable on the mound."

Gooden is 177-97 in 13 major league seasons — all in New York. He pitched for the Mets from 1984-94 and spent the past two seasons with the Yankees. He capped an emotional comeback from past drug troubles by pitching a no-hitter in 1996 against Seattle.

"Doc is a great competitor and a quality person," said Hart, who has know Gooden since the pitcher was growing up in Tampa, Fla.

"I've known John for a long time," Gooden said. "They've been very close as far as winning it all, and I wanted to be a part of that."

Gooden, who was not offered arbitration by the Yankees, gets a $100,000 signing bonus and $2,587,500 in each of the next two seasons. Cleveland has a $3 million option for 2000 and must pay a $400,000 buyout if it's not exercised.

KILE: Astros rile star

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was offered $18 million for three years with an option year with a $2 million buyout, which would bring it to three years at $20 million guaranteed.

"Darryl didn't want the option year and those things. He told them three weeks ago, 'If you guys change it to a signing bonus of $3 million and then three years at $6 million, we'll sign it.'"

Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker stuck by his figures that the Astros did offer Kile a three-year, $21 million deal and remained mystified about what went wrong.

"I've got a lot of unanswered questions about it myself," Hunsicker said Monday. "I would like to sit down with Jeff and Darryl, too, to see what happened. I've always been in Darryl's corner."

Hunsicker said the confusion started Thursday.

"For some reason, the pace really quickened Thursday," Hunsicker said. "There appeared to be a sense of urgency on their part and I'm not sure why. We conferred and there were several different offers and every time we upped the offer.

"We made the offer of $21 million late in the day and there was no acknowledgment from them at the time that it was too late."

Barry Axelrod is the agent for both Bagwell and Kile.

Hunsicker is strapped with a $37 million budget that negotiations with Kile had severely strained.

"We went farther than we really could," Hunsicker said. "That's the really frustrating part. Then to lose Darryl and on top of that have this other sequel (Bagwell's complaint)."

Hunsicker said he didn't think the incident would cause any lasting problem.

"Things are often said in the heat of battle but aren't really meant, and I hope that's the case here," Hunsicker said. "Both sides worked so hard to get this deal done and it just didn't work out."

Molitor stays with Twins, signs one-year deal

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — St. Paul native Paul Molitor has decided to remain a Minnesota Twin, agreeing at the last minute to a $4.15 million, one-year contract.

Ron Simon, Molitor's agent, had said last week that Molitor probably would sign with either Toronto or Baltimore by today because he was unwilling to play for the Twins in what could be a lame-duck season in Minnesota.

Instead, Molitor agreed Sunday night to stay for a raise of $650,000.

As part of the deal, Molitor will donate $150,000 to Camp Heartland, a camp for children with HIV, a charity to which Twins owner Carl Pohlad has agreed to give a similar contribution. Molitor and his wife, Linda, are co-chairs of the organization.

Baltimore and Toronto each reportedly offered a one-year deal for $4.25 million.

"I almost had convinced myself to go to one of those two teams," Molitor said.

Molitor, 41, reached his decision less than two hours before the deadline for teams to offer salary arbitration to their free agents. After 11 p.m. Sunday, Molitor would have been unable to re-sign with the Twins until May 1.

Blue Jays re-sign Fernandez

■ Baseball Roundup

TORONTO — Tony Fernandez returned to the Toronto Blue Jays, agreeing to a $2.5 million, one-year contract.

Fernandez, 35, hit .286 in 120 games for Cleveland last season with 11 homers and 44 RBIs. He played with Toronto from 1983 until 1990, then returned briefly in 1993.

After earning $1.55 million last season, Fernandez will get $2 million in 1998. Toronto has a $2.2 million option for 1999 and must pay a $500,000 buyout if it's not exercise.

Fernandez's return addresses one of Toronto's biggest needs this off-season: a dependable second baseman with offensive punch. Carlos Garcia, Thomas Perez and Mariano Duncan all played there last year, but none hit higher than .230. Toronto was last in the AL East at 76-86 and finished last in the league in many offense categories.

Devil Rays sign Sorrento to two-year contract

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Paul Sorrento considered offers from several teams, then weighed the intangibles of continuing his career with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. In his mind, there was no comparison.

The chance to play every day, whether as a designated hitter or at first base, plus the opportunity to keep his family in Florida year-round made it an easy decision to sign with the AL expansion team.

Sorrento, 32, joins pitchers Roberto Hernandez and Wilson Alvarez, outfielder Dave Martinez and first baseman Fred McGriff in forming the nucleus of the club's first roster.

The Devil Rays are expected to add free agent third baseman Wade Boggs on Tuesday.

Dodgers sign Jose Vizcaino to $9.5 million, three-year contract

LOS ANGELES — Shortstop Jose Vizcaino, who started his career with the Los Angeles Dodgers, rejoined the team Monday, agreeing to a $9.5 million, three-year contract.

Vizcaino, 29, hit .266 in a career-high 151 games for the San Francisco Giants last season. He made just 16 errors to rank fifth among shortstops in the NL with a .976 fielding average, and committed just one error in his last 40 games.

The Giants didn't offer arbitration to Vizcaino by the deadline on Sunday night. Because of that, the Dodgers don't owe them a draft pick as compensation for the signing.

Umpires ordered to time breaks

NEW YORK (AP) — In their battle with television, the umpires' decision wasn't final.

Baseball umpires have been ordered by an arbitrator to use stopwatches between innings to ensure that pitches aren't thrown before television is back on the air from commercial breaks.

Umpires balked last spring at using the stopwatches to make sure that breaks were 2 minutes, 25 seconds during nationally televised Saturday afternoon and Sunday night games and 2:05 for other regular-season games.

The American and National leagues filed a grievance and, for once, baseball owners won.

"This a powerful wakeup call that the umpires work for the leagues and should comply to appropriate direction," said Robert Kheel, the lawyer who represents the leagues.

Umpires argued that timing the breaks wasn't covered by their collective bargaining agreement.

RANGERS: Elster returns to Arlington

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for 1998, plus incentive bonuses, with a club option for $1.8 million, plus the '98 bonuses becoming guaranteed.

The second year of the deal would become guaranteed if Elster starts 130 games in 1998. If not, the club could buy out the option year for $150,000.

Elster, 33, earned the 1996 American League Comeback Player of the Year award with the Rangers in a year he started as a non-roster player at the Texas spring training camp, having played 49 major-league games in 1992-95.

During that time, Elster produced just one homer and nine RBIs while continuing to recover from a right shoulder injury with the Mets in 1992.

After winning the starting shortstop job when Benji Gil required back surgery, he went on to bat .252 with 24 home runs and 99 RBIs in 157 games. He set club records for homers and RBIs by a shortstop, tied for the AL lead in sacrifice bunts with 16. His 92 RBI while batting ninth in the order set a major-league record.

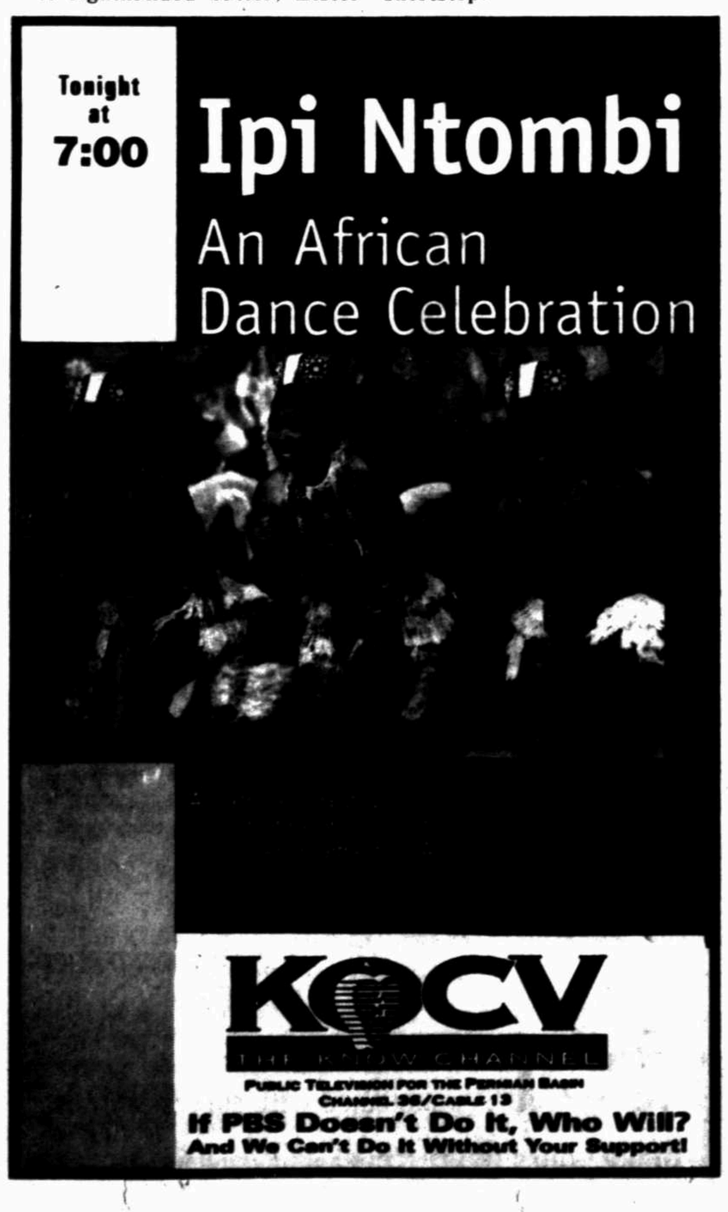
The Rangers chose not to resign Elster when Gil returned, but the longtime Rangers prospect proved to be erratic in the field and unproductive at bat.

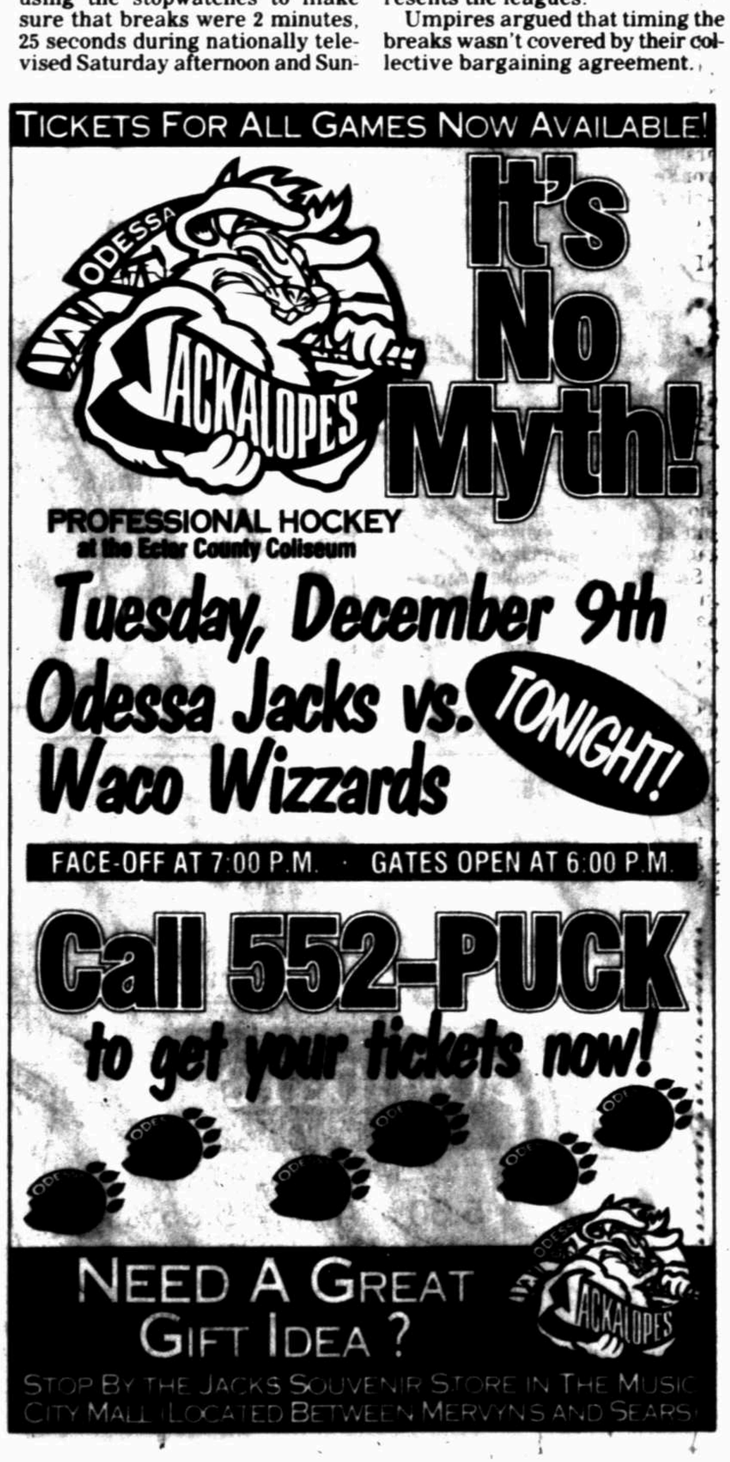
Meanwhile, Elster signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates as a free agent on a one-year deal worth $1.65 million. He batted .225 with seven home runs and 25 runs batted in in 39 games last season before fracturing his left wrist in a May 16 collision at first base with Florida second-baseman Kurt Abbott.

After surgery the next day, Elster spent the rest of the season on the disabled list. But until then, he compiled a .994 fielding percentage for the shortened season, with just one error in 178 chances and got his 500th career hit on opening day, April 1, at San Francisco.

A righthanded batter, Elster ranked third among AL shortstops with a .981 fielding percentage and went 45 games error-free from June 29 to Aug. 19. That's the longest streak ever for a Texas shortstop.







Midland's Cervi widens world barrel racing lead at National Finals Rodeo

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Midland's Sherry Cervi solidified her first-place spot in the world standings by taking second in the barrell racing at the Nationals Finals Rodeo being held this week at the Thomas and Mack Center.

Cervi took second in Sunday's third round, collecting $6,621 to up her 1997 total to $118,257.

Kay Blanfored of Sutherland Springs won the round with a time if 14.23 seconds.

In other events, calf roper Stran Smith is making up for lost time at the National Finals Rodeo.

Smith,a Tell native, failed to qualify for last year's NFR. But he's back and has his sights set on the lead after a solid second-place effort of 8.3 seconds in Sunday's third round before 16,741 fans.

"I'm just happy to be here," said Smith, who picked up $10,594 to up his 1997 earnings to $107,562, less than $5,000 behind world leader Cody Ohl, who didn't place Sunday and is at $111,830. "I know what it's like to be at home watching this on TV."

Blair Burk of Durant, Okla., won the round in 7.4, a time Smith thought he should have hit as well.

"I definitely should have tied that calf in 7," Smith said. "I thought that the round would be a little faster than it was. This was the best pen of calves. They'll come back with this pen (in the later rounds), and they'll be tied up faster than any of them."

Burk, coming off a disappointing second round of 31.5 that included a 10-second penalty, was just a tenth of a second off the arena record of 7.3, which he and Ohl set last year.

"It was a good run, and I had a great calf," Burk said. "Anybody can be lucky — I was lucky tonight."

In bareback riding, Cleve Schmidt of Miles City, Mont., scored 87 aboard Copenhagen William to win the round and collect $12,310. Eric Mouton of Weatherford, Okla., and Lance Crump of Cooper tied for second to get $8,020 apiece.

Bareback world leader Denny McLanahan of Canadian earned his first check of the NFR, taking fifth to pocket $2,611 and up his 1997 earnings to $92,720.

The steer wrestling featured a three-way tie for first, with Brad Gleason of Ennis, Montana, Tom Duvall of Henryetta, Okla., and Lee Graves of Calgary, Alberta, posting times of 3.5 to earn $10,594 each.

Speed Williams and Rich Skelton of Llano tied with Walt Rodman of Galt, Calif., and Kyle Lockett of Ivanhoe, Calif., for top team roping honors at 4.8 seconds, good for $7,729 apiece.

In saddle bronc riding, Glen O'Neill of Water Valley, Alberta, rode Range Sheep to an 84 and first-place money of $12,310. But the bigger development was that world leader Dan Mortensen of Manhattan, Mont., got bucked off for a no score, which could make it difficult for him to win the saddle broncs by the time the 10-day event ends as it likely drops him out of the average money.

That will also damage his hopes for his first all-around title, although he still leads Ohl by nearly $30,000 at $155,463.

Bull rider Keith Adams earned 90 points on Skoal Riverdance for first place and $12,310. Kelly Armstrong took second with an 88, and the $9,326 he earned put him atop the world standings at $78,412.

Permian Basin Stars

How some of the Permian Basin NFR Qualifiers are doing after Sunday's round at the National Finals Rodeo which is being held in Las Vegas

Shot Branum: The Midland team roper missed out on the money in Day 3 after placing in the top 6 in the first two rounds.

On Saturday, the heeler teamed with Richard Elguren of Jordan Valley, Ore. to take second in the round and earn $6,621.

In the first round, the two earned $490 with a sixth-place finish.

Sheri Cervi: The Midland barrel racer is still the No. 1 woman in the world after three rounds of the NFR.

Cervi, who won the 1995 world title, has a second, third and fifth at the NFR and raised her earnings for the year to $118,257.

She leads Kristie Peterson of Elbert, Colo., by more than $9,000.

Steve Northcott: The Odessa team roper stands in second place in the world, trailing Llano's Rich Skelton by less than $6,000.

Northcott has $66,303 while Skelton has earned $72,038.

Northcott and his partner Steve Purcella have placed in a round only once, taking second on the first day.



AP Laserphoto

Barrel racer Sherry Cervi of Midland, seen here placing third in an earlier round, leads the world championship standings. Cervi has placed in all three rounds going into Monday at the National Finals Rodeo.

Iowa, Arizona State to battle in El Paso

EL PASO (AP) — Iowa's enthusiastic fans combined with Arizona State's proximity to El Paso should make for a terrific Norwest Sun Bowl, organizers said.

"We've had tons of phone calls just this afternoon for tickets. One guy called in from Arizona and bought $800 worth of tickets — and he's an Iowa fan," selection committee chairman John Folmer said Sunday.

The 17th-ranked Sun Devils play in Tempe, about a six-hour drive from El Paso. And when Iowa drubbed No. 20 Washington 38-18 in the 1995 Sun Bowl, the Hawkeyes had sold about 6,500 tickets — nearly three times more than what most teams accomplish.

Last year, about 42,000 attended the match between Stanford and Michigan State. The nation's second-oldest bowl is estimated by boosters to bring about $9.2 million a year into the area.

This year's game, televised by CBS, will be played at 2 p.m. EST on Dec. 31.

The Sun Bowl has had its financial difficulties. It went without a title sponsor after John Hancock Financial Services, a Boston-based insurance company pulled out in 1993. In March 1995, Minneapolis-based Norwest agreed to sponsor the game.

The bowl received some long-term security this fall when El Paso voters decided to levy a 5 percent per day tax on rental cars, which could raise an estimated $1.5 million starting with next year's game.

■ Sun Bowl matchup

Each school is required to buy 8,000 tickets of the nearly 52,000 available.

Iowa coach Hayden Fry said the players chose the Sun Bowl over the Independence Bowl in Shreveport, La. The Hawkeyes had a 7-4 record this year.

"We listened to everyone, had quite a few bowls contact us, but by contract we were tied up with the Sun Bowl if everything fell into place the way it did," Fry said. "But our players always make the decision on a bowl game, unless we're obligated to go to the Rose Bowl. They voted, and they all voted to go to the Sun Bowl."

The Sun Devils, 8-3, have been to one bowl game under Bruce Snyder — last year's 20-17 Rose Bowl loss to Ohio State. But this season's attendance figures may signal how substantial their fan turnout will be for the Sun Bowl, he said.

"I can just say this, this is our home crowd I'm judging this by," Snyder said. "Last year we went 11-0 and set a record attendance mark and yet this year, we broke that record.

"Arizona State fans like what we're doing, they like what we have. My take is that we're going to travel very well, bring a lot of enthusiastic fans, and that there will be a lot of maroon and gold in El Paso."

Time needed to groom NFL quarterbacks

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

Kordell Stewart, Bobby Hoying and Danny Kanell proved what's obvious to coaches but rarely to fans.

Don't expect a young quarterback to be consistent. And wait a few years to see if he succeeds.

Two pictures from Sunday:

Stewart, the prototype of the new quarterback, throwing over and running through the Denver Broncos in a 35-24 win by the Steelers. The stats: 18 of 29 for 303 yards, three touchdown passes, 10 carries for 49 yards and two TDs rushing.

Kanell, put on notice by coach Jim Fassel after three lackluster performances, becoming the first Giants QB since Phil Simms in 1993 to throw three touchdown passes in a game in a 31-21 win over Philadelphia. He outplayed Hoying, who had become Philadelphia's golden boy of the month with a 2-0-1 record in games against Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati.

"I made some mistakes which really hurt us today, but that was the best defense I've faced," said Hoying, who threw three interceptions, fumbled twice and was sacked four times.

"I know this week I'm going to have to deal with some criticism that I haven't had to deal with. Things have been rosy around here for the last three weeks."

That's life for a young quarterback.

Brett Favre drove Mike Holmgren nuts in his first two seasons in Green Bay ("I sometimes wondered if we'd ever get on the same page," Holmgren says.) But after a touchdown-to-interception ratio of 37-37 in 1992-93, he's 140-55 from 1994-97, and on Sunday became the first NFL quarterback to throw 30 TD passes in four straight seasons.



AP Laserphoto

Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Kordell Stewart (10) scrambles nine yards for a fourth quarter touchdown to cap a 35-24 win over the Denver.

