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Getting along

While living with Tourette syndrome is often a lonely, frustrating existence, Midlander Abel Salazar has managed to survive and even flourish./1B



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Whole language

Nora Newcombe's son was in first grade, and she was in a state.

Andrew as a bright kid, but he just couldn't read. A few months into the school year, he'd scored in the 24th percentile on a standardized reading test. His teacher said he needed to be in a class for children with learning disabilities. Andrew was getting frustrated and upset.

"He was like, 'I'm stupid. I can't do what the other kids do,'" Newcombe said.

As a parent, she was concerned. But as a developmental psychologist at Temple University in Philadelphia, she also had a little perspective on the situation.

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Scared straight

State officials are investigating allegations that some boys were sexually molested by inmates on a recent "scared straight" field trip to a prison. Five or six boys enrolled at the Country Place Child and Adolescent Treatment Center in Collin County said they were molested by prisoners at the state's Eastham Unit near Lovelady. Larry Todd, a Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman, said his department is taking the allegations seriously. Investigators are interviewing the field trip participants, correctional officers and inmates at the unit.

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Gunman opens fire on Empire State Building

By Tim Whitmire
Associated Press

A gunman fired into a crowd of tourists on the observation deck of the Empire State Building on Sunday, killing one person and wounding six others before fatally shooting himself in the head.

Ali Abu Kamal, 69, died without regaining consciousness five hours after the shootings, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's press office said. His passport said he was a Palestinian from Ramallah, on Israel's West Bank, who came to the United States on Christmas Eve.

Witnesses said dozens of people — many of them foreign tourists — fled toward stairways and elevators as Abu Kamal sprayed bullets on the outdoor deck that surrounds a large, windowed room on the 86th floor.

"I've never seen so much blood in my life," said Belgian businessman Stef Nys, who saw the man shoot himself and fall, his dentures popping loose. "The most scary part was when people started to panic."

The man muttered something about Egypt seconds before he began shooting at about 5 p.m. on the deck of one of the world's best-known tourist sites, witnesses said.

Abu Kamal used a .380-caliber handgun which he apparently bought in Florida at the end of January, Giuliani said.

Police weren't sure of the significance of his remarks about Egypt. A police terrorist task force and FBI agents

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AP Laserphoto

New York City police officers stand guard around a perimeter set up at the base of the Empire State Building after a gunman opened fire on the 86th floor observation deck Sunday.

The Science Fair



Photos by Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Trinity School's annual science fair had 172 entries from students in the lower grades and middle school. The entrees follow inernational rules for creating a project using the scientific method.

Trinity students explore their universe

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

From finding the freezing point of various liquids to analyzing laser beams, to testing the number of chromosomes in a cell, school science projects have come a long way from the time-honored foaming tabletop volcano.

Not that anything is wrong with the popular foaming volcano. Fourth-grade Trinity student Amanda Erlandson used modeling clay to create cones that erupted with the standard baking soda and vinegar mixture. It's the graphs, charts and the analysis that have become more sophisticated, taking volcanoes beyond being just fun to watch when foam spills over the top.

Amanda measured how changing ingredients would effect eruptions. She concluded that the most important ingredients to cause an eruption in a model volcano were the baking soda and vinegar, and the order the ingredients were added did not effect a measurable difference.

Her project was one of 172 science projects displayed at Trinity School recently. Students in the lower and middle grades (second through eighth grades) of the private school participated in the project. In each grade level the students competed in six science categories — life, environmental, behavioral and social, math and physical, earth and space and chemistry.

"We follow international rules for science fairs using the scientific method," said Jana Hinkley, Trinity teacher of lower school science and middle school life science. "Students wrote a research paper emphasizing how the experiment followed the scientific method. They received instruction in class but worked on much of their projects outside of school."

The teacher said working on science projects at home can involve the parents and the entire family in the experiment. "It's a neat time to do something with mom or dad," she said.

Some students attempted to answer those nagging questions, such as: "Does one bad apple spoil the whole

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More than 100 perish during religious event

■ Fire erupts through temporary buildings built for the followers of Swami Nigamananda sending villagers running for their lives.

Associated Press

NEW DELHI, India — Fire swept through a cluster of thatched-roof buildings in eastern India where scores of worshipers had gathered to seek the blessing of a dead Hindu guru on Sunday, killing more than 100 people, a government official said.

Sanjeeb Hota, home secretary of the eastern coastal state of Orissa, said 110 bodies had been found by late Sunday, and that 165 people had been injured in the fire near the city of Baripada. More bodies were being dug up late Sunday, officials said.

The fire tore through the group of temporary structures erected for followers of Swami Nigamananda. The flames sent panicked worshipers, many of them impoverished villagers, running for exits, Press Trust of India reported, quoting witnesses.

Many of the victims may have died in the stampede, the news agency said.

The fire, about 1,250 miles southeast of New Delhi, overwhelmed Baripada, which has only two fire trucks, and the state government ordered doctors from larger towns to rush to the site.

India news agencies earlier reported that at least 200 people had been killed and 500 were injured, 300 of them critically. United News of India quoted local police in Baripada as saying that 120 bodies had been retrieved.

Some of the injured were lying on the road leading to a local hospital waiting to be treated, United News reported, and the hospital had to put some patients on its verandah after its rooms filled up with victims.

Hota, speaking in a telephone interview from Bhubaneshwar, the state capital, said the search for bodies continued but that only a few more were likely to be recovered.

More than 12,000 devotees of Swami Nigamananda, a Hindu spiritual leader, had assembled for several days of worship at an area known as Madhuban grounds, on the outskirts of Baripada. Swami Nigamananda has been dead for many years, but his followers, mostly in eastern India, worship his memory and continue to seek his blessing.

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Dolly is the world's first clone of an adult mammal. She was developed by a team of scientists at the Roslin Institute in Scotland. The team at the institute says the breakthrough will provide a massive boost to the battle to understand human and animal diseases.

AP Laserphoto

Genetic research breakthrough

Scientists succeed at cloning an adult sheep

Associated Press

LONDON — Scottish scientists say they have produced the first clone of an adult mammal, a breakthrough that could bring greater understanding of human illnesses like cystic fibrosis and emphysema.

The cloned sheep, grown from an embryo produced by combining a single breast cell with an unfertilized egg, is now seven months old and developing normally, according to scientists at Edinburgh's Roslin Institute.

"The lamb born after nuclear transfer from a mammary gland cell is, to our knowledge, the first mammal to develop from a cell derived from an adult tissue," they said in a statement.

Team leader Dr. Ian Wilmut said laboratory cultivation would enable scientists to produced unlimited numbers of identical clones. They could introduce genetic changes into some cells and observe how that alters the animal which is eventually produced, he said.

"What this will mostly be used for is to produce more health care products. It will enable us to study genetic diseases for which there is presently no cure and track down the mechanisms that are involved," Wilmut told the British news agency Press Association.

He said the next step would be to try to make genetic changes within those cells.

Some fear such knowledge could ultimately be used to clone humans.

Dr. Richard Nicholson, editor of the "Bulletin of Medical Ethics," told The Sunday Telegraph he was surprised the government had sanctioned the experiment.

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■ Officials put brothers under investigation in killings

BOULOGNE-SUR-MER, France — The four young women — two pairs of sisters — painted their faces and went out to celebrate carnival. Then, for two weeks, nobody heard from them.

On Friday, their bodies were found, showing signs of rape, buried in the sand near a World War II bunker by the English Channel. Police arrested two brothers with histories of violence, drawing nationwide attention and calls to reinstate the death penalty.

Audrey and Isabelle Lamotte and Amelie and Peggy Merlin — ages 17 to 20 — disappeared Feb. 11 during carnival in the town of Portel, 130 miles north of Paris. Over the next two weeks, they reportedly were spotted in Paris and at a bowling alley in Frejus, on the French Riviera, leading to suspicions that they had run away.

The corpses were found this week at Sainte-Cecile Beach, nine miles south of here. An autopsy was scheduled for today to determine the exact causes of death.

Jean-Michel and Jean-Louis Jourdain, scrap metal workers ages 35 and 38, were placed under investigation Saturday for "sequestration, rape and assassination."

■ Netanyahu hires criminal lawyer to represent him

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, under questioning in an alleged influence-trading scandal that could bring down his government, has hired one of Israel's top criminal lawyers to represent him, the lawyer confirmed Sunday.

As the scandal spread, the opposition Labor party prepared for the possibility of early elections.

Netanyahu, who was in Jordan on Sunday, reportedly has been warned by police that he could face criminal charges in connection with the short-lived appointment of a political crony as attorney general. He has denied any wrongdoing.

"Not only is the prime minister not tainted with any criminal act, he has not committed so much as a particle of a criminal act," Netanyahu's new lawyer, Yaacov Weinroth, told The Associated Press.

Police Minister Avigdor Kahalani, a leading ally in Netanyahu's government coalition, said Saturday that the scandal could bring down the government.

But Netanyahu said he was certain he would see his term through to the next scheduled vote in 2000.

■ Titanic survivor to cross Atlantic after 85 years

LONDON — One of the last remaining survivors of the Titanic will finally cross the Atlantic by boat — 85 years after the liner struck an iceberg and sank.

Millvina Dean was just nine weeks old when the Titanic — then the world's biggest liner — went down April 12, 1912, on its way from the southern English port of Southampton to New York.

Fifteen hundred people were killed, including Miss Dean's father. About 700 crew members and passengers escaped on lifeboats as the vessel broke up and sank 560 miles off Newfoundland.

Miss Dean, who was traveling with her parents and brother to start a new life in the United States, survived after being put into a sack and handed to a sailor who got her on board lifeboat No. 13.

She plans to sail across the Atlantic on the QE2 luxury liner this year.

"I have never been on a big liner (as an adult). I love the sea," Miss Dean said Sunday, shortly after she visited a Titanic exhibition in the central English town of Dudley.

"I never had any emotions about the Titanic. I was too young, for one thing. I didn't know my father, and my mother never spoke about it."

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

China's soldiers make preparations for Deng's cremation

BEIJING (AP) — Police blockaded a cemetery for revolutionary heroes Sunday, keeping back hundreds of curious Chinese while soldiers made final preparations for the nation's farewell to Deng Xiaoping.

Deng was to be cremated Monday, hours before U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright arrives in Beijing on the last stop of a nine-country around-the-world trek, sources at state-run TV said.

Eulogies praising Deng's exploits and his economic reforms, which raised tens of millions of Chinese from poverty, gushed Sunday from government television and media.

Soldiers, meanwhile, solemnly rehearsed, carrying an empty, see-through bier at the cemetery for Communist veterans where Deng is to be cremated in Babaoshan, a neighborhood in western Beijing.

Police blocked a side road to the cemetery and kept back crowds of about 200 people from its front gate, where a flag flew at half-staff. At one point, a stream of about eight black limousines sped out of the cemetery.

Deng died Wednesday at age 92. His family asked that his ashes be scattered at sea after a Tuesday memorial attended by 10,000 people. A casket containing Deng's ashes will be covered by the red Communist flag during the memorial, which marks the last day of a six-day mourning period.

Although no foreigners have been invited to the memorial, Deng's chosen successor, Communist Party Secretary and President Jiang Zemin, is likely to welcome Albright's visit as an opportunity to highlight international recognition for his leadership.

Albright has compressed all her meetings into one day so she can leave before the memorial. No foreigners were invited because Deng, who retired in 1990, was officially a private citizen with no higher title than "comrade."

Hong Kong's Sunday Morning Post said the political infighting that some expected to sharpen with Deng's death had begun. The newspaper said Communist hardliners were circulating a 20,000-word criticism of Deng's policies, in defiance of Jiang's orders.

"What we can do now is work even harder, and comfort Comrade Xiaoping's soul by ensuring Hong Kong's smooth transition and long-term prosperity and stability.'

—Zhou Nan
China's de facto ambassador in Hong Kong

The report clashed with the picture of unity given by the official media, which has Communist Party officials and military leaders rallying around Jiang as the "core" of the post-Deng leadership.

Premier Li Peng and the head of the legislature Qiao Shi — both of whom are possible rivals to Jiang — have echoed pledges Jiang made Friday to carry on Deng's reforms.

Jiang has been quick to claim Deng's mantle. He heads a funeral committee for Deng and will give the memorial speech Tuesday.

Xinhua, the state-run news agency, expressed regret that Deng did not live to fulfill one of his wishes: to see China resume control over Hong Kong from Britain on July 1. Deng played a major role in negotiations 13 years ago on the territory's return.

"What we can do now is work even harder, and comfort Comrade Xiaoping's soul by ensuring Hong Kong's smooth transition and long-term prosperity and stability," Xinhua quoted Zhou Nan, China's de facto ambassador in Hong Kong, as saying.

On Sunday, members of China's legislature, the National People's Congress, observed three minutes of silence in Deng's honor.

Authorities in Beijing have taken steps to ensure that mourning for Deng does not lead to any political protests — as has happened in the past.

Police watched the homes of at least three dissidents and extra patrols circled main streets and stood at intersections. Plainclothes police confiscated flowers from people headed toward a memorial for revolutionary heroes in the center of Tiananmen Square.

The government also ordered discos, karaoke lounges and other entertainment spots to close.

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'I'm fully recovered, that's it,' Yeltsin says

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin, looking healthy and speaking strongly, declared himself ready Sunday to take on his foes in Russia's parliament and tackle the conflict with NATO over its planned expansion.

"I am fully recovered, that's it," Yeltsin said after laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier outside the Kremlin to mark the Day of the Defender of the Fatherland, a holiday honoring the military.

"You can now say my sickness has passed. Now I just need to regain some of my strength," the 66-year-old president said in a rare face-to-face meeting with journalists.

Yeltsin said he had lost 57 pounds since heart bypass surgery in November and a bout with pneumonia in January. The chief Kremlin doctor, Sergei Mironov, said last week that Yeltsin weighed 189 pounds and had begun to put back on some weight.

Yeltsin said his recuperation has been slower than he expected, but he's finally getting back on his feet.

"I feel my strength coming back," Yeltsin said. "I'm thinking clearly and I'm fully aware."

Looking fitter than he has in other recent appearances, he firmly reiterated Russia's opposition to NATO plans to expand eastward.

But Yeltsin indicated that he and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright saw hope during their meeting Friday for finding common ground.

"We agreed to find a compromise (and) such a compromise will be found at the summit in Helsinki when I meet with U.S. President Clinton," Yeltsin said.

Clinton and Yeltsin have scheduled a summit in the Finnish capital on March 20-21.

"They (NATO) have gone too far in their demands," the Russian leader said. "Our primary task is to delay this step so that later, gradually, if we succeed, to then erode it (the expansion plans)."

Yeltsin also challenged the Communist-led opposition that dominates parliament's lower house, the State Duma. He called deputies' attempts to oust him for health reasons "purely political" and insisted he would not step down.

"I am a fighter and I remain a fighter," he said.

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Despair is widespread among the more than 2 million people in uniform in Russia, like these interior troops recently withdrawn from Chechnya and living in cold temporary barracks near Stavropol, 1400 km (875 miles) southeast of Moscow, Feb. 12. The military reform is stalled, the army is underfunded and experts are describing the state of the military as a "complete catastrophe," warning of a possible coup.

Warnings about Russia's military reach fever pitch

By Sergei Shargorodsky
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Disheveled young soldiers beg for cigarettes and small change on the streets of Moscow. Thousands of officers and their families live in shabby barracks. The defense minister says the nuclear arsenal is so worn out it is becoming unreliable.

Dire warnings about the armed forces have reached a fever pitch as Russians fret about the consequences of NATO's plan to expand eastward by adding former Soviet bloc nations as members.

There is a widespread consensus about the fundamental problems — low morale, aging equipment, a lack of money. But while the tone of the discussions is increasingly urgent, there is no clear blueprint for re-organizing the armed forces and its 1.7 million servicemen.

"The army is being destroyed in a catastrophic, snowball fashion," said retired Gen. Lev Rokhlin, the head of parliament's defense committee. "There is only enough money to feed the servicemen and pay their salaries, so that the military does not explode."

The Foreign and Defense Policy Council, a private, centrist group of influential politicians, businessmen and journalists, describes the state of the armed forces as a "complete catastrophe."

And Defense Minister Igor Rodionov said Sunday that "if no special measures are taken before 2000, national defense will be destroyed."

Russia's military has long been obedient to its civilian masters and there is no hint of mutiny at present. But analysts worry about what could happen if conditions do not improve.

Rokhlin said the danger is approaching if urgent steps are not taken to ease the military's plight.

"If this happened to the army of a well-to-do country, there would have been a military coup long ago," he said.

Some of the grim predictions are seen as an attempt to win larger spending at a time when Russia sees new security threats such as an expanding NATO. It also is a political question, often capitalized upon by the hard-line and nationalist foes of President Boris Yeltsin's government.

But the problems are real.

Spending on the armed forces has decreased by nearly half since the 1991 Soviet collapse, according to Western estimates. Top defense officials say Russia cannot afford new weapons and proper combat training for its troops and is slowly losing the ability to control its nuclear arsenal.

Widespread corruption among the top brass, the use of soldiers as cheap labor and brutal hazing of young conscripts also contribute to the military's malaise.

But the biggest blow was the humiliating adventure in the Chechnya republic in southern Russia, where Russian troops were outfought time and again by outnumbered, lightly armed rebel guerrillas.

The withdrawal from the former East Germany and other former Soviet bloc countries has left thousands of soldiers poorly fed and living in hastily built barracks. Some 130,000 career officers and their families have no permanent housing, says Rokhlin, the defense committee chairman.

"The (monthly) salary of a nuclear submarine commander is just over one million rubles ($180). And this man has control over weapons that could destroy half the world," Rokhlin said.

Russia's 1997 budget left defense spending at the equivalent of $18 billion. That compares to more than $250 billion by the United States, although a dollar goes further in Russia.

Rodionov said Russia's defense allocations covers only about 60 percent of the military's needs, and the shortfall has stalled any attempts at military reform.

"There are no means in the country, yet reform needs to be implemented immediately," said Viktor Samoilov, former director of the huge Rosvooruzheniye state arms-exporting company. "Seven years have passed and nothing has been done" since talk of army reform began after the Soviet Union dissolved.

Military reform plans appeared to gain steam during Yeltsin's re-election campaign last year, when he pledged to end unpopular conscription and make the army a modernized, volunteer force by 2000.

Yeltsin has ordered Rodionov to swiftly cut 200,000 soldiers, but the defense minister says that even with reductions, Russia is unlikely to have an all-volunteer army in the foreseeable future.

Mobutu refuses to negotiate with rebels

KISANGANI, Zaire (AP) — Zaire will never negotiate with anti-government rebels, despite their continued victories in eastern Zaire, the president's son vowed Sunday.

"There are no negotiations with the rebels ... We are firm on that," said Nzanga Mobutu, who serves as his father's spokesman.

"Our position remains the same from the start. We will not discuss or negotiate whatsoever," he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from southern France.

Even as he spoke, government officials in the Zairian capital Kinshasa were conceding that the rebels had made fresh advances toward the northeast military headquarters in Kisangani, the country's third-largest city.

The Defense Ministry said Kalima, a small mining town about 180 miles south of Kisangani, fell under rebel control Saturday.

"It is probable that the rebels have taken over control of Kalima," Defense Minister Likulia Bolongo said in a statement Sunday. "What is surprising is the systematic chase of the refugees by the rebels."

The rebels also confirmed the town's capture. "It is true," said spokesman Moise Nyarugabo Muhizi.

The rebel advance prompted more than 25,000 refugees who had taken refuge in Kalima to flee into the forest.

Most of the refugees are Rwandan Hutus who have been on the road since the 1994 Hutu-orchestrated slaughter of a half-million Rwandan Tutsis. They're reluctant to return home for fear of reprisals by the Tutsi-led government in Rwanda.

Refugee workers fear the rebels will next attack the 160,000 people in the Tingi-Tingi refugee camp, 150 miles southeast of Kisangani. Laurent Kabila, leader of the rebel Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire, alleges Zaire's government has armed former Rwandan Hutu soldiers and militiamen among the refugees at the camp.

Capt. Ndgoli Esenge Ekeli, a legal adviser to the ministry of defense, told the Associated Press on Sunday that the "the determination of the rebels to attack the refugees demonstrates Laurent Kabila does nothing but obey the Tutsis in their objective to exterminate the Hutus."

Zaire has long accused Rwanda, Burundi and Uganda of militarily backing Kabila.

Ndgoli accused Burundi of sending aircraft to the strategic southeastern port city of Kalemie, the southernmost town Kabila captured on Lake Tanganyika two weeks ago, to deliver troops and supplies.

He also accused Uganda of sending surface-to-air missiles to another rebel-controlled city, Goma, on the eastern border with Rwanda.

Albright to visit Beijing, hopes to smooth U.S. China relations

TOKYO (AP) — Given a unique chance to assess China's new leaders during official mourning for Deng Xiaoping, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright flies to Beijing today hoping to smooth a complex and sometimes rocky U.S.-China relationship.

Albright is carrying reassurance that the Clinton administration is committed to a One-China policy and that even private visits to the United States by officials of the Taiwan government will be limited.

She flies there also with a lecture on human rights, but one the former Georgetown University professor will deliver politely and with the caveat that U.S. policy is far broader than any single issue.

China can expect the United States to cosponsor a resolution at an international human rights conference in Geneva criticizing the way the communist-run government in Beijing treats its people.

And Albright said Sunday on ABC's "This Week" program: "They expect me to raise human rights as an issue, and I will."

That said, however, she described the relationship as complex.

The Clinton administration is pleased that China helped conclude international treaties to ban nuclear weapons tests and to restrict the spread of nuclear technology. China's support of Korean peace talks to begin next month also is a plus.

But a widening trade imbalance and questionable weapons sales to Pakistan, repression of political dissidence and missile tests near Taiwan are sore points.

Albright also intends to remind the Chinese that the United States expects Hong Kong's capitalist way of life to continue after the prosperous British outpost returns to Chinese sovereignty July 1.

She hesitated before going through with the Beijing visit during a mourning period for Deng, who died Wednesday at 92.

Unlike they did in similar circumstances at Mao Tse-Tung's death in 1976, however, the Chinese agreed to have her there provided she left Beijing before Tuesday's funeral and canceled a dinner tonight and sightseeing forays into the capital.

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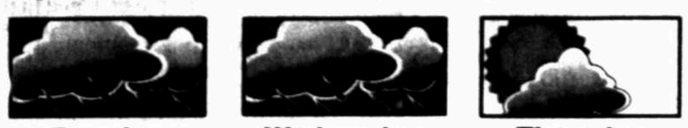
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Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Tuesday
Rain showers
High 43
Low 30

Wednesday
Rain showers
High 45
Low 29

Thursday
Partly cloudy
High 55
Low 35

Today's forecast is for morning fog and drizzle with a 40 percent chance of rain, a high 45-50 and east winds 10-20 mph, according to the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport.

Tonight's forecast is cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain, possibly mixed with snow, and a low 30-35.

Tuesday's forecast is rain likely, with a 60 percent chance of rain, possibly mixed with snow, and a high around 40.

After an overnight low of 36, compared to the record low of 14, set in 1966, yesterday's high was 53, compared to the record high of 84, set in 1982.

Yesterday's precipitation

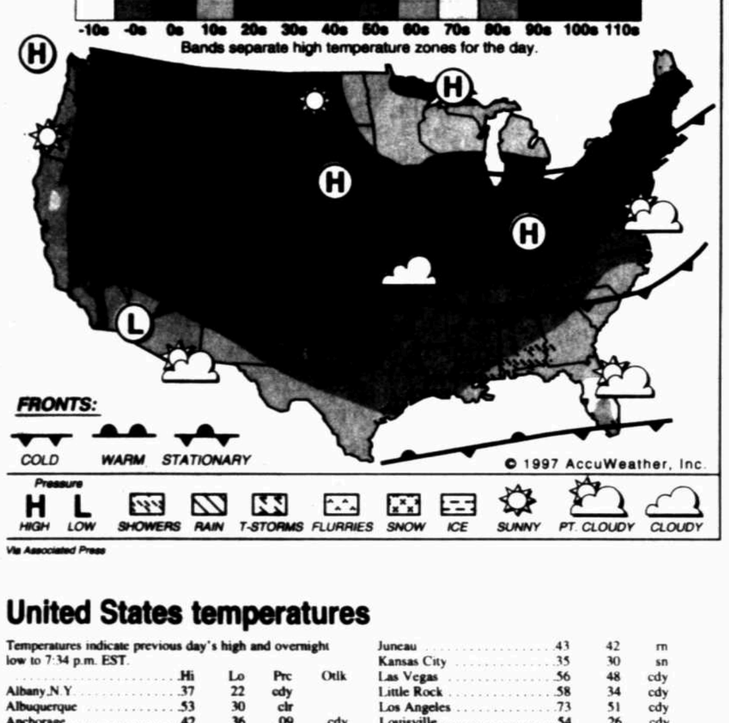
Rainfall Monday	.00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday	.00 in.
Total for month	1.66 in.
Total for year	1.87 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	53
low	36
Normal high	62
Normal low	42

Sunrise 7:21 a.m. Sunset 6:43 p.m.

