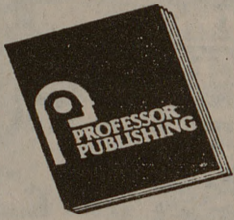


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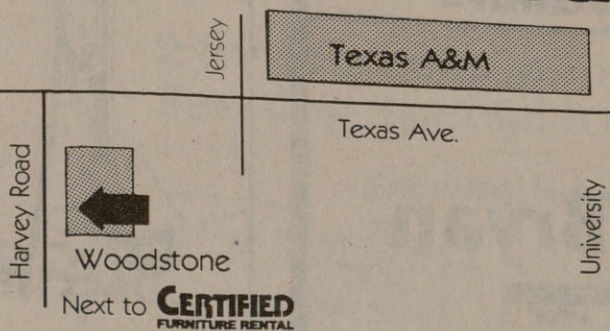
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## NFL cuts

### Cowboys release veteran Thurman to help trim roster

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys on Tuesday released veteran defensive back Dennis Thurman and seven other players and placed two others on injured reserve to pare the NFL team's roster to the required 50 players, club officials said.

Thurman, an eight-year veteran and the NFC's leading active interceptor, said Cowboys coach Tom Landry told him Monday he would be included in the latest round of cuts.

"Coach Landry just said he wanted to go with younger players. He said he tried everything he could do to keep me, but felt at this time that this was the direction he needed to go," Thurman said.

The Cowboys, by waiving Thurman, an 11th-round pick in 1978, will keep a fourth cornerback or an extra safety among seven defensive backs.

Also waived Tuesday were offensive tackle Chris Schultz and tight end Fred Cornwell, both of whom had seen extensive action with the team.

The other cuts were guard Broderick Thompson, linebacker Russ Swan, defensive back Manuel Hendrix, tight end Jeff Speck and wide receiver Perry Kemp.

Placed on injured reserve were defensive back David Pelley, who has a thumb and a toe, and rookie defensive tackle Walen, the Cowboys' third draft pick, who has an injured knee.

The Cowboys must whittle their roster to the final roster of 50 players by next Monday.

Thurman, 30, said he was into Landry's office Monday for a 10-minute practice and given the news he had throughout training camp.

"This is terrible," cornerback Vernon Walls said. "This will take away from our defense. We know the defense better than the coaches."

Thurman, who came from the University of California, said he wanted to play for the Cowboys but was coaching career if he chooses to go back to school.

Schultz and Thompson were drafted by the Cowboys in 1976 and had been with the team two seasons. Cornwell, 25, was drafted by the Cowboys in 1976 and had been with the team two seasons. Swan, who played with the Cowboys in the USFL in 1985, joined the Cowboys in the middle of training camp last year.

## Oiler GM says he thinks No. 1 draft pick will sign

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Oilers General Manager Ladd Herzog said Tuesday he doesn't think unsigned No. 1 draft choice Jim Everett will seriously consider sitting out the 1986 season to re-enter the draft in 1987.

"There have been only one or two players in the history of the NFL to take that route," Herzog said. "You also have to consider the possibility of a strike in 1987, which could keep Jim out of football for two years. His skills might be diminished by then, not to mention his bank account."

Herzog met for 5½ hours with Everett and his agent Marv Demoff on Monday. Demoff said the contract would be settled quickly or said, "Everett will be drafted by somebody else in 1987."

"I really thought it was a positive session," Herzog said.

Herzog said Demoff had made his demand for a \$3.7 million contract over four years but declined to discuss specifics. The Oilers reportedly are offering the Pittsburgher a four-year pact worth \$1.85 million.

The Oilers cut two-year reserve tight end Mike McCloskey and agent linebacker Eric Fain of Ohio State. Kick return specialist Mike Akiu went on the injured reserve list reducing the team to the 50-player limit.

The Oilers will take a 340-into Saturday's preseason game against the Dallas Cowboys.

Houston will try to complete its second unbeaten preseason in history and the Cowboys will avoid only their second winless season.

## Former Cleveland QB among roster victims

(AP) — Quarterback Paul McDonald, safety Dennis Thurman and Jim Arnold, a league-leading punter just two years ago, were cut by their NFL teams Tuesday, as was Bruce Mathison, Buffalo's starting quarterback until Jim Kelly came along.

But it was another victim of the ax, safety Mike Kozlowski, who best expressed the feelings of fringe players at this time of the year.

"There's a country song with the title 'My Best Friend Just Ran Off With My Wife, And I Miss Him,'" he said after he was cut by the Miami Dolphins. "That's kind of how I feel right now. My wife is football and my best friends, or most of them, are still here."

There were a lot of Kozlowskis Tuesday as NFL teams got down from 60 players to 50, a week away from getting down to the final limit of 45 for the regular season.

The best known was the 30-year-old Thurman, a 10-year veteran with the Dallas Cowboys who was the

ringleader of the group known as "Thurman's Thieves." But in years, he had been reduced to being a nickel back and had a way to younger legs.

Mathison, a reserve during college career at Nebraska, spent two years at San Diego, then came to Buffalo, where he started 14 games, completing 113 of 229 passes for 1,635 yards and four touchdowns. He also threw 14 interceptions, however, and when he signed when the USFL suspended play, it was apparent he had a starting job.

McDonald, a one-time starter with the Cleveland Browns and a Southern California star with the Seattle Seahawks along with other former NFL starters, was cut by the Seahawks along with cornerback Terry Jackson and tight end David Hughes. Hughes was a starter with the Seahawks, while Jackson was a backup.

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## Major League Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE				NATIONAL LEAGUE			
East Division				East Division			
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	74	52	.590	New York	64	42	.606
Toronto	67	58	.536	Philadelphia	63	42	.604
New York	67	59	.530	Montreal	61	61	.500
Detroit	68	60	.530	St. Louis	62	64	.492
Baltimore	64	58	.525	Chicago	54	72	.430
Cleveland	64	61	.512	Pittsburgh	51	74	.410
Milwaukee	63	61	.510				

West Division				West Division			
W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	70	56	.560	Houston	71	55	.563
Texas	66	60	.520	Cincinnati	64	62	.510
Kansas City	58	68	.460	San Francisco	63	62	.504
Oakland	56	70	.440	Los Angeles	61	64	.485
Seattle	54	71	.432	Atlanta	59	66	.470
Chicago	53	71	.430	San Diego	59	66	.470
Minnesota	53	72	.420				

Tuesday's Games				Tuesday's Games			
Boston 8, Texas 1	California 2, New York 0	Milwaukee 6, Minnesota 5	Detroit 8, Oakland 7	Chicago 5, Houston 3	Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 4	New York 11, San Diego 6	St. Louis 7, Atlanta 1
Kansas City 6, Chicago 1	Cleveland 6, Toronto 6, suspended by rain	Baltimore at Seattle, (n)		Montreal at San Francisco, (n)	Philadelphia at Los Angeles, (n)		