Kanell was welcomed in New York as a savior after two-plus losing seasons with Dave Brown. He was 4-0 in his first four starts. But then, as young quarterbacks do, he hit the wall — going 1-2-1 and leading Fassel to suggest Brown could be back.

Fassel acknowledged that tactic had more to do with motivation than a genuine threat. And after two major mistakes — a fumble that set up one Philadelphia touchdown and an interception returned for another, the coach simply went over to his quarterback and told him to relax. The result: three TD passes, all highlight reel stuff.

Stewart is a tribute to Pittsburgh coach Bill Cowher, who committed to him at the beginning of the year, and stuck with him through horrible times. The best example was a win over Baltimore in which he threw three interceptions in the first half as the Steelers fell behind 21-0, then threw for three TDs and ran for two more to rally Pittsburgh to a 42-34 win.

Stewart now has 10 touchdown runs this year — two short of Steve Grogan's single-season record for a quarterback. But he also has 20 touchdown passes and 2,667 yards. Not bad for a guy who supposedly can't pass.

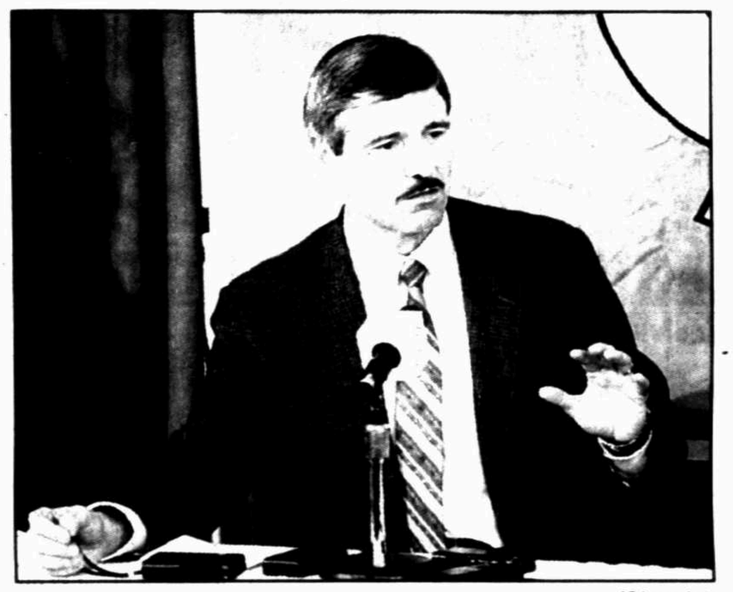
"Usually, teams don't respect Kordell as a passer and they want him to have the ball in his hands to try to win the game," said Jerome Bettis, whose running opens the field for Stewart.

"But we knew they were going to make a concerted effort to stop the run, and we'd have to throw the ball."

Stewart is also setting an example for college QBs, like Donovan McNabb, the Syracuse quarterback who is considering entering the draft as a junior. He doesn't fit the stereotype for an NFL dropback quarterback, but Stewart's success has encouraged him.

"Offensive coordinators can put more plays in with bootlegs now," he says. "Or if things were to break down, the receivers know that the quarterback can get out. It's shown with Kordell Stewart and the success that he's had at Pittsburgh."

Nice tribute.



AP Laserphoto

Newly-named North Carolina football coach Carl Torbush answers questions during a news conference Monday at the Kenan Football Center in Chapel Hill, N.C. Torbush succeeds Mack Brown, who left to become head coach at the University of Texas.

UNC hires coordinator to coach football team

By David Droschak
AP Sports Writer

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — North Carolina stayed within the program, hiring defensive coordinator Carl Torbush as its new football coach on Monday to replace Mack Brown.

The decision came after a group of six players, including All-American defensive end Greg Ellis, went to athletic director Dick Baddour demanding that Torbush get the job.

Baddour said he didn't require much convincing because Torbush was always high on his list of candidates

"We are a Carolina family, and I felt the team was concerned about what was going to happen to that family," Baddour said.

Torbush thanked the players for their actions and also gave credit to a group of North Carolina coaches, including retired basketball coach Dean Smith and his replacement Bill Guthridge, who supported his selection.

"To that small group that stepped forward above and beyond the call of duty, I thank you," Torbush said. "You made my special dream come true."

Some players have spoken harshly of Brown since he announced his decision last week to take the coaching job at Texas. Torbush, though, credited Brown with his success as an assistant at North Carolina.

"Without question, without him I would not be here today," Torbush said. "He made a very tough decision, and he's been behind me every step of the way."

Torbush, 46, will take over as head coach immediately, coaching the team in the Gator Bowl against Virginia Tech on Jan. 1.

The terms of Torbush's contract were not immediately released. Baddour said the contract still needs approval from school trustees before becoming final.

The decision marked the second time within the last two months the Tar Heels have hired a head coach from the ranks of its assistants. Guthridge, a longtime assistant, was hired Oct. 9 to replace Smith, who had coached basketball at North Carolina for 36 seasons.

Torbush, a native of East Spencer, was hired as the school's 30th football coach one day after Georgia's Jim Donnan turned down an offer from the school.

Torbush came to North Carolina with Brown in 1987, and has served as defensive coordinator since 1994. Under his leadership, the Tar Heels (10-1) finished first in the Atlantic Coast Conference in defense each of the last three seasons and led the nation in scoring defense in 1996.

This season, No. 7 North Carolina was fifth in the nation in scoring defense and second in total defense.

Torbush has only one year of head coaching experience at the college level, leading Louisiana Tech in 1987 after serving as an assistant there for four seasons. He also served as an assistant coach at Baylor, Southeastern Louisiana and Mississippi.

Champion Packers back to Super Bowl form

By Arnie Stapleton
AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Green Bay Packers were shell-shocked after giving up 467 yards and 41 points a month ago to the hapless Indianapolis Colts.

Since then, they've handily beaten Dallas, Minnesota and Tampa Bay — the last two on the road — to re-establish their Super Bowl credentials.

"The sun is shining now," receiver Antonio Freeman said Monday. "We want to keep that sun shining."

It was snowing, actually, but the point was well taken.

After a difficult start to the season when they had a tough time manufacturing emotion against lesser opponents, the Packers (11-3) have won eight of nine to wrap up their third straight NFC Central crown.

They feel they're the team to beat, even if they don't catch San Francisco for homefield advantage throughout the playoffs.

In the last three weeks, the Packers have ended an eight-game losing streak to the Cowboys, won at the Metrodome for the first time ever under coach Mike Holmgren and beaten a Bucs team on Sunday that billed the game as its biggest in 18 seasons.

And they've surrendered progressively fewer points (17, 11, 6) despite a defensive line that turned into a revolving door with Gilbert Brown (ankle) and Reggie White (back) hindered by injuries.

No wonder the Packers have their strut back.

"I feel better now that I did last year," said quarterback Brett Favre, whose play over the last month has made him a serious contender for a third straight Most Valuable Player award.

"After winning the Super Bowl, there was so much pressure on us, everybody expected us to just roll, to go 16-0," Favre said. "I never thought it was going to be that easy, and it hasn't been."

That's why the Packers didn't take their third straight division title for granted, even if some of their fans did.

"We maybe appreciate this one more because it was harder to get," Favre said. "Now the key is not to let up and continue. But I'd have to say ... confidence-wise, we're playing our best football right now."

And not only on offense.

The Packers held the Bucs to just 67 yards rushing after surrendering 217 the first time they met. And they allowed just 94 yards passing.

"I'm not sure I've been around a better defensive performance," said defensive coordinator Fritz Shurmur, who has spent 23 seasons in the NFL.

The only area of concern is special teams. But Holmgren said he's not worried about punter Craig Hentrich's league-leading 19 touchbacks.

"I think Craig's the best punter in the league," said Holmgren, who would rather Hentrich risk a touchback by kicking straight ahead than gamble on a block or shank by aiming for the sidelines.

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MOSS: Marshall star nation's best receiver

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big plays."

At 6-foot-5, Moss is taller than most defensive backs and he's faster, with 4.25 speed in the 40-yard-dash. He's also got an impressive 39-inch vertical leap and huge hands with tentaclelike fingers that rarely drop passes.

The 1997 Randy Moss highlight film begins with a 90-yard touchdown against Army.

Cradling a screen pass behind the line of scrimmage on his own 5, Moss took off across the field, faking two linemen off their feet, stiff-arming another defender, hurdling yet another and, without losing a step, accelerating down the left sideline while the rest of the field seemed to be in slow motion.

Already named the MAC player of the year and a finalist for the Biletnikoff Award given to the nation's best receiver, Moss is setting new standards for receivers, having scored at least one touchdown in each of his 27 college games.

But Moss says he would rather watch the Heisman Trophy ceremony Dec. 13 on his living room television than in person. He is one of four players invited to New York for the ceremony.

"I think just for the fact that I'm coming out of a small school here in Huntington, it would be very difficult for me to win it," Moss said.

"Hopefully it's not that big of a factor, but deep down inside I think it is."

Moss' college career was almost over before it began.

One of West Virginia's most celebrated high school athletes, Moss was headed to Notre Dame but the Irish revoked the scholarship after he was charged with attacking another student at DuPont High School.

Moss pleaded guilty to battery and was sentenced to 30 days in jail. He was allowed to defer most of the sentence until after his freshman year in college.

Florida State was quick to roll out the welcome mat, but a year later rolled it back up when Moss violated his probation by smoking marijuana. A one-year jail sentence was reduced a month later to time served after he completed algebra and speech communications classes in a work-study program.

Although Moss never played at Florida State, Bowden was well aware of his talent.

"He's just got so many tools, limitless tools," the coach said after watching Moss practice.

After his release from jail, Moss walked on at Marshall and scored 28 touchdowns, leading the Thundering Herd to the Division I-AA championship and a 15-0 record. This season, Marshall (10-2) returned to Division I-A after a 28-year absence and faces Mississippi in the Motor City Bowl on Dec. 26.

But can a wide receiver in the MAC win the Heisman? For that matter, can a wide receiver from any school win it? The last receiver to win it was Michigan's Desmond Howard in 1991.

"If the Heisman Trophy is for the best college player who does the most for his team, I think Randy deserves a shot," said Marshall quarterback Chad Pennington. "When the offense needs a big play, he's going to make one almost every time."

Nonetheless, the award is expected to go to players at higher-profile programs such as Tennessee's Peyton Manning, Michigan's Charles Woodson, or Ryan Leaf at Washington State.

But one-by-one, Moss has made believers out of each of his opponents.

"I don't know about the Heisman Trophy because I'm not into that. But anyone who can run that fast is special," said West Virginia coach Don Nehlen, whose team defeated Marshall 42-31 despite Moss' two touchdowns.

Moss has tried to deflect some of the attention toward his teammates. But he may also be trying to avoid the kind of negative publicity that came with his arrests and frankness.

He was sharply criticized in West Virginia after he told Sports Illustrated and the Los Angeles Times that he did not like the state and wanted to leave as quickly as possible.

Moss also drew heavy criticism when he said he didn't know much about the 1970 plane crash that wiped out Marshall's team in 1970, and while calling it a tragedy, he said it "wasn't nothing big."

Pruett says he and Moss have not discussed the Heisman or Moss' future. But he thinks Moss will go to the NFL rather than return for his junior season.

Moss says he has set no timetable and has enrolled for spring semester classes. The Heisman, Moss says with a shrug, would be nice, but losing won't break his heart.

In fact, he's weary of answering questions about it.

"This Heisman thing is not so big to me. If the trophy comes, great. I mean, if it wouldn't hurt anybody's feelings, I'd watch it on TV."

Moss Watch

By The Associated Press

A 1997 game-by-game breakdown of statistics for Marshall sophomore wide receiver Randy Moss:

Date Opponent	Rec	Yds	TD
Aug. 30 at W. Virginia	7	85	2
Sep. 6 at Army	5	186	2
Sep. 13 at Kent	8	216	3
Sep. 20 vs W.Illinois	5	57	2
Sep. 27 at Ball State	13	205	5
Oct. 11 vs Akron	6	107	2
Oct. 18 at Miami (Ohio)	10	147	1
Oct. 25 vs E. Michigan	8	124	1
Nov. 1 at Cnt. Michigan	7	193	2
Nov. 8 vs Bwling Green	7	56	1
Nov. 15 vs Ohio	7	101	1
Dec. 5 vs Toledo	7	170	3
Totals	90	1647	25



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Marshall University's Randy Moss is one of four college football players invited to the Downtown Athletic Club in New York on Saturday for Heisman award ceremonies.

NCAA Football Leaders

Individual Leaders

Leading Rushers

	Car	Yds	Avg	Yds Pg
Williams,Texas	279	1893	6.8	172.0
Green,Neb	278	1877	6.8	156.4
Zereoue,WVa	264	1505	5.7	150.5
Banks,Iowa	246	1639	6.7	149.0
Dayne,Wis	249	1421	5.7	142.1
Prentice,Mia.O	296	1549	5.2	140.8
Harris,Toledo	254	1278	5.0	127.8
Faulk,LSU	205	1144	5.6	127.1
Parker,Okla	194	1143	5.9	127.0
McCoy,Navy	246	1370	5.6	124.5
Enis,PennSt	228	1363	6.0	123.9
F.Taylor,Fla	214	1292	6.0	117.4
Holcombe,Ill	294	1253	4.3	113.9
Lewis,Tenn	232	1364	5.9	113.6
Davis,IowaSt	212	1005	4.7	111.6
Irvin,MichSt	231	1211	5.2	110.0
James,MiaFla	84	1098	6.0	109.8
McCullogh,Oregon	250	1193	4.8	108.4
Denson,NDame	264	1268	4.8	105.6
Black,WashSt	235	1157	4.9	105.1
Also				
Perry,Rice	162	1034	6.4	103.4
Wood,Rice	172	936	5.4	93.6
Nelson,Rice	196	953	4.9	86.6
Womack,SMU	181	775	4.3	86.1

Leading Passers

	Att	Cp	Yds	Tds	Pts
McNown,UCLA	283	173	2877	22	168.6
Leaf,WashSt	375	210	3637	33	161.2
Germaine,OhioSt	184	119	1674	15	160.4
Dutton,Nevada	367	225	3526	20	156.7
Huard,Wash	244	146	2140	23	156.4
Bobo,Ga	306	199	2751	19	155.8
McNabb,Syr	265	145	2488	20	154.0
G.Leigh,NMex	276	166	2318	24	153.6
Moreno,ColoSt	257	157	2257	20	153.5
Penningtn,Marsh	428	253	3480	39	151.9
Brooks,Va	270	164	2282	20	151.0
Rattay,LaTech	477	293	3881	34	149.1
Busby,FlaSt	390	235	3317	25	147.7
Manning,Tenn	477	287	3819	36	147.7
Culpepper,CenFla	381	238	3086	25	146.9
Gonzalez,Pitt	345	198	2657	30	146.7
Hamilton,GaTech	268	173	2314	12	146.6
Maas,Oregon	172	95	1443	15	145.2
N.Greene,Clem	265	169	2126	16	145.1
McQueary,PennSt	255	146	2211	17	145.0
Couch,Ky	547	363	3884	37	141.4
Also					
Stewart,TexA&M	196	111	1429	10	130.6

Total Offense

	Yds	Avg	Yds Pg
Rattay,LaTech	3968	7.3	360.7
Couch,Ky	3759	6.1	341.7
Leaf,WashSt	3583	8.0	325.7
Culpepper,CenFla	3524	6.8	320.3
Dutton,Nevada	3522	8.5	320.1
Manning,Tenn	3789	7.2	315.7
Batch,EMich	3390	6.5	308.1
Busby,FlaSt	3301	7.3	300.0
Davis,Kent	2883	6.9	288.3
Denton,UNLV	2591	5.9	287.8
Penningtn,Marsh	3421	7.0	285.0
Dicken,Purdue	3119	6.7	283.5
King,Tulane	3078	6.3	279.8
Craig,Aub	3277	6.5	273.0
Redman,Louv	2958	6.0	268.9
Brennan,Idaho	2668	6.1	266.8
Wallace,Toledo	3187	6.0	265.5
McNown,UCLA	2902	8.3	263.8
Sauk,UtahSt2898		6.5	263.4

Receiving

	Gms	Ct	Yds	Ct Pg
Baker,Kent	11	103	1549	9.3
Edwards,LaTech	11	102	1707	9.2
Walters,Stan	11	86	1206	7.8
Noisy,Nevada	11	86	1184	7.8
Moss,Marsh	12	90	1647	7.5
Burley,CenFla	11	77	1106	7.0
Wilson,Idaho	11	77	910	7.0
Shaw,Cal	11	75	1093	6.8
Jenkins,UtahSt	11	73	1086	6.6
Yeast,Ky	11	73	873	6.6
Clark,WF	11	72	950	6.5
Nash,Tenn	12	76	1170	6.3
Pathon,Wash	11	69	1245	6.2
Horne,Clem	11	68	897	6.1
Montano,Louv	11	67	875	6.0
Savage,Tulsa	11	66	1084	6.0
Foreman,WVa	11	65	818	5.9
Boston,OhioSt	12	70	930	5.8
Smith,Boise	11	64	917	5.8
Hoffart,Pitt	11	64	731	5.8

Receiving Yards Per Game

	Gms	Ct	Yds	YdsPg
Edwards,LaTech	11	102	1707	155.18
Baker,Kent	11	103	1549	140.82
Moss,Marsh	12	90	1647	137.25
Pathon,Wash	11	69	1245	113.18
Walters,Stan	11	86	1206	109.64
Noisy,Nevada	11	86	1184	107.64
Alford,Purdue	11	59	1167	106.09
Insley,Nevada	11	59	1151	104.64
Volz,NMex	12	69	1229	102.42
Burley,CenFla	11	77	1106	100.55

All-Purpose Runners

	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	Yds	YdsPg
Edwards,LaTech	190	1707	6	241	2144	194.91
Williams,Texas	1893	150	0	0	2043	185.73
Faulk,LSU	1144	93	192	217	1646	182.89
Moss,Marsh	2	1647	266	263	2178	181.50
Perry,Rice	1034	44	26	680	1784	178.40
Atwell,Minn	77	924	296	776	2073	172.75
Pathon,Wash	0	1245	209	386	1840	167.27
Banks,Iowa	1639	200	0	0	1839	167.18
Green,Neb	1877	105	0	0	1982	165.17
Irvin,MichSt	1211	339	263	0	1813	164.82
McCllogh,Orgon	1193	160	0	441	1794	163.09
Redmond,ArizSt	865	186	236	303	1590	159.00
Zereoue,WVa	1505	76	0	0	1581	158.10
Edwards,EMich	627	444	0	486	1557	155.70
Horne,Clem	7	897	298	491	1693	153.91
Dayne,Wis	1421	117	0	0	1538	153.80
Watley,IowaSt	0	827	12	852	1691	153.73
Harris,Toledo	1278	229	0	28	1535	153.50
Prentice,Mia.O	1549	138	0	0	1687	153.36
Walters,Stan	7	1206	424	41	1664	151.27
Also						
Sanford,Hou	636	101	0	530	1267	140.78

Scoring

	TD	XP	FG	Pts	PtPg
Williams,Texas	25	2	0	152	13.82
S.Hicks,UCLA	25	0	0	150	13.64
Prentice,Mia.O	25	0	0	150	13.64
Moss,Marsh	25	2	0	152	12.67
Enis,PennSt	20	2	0	122	11.09
Green,Neb	22	0	0	132	11.00
McCoy,Navy	20	0	0	120	10.91
Banks,Iowa	19	0	0	114	10.36
Lemon,Nevada	19	0	0	114	10.36
Baker,Kent	18	2	0	110	10.00
Faulk,LSU	15	0	0	90	10.00
Palazzo,Tulane	0	40	23	109	9.91
K.Brown,Neb	0	62	18	116	9.67
Sailer,UCLA	0	49	19	106	9.64
Wood,Rice	16	0	0	96	9.60
Zereoue,WVa	16	0	0	96	9.60
Also					
Bryant,TexA&M	0	48	18	102	8.50
Adams,SMU	10	0	0	60	6.67

Field Goals

	FGA	FG	Pct	FGPG
Palazzo,Tulane	28	23	.821	2.09
Cason,NMex	30	21	.700	1.75
Gramatica,KanSt	20	19	.950	1.73
Graham,VaTech	23	19	.826	1.73
Sailer,UCLA	24	19	.792	1.73
Gowins,NW	27	20	.741	1.67
K.Brown,Neb	21	18	.857	1.50
Bryant,TexA&M	22	18	.818	1.50
Lenhardt,Duke	20	16	.800	1.45
Janikwski,FlaSt	21	16	.762	1.45
Villareal,Hou	21	16	.762	1.45
Nycz,AnzSt	23	16	.696	1.45
Hazelwood,MissSt	26	16	.615	1.45
Also				
Courtney,NTex	16	14	.875	1.27
Dawson,Texas	16	13	.813	1.18
Rios,SMU	15	12	.800	1.09
Reeder,TCU	16	12	.750	1.09

Punting

	No	Avg
Kessler,LSU	39	50.28
Baker,NTex	62	47.18
Lechler,TexA&M	56	46.98
Hill,Tulane	42	46.19
Shrout,Hawaii	68	46.07
Williams,GaTech	47	45.64
Walker,MissSt	45	45.53
Langley,Wyo	79	45.16
Bartholmew,OhioSt	65	45.14
Kibble,VaTech	50	45.10
Also		
Atteberry,Baylor	65	42.98
Huffman,TCU	81	41.58