National forecast



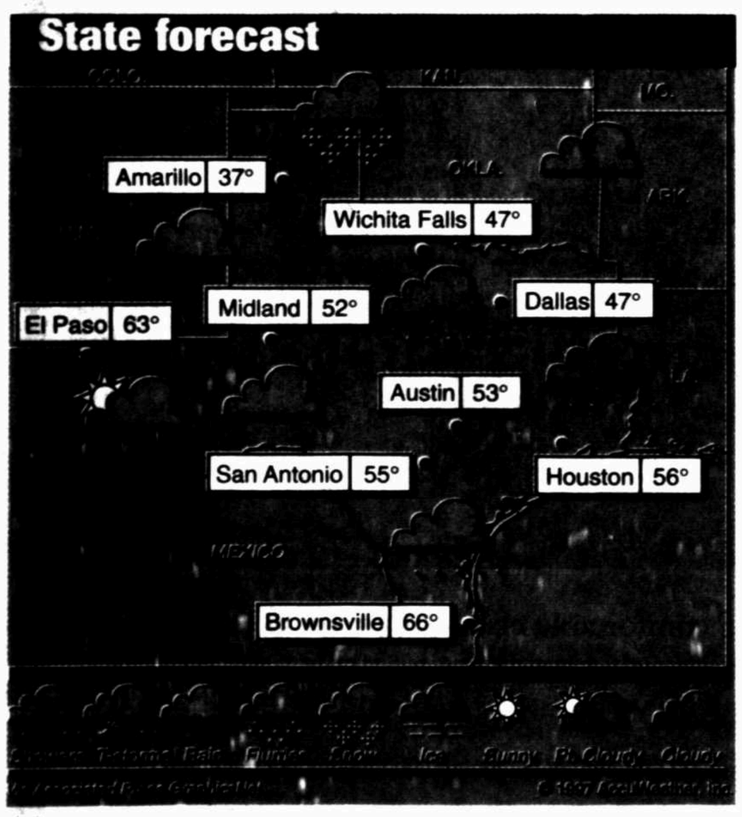
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United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:34 p.m. EST.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	37	22	cdy	
Albuquerque	53	30	clr	
Anchorage	42	36	.09	cdy
Asheville	49	30	cdy	
Atlanta	58	35	cdy	
Atlantic City	48	28	clr	
Baltimore	53	32	clr	
Billings	35	13	cdy	
Birmingham	58	30	cdy	
Bismarck	23	0	clr	
Boise	49	23	clr	
Boston	40	30	cdy	
Buffalo	33	21	.06	sn
Burlington,Vt.	30	15	sn	
Casper	29	8	clr	
Charleston,S.C.	59	41	cdy	
Charleston,W.Va.	50	30	cdy	
Charlotte,N.C.	55	34	cdy	
Cheyenne	17	11	.06	cdy
Chicago	34	30	clr	
Cincinnati	51	19	cdy	
Cleveland	38	23	sn	
Columbia,S.C.	55	33	cdy	
Columbus,Ohio	45	24	cdy	
Concord,N.H.	34	24	cdy	
Dayton	44	25	cdy	
Denver	18	15	.06	cdy
Des Moines	29	16	clr	
Detroit	38	22	cdy	
Duluth	15	-6	clr	
Evansville	54	25	cdy	
Fairbanks	37	17	cdy	
Fargo	15	-5	clr	
Flagstaff	41	12	cdy	
Grand Rapids	30	16	.08	cdy
Great Falls	36	12	clr	
Greensboro,N.C.	51	29	cdy	
Hartford Spgfld	41	27	cdy	
Helena	33	22	cdy	
Honolulu	77	68	.22	clr
Indianapolis	44	25	cdy	
Jackson,Miss.	57	38	rn	
Jacksonville	63	45	cdy	
Juneau	43	42	rn	
Kansas City	35	30	sn	
Las Vegas	56	48	cdy	
Little Rock	58	34	cdy	
Los Angeles	73	51	cdy	
Louisville	54	26	cdy	
Memphis	57	32	cdy	
Miami Beach	85	68	cdy	
Milwaukee	30	29	clr	
Mpls-St Paul	14	2	clr	
Nashville	56	25	cdy	
New Orleans	55	51	.01	cdy
New York City	47	33	clr	
Norfolk,Va.	48	41	.01	clr
North Platte	29	13	cdy	
Oklahoma City	60	32	sn	
Omaha	28	18	cdy	
Orlando	76	60	cdy	
Philadelphia	49	31	clr	
Phoenix	71	45	cdy	
Pittsburgh	40	23	.02	cdy
Portland,Maine	34	23	cdy	
Portland,Ore.	59	31	clr	
Providence	42	29	cdy	
Raleigh-Durham	55	29	cdy	
Rapid City	27	7	clr	
Reno	43	29	cdy	
Richmond	53	29	clr	
Sacramento	64	45	clr	
St Louis	48	32	cdy	
Salt Lake City	42	25	clr	
San Diego	63	55	cdy	
San Francisco	62	45	clr	
San Juan,P.R.	82	72	.01	rn
Santa Fe	43	28	sn	
St Ste Marie	21	4	.04	cdy
Seattle	53	35	clr	
Shreveport	61	40	.01	cdy
Sioux Falls	14	2	clr	
Spokane	42	25	clr	
Syracuse	34	18	.02	sn
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	81	63	.01	cdy
Topeka	38	29	cdy	
Tucson	73	37	cdy	
Tulsa	58	30	cdy	
Washington,D.C.	55	36	clr	

State forecast



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	58	40	
Alice	62	55	0.01
Amarillo	49	27	
Austin	59	48	
Beaumont-Port Arthur	54	51	0.01
Brownsville	68	56	
Bryan-College Station	58	50	
Childress	56	34	
Corpus Christi	61	57	0.01
Corpus Christi NAS	62	59	0.04
Cotulla	66	52	
Dalhart	45	21	
Dallas Love Field	62	46	
Del Rio	65	43	
Denton	58	36	
El Paso	63	36	
Fort Stockton	56	39	
Fort Worth	60	42	
Fort Worth Meacham	61	41	
Galveston	58	54	
Houston Hobby	58	54	
Houston Intrcntntl	59	53	
Junction	60	40	
Kingsville	63	56	0.06
Laredo	64	52	
Longview	59	45	
Lubbock	54	30	
Lufkin	59	49	
Marfa	54	27	
McAllen	67	55	
Midland-Odessa	53	36	
Mineral Wells	60	46	
Palacios	60	54	
Paris	61	37	
San Angelo	60	37	
San Antonio	61	44	
Shreveport, La.	61	40	
Texarkana, Ark.	60	36	
Tyler	62	43	
Victoria	61	53	
Waco	60	46	
Wichita Falls	60	35	
Wink	56	37	

CHAOS: Gunman injures six, kills two including self

(From 1A)

were investigating, Giuliani said. Police Commissioner Howard Safir said the shooter apparently acted alone.

The other dead man was a 27-year-old Danish musician visiting the building with an American friend from Connecticut, who was also wounded, Giuliani said.

The wounded included a French couple from Verdun, whose 16-year-old daughter escaped injury; a 30-year-old Swiss man; an Argentinian man, 52; and a man from the Bronx. One of the men was shot in the head, while others were less seriously hurt.

Two children were hurt when they were knocked from parents' arms and four women suffered minor injuries in the rush to the exit.

"I'd been out there about one minute when I heard what I thought to be firecrackers," said David Robinson, a tourist from England. "Then everyone started panicking."

A French family, Jean-Luec Will, 40, his wife, Catherine, and two sons, 10 and 13, said they had just arrived at the building on the second day of a trip to New York.

"I heard a loud popping noise," Will said. "I thought at first it was little child playing with fireworks. There was one shot, then two or three seconds passed then three shots, pop, pop, pop."

Gerard Guntner, 43, of Jersey City, N.J., said he tried to help a man with a bullet wound in the head on the deck by cradling his head in towels.

"He was bleeding profusely. He was coughing blood. I took the towels and wrapped them around his head. I just said, 'Hang in there,'" Guntner said. "I've never seen anything like this in my life."

Building spokesman Howard Rubenstein said security cameras filmed the gunman riding an escalator to the elevator entrance after he bought a ticket in the ground floor lobby.

"He had a long coat and the gun was under his coat. You couldn't see it," Rubenstein said. The tape was turned over to police.

The building is one of the most loved and admired tall buildings in the world. The 102-story skyscraper opened May 1, 1931 and reigned for decades as the world's tallest until 1972, when it was overtaken by the World Trade Center's twin towers.

The graceful tower in midtown Manhattan remains one of the best-known symbols of New York and is especially popular with the thousands of foreign tourists visiting the city each year.

Standing 1,250 feet — 1,472 feet with its spire — the building has been in hundreds of scenes in movies like "King Kong," "An Affair to Remember" and "Sleepless in Seattle." It also is noted for the lighting that bathes its granite sides in various colors.

Legendary landmark doesn't require metal detectors

N.Y. Times Service

NEW YORK — The Empire State Building, unlike many other prominent New York City landmarks, does not require visitors to pass through metal detectors.

In the shooting Sunday, a man apparently brought his weapon up to the observation deck, and the incident inevitably raised questions about the landmark's safety.

Since the bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993, visitors to almost all of the city's famous buildings have had to pass through metal detectors. Visitors to the United Nations and the Statue of Liberty, as well as the World Trade Center, pass through such detectors.

Although the owners of the Empire State Building heightened security at the site for three to four months after the World Trade Center bombing, they did not install metal detectors.

"With no incident whatever" following the bombing, said Howard Rubenstein, a spokesman for the building, "they believed their security was adequate. This horrible situation could have happened anywhere."

Rubenstein could not say Sunday night whether the building's owner, Helmsley Enterprises, had ever considered adding metal detectors. He did not say whether they would be considered now.

Security experts said that owners of major attractions in New York City have realized the importance of detectors and other security measures.

"In the last five years since the World Trade Center bombing, you've seen a substantial step-up in security," said Michael Cherkasky, chief operating officer of Kroll Associates, a Manhattan-based security expert firm. "The differences are enormous. They have to do with both concerns of terrorist acts and the violence in our community and society."

Cherkasky, whose firm helped re-organize the World Trade Center's security after the bombing, said metal detectors were placed in the Twin Towers after 1993. Visitors wishing to go to the observation deck must walk through metal detectors before purchasing tickets.

After the bombing, security guards at the Empire State Building began inspecting all handbags and baggage, but the practice was discontinued after about four months because of many complaints from tenants, ticket agents and tourists, Rubenstein said.

Lines to go up to the observation deck, which attracts 3 million visitors a year, snake out of the building into the street, he said.

At the time of Sunday's shooting, six security guards were patrolling the building, he added. Two were on the 86th-floor observation deck where the shooting took place.

There are 110 cameras wired to closed-circuit television throughout the building. One camera, Rubenstein said, captured the gunman after he bought his ticket and went up an escalator.

A force of 34 security guards work in the building, Rubenstein said. Twelve are employed by the building, the rest are contract workers. They are not armed.

FAIR: Students further knowledge with projects

(From 1A)

bunch?" (Yes, apples in close proximity to a rotten one will start to go bad.), "Can you train a lady bug?" (No. It's an exercise in frustration.), "Are human mouths the dirtiest?" (No, fourth-grader Amanda McGee found more bacteria grew in the cultures from her pets' mouths), "Does the color of the birthday candle effect its burning time?" (Yes, blue candles burned longer than green), and "Will a sample from the school water fountain grow bacteria?" (Yes, it will, but the bacteria is a type not harmful to people.)

Bill Fleischmann, teacher, head of the Trinity science department and middle school principal, said, "We are seeing different slants on projects. With the advent of the computer kids can easily produce some interesting looking graphs and they like using the computers. They are asking some of the same questions they asked a long time ago, but they have more information they can gather instead of just going to a book. Now, they are using the Internet, and sometimes what they can get is over their heads, but that's O.K."

Eighth-grade student Chelsea Wilson worked with fellow eighth-grader Leigh Beat, their families, and various neighbors to test paw dominance in dogs. "We tested 15 dogs — seven had a right dominance, and seven had a left dominance. One was ambidextrous. We tested that dog 17 times and half of the time it would show left dominance and half of the time right," Miss Wilson said.

The science project partners went to an animal shelter and tested dogs after they had checked for dominance in the dogs of friends and neighbors.

"We flipped the dogs completely on their backs," Miss Wilson said. "Then we watched to see if they rolled to the left or the right. If they rolled to the left they were using the muscles on the right. We thought that would be like a right dominance in humans since the dogs were using the right muscles."

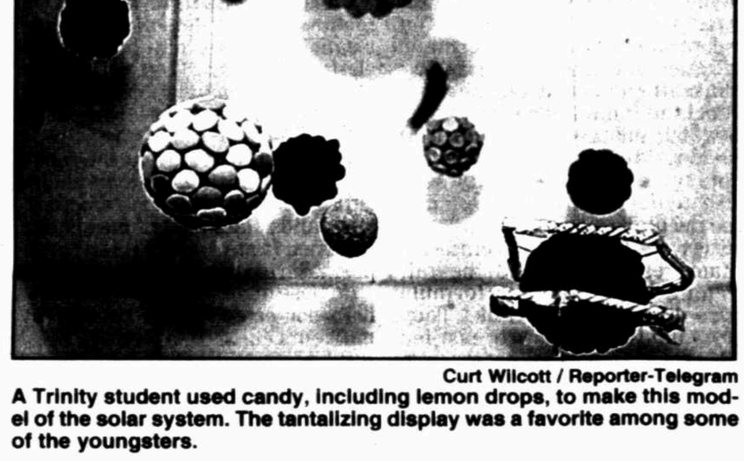
The student said her project concluded that dogs don't have a preferred dominance like humans.

Wondering which over-the-counter headache medicine works the fastest, Trinity sixth-grade students Kaki Childress and Teryn Herricks heated vinegar in a clear cup to body temperature and monitored the time it took to dissolve.

"It took longer for pills with coatings," Teryn said.

The students though Advil would be the quickest to dissolve, but concluded Acetimenophen or Tylenol came out on top.

A display of dissected earthworms and grasshoppers was an attention-getter, but some second graders said the show stopper was a solar system with candy bedecked planets "because it's neat to look at and you could probably eat it later," surmised one youngster passing by.



Curt Wilcott / Reporter-Telegram

A Trinity student used candy, including lemon drops, to make this model of the solar system. The tantalizing display was a favorite among some of the youngsters.

Trinity science department head Fleischmann said some of the younger students didn't care to be competitive. "But the whole idea is to get them interested and involved," he said. "We had a whole bunch of kids who considered their experiments flops because their hypothesis didn't work, but they learned something."

The educator said students were encouraged to develop a project around their interests. "We wanted them to pick something they are interested in, like animals. One student tried to train ladybugs in a maze with food, but found you he couldn't train a ladybug," Fleischmann said. "Basically, we wanted students to participate and to look at things with a critical eye."

First, second and third places in each category were awarded at Trinity. The winners will be eligible to compete at the annual regional science fair in April at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin. Judging was conducted by a committee from Trinity's science faculty.

CLONE: Mixed feelings mark scientific breakthrough

(From 1A)

"It was a nice technical problem, but what is its value if it comes with the enormous risk of some nut trying to clone himself?" he asked.

Dr. Patrick Dixon, author of "The Genetic Revolution," said the advance had "horrendous" implications.

"We will probably be able to recover the dead from their bodies before they die. In this way, parents could 'reproduce' a carbon copy of a child who tragically died," he told The Sunday Telegraph. "This is something that needs to be regulated and outlawed."

The Roslin scientists, who will publish their research in this week's edition of the scientific journal "Nature," made headlines last March when they revealed they had cloned sheep from cells taken from embryos.

Until now it has been thought impossible to perform the same operation using cells from an adult animal.

In the latest experiment, scientists combined a single cell from an adult sheep's udder with an unfertilized egg that had been stripped of its own genetic code.

The Observer newspaper said Wilmut's team soaked mammary cells in a chemical bath to make their nuclei dormant.

"The division of each nucleus's genetic material was slowed down to a rate acceptable to the egg cells into which they were placed," it said.

Scientists then took the breast cell and fused it with an unfertilized egg from which the genetic material had already been removed. The genes from the breast cell became the genes of the egg cell.

The cell successfully turned into an embryo, which was then implanted into a surrogate mother. The resulting lamb, christened "Dolly," was genetically identical to the sheep from which the breast cell was taken.

British media said farmers could use the new technique to produce copies of animals, though the number of clones on each farm would have to be strictly limited to prevent the dangers of inbreeding and consequent sickness.

Cloning from adults may be more useful to agriculture than cloning from embryos, as farmers will be able to pick particularly productive and disease-resistant adult animals to copy.

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To enter, teachers should submit a single page paper, double-spaced, paper explaining how using the newspaper enhances classroom lessons and learning for students. The explanation could include how certain sections of the newspaper are used, NIE sponsor involvement in the classroom, how activities are highlighted through use of the newspaper, and student comments about activities relating to the newspaper.

Deadline to enter is 5 p.m. March 5. Submit entries to: Maria Duron, Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas, 79702.

BLAZE: Annual festival turns disastrous

(From 1A)

Organizers had built one huge hut and several other sheds of straw walls and thatched roofs to serve as meeting halls and temporary shelters, Hota said. "So it all burned really fast," he said.

When the fire started at about 3:30 p.m., many of the devotees were napping in the living quarters to escape the afternoon heat, said Hota. It was unclear, however, if all the victims were in one building.

The cause of the blaze was not immediately known, though witnesses told Press Trust an electrical short circuit was to blame, while United News said it may have been sparked by the explosion of a gas cylinder used for cooking.

An official investigation into the blaze was ordered late Sunday.

The state's chief minister announced that relatives of the deceased would be awarded about $700 in compensation, and the injured would receive about $300. The Indian government commonly compensates disaster victims.

The Nigamananda festival has been held in Baripada annually for 46 years.

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Former ATF informant ruffles edges of Oklahoma bombing investigation

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — At a distant edge of the Oklahoma City bombing investigation stands Carol Howe — former debutante, former racial supremacist, former federal informant.

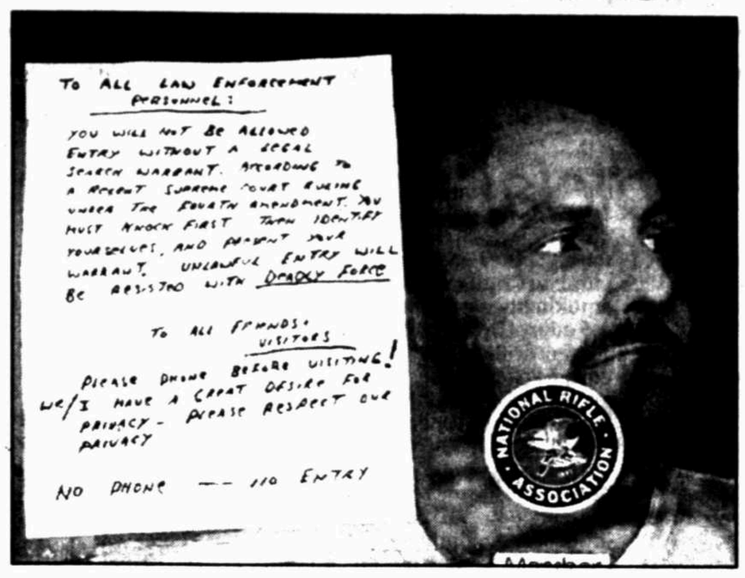
What truth or clarity she may bring to accounts of the April 19, 1995, blast that killed 168 people is uncertain. She claims to be a white-separatist insider turned government informant, a good citizen who warned agents of a conspiracy to blow up federal buildings at least five months before the Oklahoma City disaster.

Federal officials won't go on the record about Ms. Howe. Privately they dismiss her as unstable, cut loose by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms for unreliability.

Her account of undercover life and allegations about bomb plots and scouting trips to the federal building months before the explosion was related to a free-lance writer whose article appeared Feb. 11 in the McCurtain Daily Gazette of Idabel, Okla.

In the article, she asserts she overheard Dennis Mahon, a white supremacist, and Andreas Strassmeir, a German national, plot bombings of federal buildings while meeting at Elohim City, an armed, white separatist enclave in far eastern Oklahoma.

She told free-lancer J.D. Cash she relayed those conversations to her ATF handler well before the bombing.



AP Laserphoto

White supremacist Dennis Mahon stands in the doorway of his Tulsa, Okla., home in this October 1996 file photo. Mahon denies allegations made by federal informant Carol Howe that he discussed bombing federal buildings before the April 19, 1995, bombing.

She further claims to have seen Timothy McVeigh, the prime suspect in the bombing, at Elohim City in December 1994.

This much is known to be true:

— Ms. Howe lived at Elohim City for some months in 1994. She went there initially with Mahon, a prominent member of the White Aryan Resistance who romanced her after she wrote a letter to WAR in 1993. During this period, she appeared on German television with Mahon to advocate violence as a means to reach the goal of a racially pure, white society, at one point lifting a sleeve to show off a swastika tattoo on her upper arm.

— The ATF recruited her in 1994 after she had a falling out with Mahon. She fed information to agent Angela Finley for several months before parting ways with the agency in early 1995.

— She met with FBI agents on April 21, two days after the bombing, and recounted the purported conversation between Mahon and Strassmeir.

In the Gazette interview, Cash quotes Ms. Howe as telling him, "Sometime in November there was a meeting, and Strassmeir and Mahon said it was time to quit talking and go to war. I reported all this to Angie," the ATF agent.

But federal officials debunk the idea she gave them advance warning of a bombing conspiracy. Neither Mahon nor Strassmeir has been implicated in the Oklahoma City bombing.

And Mahon denies ever having a conversation about bombs with Strassmeir. He dismisses Ms. Howe as an abuser of prescription painkillers and a compulsive liar.

The Gazette, which has a daily circulation of 6,200, has published several stories by Cash that have aired assorted conspiracy theories about the Oklahoma City bombing. Although federal officials privately disparage the accounts, a gag order from U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch prevents them from commenting for the record.

Ms. Howe routinely passed polygraph tests on the truthfulness of her reports during her time as an informant, the Gazette reported.

Ms. Howe first caught the public eye in December after her boyfriend, James Viefhaus Jr., recorded an answering machine message at the Tulsa home they shared that threatened to bomb federal buildings in 15 cities. Viefhaus is jailed on a federal charge of making a false statement regarding a bomb threat. The house was also the headquarters of the National Socialist Alliance of Oklahoma, according to the FBI.

Because her name was mentioned in accounts of the Viefhaus arrest, her April 21, 1995, statement to FBI agents surfaced in documents provided the defense by prosecutors in the bombing case.

Then, last month, the Gazette reported Ms. Howe could place McVeigh and his friend, Michael Fortier, at Elohim City in late 1994.

McVeigh and Terry Nichols are the only two people charged in the bombing. McVeigh's trial on federal murder and conspiracy charges is set to begin March 31. Fortier, a longtime friend of McVeigh's, pleaded guilty to a firearms charge and is expected to testify for the prosecution.

McVeigh's lawyer, Stephen Jones, said none of the material he'd seen offers any evidence McVeigh ever visited Elohim City or met Ms. Howe.

FDA considers adding nutrient to infant formulas

WASHINGTON (AP) — A fat found in breast milk that appears vital for newborns' brain and eye development is at the center of a fierce debate: should the government add this nutrient to the nation's infant formulas?

European women already can buy formulas supplemented with the fatty acid DHA, but no formula sold in this country contains it.

A company that licensed DHA to manufacturer Mead Johnson contends U.S. companies aren't yet selling his nutrient mainly because it would increase formula prices by 10 cents a can.

"Unless the public is demanding it, it's difficult to add it to the product so the mom knows why she's spending another 10 cents," said David Kyle of Martek Biosciences, a Maryland laboratory that sells DHA culled from microscopic marine algae.

Supporters say premature infants especially need the fat, arguing it would make formula more like mothers' milk. They cite studies that show breast-fed babies seem slightly smarter than formula-fed infants, and speculate DHA could help bottle-fed babies catch up.

But other doctors urge caution, saying any benefits appear small while fat-supplemented formula might actually slow babies' physical growth. The American Academy of Pediatrics says the science is "too limited" to decide.

"Even if you add DHA ... you're not mimicking mothers' milk," which has numerous additional nutrients, warned Dr. William Heird of the Children's Nutrition Research Center at Baylor University.

"Formula should be the best it can be," countered Jan Richter of Action for Corporate Accountability, a consumer group harshly critical of formula.

And the debate is highly political: Formula maker Ross Laboratories, reportedly skeptical of DHA, took the unusual step this weekend of flying scientists to Arizona to argue recent discoveries in a closed meeting.

Consumer advocates argue manufacturers should absorb the extra cost. They say companies charge more than $2 a can wholesale for formula that costs less than $1 a can to make.

Now the Food and Drug Administration is trying to decide the controversy. It hired independent experts to recommend whether DHA and related nutrients should be added to any formula, either for premature babies or healthy ones.

"Those questions are very, very hotly contested," said FDA special nutrients chief Beth Yetley.

What is undisputed:

■ DHA is a polyunsaturated fatty acid, present in fish and other foods, that women pass to babies through the uterus and breast milk. People also make DHA from another fat already in U.S. formulas, called linolenic acid, although no one is sure how much babies make.

■ DHA is important for early neurological development.

■ Breast-fed babies develop slightly higher IQs than bottle-fed ones, although many scientists credit that to breast-feeding mothers' typical higher education and income. Still, bottle-fed babies have less DHA than breast-fed ones. And premature infants, most susceptible to neurological problems, have less time to absorb their mothers' DHA.

The question is whether adding DHA to formula helps babies.

Dr. Susan Carlson of the University of Tennessee, Memphis, found DHA-supplemented formula helped premature babies develop good vision somewhat faster.

Some studies indicate DHA formula also helps them score higher on vision-attention tests believed to predict intelligence.

But Carlson also found one DHA formula that hindered premature babies' physical growth.

The fish-oil supplement she used contained both DHA and a related fat that appeared to be the problem. So Carlson repeated her experiment with less of the bad fat and more DHA. This time, she will tell an FDA hearing next month, the supplemented babies were less than a pound smaller than the regular-fed ones.

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Orbeck's honor is fully deserved

Congratulations are in order for Betty Orbeck, director of archives at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, who was honored recently by the Heritage of Odessa Foundation.

She was presented a Community Statesman award in the field of humanities.

Anyone who knows Ms. Orbeck recognizes that she is extremely knowledgeable about Permian Basin history and always more than willing to point a researcher or interested person down historical paths she already has been down herself, or to suggest areas of research that may prove illuminating.

The archives at the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum are a treasure house of early-day Permian Basin history, and that is in no small part due to Ms. Orbeck's work. She has been administrator for the museum's archives center since 1976, and also functions as staff liaison to the Petroleum Hall of Fame Committee and the Permian Basin Petroleum Pioneer's Reunion Committee.

Her historical work shows clearly her deep interest in the history of this region. She organized the Ector County Historical Survey Committee and was a co-founder and first chairwoman of the Permian Historical Society.

Because of the work of Ms. Orbeck and others who seek to maintain the history of this region, today's researchers and others can glimpse the Permian Basin as it was in years past. That is the true value of the work Ms. Orbeck has performed — and it has enriched the lives of us all.

ANOTHER VIEW

Public needs access to criminal case files

A recent Texas Supreme Court ruling shut off access to a body of information the public needs in order to monitor law enforcement and guard against abuses.

The Legislature needs to move to open up access again.

Those files contain crucial information on criminal cases pursued by law enforcement bodies.

Traditionally, those files have been considered to be open once a case was finished, meaning the public had access to them.

However, the Supreme Court recently ruled in a unanimous decision that the state open record laws did not specify that records from a closed investigation had to be released. The court stated that it was up to the Legislature to change the law, if it wished, to provide specific access to those kinds of files.

The Legislature needs to restore the public's access to closed criminal case files. Law enforcement has the power to arrest, to search, to confiscate and to jail people. That power can be abused if the public is unable to scrutinize law enforcement's work. One way to scrutinize that work is to allow access to close case files.

The Legislature needs to amend the Texas Public Information Act to permit the withholding of law enforcement materials only if disclosure would unduly interfere with a criminal investigation or prosecution.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Feb. 24th, the 55th day of 1997. There are 310 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 24th, 1868, the U.S. House of Representatives impeached President Johnson following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

On this date:

In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII issued a papal bull, or edict, outlining his calendar reforms. The Gregorian Calendar is the calendar in general use today.

In 1803, in its "Marbury vs. Madison" decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it was the final interpreter of constitutional issues.

In 1821, Mexico declared its independence from Spain.

In 1863, Arizona was organized as a territory.

In 1903, the United States signed an agreement acquiring a naval station at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

In 1920, a fledgling German political party held its first meeting of importance in Munich; it became known as the Nazi Party and its chief spokesman was Adolf Hitler.

In 1942, the Voice of America went on the air for the first time.

In 1945, American soldiers liberated the Philippine capital of Manila from Japanese control during World War II.

In 1946, Argentinians elect Juan D. Peron their president.

In 1981, Buckingham Palace announced the engagement of Britain's Prince Charles to Lady Diana Spencer.

In 1983, a congressional commission released a report condemning the internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II, calling it a "grave injustice."

Ten years ago: Fawn Hall, former personal secretary to fired National Security Council aide Oliver L. North, posed for news photographers outside her attorney's office, calling the attention "a little overwhelming."

Five years ago: General Motors reported a record $4.5 billion loss for 1991. Secretary of State James A. Baker III told a House subcommittee that Israel should stop building settlements in the occupied territories, or forfeit $10 billion in U.S. loan guarantees. A fourth round of Mideast peace talks began in Washington D.C.

One year ago: Steve Forbes won the Delaware presidential primary. Cuba downed two small American planes that it claimed were violating Cuban airspace.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Abe Vigoda is 76. Actor Steven Hill ("Law and Order") is 75. Movie composer Michel Legrand is 65. Georgia Governor Zell Miller is 65. Opera singer Renata Scotto is 62. Actor James Farentino is 59. Actor Barry Bostwick is 52. Actor Edward James Olmos is 50. Actress Helen Shaver is 46. CBS News correspondent Paula Zahn is 41. Rhythm and blues singer Brandon Brown (Mista) is 14.

CAL THOMAS

The age of judicial activism is far from over

The president told us the era of big government is over. Did he really mean it? He seems to be doing what he can clandestinely to make sure that big government not only survives but extends its reach. And there can be no debate about his administration's position in favor of a federal judiciary with dictatorial powers that undermine the Constitution and the will of the majority.


Thomas

Based on the philosophy of judges he named and the Senate confirmed with virtually no opposition in his first term, and the ones nominated but not yet confirmed, President Clinton stands for a liberal interpretation of the Constitution. He wants to use the courts to advance an agenda that would never make it through Congress. The Senate must closely examine the nominees and not give them a free pass.

The Judicial Selection Monitoring Project, part of the Free Congress Foundation's Center for Law and Democracy, has profiled several current and past Clinton nominees. It also criticizes the Senate, which failed to defeat a single nominee, taking just four roll call votes and approving 198 candidates by "unanimous consent."

Approximately 90 vacancies currently exist, and more than 170 federal judges will become eligible to retire in the next four years. This president may appoint more judges than any of his predecessors, and he could pick nearly 60 percent of all activist judges.

Consider William Fletcher, nominated by the president to the U.S. Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit. Fletcher has taught law at Berkeley since 1977, but has neither judicial norcourtroom experience of any kind. Fletcher and Clinton were classmates and Rhodes Scholars at Oxford. He was co-director for Northern California of the Clinton-Gore campaign in 1992 and came to Clinton's defense when his marijuana smoking became public.

Federal law prohibits appointing someone to "any office" in "any court" who is closely related to a "judge of such court." Fletcher's mother, Betty B. Fletcher, has been a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit since 1979.

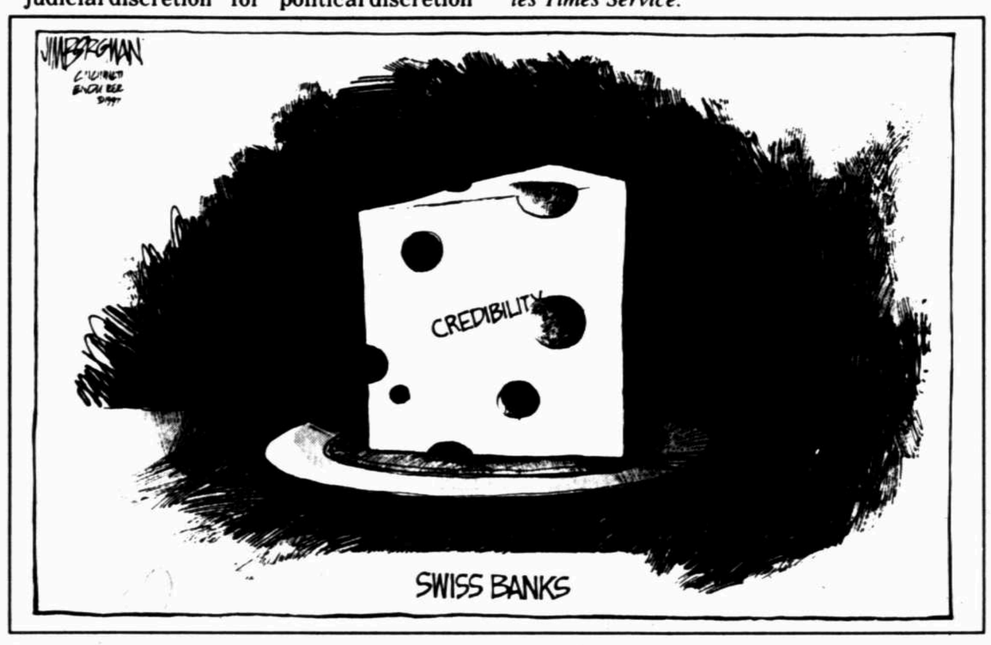
Fletcher's academic writings, notes the judicial project, reveal a sweeping vision of judicial power that would permit unelected judges to accomplish policy goals and reject traditional restraints on judicial review. He believes judges should be able to use so-called "discretionary power" to achieve desired policy goals, even when the political branches have declined to do so. And he thinks judges can declare legislatures in "default" and substitute "judicial discretion" for "political discretion" to achieve those results. His own examples show that, by taking this approach, judges could restructure the political process, operate school systems, micromanage prisons and even run mental hospitals.

In a Nov. 15, 1996, speech to the Federalist Society, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) pledged that "those nominees who are or will be judicial activists should not be nominated by the president or confirmed by the Senate, and I personally will do my best to see to it that they are not."

Sen. Hatch waved through the Clinton nominees in his first term. He should live up to his pledge to block any activist judge who does not read the Constitution as written. Otherwise the Clinton legacy of bigger government will last much longer than his presidency.

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CHARLEY REESE

Southerners will stand behind historic symbols

Some Yankees and Southern scalawags won't quit fighting the Civil War -- at least the Reconstruction part. They want to purge the South of the Confederate flag, confederate monuments and other historic symbols.

Well, we Southerners have always been willing to be reconciled, but we won't be reconstructed. We are not going to allow people to obliterate our history and its symbols. We strongly advise our fellow Americans in other parts of the republic to defend their history and their symbols.


Reese

There is a flap about the Georgia flag, which incorporates the Confederate battle flag. There is a flap about the Confederate battle flag that flies over the capital in Columbia, S.C.

I'll tell you why Southerners defend these symbols. The best way to do that is to address the lies told about them.

The Confederate battle flag is not a racist symbol. I understand perfectly that any black person who's had it waved in his face by some 20th century racist retard would consider it in that light. But 20th century yahoos have nothing to do with the 300,000 men who fought and died for that flag in the 19th century.

Those men did not fight a race war. They did not even fight, as many think, to preserve slavery. They fought for Southern independence and for the constitutional republic created in 1787, which they believed Northern states had betrayed.

That's better understood if you get rid of the Hollywood images of the Old South. To watch movies or television, you would think the South had nobody but rich plantation owners and slaves. Nothing could be further from the truth.

In 1860, there were 7 million whites in the South, and 6.6 million of them did not own one single slave. There were 250,000 free blacks living in the 15 slave states. Some of them owned slaves. Five slave states fought with the North. Some blacks, both slave and free, voluntarily fought for the Confederacy.

History is infinitely more complex than demagogues, historically illiterate journalists and screenwriters try to make it.

Another lie repeated over and over is that Georgia changed its flag and South Carolina raised its Confederate flag in defiance of the civil rights movement. Not so. Airheads often think that whatever obsesses them, obsesses everybody. Nevertheless, there were other things going on in the 1960s besides the civil rights movement. One was the centennial of the Civil War.

Georgia changed its flag in anticipation of the centennial, and South Carolina raised its flag during the centennial. Next to the American Revolution, no event is more significant in American history than the Civil War.

About 100,000 books have been written about it, and more are still being written about it. Tens of thousands of Americans visit the battlefields, collect memorabilia, participate in Civil War round tables or in heritage organizations like the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Sons of the Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic. Other thousands spend big sums on uniforms and equipment to re-enact the battles.

Trying to reduce interest in the Civil War to racism is nonsense.

Winston Churchill described the South's valiant fight against overwhelming odds as "one of the glorious moments in American history." That's what the Confederate flag symbolizes -- the valor, honor and sacrifice of men who put their lives where their love of liberty was.

Anyone who wants to ban racist yahoos from waving the flag will get my help. They desecrate it. But if our Yankee high court won't let us protect the other flag we love, the American flag, it durn sure won't allow us to protect the Confederate flag.

We have more pressing problems to solve than a quarrel over historic symbols. People who attack the Confederate symbols are racist and divisive. But trust me, for as long as the flag is attacked, true Southerners will defend it. We will not allow our heritage to be made hostage to other people's ignorance and malice.

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MIKE ROYKO

Ditka's Saints will need legendary Grabowski

As a fan and casual friend of Mike Ditka, I'm concerned about one aspect of his move to New Orleans to coach the Saints football team.

Unlike some sports pundits, I'm confident that he will do well because he is a fine coach who can inspire players by making them believe that if they don't try hard, he will beat them up.


Royko

But there is one key asset Ditka had in Chicago that he won't have in New Orleans.

The legendary Grabowski.

As fans will recall, Ditka often described his most successful Bears teams as a bunch of Grabowskis.

Translated into local ethnic stereotypese, that meant that they were tough, hard-working, blue-collar, no-frills, lunch-bucket kind of guys.

This wasn't understood by everyone. I recall being in a Northwest Side restaurant and being asked by a recent immigrant: "Why he say all these black men are Grabowskis? I never heard of no black Grabowski."

In a different setting, a Chicago yuppie Grabowski told me he wasn't at all flattered by Ditka's characterization.

"I was born and reared in a quiet suburb," he said, "and I will be frank -- I have never done one day or even one hour of hard physical labor, and I don't intend to. I jog and work out at a health club, but only to keep myself attractive to women.

"The one time I was persuaded to drink a shot and a beer, I threw up. I prefer a good chardonnay, unless I am having red meat, which I seldom order because I fear cholesterol, at which time I have a cabernet.

"And if someone picked a fight with me, I would call the police first and my lawyer second. Or maybe the reverse."

But most Grabowskis and other Chicagoans understood what Ditka meant.

However, if he mentions Grabowskis in New Orleans, the natives might be confused.

A glance at a New Orleans phone book shows only three Grabowski listings.

That's no surprise, since New Orleans is not the kind of city that would attract Grabowskis or other Poles. Poles are not known to have a fondness for dining on things that have several legs and feelers.

As someone from Chicago once told a New Orleans gourmet: "You people eat things that we call the Orkin man for."

A check of phone books shows that there are twice as many Grabowskis listed in the Chicago suburb of Niles alone as in all of metropolitan New Orleans. In Chicago, about 100 are listed, and at least that many or more in our suburban phone books.

If anything, people in New Orleans might be confused or offended by any mention of Grabowskis, since the only well-known character with a "ski" name who is identified with that city is the fictional Stanley Kowalski in the play "A Streetcar Named Desire."

He was a crude, loud lowlife and when the play was first scheduled to open in Chicago, several Polish fraternal organizations tried to have it banned.

So Ditka will have to drop the Grabowski shtick or all those New Orleans bug-eaters will expect him to field a team that wanders around the field bellowing, "Stellahhh!"

But how will he personalize his team, which is already stuck with a name that, by football standards, is kind of pansy?

Because New Orleans is in the Deep South, you might think that he would strive to put together a group of real tough Bubbas.

But New Orleans, with its French quarter, music and easy-living style, is not really a Bubba kind of city.

A call to the sports desk of a New Orleans paper was answered by a guy named Pete, who said that when comics in that city talk about the natives, they refer to them as Boudreaux.

And Kerry Luft of the Chicago Tribune is from New Orleans and said that blue-collar types in New Orleans are called Bourgeois, Boudreaux, Thibodeaux or St. Pierre.

Which means Ditka has a problem. I just can't imagine him telling a gathering of sportswriters: "This is a real Bourgeois team. A bunch of hard-nosed St. Pierres."

That would not strike terror in the hearts of any opponents, unless they were a bunch of Thibodeauxes.

Whatever he does, with killer Bourgeoises or lunch-bucket St. Pierres, I hope he succeeds. And for more than sentimental reasons.

It should be remembered that football franchises today are as transient as old-time hobos.

We've heard Bears owner Michael McCaskey threaten to move his bunch of McCaskeys to Indiana if the taxpayers don't build him a new playpen.

Which would be fine. He could move to Indiana and Ditka could bring the Saints franchise to greater fame and fortune in Chicago.

Then he could resume the Grabowski image.

A deal? Bears fans would take it tomorrow.

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MONEY BRIEFING

Pinching pennies

Financial advisers say tax time presents a good opportunity for finding ways to save money, not only on taxes, but in all aspects of life. Consumer Reports magazine, which offers some tips in its March issue, notes that brown-bagging a lunch from home can save $300 a year. Canceling even one little-used cable TV channel will save about $95 a year. Buying clothes made from washable fabrics instead of the "dry clean only" variety can save about $200 a year. And consumers who quit smoking can find themselves saving more than $800 annually.

Next big drink?

Grappa, a very old and earthy alcoholic beverage made from the remnants of wine grape pressings, is becoming more popular with the crowd that now drinks single-malt scotch and armagnac, reports Sky magazine. The inflight publication of Delta Air Lines says the powerful distilled drink — it can contain 40 percent or more in alcohol — can be pretty pricey, with some labels selling for nearly $100 for a 750-milliliter bottle. Grappa traditionally was considered a peasant's drink, but not anymore at those prices.

Winners, losers

As you might expect, four of the top six growth businesses in 1996 were high-tech industries: Internet service, computers, pager services and cellular telephone services. But American Business Information Inc., which compiled the list, said two decidedly lower-tech businesses — bagel shops and tattoo parlors — were also among the big growth industries. The businesses that posted the biggest declines were health and fitness program consultants, retail typewriter sales and services, comic book stores, baseball cards and memorabilia stores, coffee and tea shops and antenna systems.

Money isn't everything

That apparently is how molecular biologists feel about their jobs, according to a Roper Starch survey of 300 biologists who are between the ages of 18 and 32. The survey, conducted for the Swedish firm Pharmacia Biotech, found that while these biologists earn an average $18,600 a year (nearly half the $34,400 average salary earned by all 18-to-32-year-olds), only 5 percent believe wealth is a measure of success in their field. What counts more are the number of articles biologists publish, the grants they receive, prestige among their colleagues and making an important contribution to science.

Ignoring red flags

A safety expert says it takes something more dramatic than a warning label to get people to avoid such dangerous actions as drinking and driving or using noxious chemicals without enough ventilation. Mark Lehto, an associate professor of industrial engineering at Purdue University, says people might drink and drive less if nondrinkers were really portrayed in advertisements as more attractive than people who drink. He says people too often disregard risks, believing the benefits of their actions outweigh the dangers.

I just called to say ...

It probably comes as little surprise to those who have been married many years that as time goes on, fewer people call their spouses just to say "I love you." A Louis Harris poll taken for AT&T Corp. found that 69 percent of the 1,001 respondents have made such a romantic call. Of those people who have made such a romantic call, those who were dating or engaged were more likely to have done so recently than those who were married. And people who were married seven years or less were twice as likely to say they'd made such a call recently than people who had been married 20 years or more.

MONEY MATTERS EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

Love and the bottom line

Couples in business find both rewards, risks high

Tips for Couples

Tips on staying afloat and staying together while in business with a spouse. From Jane Hilburt-Davis, a family-business consultant, and Azriela Jaffe, author of "Honey, I Want To Start My Own Business."

- Be clear about your expectations and assumptions. Discuss how much time you want to spend together, how much money you want to invest in the business, who will do the housework.
- Establish ways of resolving conflict. It can be as simple as flipping a coin if you can't agree. Also try to pay more attention to finding a solution rather than winning the argument.
- Find ways to spend time away from the business, both alone and together. Couples in business need ways to escape from the intensity and intimacy of working and living together.
- Ask for help. Develop support systems that you can rely on and reach out when you need to.
- Keep your sense of humor. Thriving entrepreneurial couples know that if they're going to laugh about it later, they may as well laugh about it now.

By Maggie Jackson
AP Business Writer

For Lori and Steve Leveen, running a mail-order business has been a shared passion. They look for new products during vacations, talk business in bed at night, share their lives almost completely.

For Phil Picco and Samantha Koumanelis, opening a golf store led to the end of their 15-year marriage.

In a sense, couples bet the house when they go into business together. Starting a business is risky enough. Starting a company with your spouse tests not only your financial acumen, but your marriage vows.

"There are days when you want to kill each other," says Mary Duty, who has been running Poppa Rollo's Pizza restaurant in Waco, Texas for 18 years with her husband. "But there's nothing better than working side by side with the man you love."

Such teamwork is hardly new. Generations of stores have been minded by a mom and a pop. Farms have long been worked by both husband and wife.

Big businesses too are run by "copreneurs." Estee Lauder launched her cosmetics empire with her husband Joseph in 1946. Donna Karan has run her fashion company with her spouse, artist Stephan Weiss, for 13 years.

Joining one's spouse in the shop seems to be growing more popular. Technology has made working from home feasible, while corporate turbulence — from downsizing to mergers — increases the allure of entrepreneurial work.

"More and more people are wanting a sense of independence and a sense of security, and feel they can't trust the corporate world," says Jane Hilburt-Davis, a Lexington, Mass.-based family-business consultant.

For Liz Curtis Higgs, working with her husband also meant time together — a rarity when she traveled to make motivational speeches and he worked 50-hour weeks as a computer systems specialist.



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Dave and Marlene Bruno stand near one of their card displays in their home office in Greendale, Wis. The couple work together running a business from home which makes cards printed with inspirational sayings.

"One night I was looking at the Atlantic Ocean and he was looking at the Pacific Ocean and our children were with their grandparents in Kentucky," said Liz Higgs. "We thought, 'Is this any way to run a family?'"

Now, when she's not traveling, she joins her husband and manager Bill in a converted garage behind their Louisville, Ky., home. Even their two children pitch in, earning their allowances by licking envelopes.

"It was the best thing we could have done," says Mrs. Higgs.

Still, the Higgs are careful not to let the business overrun hearth and home — a danger especially common among entrepreneurial couples in the all-consuming early days of the enterprise.

The Higgs maintain separate offices to give each other breathing room and keep "trappings of work" — such as computers and Liz's books - out of their house as much as possible, says Bill Higgs. At day's end, they lock the office doors and try not to look back.

Steve and Lori Leveen, who started the Levenger catalog of reading lamps and other accessories in 1987, also try to keep the business from eclipsing their personal life.

"Sometimes it'll be 11 at night, and we'll say, 'Time out! We have to stop talking business,'" laughs Steve.

Nonetheless, they are unapologetically passionate about their work, spending vacations and off-hours looking for antique reading tables or chairs that might be updated for modern production.

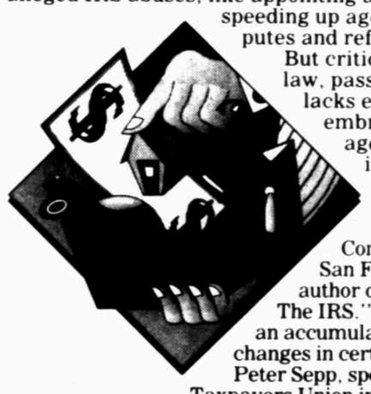
Law provides new protection for taxpayers but is it enough?

By Vivian Marino
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — As income tax season approaches, millions of beleaguered taxpayers can take some comfort in knowing they'll be dealing with a kinder, gentler, more reasonable Internal Revenue Service.

Whether the IRS likes it or not.

The recent enactment of the Taxpayer Bill of Rights 2, sequel to the 1988 bill, provides some added protection against alleged IRS abuses, like appointing a taxpayer advocate and speeding up agency dealings with disputes and refunds.



But critics complain that the new law, passed last summer, still lacks enough bite to help those embroiled in battle with the agency and all the complexities of the U.S. federal tax system. Already there's talk of TBOR3.

"It got watered down in Congress," said Fred Daily, a San Francisco tax attorney and author of the book "Stand Up To The IRS." "It turned out to be just an accumulation of a lot of little changes in certain areas."

Peter Sepp, spokesman for the National Taxpayers Union in Alexandria, Va., which campaigned for the bill, agreed the new law fell short of what his group and others had wanted. Still, he applauded many of its provisions as a positive step toward simplifying IRS dealings with the public.

"It's significant progress, but not monumental progress," Sepp said. "It's important for people to understand that the IRS' problems have accumulated over a number of years."

Sepp believes many of the difficulties in dealing with the IRS were created by ever-changing tax laws. "Congress passes them, then tells the IRS to enforce them. No tax system this complex could possibly be enforced without some abuses."

Although the IRS is widely considered one of the most efficient tax-collection agencies in the world, critics have become increasingly vocal about agency abuses. Even after TBOR1, complaints continued to pour into congressional offices about alleged intimidation from IRS employees, tax liens quickly slapped on homes and businesses, and in some cases, outright confiscation of property.

Sepp says further taxpayer-rights legislation is likely to be proposed after a national committee on restructuring the IRS presents its report to Congress in June.

In the meantime, TBOR2 is designed to provide some relief to a number of taxpayers, especially those who might owe money to the IRS, who win their Tax Court cases, who become liable for their former spouse's unpaid taxes or run afoul of the laws themselves.

Among the key provisions:

■ **The taxpayer advocate.** The new position replaces the Office of the Taxpayer Ombudsman under TBOR1. The tax advocate, who answers directly to the IRS commissioner and reports to Congress twice a year, has broader authority to act on behalf of taxpayers claiming undue hardships caused by the way IRS officials administer the laws.

The only problem, consumer groups and tax professionals say, is that the advocate is appointed by the IRS commissioner, not Congress or the president, which means a person likely to be a career IRS employee sympathetic to the agency. In fact, the first appointee was Lee R. Monks, the former ombudsman, who rose through the ranks of the IRS over the last three decades.

■ **Easier compromise.** IRS agents have more leeway to accept what's known as "offers in compromise." Those are used when a taxpayer is unable to pay the full tax, interest and penalties due and there's doubt as to whether the IRS can collect the full amount in the future. The offers settle the taxpayer's obligation at a lower amount.

Before TBOR2, any offer involving amounts over $500 required approval from the Chief Counsel of the IRS, a time-consuming process. Now, the IRS collection division can accept offers up to $50,000 on its own.

■ **Innocent spouse relief.** TBOR2 provides some assistance to those who signed a joint return and were unaware that it contained understatement of tax liabilities attributable to the other spouse. Often times, the problem doesn't come to light until after a marriage has been dissolved.