Interceptions

	G	No	Yds	TD	IPG
Lee,Wyo	11	8	103	1	7.3
Donaldson,LSU	11	7	192	2	6.4
Noel,LaTech	11	7	93	0	6.4
Smith,SnJose	11	7	80	0	6.4
Jones,Ohio	11	7	36	0	6.4
Rolle,FlaSt	11	7	32	0	6.4
Woodson,Mich	11	7	7	0	6.4
Darius,Syr	12	7	56	0	5.8
Jackson,Md	9	5	14	0	5.6
Surtain,SMiss	11	6	127	0	5.5
Guzar,Fres	11	6	114	2	5.5
Weary,Fla	11	6	113	0	5.5
Williams,OklaSt	11	6	107	1	5.5
Freeman,SC	11	6	95	1	5.5
McGill,MissSt	11	6	94	0	5.5
Brown,Fla	11	6	81	0	5.5
Reed,EMich	11	6	57	0	5.5
Carty,UtahSt	11	6	39	0	5.5
Smart,Ga	11	6	0	0	5.5
Terry,ColoSt	12	6	81	1	5.0
McCalla,Rice	10	5	81	0	5.0

Punt Returns

	No	Yds	TD	Avg
Dwight,Iowa	19	367	3	19.32
McQuartrs,OklaSt	32	521	1	16.28
Smith,UtahSt	22	344	2	15.64
Washingtn,Mia.O	12	185	0	15.42
G.Turner,ColoSt	20	304	1	15.20
Feaster,FlaSt	14	210	0	15.00
Spotwood,Syr	31	463	4	14.94
Keck,Cin	39	575	4	14.74
Neal,WMich	14	204	1	14.57
Green,Fla	27	392	2	14.52
Also				
Hall,TexA&M	17	208	1	12.24
Johnson,TxTech	24	278	2	11.58

Kickoff Returns

	No	Yds	TD	Avg
Booth,SMiss	22	766	2	34.82
Kelly,Colo	25	777	1	31.08
McGrew,Navy	15	441	0	29.40
B.William,SC	18	527	2	29.28
Johnson,Oregon	16	462	0	28.88
Rossum,NDame	20	570	2	28.50
Sanford,Hou	19	530	0	27.89
Horne,Clem	18	491	0	27.28
Dunn,Stan	21	566	0	26.95
Carter,Minn	17	455	0	26.76
Also				
McGrew,NTex	22	531	0	24.14

Team Leaders

By The Associated Press

Rushing Offense

	Car	Yds	Yds Pg
Nebraska	755	4711	392.6
Rice	690	3660	332.7
Navy	618	3370	306.4
Ohio	649	3321	301.9
Army	670	3247	295.2
Missouri	592	2899	263.5
LSU	521	2823	256.6
Iowa	492	2585	235.0
Air Force	688	2791	232.6
Oklahoma St.	592	2486	226.0
Akron	504	2431	221.0
Kansas St.	541	2422	220.2
Colorado St.	484	2631	219.3
Cincinnati	593	2371	215.5
Virginia Tech	548	2368	215.3
Penn St.	448	2295	208.6
Miami (Ohio)	482	2285	207.7
Oklahoma	591	2491	207.6
New Mexico	541	2476	206.3
Texas A&M	492	2465	205.4
Also			
Texas	412	2216	201.5
Southern Methodist	491	2170	197.3
Baylor	462	2039	185.4

Passing Offense

	Att	Cp	Yds	Yds Pg
Nevada	443	265	4072	370.2
Kentucky	562	374	4019	365.4
Louisiana Tech	495	301	3965	360.5
Washington St	400	223	3789	344.5
Florida St	440	262	3740	340.0
Tennessee	492	296	3981	331.8
Marshall	450	264	3688	307.3
Eastern Mich	438	250	3314	301.3
Louisville	473	276	3282	298.4
Kent	451	235	3243	294.8
Central Fla	394	243	3187	289.7
UNLV	471	249	3140	285.5
Purdue	421	228	3097	281.5
Utah St	397	200	3085	280.5
Florida	394	211	3039	276.3
Auburn	406	217	3282	273.5
Idaho	457	246	2999	272.6
UCLA	291	176	2929	266.3
Georgia	324	209	2890	262.7
Oregon	371	206	2883	262.1

Total Offense

	Plays	Yds	Yds Pg
Nebraska	937	6164	513.6
Washington St	808	5524	502.1
Louisiana Tech	813	5456	496.0
Tennessee	890	5794	482.8
Nevada	796	5272	479.2
Kentucky	876	5214	474.0
Purdue	794	5056	459.6
Florida St	784	4973	452.0
Utah St	835	4933	448.4
Marshall	832	5339	444.9
Miami (Ohio)	827	4876	443.2
Kent	815	4866	442.3
UCLA	741	4763	433.0
Georgia	758	4759	432.6
Syracuse	829	5127	427.2
Eastern Mich	808	4687	426.0
Iowa	736	4658	423.4
Colorado St	761	5076	423.0
Penn St	736	4648	422.5
Florida	759	4634	421.2
Also			
Texas	761	4373	397.5
Rice	759	4245	385.9

Scoring Offense

	G	Pts	Avg
Nebraska	12	565	47.1
Washington St	11	467	42.5
UCLA	11	448	40.7
Florida St	11	437	39.7
Marshall	12	453	37.8
Miami (Ohio)	11	412	37.5
Florida	11	409	37.2
Colorado St	12	442	36.8
Iowa	11	404	36.7
Navy	11	398	36.2
Syracuse	12	423	35.3
Texas A&M	12	422	35.2
Kansas St	11	383	34.8
Tennessee	12	411	34.3
Tulane	11	375	34.1
Central Fla	11	374	34.0
Utah St	11	370	33.6
Washington	11	369	33.5
Missouri	11	368	33.5
Louisiana Tech	11	364	33.1
Purdue	11	363	33.0
Also			
Rice	11	306	27.8

Net Punting

	Punts	Avg	Ret	Ret	Avg
LSU	54	46.0	17	150	43.3
Wyoming	79	45.2	28	181	42.9
Texas A&M	56	47.0	28	316	41.3
Mississippi St	58	43.0	20	102	41.3
North Texas	63	46.4	33	327	41.2
Georgia Tech	47	45.6	19	220	41.0
Oklahoma St	51	43.9	16	155	40.8
Arizona St	69	43.1	32	173	40.6
Penn St	55	42.6	23	130	40.2
Idaho	60	42.4	25	137	40.1
Tulane	42	46.2	25	256	40.1
Central Fla	56	42.6	23	154	39.8
Utah	40	43.2	16	141	39.7
Virginia Tech	54	42.0	18	141	39.4
Utah St	57	44.1	27	271	39.3
Also					
Texas Tech	67	39.9	21	163	37.5
Southern Methodist	73	39.2	34	156	37.0
Baylor	73	42.6	37	425	36.8

Punt Returns

	No	Yds	Avg
Iowa	34	620	18.2
Oklahoma St.	32	521	16.3
Syracuse	34	531	15.6
Colorado St.	33	506	15.3
Utah St.	24	362	15.1
Washington St.	36	525	14.6
Cincinnati	40	582	14.6
Stanford	32	460	14.4
San Diego St	22	309	14.0
Florida St.	45	632	14.0
Also			
Texas A&M	24	327	13.6
Texas Tech	33	349	10.6

Kickoff Returns

	No	Yds	Avg
Southern Miss.	31	873	28.2
Colorado	36	958	26.6
Syracuse	31	823	26.5
Kansas St.	18	470	26.1
Stanford	34	845	24.9
Minnesota	51	1257	24.6
Nebraska	29	706	24.3
Oregon	47	1144	24.3
Northern Ill.	54	1299	24.1
Miami (Ohio)	31	745	24.0
Also			
Texas Tech	32	741	23.2
Houston	45	982	21.8
North Texas	44	936	21.3
Texas Christian	34	718	21.1
Rice	40	841	21.0

Scoring Offense

	G	Pts	Avg
Nebraska	12	565	47.1
Washington St.	11	467	42.5
UCLA	11	448	40.7
Florida St.	11	437	39.7
Marshall	12	453	37.8
Miami (Ohio)	11	412	37.5
Florida	11	409	37.2
Colorado St.	12	442	36.8
Iowa	11	404	36.7
Navy	11	398	36.2
Syracuse	12	423	35.3
Texas A&M	12	422	35.2
Kansas St	11	383	34.8
Tennessee	12	411	34.3
Tulane	11	375	34.1
Central Fla	11	374	34.0
Utah St	11	370	33.6
Washington	11	369	33.5
Missouri	11	368	33.5
Louisiana Tech	11	364	33.1
Purdue	11	363	33.0
Also			
Rice	11	306	27.8

Turnover Margin

	Gained			Lost			
	Fum	Int	Tot	Fum	Int	TotMar	MarGm
Colorado St	20	18	38	4	9	13	2.08
UCLA	18	21	39	14	5	19	1.82
Texas A&M	22	11	33	11	4	15	1.50
Florida St	10	22	32	6	11	17	1.36
Tulane	8	26	34	6	14	20	1.27
SMU	12	15	27	7	7	14	1.18
Oklahoma St	14	15	29	8	8	16	1.18
Navy	13	14	27	6	8	14	1.18
Texas Tech	13	13	26	8	6	14	1.09
Purdue	11	20	31	5	14	19	1.09
LSU	12	14	26	7	7	14	1.09
Fresno St	12	17	29	9	7	16	1.08
Iowa	10	22	32	11	11	22	.91
Syracuse	11	16	27	9	8	17	.83
Southern Cal	10	14	24	4	11	15	.82
Michigan	4	22	26	12	5	17	.82

NCAA Team Defense

Rushing Defense

	Car	Yds	Yds Pg
Florida St	379	571	51.9
Florida	362	778	70.7
Nebraska	407	881	73.4
North Caro	371	857	77.9
Cincinnati	338	930	84.5
Clemson	362	971	88.3
Michigan	368	1001	91.0
Tennessee	382	1119	93.3
Southern Cal	381	1032	93.8
Wake Forest	364	1057	96.1
Iowa	408	1161	105.5
Arizona	411	1164	105.8
Vanderbilt	415	1169	106.3
Southern Miss	367	1184	107.6
UCLA	380	1191	108.3
Syracuse	443	1317	109.8
Mississippi St	373	1216	110.5
Navy	404	1233	112.1
Arizona St	403	1241	112.8
Oklahoma St	369	1247	113.4
Also			
Texas Tech	467	1511	137.4
Southern Methodist	450	1579	143.5

Pass Efficiency Defense

	Att	Cp	Yds	Tds	Pts
Michigan	292	145	1275	4	75.79
Ohio St	360	160	1724	6	79.62
North Caro	322	148	1445	7	81.52
Iowa	325	146	1766	12	89.21
Kansas St	239	99	1396	4	91.83
Wyoming	374	169	2358	11	95.02
Marshall	322	146	1948	8	95.04
New Mexico	333	153	1989	10	96.42
UAB	337	159	1912	12	96.50
Florida St	338	164	2084	12	99.01
Southern Miss	429	225	2278	13	99.13
Texas A&M	295	155	1804	3	99.81
Florida	392	192	2417	11	100.85
Tulane	368	197	2288	11	101.49
UCLA	442	221	2783	14	103.84
Michigan St	326	170	2043	10	103.87
Washington St	414	200	2353	21	104.09
Colorado St	390	201	2451	11	104.41
Western Mich	362	178	2215	10	104.71
LSU	404	203	2547	11	105.26
Also					
Southern Methodist	293	164	2050	10	115.77
Texas Tech	298	159	2038	15	118.69

Total Defense

	Plays	Yds	Yds Pg
Michigan	660	2276	206.9
North Caro	693	2302	209.3
Florida St.	717	2655	241.4
Kansas St	702	2825	256.8
Nebraska	717	3088	257.3
Navy	642	2863	260.3
Iowa	733	2927	266.1
Ohio St	820	3215	267.9
Vanderbilt	704	3026	275.1
Air Force	756	3471	289.3
Syracuse	769	3482	290.2
Florida	754	3195	290.5
Michigan St	716	3312	301.1
Oklahoma St	678	3330	302.7
Miami (Ohio)	745	3374	306.7
Clemson	721	3438	312.5
Utah	736	3440	312.7
Southern Miss	796	3462	314.7
Texas A&M	863	3781	315.1
Hawaii	820	3864	322.0
Also			
Texas Tech	765	3549	322.6
UTEP	662	3839	349.0
Texas Christian	767	3892	353.8

Scoring Defense

	G	Pts	Avg
Michigan	11	98	8.9
Ohio St	12	139	11.6
Air Force	12	149	12.4
Iowa	11	142	12.9
North Caro	11	143

BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Monday $18.84
Previous Close $18.71
Year Ago N/A

POSTED
Today $16.75
Previous Close $16.50
Year Ago N/A

NATURAL GAS PRICES
Monday $2.422

Gas prices plunge

Natural gas futures plunged to three-month lows Monday, reflecting expectations the nation's major heating regions will enjoy above normal temperatures this winter.

Natural gas futures fell despite forecasts for cooler weather early this week in some Midwest heating areas, the region that uses natural gas most for home heating. The National Weather Service's long-range forecasts still call for warmer than usual temperatures in major heating regions.

Such forecasts have caused natural gas futures prices to fall more than 36 percent in just over a month. Market participants have become increasingly pessimistic that ample supplies in storage will not be needed during the winter, the peak consumption period for natural gas.

The American Gas Association reported last Thursday that inventories in storage are at 82 percent of capacity. At 2.606 trillion cubic feet, supplies now are 6.5 percent above levels of a year ago and are 15.5 percent higher in the Midwest.

Natural gas for January delivery settled down 3.1 cents, at $2.422 for each 1,000 cubic feet, after falling as much as 9.3 cents to $2.36 earlier in the session.

January crude rose 13 cents to $18.84 a barrel.

Dollar higher

NEW YORK — The dollar rose against the Japanese yen and German mark Monday in quiet trading as an influential Japanese official indicated authorities were not prepared to intervene in the currency market to support the slumping yen.

In late New York trading, the dollar slipped from an intraday high of 130.81 yen to settle at 130.45 yen, up from 130.20 late Friday. The dollar has not been at such levels since since May 1992.

The dollar also settled at 1.7893 marks, up from 1.7830, to reach its highest point since Oct. 21.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Friday: 1.4579 Swiss francs, up from 1.4400; 5.9863 French francs, up from 5.9641; 1,752 Italian lire, up from 1,744; and 1.4231 Canadian dollars, down from 1.4238.

The British pound was quoted at $1.6483, down from $1.6573.

Dow retreats

NEW YORK — Blue-chip stocks gave back some of last week's record-setting gains, but technology stocks and small-company issues posted decent gains Monday in an otherwise uneventful session.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 38.29 to 8,110.84, ending a six-session winning streak that had put the blue-chip barometer in striking distance of its all-time best close of 8,259.31, set Aug. 6.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 6-to-5 margin on the NYSE, where volume totaled a modest 489.65 million shares.

The Standard & Poor's 500 list, which on Friday closed at a record high for the first time since early October, fell 1.42 to 982.37. The NYSE composite index, which also set a new high on Friday after a two-month drought, fell 0.87 to 513.44.

But the Nasdaq composite index rose 17.64 to 1,651.54.

The Russell 2000 index of small companies rose 3.97 to 442.03; and the American Stock Exchange composite index rose 3.22 to 673.49.

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State Farm faces class action lawsuit

■ Judge certifies lawsuit over use of lower-cost parts in car repairs.

N.Y. Times News Service

MARION, Ill. — State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. must go to court to answer charges it defrauded customers by ordering the use of lower-cost parts to repair cars it insured, a judge ruled.

The suit, certified as a class action by a state judge on Friday, could cost the largest U.S. auto insurer $2 billion in compensation for as many as 15 million policyholders whose cars may have received inferior parts, said G. Patrick Murphy, an attorney in Marion, Illinois, representing policyholders.

The suit is the first time State Farm has been sued in a nationwide class action for the policy of using cheaper parts, lawyers said.

"Imitation parts are inferior, and they don't restore your car to the condition it was in before the accident," said Morris A. Ratner, a partner at Leiff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein LLP, a San Francisco-based firm also representing policyhoders.

After a repair by an insurer, a car's parts "should be identical to what was in your car before." State Farm ordered the use of inferior parts, diminishing car values, he said.

The suit also asks the court to force State Farm to end the practice altogether. "They should not be allowed to continue using imitation parts at all," Murphy said.

The Bloomington, Illinois, company also could face some punitive damages under a state Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Trade Practices Act, according to Murphy, who said it was too early to estimate the size of such damages. The act limits punitive damages.

Charges date to at least 10 years and cover policyholders in 48 states. Arkansas and Tennessee policyholders are excluded, as are Illinois policyholders who got coverage after April 16, 1994, and California customers whose policies were acquired before Sept. 26, 1996. Those exclusions were made because of other suits against the insurer that already have been settled, lawyers said.

State Farm said it only uses parts of equal quality in a belt-tightening attempt that benefits its customers, too. "It's an appropriate practice that helps us, and that helps our policyholders, save money on quality parts," spokesman Steve Witmer said. "We've got a strong case."

The insurer uses parts approved by the Certified Automotive Parts Association, an organization that State Farm helped to set up 10 years ago, Witmer said.

From the industry's perspective, the use of such parts seems like an almost inevitable cost-cutting plan. "It's almost like managed care for autos," Loretta Worters, a spokeswoman for the industry-funded Insurance Information Institute Inc., said. "Generic aspirin may not have the recognized name, but the question is, does it cure the headache?"

There's even some evidence that the practice is forcing big automakers to lower their prices on replacement parts, Witmer said, citing an insurance industry study.

Yet insurers often failed to give consumers fair warning, charges former Texas insurance commissioner Robert Hunter. "They didn't change their policy in terms of the actual contract with you, but they started giving you these other parts," Hunter said.

Early holiday spending up 12 percent

■ Visa USA said consumers averaged $1.1 billion a day in first nine days of holiday shopping season.

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — U.S. consumer spending rose 12 percent during the first nine days of the holiday shopping season, keeping pace with the Thanksgiving weekend, when the holiday season began, Visa USA said.

Consumers spent more than $10.3 billion — or an average $1.1 billion a day — in more than 156 million Visa card transactions since the shopping season started more than a week ago, the card-marketing organization said. Visa is the No. 1 U.S. consumer payment system, holding more than 50 percent of the debit-card and credit-card market, it said.

Sales increases were led by mail and telephone orders, which rose 15 percent from the year-ago period, to $1.7 billion. The average amount cardholders spent per transaction was $95. These orders usually dominate the start of the shopping season as consumers allow time for shipping, while discount stores and other traditional retailers see increases closer to Christmas.

"As we get closer to Christmas Eve, the retail numbers will climb," said Bruce McElhinney, Visa's senior vice president of market development. "We think sales will continue at this pace and maybe increase."

The spending increase was in line with expectations, McElhinney said. By the end of the holiday shopping season, spending could be as much as 16 percent higher than the year-ago period, he said.

Out of the total sales, the average amount cardholders spent per transaction was $66, which is $2 less than last year.

Sales at specialty stores, particularly for hobbies and jewelry, rose 9.7 percent to $1 billion. At electronic retailers, sales rose 9.7 percent to $477 million.

Department store sales rose 6.7 percent to $1.2 billion while discount store sales declined four-tenths of a percent to $724 million, Visa said.

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— Bruce McElhinney, Visa senior vice president

The sales figures are based on a survey of Visa cardholders. Visa has estimated that it will process as many as 2,100 transactions per second at the peak of the holiday shopping season.

Wish list for Christmas goes high-tech



AP Photo

Marisa Lopez, 7, of Winchester, Mass. holds up a Toys R US hand-held scanner gun used for registering toys as her brother Spencer Lopez, 8, places a product label up against the gun to be scanned in Woburn, Mass. The Toys R US toy registry sign up program allows children to register a list of toys they are interested in receiving as gifts. Gift givers can access children's toy registry at over 400 Toys R US stores in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Toy registry bypasses letters to Santa

■ Toys R Us lets children register the gifts they want.

Associated Press

WOBURN, Mass. — With a Polaroid camera in hand, 8-year-old Spencer Lopez was searching the aisles to make sure Santa would get the right toys on his Christmas wish list.

Toys R Us stores also are trying to make sure children receive the gifts they want this holiday season. But they have a different plan for avoiding the uncertainty of letters to Santa: They're offering a registry.

The chain has created the registry at all of its stores in the United States and Puerto Rico. And like registries for brides-to-be, it allows youngsters to put together a wish-list of gifts they would like to receive.

Company officials say it saves shopping time for busy adults and cuts down on return hassles for both the store and the gift-getters.

While gift registries are nothing new, having one for children is. And some question whether it sends too commercial a message to children.

Kathleen Seiders, a marketing professor at Babson College in Wellesley, called the toy registry a "brilliant PR move" but can see how some people may find the practice distasteful.

"Some people are going to accept it, and others think it's creepy or appalling," she said. "I would definitely expect a 50-50 split. I think the feeling is kids are too young to be given that materialist option. I think it goes against our value system."

Nevertheless, Spencer declared it an "excellent idea" and volunteered to give it a test run. Armed with a hand-held scanner, the brown-eyed second-grader bounded up and down the aisles, shooting the laser beam across the bar codes of his favorite toys.

As Spencer's mother, Leslie Capachietti, watched her son and daughter Marisa, 7, try the registry scanner, she cautioned them to be reasonable as they added items. "Marisa, I don't think you have that many relatives," she said.

But Spencer was a definite fan of the new method of letting Santa and others know his toy choices.

"I won't have to use my computer to send letters all around," he said. "Or when they call they won't use up all my time on the telephone."

The system is set up like most registries. Customers sign up at a service desk and use one of six hand-held scanners to record each of the requested items. When they're done, they turn in the scanner and then can get a printout of their selection.

Printouts listing the toys, their prices and whether they have already been purchased for the child are then available to potential gift-givers. A registry entered at one store can be accessed at others across the country.

Rebecca Caruso, vice president for corporate communications at the company's Paramus, N.J.-headquarters, said it's particularly popular with out-of-town grandparents.