Tax terms

A glossary of tax terms

- **Gross income:** All income not specifically exempted from taxation, such as interest on municipal bonds.
- **Capital gain:** The profit from the sale of property such as real estate, stocks and bonds.
- **Adjusted gross income:** Gross income, minus adjustments such as Individual Retirement Account contributions, moving expenses and alimony paid.
- **Taxable income:** Adjusted gross income, AGI, minus deductions and exemptions.
- **Deduction:** Expenses the tax code allows you to deduct from your income, such as mortgage interest, charitable contributions and state income taxes. If you don't itemize, you take the standard deduction–currently $6,700 for couples and $4,000 for single people.
- **Exemption:** An amount subtracted from income, $2,550, for yourself, your spouse and your dependents. A married couple with two children, for instance, would have four exemptions totaling $10,200.
- **Credit:** Money subtracted directly from your tax liability. If you're in the 28 percent tax bracket, a $1,000 deduction reduces your tax bill by $280. A $1,000 credit takes $1,000 off your tax bill.
- **Marginal tax rate:** Sometimes called a tax bracket, the marginal tax rate is the rate applied to the last dollar of taxable income you earned. There are five brackets: 15 percent, 28 percent, 31 percent, 36 percent and 39.6 percent.
- **IRA, 401(k), Keogh:** All three are tax-sheltered retirement savings accounts.
  - Individual Retirement Accounts: Self-administered plans for individuals.
  - 401(k) plans: Offered through employers.
  - Keogh plans: For self-employed people.

Electronic filing

Three methods of electronic filing are available this year.

- **TeleFile:** *This year single taxpayers, couples and unemployment recipients can file by phone. In 1996, 2.8 million taxpayers filed by phone.*
- **Personal computers:** *Software packages allow filers to both prepare and send their tax returns. Last year, 158,000 people filed via the computer.*
- **Professionals:** *Paid preparers can file electronically. Last year, 12 million people filed electronically through a tax service.*

Getting help

- **Read** *"Your Federal Income Tax: The 1996 Tax Guide for Individuals," a free IRS publication.*
- **Call** *the main IRS information line at 1-800-829-1040, or for faster service, your local IRS office.*
- **Visit** *your IRS office. Walk-in help is available, as is help for the poor, the handicapped, students, military personnel and non-English-speaking people.*
- **Log on** *to the IRS page on the World Wide Web at http://www.irs.ustreas.gov.*

APRIL 15...

Many new changes could affect returns sent to the Internal Revenue Service this spring. Here's an overview of what's new for 1997.

TAX CHANGES ...

- **Tax rates:** *The same five brackets – 15, 28, 31, 36, and 39.6 percent – but adjusted for inflation. Capital gains are taxed at 15 percent or 28 percent – no higher.*
- **Exemptions:** *The amount for each exemption – generally yourself, your spouse and your dependents – is $2,550, an increase of $50.*
- **Standard deduction:** *$4,000 for singles and $6,700 for couples filing jointly, up from $3,900 and $6,550 respectively.*
- **Higher-income people:** *Exemptions disappear if income as single is over $117,950 or if income as couple tops $176,950.*
- **Mileage:** *The deduction for business use of a car is 31 cents a mile, up from 30 cents. The deduction for charitable purposes remains 12 cents; for medical and moving expenses, it's 10 cents, up from 9 cents.*
- **Earned income credit:**

# children	Income limit	EIC
+1 child	$28,495	$3,556
1 child	$25,078	$2,152
no children	$9,500	$323
investment income of +$2,200	n.a.	$0

- **Social Security and Medicare taxes:** *Only the first $62,700 of wages in 1996 was subject to the 6.2 percent Social Security tax. If you had more than one employer and paid more than $3,887.40, any overpayment can be claimed as a credit against your income tax or refunded. Note it on line 56 of Form 1040 or line 29d of Form 1040A. All wages are subject to the 1.45 percent Medicare tax.*
- **401(k) plans:** *The limit on contributions to these employer-sponsored retirement accounts in 1996 was $9,500, up from $9,240 in 1995.*
- **Social Security numbers:** *Correct Social Security numbers are more important than ever; some exemptions may be denied if numbers are missing or incorrect.*

You must obtain a number for all children born before December 1996. For children born in December, you may write "12/96" where the Social Security number should go if you don't have the number by the time you file.

Aliens who aren't eligible for Social Security numbers must obtain an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) by filing Form W-7 with the IRS.

KEEP IN MIND ...

Some helpful tips when filing your return this year:

If you want the IRS to calculate your taxes ...

- Fill in the first part of your form (through line 37 on 1040, line 22 on 1040A and line 6 on 1040EZ), and follow further instructions.
- The IRS will figure your tax owed or refund, your earned income credit and your credit for the elderly and disabled if your taxable income is less than $100,000, you can't itemize deductions, and you meet other conditions.

If you can't meet the April 15 tax-filing deadline ...

- Get an automatic four-month extension, which costs nothing.
- Estimate how much you owe and include a check along with Form 4868. If you underpay, the IRS will bill you for the balance due. If you pay too much, you can file for a refund by the new deadline of Aug. 15.
- You can ask to pay in installments on Form 9465 for a $43 fee. The IRS will charge you a penalty plus interest, so it may be cheaper to get a loan.
- If you just ignore the deadline, you'll also be charged a late-filing penalty of 5 percent a month.
- You can file an amended return, using Form 1040X, if you've made a mistake or left something out.

Remember ...

- If you receive a bigger refund check than you're expecting, call the IRS to find out if it's a mistake before spending it. But, don't hold your refund check too long. It expires in 12 months.
- Using the mailing label supplied by the IRS and putting your forms in the right order expedites processing of your return.
- Sign your return; both spouses must sign a joint return.
- If your return includes false or frivolous information, you could be hit with a $500 penalty.
- Rewards of up to $100,000 are available by turning in a tax cheat. Read Publication 733 and fill out Form 211.
- Keep any records that support your tax return such as receipts, canceled checks, etc., for three years from the date the return was filed or for two years from the date the tax was paid, whichever date is later. Records that concern the value of your home and non-deductible contributions to your Individual Retirement Account should be kept permanently.

For additional assistance, contact a Problem Resolution Office by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

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Lack of regulations can take fun out of playtime

By Rachel Beck
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Delores Shaw never imagined that Mattel Inc.'s Cabbage Patch Kids Snacktime Kid could chomp off 5 inches of her daughter's long hair.

She just assumed the world's biggest toymaker produced safe toys.

"I trusted Mattel's reputation and never thought they'd put out something that could be dangerous," Shaw said. "I sure was surprised when it ate her hair."

Toy safety isn't guaranteed. It's not that toymakers knowingly manufacture dangerous toys — in fact, most including Mattel do test their toys to be sure they won't injure children. But loose federal guidelines and a lack of government oversight mean some harmful toys do reach store shelves and find their way into children's hands.

"No one is checking these toys before they go on the market," said Stephanie Oppenheim, who publishes an annual toy guide, the Oppenheim Toy Portfolio. "The toy industry is a self-regulating business, and people just don't realize that."

Toymakers test whether their products can stand up to children's play and they examine everything from flammability to sharp edges. There are also some industry-wide regulations, especially for toys designed for young children, that deal with small parts and lead paint content.

Toymakers including Mattel, Tyco Toys Inc. and Hasbro Inc., declined to discuss their testing procedures with The Associated Press.

The government doesn't get involved until after toys reach the marketplace and problems arise.

In 1972, Congress passed a law that created the Consumer Product Safety Commission to police industries including the toy business. The CPSC establishes safety standards, does product testing and can ban goods it considers immediate dangers to the public.

Under the CPSC's jurisdiction are 15,000 consumer products ranging from toys and cribs to coffee makers and lawn mowers.

Consumer groups have pressed Congress to broaden the duties of the CPSC, allocate more federal funds for staffing and allow the commission to do pre-marketing testing of toys. But in an era when less government is thought to be better government, such calls have not been answered.

"Everyone is always yelling there are too many regulations," said Janice Shields, consumer research director at the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, a Washington-based consumer advocacy organization. "But when there is an injury or death, everyone wants to know where the regulators are."

There were 21 reports of toy-related deaths in 1995, and 17 of the victims were under 5 years old. Choking was reported in 12 of the deaths, according to the CPSC.

"We are putting toys out there that are time bombs, and they can explode," said Ed Swartz, a Boston attorney and author of "Toys That Kill."

Around Christmas time came the first reports of Cabbage Patch dolls munching on children's hair and fingers instead of their intended plastic snacks. There were about 100 such reports, and while there were no serious injuries, the public questioned the toy's safety and how it passed through Mattel's testing regimen.

While Mattel refused to comment to the AP on its testing because it has been sued over the dolls, The Washington Post reported that only three dozen children were used to test the toys before they went to market and the product was never tested for hair entanglement.

The government did no testing until after the first incidents were reported and didn't find any serious safety hazards with the doll.

Despite the CPSC's findings, Mattel pulled the doll from store shelves and decided to allow parents to return it for a $40 refund.

"This incident points out one of the shortcomings in toy testing," said Chris Byrne, editor of Market Focus: Toys, a New York-based trade publication. "Manufacturers try to foresee abuse of the toy more than (what can happen during) actual play."

"But then you never know what kids are going to do," he said.

That's the way Shaw felt when the Cabbage Patch doll ate her daughter's hair.

"It frustrates me because it's a child's nature to put things in a doll's mouth," the Speedway, Ind., resident said. "It's a matter of knowing a children's nature and manufacturers should understand that."

And Shaw joins millions of other parents who also put their trust in toy companies and just assume toys are safe.

"I look at price, and equate price with quality of the product," said Susan Taylor, a Stamford, Conn., mother of two kids ages 6 and 9. "But do I really look closely at whether they're safe? No."

But consumer advocates warn that real safety only comes after parents take toys out of boxes for examination, read warning labels and avoid toys that come apart easily.

"For some parents, buying a toy is a more emotional decision rather than an intellectual decision," said Sandy Jones, author of the "Guide to Baby Products" from Consumer Reports Books.

"Parents need to do their homework," she said. "A toy that might be excellent for a 3- or 4-year-old, can be very hazardous to a 1- or 2-year-old even if you think your kid is smart."

Jones encourages parents to return toys they feel are unsafe by bringing them back to the stores where they were purchased or by sending them directly to the manufacturers.

And parents who feel a toy is potentially harmful to a child or in any way defective should immediately report it to the CPSC for review.

"Today's parents are getting more aggressive, and they need to be in order to have safe toys for their kids," Jones said.

What safety guidelines to look for in toys

Some precautionary steps to take before buying toys:

- Run your figures around the edges to check for sharp edges, hidden thorns or parts that can pinch.
- Read age warning labels and know what age your child is at developmentally.
- Examine toys for small parts or pieces that can easily be pulled off, like buttons and eyes.
- Avoid toys that can be chewed or break apart easily.
- Make sure the parts are large enough that they can't be swallowed or stuck in a child's throat.

Some steps to take after purchasing toys:

- Take toys out of packaging to check safety before giving to child.
- Supervise while child plays with toys to watch that they are used in the manner for which they were designed.
- Throw away broken toys.
- Establish an area in home for playtime to prevent children from running around with toys in hand.

Sources: Oppenheim Toy Portfolio, Consumer Reports Books "Guide to Baby Products"

In the fund business, prosperity abounds

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Should the mutual fund industry ever go looking for a theme song, "Everything's Coming Up Roses" would be a worthy candidate.

The financial reports coming out of most mutual fund management companies these days truly resound with success and prosperity.

Even the Boston giant Fidelity Investments, which has drawn a lot of negative attention lately, "struggled" through a 1996 in which the assets it manages grew by $91.4 billion, or 22.6 percent, to $496.3 billion.

For a case study of just how rosy things have grown, consider the 1996 results recently reported by T. Rowe Price Associates — a major fund firm with publicly traded stock that obliges it to disclose a lot of information about how it is doing.

This is the management company at Price that we're talking about now, as distinct from the 60-plus funds that Price advises, each of which is owned by its own investor-customers (hence the name "mutual fund").

The revenues of T. Rowe Price Associates Inc., or the dollar flow into the company (mainly from advisory fees) before expenses, taxes and other outlays, soared 33 percent last year from 1995 to a record $586 million, more than double the total of just four years earlier.

Net profits, after expenses and other costs, jumped 30 percent to $98 million, or about $1 for every $1,000 in assets under the firm's management as of the end of 1996.

That profits-to-managed-assets ratio, by the way, is one that has held relatively steady over the past decade or so, even as both total profits and assets under management have more than quadrupled.

The ripple effects of Price's prosperity would make good raw material for a stump speech on the virtues of capitalism.

Any short list of the beneficiaries would have to include Price's suppliers and those who sell the firm time and space for advertising; its employees as well as its top managers, and its shareholders. Last but definitely not least, there is the U.S. Treasury.

The company said its spending for advertising and promotion increased 67 percent in 1996 over the year before. Its employee rolls swelled to 2,600, up 35 percent from December 1995.

Price Associates stock, owned by some 2,300 investors, lately has traded at around $45 a share, having more than doubled in the past year.

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Retirement plans can be multi-purpose assets

By Chet Currier
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — If you use them right, your retirement savings can represent a versatile financial asset that isn't always just for retirement.

But if you use them wrong, you can turn those same savings into a big mess.

The laws covering programs such as individual retirement accounts and employer-sponsored 401(k) plans were written to restrict their use for purposes other than saving for your "golden years."

That's why the rules provide, for instance, for a 10 percent penalty tax on distributions taken before the year in which you reach age 59 1/2, with a few exceptions.

The money in a retirement account can still function as a last-ditch emergency reserve, however, even if you're younger than 59 1/2.

Suppose that you are out of work, and have no other savings to tap to prevent a mortgage foreclosure on your home.

Taking an early withdrawal from an IRA won't cost you all that much in taxes, since you're in a low tax bracket, and it may enable you to keep your house until you get a new job and are solvent again.

Beginning in 1997, people who are out of work may avoid the 10 percent penalty altogether on early IRA withdrawals that are used to pay medical expenses, if they satisfy certain conditions.

You can also dodge the penalty tax by following a plan of equal withdrawals each year based on your statistical life expectancy.

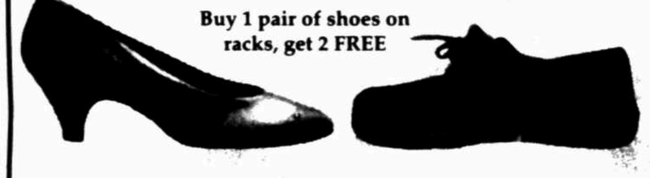
You cannot borrow money from an IRA, or pledge it as collateral on a loan. But many 401(k) plans and other employer-sponsored retirement plans do allow employees to borrow, subject to restrictions that may vary from one employer to the next.

The idea of borrowing from a 401(k) sometimes catches people's fancy when they realize that they will, in effect, pay interest to themselves rather than a bank or finance company. "But it's not always as smart a move as it appears," cautions the Institute of Certified Financial Planners, a professional association.

First of all, money that is borrowed from a 401(k) stops earning returns from where it was invested before, and begins earning only the interest you pay out of your own pocket.

"You're not earning money paying yourself back," says the ICFP. "You're using your own dollars. Furthermore, you're paying back the loan with after-tax dollars. When you withdraw that money years later for retirement, you'll pay tax on it again."

Things can get nasty if you can't keep up with the payments on a 401(k) loan. "Don't borrow from your plan if you think you may be laid off or leave your job," says Marcy Supovitz, vice president of retirement plans at Pioneer Mutual Funds in Boston.

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HUMOR ON THE SIDE

Dave's Top 10

"Top Surprise's in this year's Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue"

10. This year's theme: "girls who wouldn't date you in a million years".
9. All the supermodels were busy, so they hired the office cleaning staff.
8. Stephanie Seymour's "Urkel" tatoo.
7. Because nobody reads the articles, they just reprinted a 1985 interview with "Refrigerator" Perry.
5. They saved money on travel expenses by shooting the whole thing on Staten Island.
4. "History of the bikini" includes several photos of J. Edgar Hoover.
3. As part of an advertising deal with Dinty Moore, models had to pose knee-deep in stew.
2. Exotic locations include Venezuela, Monte Carlo, and the oval office.
1. All the swimsuits are modeled by Richard Simmons.

Bidness rule

Anyone can do any amount of work provided it isn't the work he/she is supposed to do.

—Dilbert's Laws of Work

Sarcasm on the Internet

(These and hundreds of other quotes of all varieties can be found on the Internet at **www.lexmark.com/data/quote.html)**

"Mail your packages early so the post office can lose them in time for Christmas."

— Johnny Carson

"Nature gives you the face you have at twenty. Life shapes the face you have at thirty. But at fifty you get the face you deserve."

— Coco Chanel

"Men occasionally stumble on the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened."

— Sir Winston Churchill

"The fellow who thinks he knows it all is especially annoying to those of us who do."

— Harold Coffin

"A cynic is just a man who found out when he was about ten that there wasn't any Santa Claus, and he's still upset."

— James Gould Cozzens

Late Night Lines

"Michael Jackson, during the delivery, wore a surgical mask over his surgical mask."

"As soon as the baby was born, the doctor took the kid aside and he says, 'Look, son, I have some good news and I have some bad news. The good news is your father is not Woody Allen.'"

"It was an 18-hour delivery -- very, very long. Here's what happened: the kid found out who his father was and they had to call in a hostage negotiating team to get him out."

"While the baby was being delivered, Michael Jackson was down the hall, pacing nervously up and down, drinking a lot of coffee, smoking cigarettes. You know, the same thing he was doing during the conception."

"But, of course, Michael, like every brand new dad, is very excited and he can't wait to get out there and do that father and son stuff that fathers and sons do. He wants to teach him how to throw a baseball, wants to teach him how to bait a hook, wants to teach him how to apply eyeliner."

"Fred Goldman now, yesterday, he says to O.J., he says, 'I will drop my $21 million claim if you sign this confession.' O.J. refused. I think he's holding out for a speedboat...O.J. was so upset by this offer, he blew a two-foot putt."

"Whitewater defendant James McDougal now says that his ex-wife had an affair with President Clinton. I mean, my God, where will all of this nonsense end!...He says that she had an affair with President Clinton in the mid- to early '80s. Clinton, of course, denying it -- there's a surprise -- saying it couldn't have possibly happened because at the time, he was in bed with Indonesian businessmen."

"Earlier tonight, the ESPY Awards -- you folks know what the ESPY Awards are? It's the sports awards they give out at ESPN, and -- very, very exciting -- they had a brand-new category: 'Best Indicted Dallas Cowboy.' "

— David Letterman

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MONDAY MORNING EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

A book of sit-com blueprints from a television fan's past

By Frazier Moore
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Growing up, Mark Bennett suspected there was a better world beyond the TV screen.

He just couldn't let go of the notion that the families he saw on "Leave It to Beaver," "The Donna Reed Show," "The Beverly Hillbillies" and so many other shows he watched would be a step up from his own.

A viewer who identifies with TV shows he likes isn't so unusual, of course. But Bennett went to remarkable lengths to meld his life with the lives he followed on the tube: He drafted floor plans, complete with every last potted plant and area rug, for the TV homes he longed to share with the characters he loved.

"I grew up very fearful, and certain shows were comforting," Bennett recalls. "I wanted to be part of them."

It turns out he was, as the 40-year-old artist demonstrates in his new book, "TV Sets: Fantasy Blueprints of Classic TV Homes" (published by TV Books, distributed by Penguin USA).

Thirty-four TV series are represented here, with the earliest

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Artist Mark Bennett, who has a new book called "TV Sets," works on the blueprint-like drawings of houses he envisions for TV sitcom characters at his studio in Hollywood.

AP Laserphoto



Abel and Anne Salazar have lived with Abel's Tourette syndrome since before they were married over 14 years ago.

Thriving in spite of suffering

■ **Abel Salazar proves that with enough determination, love and support, disabilities can be overcome.**

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

While living with Tourette syndrome is often a lonely, frustrating existence, Midland petroleum engineer Abel Salazar has managed to survive and even flourish in spite of the condition.

Tourette syndrome is a neurological disorder characterized by tics — involuntary, rapid and sudden movements or vocalizations that occur repeatedly in the same way.

Ongoing research into the condition has identified a severity scale, and fortunately, Salazar's condition ranks only about a four or five on the one-to-10 scale.

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READERS WRITE

'No one will ever know what it's like to have TS'

Editor's Note: Anne Marie Salazar and Abel Salazar have been married almost 15 years. Mrs. Salazar has written an essay on living with someone who suffers from Tourette syndrome.

By Anne Marie Salazar

Where shall I begin? Should I start with the day I was sitting behind him in our van traveling to visit our parents in South Texas? Yes, that is a good place. The trip is very long, about eight hours. We had changed drivers and I had chose to sit in the middle bench directly behind Abel. It is a boring drive and I tried staring out the window to help pass the time. But all I can see is Abel's head bouncing and jerking rhythmically, first forward dropping his chin to his chest, and then abruptly twisting to the left and then turning

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It's the ...

Law Ma'am

Nurse-turned-sheriff bans deputies' smoking, trash talk

By Jean Pagel
Associated Press Writer

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. — A no-smoking policy took effect when nurse Delena Goss became sheriff of Cherokee County.

No more "honorary deputy cards" handed out to private citizens. No more sloppy grooming or trash talk by deputies on the radio.

Mrs. Goss, who in November became the second woman elected sheriff in Oklahoma history, spent her first month on the job overhauling the morale and procedures of an office besmirched by accusations of sexual battery and unprofessionalism.

She says women can handle the sheriff's job as well as men.

"The stereotype is cowboy hat, guns on both hips, out getting into fights," she said. "The reality is, the sheriff is administration. You put together a staff (and) delegate to make sure duties are done. It's mainly the business end of it."

But female sheriffs are still rare enough to rouse notoriety.

The most recent estimate by the National Sheriff's Association counted 19 women as sheriffs in 1995.

Oklahoma had two female sheriffs decades ago who inherited the office when their husbands died. Rita Duncan of Pushmataha County beat out two other Democrats in August to become the state's first woman elected sheriff.

Knowledge and managerial skill matter more than gender characteristics, said Mrs. Duncan, who has 13 years of experience in law enforcement.

She advised Mrs. Goss to "hang in there and be tough and support your people."

Keeping the peace in Cherokee County was never simple.

Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana's new novel "Zeke and Ned," set after the Civil War in and around Tahlequah, describes "a place so wild that the law had no chance of prevailing."

Mrs. Goss said drugs are the biggest crime problem in her county, home to Tenkiller Lake, Northeastern State University, the Cherokee Nation headquarters and tourism on the Illinois River.

The 35-year-old Cherokee County native left her job in the Tahlequah City Hospital emergency room to run an office with a $500,000 budget a 32-bed jail and 20 employees (17 of them men).

"She's doing an outstanding job," said county commissioner G.V. Gulager. "There's a new spirit among employees, more accountability. There's a new kind of leadership that's refreshing to me as an employee of Cherokee County."

Gulager described Mrs. Goss as headstrong and practiced in making immediate decisions during a crisis. Her gender makes no difference in law enforcement, he said.

JIMMY PATTERSON

The mailbag: Henpecked, Swimsuit Issue, etc...

Occasionally, it's wise to clear out the mail bag and respond to a few questions that have come my way regarding parenting and relationships. Not that I'm an expert, you understand ... I just have an opinion like everyone else. (OK, maybe my opinion is not exactly like everyone else's ...)



Patterson

Dear Jimmy,
Are you henpecked, or are you just foolin' around and pulling our leg? — Just wonderin'
Dear Wonderin'
Mostly I'm just pulling your leg. I'm almost certain I'm not henpecked. In fact, to make sure, I checked with my wife just yesterday, and she assured me I wasn't.

Dear Mr. Patterson,
A few months ago, you wrote something about how women do all the work while guys just lay around and do nothing but take naps, watch sports on TV and pig out all day. You said that was the reason you always accomplish all your goals while your wife never got anything finished on her to-do list. I found this offensive and I believe you perpetuated the sad state of husband-wife relationships in the '90s. My husband said you were joking, but I found it in poor taste and think you should listen to Dr. Laura Schlessinger on the radio and buy your wife something really nice at Victoria's Secret. — Miffed in Midland.
Dear Ms. Miffed,
I'm sorry you feel that way. Except that part about Victoria's Secret. Now there's a great idea.

Dear Jimmy,
My wife got sick recently and I had to do the laundry because I ran out of underwear. Should I wash my black and white striped shirt with the white or the dark load? -- Cheers
Dear Cheers,
If your wife doesn't tell you 'DON'T YOU EVER PUT THIS STRAPLESS SATIN DINNER DRESS IN THE WASHING MACHINE OR YOU'RE HISTORY,' there's really only one rule of thumb when a guy does laundry ... Pretty much everything can be washed in something husbands like to call the "miscellaneous load." COROLLARY TO RULE NO. 1: Pretty much anything can be washed with anything unless a wife specifies otherwise. If a wife gets upset about mixed loads, tell her if she's that worried about it she needs to refrain from getting sick anymore.

Dear Jimmy,
My daughter's in fifth grade. I'm afraid she's starting to like boys, and boys are starting to like her. How can I tell? — Frantic
Dear Frantic,
If a boy comes up to your daughter and burps in her face, and your daughter screams that she hates the boy and tells him how gross he is, then you've got a BIG problem. That's the first true sign there's a

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DAVE BARRY

Midlife crisis or no, Ragtop Man will keep convertible

I got a convertible.

Now I know what you're going to say. You're going to say: "Dave, you pathetic fool, you're 49 and you're having a midlife crisis. Trade that thing in immediately and get a car more suitable for a person your age, such as a 1910 Hupmobile with air bags."



Barry

No, darn it! I LOVE my convertible! I've ALWAYS WANTED a convertible! For 33 years I've been driving boring cars, starting with my mom's Plymouth Valiant, which was a Ferrari compared with my dad's car, a Nash Metropolitan powered by a motor the same size as the one found inside Tickle Me Elmo. I am a member of the small, select group of automotive losers who purchased both a Ford Maverick AND a Chevrolet Vega — cars manufactured when the motto of the U.S. auto industry was: "We're Working Hard To Make You Buy An Import."

For the past seven years I've driven a practical, box-shaped car. The auto industry calls it a "sport utility vehicle," which suggests that it's sporty; this concept is reinforced by TV commercials showing such vehicles racing up mountainsides, splashing across rivers, winning the Olympic pole vault, etc.

In fact, this vehicle is a station wagon. Admit it, sport-utility-vehicle owners! It's shaped a little differently, but it's a station wagon! And you do not drive it across rivers! You drive it across the Wal-Mart parking lot!

When I went to trade in my sport utility vehicle, I was going to buy another practical car; I truly was. But I ran into a salesperson named Jerry. Jerry's former profession was — really — powerboat racer. Currently, in addition to selling cars, he is co-producing a kickboxing movie. So in terms of mature practicality, Jerry is not Mr. Both Feet On The Ground. I think that, if he could have, he would have sold me an F-16 ("Dave, if you're willing to do business today, we're going to throw in the floor mats AND the heat-seeking missile package"). But I was firm, and in the end we compromised on him selling me a sporty used convertible with a 5-speed stick-shift transmission.

Immediately after I bought the car, I put the top down and took my wife, Michelle, and my son, Rob, for a ride. They both wanted to know why anybody would want a stick shift, seeing as how you have to spend a lot of time shifting it.

"Well," I explained, in my Knowledgeable Guy voice, "it's actually very practical, because by depressing the clutch you can more precisely control how fast the rpms go through the carburetor, which produces your ignition."

The actual truth, of course, is that a stick shift makes you feel like a major automotive stud. You crank up the song "Little Deuce Coupe" by the Beach Boys, and when they sing, "I get pushed out of shape, and it's hard to steer, when I get rubber in all four gears," you sing along at the top of your lungs as you push the clutch in, put the car in gear, ease out the clutch and — Kiss my exhaust pipe, automatic-transmission weenies! — you back out of your space in the Wal-Mart parking lot.

One thing I'm a little concerned about is bullets. I live in Miami, where it is customary to celebrate certain special events (such as nightfall) by firing guns into the air; when the bullets come down, they sometimes injure people. It's such a problem that The Miami Herald recently printed a letter to the editor, which I swear I am not making up, from a Miami man who suggested — and I don't think he was joking — that we would have a safer community if people would do what he does; namely, shoot at the ground. Here is an actual quote from this man's letter: "There are enough bullets in my yard to throw off a Boeing 747's compass, but they are all buried where they were fired, not to come down miles away."

Unfortunately, many Miami residents are not as thoughtful as this man. So for me, the fun of driving a convertible is dampened by the nagging concern that maybe I should be wearing a steel hat.

Another concern I have is that Rob, who has a driver's license despite being only 16, which from my perspective is the same as being a fetus, wants to drive my car. I figured learning the stick shift would slow him down; I know it took me a while. My mother taught me, and I can remember the two of us yelling at each other a lot as the car, with me at the controls, would lurch forward two feet, then stall, two feet, stall, two feet, stall, and so on, causing our heads to be flung violently back and forward, back and forward, like human windshield wipers. To travel just one mile that way would have required several weeks and thousands of aspirin.

But Rob picked it right up. The second try, vroom, he was off. So of course he wants to use the convertible. My feeling is, sure! He can use it whenever he wants! The only condition is that first he has to drive for 33 years. Until then, he gets the Hupmobile.

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SIT-COM: Enthusiast's hope is to make shows plausible on close inspection

(From 1B)

"I Love Lucy" and the most recent "Laverne & Shirley." Most are sitcoms, but hour shows like "Lost in Space" and "The Big Valley" also made the cut.

You'll find the ghoulish manors of the Munsters and the Addams, and the slick suburbanness of Rob and Laura's "Dick Van Dyke Show" digs. There are "Happy Days," "Father Knows Best" and "Mister Ed," complete with horse stall.

And displaying Bennett's skills as a video cartographer, he even maps "Andy Griffith's" hometown of Mayberry, N.C., "Green Acres' " Hooterville and Gilligan's island.

This is an amusing book. Yet the lighthearted air of "TV Sets," including Bennett's saucy commentary, conceals a serious mission: to extract the truth from the make-believe, without the disillusionment.

"When I saw the Cleaver house on the Universal Studios tour a few years ago, it just broke my heart," says Bennett, still sounding wounded at the sight of what passed for the "Leave It to Beaver" home. "You get up close and you see it's a facade."

With his drawings, Bennett has attempted the opposite: to expose shows like "Beaver" as somehow plausible even on close, detailed inspection. "I felt if I drew the houses as build-able as possible, then they would become real." And so, by extension, would their occupants.

While rendering a material world for fantasy characters, Bennett often had to improvise what their series never got around to showing. Finally, here are the bathrooms! A never-entered study! And, as with "All in the Family" and "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," the heretofore invisible Fourth Wall.

PATTERSON: Kicking, and blowing milk through nose symptoms of what's to come

(From 1B)

problem. Subsequent developments would include the boy coming to your house and taking something that belongs to your daughter just to make her mad; your daughter kicking the boy and telling him he needs to be committed to a loony bin, and of course, if your daughter falls into fits of uncontrollable laughter when the boy blows milk from his nose during lunch — that's the sign of an impending long-term relationship. It's really too early to start worrying about everything just yet. Things will get much worse from this point.

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Dear Jim,

Hey ... from one guy to another, what's your opinion on this year's Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue? — Just A Guy

Dear Guy,

The Swimsuit Issue? I didn't even know it was out yet. I really don't watch too closely for that particular issue to come out every third week in February between the NBA All-Star game and the start of spring training coverage. So I really have no comment. Sorry.

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Jimmy Patterson is a staff writer for the Reporter-Telegram and a regular, faithful subscriber to ***Sports Illustrated*** *who actually enjoyed this year's Swimsuit Issue.*

LIFE: Only Tourette sufferers can know what disorder is like

(From 1B)

upwards. This goes on in 30-second-to-one-minute intervals over and over again. Add into that the arm and shoulder movements that also move in some sort of pattern. At one point I couldn't stand it anymore! I reach over and grabbed his head thinking that it will stop him for awhile, or at least give me a break. But in spite of my best efforts, the minute I let go the show begins again. It dawned on me then that this thing he did was not of him. It owned him. It controlled him. Even when he tried to suppress the movements they seemed to have a mind of their own, moving him like a puppet on a string. That moment helped to define what my husband was enduring every day of his life. It was a turning point for me.

Gilles de la Tourette syndrome is a neurological disorder involving the neurotransmitters in the brain that control movement. In short, it is a neurological disorder that is characterized by tics. It is a misunderstood disorder and many people think of it as the disorder where someone says bad words out loud. That is only in the most severe cases. What Abel has is a 5 on a scale of 1 to 10.

Tourette is more typical in boys than in girls. The onset of the disorder begins around age 7 or 8 with things like repetitive throat clearing, tongue clicking, eye blinking or humming.

Common with Tourette is Obsessive-Compulsive disorder, in which the person has a particular fixation on something in their environment or about themselves. This could include hand-washing, or counting even numbers of everything and anything they feel the need to control in their lives. Abel has also been diagnosed with this disorder and he definitely has it.

Abel's earliest memory was head-twitching and grunting. Small grunts under his breath. This evolved into throat-clearing. As he got older and began playing sports, arm and head movements began taking shape and became part of his repertoire. These were unconscious twitches that he had to do but didn't know why. His mother would get mad at him and tell him to stop. Abel would try to stop because he wanted to please his mother, so he found ways to do what his body was demanding of him and try not to be noticed, especially by his mother. He found sports to be the perfect outlet. No one questioned the batter who stepped up to the plate twisting his head side to side, or swinging the bat hard a few times, practicing to hit the ball to kingdom come. Abel excelled in sports. It was the perfect partner for the demanding monster that stalked him.

Getting an education was a daunting task. Abel was a pleaser.

I believe this was due to his obsessive-compulsiveness. He vowed to make his parents proud, so he excelled in school but paid a high price for it. He traded the typical social pastimes of a teenager for the solitary life of a man on a mission. With the monster on his back twisting and turning him, he studied, he reviewed, he read. He had to read something four or five times before it made sense because the monster would constantly distract him.

Abel persevered and received his Petroleum Engineering degree from Texas A&M in 1979. He was employed by Mobil Oil and has been with them ever since. He has never tried to use his handicap as an excuse or to get ahead, but many times it has been used against him. TS does not affect performance, but rather the way in which one is perceived. Perception plays such a big part in the corporate world and in society. It seems if what you have is not physical and obvious, then you must not have it. We need to be more sensitive toward it.

Abel has had Tourette most of his life and I respect and admire him for living through it. He suppresses a lot so that he does not look funny to people. I know it bothers him immensely and at times he cannot stand it. Abel does not live a normal life like you and me, but he does his best not to show it. There are times at home when I notice his eyes watering or a tear streaming down his cheek and I ask him what's wrong. All he says is "No one will ever know what it's like to have Tourette."

TS: Millions of Americans with minor Tourette disorder go undiagnosed, studies show

(From 1B)

His condition manifests itself only in repeated arm and neck movements with some associated obsessive/compulsive disorder.

The problem has been, he said, that few people understand what Tourette syndrome is. And of those who have heard of the disorder, including most physicians, most expect to see a wildly spastic person making barking noises and screaming obscenities involuntarily, he said.

This kind of "classic" Tourette behavior is indicative of those on the most severe end of the scale, he said. Those exhibiting lesser symptoms are often a mystery — even to medical doctors, Salazar explained.

Salazar had to find physicians who were actual researchers for the Tourette Syndrome Association before being officially diagnosed with the disorder, even though he had suspected as much for many years.

There are an estimated 100,000 people in the United States with severe Tourette symptoms, which can include grunts, flailing limb movements, and involuntary screaming or cursing.

Those with less severe Tourette symptoms, such as Salazar, however, are estimated at about one in every 200 Americans.

At present, most of these millions of Americans are undiagnosed, partially because of unfamiliarity in the medical community and in the general population — and partially because Tourette sufferers learn to suppress and disguise the symptoms.

'They expect the barking and screaming and cursing, and that's simply not the case.'

— Anne Salazar, on the public perception of Tourette syndrome.

"They expect the barking and screaming and cursing, and that's simply not the case," said Anne Marie Salazar, who has been married to Salazar for more than 14 years.

Growing up, Salazar's mother would scold him for making the twitching gestures with his neck and arm, thinking that the movements were just a "bad habit," he said.

As he grew up, he became more and more able to suppress and disguise the symptoms until most of the people he went to school with and worked with were unaware of the severity of the twitching.

For instance, Salazar is able to catch an arm twitch just as it starts and turn it into an ordinary-looking stretching or scratching activity.

And when at work or other public places, and through tremendous efforts of concentration, he is able to suppress the twitching to a large extent.

The mental effort involved in this, however, is fatiguing in the extreme, he explained. "When I come home, I am just beat," he said.

His wife never understood the extent of his condition for many years of their marriage.

"Although I found him peculiar, I just accepted the strange things he did as part of his personality," Mrs. Salazar said.

The obsessive/compulsive part of the disorder was perhaps more disturbing than the camouflaged twitching. Especially during times of stress or fatigue, Salazar can become fixated on number sequences and certain aromas — such as the smell of paper currency.

"I had to do everything in even numbers," he said.

But after having his condition correctly diagnosed, Salazar now takes medication that partially alleviates this condition.

On the positive side, this compulsive behavior has also turned Salazar into a perfectionist — something quite useful in his job as an engineer. "He won't accept anything but the best ... so you have an engineer who is driven to succeed under any circumstances," Mrs. Salazar said.

Even as a child, he excelled in sports, because of his determination to practice and practice and practice until he developed a specific skill to a level that he could accept.

The only situation in which his disorder detrimentally affects his job performance is in the area of personal confrontations, he said. Because of the ongoing struggle to suppress the tics at work, and the fact that stressful situations aggravate the problem, Salazar is unable to be outspoken and aggressive during meetings, he said.

This may have cost him some promotions, when he is compared to another good engineer. "They can only go by what they see," he said.

Salazar actually diagnosed himself in the early 1980s, after reading a Sports Illustrated article about professional baseball player and Tourette's sufferer Jim Eisenrach.

"He described his symptoms, and they were my symptoms — and he had a name for it," Salazar said.

After seeing a local doctor, however, he was told that he did not have Tourette.

In the mid-80s, a letter to Ann Landers put Salazar on to the Tourette Syndrome Association, and eventually, to a specialist who diagnosed his condition.

"It was like a weight being lifted off me," Salazar said, to finally find someone who understood what his life was like.

With medication, Salazar's life is a little easier — although he has developed painful bone spurs in his neck from a lifetime of repeated movements. He is planning to have surgery to help alleviate this problem soon.

Still, Salazar tries to spend a lot of time with his two sons, Andrew, 13, and Adrian, 7.

Because of the closeness of the family, Salazar has at least three people who understand his condition. Because of the mutual respect, his wife and sons are even able to joke about the disorder around the house.

"The boys just think he's weird," Ms. Salazar joked.

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For more information about Tourette syndrome, contact the Tourette Syndrome Association at 42-40 Bell Boulevard, Bayside, N.Y., 11361-2861; (718) 224-2999.

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■ Air Force launches newest, strongest rocket

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The Air Force launched its newest, strongest rocket Sunday, a Titan 4-B carrying a satellite for detecting enemy missiles.

The 20-story unmanned rocket blasted into a cloudy sky from Cape Canaveral Air Station in midafternoon. Air Force officials said everything went well during the early portion of the flight.

It was the maiden journey of the Titan 4-B, built by Lockheed Martin Corp. for the Air Force. The rocket was equipped with two improved solid-fuel rocket motors made of lighter material, each providing 1.7 million pounds of thrust, as well as new guidance and self-destruct systems and simpler, standard electrical connections to the payload.

On board was the Pentagon's $200 million Defense Support Program satellite, destined for a 22,300-mile-high orbit. The entire mission cost about $500 million.

■ Mayor calls nightclub bombing a hate crime

ATLANTA — Mayor Bill Campbell on Sunday called the bombing of a gay and lesbian nightclub a hate crime but investigators said it was too early to determine a motive for the city's third bombing in seven months.

Five people were injured when the nail-packed device exploded late Friday in a rear patio area of The Otherside Lounge. Police found a second bomb nearby and detonated it with a remote-controlled robot.

"Anyone who plants an explosive device that targets a particular group is expressing hatred," Campbell said Sunday. "Gays and lesbians were targeted in the first bomb. Law enforcement officials were targeted with the second one."

But investigators have not classified the bombing as a hate crime.

'It's certainly a possibility. I don't want to assume anything," said Bobby Browning, spokesman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

A national ATF response team combed the area Sunday, searching for clues. More than 50 federal agents are on the case, including the same task force investigating the Jan. 16 bombing outside an Atlanta abortion clinic.

A second device — apparently intended for police and rescue workers — exploded about an hour later at the clinic in suburban Sandy Springs.

■ Report: Starr rules out foul play in Foster's death

LOS ANGELES — Whitewater independent counsel Kenneth Starr has concluded that presidential aide Vince Foster was not murdered and there was no cover-up in his death, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

Starr's recently completed report is the third investigation of Foster's death from a gunshot wound 3 1/2 years ago.

"It is accurate and fulsome, and I believe it will be released shortly," an unidentified source told the paper.

"It puts the lie to that bunch of nuts out there spinning conspiracy theories and talking about murder and cover-ups," said the source, whose affiliation was not disclosed in the story.

A coroner and Starr's predecessor as independent counsel, Robert B. Fiske Jr., both declared Foster's death was a suicide, but right-wing groups have insisted President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton were involved in a cover-up.

The Times didn't say if Starr's report would make a finding beyond saying Foster's death was not murder.

On Sunday, White House spokeswoman Mary Ellen Glynn declined to comment on the Times report.

Starr has not indicated when he might release the report.

■ Illinois communities brace as rivers rise

ERIE, Ill. — Some 200 to 250 people evacuated their homes Sunday after the rain-swollen Rock River broke through a levee, while residents braced for flooding along the Illinois River in the heart of the state.

Record rainfall, as much as 4 inches in some places, helped push the Illinois near flood level and state officials distributed 130,000 sandbags on Friday. Much of the flooding was confined to farm fields.

"If it goes up another 2 feet, low-lying park areas will be flooded around Peoria Heights," said Chris Geelhart of the National Weather Service.

In Erie, about 25 miles northeast of Moline, fire officials said several boat and helicopter rescues took place along the Rock River, but they had gotten out everyone who wanted out.

"You've got some die-hards that want to stay with their homes," said Randy Shaffer, an emergency medical technician.

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency's Chris Tamminga said the water wasn't flooding living quarters yet, but many people had basement flooding.

The Rock flows across Illinois' northwest, from Rockford, near the Wisconsin line, southwesterly to its confluence with the Mississippi River at the Quad Cities of Rock Island, Davenport and Bettendorf, Iowa, and Moline.

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

Senate Dems worry: Who will go with Glenn?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over lunch in the senators' dining room, Democratic leader Tom Daschle encouraged four-term Arkansas Sen. Dale Bumpers to seek re-election when his term expires next year.

Bumpers, who is 71 and was briefly hospitalized last year for a heart problem, was noncommittal, according to congressional aides. He may not make up his mind until summer, they say.

The decisions facing Bumpers and a small group of fellow southern veterans will go a long way toward shaping next year's Senate elections as well as Democratic efforts to arrest an erosion in strength plaguing them since 1994

The party lost another icon last week. Sen. John Glenn announced his retirement, giving Republicans a strong shot at his Ohio seat.

"One immutable fact remains," the 75-year-old former astronaut declared: "There is still no cure for the common birthday."

In addition to Bumpers, Sen. Wendell Ford of Kentucky is 71, approaching the end of his term. Sen. Ernest Hollings of South Carolina, at 75, is as well, although he is viewed by Democratic campaign officials as the likeliest of the group to run again.

All were originally elected in an era when Democrats comprised the dominant political force in the South. Both Republican and Democratic aides agree that if they run, each would be likely to win. Retirements could open the door to GOP gains from now-largely Republican electorates.

"As always, retirements are going to be important," said Mark Mellman, a Democratic pollster.

Mellman said it's a myth that Democrats can't win Southern seats being vacated by Democratic incumbents. Nevertheless, his party has struggled to do so in the last two elections.

In fact, Republicans have built a 55-45 Senate majority in large measure on seats Democrats voluntarily surrendered.

Six Democrats retired in 1994; Republicans replaced them en route to capturing control of the Senate. Eight more retired in 1996, and Republicans took three of their seats. The list has a heavy regional cast, including Alabama, Tennessee, Oklahoma and Bumpers' and President Clinton's home state, Arkansas.

In the same two elections, only two Democratic incumbents were defeated, and another two switched parties while in office.

"There won't be as many open seats" this time, said Paul Johnson, executive director of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee. "I suspect there will be more secure races, so there will be greater focus on a smaller number of races."

Said Gordon Hensley, spokesman for the National Republican Senatorial Committee: "There are always going to be surprises. However, this cycle does not appear to present the same type of massive departures we saw."

Thus far, two senators have announced their retirements, one from each party. Glenn's decision to forego a fifth term leaves Gov. George Voinovich, a Republican, as the clear favorite to succeed him. In Indiana, first-term GOP Sen. Dan Coats' decision to leave the Senate gives Democratic Gov. Evan Bayh clear front-runner's standing.

At the same time, predicting political races 21 months in the future is tricky.

"If you look back four years ago people were talking about how there was no way the Democrats would lose control of the Senate, and they did," said Johnson. "Two years ago the Republicans were saying they were going to get to 60 seats, and they didn't."

Still, 16 Republican seats and 18 Democratic seats will be on the ballot. Each side is sizing up potentially vulnerable targets.

Democrats are eyeing seats held by Sens. Alfonse D'Amato of New York, whose job approval ratings are under 50 percent; and Ben Nighthorse Campbell of Colorado, who switched parties two years ago.

A second Democrat-turned Republican, Sen. Richard Shelby, has a huge war chest in Alabama, a state that increasingly favors GOP candidates.

In Iowa, Democrats are hoping Republican Sen. Charles Grassley skips re-election bid in favor of a race for governor.

Republicans, on the other hand, believe they have a strong chance in Illinois against Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun, a first-term Democrat dogged by controversy and $400,000 in debt.

Two other Democratic women are on the ballot and may face difficult races. They include Sen. Barbara Boxer in California and Patty Murray in Washington, where GOP Rep. Jennifer Dunn is seriously considering mounting a challenge.

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■ Jury to deliberate today on cancer doctor's fate

HOUSTON — It's now up to jurors to decide whether cancer doctor Stanislaw Burzynski is a conniving businessman or a selfless physician.

Deliberations start in earnest today in the trial to determine if the Houston doctor intentionally violated mail and FDA regulations plus two federal court orders by administering his antineoplaston treatment.

Burzynski's six-week trial on 75 criminal counts ended Friday with closing arguments. Jurors deliberated for about an hour before they were excused for the day by U.S. District Judge Sim Lake.

Prosecutors say Burzynski dodged both the law and scientific scrutiny for years so he could continue to profit from terminally ill cancer patients.

In 1995 alone, prosecutors say, the chemical treatment made Burzynski $1.4 million. The Polish-born physician's clinic grossed more than $40 million from 1988 to 1994.

The doctor, who claims no specialty in cancer, contends his synthetically reproduced antineoplastons mirror the compound found naturally in human urine. Antineoplastons, he says, serve as biochemical switches that "turn off" cancer genes by interrupting signals for cells to multiply.

■ Report: Police-shooting deaths went unreported

SAN ANTONIO — Police failed to report four deadly officer-involved shootings in the past 13 months, apparently violating a law mandating the attorney general be notified within 20 days, the San Antonio Express-News reported Sunday.

Police Chief Al Philippus said the reports were missing because of changes in department personnel and a lack of clear guidelines from the state on what counts as a so-called custody death. It's unclear whether suspects shot by police are really "in custody," he said.

"I think we were inconsistent, that's the best way of saying it," Philippus said.

However, Attorney General Dan Morales said state law is clear.

"It has always been my view that it's best to interpret those types of statutes broadly," he said. "There's nothing wrong with reporting too much. There may very well be something wrong with not reporting enough."

The 1983 law ordering attorney general reviews stemmed from concerns over police use of choke holds and hog-ties. The latter is a restraint that cuffed a suspect's wrists to his or her ankles and has been implicated in some deaths.

A few years earlier, a string of police shootings led to demonstrations in Dallas and Houston.

■ North Texas cities want to create tollway authority

FORT WORTH — For years, North Texas cities have been competing for scarce highway funds. Now, they believe cooperation is the key to solving their traffic troubles.

Two bills are being pushed in the Legislature to create a North Texas Tollway Authority through which Tarrant, Dallas, Denton and Collin counties could raise money to pay for about $1 billion in tollway projects.

"State funds are dwindling," said Rep. Nancy Moffat, R-Southlake, who supports both bills. "So, in a high-growth area, tollways are the best option for a fast, efficiently-built highway system."

The tollway authority would have the Dallas North Tollway, the George Bush Tollway and other projects as assets. It would be able to sell bonds to pay for proposed freeways like the Southwest Parkway in Fort Worth, Texas 161 through Irving and Trinity Parkway in Dallas.

Those proposed roadways, which are considered vital to ease congestion, have been on the back burner because of scarce funds.

The idea for the Southwest Parkway project, which would connect north and south Fort Worth, was thought up 25 years ago.

"Right now, it takes 20 years to get a state highway built, and we don't have 20 years in the Metroplex. We are growing too rapidly," Ms. Moffat said.

■ Family throws bash for 90-year-old twins

HAWTHORNE, Calif. — Lernon and Vernon Chaney, identical twins with nearly identical lives, turned 90 with a flourish on Sunday.

One day earlier, 200 friends and family members from 10 states and as far away as London gathered for a birthday bash.

"They had one baby that was here at 11 days old," said Pat Bentley, executive assistant at Del Aire Assembly of God church, where the party was held.

Family members provided singing and even a flute trio. The Chaneys were dressed to the nines.

"They had brand new suits alike, ties alike. They looked cute as a bug's ear," Bentley said.

The brothers attended Texas A&M University together and moved to California in 1940, where both found work at Rockwell International. They retired in 1962 after working 32 years each for the aerospace company.

Married with four children each, the twins have a total of 17 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren — with one on the way.

The family celebration of their nine decades was months in the planning and doubled as a family reunion.

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

Job losses threaten Clinton plan for NAFTA expansion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is counting on Chile's president to push Congress toward accepting his country into a reconstructed NAFTA as the next step toward creating a Western hemisphere free trade zone.

But the idea's harshest critics aren't on Capitol Hill — they're thousands of Americans whose jobs have moved south to Mexico.

That makes the pertinent question whether Congress will listen to Eduardo Frei, its Chilean guest this week, or to folks like Gary Hefner, unemployed American.

Hefner was laid off last month after a 30-year career at the General Electric plant in Hickory, N.C. For 40 years, the plant manufactured electric transformers to power America.

Last year, Hefner and 300 co-workers received notice: Contending the Hickory factory was no longer profitable, GE was shutting it down and moving the work to Monterrey, Mexico.

"They put us out to pasture because we were making $15 hourly wages and they could get the work done in Mexico for 83 cents an hour," Hefner said.

Opponents of free trade have made similar charges since President Clinton went against labor unions and many in his own party in 1993 to push the North American Free Trade Agreement through Congress.

With the assistance of former Presidents Ford, Carter, Reagan and Bush and a healthy dose of Republican support, Clinton won that battle against opponents who, in the phrase of Ross Perot, warned of a "giant sucking sound" as Mexico drained high-paying jobs from the United States.

The 1997 replay promises an even tougher fight. Opponents have armed themselves with statistics showing swollen trade deficits with Mexico and Canada since NAFTA's birth.