"People liked it," she said of a two-year test run in Detroit. "They thought it was a nice service and a convenience for them."

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Mutual funds have advantages over picking own stocks

By Eric Tyson



Tyson

Q: I have gotten conflicting advice on stock investing. Some people say mutual funds are the way to go, and others say I can do just as well or better picking my own stocks and investing through a discount broker. What do you think is the best way to invest in stocks?

A: Investing in a mutual fund has several potential advantages over owning individual securities.

First, because a mutual fund has millions of dollars, it can invest in a wide variety of stocks. It's impossible for an individual stock picker with just a few thousand dollars to achieve a mutual fund's level of diversification.

Second, a mutual fund company, if it's doing its job, should conduct extensive research on the firms in which it is investing. Unless you are extremely well-connected and have lots of free time, such research would be impossible for you as an individual.

Finally, many no-load mutual funds offer their customers great value, with no commissions and small operating and management fees. The best funds charge annual operating fees well below 1 percent.

If investing in individual stocks and beating the better mutual funds were so easy, we'd all be doing it. The fact is, however, that picking one's own stocks is not only riskier but also far more costly than investing through the more efficiently managed mutual funds.

When investing in a mutual fund, be sure to read its prospectus to examine its investment objectives and costs.

Q: My father says that I should not take out an auto loan to buy a new car. Don't you think he's being unrealistic? With new cars starting around $15,000, everybody borrows money to buy a car these days, right?

A: In the original draft of my first personal-finance book, I wrote that people should buy a car only if they can afford to pay for it in cash. My publisher's editors challenged my advice. "Who can afford to pay cash for the average new car these days?" I was queried.

Who, indeed! Given that the average new car price is pushing $20,000 — a sum greater than the average assets working Americans have put away for retirement — most people can't afford to buy a typical new car, and therefore should not.

Your father is a wise man. Borrowing via high-cost consumer debt and earmarking your future earnings for loan payments would place a huge financial burden on your ability to save.

Buy a quality used car or, even better, live where you can take public transit or bike to work.

Q: My wife and I disagree on whether we should borrow money against our home. When do you think it's OK to borrow more against one's home equity? And what's the best way to go about doing it: a second mortgage or refinancing and pulling out cash?

A: Consider borrowing against your home's equity for "investment" rather than consumption purposes.

The former would include educational costs, retirement and running a small business. Avoid borrowing against your home's equity simply to make consumer purchases such as a vacation or a new car.

A second mortgage makes sense when you have a relatively short-term cash need such as paying for a child's college tuition. Refinance only if current interest rates are low enough to make it financially worthwhile.

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Compaq s	80865	65½	+¾
Cabltrn	53623	15 5/16	+1/16
CocaCl	50266	63 9/16	–2½
PepsiCo	49540	36½	–13/16
TexInst s	42438	47⅛	+15/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TCC Inds	6⅜	+⅞	+15.9
BanrAer	11⅜	+1 7/16	+14.5
AWest wt	7⅜	+⅞	+13.9
Corimon n	6⅜	+¾	+13.3
SoftwAG n	11¼	+1 3/16	+11.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Korea	7 11/16	–1¼	–14.0
VenSt pf	12¼	–1½	–10.9
KoreaInv	4 3/16	–½	–10.7
Singer	12⅞	–1½	–10.4
KoreaElc	10	–1⅛	–10.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,613
Declined	1,366
Unchanged	512
Total issues	3,491
New Highs	232
New Lows	25
Volume	592,111,490

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
TWA	37763	11 13/16	+⅞
SPDR	22892	98 21/32	–9/32
EchoBay	13927	2⅛	–1/16
RoyalO g	11553	1⅛	+1/16
FAusPr	9741	7½	–3/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Stage	2	+⅜	+23.1
TWA wt	7⅜	+1¼	+20.4
IonLaser	2 15/16	+⅞	+17.5
ComsthB s	21¼	+3	+16.4
Meridl wt	8⅞	+1⅛	+14.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Globlink	2¼	–⅜	–14.3
MarqGrp	3⅜	–½	–12.9
PLC Sys	8 11/16	–1 1/16	–10.9
GristSloan	2	–3/16	–8.6
Phonetel	2¾	–¼	–8.3

DIARY

Advanced	300
Declined	309
Unchanged	169
Total issues	778
New Highs	30
New Lows	19
Volume	34,888,210

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
AppldMat s	116124	35 3/16	+3/16
Intel s	100524	78 7/16	+⅞
3Com	91268	37½	+1 1/16
Oracle s	81744	32¾	+1 3/16
DellCpt s	77142	96	+2¼

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Applix	7¼	+2⅛	+41.5
USWeb n	13⅛	+3⅛	+31.3
MVSI wt	2⅛	+½	+30.8
CmmdSp n	2	+15/32	+30.6
Nvmt wtA	3¼	+¾	+30.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MicrPrse	2 5/16	–2⅜	–50.7
BluDolp s	5	–1 9/16	–23.8
SunbseA	2⅞	–¾	–20.7
CelerSys n	3⅛	–¾	–19.4
SupV wtA	2⅝	–⅝	–19.2

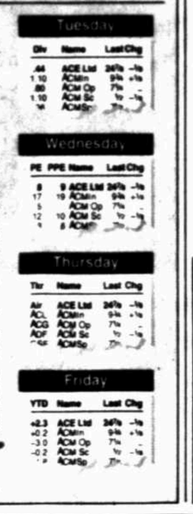
DIARY

Advanced	2,247
Declined	1,943
Unchanged	1,565
Total issues	5,755
New Highs	265
New Lows	133
Volume	634,421,000

HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 1,675 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 925 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in bold are worth at least $5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional fields rotated through the week, as follows:

Div: Current annual dividend rate paid on stock, based on latest quarterly or semiannual declaration, unless otherwise footnoted.
Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.
Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.
Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...



Stock Footnotes: cc – PE greater than 99. dd – Loss in last 12 mos. d – New 52-wk low during trading day. g – Dividend in Canadian $. Stock price in U.S.$. n – New issue in past 52 weeks. q – Closed-end mutual fund; no PE calculated. s – Split or stock dividend of 25 percent or more in last 52 weeks. Dividend begins with date of split or stock dividend. u – New 52-week high during trading day. v – Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration. pf – Preferred. pp – Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price. rt – Rights. un – Units. wd – When distributed. wi – When issued. wt – Warrants. ww – With warrants. xw – Without warrants.
Dividend Footnotes: a – Also extra or extras. b – Annual rate plus stock dividend. c – Liquidating dividend. e – Declared or paid in preceding 12 mos. f – Annual rate, increased on last declaration. i– Declared or paid after stock dividend or split. j – Paid this year, dividend omitted, deferred or no action taken at last meeting. k – Declared or paid this year, accumulative issue with dividends in arrears. m – Annual rate, reduced on last declaration. p – Initial dividend, annual rate unknown. r – Declared or paid in preceding 12 months plus stock dividend. t – Paid in stock in last 12 mos, estimated cash value on ex-dividend or distribution date. x – Ex-dividend or ex-rights. y – Ex-dividend and sales in full. z – Sales in full. vj – In bankruptcy or receivership or being reorganized under the Bankruptcy Act, or securities assumed by such companies.

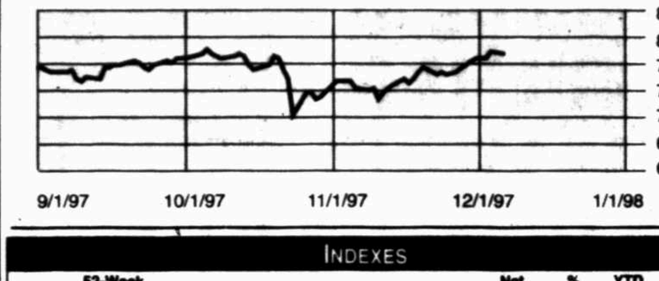
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Daily market roundup

December 8, 1997

Dow Jones ▼ **8110.84** -38.29

High	8,195.88	Highest close	8,259.31
Low	8,057.37	August 6, 1997	



INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
8,299.49	6,236.05	Dow Jones Industrials	8,110.84	–38.29	–.47	+25.78	+25.48
3,372.42	2,206.04	Dow Jones Transportation	3,352.43	+36.49	+1.10	+48.62	+45.83
261.22	208.98	Dow Jones Utilities	258.97	+.08	+.03	+11.37	+11.04
515.24	378.87	NYSE Composite	513.44	–.87	–.17	+30.88	+30.09
723.03	541.02	Amex Index	673.49	+3.22	+.48	+17.67	+15.83
1,748.78	1,194.16	Nasdaq Composite	1,651.54	+17.64	+1.08	+27.92	+25.47
986.25	716.69	S&P 500	982.37	–1.42	–.14	+32.62	+31.02
466.21	248.65	Russell 2000	442.03	+3.97	+.91	+21.90	+22.62
9,486.69	6,998.62	Wilshire 5000	9,411.33	+3.45	+.04	+30.74	+29.56

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Div	Name	Last	Chg
	A-B-C		
48	AAR	u40	+1/8
56e	ABN Am n	20 9/16	–1/16
90a	ACM In	11 1/16	–1/16
90	ACM Sc	10	–1/16
57	ACM Sp	6½	
	ACMnels	23	+3/16
	AES Cp s	43 7/16	+1/4
46	AFLAC	50⅞	
04	AGCO	29⅛	+5/8
1.08	AGL Res	19 3/16	–1/16
1.44	AJL	11 3/16	–1/4
50	AK Steel s	18½	+3/8
	AMB Prn	23 3/16	+1/8
	AMF n	24 1/16	–1 1/16
	AMR	u131 13/16	+3 13/16
2.80	**ARCOCh**	**45 9/16**	**–3/8**
1.20	ASA Ltd	20⅜	–1/4
1.32	AT&T	57 13/16	+7/16
24	AVX Cp	21 15/16	+1 5/16
65e	AXA UAP	37¼	–3/16
13	Aames s	14	–1/16
1.08	AbtLab	67¼	–3/4
	AberFitch	31⅛	+1/2
40	Abitibi g	14⅞	
	AccuStff	30	+1/4
	AcmeMt	12⅛	+1/4
	Acuson	19 5/16	–7/16
1.96e	**AdaEx**	**23 15/16**	**–1 1/16**
	AMD	21⅞	+3/4
	Aeroflex	9 9/16	+1/16
80	Aetna Inc	79 1/16	–13/16
4.76	Aetna pfC	77⅛	–¼
...	**AffCmpS s24**	3 1/16	
+ 1/16			
	AffMgrs n	24¼	+1/4
10e	Agnico g	4 9/16	–3/16
11	Agrium g	10 15/16	+3/8
88	Ahmans	63 1/8	+3/16
2.10	Ahmn pfC	25 5/16	–1/16
1.20	AirProd	77 15/16	
	AirWatS	20¾	–3/8
30	AirFrt	u70 9/16	–1 1/16
	Airgas	14 1/16	–3/8
	AirTouch	40⅜	–1
1.70	**AlaP pfB**	**24⅝**	
1.60	**AlaP pfC**	**25½**	
1.33e	**AlaP adj pf**	**24⅜**	
1.84	**AlaPC pfQ25**	**7 5/16**	**+1/16**
	AlskAir	38 13/16	+5/16
42	Albnyin	24 3/16	+1/16
64	Albertsn	45 7/16	–2 7/16
60	Alcan	28 9/16	+1/8
34e	Alcatel	25½	
1.72	AlegEngy	30⅝	–1/16
64	AlegTeldy	25¼	–3/8
40	Allegiance	33¾	–5/16
52	Allergn	34 13/16	+1 1/16
2.57e	AlinCap	37 7/8	+2 7/16
1.42a	AlldWrld2	14 3/16	–1/16
48	AlldGrp s	28	–3/8
52	AldSgnl s	38 1/4	–13/16
20	AlmrFn	49⅝	–7/16
96	Alstate	92 1/8	–1/16
1.16f	Altel	38 15/16	–1/16
18	Alpharma	22 15/16	–1/16
	AlpineGr	u20 7/8	+1 5/16
	Alumax	32½	+3/16
1.00	Alcoa	70½	+1 1/16
58t	Alza	28½	+1/4
	AmaxG	2	–1/16
36	AmbacF s	44 5/16	+1 1/16
1.60	AmbssApt	20	
60	AmHes	54¼	–3/8
	AmOnline	87¼	+2 7/8
	AmWest	u18 13/16	+1 5/16
	AtWest wt	7 3/16	+7/16
10f	AAnnuity	23 1/16	+1/16
62	ABusnP	20	+7/8
2.40	AEP	49⅛	–¼
90	AmExp	u87 11/16	+1 1/16
1.00	AFncICp	37⅝	–¼
1.40	AGenCp	54⅜	–¼
1.71f	AGnHosp	27	–5/16
36	AmGvt	5¼	+1/16
42a	AGIP	6¼	+1/16
2.10	AHmPr	26 1/16	–1/16
1.72f	**AHome**	**74⅝**	**+1⅝**
30	AmIntG s	106½	–1
42	AOIF	6 1/16	+1/16
	AmRadio	52	–1/8
	AResIT nd	13⅜	–¾
1.02a	ASelPort	11⅝	
	ASkinq n	18 3/16	+9/16
	AmStd	39½	–3/8
36	AmStor s	20⅝	–1/4
99a	AmSIP2	11 9/16	–1/16
99a	AmSIP3	11⅜	–1/16
	AWste	1⅝	+1/16
76	AmWtr	27 7/16	–5/16
	Amercrd	28 1/16	+1 3/4
	AmerqTc	1/4	
	AmerSrc	61	–1
2 13/16			
2.26	Ameritch	76 5/16	–1
.24	Ametek n	24 11/16	+3/16
2.80	**Amoco**	**86⅞**	**–**
2 13/16			
1.04	AMP	44 11/16	–13/16
1.20f	AmSouth s	56 1/16	–5/16
12	AmvestF	22 3/16	+3/16
.88	**AmwyAs**	**20 7/16**	**+1/4**
.30	**Anadrk**	**63 1/4**	**–1 11/16**
	Analog s	29 5/16	–5/16
1.04	Anheus	42⅝	–7/16
	Anixter	17 13/16	+3/16
	AnnTayl	14 3/8	+9/16
1.04	Aon Cp s	55 3/16	+1/4
.28	**Apache**	**38**	**+1/2**
1.85	Aptinv	34 7/8	–1/16
	ApexMri n	14 3/16	–1/4
	AppleMg	15	+1/16
12	ApldPw	u68 5/16	+3 1/2
	Apria	15⅛	–1/4
17i	Aracruz s	14 7/16	...
	ArcadiaFn	7⅜	–1/16
20b	ArchDan	21⅛	–1/16
1.60	ArdenRlt	30 1/4	–1/16
1.95	ArgPC prA	25⅛	–1/8
	Armco	5½	+3/16
1.76	ArmWl	72½	–1/16
	ArrowEl su	35 9/16	+5/16
	Artra	3⅛	+1/16
80f	Arvin	33¾	+7/16
80	Asarco	25	+1/8
37e	Ashanti	7¾	+1/16
1.10	Ashland	47 5/16	+1/8
94e	AsiaPac	8 9/16	
05p	AsiaPtp	11⅝	–3/8
64e	AsiaTigr	8 3/16	+1/16
1.86	AsdEstat	23 7/16	+7/16
40	AscFCap	65 5/16	+5/16
19e	AstraAs	17 1/16	+1/2
1.54	AtlEnrg	20⅝	+1/16
2.85	AtlRich s	78¼	–⅜
	AtlasAr	28 3/16	+1/2
1.06f	**ATMOS**	**27**	**+1/8**
	AtwdOcn s	51⅛	+1 3/8
05	AuthFit	17 7/16	–1/16
53f	AutoDt	56 13/16	
	AutoZone	31⅝	+7/8
1.56f	AvalonPr	30 7/16	+1/4
84f	AveryD	42⅜	–⅛
	Avnall	15	+5/16
	Avnis n	33¾	–1 1/4
60	Avnet	u74 1/4	+1 1/16
1.26	Avon	60⅝	–⅝
	Aztar	8 9/16	–1/16
1.24	BB&T Cp	63 7/16	+3/16
1.36	BCE g s	u33¼	+1
	BJS	80 3/4	+1 3/4
+1 3/16	BJs Wh nu	31 15/16	
06	BMC	18 9/16	–1/16
	BW AY s	u24⅝	+1 3/4
46	BakrHu	45 5/16	+13/16
60	Ball	37¾	+3/4
	Ballnty s	19 9/16	+3/16
10	Ballard	22½	+1/16
1.64	BaltGE	30⅜	
1.52	BancOne	56½	+1
78	BcoIndl	14 11/16	
	BcoRioP n	13 3/16	–3/16
42e	BcSantCh	15⅛	+⅛
06e	BcoWiese	5 7/16	+5/16
88f	BcpSouthu	44 3/16	+3
1.10f	Bandag	50 3/4	+13/16
18j	BangH	6 1/16	+1/8
07e	BkTokyo	13⅝	–1/8
1.60	BkMont g	46 5/16	+3/16
1.04f	BkNY	u56 15/16	+5/16
1.22	BankAm s	80 3/16	–13/16
13f	BkAtlA s	14 3/16	+1/16
2.04	BkBost	u97 11/16	+1 1/16
4.00	BankTr	130⅜	+1⅜
	BanrAer	u113 3/16	+1 7/16
72	Bard	30	–5/16
	BarrNbl s	32 15/16	+1/16
1.24	Barnett	73	+1/16
	BarrettRs	29 7/16	+1 1/16
16f	BarrickG	15¼	–3/8
05	BatlMf	4 9/16	–1/16
1.04	BauschL	39⅞	–1/4
1.16f	Baxter	51 5/16	–
1 11/16			
	BayNtwk	30	+1 1/16
2.00	BeaconPr	u47½	+1¼
60b	BearSt	u46 13/16	–1/16
60	BckIns	40⅝	+1/16
58f	BectDk	51 1/16	–1 1/16
1.20f	BedfrdP	20 15/16	–3/16
	Bell&Howl	24⅝	+13/16
3.08	BellAti	89 15/16	+1/4
1.44	BellSo	54 3/16	–1/16
44	BelloAir	51 7/16	+3/8
80	Bemis	43 5/16	–7/16
	Benckisr n	35	–3/16
2.28	BenefCp	u82 3/16	+7/8
	BentonOG	14 11/16	
	BergEl s	23 1/16	–1/16
48	BergBr s	41 13/16	+7/16
...	**BerkHa A**	**46700**	**–100**
93	BerkRty	11⅝	–3/8
.40	**BerryP**	**19⅛**	**–1/8**
	BestBuy	u38½	+2⅜
3.25	BestB pf	u49⅞	+1⅝
	BethSt	9⅜	–1/16
1.52f	BetzDearb	61 1/16	–7/16
	Bevrly wr	u12⅜	+3/16
	Biovail	u36 7/16	+1 5/16
40	BirSti	15 7/16	–1/16
48	BlackD	38 13/16	+7/16
1.42	**BlkHlCp**	**u34⅜**	**+7/16**
50	Blk1998	9¾	
40	Blk2001	8½	
56	BlkIT	6 5/16	
58a	BlkIQT	8 7/16	+1/16
84	BlkNA	10⅝	
47	BlkStr	8 7/16	
58	BlkTT	9⅜	+1/16
40	Blanch	35 5/16	+1/2
80	BlckHR	43 1/8	–11/16
2.00e	BlueChp	11⅜	–1/16
	Blyth s	30 15/16	+1 3/16
56	Boeing s	51 7/16	–15/16
60	BoiseC	31 9/16	+3/8
2.35	**BoisC pfF**	**25⅛**	**–2½**
	Bombay	4 13/16	–1/16
83e	BordCh	8 13/16	
	Borders s	30 3/16	–1/4
60	BorgWAu	48½	+7/16
	BostSc	45 5/16	–1
	BostTech	23 27/64	
+1 43/64			
17p	Bouygs	21¼	+3/8
80	Bowatr	43¾	+7/8
	BoxHill n	10⅞	–1/16
29e	Brahma n	12 13/16	–3/8
1.48f	Brandyw	24 5/16	–1/16
1.36e	Brazil	23 1/16	–3/16
.02e	BrazilEF	13 5/16	+3/16
21j	BredTch	21¼	+1/16
1.12	BrigStrat	52	+9/16
	Brinker	16⅜	+5/16
	BristHtl s	27¼	+2 1/16
1.56f	**BrMySq s**	**94⅝**	**–1¼**
2.65e	BritPet s	84 5/16	–
1 13/16			
2.02e	BritStl	24	+3/8
11.15e	BritTel	78 11/16	–1 1/16
1.12f	**BrwnFA**	**50⅝**	**–7/8**
1.08	**BrwnFB**	**52 13/16**	**–1 1/16**
40m	BrwnGp	13 15/16	–1/4
76	BrwnFr	35 1/2	–1 1/16
2.58	BrnFAC	33⅞	–1/4
50	Brnwk	30⅜	+1/4
	BuckTech	4 1/16	+1/16
	BudgetGp	34⅜	+1/2
	Burlinds	14⅜	–3/16
1.20	BurlNSF	94⅜	
55	BrlRsc	45	–1/8
64e	BurlRsCl	6¼	+1/16
19p	CANTV	42 5/16	+5/16
1.77	CBL Assc	25	
20	CBS	29½	–3/8
3.32	CIGNA	177	
81a	CIGHi	9 3/16	+1/16
2.12	CIPSCO	39 9/16	+3/16
	CIT Gp n	u32⅝	+¼
08	CKE Rst s	42	
12	CMAC Inv	54 15/16	–
1 11/16			
	CML Gp	3 5/16	–3/16
1.20	CMS Eng	39	+1/16
40	CNF Tran	44½	+7/8
1.80	CPC	u105	+7/16
56	CPI	19½	+5/8
1.20f	CSX	53 15/16	+3/16
	CUC Intl	u32 1/16	+1/4
44	CVS Corp	64½	–3/8
65e	CabiWire	27⅜	–1/2
	CablDsgn	40	+5/16
	Cablitrn	15 5/16	+1/16
40	Cabot	27 9/16	+5/16
	Cadence s	u28	+7/8
	CadFair n	24 3/4	+7/8
	Calenergy	33 7/16	+3/16
32	Calgon	11 3/16	–1/16
2.00f	CalFirst	39 1/16	+5/16
40	Caliber	54½	+1 3/8
28	CalGolf	30 15/16	–13/16
20	Calmco	6 9/16	–1/16
1.96	CamdnP	32 9/16	–1/16
	CmpR g	13/32	
84f	CampSp s	56 5/16	+1/16
48	CdnPc g	29½	+5/16
32	CapOne	u48 15/16	+9/16
08	CapMAC	34 5/16	+3/16
2.44f	Capstd	23 3/4	–1 7/16
1.26	CapM pfB	17	–15/16
10	CardnlH	7 13/16	–1/32
	Cardnr s	4 3/16	+1/16
60f	CarnvCp	53½	+3/16
1.88	CaroPw	37 7/16	
1.75	CarrAmR	30⅞	–1/16
	CarsPr	50	+5/16
20	CaseCp	63 9/16	+13/16
	CatMkt	48⅞	
	Catelus	19 3/16	
1.00	Caterp s	51 1/16	–1/16
12	CavalrH	10 7/16	+3/8
1.68	CentrpPr	34	+7/8
28	Centex	62⅛	–3/8
1.74	CenSoWst	24 9/16	
3.06e	CentEur	17⅝	+7/16
1.58	**CenLAEl**	**28⅝**	**+1/16**
84f	CtrNws	70¼	–3/16
37	CntyTl	46¼	–3/8
	Cendian	44⅞	–3/16
	ChmpE	20 13/16	+3/16
20	Chmpln	50½	–1/4
2.48	**ChaseM**	**117⅜**	**+3/16**
	Chaus	1	
01	Checkpnt	16	+1/16
2.76f	ChelGCA	38⅛	+1/16
80	Chspx	34¾	+1/16
08	ChesEng s	7⅞	–1/16
2.32	**Chevron**	**79⅜**	**+1/8**
24	ChicB&I n	16½	–1/16
1.12e	ChileFd	20½	–1/4
79e	ChileTel s	28⅞	–¼
1.29e	Chilgener	25	+1/16
08e	ChinaFd	13 7/16	–1/8
20	Chiquita	17	–3/8
1.60	Chrysir	35 13/16	–1/16
1.16	Chubb	75⅝	–3/8
	CIBER	48½	+2 3/16
40	CinnBell s	29	
48	CinMil	27 11/16	–1/16
	CineOd	1 1/16	
1.80	CINergy	34 11/16	–1/16
	CircCCar n	9⅞	–1/16
14	CircCtyCC	32 15/16	+7/16
	Circus	23	
+1 11/16			
2.10	Citicorp	141⅞	+2
6.00	Citcp pf	99⅝	
75f	CitzUtil	9⅝	–1/16
44	CityNC	34½	+1/4
12	ClaresStr	20⅜	+1⅛
08	Clayth	17¾	+5/16
	ClearC	u73⅞	
+1 13/16			
	CliffsDr s	64 1/16	+1 1/16
1.28	Clorox s	78 15/16	+1/16
	CoastSv	63¾	+1/2
40	Coastal	59⅞	–1/16
.56	**CocaCl**	**63 9/16**	**–2 1/2**
10	CocaCE s	u33¾	–1/2
27e	CCFemsa	56⅞	+1/4
	Coeur	7⅝	–1/16
12	Cogniznt	44¼	+3/16
	ColeNatl	35 1/16	–1/16
	Colemn	15 5/16	+1 1/16
1.10	**ColgPal**	**s71**	**–1/2**
60	ColBgp s	u34½	+1/16
2.19	ColnP pfA	u24⅞	+¼
	Coltec	23¾	+7/16
1.00	ColumGas	74½	–1/16
08	ColHCA	30 13/16	+5/16
20	Comdisc s	33 11/16	+7/16
1.72	Comeric	u89⅛	+1⅝
	ComfrtS n	16 15/16	–5/16
1.20	CmclNL	16⅝	
1.58	ComES	29	+3/16
	ComScop n	12 3/16	+5/16
	CmpUSA	36 1/16	–3/8
	CoGnGeo n	24 3/8	+3/8
03i	Compaq s	65½	+3/8
07	CompAs su	56 15/16	+1 1/16
	CompSci	83½	–1 9/16
04	Cmptvsn	3 15/16	–1/16
20	Comsat	23 7/16	
	ComstkRs	14	+1/16
63	ConAgra s	36⅞	–5/16
1.32	**ConnEn**	**26½**	
50	Consco s	44½	–1
4.27	Consc pfE	152½	–4 3/4
	CnCigar	28½	+1 7/16
2.10	ConEd	37⅜	–1/16
	ConsGph s	54	+3/16
1.94	ConsNG	60 9/16	+3/16
	ConStor s	49¼	–1/16
	Contfincl	30 3/16	+1/16
	CtlAir B	u48 13/16	+3/16
20	Cntlme	34 13/16	+5/16
	CoopCa s	70⅜	+3/8
	CoopCo	40⅝	+5/16
1.32	Cooper	51 1/16	–9/16
81	Cooper99	19⅜	+1/16
38f	CooprTr	23 1/16	–1/16
71e	Copel n	14⅝	+3/16
	CoramH	3 9/16	–3/16
2.00f	CoreStF	79 15/16	–67/16
	Cormon n	6⅜	+3/4
1.20a	CorPrpt n	19 1/16	–1/16
1.00	CornRit n	12⅛	+1/8
72b	CorningIn	42 1/16	–3/4
	CorrectCp	34⅞	–9/16
32	CntwCrd	42 3/16	–1/2
	Covance n	18 15/16	–3/16
	CoxCm	34	–1/8
50	Crane s	43 3/16	–5/16
42e	Credicp s	17⅞	–1/2
1.52f	CresRE s	38⅞	
1.16	Crestar s	56 1/8	–1/2
1.40	CrimMa	14 15/16	–3/16
05m	CrmpKnl	26 7/16	+3/16
.22	**CrosTbr s**	**23⅞**	**–1/8**
1.86e	**CrosTim**	**17 15/16**	**+3/8**
1.00	CwnCork	49⅜	–3/16
	CulignWtr	49 1/4	+2 5/16
1.10	CumEng	66 1/8	–1/16
	CypSem	10⅛	+1/8
80	Cyprus	17 7/16	+3/16
50e	CzechFd	11 3/16	
	D-E-F		
	DDL Elc	13⅜	+1/16
1.79	DECS T2 n	25	–⅞
1.36	DPL	26 3/16	–1/16
1.44f	DQE	32¾	–3/16
08	DR Horton	20 3/8	+3/8
	DST Sys u	40 7/16	+1 5/16
2.06	DTE	32	
	Dal-Tile	12	+1/16
1.04	DalSem	41 13/16	–1 3/16
	DanRivr n	15	
1.08	DanaCp	48 1/16	+7/16
10	Danaher	61 1/4	+1 1/16
08	Darden	11 13/16	
	DataGn	18 1/16	
	Datapt	3⅜	+3/16
72f	DaytHud	71⅝	–⅞
80	DeanFd u	54 11/16	+5/16
97	DebtStrt n	10 13/16	–1/16
80	Deere	59	+1
14	DekbGn s	39 5/16	+3/16
1.54	DeimPL	21 5/16	+1/16
12	DeltPine s	25 9/16	+5/16
20	DeltaAir u	119 3/16	+1 3/8
	DeltaFn	17 1/16	+1/16
1.48	Deluxe	36⅜	–1/2
80	DepGty	u57	+4 5/8
12p	Depuy	27	
	DescSA	38 11/16	–1/16
	DesignH	10 1/4	–3/16
2.52	DeutTel	20 1/16	–3/16
96	Dexter	u42 5/16	+5/16
32	Dial	20⅛	–3/8
07i	DiaOffs s	54 1/16	+1 3/16
50	Diebold s	47 11/16	–9/16
	Digital	44 3/4	+5/8
16	Dillards	35 7/16	–3/16
16e	DimeBcp	25 11/16	–5/16
.53	**Disney**	**94⅜**	**+⅜**
40	Dixie	48 15/16	–3/8
16	DollarG s	37 1/16	–1/16
	Dominick	40 1/16	–1/16
2.58	DomRes	38 15/16	+3/16
50	DonLu	u81 15/16	
+2 5/16			
	DrKaran	13 3/16	+7/16
80	Donlley	36	+7/16
78	Dover	69 1/4	–1/16
3.48	**DowCh**	**99 15/16**	**–13/16**
96	DowJns	u54⅝	+5/8
76	Dressr	43¾	+1
88	DryStrt	10¾	–1/16
1.26	DuPont s	64¼	–3/16
78a	DufPfUtls	10⅛	
1.18	DufPUC	14⅜	–1/16
2.20	DukeEngy s	51 5/16	+7/16
1.20f	DukeRlt s	22 1/16	–1/16
88	DunBrd	29	+3/8
	Dycom	23⅝	+1/2
	Dynatech	37⅜	
1.38f	DynexC s	13 5/16	–5/16
	EAInds s	5 11/16	+1/16
56	EGG	19⅜	+3/16
	EMC s	28 13/16	–11/16

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Div	Name	Last	Chg
	ABRI ltd s	26 5/16	+9/16
	ACC Cp	u50 1/4	
+21/32e	ACE CO	18	+1/4
	ACT Net	8 1/16	+1/4
	ADC Tel	38 5/8	+1 1/8
	ADECp	25 1/4	+1 1/8
	ADFlex	19 1/4	+1/2
	ASM Lith s	70 13/16	-3/4
	ATC Com	19 15/32	-1/32
	AavidTh	29 3/4	+1
	Abacan	21 1/32	-9/32
	AbleTel	9 1/32	-3/8
	Abraxas	18	--
	AccentS	d13 1/4	-3/16
	Acclaim	4 9/32	-9/32
	Accom	1 7/32	--
	Actel	13 1/4	-1/16
	ActPerf	33 1/4	+1 3/16
	Activisn	16	-1/4
	AdacLb	21 3/8	+1
	Adage	u8 3/4	+1/16
	Adaptec	41 3/8	+1 5/16
.20b	AdobeSy	42 1/2	+1 1/2
	AdrianR	1 7/32	+ 1/32
	Adtran	35	-1/4
	AdvDin	17 3/8	+9/16
	AdvEngd	21 1/2	+1 1/4
	AdvFCm	31 1/8	+3 1/16
	AdvHtCt	13 3/8	+1
	AdvTiss	14 9/16	-1/4
.44	Advanta	29	+1/4
.53	AdvantB	27 3/4	+1/4
	Affymet	36 3/8	+1 3/8
	Agouron s	31	-1/4
	AgriBio	u12	+1/2
	AirTran	5 1/4	+3/16
2.20e	Akzo	87 1/2	-1/2
	AlSens	1 7/32	-7/32
	Alexion	117 3/4	+11/2
	Alkerm	20	+1 1/16
	AlsGam	4 3/4	--
	AlsanPh	8 1/16	-15/16
	AlsSem	6 1/4	+1/16
	AldWste	22	+5/16
	AlphaBta	27/8	--
	Alpnet	2 1/4	--
	Altarint n	13 1/8	-15/16
	Altaon	u9	+1/4
	Altera	39 1/4	+1/4
	Amati	19 7/8	+1/16
	Amazon n	56 1/2	+1 3/8
	ABingo	6	-1/16
	ACornS	13	+1
	AEagleO	36	+7/8
	AmFright	15 11/16	+1/16
.72	AGreet	37	-1/2
	AmIntPt	4 11/16	-1/16
	AmOilDv	11 1/4	-5/8
	AOncol	18 5/8	-5/16
	APwrCnvu	32 9/16	+11/16
	Amerm	25 3/8	-1/4
	AmesDS u	19 1/32	+5/16
	Amgen	52 1/4	-1/8
	Amylin	6 5/8	--
	Anadigc s	30 1/16	-3/16
	AnlySur	u29 3/8	+17/8
	AnchGm	52 3/8	-3/4
	Andrew s	24 7/16	-1/8
	Angeion	3 3/8	+9/16
	Antec	15 1/8	-1/4
	ApexPC n	22 1/2	+1 3/4
	ApolloG	45 5/16	+9/16
	ApprITch	31/32	+9/32
	AppleC	15 9/16	-1/4
.04	AppliSou	18 9/16	+1/4
.071	Appliebee	22 3/8	+5/8
	ApiCell n	5 9/32	-1/32
	AppGraph	57	+4 1/4
	AppliMat	u38 7/16	+1/16
	Apogee	7 1/8	+1/16
	Apogee s	7 1/8	+1/16
	Aquila	15	+1/4
	ArborSft	35 1/2	+2
	ArchCm	5 3/4	-1/4
	ArtsBest	10 1/16	--
	ArtsPh	10 1/16	+1/16
	ArtVeloc	u8 5/8	--
.Ascend		29 7/16	+3/8
	AspectDev	40 3/8	+1/2
	AspatTch s	29 7/8	-1/8
	AtHome n	23 3/8	+1 1/16
	AtCasAir	u28 1/8	+1/2
.Atmel		21 7/16	+1 1/16
	AuraSky	3 1/16	+ 1/16
	Autodesk	40 3/8	+1/8
	AutProf	u7 3/16	+9/32
	AvidTch	30 3/4	+1
	Avitar	9/32	-1/32
	AxentT	19 1/4	+1
	BCAM Int	1 9/32	-9/32
	BE Aero	28	-1 1/32
	BEA Sys n	15 1/8	+9/16
.50r	BHI Cp	u28 1/4	+1 3/4
	BMC Soft	69 1/4	-1 1/2
	BTG Inc	9 1/4	-7/8
	Baan	77 1/2	+1/4
	Ballard n	63 3/4	+4 5/16
	BallyTot n	19 1/16	+1/8
.26e	BnoGalic	27 7/16	+1/64
	BasExpl	20 3/8	+1 1/16
	BedBath	35 5/16	+7/16
	Bellweth	11 15/16	+7/16
	BenihnA	12 3/8	+1/16
	BioPhar s	27 3/4	+3/8
	Bioctrl	7 3/32	-1/32
	Biogen	36 3/4	-1/8
.11e	Biomet	25	--
	BioTcG	12 25/32	+13/32
	Biotime s	21 7/8	-1/4
.32	BobEvn	21 3/8	-1/4
	Borlnd	10 3/8	+1/8
.BostChk		7 3/16	+3/32
	Boundless	4 5/16	+1/32
	BrassieG	9/32	--
	BrigExp n	14 3/4	-1 7/8
	Brightpt s	19 3/4	+1 1/16
	BroadVis	7 3/8	+1/8
	BrdbdTc	d4 3/4	-5/8
	BrodSft	34	+3
	BrooksAu	19 3/16	+1/16
	BrooksF	57	+1/8
	BroGour	d1	-1/8
--	BrownTom	20 1/16	+3/16
	BrushCrk	1 1/32	+1/32
	Buffets	8 3/4	-1/8
	BusnObj	11 1/2	+3/4
	C-CUBE	19 7/16	+1/4
	CAI Wrld	1 3/16	+1/16
	CBT Gp	74 1/2	-1 3/8
	CDW Cpt	60 1/2	+3/4
	CHS El s	20 3/4	+1
	CKS Gp n	13 7/8	+5/8
821	CMG Inf	u28 1/2	+4 5/8
	CNET	28 5/8	+3 3/16
	CNS	7 - 9/16	
	CSGSys	37 3/8	+1 7/8
	Cadiz	7 7/8	-1/16
	CambNe	2 1/16	--
	CambTch	40 9/16	+9/16
	CaptecNt n	18 1/2	-3/8
	Catalyst	11 3/16	-5/16
16	CatoCp	7 7/8	+1/2
	CayenneSf	2 5/16	+1/16
	CelltechB	17 31/32	-1/32
	Cellstar s	28 1/2	+1 1/16
	CellTch	21 1/16	+1/16
	Centocor	42 1/4	-1 3/4
	CenGardn	28 5/8	+3/8
	CntyCm	8	--
	Cephln	11 5/16	+1/16
	Cerner	23 7/16	+1 1/16
	ChaseMde	62 1/16	-1/32
	Chantal	5	-1/32
	ChrmSh	5 1/16	+1/16
1.00b	ChiOneF	83	-1
	ChkCom	9 1/16	+1/16
	ChkPt	14 1/4	-3/4
	ChkRmt n	47 5/16	+1 5/16
	Checkers	1	-1/32
	Chkfree	29 1/4	--
	Cheeseck	31 5/16	+1/16
	ChiRex	21 1/4	-3/16
	ChipsTc	14 3/4	-3/4
	Chiron	17 7/8	--
	Cholest	10 3/4	-1/8
	CienaCp n	80 1/2	+3/8
	Cirrus	14	+1/16
.Cisco		89 3/4	+3/8
	CitrixS	u83	+1/4
	Clysospe	d1 9/32	-7/32
	Clarify	13 1/8	+1/16
	ClayEng	16 1/2	-1/2
	CliffPeop	31 1/8	--
.09e	Cofiexip	54 1/4	+1 1/4
	Cognex	28 1/2	+3/8
	Cognos g	23 1/8	+1/16
	CoherC	30 3/4	+1/16
--	Cohernt	37 5/16	+1/16
	CohoEn	9 1/4	-1/16
	ColoCas	11	--
.16	Comair s	24 1/16	+1/16
.09	Comcsp	27 5/16	--
	CominSat	1 15/16	-1/16
	CmpBnc s	45 15/16	-1/16
	CmpuMed	1 1/16	+1/64
	CmpuSrv	13 1/2	--
	Cmpcm	10 7/16	+9/16
	CptConc	9/32	-1/32
	CmptHz s	34	+1 1/2
	CptnLm s	56 1/4	+1/4
	CmpPr	20 7/16	--
	Compwr s	u38 1/2	+ 7/16
	Comvers	36 7/16	--
	ConcMngd	34 1/2	-1/2
	Concepts	5	--
	CncEFS	25 3/4	-1/4
	Conmed	u24 7/16	+3/16
	CnsFrtC n	15	-1/2
	ContHlth n	3	+1/32
	Copytele	3 15/16	-1/16
	CoreCp g	2 1/4	+1/16
	CoreStaff	29 9/16	-7/16
	Corimag	6 1/16	+1/4
	CorpExp s	15 7/16	+1/16
	Cortech	3/4	+1/16
.Costco		42 7/8	+3/16
	CostEner	11 1/4	-1/2
	CtrlPhr n	u20 5/8	-2 1/16
	CtryStr	1/16	+1/32
.02	Coventry	15 3/4	-1/2
	CrtxBrl	32 3/4	+3/8
	CrBioMol	8 1/4	+1/4
	CreTcLtd	21 5/8	+1
	CredSys	25 5/8	+1 1/4
	CrdAcp	5 1/4	+1/16
	CMathes	1/16	-1/64
	CybrCsh	16 11/16	+1 3/16
	CyberMd	19 7/8	-1/4
	Cyberonic	15 1/8	+1 3/8
	Cymer s	19 1/2	-9/16
	Cytel	1 5/8	-1/16
	Cytogn	2 25/32	-1/16
	Cytothr	4 13/16	-1/16
	Cytyc	25 1/2	--
D E F			
	DCX	1	-1/32
	DEP	2	--
	DII Grp s	24 7/8	+3/16
	DSC	24 1/16	+9/16
	DSPCm	15 5/16	-1/32
	DSP Gp	27	+1 1/8
	DUSA	13 11/16	+2
	Daleco	1 5/16	+1/16
.22e	Danka	38 1/8	+1 1/8
	DtaDmn s	22 1/4	--
+1 13/16	Dave&B s	24 1/16	+1/8
	Dawson	18 7/8	-1/8
	DawsnP	19 1/32	-3/32
1.07e	DBeer	20 7/16	--
	DellCpt s	98	+2 1/16
	Dentsply s	29 1/16	+1/8
	Designs	3 7/16	+1/16
	Diametrc	5 15/16	+1/4
	DiamM	10 7/16	+5/16
	DigiInt	u22 1/2	+2 1/4
	DigLght n	19 3/8	-1 1/4
	DigMic s	1 6/16	+1/8
	DocuCn	9 1/16	-1/16
	Documnt	34 3/8	-2 1/16
	DomBrdge	2 1/16	-3/16
	Donkeny	3 7/16	-1/16
	Dbletree	44 1/8	-1/8
	Draxis g	3 1/16	-3/16
	DresB	24 15/32	-1/16
	DuPontP	42 1/16	+4 1/4
	DuraAto	26 3/16	-1/16
	DuraPh	48	+1 1/4
.10e	DurbanRo	1 9/16	-1/32
	Dynagn	1/16	-1/64
	DynHlth	3 1/16	-1/8
	ETrade	22 7/32	+2 9/16
.10	ECI Tel	27 7/8	+1 3/8
	EFTC Cp	u18 1/16	+1 1/4
	EIS Intl	5 9/16	-9/16
	ESCMed	33 1/2	-1 1/4
	ESSTech	n11 5/16	+1 1/2
	EgliHrd	17 1/2	-1/4
	EarthSc	d11 1/2	-1/16
	EcoSoil n	5 1/16	-1/16
.Eggbsed		7 13/16	-9/16
	8X8 Inc n	12 3/4	+9/16
	Einstnn	6 9/16	+1/16
	Elantec	6 1/4	+3/8
	Elcom n	7 1/2	+1/8
	Elctrgls	17 1/2	+1/4
	ElcArt	37 3/8	+1 1/4
	EFII s	44 7/16	-1/16
.Elctsrc		4 3/4	-1/16
.24	ElronEl	15 1/4	+5/16
	EmplySt	5 + 1/32	
	Encad	39	+1 1/8
	EncoreW s	37 3/4	+2
	Epitope	5 1/8	+1/4
	EqCompr	2 1/2	+1/8
.32e	EricTel	40 1/16	-13/16
	EspritT n	8 1/2	--
	EtecSys	42 3/4	-1 1/4
	Ethika	1/16	+1/32
	EuroSrv n	7 3/4	+1/4
	Exabyte	8 7/16	-1/16
	Excite n	26 1/16	+1 1/16
	FYI n	22 1/16	--
	FPA Mid	23 7/16	-1/16
	FTP Sft	21 1/8	+1/16
	FamGolf	29 15/16	+7/16
.02	Fastenl	52 1/2	--
	FaxSav	2 7/16	-1/32
.88	FfthThrd s	u79 1/4	+1 3/8
	FileNet	32 5/8	+1 5/16
	FinLine	15 11/16	-11/16
	Firearm	6	+1/4
.80	FtATn s	49 9/16	-5 3/16
	FrstAvn	7 7/8	--
+1 13/16	FComcstCp	70 5/16	+1 3/8
1.12f	FCmctCp	u59 1/4	--
+2 15/16	FSBWA	25 7/8	-1/8
.68	FSecCp s	u37	-1
1.32f	FstTenn	u67 1/2	+1 1/4
	Firstplus	44	+4 1/4
	Fiserv	46 1/2	+1/8
	Flanders	7 1/8	--
	Flextrn	38	+1 1/16
	Fonar	3 1/4	--
	FonixCp	4 15/16	-3/16
	FdCntE n	1/32	--
.13	FdLioB	6 1/16	-1/8
.13	FdLioA	8 1/32	-1/32
	ForeSys	18 1/16	-3/8
	ForeTch	13 3/8	+9/16
	Fossil	u25 1/16	+5/16
	FranchM n	17 3/8	+1/8
	FGoldmn s	36 1/2	-1/32
	Friedmn	14	--
	FrntNat	1 15/32	+1/32
	FrntN wtB	1/16	-1/32
.12	FrozenFd	9 15/16	+1/16
G H I			
	GT Interac	8 15/16	-5/16
	Gadzooks	28 1/16	-1 1/8
	GalileoT n	32 1/16	+1 1/8
	Gartner	32 3/4	+1 1/16
	GateField	1 15/32	-3/32
	Gemstr	u25 3/4	-3/4
	GeneLTc	3 5/32	+5/32
	GiMagic	1 1/16	-1/16
	GenNutr	34 5/8	--
	GenScan	24 1/2	+2 3/8
	Gensia	6 1/4	+1/4
	Gentex	22 3/4	-1/4
	GentiaS	d2 7/8	-1/16
	Genus	4 1/16	-3/16
33t	Genzym	27 3/4	+1/4
	GenzyTr	11 1/8	+1/4
	Geograph n	9/16	+1/16
	GeoTk	2 1/32	-1/16
	Gilead	38 7/8	+1 1/16
	Glasgal	4 9/16	-1/16
	Glenayre	11 7/8	+1 1/16
	Globlind s	18 1/8	+1
	GlbVilag	1 15/16	--
	Globalstr s	48 1/16	--
	Globeco n	14 5/16	+1 1/16
	GoldBks	10 9/16	+1/16
--	GoldTSy	10 5/16	-1/64
	GothicEn	3 15/32	-1/32
	GtLkeAv	1 7/16	+9/16
	GuitarC n	20 5/8	-1/8
	GiffsInd s	28 1/16	+2 5/16
	Gymbree	28 1/4	-7/16
.08	HBO s	46 13/16	+3/16
	HCIA	13 5/8	--
	HMTTch	14 5/8	+3/16
	HNC Sft	39	+2
	HSN Inc	46	-3/16
	Hadco	55 1/16	+13/16
	HainFood	8 1/2	-1/16
	Harbngr s	26 1/4	-1 5/16
	HarmLgt	13 15/16	+5/16
	HlthMSys	6 5/16	--
	HltCmp	53	+1/2
	HlthcrRc n	21	+3/8
	HlE	1 13/16	+1/16
	HlthdynT	20 1/4	+7/16
	Heartprt	24 5/16	+5/16
	HelenTr s	13 1/16	+1/16
	HSchein	35 1/16	+3/8
.60	Herbllfe	22 3/4	+1/4
	HiPlains	d3	-3/16
60t	HlywdCa	2 7/16	+1/16
	Hlywdt	9 5/16	+1/4
	Hologic	28	+5/8
20	HuntJB	17 7/16	+1/4
80b	HuntBnk	37 11/16	+ 7/16
	Hutchff s	22 1/16	+5/16
	HybridN n	d14 3/8	-3/8
.05j	HydrTch	9/32	-1/16
	HyprSf	41 1/16	+1/16
	I2 Tech	46 1/16	+3/16
	ICC Tch	2 15/32	-3/16
	ICG Com	24 1/16	+9/16
	ICOS n	u17 7/8	+2 1/16
	IDEC	37 5/8	+1 1/4
	IdexxLb	16 5/16	-3/8
	IDM Env	6 1/32	-9/32
	IDTCorp	22 1/16	-1/16
	IGEN	13 3/4	-1/16
	IMC Mt	15	+1/4
	IMP	1	--
	INSO	11	+1 1/32
	ITC Dlta n	15 5/8	+1 1/16
	ImagynMd	3 5/8	+9/32
	Imatrn	3 5/16	-9/32
	ImuLog	2 1/16	--
	Imungn	1 1/16	-1/16
	ImunRsp	13 1/16	+1/4
	Imunex	55 1/16	--
2 11/16	ImpCrdt n	15 3/8	+1/8
	ImpCrd	21 1/2	--
	InVision s	8 31/32	-9/32
	Incyte s	36 1/16	-3/8
	Individul	3 15/32	+1/16
	IndusMate	u29	-3/4
	Infonau	2 5/16	--
	InfMgeR	29 15/16	--
+2 13/16	InfoRes	15 1/16	+3/8
	InfoStor	8 15/16	+3/16
	Informix	6 1/16	--
	Infoseek	10 3/4	-1/16
	InhalTh	33 3/4	+15/16
	Innova n	16	-1/16
	InnoM wtA	12 3/32	+1/32
.12	Innovex s	23 3/8	--
+1 1/16	InnovirL	d 7/16	-1/32
	Innovo	11 1/16	+1/32
	Innovus	1/4	-9/32
	Inspire n	18 1/32	--
	InstrLab	1 3/4	+3/16
	IntegCirc	27 1/4	-1 1/4
	IntgDv	10 1/16	+1/16
	IntgPrc	17 1/16	+1/16
	IntgSys	18 1/16	+2 7/8
.12	Intel s	78 7/16	+2 7/8
	Intel wt s	57 15/16	+15/16
	Intelact	6 15/16	--
	Intelli	3 3/4	+3/16
	IntelEl	5 7/16	+3/16
	IntrTel s	21 1/16	+3/16
	IntrFR n	7 3/16	--
30f	IntrHcln	30 3/16	+1 1/4
	IntrCm	49 9/16	+1 3/4
	IntFibcm	5 1/16	-1/4
	Interneur	11 1/4	-1/8
	Intuit	u37 15/16	+2 3/16
	IonaTch n	17 9/16	-3 1/16
	Irvine	1 1/32	+1/64
	Isolyser	2 5/16	-9/32
J K L			
	J&J Sn	14 3/4	-1 1/4
	JD Edwr n	34 1/16	-5/8
	JB Oxfrd	1/32	--
	JDASoft	32 5/8	+2 1/2
	Jabil s	45	+1 7/8
	JacorCm	44	+3/8
	JavaCtrl	9/32	-1/16
10	JonesM	35 5/16	+ 7/16
	JunprGrp	7 3/64	+1/64
	JstFeet	15 13/16	-3/16
	KLA Tenc	41 15/16	+1 3/16
	KellOG	2 5/16	-1/16
	Kemet	20 1/8	-1/8
1.12f	KeystnFn	u40 1/4	+1 1/16
	Komag	18 5/16	-3/16
	KookR	3 1/16	--
	Kulicke	28	+1 1/8
	LHS Grp n	u62 1/2	+5 1/2
	LTX	5 15/32	+9/32
	LaTeko	9/32	+1/32
	LamRsch	32 3/8	+1
	LamarA	u36 1/2	+1 1/8
.80f	Lancastr	u55	+1/2
	LndmrkS n	u8	+9/16
	Landrys	26 1/16	+1 1/2
	Lasertech	1 1/32	+1/32
	Lattice	58 7/8	--
+3 13/16	Legato	43 1/16	+2 1/2
	LmHaus n	50	+2 3/4
	LevelOne s	33 9/32	+5/32
	Lidak	1 29/32	+1/32
	Lifecore	20 7/8	-1 1/8
	Ligand B	13 15/16	+1/4
.24	LinearT	66 1/16	-1/4
	Liposm	5 15/32	+1/32
	LtSwtz	7 1/4	--
	Logility n	12 1/4	+1 1/8
	LnaSStk	17 15/16	+3/8
	Lycos	33 9/16	+1 3/8
M N O			
.05	MCI	44 1/16	-3/16
	MHMeyer	5 1/16	-3/16
	MRV Cm	26 1/16	+7/16
	MTR Gam	12 1/32	+1/64
	MVSI n	6 1/4	+9/16
	MVSI wt	2 1/16	+1/32
	MacroCh	7 1/16	-1/4
--	Macrmdia	9 7/32	+1/32
	MadgeNt	5 1/16	-1/16
	MagPhr	8	+1/4
	Manugist s	46	+3 7/8
	MarDrl	25 3/4	+1 1/8
	MarqMed	24 1/16	+1/2
	Marshlis	u58 1/4	+1
	Mastech n	31	+3 1/16
--	Matheft	3 1/32	+ 1/16
	MatrixPh	3 7/8	+9/16
	MavTube s	32 1/16	-3/8
	Maxim	70 7/8	+9/16
	McMoRn	3 15/32	+9/32
	Medimun	39 1/16	-1/8
	Medaph	6 1/16	+1/16
	MediaArt	u17	+2 1/32
	MedDvT	1/16	+1/32
	MedResc	8 1/16	-1/16
	MedQst s	27 7/8	+1/8
	MehlBio	d1 11/32	-1/32
	Melita n	8 1/16	+1/16
	MenWre	32 1/16	+1/16
	MentGr	9 1/16	+1/16
80	MercttBk s	u40	+1 1/8
	MerdDta	4 3/8	+1/16
	Mercst	20 1/8	-1/8
	Meravnt	39 7/16	-3/16
	Mitcham	21 7/16	-5/16
	MobTel	18 1/16	+9/16
	Mohawk s	21	+1/16
	MotecDy	16 7/8	-1/8
.06	Motex s	31 1/4	-1/8
.06	MotexAs	28	-3/8
	vjMotenM	3 1/16	--
16f	MoneySt	25 5/8	+9/16
	MtMdA	4 3/16	--
	MtlcPrt	8 1/16	+1/32
	Mylex	9 1/16	+1/16
	NABI	3 15/16	+1/16
	NBTY	23 5/8	+1 1/16
	NFO Wrlw s	u20 1/8	+1/2
	NactTlcn	15 1/16	+1/32
	NatEng	4 3/16	-3/32
	NatlReg	9 1/32	-1/32
	NatSurg s	26 1/16	+1/16
	NatrHlth	1/16	--
	NatMicr	48 1/16	+1/16
	Nautica	28 1/16	+1/16
	NeoMgic n	16 7/8	+1/16
	Neoprobe	9 15/16	-1/16
	Netmng	2 15/32	+9/32
.Netscape		30 1/2	+1
	NetwkAp	55 1/16	+2 1/16
.NetwkAsc		50 1/2	+2 3/16
	NwkCmp	7 1/16	-1/16
	NwkImg	1 15/32	-1/32
	NtwkPeri	6 1/16	+1/32
	Neurex	15 5/16	-1/16
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	Nexstar	13	-3/4
.NextelCm		24 3/16	-1/16
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	NwstAirl	45 3/8	+3/8
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	Nu-Tech	5/32	--
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	ObjSys	10 3/16	+1/2
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	OlympStl	14 1/4	-3/16
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	Omnisgn n	18 7/8	+3/8
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	OpenMkt	11 5/16	-1/16
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	PMT Svc	16 5/16	+9/16
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	ParPet	6 1/4	-1/4
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	PatEng s	46	+3
	PhHarris	16 3/8	-1/8
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	Percrose	21	+3/16
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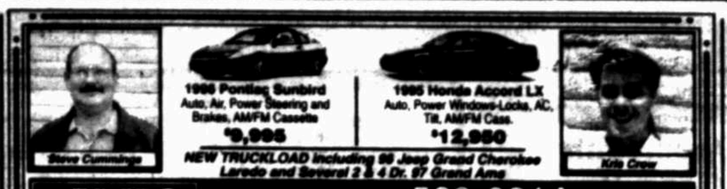
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CABLE TV Sales Representatives/ Manager. Full and part time career opportunities. Direct sales reps are needed to promote local cable programming within the city of Midland. Also hiring experienced Sales Manager. Excellent pay scale, flexible hours, production bonuses and advancement potential. No experience necessary, will train the right persons. Positions will be filled very quickly. Call today to set up an interview, 888-542-7363.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY
Areas foremost alarm company is seeking a self motivated electronics technician to work in the Midland/ Odessa area. Experience is a plus or we will train the right individual for a career in our exciting and growing industry. Non- smoking environment, a clean criminal history is a must. If you feel you qualify, send resume or letter of interest to P.O. Box 1011 Midland, TX 79702. Or apply at 1011 W. Washington, Midland.