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—Gary Hefner
unemployed American

Clinton blames factors unrelated to NAFTA. He argues that unless Congress quickly renews his authority to expand NAFTA, the United States risks losing to European and Asian competitors already moving into America's economic back yard.

The president hopes by 2005 to bring not only Chile but all the democratic nations of Latin America into what would be the world's largest free trade zone.

Frei is coming to Washington for a Wednesday meeting with Clinton and a speech to a joint session of Congress on Thursday. Clinton travels to Mexico in April and makes his first presidential trip to South America the next month.

However, Clinton's carefully orchestrated sales schedule is in danger of slipping over a dispute that has tied up the free trade effort for the past two years.

Trying to mollify unions and environmentalists, Clinton wants authority to negotiate environmental and labor safeguards as part of any new trade agreement. The Republicans who control Congress don't want to give Clinton such authority, saying those issues don't need to be addressed in trade agreements.

In the new battle, opponents say Clinton will have to overcome a dismal NAFTA track record.

Ralph Nader's Public Citizen released a report Sunday titled "NAFTA's Three Year Reality" that charged the trade agreement has cost more than 600,000 American jobs and resulted in soaring trade deficits with Mexico and Canada.

Figures released last week show America's deficit with Mexico hit a record $16.3 billion in 1996, and its imbalance with Canada rose to $22.8 billion, highest in a decade.

The overall U.S. trade deficit climbed to an eight-year high of $114.2 billion last year, and 60 percent of the deterioration since 1993 has represented rising deficits with Mexico and Canada.

Administration officials dispute the job-loss figures. They say a special program set up under NAFTA to retrain workers has handled a far smaller 107,000 claims, which does not take into account jobs gained from record-high U.S. exports.

The administration argues the higher trade deficits are the fault not of NAFTA but of unrelated economic forces. Mexico's economy plunged into deep recession in 1995 after a peso crisis, and the dollar has strengthened considerably against the Canadian dollar, making U.S. exports more expensive in Canada.

Free trade supporters worry that Clinton's delay in submitting legislation will mean yet another year lost in starting negotiations to expand NAFTA, even as European and Asian rivals make inroads in Latin American markets.

Boys say they were abused by inmates during visit

DALLAS (AP) — State officials are investigating allegations that some boys were sexually molested by inmates on a recent "scared straight" field trip to a prison.

Five or six boys enrolled at the Country Place Child and Adolescent Treatment Center in Collin County said they were molested by prisoners at the state's Eastham Unit near Lovelady.

Larry Todd, a Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman, said his department is taking the allegations seriously. Investigators are interviewing the field trip participants, correctional officers and inmates at the unit.

"In those interviews, we want to confirm whether the allegations are in fact as the juveniles stated," he said. "If the allegations have any validity whatsoever, and we have no reason to doubt them at this point, it is not the kind of activities that the Texas Department of Criminal Justice permits."

About 15 of the center's 21 adolescents went on the Feb. 14 field trip. The boys were taking part in a "scared straight" program where inmates discuss prison life candidly.

Michael Hannah, the treatment center's program director, said one of the boys has left the center as a result of the alleged abuse.

After the three-hour prison visit, the adolescents went on a weekend camping trip and returned to the center on Monday night, Hannah said. The abuse was reported when the boys met with therapists.

The two staff members who attended the field trip said they did not witness the abuse. The staff was with the kids during the entire visit, Hannah said. Other participants did not see it happen either, he said.

"I trust our employees, and they are saying they didn't see these things," said Hannah, who would not say if he thought the allegations were credible.

The center's former director of therapeutic activities, David Pavelka, encouraged the boys to file a grievance. He said he was present during the therapy sessions when the boys complained about the abuse.

"This was not a group of kids getting together and making up a story. This was three separate therapy groups and the same story was coming out of each one," Pavelka said. "You can't believe how much it shocked me. This is not supposed to happen. These children are our responsibility."

Pavelka said the boys told him although the staff members saw what happened, they did not stop the abuse, which is alleged to have involved fondling.

"These kids were traumatized. They are feeling totally helpless," he said. "My concern is how much they are going to sweep under the rug."

Pavelka was fired Thursday. Hannah said the action had nothing to do with the allegations, although he would not talk about the firing.

Country Place is a residential facility for boys and girls with psychiatric and substance-abuse problems. It currently has residents aged 12 to 17.

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DEATH NOTICES

George Branch

ANDREWS — Graveside services for George Kenneth Branch, 56, of Odessa are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25 in Andrews West Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Branch died Friday, Feb. 23 in an Odessa nursing home.

He was born Sept. 9, 1940, in Hobbs, N.M. He was raised in Seminole and moved to Andrews in the 1970s. He worked as a tool pusher for 12 years with Harvey's Servicing Company in Andrews. He married the former Jerry Sue Scott Jan. 12, 1990 in Andrews. He moved to a nursing home in Odessa from Andrews 4 years ago.

He is survived by his wife of Andrews; his stepmother, Edith Branch of Arlington; his stepson, Bobby Smith of Fort Stockton; his brother Clarence Branch of Corpus Christi; his stepsister, Jeanne Kaley of Arlington.

Ethel Metzel

Services for Ethel Metzel, 74, are pending with Ellis Funeral Home. She died Sunday in a Midland hospital.

Jeane Hamlin

Services for Jeane Hamlin are set for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, in Memorial Christian Church. The Rev. Lucian will officiate. Arrangments are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hamlin died Saturday in a Midland hospital.

She was born Feb. 26, 1918 in Sand Springs, Okla. She married Joseph H. Hamlin July 23, 1941 in Tulsa, Okla. The couple lived in Fort Worth before moving to Midland 25 years ago. Ms. Hamlin was a member of Memorial Christian Church.

Survivors include her husband of Midland; two sons, Jim Hamlin of Odessa and Joe Hamlin Jr. of Phoeniz, Ariz.; one grandchild and one great-great grandchild.

The family requests memorials be directed to Memorial Christian Church or to the American Cancer Society.

George Branch

ODESSA — Graveside services for George Kenneth Branch, 56, of Odessa have been set for 2 p.m.

Ione Shurley

Graveside services for Ione Shurley are set for 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, in Resthaven Memorial Park with Dr. Jarrell Sharp of St. Luke's United Methodist Church officiating, under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Shurley died Sunday in a Midland retirement center.

She was born Feb. 11, 1908, in Conroe. She graduated from Stamford High School in 1926. She married Mason Shurley in 1934 in Ada, Okla. The couple moved to Midland in 1969.

Survivors include her two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Family Hospice.

Cesarea Rodriguez

Services for Cesarea U. Rodriguez have been set for 5 p.m. today in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. The Rev. Gilbert Rodriguez will officiate. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. She will lie in state at Ellis Chapel North today.

Mrs. Rodriguez died Saturday in a Midland hospital.

She was born March 3, 1908 in Jerez Zacatecas, Mexico.

She is survived by her son, Baldemar Rodriguez of Midland.

POLICE REPORTS

Accident

A vehicle rolled over in an accident 1 p.m. Sunday on State Highway 158, according to Midland Sheriff's reports. There were only minor injuries. The accident occurred on Highway 158, 5 miles north of Highway 191.

Midland Police Department
Saturday

Vandalism of vehicles: It was reported at 11:15 p.m. a window was shot out of a red Cavalier, and the rear window of a green Ford pickup was shot out. The windows appear to have been shot with a bb gun. Both of the cars were shot at in the area of Neely while the drivers were going southbound on "A" Street.

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Graffiti: Wade Burgess reported at 12:05 a.m. there was shoe polish on the sidewalk in front of 705 Doral Ct.

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Vandalism: Olan Chapman reported at 12:09 a.m. the driveway at 4633 Princeton had been vandalized with shoe polish.

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Burglary of a residence: Amora Navarette reported at 1:56 a.m. a 13-inch color television had been taken from 1807 E. Oak St. Entry may have been gained through a back door.

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Vandalism of a vehicle: Stacy Oliver reported at 8:24 a.m. the back window of a vehicle was broken at 1219 Burchill Dr.

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Assault: It was reported at 8:09 a.m. by two victims that four juveniles pointed air rifles that looked like shotguns at them 3300 N. Midland Dr.

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Stolen vehicle: It was reported that a 1992 green four-door Pontiac Bonneville was taken from 3417 N. Midland Dr.

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Vandalism to a vehicle: Lavonne Hernandez reported at 2:40 p.m. tires were slashed on a vehicle at Illinois Avenue and Midland Drive.

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Burglary of a vehicle: Brent St. Clair reported at 3:03 p.m. two stereos and an amplifier, valued at $595, were taken from 108 Club Dr.

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Burglary of a residence: Rosalina Revilla reported at 8:01 p.m. the back window of a residence at 404 E. Estes had been broken. It appeared nothing was taken.

Sunday

Assault: A victim reported being hit in the head with a pipe by a Hispanic male driving a white pickup. The report was made at 1:52 a.m. at 101 N. Mineola.

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Theft: Larry Chavez reported at 4:28 a.m. a hubcap was taken from a vehicle at Motel 6, 1000 S. Midkiff.

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Vandalism of a vehicle: David Fowler reported at 7:42 a.m. some type of flour and hair dye mixture was thrown on a vehicle damaging the paint at 3043 Fredna Place.

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Vandalism of a vehicle: Someone at Energas reported at 9:47 a.m. that several gas meters, valued at $1,050, had been damaged.

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Vandalism: Letty Mancha reported at 9:24 a.m. the back fence at 1915 English Dr. had been knocked down.

OBITUARIES

Dorothy Fay Rhoton

Dorothy Fay Rhoton was born April 25, 1922, to Lottie Bell Neatherlin Allen and Clarence L. Allen. She served in the WACs during WWII and is a retired disabled veteran. She worked as a food handler for MISD before working at MHMC as a dietician. She retired in 1980.

Mrs. Rhoton is survived by one son, Robert Rhoton of Midland; one brother, Bill R. Allen of Odessa; three sisters, Geraldine Padgett of Greenwood, Lorraine Allen Maroney of Midland, Ida Mae Scott of Tow, Texas; two grandchildren, Deanna Rhoton and Robbie J. Rhoton of Midland and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Rhoton died Saturday at a Midland hospital.

Funeral services are scheduled for 4 p.m. today, Feb. 24, 1997, in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Street Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Honorary pallbearers will be her nephews.

Series of spills raises public concerns about pipeline safety

HOUSTON (AP) — The hazardous liquid leak that ravaged a tiny town near Dallas last summer was only one of 2,600-plus hazardous liquid pipeline breaches reported over the past decade, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

While many were tiny pinpricks that released only a few gallons, a series of big spills, including ones that sparked fireballs that engulfed the flood-swollen San Jacinto River near Houston in 1994, has raised public concern about pipeline hazards.

Last year alone, there were more than 30 accidents involving hazardous liquid spills in excess of 1,000 barrels, each the equivalent of at least six tanker truck loads, according to a Chronicle analysis of preliminary federal data.

"We know there are areas where we have problems," said Michele Joy, general counsel for the Association of Oil Pipelines, a Washington-based industry group. "We still have corrosion flaws. We still have people digging into our lines. We still are constantly trying to find ways to deal with those issues."

The accidents highlight problems in the federal government's regulation of the nation's 155,000 miles of interstate hazardous liquid pipelines.

Among them:

—The federal Office of Pipeline Safety rarely fines companies

—Regulators, citing inadequate funds, rarely inspect any of the lines themselves. While focusing primarily on paperwork filed by pipeline companies, regulators say they make spot checks to ensure the information is correct.

—Regulators' are reluctant to insist upon safety mechanisms that could limit accident damage.

Leaks on hazardous liquid pipelines occur five times more often on a per-mile basis than those on natural gas transmission lines.

Pipeline safety records indicate Harris County was second only to Los Angeles County, Calif., in the number of pipeline leaks over the past decade.

That's largely a reflection of the spaghetti bowl of pipelines on the Texas Gulf Coast that move crude oil, gasoline and other petroleum products to markets across the country.

With corrosion being the second biggest cause of hazardous liquid pipeline accidents and the nation's pipeline system growing older, the problems could increase.

Nevertheless, industry and federal safety officials believe that underground pipelines are the safest mode of transportation: Accidents are relatively few, given that half of the nation's hazardous liquids move through them.

A former OPS chief acknowledges that it does not receive the same priority as other watchdog agencies in the Department of Transportation such as the Federal Aviation Administration.

"The program has never been motivated by huge public interest," said George Tenley, who continues to work on pipeline safety for a nonprofit research outfit in Washington.

OPS officials say it is difficult to do more, with only 59 inspectors to watch over 155,000 miles of hazardous liquid pipelines and more than 2.2 million miles of natural gas lines.

But critics say the agency is too close to the industry.

OPS can fine offenders up to $25,000 a day. But total fines amounted to $136,000 in 1995, when 4.6 million gallons of hazardous liquids were spilled in 191 accidents.

In 1996, fines were $82,350, although some cases are not yet closed.

"The Office of Pipeline Safety is a shameful example of a regulatory agency that has become a promoter of the industry and not a protector of the public," said Bob Ratcliffe, a Tallahassee, Fla., activist who consults to anti-pipeline forces around the country. "There's no enforcement."

An agency spokeswoman explained that OPS would rather work with companies to improve safety than fine them for violations.

"Our focus has been on getting safety results," said Kelley Coyner, deputy administrator of the pipeline safety office's parent agency.

OPS is far behind in producing a number of reports:

Its last annual report covered 1992. "We're in the process of printing 1993," Coyner said.

A study ordered in 1994 by then-Transportation Secretary Federico Pena to pinpoint the nation's most dangerous pipeline corridors is yet to be completed. The study was prompted by the Houston pipeline inferno.

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Age-old debate over teaching children to read frustrates educators

By Matt Crenson
Associated Press

Nora Newcombe's son was in first grade, and she was in a state.

Andrew was a bright kid, but he just couldn't read. A few months into the school year, he'd scored in the 24th percentile on a standardized reading test. His teacher said he needed to be in a class for children with learning disabilities. Andrew was getting frustrated and upset.

"He was like, 'I'm stupid. I can't do what the other kids do,' " Newcombe said.

As a parent, she was concerned. But as a developmental psychologist at Temple University in Philadelphia, she also had a little perspective on the situation.

First, she gave Andrew an IQ test. No problems there. Then she went to her son's school and started asking questions: What exactly didn't he understand? What was going on in class? How was Andrew learning to read?

It turned out Andrew was being taught whole language, a reading instruction method that became popular in the 1980s and is widely used in the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia and Great Britain.

Although proponents tout it as the best way by far to teach kids how to read, nearly a decade of scientific research and sad experience have shown it can be a miserable failure.

"IT'S JUST been a real mess," said Mark Seidenberg, a neuroscientist at the University of Southern California who calls whole language "a massive experiment."

The whole language method has been blamed for educational disasters around the English-speaking world.

In California, where a recent backlash against the method led the state to revise its English language arts curriculum, opponents blame whole language for pulling the state's reading scores to the bottom of the national barrel. In a recent national education assessment, California tied with Louisiana for last place in reading.

Whole language advocates and state officials say the teaching method isn't all bad, and that it was used as a scapegoat in California when budget cuts and bureaucratic mistakes were really to blame. But even if they're right, the aftermath of California's curriculum change and the recent popularity of whole language just about everywhere has led to a national cry for phonics, a return to the basic drills and Dick-and-Jane readers that most adults grew up with.

IN WISCONSIN, a candidate for state school superintendent recently made phonics part of his platform, calling it "the bedrock." In North Carolina, the Legislature has appointed a committee to develop a more phonics-based curriculum. And in Tennessee, the conservative Eagle Forum is pushing a bill that would require phonics instruction in all classrooms.

Phonics is no silver bullet, however. Advocates note it almost always wins in head-to-head tests against other instructional methods, but they usually fail to mention that about one in four kids has trouble understanding it.

Meanwhile, as the partisans in the century-old debate bicker over the best way to teach reading, a combination of scientific results from widely different fields is showing how most kids learn to read and why many have trouble picking it up.

Most significantly, the research offers a reading instruction method based on evidence rather than ideology, politics or assumptions about learning and language.

If only somebody would listen.

"It really is a huge scientific eureka," said Marilyn Adams, a visiting scholar at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. "We've been able to learn why reading is difficult for so many kids and how to make it learnable, but because of this stupid phonics-whole language debate, we can't get it through to anybody."

THE SECRET isn't exactly old-fashioned phonics, it isn't whole language and it isn't quite a combination of the two: By teaching kids to "break the code" of reading, as if it were a skill such as playing the piano or swimming, educators hope they can teach reading a lot more effectively.

Phonics teaches kids to read by sounding out each letter in a written word. Thus "bag" becomes "buh, ah, guh," and then "bag."

That makes sense to somebody who already knows how to read. And eventually it makes sense to most kids, too. But when researchers began trying to program computers to generate speech about a decade ago, they discovered something that seems obvious once you think about it: The word "bag" isn't three sounds, it's one.

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> **visiting scholar at Harvard Graduate School of Education**

"If you think you can hear the three letters in the word 'bag' you're wrong," Adams said. "It's one big ballistic utterance — bag."

Advocates of the whole language approach address that problem with a little logic. They start by noting that kids learn spoken language spontaneously, just by being immersed in an environment where people are talking. So if you give them books to read, signs to look at and plenty of encouragement, they ought to learn reading the same way.

"WHEN PEOPLE learn to talk, nobody sits down with the baby and says, 'Say 'th,' say 'a,' say 't,' " said Sharon Murphy, an education professor at York University in Canada and president of the group Whole Language Umbrella. "It seems that this is something that happens quite naturally."

But linguists have known since the 1950s that spoken and written language are very different. Spoken language is an ancient trait evolutionally hard-wired into the brain, whereas written communication is a relatively recent cultural development.

For example, every human culture has a spoken language, but many never developed writing. And even in modern America, where the written word is unavoidable, 20 million adults can't read.

"If the whole language movement is teaching that learning to read is natural, that's bull," said David Pesetsky, a linguist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

When it became apparent in the late 1980s that large numbers of American children were having trouble reading, Congress commissioned a study of the problem. It fell to Adams, then a senior researcher at the University of Illinois Center for the Study of Reading, to write the report.

The result, "Beginning to Read," summarizes the current knowledge about teaching children to read. Its basic message is that reading is a skill that must be learned through practice.

"Beginning reading behaves very much like an athletic activity or a physical skill, like walking or ice skating or swimming, where some kids just act like mermaids right when they jump in the pool," Adams said.

BUT IN reading, just as in swimming or ice skating or playing piano, most kids need systematic instruction that should foster something reading experts call phonemic awareness.

Phonemic awareness is one of those skills that feels natural to people who have mastered it, such as riding an bicycle or getting on an escalator, but really isn't. It's the understanding that spoken language can be broken down into component sounds that then can be represented by strings of letters.

But in addition to phonemic awareness, kids also have to learn there's a system to how words are spelled. Before they can read effectively, they must realize sounds can be represented in ways that don't follow phonic rules, such as "ight" standing for the "ite" sound in most cases.

Cognitive neuroscientists, who model aspects of the human brain with computers, have gotten so good at their craft that they actually can design phonemically aware computer programs that learn how to read. And when the researchers introduce phonemic defects into the programs, they even can cause the computers to make the same mistakes a reading-disabled child does.

"What it tells you is that this particular part of reading — figuring out the relationship between spelling and phonology — is a big step," Seidenberg said.

READING EXPERTS estimate 20 percent to 40 percent of kids have problems taking that step. Imaging studies that show which parts of the brain are active during reading indicate some kids — the same ones who have trouble learning to read — really are wired differently.

It has nothing to do with intelligence.

"There are smart children who have this problem and there are fairly average or below-average students who do not have this problem," said John Silber, chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Education.

But studies show that if they are recognized early and taught phonemic awareness, children who initially have trouble reading can learn the skill nearly as quickly as their peers.

That's what happened for Andrew, whose mother began drilling him with a set of 130 words from the experimental Benchmark School in Media, Pa.

Andrew hated it, of course, because it was hard for him. But after he'd learned to sound out those carefully selected words, he was on the road to reading. By the end of the second grade, his reading scores had risen to the 84th percentile.

"It was a whole lot better than being at the 24th percentile," Newcombe said. "When I think that he could have been shunted to a pullout program for kids with learning disabilities ... it just chills the blood."

DEAR ABBY

Boyfriend's 'bill' could cost him his girlfriend's trust

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of one year and I have been going through some turbulent times these last several weeks, and at one point we decided to part ways. I was shocked when he handed me a "bill" totaling $1,393.

I admit there were amounts on there that I had told him I would pay back — but it only added up to half of his total. Amounts like $5, $10 and $20 that I thought he had given in unconditional good spirit were listed on there under months and exact dates throughout the entire year we had been dating. For example, he would say, "Here, Hon, put some gasoline in your tank." I have helped him out monetarily from time to time, but I never expected that he was keeping track of what he was giving me, much less that he'd ask for it back.

Now we're trying to mend our relationship, and I can't get that "bill" out of my mind. He said he wrote it up and gave it to me because he was mad. Now I have a hard time accepting anything from him. I even wonder if this relationship is worth mending. What is your advice? — CONFUSED IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR CONFUSED: Your boyfriend may have acted in a moment of anger, but he did not compile his detailed ledger on the spur of the moment. If you are looking for a generous man, keep looking. This one is not above using the purse strings to try to control you.

DEAR ABBY: We hear so many horror stories concerning children of divorce, it might be encouraging to hear of one where both parents handle the situation very well.

Since the divorce seven years ago, the two children (now 11 and 13) have been in the custody of their mother. Of course, the father has visitation rights. Never has either parent said anything derogatory about the other. The two have always lived in different areas — now Cleveland and Dayton, Ohio — and each has initiated phone calls to the other for the children.

When the mother (my daughter) goes to her Air Force reserve duty in Dayton, the children stay with their father, and occasionally, she, too, stays there. Similarly, when the father and his wife come to Cleveland to see the children, they have stayed at my daughter's home — as have his relatives.

Last Christmas, they had the greatest arrangements, demonstrating what exemplary parents they are — the new wife included. During the Christmas vacation, the girls spent several days with their father, then on Christmas Eve when he brought them back to their mother's home, he and his wife stayed overnight, so they could all share Christmas morning with the children.



Van Buren

Abby, wouldn't it be wonderful if more divorced couples could handle the situation so well? — GRATEFUL GRANDMA IN FLORIDA

DEAR GRATEFUL GRANDMA: Some do, but unfortunately, most do not.

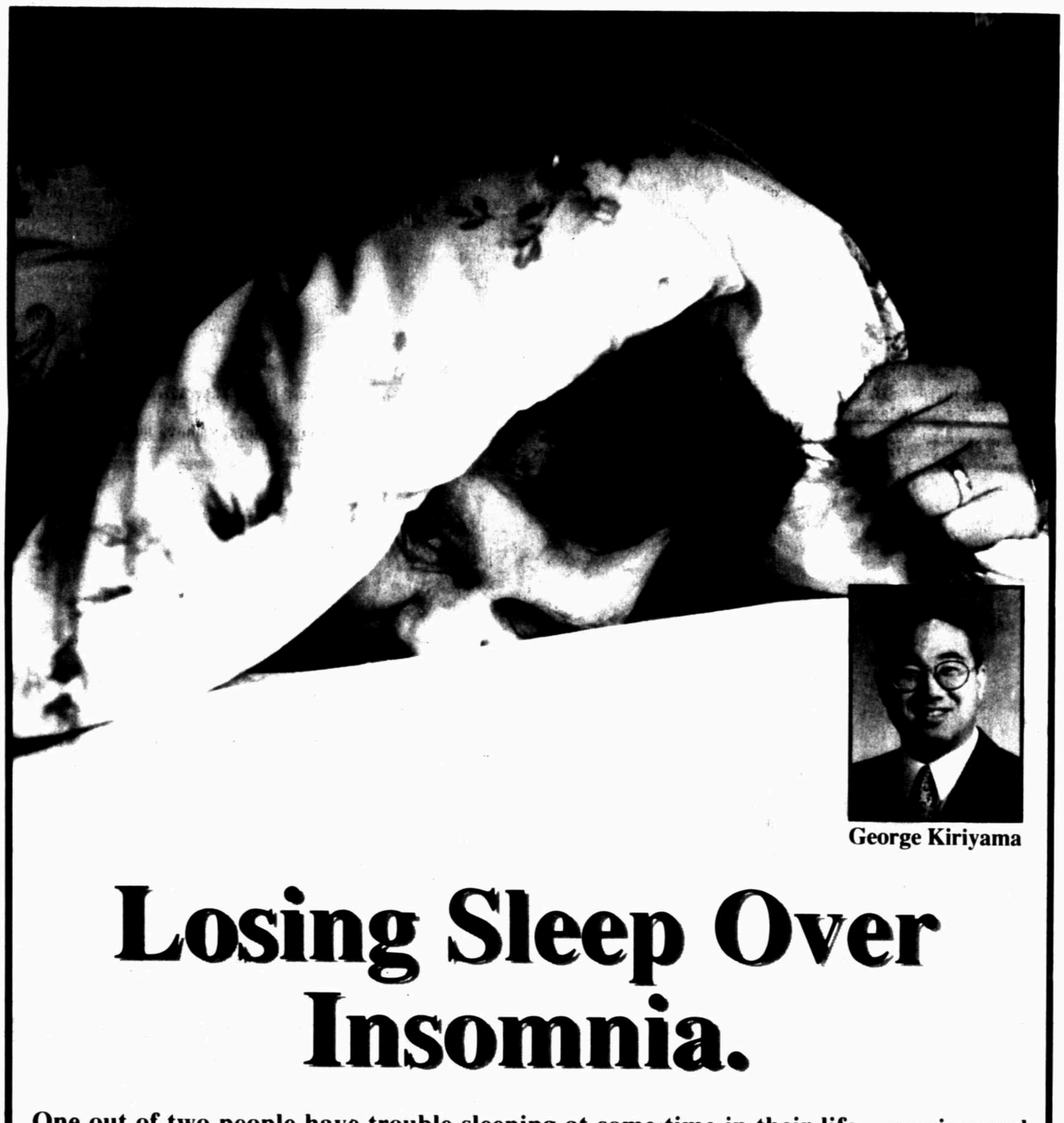
DEAR ABBY: In your tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., you said: "In 1964 he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Dr. King's principles of nonviolence were based on the teachings of Christianity."