CASHIERS NEEDED part time and full time for all shifts. Apply in person E-Z Mart, 2210 N. Big Spring. No phone calls please.

CLEANING PERSON needed part time at Carter furniture. Hours 8:30 am to 12 noon Monday through Friday. Apply at 501 E. Illinois. 1 to 4 pm.

CODE PIPE Welder. Singlehand, 1 year experience. Stick, wire & TIG. Test required. All x-ray work. 362-4666.

CUSTODIAN NEEDED. 3- 4 hours per night, Monday-Friday. Apply at 602 N. Baird, Suite 200, Midland.

DISHWASHER. Must pay attention to detail, cleanliness and have a good work history. Apply in person, Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main.

DRIVERS
DOMINO'S PIZZA
Now Hiring Drivers
Earn $9 - $14 /hour
Apply at the Domino's location nearest you! EOE

DRIVERS: Our top drivers are making $900 per week. Truck Purchase Option Plan, OTR, Regional, Flatbed. Great Benefits, Health & Dental Insurance, Guarantees. Call (800) 749-1190.

ELECTRONIC SYSTEM Installer. Starting pay depending on experience. Call 550-7964.

EXPERIENCED CABINET maker wanted. Apply in person at 1314 ECR 124. 683-4541.

310 General Help Wanted

FOR RESUMES that get results call 699-1919. Also, Cover letters. Professional, quick service, affordable.

FRONT DESK- Hampton Inn now accepting applications. Guest service is a must! Must be able to work various shifts including some weekends. Computer experience a plus, but will train the right person. Apply in person 3904 W. Wall. No phone calls please.

FURNITURE MOVERS with experience. Heavy lifting and Class C drivers license required. Leave name /number (915)499-4026.

GENERAL-
NEEDING CHRISTMAS HELP
Temporary or permanent position. Evening hours 5:30 pm- 9 pm. Quick advancement and great working conditions. Telemarketing position. No phone book calls. Must have reliable transportation. Call 563-0711 10:30 am- 3 pm and ask for Richard.

GENERAL- First Presbyterian Child Development Center seeks part time Secretary and part time Spanish Teacher. 683-0851.

GENERAL- IMMEDIATE OPENING! Bail Bond Agent. Bilingual a plus. Apply in person, 409 S Main. No phone calls please.

GENERAL- Midland Powersports is seeking a full-time employee to handle our Finance and Insurance Department. Must be out- going and people- oriented, computer experience helpful. Will train right individual. Contact Tom at 5900 W. Hwy. 80, Midland or call 520-2080.

GRANDMOTHERS HELPER wanted, Fridays 9 - 12 & 2 - 5. References required, call 694-1343.

GROUNDSKEEPER/ Houseman. Full time position. Must be pool certified. Apply Lexington Hotel and Suites, 1003 S. Midkiff. No phone calls please.

GROW WITH Our Company!! Delivery/ Collections person needed for fast paced rental/ purchase store. Our Company offers *Paid Vacation, *Paid Holidays, *Company Advancement, *401(k) Retirement, *Bonuses. All applicants are drug tested and must have clean driving record. Serious inquires only. No phone calls please. Apply at 3303 W. Illinois, Space 8.

★ **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** ★

AA/ Executive Secretary needed for temp to perm position. Must have strong MicroSoft experience. Salary open DOE. Call:

Career Path Temporaries,
697-6710 for appointment.

HIRING PART time assistants to Educational Director. Responsibility teaching and administrative duties. Education and or theater background preferred. Send resume to Tracy Goodwin, Midland Community Theater, 2000 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas 79705.

HONEST, HARD- WORKING, HOUSEKEEPER, to work for honest, hard- working family. Laundry, ironing, cleaning. Full-time. Must have references. Call 685-0987

HOUSEKEEPER/ Child Care. Monday, Wednesday, Friday. Flexible hours. Send Letter with references to P.O. Box 8995, Midland, TX 79708-8995.

IN STORE help with freight, housekeeping, counter sales, back up for route driver and miscellaneous. Sales and computer experience helpful. Class B CDL necessary. Apply at 910 S. Big Spring.

INCOME TAX Preparers. Full time/ part time for tax season. If interested call collect, (915)581-8299.

INSERTERS NEEDED. Every Wednesday, 4 pm to 9 pm. $6 Per hour. Contact: BJ Elliott, 687-8895.

JOB DEVELOPER/ Job coach needed to assist individuals with disabilities in obtaining and maintaining employment. Reliable transportation, in-home phone a must. $6.75 per hour to start. Call 520-6650.

Costilla ENERGY, INC.

Joint Interest Analyst

Responsibilities will include tracking and handling AFE's, JIB's and production and drilling reports received from outside operators. Will maintain files on outside operated properties. In addition, will act as engineering tech. Strong organizational, computer and interpersonal skills required.

Submit resumes by mail or FAX. No phone calls please.

Costilla Energy, Inc.
Attn: Nancy Christmas
P.O. Box 10369
Midland, TX 79702
FAX (915)686-6085

Non-Smoking Environment

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24 Hour * Job Hotline
520-4053 ext. 371

LAUNDRY. Relief position. Must be able to read & write English and have good references. Apply in person, Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main.

MAINTENANCE PERSON for 64 unit property. Experienced only. 520-0722.

MAINTENANCE Person needed for west side apartments. Heating & Air Conditioning certified if possible. Call 694-2466 or 682-5305.

310 General Help Wanted

Pool Company, an industry leader in Oilfield Services, is accepting applications in the Midland Yard for the following positions:

Kill Truck Drivers
Vacuum Truck Drivers
Transport Truck Drivers
Winch Truck Drivers

Applicants must have a minimum of 1- 3 years experience in the respective positions, and be DOT Certified with the proper licenses and endorsements.

Pool Company offers an excellent wage and benefit package including medical and dental insurance, paid vacation, retirement, 401K savings plan, safety awards, holiday premium pay, and other off time benefits.

Applications can be completed at the following location.

Pool Company
Texas Ltd.
3700 E. Hwy 158
Midland, Texas 79706

POOL COMPANY

POOL COMPANY TEXAS Ltd.
An Equal Opportunity Employer (M/F/D/V)

310 General Help Wanted

PRO SNIPS has an immediate opening for Hairstylist. Beginning pay $5.30/ Hour. Apply in person at 1000 N. Midkiff.

❤ REPRESENTATIVES
Needed- sell Avon part time- full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520-0119, Independent Rep.

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RENT-N-OWN
★★★★★★★★★★★★

Immediate position for full time **Delivery Driver**. Please apply in person only.

Applicants must possess:

*Clean Driving Record and Be Drug Free
*Physically Able to Lift Furniture and Appliances

Apply Today.

RENT-N-OWN
2209 N. Big Spring
Midland, TX
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RESTAURANT. Fast Freddy's now hiring Waitpersons, not afraid of hard work and good money. Apply in person, 4310 W. Illinois.

SERVICE AGENT needed. Full time. Must be 21 years of age. Drug screening required. Apply at National Car Rental, Midland International Airport.

SERVICE ASSISTANT. Cimarron House has immediate openings for Personal Service Assistant. All positions available. Part time and full time. Must have home telephone and transportation. Competitive wages. Must be willing to work a rotating schedule. Applications at 3400 Caldera, Midland, Texas.

❤ SONIC, America's Drive In, is now accepting applications for crew members, daytime and evening shifts available. We are hiring car-hops, cooks and counter help. Good wages, great working conditions and flexible schedules. Please apply in person, 1109 N. Midkiff.

STORE CLERK wante. Must be able to work differen. shifts. Starting $5.15/ Hour. Will train. Apply in person, Wall Street Exxon, 3603 W Wall.

TELEMARKETERS & Telemarketing Manager Trainee needed. Hourly plus Commission. Excellent advancement opportunity for career minded people including a full benefit package. Position with convenient hours for students, homemakers, retirees or second job. Call 694-2235 or come by 3322 Midkiff.

TELEMARKETERS-
$20/ HR.
Set your own hours, paid weekly, monthly bonuses and paid training. 1-800-842-1409

WELDERS
MIG welders for local manufacturing company. Certification not required will be tested.

LABOR
No Experience required will train. Come By:

2501 E. I-20, Midland, Texas
Between 9 & 5
Monday- Friday.

311 Medical Help Wanted

CNAs

Stanton Nursing and Rehabilitation, owned and managed by Sun Healthcare Group, is accepting applications of employment for Certified Nursing Assistants. We are screening applicants for those individuals who are able to work and flourish in a team environment, oriented to the goal of optimum resident care. As a Sun employee, you have the opportunity to select from 3 levels of pay. For newly certified aides who are willing to take directions, your pay rate may begin up to $6.60 per hour. Applications may be placed at: Stanton Care Center, 1100 W. Broadway, Stanton, Texas 79782. Contact Denise Yandrich, Staff Development. EOE/AA, m/f/d/v/

311 Medical Help Wanted

Medical Accounts Receivable Manager

$15 per hour plus $5,000 bonus. Send resume and you will be contacted with details.
Send to:
Box 8976
Midland, TX 79708-8976

***NURSEFINDERS OF WEST TEXAS**

Full Time Clinical Supervisor, Kermit. Part/ Full Time RN Case Manager, Big Spring. Experience:

* RN license for two years
* Home Health Supervisory & Medicare experience
* Spanish speaking a plus

Fax or Mail resume to:
Mary Byars, RN
409 Andrews Highway
Midland, Texas 79701
Fax: 915-570-8084
EOE

Nursefinders
RNs up to $37.50
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580-3535

***SPANISH SPEAKING* RN's and LVN's** needed to work PRN or full time. Sign- on bonus and possible benefits and salary. Must have home health experience. Call 570-4475 and ask for Jackie.

BILLING CLERK/ Secretary with experience needed for busy office. Medical Manager Software. Excellent benefits. Mail resume to: 2114 W. Tennessee, Midland, TX 79701.

CERTIFIED NURSE Aide- 2 Positions open, 10- 6. New salary scale! If you're the best, come join our team! Rockwood Manor, 2000 N Main.

DENTAL ASSISTANT- Experineced, enthusiastic, chair side assistant needed for busy, restorative and cosmetic practice. Please send resume to Dr. Andrew Kauffman. P.O. Box 8307, Midland, TX 79708.

LON MORRIS College now offering classes in Dental Assisting through local dentist. Classes to begin in February 1998. Registration limited. Call 683-5042.

LVN POSITION- Trinity Towers is now accepting applications for an LVN in the personal care department to work 3 days a week, 7 am to 3 pm. If you enjoy and are dedicated to caring for the elderly, come join our team. Applications can be picked up at: 2800 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701 and returned to Jean Box. EOE M/F.

MEDICAL- Opening for LVN for physician's office. Full time, good benefits. Send resume to Box T-5071, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

MEDICAL- Visiting Nurses of Del Rio, Inc. is now accepting applications for Primary HomeCare Providers. For application or more information, please call 1-800-532-0421 or write to: 403 W. 6th, Monahans, Texas 79756. EOE.

NURSE needed for doctors office. Send resume to 2301 W. Michigan, Midland, TX 79701.

PHYSICIAN needs articulate, professional person with excellent public relations and communication skills for busy office. Duties include heavy phones, complex scheduling, computer skills. Knowledge of insurance and Medical Manager helpful. Please apply in person at 1304 W Texas between the hours of 9:00 and 3:00 pm.

312 Professional Help Wanted

INTERNATIONAL OILFIELD Company has a local opening for a Sales Engineer. Must have an engineer degree. Should have a personable manner. Full benefits. Company vehicle. Salary depends on experience. Send replies to Box PJ- 3018, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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GEOLOGICAL TECHNICIAN

Local Oil & Gas Producer is looking for an experienced Geological Technician. Requires technical skills to research and compile data for Engineers & Geologists. Computer knowledge preferred. Salary will be dependent upon experience. Non- Smoking Environment.

Send replies to:

Box P-06055
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702

Titan Exploration, Inc.

A growing public oil and gas company, has openings for the following positions:

Revenue Accountant
Joint Interest Accountant
Revenue Accounting Clerk
Joint Interest Billing Clerk
Accounts Payable Clerk
Data Entry Clerk

All applicants should have prior oil and gas experience working with an accounting software package and should be proficient in Excel and Word or comparable software in a windows environment.

Titan offers competitive compensation, an excellent benefits package and a smoke-free environment.

Equal Opportunity Employer

Please send resumes to:
Attn: Accounting Positions
PO Box 10629
Midland, Texas 79702

POSITION AVAILABLE
EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT
SEMINOLE AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Seminole Chamber of Commerce is seeking an Executive Vice-President. The person in this position will be responsible for directing tourism, commercial and community development programs.

Candidate must have strong communication skills as well as experience in staff management and preparing and operating under a budget. Must have the personality to work with volunteers.

Salary $12,000- $15,000 per year

Send resume before December 31, 1997 to:

Search Committee
c/o Randy Bailey
P.O. Box 790
Seminole, TX 79360

Human Resources Insurance Administrator

Growing Midland Based company, seeking applicant responsible for all phases of Human Resources and risk Management. Candidate must have extensive knowledge and experience in payroll, employee benefit programs, policies and procedures, and employment law. Applicant should possess knowledge and experience in all property and casualty policies, claims handling (including job - related injuries), administration of safety programs. Accounting degree helpful, but not required. Send resume and salary requirements to: Box PJ-3017, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

312 Professional Help Wanted

*REPORTER/ WEATHER ANCHOR

KOSA News in Odessa, Texas has an immediate opening for a full time Reporter/ Weather Anchor. Must have a college degree in related field. Send tapes and resume to News Director, P.O. Box 4186., Odessa, TX 79760.

DRAFTING: Experience in P & ID's, skid piping and pressure vessels. Send resume with salary history and requirements to: Draftsman, PO Box 60478, Midland, Texas 79711.

EMPLOYMENT WANTED: Lease Analyst, 20 years experience, mineral and fee lease ownership, contract evaluation, division order calculation and revenue distribution. Call 697-0914.

GEO-TECH. Small Independent Oil Company seeks part time Geo-Tech. Flexible hours, pleasant working environment. Salary DOE. Send resume to: EnerQuest Resources, LLC, PO Box 11150, Midland, Texas 79702.

GROW WITH Our Company!! Loan Managers/ Assistant Loan Managers needed for fast paced rental/ purchase store. Our Company offers *Paid Vacation, *Paid Holidays, *Company Advancement, *401(k) Retirement, *Bonuses. All applicants are drug tested and must have clean driving record. Serious inquiries only. No phone calls please. Apply at 3303 W. Illinois, Space 8.

LEASE ANALYST- Contract/ Full- time. 3 to 5 years experience. Landpro experience preferred. Independent oil and gas operator Send resume to: Box P-06054, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

OIL & GAS Tax accountant needed. 4 Years experience. Call Keith, 687-1410.

WIRELINE SERVICES OPENHOLE ENGINEER

BPB Wireline Services, specialist in openhole logging, is presently accepting applications for the above position. Openings to be filled are in Midland, Texas. All positions require a 4 year technical degree. Major logging company experience a plus but not required. Please forward you resume in confidence to:

BPB Wireline Services
P.O. Box 60507
Midland, Texas 79711-0507

312 Professional Help Wanted

PRODUCTION/ DRILLING SECRETARY

Midland Independent seeks dependable, enthusiastic secretary to assist the operations department. Duties include: daily drilling report, filing, telephone, AFE's and invoice handling with some state production reporting and other internal reports. Candidate must have computer skills using WordPerfect, Lotus 1-2-3, and Excel. Previous experience in production/ drilling will be a plus. Benefit package applies. Send resume, references and salary expectations in strict confidence to: Box T-5072, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

REPORTER/ PHOTOGRAPHER

KOSA News in Odessa, Texas has an immediate opening for an enterprising Reporter/ Photographer. Must have a college degree in a related field. Send resume and tape to News Director, 1211 North Whitaker, P.O. Box 4186, Odessa, TX 79760.

SPEECH PATHOLOGIST: Private practice with varied caseload seeking full- time or part- time CCC/SLP, CFY or Licensed Assistant. 570-4400.

TAX PREPARER- Midwest Tax Service is accepting applications for tax preparer for computerized tax refund office to be opened in Midland. Need to have experience in preparing income tax returns and data entry. Send resume to 102 W. Avenue "B" Street, Sweetwater, Texas 79556 or call Johnny Castereno at (915)235-8511.

316 Clerical Help Wanted

*LORETTA'S ANSWERING SERVICE

Telephone secretaries for evening shifts, including weekends; type minimum 35 wpm. Apply 10 am- 4 pm, Monday- Friday at:
1300 S. Midland Drive

EXPERIENCE COUNTS
*Secretarial
*Word Processing
*Oil & Gas
*Never a fee
TEMPORARY RESOURCES
684-0527

CLERICAL OPENINGS, at least 6 months experience. Call OLSTEN today, 689-6607.

DP PERSONNEL
Temp & Permanent positions available
682-0033

Unique Opportunity For Sales Consultants With College Or Equivalent Backgrounds

One of Midland's top automotive retailers is dramatically changing the way people buy cars and trucks. This unique approach utilizes consultants to professionally match the consumers' needs to the appropriate purchase. Although there is an exciting compensation plan to reward performance, the concept of stabilized income for sales consultants working sensible hours makes the car buying experience fun for both employees and customers.

We require no sales experience. Instead, we seek clean cut, career-minded men and women with college or equivalent backgrounds. After receiving professional training and working in this unique environment, you will be proud that you replied to this announcement and are part of this exciting change.

Apply Tuesday thru Friday

3205 W. WALL MIDLAND, TEXAS
Ask For John or Jim Bob

AUTOMOTIVE SALES HELP WANTED

Fastest Growing Dealer in West Texas, Great Working Environment, Great Benefits:
★Insurance ★Holidays ★Vacation ★401k
SEE DARREN DORTCH 522-7400

Kelly Grimsley AUTO GROUP
3918 W. WALL • MIDLAND

314 Clerical Help Wanted

CLERICAL- Midland Co. F.S.A. is now hiring a temporary employee, must be able to meet the public, work with IBM computers, type 60 wpm, Ag. experience helpful. Interested applicants must apply in person at 1219 S. Fairgrounds Rd., between 8 am & 5pm Monday through Friday. Salary based on CO-3 level. Final date to apply is 12/12/97. Candidates will be considered without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, political affiliation, personal sponsorship, physical or mental handicaps, age, marital status or other non- merit factors.

JOBS AVAILABLE
Select Staff
915-687-1545

LEGAL SECRETARY- Law firm seeking an individual proficient in Windows and Word Perfect with prior corporate/ commercial experience. Send to resume to: Box P-6057, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

LEGAL SECRETARY. Must have experience, qualifications needed; Word 97, type 55 words per minute, bilingual, able to work independently. For appointment call Tony at 570-1013. Salary commensurate with qualifications.

OFFICE MANAGER wanted for small business. Non- smoking environment. Needs good attitude. Flexible hours (approximately 30 hours/ week). Computer skills preferred. Send resume to 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite A-7, Midland, Texas 79705 or fax to 682-3571.

Global Personnel Network
Temp & Perm positions. Locally & around the globe! 686-8360

RECEPTIONIST/ Secretary, typist. MS Word, notary preferred. Send resumes to: P.O. Box 10016, Midland, TX 79702.

TELLERS- Come join the fastest growing credit union in the Permian Basin. Part time tellers needed in Midland for 15 hours per week. Can lead to full time position. Must have high school diploma and be familiar with keyboard and 10- key. Send resume to 2740 N. County Rd. West, Odessa, TX 79764.

V.I.P. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES- Clerical and Industrial jobs available. Never a fee. Benefits. (915) 686–9722.

318 Management Help Wanted

*BE PART OF THE FUN!

Hollywood Theaters is seeking enthusiastic individuals for Assistant Manager and Manager Trainee positions. Fax resume to: Marty Felts, (915)699-0200.

*MANAGER

PACKING MANAGER

Our fast growing Greenhouse operation has openings for Packing Managers in Marfa, Texas and Fredericksburg, Virginia Greenhouses. the ideal candidate will have experience in managing a fresh produce packing operation, preferably in packing tomatoes. The position will supervise the operation of a sophisticated sorter/ grader as well as the actual packing, storing and shipping activities of the greenhouse.

We offer a competitive salary and benefits package. Please send resumes, including salary requirements, to: Human Resource Department, APD, Inc., 10 Alvin Court, East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816 or fax: 732-257-2673.

318 Management Help Wanted

RESTAURANT- taking applications for Management. Good salary and benefits. Apply at 2201 W. Wall, Midland.

RESTAURANT. Fuddrucker's now hiring Assistant Managers. Looking for professional outgoing individuals with good communication and organizational skills. Compensation up to $27,000 per year depending on experience. We offer paid vacations, comprehensive medical insurance, monthly and quarterly bonuses and promotion opportunities. Our managers, typically, have two days per week off. Please fax resume to 689-6544.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

OILFIELD SRVICE Company is hiring Company Sales Representatives to represent Outside Sales. Top pay. Excellent benefits package. Expenses & Bonus Incentives. 1-888-575-4324 or 915-687-4300.

REGIONAL SALES Manager for down hole pump product. Must be familiar with down hole pumps, Permian Basin, have customer contacts, be aggressive and self starter. Excellent compensation/ benefit package for the right person. Send resume to Lubri-Pump, Inc., 11182 U.S. Hwy. 69 N., Tyler, TX 75706

TOPAZZ OILFIELD Services, Inc. Midland, TX 79701 has immediate openings for Equipment Operators & Truck Drivers. Successful candidate will be skilled in the Oilfield Service Industry. Must have Class A CDL with Endorsements. No need to relocate. Topazz offers a competitive salary and benefit package. 1-888-575-4324, 687-4300.

320 Skilled Trades

EXPERIENCED CABINET MAKER

Campbell Construction Company seeking experienced Cabinet Maker. 401(k) and Cafeteria Plan available. Apply at 241-A Spring Park Drive, Midland, Texas 79705 or send resume to P.O. Box 11293, Midland, Texas 79702. Salary DOE

CARPENTER with own tools and experience; also, carpenters helper needed. References required by both. Call 684-3843.

DRYWALL

MFF, Finishers, Hangers, Ceiling persons. Your area in travel, $14- $23 per hours.

888-241-7378

ELECTRICAL ESTIMATOR. Minimum 10 years experience in commercial installations. Ability te job cost and expedite a plus. Please list references. Send resumes to: Box B-04011, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

ELECTRONIC TECH- Needed for electronics retailer excellent pay, paid vacation, paid medical, 401K & employee discounts. Harold's Electronics 2809 Andrews Hwy., Odessa, 79762. 332-4842 attention Mark.

MACHINIST WANTED, minimum of 5 years, night shift perferred, hours 3 - 11 pm. Apply at 8927 Andrews Highway in Odessa.

Sell it in 10 or we'll run it again!*
Classified 682-6222
*Anything on wheels, $5 per line, 3 lines minimum, Call today for complete details.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE.

Notice is hereby given that James W. Welty and Jean Welty ("Secured Party") of 4113 County Road 1244 North, Midland, Texas 79707 (915/694-7459) intend to sell, at public sale, for cash, the following descibed property:

"All assets of the Debtor, including but not limited to, all accounts, inventory, furnishings and fixtures of the Debtor now or hereafter acquired and all proceeds thereof."

The Debtor is J. Welty Investments, Ltd. d/b/a Adventure Sports & Clothiers, a sporting goods store located at 4610 N. Garfield, Suite D-4, Midland, Texas 79705.

The public sale will take place at 4610 N. Garfield, Suite D-4, Midland, Texas 79705 on December 19, 1997 at 8:30 a.m. The property will be available for inspection between 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on December 18, 1997 or by appointment.

James W. Welty
Jean Welty

320 Skilled Trades

REECE ALBERT, Inc., a large Texas based construction company is looking for experienced Motor-Grader Operator. Salary range based on experience. 7600 North County Road 1150. Located North East Midland County. Phone 682-3769, 8- 5, Monday-Friday.

335 Adult Care Needed

LIVE IN Care giver- for details, call 694-0518.

336 Adult Care Providers

COUNTRY LIVING for the elderly. 24 hour assisted care. Private room available. Call Diana Mitchell at 683-6292.

INHOME CARE your locally owned sitter service. If you need dependable help call 570-4475, ask for Tamara or Jackie. (Low Rates).

ASSISTED LIVING- warm, cozy, 24 hour caring environment owned and managed by RN. Call 684-6155.

ADULT CARE- Very reasonable rates. Private room/ bath, meals, maid, laundry service. Transportation provided. 687-6035

RELIABLE CARE in your home. Trustworthy sitters. Need depenable help call Janet 520-8596. Resonable rates.

340 Child Care Needed

WANTING SOMEONE to take care of children, take and pickup from school. Hours from 7 am- 6 pm, Monday thru Friday. 694-2157.

BABYSITTER NEEDED. 4- 5 Hours Day, Monday- Friday to help me care for my four grandchildren. Call 687-2580 after 5 pm.

341 Child Care Providers

HONEST CHRISTIAN mother will keep children in my home. nutritional meals and snacks provided. Lots of TLC, flexible hours, reasonable rates. Will provided references. 520-7358 call any time.

DON'T BE FOOLED by the lowest prices in town. Get registered quality child care, Monday through Friday, 7:30am to 5:30pm, with lunch and snacks provided. 18 months and up, only. Please call 697-5226.

350 Business Opportunities

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Attention Readers

Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract.
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LARGE SELECTION of good cash flow businesses in Roswell, Albuquerque and Socorro. Call Pat Jones, The Vaughan Company, 800-876-5503.

COKE MACHINES $650. Guaranteed, some locations available. Call (915)570-8158 or 1 (888)254-9776.

UNLIMITED INCOME! Overwhelmed! I'll show you how to get started. Earn $500 to $2,500 per week, part time, not MLM. Call 1-800-489-1628. Ext. 24.

IF YOU WANT To Sell your business, we have buyers! Call Bennett & Associates- Business Brokers. 684-5209.

Get your Real Estate license quickly, short, day, weekend, evening classes. Southwest College 697-7277

ATTENTION ENTREPRENEURS! Work at home!, traditional business, prospects call you! 6 figure income easily. 1-800-995-0796 ext. 0934.

METAL FABRICATION facility, formally used for tank manufacturing. 24,000 sq ft, 2- large HI Span metal buildings, O.H. cranes, 8 acres with office, heavy duty electric service 440 volt, equipment included. Albany, Texas (Abilene area), Turn Key- owner may finance. More information fax 972-878-6335.

410 Misc. Sales

THREE CEMETARY Plots in Resthaven. $2,500 for all. Call 687-2198.

NEED CHRISTMAS or other music? Try Blue Gravy Records and Tapes. 1710 Carter.

SNOW SKIS- 2 sets, boots, bindings, poles- $200. Stackable washer and dryer $200. 634-5158.

410 Misc. Sales

LAWN FURNITURE- nice lawn sets, $45 & $65. 1419 E. Chestnut or call 570-5570.

SING AND Snore Ernie for sale. $250 or best offer. Please call 699-1189.

GENTLEMAN'S SEARS quality jump suit. Brand new, 46 long, light blue, 6 pockets. $25. 687-6790.

SANTA COSTUME for rent. New. Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Ho! Call 520-8016.

SLEEP & SNORE ERNIE for sale. Brand new. Still in box. $100. 915-697-6801, leave message.

WANT TO BUY- Wood carvings or soapstone, especially onental, Asian and African. Prefer head and figure sculptures. Thank you. 684-8222.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that T-STAR, P.C., will acquire all of the business its assets, tangible and intangible, and all other presently owned by T-STAR whose principal business office is located at 4610 Garfield, Suite B-5, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79705. Firm name will not change.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION/ DISCONTINUANCE

Notice is hereby given that the partnership T-STAR, G.P. is now solely owned and operated by Rick Gordon, L.P.T. The business located at 4610 N. Garfield, Suite B-5, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79705 will be acquired by a Texas Corporation on or before December 30, 1997, whose name will be T-STAR, P.C. Payment of debts owing the business and presentation of demands for payments of debts due by the business should be mailed to the corporation at the above address. November 21, 1997. Rick Gordon (Owner).

Department of Treasurer- 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, William 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:** December 16, 1997. **Time of Sale:** 10:00 AM. **Place of Sale:** Christie's, 219 East 67th Street, New York, New York 10021 **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. **Description of Property:** 258 piece set silver Gorham "St. Cloud" Pattern (item 3437); 374 pieces Gorham-Medallion Flatware (item 3419); 244 pieces Whitting sterling "Lily 1902" (item 3409); 222 pieces Medallion pattern (item 3421); 221 pieces silver "West Moreland"" (item 3426); 163 pieces silver Hallmark like a conch shell (item 3428); 199 piece set silver 3 patterns ornate floral (item 3429); 181 piece silver Simpson Hall "Althea" (item 3434); 204 assorted Medallion "St Cloud" (item 33438); 71 pieces assorted Medallion pattern (item 3473.01); 2 Canton famille rose vases (item 2855); 1 clobbered beaker vase (item 2855); 1 Massive turquoise vase (item 2853). **Property may be inspected at:** 219 East 67th Street, New York, New York 10021 (call the phone number below for additional information about viewing 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. **Name and Title:** 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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NOTICE FOR SURFACE COMMINGLE

ARCO PERMIAN seeks to surface commingle production from the Charlotte Parks "18" and Charlotte Parks "27" Leases, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field. These leases are located on Sections 18 and 27, Block 40, T-3-S, T&P RR Survey in Midland County, Texas, fifteen (15) miles Southwest of Midland. These properties produce from the Spraberry Zone. Production will be allocated to each well based on well tests. Any questions or concerns should be addressed to Elizabeth Casbeer at 915-688-5570.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Statewide Rules 26 and 27 (3)(b) of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Rules 26 and 27, this application may be granted administratively if no protest to the application is received within 21 days of notice of the application being mailed by the applicant to all working and royalty interest owners, or if publication is required, within 21 days of the date of last publication.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's Representative, Elizabeth A. Casbeer, Regulatory Compliance Analyst at 915-688-5570, ARCO Permian, PO Box 1610, Midland, Texas 79702. If you have any questions regarding the protest procedure, please contact the Commission at 512-463-7307 or in writing, within twenty-one (21) days of publication to the Railroad Commission of Texas, Oil and Gas Division, PO Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of John P. Butler, Deceased, were issued on November 25, 1997, in Cause No. P11,969, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Alva W. Butler and NationsBank of Texas, N.A., Independent Co-Executors.