Abby, Martin Luther King had to go to India to learn the principles of nonviolence, because they were neither understood nor practiced in the United States.

The civil rights movement in the 1960s reminds us of how violent white Christians really are. They are as violent as Muslims and Jews, if not more violent. Remember, we have had nearly 5,000 lynchings in our history. Christians proclaim brotherly love, love for your neighbor, peace on earth and other notions — but they often do not practice them. — HUGO BORRESEN

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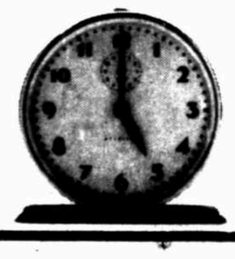
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Midland College men at Odessa College, 8 p.m. RADIO: KCRS (AM 550).

Derby favorite

HALLANDALE, Fla. — Pulpit entered the gate wet and turned his head in agitation. Then he fell behind for the first time in his young career, trailing two horses by five lengths down the backstretch.

But at the end, the unbeaten colt was again in front, winning the Fountain of Youth Stakes at Gulfstream Park by 1 1/2 lengths.

The victory Saturday confirmed Pulpit as the front-runner for the Kentucky Derby 10 weeks from now. He could become the first horse since Apollo in 1882 to win the Derby without racing as a 2-year-old.

Houston hoops

HOUSTON — Dylan Osean scored 5 of his 16 points in the last 52 seconds Sunday as the Tulane Green Wave held off Houston 81-77.

Houston (11-13, 3-9 Conference USA) pulled within 78-75 with 33 seconds to go on a Damon Jones 3-pointer. But Osean, who hit two free throws with 52 seconds remaining, made another in the final seconds along with a layup that put the game out of reach.

Player dies

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A 17-year-old high school softball player who shot herself in the head last week has died. Melissa Chambliss, who had been in critical condition on life support at University Medical Center, died Saturday night, hospital officials said. The senior at First Coast High, a National Honor Society student and outstanding athlete, was despondent over performing poorly at a softball tryout last week at Santa Fe Community College in Alachua County, police said. She shot herself on the First Coast softball field Thursday with a pistol during a dispute with her coach.

NHRA winners

CHANDLER, Ariz. — Gary Scelzi, John Force — who remained unbeaten this year — and Jim Yates were the winners in the NHRA's ATSCO Nationals on Sunday at Firebird International Raceway.

The victory by Yates denied Warren Johnson his first ever victory at Firebird. The $1,392,050 event was the second stop in the 22-race, $30-million NHRA Winston Drag Racing Series.

Scelzi, of Fresno, Calif., proved Alan Johnson made the right choice when he selected him to replace his brother, the late Blaine Johnson, in the family-owned dragster. The rookie produced again, taking the Top Fuel title with a win over Kenny Bernstein, the defending Top Fuel champion. Scelzi covered the quarter-mile distance in 4.626 seconds at 305.70 mph in the Team Winston Dragster to edge Bernstein at 4.631 at 315.23.

"I'm speechless," Scelzi said. "Pomona was emotional but tonight, against Kenny, I wanted nothing more to beat him. I don't want to be derogatory, but Blaine won the championship and Kenny ended up getting the trophy."

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New league didn't seem to bother Jayhawks

By Doug Tucker
AP Sports Writer

BIG 12 CONFERENCE XII

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Big Eight or Big 12, it doesn't seem to matter to Kansas.

The No. 1 Jayhawks have picked up in their new conference just like they left their old, as undisputed champions.

Amid emotional ceremonies marking senior day, Kansas easily wiped out a one-point halftime deficit Saturday and rolled past outmatched Kansas State 78-58 to take the first Big 12 title.

"We played hard and gave it our best," said Kansas State center Gerald Eaker.

The Jayhawks (27-1 overall, 13-1 Big 12) trailed 31-30 at halftime, their first halftime deficit at home all year.

"There were a million things going on, and we didn't play our best basketball," said Kansas guard Jerod Haase, one of six seniors who bid farewell to Allen Fieldhouse and the loud, loving crowd that hasn't seen them lose a home game since they were freshmen.

Elsewhere Saturday in the next-to-last weekend in the Big 12's inaugural season, No. 21 Colorado beat Missouri 84-75; Nebraska bested No. 7 Iowa State 74-69 in overtime; Texas Tech edged Texas 72-70, Texas A&M downed Baylor 62-57, and Oklahoma pounded Oklahoma State 80-64.

Raef LaFrentz scored 21 points for Kansas as the Jayhawks won the conference title for the sixth time in seven years.

"I didn't have us ready to play," said coach Roy Williams, who frequently wiped away tears as the six seniors addressed the crowd. "This was as emotional a day as there's been since I've been here, and it got so emotional it became a distraction."

At Iowa State, Nebraska dominated the overtime session to pin defeat on the only other Big 12 team ranked in the Top 10. Tyronn Lue scored 10 points in the final

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MHS seeks win No. 30, ticket to Region I dance

■ Bulldogs battle El Paso Eastwood in Class 5A boys region quarterfinal matchup.

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

PECOS — This isn't the Class 5A region quarterfinal basketball playoff matchup that all of Midland had its eyes on, but the Midland High Bulldogs will be playing at 6 p.m. here today — against El Paso Eastwood, and not Midland Lee.

Lee fell from the playoffs Friday to the Troopers of Eastwood, 77-63, in this same Pecos High School gym while MHS' streaking 'Dogs, who are rolling with an 18-game winning streak, ran over El Paso Franklin, 84-63, in Alpine Friday.

Coach Jack Stephenson's No. 8 state-ranked Bulldogs can notch victory No. 30 for the season tonight with a win over Eastwood. Midland High has lost only three times this season, and haven't lost a game since the calendar turned to 1997.

It was somewhat of a surprise that Stephenson and Eastwood coach Gary Pippen picked a Monday playing date since that left only a Saturday practice session for both teams. However, it is equal for both teams since both won on Friday.

"We actually wanted a game on Monday," said MHS assistant coach Craig Raughton. "If we are fortunate enough to come away with a win (against Eastwood), we will be able to scout some other playoff games on Tuesday. Also, this is the week of the TAAS test in our schools and this will help in that regard."

In fact, all high school athletic events, most of which are staged on Tuesday during this time of year, have been delayed until Thursday across the state when testing is completed. The University Interscholastic League, however, allows its state basketball playoffs to continue through testing unabated. So, hoops has the total arena today and Tuesday in what is a usually crowded sports menu at this time of year.

A lot of Midlanders were hoping that this date would be reserved for a first-ever state playoff meeting between Bulldogs and Rebels. But the Rebels are out of the state's single elimination tournament and the Bulldogs are prepared to face whatever hurdles come their way.

MHS sophomore Jay Christian, a starter, put it best as far as the Bulldog frame of mind for this one.

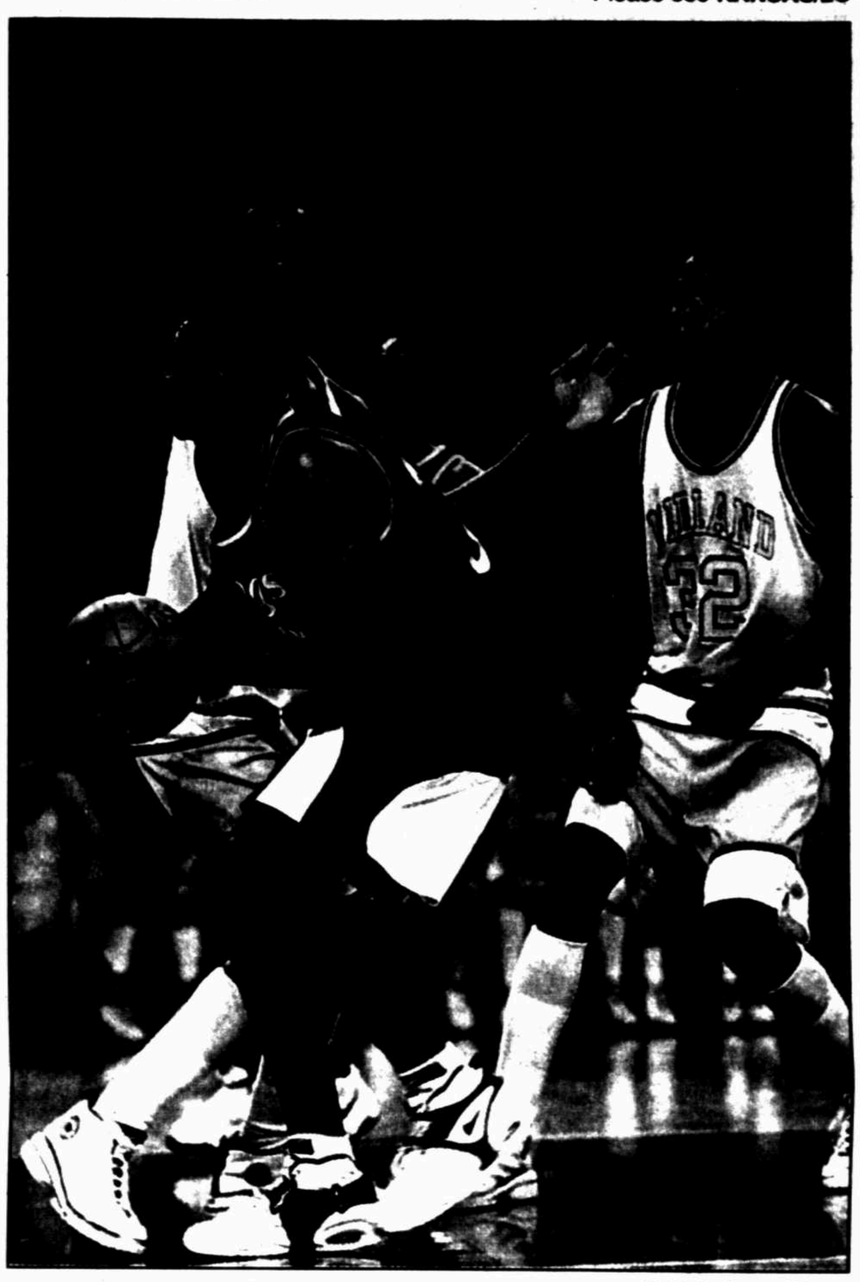
"I thought it would be good for Midland if we could have played Lee again, but we'll be ready for whoever shows up," Christian said after the win against Franklin.

Eastwood appears to own more scoring potential than what MHS faced against the Cougars Friday, but the Troopers still must solve another riddle that has an undersized team going against a team that can put a large lineup on the floor.

Jerry DeLaPena is the tallest Eastwood player at 6-2. MHS will be decidedly larger with a lineup that includes 6-4 Jon Stephenson, 6-5 Kirby Lemons, 6-4 Christian and 6-7 Russell Gardner.

Ben Karam, a 5-10 guard, and

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland High's Jay Christian, left facing camera, and Kirby Lemons (32) clog up the lane recently on defense for the Bulldogs, who travel to Pecos tonight for a 6 p.m. Class 5A boys regional qualifier game against El Paso Eastwood.

Gordon's good

Daytona winner takes Goodwrench

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. — As optimistic as Jeff Gordon is, he didn't believe he could catch Dale Jarrett on Sunday in the Goodwrench Service 400.

Not until the tough North Carolina Motor Speedway, which had forced him to play follow-the-leader throughout the afternoon, suddenly yielded a new pathway to the checkered flag.

"I'm shocked, just really shocked," Gordon said as he digested the unexpected victory. "Dale Jarrett had us covered all day. I couldn't find my groove for the whole race, until the end."

That winning groove was the high side of the 1.017-mile banked track, which Gordon used to set up his pass of Jarrett with 43 laps to go. Gordon then ran off to an easy victory, giving him wins in the first two races of the 1997 season and in five of the last nine NASCAR Winston Cup events.

Jarrett looked virtually invincible through the first 350 laps of the 393-lap event. He led 323 of those laps

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AP Laserphoto

Driver Jeff Gordon celebrates his victory in the Goodwrench Service 400, which gave him two circuit wins this year.

Rockets send more misery Spurs' way in 95-85 victory

HOUSTON (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon kept the wounded San Antonio Spurs in their misery.

Olajuwon scored 11 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter and the Houston Rockets held off a late San Antonio comeback bid, beating the Spurs 95-85 Sunday.

"They decided it was Hakeem time," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "They got it to him. He was tough for us to handle."

A 21-7 run helped Houston take a 52-41 halftime lead, and the Rockets increased it to 71-56 with 2:18 left in the third quarter.

San Antonio closed to 73-67 with 11:01 remaining, but Randy Livingston made a free throw and Olajuwon hit a field goal. Olajuwon added nine points over the final 6:24, and the Rockets led 94-79 with 1:38 left.

"A game like this is a fun game, but it's tough to get motivated," Olajuwon said. "We just stuck in there and got the win. It's still a win no matter who is playing. They don't have David (Robinson) but we've played without Charles (Barkley) and Clyde (Drexler) a lot."

San Antonio's Dominique Wilkins scored 10 of his 28 points during the final seven minutes. Avery Johnson had 15 points and had 12 assists for the Spurs, while Barkley added 19 points for the Rockets.

The Spurs used only eight players because of injuries.

"We have to be realistic with all our injuries," Vinny Del Negro said. "What you can do is play hard

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TERRY WILLIAMSON

Greater things in store for Greenwood boys hoops

For a short time in Alpine Friday night, the Greenwood Rangers of coach Justin Morett looked like this Class 3A bi-district playoff business was a walk in the park against a very good Clint Lions team.



Williamson

The Rangers waltzed to a 21-8 first quarter lead as Andrew Wootan and Neil Boecking each accounted for six points to produce a quick 13-point lead.

It looked like the Rangers owned the Sul Ross gym. They couldn't miss and the Lions were paying the price. It looked like a huge price.

But as fate would have it, the Lions rebounded to produce a 63-56 victory, eliminating the Rangers from playoff contention. That 13-point lead vanished to the veteran Lions, who adjusted as the Rangers cooled off.

"We've had to bear down like that before," said Clint coach David Moore. "We missed some shots inside or we wouldn't have been down that far in the first place. And then again, Greenwood couldn't miss. They were knockin' everything down and playing very well.

"The change of defenses was the big thing for us. We were then able to keep them outside of the paint and it paid dividends."

The tide did turn on the Rangers, but Morett didn't bury his head in the sand after the loss. He saw only the future. And he is well qualified to do so.

Morett is no stranger to championship basketball. He played on a championship team for Midland High when he was in high school in 1981 and was part of the national junior college championship for Midland College in 1982. He knows the price that has to be paid for being a winner. And he really believes that the Rangers are going to climb to higher heights in the future.

"I still feel good the way our kids played," Morett said after the game. "The effort was there. We had flashes of what it takes early in the game. We were really clicking and getting the ball down inside. Clint then did a great job with the defense to keep us from going in there.

"Clint is a veteran club with seven players back from last year and two of them are three-year players. You could see that they knew how to step up when they had to.

"And that's what our kids will do later on down the road. We've got a lot of young kids on this team."

The Rangers don't have that far to go to realize the dreams of their coach. Young, or not, Greenwood was the co-champion of District 4-3A. They posted a 19-13 record. And they started the season with some tough losses, playing a rugged schedule that was littered with Class 4A teams.

Early in the season when the Rangers were on the bottom side of the win-loss record, Morett did not seem to be discouraged. He felt his team was learning — little by little.

He said then, "I wanted a tough schedule for this team because we are green. They need to see what it takes. That's why we don't mind playing the larger schools. We're hoping it pays off when district play arrives."

And it did. And it makes you believe that greater things are in store for Ranger basketball down the road. A district title is a great place to start for a youthful squad.

Morett played his high school ball under Midland High's Jack Stephenson. The Bulldogs defeated El Paso Franklin in the first game of the playoff doubleheader at Sul Ross. Stephenson took care of his team and then watched until the end of the Clint-Greenwood game.

It's not often that a coach gets to see the former pupil coach. Maybe these two teams can do this again next year. Both will probably be back in the playoffs.

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Terry Williamson is sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

Local Sports

MHS 2nd in El Paso tourney

EL PASO — The Midland High baseball team placed second in the El Paso Hanks Baseball Tournament with two wins on Saturday.

The Bulldogs (3-1) first beat El Paso Riverside 7-3 in an early morning contest. The game was tied 2-2 in the fourth inning when Will Kruger hit a two-run home run to break the game open. Kruger ened up going 2-for-3, Mike Carrasco also went 2-for-3 and Ralph Romero led MHS going 3-for-4. Lee Martin was the winning pitcher and Kory Mihecoby got the save by pitching two no-hit innings.

In the 7-3 win over El Paso Riverside, Carrasco came in relief of Eric Clark to get the win on the mound. Clay Zachery went 3-for-4 with two doubles and a triple, Lance Nix went 2-for-3, Steve Feris was 2-for-3, and John Butler went 2-for-3 for the Bulldogs.

MHs returns to action in the Tournament of Champions with a metting with El Paso Franklin at 10 a.m. Thursday.

Rebels struggle in losses

LUBBOCK — To say that it was a rough day at the plate for the Midland Lee Rebels would be an understatement.

Lee (1-3) went 11-for-69 at the plate in two losses against Lubbock Monterey (7-0, 5-1) and Lubbock Coronado (5-0).

In the 7-0 loss to Monterey, the Plainsmen allowed just two Rebels hits, a double by Raymond Ibarra and a single by David Lopez. Mike Hill took the loss for Lee, while Derrick Prieto struck out eight for Monterey.

In the second loss to Monterey, Plainsmen pitcher Alex Garcia struck out 11 Rebels on the way to a win. Lopez went 2-for-3 with an RBI and Ryan Klatt went 2-for-4 to lead the Rebels offensively. Brian Holmes took the loss for Lee.

Against Coronado, Ibarra got the only hit for the Rebels as Mustang pitcher Bradley Fox had 10 strikeouts along the way. Brian Shores took the loss for Lee.

The Rebels (1-3) hope to get back on the right track when they play El Paso Coronado Thursday in the Tournament of Champions.

Hayes throws shutout for Tech

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech pitcher and former Midland Lee all-state performer threw a shut for the Lady Raider softball team Saturday in non-conference action.

Emily Hayes struck out six and limited Abilene Christian two hits in Tech's 8-0 win. The sophomore won the first game of Tech's sweep of Abilene Christian in the Lady Raiders' home opener.

MHS track gets first place

EL PASO — The Midland High boys track and field team have started off their 1997 outdoor season with a first place showing at the 15-team El Paso Socorro Inivitational.

Midland High defeated the other 14 teams with 96 points Saturday, defeating second place El Paso Irvin by 12 points and Montwood by 14.

Among the winning performances was Craig Noland who took top honors in the boys 110-meter high hurdles. Noland, who also placed second in the 300 hurdles, ran the 110s in 15.6 seconds. The MHS 4X100-meter relay also came up victorious. Sam Powell, Raji Hickey, Derrick Grismore and Tommy Marrs combined to win the event with a time of 43.6 seconds.

It was a good start to the season for the Bulldogs, who ran 15 underclassmen of the 20 runners.

MHS results from the Socorro Invitational ran Saturday at the Socorro Athletic Complex:

Team Standings: 1. MHS 96, EP Irvin 84, EP Montwood 82.

Discus: 2. Michael Brandt, 150 feet, 3 inches.

Shot Put: 3. Brandt, 50-6.

Pole Vault: 2. Wes Solansky, 12- 6. 4. Russell Marlow, 12-6.

High Jump: 4. Weldon Cook 6-0. 6. Sam Powell, 5-10.

Long Jump: 4. Jeff Arnold, 20-8

Triple Jump: 4. Arnold, 40-6

400-meter relay: 1. MHS (Powell, Raji Hickey, Derrick Grismore, Tommy Marrs), 43.6 seconds

110 hurdles: 1. Craig Noland, 15.6

300 hurdles: 2. Noland, 40.1

200: Hickey 200, 22.8. 4. Marrs 23.5

1,600 Relay: 3. MHS (Noland, Marrs, Chris Mitchell, Hickey), 3:30.0

MHS junior named MVP

ODESSA — Kyleigh Griffith, a Midland High junior, was named here Saturday as the most valuable player by Alex Martinez, coach of Odessa's U-18 Kismet volleyball team, during play in the Basin Volleyball Program's U-16, U-18 Junior Olympic Volleyball Tournament.

Kismet took second place in the tournament after a 15-hour marathon of volleyball action. Lubbock Shark Attack won the tournament that featured teams from Lubbock, Midland, San Angelo, Pecos, El Paso and other surrounding communities.

Excaliber 2nd in Silver

AMARILLO — Excaliber, a Midland Volleyball program 16 and under team, placed second in the Silver Pool championship at the Crown of Texas. This finish ranked the team sixth out of 26 teams from Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Oklahoma.

M. Freshman girls win

The Midland Freshman girls soccer team remained undefeated over the weekend with three impressive wins.

On Sunday, the Lady Bulldogs defeated Lee Freshman 4-0. Ashlee Winkler, Rachel Hudson, Elise Burrow and Whitney Bowlin scored for Midland Freshman. Winkler and Mary Monroe had assists in the game.

On Saturday, Midland Freshman defeated Odessa Bowie 3-0 and Odessa Nimitz-White 6-0. In the win over Bowie, Bowlin had two goals and Kathleen Coleman added another. In the Nimitz-White win, Bowlin had three goals, Winkler had on goal and Lindsey Leaverton had two goals.

Alamo clinches 8th grade title

Alamo defeated San Jacinto 4-1 Sunday to win the eighth grade girls soccer championship. Raffie Belizaire, Monica ramirez, Kylie Yonts and Devin Turner scored for Alamo (5-0). Nikki Anderson and Kerry Kuss preserved the win on goal. The two goal keepers have allowed only three goals this year.

SJ Green beats Alamo

San Jacinto Green beat Alamo 1-0 in seventh grade girls soccer action. Sallye Wilton scored the goal for Green, while Annie Wallace preserved the shutout on goal.

Local Basketball Today

MEN

Midland College at Odessa College

When: 8 p.m.

Where: OC Center, Odessa.

Records: Midland College is 14-13 overall, 3-7 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action. Odessa College is 21-6 overall and 8-3 in the WJCAC.

Coaches: Midland College — Pat Rafferty. Odessa College — Orlando Ontiveroz.

Last Action: The Chaparrals are coming off an impressive 99-66 win over New Mexico Junior College last Monday and were open on Thursday. OC is coming off a 93-84 win at New Mexico Junior College last Thursday.

Injuries: Sophomore guard Mark Reed has a bruised foot and is questionable.

Notes, quotes: Odessa has been a surprise in the WJCAC this year and has already clinched a tie for the conference title. For the Chaparrals, this game is more than just another rivalry, it is a chance for the returning sophomores of Ceedric Goodwyn, Todd Jones and Silvester Kainga to go out with a bang against the Wranglers. MC coach Pat Rafferty said he knows the Wranglers have a lot at stake riding in this game. "They (Wranglers) have a chance to win the conference," Rafferty said. "But our guys have been playing hard the last two to three weeks, especially our returning sophomores. We know we have a chance to win if we play hard." The key to beating OC, according to Rafferty, is to take care of the ball and make shots. Sounds elementary enough but the Chaps have been getting beat on 3-pointers 33-3. Rafferty said in the 74-65 loss to OC on Jan. 30 that the Wranglers' ability to shoot the long bombs was key in the game. OC is led by freshman point guard Nathaniel Bailey who averages 15 points, four assists and shoots 47.9 percent from 3-point range.

Next Game: 8 p.m. Thursday vs. South Plains College.

STATISTICS
Midland College Men

Player	G	FG	FTA	FTM	T	AVG
Ceednc Goodwyn	27	203	101	66	479	17.7
x-Lamont Young	17	102	30	17	254	14.9
Todd Jones	25	87	84	66	273	10.9
Edward Kirk	26	86	92	69	247	9.5
Mark Reed	27	68	103	66	207	7.7
Devon Warmack	15	41	13	10	105	7.0
Silvester Kainga	27	74	85	41	189	7.0
Bradley Waters	26	47	15	10	140	5.4
Dennis Ondeng	25	26	20	11	63	2.5
x-Danny Brown	14	18	21	8	44	3.1
Jerome Tolliver	15	5	16	9	21	1.4
Edwin Glosson	3	1	6	3	5	1.7
Levi Hayes	10	6	3	2	15	1.5
Totals	**27**	**765**	**589**	**378**	**2044**	**75.7**

3-Point Goals (136): Young 33, Waters 33, Jones 33, Warmack 13, Kirk 6, Goodwyn 7, Reed 5, Tolliver 2, Hayes 1

WOMEN

Midland College at Odessa College

When: 6 p.m. Monday.

Where: OC Sports Center, Odessa.

Records: Midland College is 23-5 overall, 13-3 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference and ranked No. 17 in the recent National Junior College Athletics Association poll. Odessa College is 4-25 overall and 3-14 in the WJCAC.

Coaches: Midland College — Ron Jones. Odessa College — Stephie Thomas.

Last Action: The Lady Chaparrals are coming off a 96-69 win over New Mexico Junior College last Monday and were open on Thursday. Odessa College is coming off a 63-53 loss at NMJC on Thursday.