The residence of the Independent Co-Executor, Alva W. Butler, is No. 3 Oaklawn Park, Midland, Midland County, Texas. Please present claims to:

NationsBank of Texas, N.A.
Attention Mr. Bill Hill
P.O. Box 270
Midland, Texas 79702

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the representative at the address above set out.

DATED the 2nd day of December, 1997.

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Midland, Texas 79702

By: Robert H. Dawson
State Bar No. 05605000

ATTORNEYS FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LOUISE ELIZABETH RUMELY WHITELY, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Louise Elizabeth Rumely Whitely, deceased, were issued to Loyd George Whitely, Independent Executor, on December 4, 1997, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Louise Elizabeth Rumely Whitely, Deceased," No. 11,984 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Independent Executor, at Post Office Box 168, Midland, Texas 79702 before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Loyd George Whitely,
Independent Executor of the Estate of Louise Elizabeth Rumely Whitely, Deceased, No. 11,984 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

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ORDINANCE NO. 7680

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY ADDING THERETO CERTAIN AREAS ADJOINING THE PRESENT CITY LIMITS, BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SECTION ONE HEREOF; AND APPROVING A PUBLIC SERVICE PLAN

WHEREAS, public hearings before the City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, a home rule municipal corporation, where all interested persons were provided an opportunity to be heard on the proposed annexation of the hereinafter described territory, were held in the City Council Chambers October 14, 1997 and on November 11, 1997, which dates are not more than forty (40) nor less than twenty (20) days prior to the institution of annexation proceedings; and

WHEREAS, notice of such public hearings were published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Midland, Texas, and in the below described territory, on the 3rd day of October, 1997, and the 31st day of October, 1997, which dates are not more than twenty (20) days nor less than ten (10) days prior to the date of such public hearings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE. That the following described property adjoining the present boundary lines of the City of Midland, Texas, be and the same is hereby annexed to and incorporated within the boundary of the City of Midland, Texas;

A 380.98 acre tract of land located in Sections 25 and 36, Block 40, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas, being more fully described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at (Y = 10,698,803.65', X = 1,725,714.20') the NW corner of said Section 36 as surveyed by R. E. Estes, May 4, 1929, and the NE corner of said Section 35, being the most Westerly NW corner of this tract, from whence a 1" iron pipe found as called for by R. E. Estes in 1929 in corrected field notes at the NW corner of said Section 35, being the SW corner of Section 26, of said Block 40, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, bears S 75° 19' 38" W a distance of 5277.07 feet;

Thence N 75° 19' 38" E with said North boundary line of said Section 36, a distance of 172.22 feet to a 1" iron pipe marked "SW 25" set by R. E. Estes at the SE corner of said Section 26 and the SW corner of said Section 25, being an interior corner of this tract;

Thence N 14° 32' 51" W with the East boundary line of said Section 26, and the West boundary line of said Section 25, a distance of 1048.01 feet to an exterior corner of this tract;

Thence N 75° 43' 12" E, a distance of 432.71 feet to a point of curvature and a corner of this tract;

Thence around a curve to the left in a Northeasterly direction, with a radius of 550.00 feet, delta angle of 39° 17' 19", arc length of 377.14, and a chord of 369.80 feet which bears N 56° 04' 32" E to a point of reverse curvature of this tract;

Thence around a curve to the right in a Northeasterly direction, with a radius of 1050.00 feet, delta angle of 18° 04' 55", arc length of 331.37 feet, and a chord of 330.00 feet which bears N 45° 28' 20" E to a point of tangency of this tract;

Thence N 54° 30' 48" E a distance of 976.35 feet to a point of curvature of this tract;

Thence around a curve to the right in a Northeasterly direction, with a radius of 1250.00 feet, delta angle of 21° 05' 21", arc length of 460.09 feet, and a chord of 457.50 feet which bears N 65° 03' 29" E to a point of tangency of this tract;

Thence N 75° 36' 09" E a distance of 415.03 feet to the NW corner of Grandridge Park, Section 1, as recorded in Cabinet F, Page 96, Plat Records of Midland County, Texas, and the NE corner of this tract;

Thence S 14° 23' 51" E with the West boundary line of said Grandridge Park, a distance of 1707.94 feet to a point in the North boundary line of a 305.0462 Acre Annexation Tract being an exterior corner of this tract, from whence the SW corner of said Grandridge Park bears S 14° 23' 51" E a distance of 44.85 feet;

Thence S 75° 27' 37" W with the North boundary line of said 305.0462 Acre Tract, a distance of 589.85 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found at the NW corner of said 305.0462 Acre Tract;

Thence S 14° 23' 43" E with said 305.0462 Acre Tract boundary, a distance of 109.99 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found at a corner of this tract;

Thence S 14° 32' 23" E with said 305.0462 Acre Tract boundary, a distance of 6.90 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found at a point of curvature of this tract;

Thence around a curve to the left in a Southeasterly direction, with said 305.0462 Acre Tract boundary, with a radius of 1109.87 feet, delta angle of 27° 35' 46", arc length of 534.56 feet, and a chord of 529.41 feet which bears S 28° 20' 16" E to a 1/2" iron rod found at a point of tangency of this tract;

Thence S 42° 08' 09" E with said 305.0462 Acre Tract boundary, a distance of 162.27 feet to a 1/2" iron rod found at a corner of this tract;

Thence around a curve to the left in a Southwesterly direction, with the boundary of said 305.0462 Acre Tract, with a radius of 904.90 feet, delta angle of 16° 45' 00", an arc length of 264.54 feet, and a chord of 263.60 feet which bears S 36° 00' 18" W to a 1/2" iron rod found at

Thence S 14° 23' 43" E with the West boundary line of said 305.0462 Acre Tract a distance of 2684.62 feet to a corner of this tract and The Ranch, Grassland Estates, Section 1, as recorded in Cabinet C, Pages 184, 185, 186, Plat Records of Midland County, Texas;

Thence around a curve to the right in an Easterly direction, with said 305.0462 Acre Tract boundary, with a radius of 824.90 feet, delta angle of 19° 17' 56", an arc length of 277.85 feet, and a chord of 276.54 feet which bears S 87° 50' 20" E to a point of tangency of this tract and said Section 1;

Thence S 78° 11' 22" E with said 305.0462 Acre Tract boundary, a distance of 96.96 feet to a corner of this tract and said Section 1;

Thence around a curve to the left in a Southerly direction with said 305.0462 Acre Tract, with a radius of 1109.87 feet, an arc length of 496.39 feet, and a chord length of 492.26 feet which bears S 1° 57' 37" E to a 5/8" iron rod with a 2" aluminum cap set in concrete at a point of tangency of this tract and said Secion1'

Thence S 14° 46' 23" E with said 305.0462 Acre Tract boundary, a distance of 860.32 feet to a 5/8' iron rod with a 2" aluminum cap set at the SW corner of said 305.0462 Acre Tract and said Section 1, being the SE corner of this tract;

Thence S 75° 13' 45" W with the North boundary line of State Highway No. 191, a distance of 1974.46 feet to corner of this tract from whence the base of a broken right of way marker bears N 5° 09' E a distance of 0.43 feet;

Thence around a curve to the right in a Northwesterly direction with the said Northeasterly right of way line of State Highway No. 158, with a radius of 2804.46 feet, delta angle of 16° 24' 06", an arc length of 802.81 feet, and a chord distance of 800.08 feet which bears N 76° 39' 26" W to a point of intersection of the said Northeast right of way line and the West boundary line of said Section 36, from whence the SW corner of said Section 36 bears S 14° 17' 15" E a distance of 624.62 feet;

Thence N 14° 17' 15" W with said West boundary line of Section 36, a distance of 4667.25 feet to the Place of Beginning.

SECTION TWO. That the service plan, attached hereto as Exhibit "A", which provides for the extension of municipal services into the area described above in Section One, is hereby approved.

SECTION THREE. That this ordinance be published once in the official newspaper in the City of Midland, Texas, and the same shall not be finally acted upon until at least thirty (30) days have elapsed after the first publication thereof.

The above and foregoing ordinance was duly proposed, read in full and adopted on first reading, the 25th day of November, A.D., 1997; and passed to second reading on motion of Council member Brown, seconded by Council member Schneider, by the following vote: Council members voting "AYE": Brown, Schneider, Wood, Burns and Simpson.

Council members voting "NAY": None

The above and foregoing ordinance was read in full and finally adopted by the following vote upon motion of Council member _____; seconded by Council member _____, on the _____ day of _____, A.D., 1997, at a regular meeting of the City Council:

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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ day of _____, A.D., 1997.

Robt. E. Burns, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kaylah J. McCord, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Keith Stretcher, City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

SERVICE PLANS
Annexation of a 380.98-acre tract of land

ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT:

A. Type of service to be provided: Paving is not in place. Maintenance of the streets would begin when constructed by the developer. Streets maintained by City. Traffic work to be done as well.

B. Service to be provided within 60 days: None.

C. Capital improvements to begin within 4 1/2 years: City will participate in Wadley Avenue extension. Traffic improvements will be made as well. The Annual Operating Cost of Service is estimated at $20,000 depending on the number of streets built. The Capital Cost of Services for this period would be $120,000.

UTILITIES:

A. Type of service to be provided: Water, sewer and solid waste collection.

B. Service to be provided within 60 days: None - will take time to build homes requiring service.

C. Capital improvements to begin within 4 1/2 years: Installation of water and sewer lines by developer, payment for oversize lines from water fund. Annual Operating Cost of Service: $500,000; Capital Cost of Services for 4 1/2 Year Plan: $200,000. Annual Revenue to be generated from provision of Service: $540,000.

POLICE:

A. Type of service to be provided: "Routine" patrol service.

B. Service to be provided within 60 days: Service will be provided as needed.

C. Capital improvements to begin within 4 1/2 years: None.

FIRE:

A. Type of service to be provided: Fire protection and ambulance service will be provided.

B. Service to be provided within 60 days: All services will be provided to this area as development occurs.

C. Capital improvements to begin within 4 1/2 years: City will participate in Wadley Avenue extension. Traffic improvements will be made as well. The Annual Operating Cost of Service is estimated at $20,000 depending on the number of streets built. The Capital Cost of Services for this period would be $120,000.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

A. Type of service to be provided: Existing park service provided by Grasslands Park and C.J. Kelly Park. Animal Control will service area upon annexation.

B. Service to be provided within 60 days: Existing park service and animal control will be provided upon annexation.

C. Capital improvement to begin within 4 1/2 years: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 7683

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS, BY ADDING THERETO CERTAIN AREAS ADJOINING THE PRESENT CITY LIMITS, BEING MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN SECTION ONE HEREOF; AND APPROVING A PUBLIC SERVICE PLAN

WHEREAS, public hearings before the City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, a home rule municipal corporation, where all interested persons were provided an opportunity to be heard on the proposed annexation of the hereinafter described territory, were held in the City Council Chambers October 14, 1997 and on November 11, 1997, which dates are not more than forty (40) nor less than twenty (20) days prior to the institution of annexation proceedings; and

WHEREAS, notice of such public hearings were published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City of Midland, Texas, and in the below described territory, on the 3rd day of October, 1997, and the 31st day of October, 1997, which dates are not more than twenty (20) days nor less than ten (10) days prior to the date of such public hearings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS:

SECTION ONE. That the following described property adjoining the present boundary lines of the City of Midland, Texas, be and the same is hereby annexed to and incorporated within the boundary of the City of Midland, Texas;

A 1.52 acre tract of land located in Section 4, Block 39, T-2-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas, being more fully described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at a corner of the present City limit line at a point located N 59° E a distance of 1020 feet from the intersection of the West line of said Section 4, with a line running parallel to and 100 feet south of the centerline of the so called T&P Ry. Co. tracks;

Thence N 59° E along said parallel line to a point at a corner of the present City limit line which bears S 59° W a distance of 840 feet more or less from the east line of Section 33, Block 39, T-1-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey;

Thence S 29° E a distance of 18.01 feet to a point;

Thence S 59° W along a line parallel to and 118 feet south of said tracks to a point in the East line of the present City limit line.

Thence N 15° W a distance of 18.72 feet to the point of beginning and containing 1.52 acres more or less.

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Robt. E. Burns, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kaylah J. McCord, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Keith Stretcher, City Attorney

SERVICE PLANS

Annexation of a portion of W. Industrial Avenue

ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT:

A. Type of service to be provided: Maintenance of street.

B. Service to be provided within 60 days: None

C. Capital improvements to begin within 4 1/2 years: Bringing street up to standard and installing drainage improvements. The City is planning a joint project with TxDoT. The Annual Operating Cost of Service is estimated at $1,700. Estimated Capital Cost of Services for this period is $400,000. No annual revenue is anticipated from this street.

UTILITIES:

A. Type of service to be provided: Water, sewer and solid waste collection.

B. Service to be provided within 60 days: Water presently available; Solid waste collection available on request; sewer available for part of this area.

C. Capital improvements to begin within 4 1/2 years: By lot owners and not by City; Annual Operating Cost of Service: $25,000; Annual Revenue to be generated from provision of Services: $27,000.

POLICE:

A. Type of service to be provided: "routine" patrol service to area.

B. Service to be provided within 60 days: Service will be provided immediately upon annexation.

C. Capital improvements to begin within 4 1/2 years: None.

FIRE:

A. Type of service to be provided: Fire prevention, Fire protection, emergency medical services, etc.

B. Service to be provided within 60 days: The same services provided to the remainder of the City.

C. Capital improvements to begin within 4 1/2 years: None.

COMMUNITY SERVICES:

A. Type of Service to be provided: Animal Control Service to be provided upon annexation. No Park Service intended due to heavy industrial use.

B. Service to be provided within 60 days: Animal Control Service can be absorbed into existing budget. This will have an effect on call response time across the entire city.

C. Capital improvements to begin within 4 1/2 years: None.

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Hunter's Ridge Apartments
$195 - 1 Bedroom
$99 Off 1st Months Rent!
4201 Andrews Highway
520-0023

SUTTON PLACE. King size 1 bedroom apartment. 1,050 sq. ft., 8 closets, assigned covered parking. $365 per month. 682-2423.

VILLA TRIESTE Apartments. 1 and 2 bedrooms. Quiet living in a small complex- a nice place to retire. Pay only electricity, all else paid, including basic cable. 4331 Dengar. 694-9311.

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH. With cathedral ceiling. $375. 2 bedroom, 1 bath with fireplace, $425. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, $450, includes covered parking, free laundry and basic cable. Located in beautiful quiet Whispering Oaks, 1904 N. Midland Dr. 694-4001.

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FOR RENT. Large 2 bedroom apartment, very quiet neighborhood. 3007 W. Louisiana. 699-7788, will return calls after 5 pm.

TRELLIS APTS.
1 Bdrms, Start at $190
2 Bdrms, Start at $320
Senior Citizen Discount
3212 W Wadley
697-0177

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SANTA FE APARTMENTS
5010 W LOOP 250
- 1 bedroom- 1st month free
- 2 bedroom- 1st month $99
- New Carpet, Ceiling Fans
- Senior Citizen Discount

694–1349

1 BEDROOM, $185 a month, $100 deposit. Water and gas paid. 1101 W. Wall. 631-2631.

✔ CHECK OUT our move in specials! Up to $150 off rent. 2600 W. Loop 250 North.

ONE BEDROOM Duplex, 3227 Franklin St. Gas, water paid. $250/ month/ $250 deposit. 697-3291 after 3pm.

LARGE, Clean 2 bedroom, upstairs/ downstairs, 1 3/4 bath. Like new carpet, covered parking. 697-3510.

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699-7246

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615 Apartments Furn./Unfurn.

QUIET, downtown complex. 1 or 2 bedroom. Furnished or unfurnished. Bills paid. Laundry room. Contact Rose 500 W. Tennessee, Apt. 6. 682-3589.

625 Houses Unfurnished

NICE 3 BEDROOM houses. $435 & $550 monthly. Agent, 694-9853.

3 BEDROOM, 2 Bath, 2 Carport Duplex on Haynes. New carpet and paint. Fireplace. Very nice! References and good rental history required. Outside pets OK. Call Skeet at Langston Realtors, 563-7300. $750 Month.

WYDEWOOD- 2103 Regal Place. Lease. Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 garage, on cul-de-sac. $950 monthly, $950 deposit. 520-0900.

SEVERAL nice homes & apartments, $250-$725. Jeannie Printz. Agent 684-8202.

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, 2 car garage near Bush Elementary. Fireplace, new carpet, new vinyl and paint. $825. 694-9737.

NICE 2 BEDROOM houses, $365 and $375 monthly. 3 Eastside & 1 Westside. Agent, 694-9853.

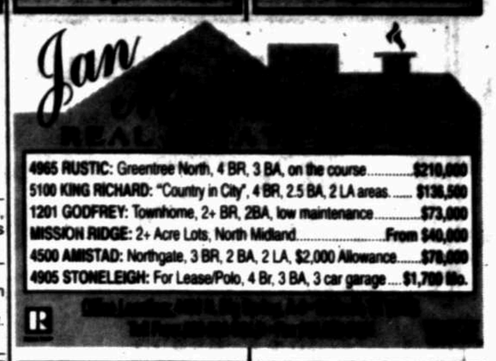
ONE BEDROOM house for rent. Location, 807 E. Kentucky. $175 per month. Call 684-6858.

4302 CEDAR SPRINGS. 3 Bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, large utility room, garage, fenced yard. $450/ $225 deposit. 699-7538.

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath 2 car garage, 6 year old brick house. 3 blocks south of Midland Freshman. $525 a month, HUD accepted. 520-6086.

2 BEDROOM, 2 Bath, tile house. 510 ECR. 129. $400 month, $200 deposit. Call 682-9847.

3 BEDROOM, 2 LIVING Areas, 1 bath, garage, central heat and air. $400 deposit, $550 monthly. Call 520-4806.



4965 RUSTIC: Greentree North, 4 BR, 3 BA, on the course.....$210,000
5100 KING RICHARD: "Country in City", 4 BR, 2.5 BA, 2 LA areas.....$138,500
1201 GODFREY: Townhome, 2+ BR, 2BA, low maintenance.....$73,000
MISSION RIDGE: 2+ Acre Lots, North Midland.....From $40,000
4500 AMISTAD: Northgate, 3 BR, 2 BA, 2 LA, $2,000 Allowance.....$79,000
4905 STONELEIGH: For Lease/Polo, 4 Br, 3 BA, 3 car garage....$1,700 Mo.

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ONE BEDROOM, 1 bath duplex in [illegible] neighborhood. 4801 Bedford. $375 monthly, $200 deposit. No pets. 699-6724.

4311 DENGAR: Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. new carpet, 1 car garage, small yard. No pets! Close to Rusk & Lee. Water paid. $525- $300 deposit. 682-2422 or 570-1994.

AVAILABLE 12/15/97, 3002 Franklin. 4 Bedroom, 2 full baths, carport, completely remodeled. $500 per month, $250 deposit. Call 685-5066 (8-5) or 697-6515 (6-9 pm).

SALE/ LEASE- Executive Style 3 Bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, over 3,000 sq. ft. Fannin area. $1,200 lease. 2610 W. Dengar. 694-0712.

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POLO PARK Executive: 4905 Stoneleigh. 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 3 car garage with 2 living & 2 dining areas. 1 year lease, available December 1. $1,700 monthly $1,000 deposit. Jan Melton & Associates 682-2422.

WESTSIDE: CLEAN 3 bedroom, bath, large den, garage, fenced yard, appliances, $385. 682-2795. Deposit required.

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SAGEWOOD CONDOS, upper flat, large single bedroom, washer dryer hookup and fireplace. Call 697-4694.

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SOUTHSIDE "BIGGIE" 4/2-ba, brick, large home. Call **BEN** **$34,500**
TOO AFFORDABLE to pass up 2/1 fenced yds., 1-gar. **ANNA** **$24,000**
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3-LIVING-in Fannin 3/2/2, just great! See it with **DENE** **$79,500**
SPACIOUS in Wilshire 4/3, 2-liv. areas, appeals. See it with **BEN** **$62,500**
$2,000 available f/repairs or closing costs, your choice. 3/2/2, **DENE** **$47,000**
9 ACRES off 1788 on c/r 40. Your own ranchette. Just call **DENE** **$35,000**
5 ACRES, GREENWOOD, 1 or more, $3,000 ea. Call **ANNA** **$15,000**
3-NEW, GREENWOOD 3/2/2 Call **DENE**. Prices start at just **$83,000**
2-LOTS, GREENWOOD. Call **DENE** ..... **$15,000 & $18,000**

GREENWOOD-*call*-LISA - 687-0595, 687-4419

ISLAND KITCH wood/tile floors, formals, den, study, 6.5 acres **$199,000**
VERANDA-2 story, open kitch/liv, tile, study, formal din, 1.8 ac **$190,000**
LEASE/PURCHASE possible. 2/2 w/shop. Cute! Call **LISA** **$57,000**

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Cond	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying Assumable
QA	Qualifying Assumable
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