Notes, quotes: The Lady Chaparrals are coming down the home stretch of the conference schedule with two games remaining. They need to win the last two games to secure a share of the conference title and a chance at the top seed in the Region V Tournament. MC already has beaten the Lady Wranglers quite handily in back-to-back games in late January — a 96-69 decision at the OC Sports Center and a 105-52 stomping at Chaparral Center. It's always hard to prepare against a team that you've already beaten by substantial margins twice but MC coach Ron Jones said that his team's focus should just be on playing well. "I think the team has the understanding that no matter what the last scores were, you still have to play the game. We talked about how on some occasions where a team that has beaten a team by 20 points can turn around and lose by 20 points." Odessa College is a young team with only two out of its eight players being sophomores. The Lady Wranglers are led by 5-5 freshman guard Pashon Murray with 16.5 points per game and 5-11 wing Rolaura Deanda with 12.3 ppg.

Next Game: 6 p.m. Thursday versus South Plains College.

STATISTICS
Midland College Women

Player	G	FG	FTA	FTM	T	AVG
Ndiasse Ndiaye	28	178	101	69	431	15.4
Fatou Cisse	28	135	106	69	366	13.1
x-Valena Santos	12	38	92	58	134	11.2
Jill Davis	28	71	98	61	245	8.8
Mandi White	27	68	44	34	207	7.7
Candy Mitchell	28	64	84	49	182	6.5
Mamie Ndoye	28	69	68	30	171	6.1
Kellina Bradshaw	28	57	69	42	172	6.1
Jody Finley	28	68	34	24	191	6.8
y-Lisa Ray	14	19	10	4	42	3.0
Holly Turnbough	28	32	20	9	75	2.7
Jannell Bennett	26	25	8	7	70	2.7
Amy Allen	14	9	9	8	30	2.1
Totals	**28**	**833**	**743**	**464**	**2316**	**82.7**

x-no longer with team
y-out for year with injury

3-Point Field Goals (186): Davis 42, White 37, Cisse 27, Finley 31, Bradshaw 16, Bennett 13, Ndiaye 6, Mitchell 5, Ndoye 3, Allen 4, Turnbough 2

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3:35 of regulation and finished with a 30.

Nebraska broke a 12-game conference road losing streak.

"Today, we were really into it," Lue said. "It was a great win for us. We really celebrated a lot."

At Colorado, Chauncey Billups scored 31 points and the Buffs made 32 free throws in the second half to beat Missouri.

Colorado made only two field goals in the final 11 1/2 minutes, but survived from the foul line, scoring 26 of its last 31 points on free throws.

"We should have just let them sit out there and shoot free throws," said Missouri coach Norm Stewart. "We just couldn't generate anything. Defensively, they were just beating us and getting to the free throw line."

Cory Carr scored 22 points, including two free throws in the final seconds, to lift Texas Tech past Texas and deal the Longhorns' hopes of an NCAA bid a severe blow.

Reggie Freeman had tied the score 70-all for Texas on a layup with 30 seconds to go.

At Oklahoma, Nate Erdmann scored 26 points and Cory Brewer added 23 for the Sooners, who drew an Oklahoma-record crowd of 12,715. One attraction for fans was a halftime ceremony where the jersey was retired of former Oklahoma all-American Wayman Tisdale.

Texas A&M ended a six-game conference losing streak with its victory over Baylor. The Aggies scored the last six points over the final 1:17. Larry Thompson led the Aggies with 13 points and Jerald Brown scored 11. Baylor was led by Brian Skinner's 14 points. He also had five blocks and two steals.

MHS: Lemons coming off 36-point effort in area round

(From 1C)

DeLaPena hurt Lee in the area playoff as each hit for 18 points. Joe Griffith added 13 points. Those are three players the Troopers must have perform at a high level to get past this round.

"Eastwood has a good guard (Karam), and we need to do a good job with him," Jon Stephenson said Saturday. "We just need to play like we can play and we'll be OK."

Meanwhile, MHS' Lemons is coming off a 36-point outing where he dominated the Franklin inside, which also posted a small lineup. Sophomore guard Charles Tatum added 18 points and Christian 15 for the Bulldogs. Lemons also had one of his many double-double performances this season with 10 rebounds to go with the 36 points.

Eastwood, too, will bring an impressive record into the game with a 25-5 mark for the season. The winner of this region quarterfinal matchup will advance to Friday and Saturday's Region I tournament, which will be held at Midland's Chaparral Center.

Midland High and Abilene Cooper, both from District 4-5A, will be battling to make that Region I field. Cooper meets Amarillo High at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Texan Dome in Levelland for the right to enter the four-team Region I field.

The other two Region I teams will also be decided Tuesday. Arlington Bowie will face Duncanville at Wilkerson-Greines arena (7:30 p.m.) in Fort Worth while Lewisville and Fort Worth Dunbar will play at the University of North Texas (7 p.m.).

The Lewisville-Dunbar may be the most intriguing of the four games. Lewisville is 31-1 while Dunbar is 31-3. One of those teams will have to sit out the Region I meet.

The Bulldogs, if they beat Eastwood tonight, would face the Arlington Bowie-Duncanville winner in the Region I semifinals Friday at the Chap while the Lewisville-Dunbar winner will take on the Cooper-AHS winner in the other semifinal. The two winners would then meet at 1 p.m. Saturday with Austin's Final Four berth at stake.

GORDON: Jarrett runner-up at Rockinham for third time

(From 1C)

and his Robert Yates Racing Ford appeared to have everybody covered, including Daytona 500 winner Gordon.

But the 25-year-old phenom, driving a Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet, stayed among the top five throughout the race and finally, on lap 350, began to challenge Jarrett.

On lap 351, Gordon, using the high lane on the banked oval, caught Jarrett coming off the fourth turn, ducked low for an inside pass then returned to his line and began to pull away. The Kid, who now has 21 career victories in just over four full seasons of Winston Cup racing, drove to a 2.43-second win — beating Jarrett to the finish line by a quarter of a straightaway.

"It may have looked like we had it planned like that but, trust me, we didn't," said Gordon, who never led before lap 351. "I was fighting every lap to get to Dale and see what we had for him.

"If anybody was trying to play, it seemed to me like he was. Every time I started to get close to him, he's push the button and take off."

What made the difference for Gordon was being able to use the high groove late in the race, making his car faster.

"We only made minor changes all day, but our groove came in or something happened there at the end," he said. "We sure weren't the fastest car all day. We just kept tuning on it and tuning on it.

"I tried (the high groove) a couple of different times earlier in the race and it just wasn't there. I told Ray (crew chief Ray Evernham) and my spotter to let me know what other guys were doing up there. We kept working the bottom groove all day, and Dale was just stronger on the bottom than I was.

"That high groove never really worked or paid off until about 60 laps to go. Maybe more guys were trying it and there was more rubber up there. I just knew it was either stay right behind Dale Jarrett and finish second or try something else."

Jarrett has now finished second at Rockingham in three straight Winston Cup events and two consecutive Busch Grand National races.

"We've got second covered." said a downcast Jarrett. "We just can't get to Victory Lane.

"You've got to give Jeff and his guys credit. They did a great job at the end getting the car right. We thought we were in good shape, so we didn't make any adjustments (on the last pit stop). We thought the car was pretty awesome.

"I was a little surprised. It didn't seem like the high line was something that worked all day. I could go well on the inside and beat anybody down there. I was surprised they were able to get that (high line) to working that late in the race."

Gordon's average speed 125.927 mph broke the Rockingham record for a 400-mile race. The previous mark, set by Ricky Rudd last fall in the ACDelco 400, was 122.320.

The winner earned $93,115, and holds a 40-point lead over teammate Ricky Craven in the season points.

Jeff Burton finished third Sunday, followed by Rudd, Craven, Rusty Wallace and Terry Labonte, the defending Winston Cup champion and the third Hendrick Motorsports driver.

There were seven caution periods covering 47 laps.

The race, run in cool, sunny weather, drew a crowd estimated at 65,000.

NOTES: After a week in the spotlight at Daytona, where a late-race crash helped make him 0-19 in the Daytona 500, Dale Earnhardt was pretty much an afterthought. The seven-time Winston Cup champion started 27th in the 42-car field and wound up 11th, the last driver on the lead lap in the Goodwrench Service 400.

UIL Swimming Results

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the finals from Saturday's University Interscholastic League Swimming and Diving Meet at the Jamail Texas Swim Center (All events in yards):

BOYS

Most outstanding male swimmer — Anthony Robinson, Memorial.

Most outstanding diver — Jesse Even, Spring.

Team totals — The Woodlands, 185. Cypress Creek, 181. Humble Kingwood, 123. Grapevine, 80. EP Eastwood, , 69. Houston Memorial, 59. Clear Lake, 56. SA Clark, 53. Richard Berkner, 51. Klein, 50. Cypress Falls, 44. Arlington Martin, 34. Spring, 33. Duncanville, 32. Euless Trinity, 27. SA McArthur, 24. Austin Westlake, 21. Conroe Oak Ridge, 21. SA Churchill, 20. Houston Stafford, 16. SA Marshall, 16. McKinney, 15. Carrollton Turner, 15. Clear Creek, 13. Freeport Brazosport, 13. Plano, 13. CC Carroll, 12. Houston Yates, 11. Spring Westfield, 11. Langham Creek, 10. Austin McCallum, 10. Austin Bowie, 9. San Angelo Central 8. Alief Hastings, 7. Corsincana, 7. Amarillo Tascoba, 7. Garland, 5. Arlington Lamar, 4. Herit, 3. Pearce, 3. Rockwall, 3. Lewisville Marcus, 2. Highland Park, 2. Lubbock, 2. Haltom 1. Lub Monterey, 1. SA Taft, 1.

200 medley relay — 1, The Woodlands, (Westcott, Fenter, Radford, Behren), 1 minute 33.10 seconds. 2, Kingwood, 1:34.35. 3, Cypress Creek, 1:35.23. 4, Grapevine, 1:35.76. 5, Klein, 1:36.43. 6, EP Eastwood, 1:37.64.

200 freestyle — 1, Jamie Rauch, Cypress Creek, 1:36.55 (state record) 2, Kyle Smerdon, Woodlands, 1:39.22. 3, Chris Epp, SA Clark, 1:39.91. 4, Ryan Mammarella, SA Churchill, 1:39.93. 5. Will Tanner, Ducanville, 1:39.93. 6, Kurt Schoppe, Oak Ridge, 1:40.95.

200 individual medley — 1, Joey Montague, Cypress Creek, 1:48.44. 2, Nathan Rice, Berkner, 1:52.83. 3, Andrew Livingston, Cypress Falls, 1:51.72. 4, J.L. Jackson, Arlington Martin, 1:53.72. 1:52.34. 5, Chris Bonser, Grapevine, 1:53.84. 6, Mike Murchison, Kingwood, 1:55.09.

50 freestyle — 1, Anthony Robinson, Memorial, 19.91 (National and state record). 2. Brandon Jernigan, Cypress Creek, 20.80. 3, Jeff Gahan, McKinney, 20.99. 4, Charlie Toth, Clear Lake, 20.86. 5, Kurt Mullen, EP Eastwood, 21.14. 6, Carlton Greer, Freeport Brazosport, 21.38.

100 butterfly — 1, Andrew Livingston, Cypress Falls, 48.27 (State record). 2, Donovan Crowley, Austin Westlake, 49.73. 3, Dan Westcott, Woodlands, 49.79. 4, Andy Haidinuyak, Westfield, 49.79. 5, Chris Bosner, Grapevine, 50.13. 6, Jeremiah Cortez, Stratford, 51.73.

100 freestyle — 1, Kyle Smerdon, Woodlands, 45.28. 2, Brandon Jernigan, Cypress Creek, 45.35. 3, Will Tanner, Ducanville, 45.56. 4, Charlie Toth, Clear Lake, 45.933. 5, Kurt Mullen, EP Eastwood, 46.41; 6. Matt Hatchell, Highland Park, Disqualified.

500 freestyle — 1, Jamie Rauch, Cypress Creek, 4:27.72. 2, John Reyes, Arlington Martin, 4:29.27. 3, Chris Epp, SA Clarck, 4:31.59. 4, 4, Nathan Rice, Berkner, 4:34.25. 5, Kurt Schoppe, Oak Ridge, 4:35.31. 6, Jon Reyes, Arlington Martin, 4:35.85.

200 freestyle relay — 1, The Woodlands (Smerdon, Fenter, Degenstein, Behrens), 1:24.19. 2, Cypress Creek, 1:24.67. 3, Clear Lake, 1:24.91. 4, Kingwood, 1:25.51. 5, Klein, 1:25.70. 6, Euless Trinity, 1:26.16.

100 backstroke — 1, Dan Westcott, Woodlands, 48.99 (State record). 2, John Wakefield, Kingwood, 51.13. 3, Joey Montague, 51.42. 4, Wes Teter, Carrolton Turner, 51.82. 5, Cooper Phillips, Clear Lake, 52.34. 6, Lucas Leake, Austin Bowie, 52.46.

100 breaststroke — 1, Anthony Robinson, Memorial, 54.92. 2, Jeremy McDonnell, Cypress Creek, 57.46. 3, Kyle Fenter, Woodlands, 57.56. 4, John Evans, Kingwood, 58.22. 5, Ross Binkley, Austin McCallum, 58.49. Keith Cardon EP Eastwood, 58.99.

400 freestyle relay — 1, Cypress Creek, 3:05.93. 2, Kingwood, 3:07.52. 3, The Woodlands, 3:08.74. 4, EP Eastwood, 3:10.90. 5, Grapevine, 3:11.33. 6, SA Clark, 3:12.06.

1-meter diving — 1, Jesse Even, Spring, 518.80. 2, Jarod Carter, Clear Creek, 466.90. 3, Eddie Stevens, Grapevine, 449.75. 4, Gamal Jones, Yates, 449.70. 5, Hank Richardson, Memorial, 444.55. 6, Brett Butler, Plano, 433.25.sa

GIRLS

Most outstanding female swimmer — Kelly Bolton of Nimitz.

Team totals — Austin Westlake, 143. Woodlands, 117. SA Churchill, 92. Cypress Falls, 90. Plano, 83. Kingwood, 78. Westfield, 63. Klein Oak, 56. Cypress Creek, 55. SA Marshall, 55. Houston Lamar, 52. Allen, 50. SA Lee, 47. Temple 47. Nimitz 32. Midland Lee 27. Clear Lake, 26, Langham Creek, 26. SA Taft, 23. Round Rock, 16. Westwood, 16. Klein, 14. Plano East, 14. Clear Creek, 12. Houston Memorial 12. Austin Bowie, 12. Ray, 12. Houston Stratford, 12. Irving MacArthur, 11. Richland, 11. Carol, 10. SA MacArthur, 9. Katy Mayde Creek, 8. Lewis, 7. Sugarland, 7. Klein Forest, 5. Keller, 5. Austin, 4. Abilene, 4. Conroe, 3. Texarkana, 3. Tyler Lee, 3. Humble, 1. Jersey Village, 1. Amarillo, 1. Berkner, 1.

200 medley relay — 1, Cypress Creek (Miller, Hebert, D'Olier, Kirkham), 1:48.97. 2, Austin Westlake, 1:49.07. 3, Woodlands, 1:49.81. 4, Lamar, 1:51.29. 5, Allen, 1:51.01. 6, SA Churchill, 1:51.68.

200 freestyle — 1. Carolyn Conrad, Klein Oak, 1:50.41. 2, Kylie Williams, Langham Creek, 1:51.21. 3, Elizabeth Myers, Temple, 1:51.48. 4, Westfield, 1:52.70. 5, Rachel Armstrong, Cypress Falls, 1:52.73. 6, Sara Allen, Richland, 1:54.89.

200 individual medley — 1. Kathy Barris, SA Marshall, 2:04.59. 2, Dana Penn, Plano, 2:06.11. 3, Jaime Ellis, Klein Oak, 2:05.95. 4, Bridget Nelson, SA Churchill, 2:08.17. 5. Sarah Chandler, SA Lee, 2:08.29. 6. Christina Chen, Woodlands, 2:07.99. 6, Sarah Chandler, SA Lee, 2:08.51.

50 freestyle — 1, Kelly Bolton, Nimitz, 23.39. 2, Carli Watt, Cypress Falls, 23.68. 3, Liane Watkins, Austin Westlake, 23.56. 4, Amber Goodwin, Midland Lee, 23.90. 5, Katherine Hermann, CC RAy, 24.16. 6, Shannon Steel,Kingwood, 24.13.

100 butterfly — 1, Carli Watt, Cypress Falls, 57.55. 2, Bridget Nelson, SA Churchill, 57.78. 3, Darcy Butt, Austin Bowie, 58.15. 4, Rebecca Wolfe, Clear Creek, 58.43. 5, Lindsay Germaon, Woodlands, 58.68. 6, Katy Lietzau, Austin Westlake, 59.05.

100 freestyle — 1, Kelly Bolton, Nimitz, 50.55. 2. Carolyn Conrad, Klein Oak, 51.43. 3, Elizabeth Myers, Temple, 51.58. 4, Kylie Williams, Langham Creek, 51.93. 5, Liane Watkins, Austin Westlake, 52.18. 6, Melissa Wilson, Westfield, 52.54.

500 freestyle — 1, Dana Penn, Plano, 4:53.59. 2, Megan Ryther, SA Taft, 4:53.98. 3, Shannon Steele, Kingwood, 4:54.00. 4, Jamie Ellis, Klein Oak, 4:59.87. 5, Jamie McCurdy, Plano, 5:00.26. 6, Emily Lowry, SA Marshall, 5:02.92.

200 freestyle relay — 1, Austin Westlake (McGlynn, Stettner, Cohee, Watkins), 1:36.95 (State record). 2, Cypress Falls, 1:37.15. 3, Woodlands, 1:38.09. 4, Kingwood, 1:38.85. 5, Clear Lake, 1:39.08. Langham Creek, Disqualified.

100 backstroke — 1, Amber Goodwin, Midland, 56.54. 2, Jordan Hollsten, SA Churchill, 57.60. 3, Katy White, Allen, 57.77. 4, Kathy Barris, SA Marshall, 57.81. 5, Megan Gettel, Austin Westlake, 58.09. 6, Allison Myers, Temple, 58.54.

100 breaststroke — 1, Janna Brock, Allen, 1:04.55. 2, Sarah Chandler, SA Lee, 1:04.89. 3, Kristina Dewitt, Stratford, 1:05.57. 4, Christina Pilka, SA Lee, 1:06.62. 5, Rachel Leidel, Round Rock, 1:06.70. 6, Mandy Griffin, Plano East, 1:07.53.

400 freestyle relay — 1, Austin Westlake (Cohee, Stetter, McGlynn, Watkins), 3:30.51. 2, Plano, 3:33.28. 3, Kingwood, 3:33.51. 4, Westfield, 3:34.44. 5, The Woodlands, 3:35.04. 6. Cypress Falls, 3:35.15.

1-meter diving — 1, Ashley Culpepper, Westwood, 458.80. 2, Jamie Edmundson, Woodlands, 441.20. 3, Heather Mattingly, Houston Memorial, 437.35. 4, Holly Winters, SA MacArthur, 427.10. 5. Casey Cochran, Spring Westfield, 424.75. 6, Lisa Munoz, Irving McArthur, 392.90.

Locals picked to officiate at state

Staff Report

Fourteen area men, all members of the Permian Basin Basketball Officials Association, have been selected by the University Interscholastic League to officiate in regional and state basketball tournaments.

The selections were based on individual ratings and recommendations from area coaches.

Ron Brown of Midland, a 25-year veteran official, has been selected as one of the 15 officials from Texas to officiate the boys state tournament in Austin, March 6-8.

Brown is the president of the PBBOA and also works in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, where he has been recognized as one of the top officials for the past several years.

Billy York of Brownfield will be working his last year of a three-year assignment at the girls state tournament, beginning Thursday in Austin.

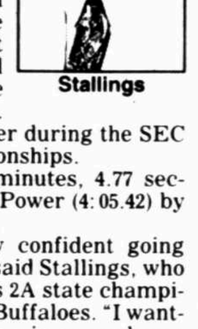
Other PBBOA members will be working in regional boys Class 3A tournament this weekend in Kingsville. They are Jeff Ryan of Midland, Mike Lowrance of Midland, Tony Ramos of Midland, Mike Scarbrough of Big Spring, Woody Kupper of Odessa and Barry McCallister of Fort Stockton.

Six other PBBOA members worked the Class 5A girls regional tournament in Waco this past weekend. They are Brown, Barry Farris, Richard Candelaria, Herman Evans, Arthur Washington and Dee Carter, all of Midland.

Stallings gets home-field victory

Staff Report

GAINESVILLE — Florida's Jeremy Stallings got his first Southeastern Conference championship at home — home away from home, that is.



Stallings

The senior from Stanton came from behind here Saturday to claim his title in the mile run in front of a home-field crowd at the Stephen C. O'Connell Center during the SEC Indoor Championships.

Stallings (4 minutes, 4.77 seconds) edged out Power (4:05.42) by one full second.

"I felt pretty confident going into the race," said Stallings, who won three Class 2A state championships for the Buffaloes. "I wanted to run for the win on my home track. I've finished behind these guys a few times in the 800 meters and the mile, but it was just great to finally beat them on my track."

Stallings' finish, however, did not keep Arkansas from claiming the team title. The Razorbacks finished with 147 1/2 points to hold off Florida, which finished in second place with 101 points.

Still, the victory was an exciting one for Stallings.

Seeded third coming into the meet, Stallings made his move past Power on the sixth lap on the 200-meter track. He took control by opening up a five-meter lead and then cruised to the finish tape.

Since going to Florida after winning state titles for Stanton twice in the 800 meters and once in the 1,600, Stallings has been named All-American four times. His career-best time in the mile (4:04.22) ranks third on the SEC Indoor top times list.

He has qualified provisionally for the NCAA Indoor Championships in Indianapolis, Ind. March 7-8. He currently ranks ninth in the nation in the mile.

Dallas Stars rout Edmonton, 6-1

DALLAS (AP) — Sergei Zubov and Joe Nieuwendyk each scored twice and Mike Modano had a goal and three assists as the Dallas Stars beat the Edmonton Oilers 6-1 Sunday.

Zubov scored his first goal of the game with 11 seconds left in the second period when his wrist shot beat Oilers goalie Curtis Joseph from the right circle, giving Dallas a 2-1 lead.

Modano started a four-goal third period for Dallas with his 26th of the season at 3:44 and Brent Gilchrist added his 10th with 11:58 to play. Later in the final period, Zubov collected his second of the game and 11th of the season, and Nieuwendyk scored on a breakaway for his 24th of the season and second of the game.

Nieuwendyk put the Stars ahead 1-0 at 2:43 of the second period, knocking in the rebound of Darryl Sydor's shot.

ROCKETS: Olajuwon rocks

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and give yourself an opportunity to win.

"We cut it to six in the fourth period, then they went to Hakeem and Charles and they made the plays and found a way to score."

The Spurs led 24-22 with 33 seconds left in the first quarter. The Rockets then went on their big run and were ahead with 5:44 left in the half.

Brent Price made three of Houston's first four baskets in the second quarter, all 3-pointers.

"Our guys did a great job in the first half of handling the ball," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "Turnovers have been a problem and we finished in singles figures (seven).

"We couldn't look past this team with LA (Lakers on Tuesday) coming in."

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

Goodwrench 400

ROCKINGHAM, N.C. (AP) — The order of finish Sunday of the Goodwrench 400 NASCAR Winston Cup stock car race, with starting position in parentheses, driver, hometown, make of car, laps completed, money won and reason out if any:

1. (4) Jeff Gordon, Pittsboro, Ind., Chevrolet, 393, $93,115.
2. (3) Dale Jarrett, Hickory, N.C., Ford, 393, $68,760.
3. (17) Jeff Burton, South Boston, Va., Ford, 393, $42,260.
4. (10) Ricky Rudd, Chesapeake, Va., Ford, 393, $39,210.
5. (8) Ricky Craven, Newburgh, Maine, Chevrolet, 393, $35,050.
6. (23) Rusty Wallace, St. Louis, Ford, 393, $35,325.
7. (15) Terry Labonte, Corpus Christi, Texas, Chevrolet, 393, $40,525.
8. (5) Geoff Bodine, Chemung, N.Y., Ford, 393, $32,025.
9. (32) Ernie Irvan, Modesto, Calif., Ford, 393, $36,325.
10. (16) Morgan Shepherd, Conover, N.C., Pontiac, 393, $31,575.
11. (27) Dale Earnhardt, Kannapolis, N.C., Chevrolet, 393, $32,000.
12. (28) Ted Musgrave, Franklin, Wis., Ford, 392, $26,600.
13. (1) Mark Martin, Batesville, Ark., Ford, 392, $31,800.
14. (2) Bobby Labonte, Corpus Christi, Texas, Pontiac, 392, $30,150.
15. (22) Lake Speed, Jackson, Miss., Ford, 392, $27,550.
16. (24) Jeremy Mayfield, Owensboro, Ky., Ford, 392, $18,500.
17. (9) Brett Bodine, Chemung, N.Y., Ford, 392, $25,100.
18. (6) Ken Schrader, Fenton, Mo., Chevrolet, 392, $24,800.
19. (37) Dick Trickle, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., Ford, 392, $17,450.
20. (35) Sterling Marlin, Columbia, Tenn., Chevrolet, 392, $32,150.
21. (38) Rick Mast, Rockbridge Baths, Va., Ford, 392, $23,900.
22. (43) Bill Elliott, Dawsonville, Ga., Ford, 392, $25,700.
23. (11) Ward Burton, South Boston, Va., Pontiac, 391, $16,450.
24. (7) Steve Grissom, Gadsden, Ala., Chevrolet, 391, $23,250.
25. (12) Mike Skinner, Susanville, Calif., Chevrolet, 391, $14,200.
26. (39) Michael Waltrip, Owensboro, Ky., Ford, 390, $22,940.
27. (21) Johnny Benson Jr., Grand Rapids, Mich., Pontiac, 390, $22,740.
28. (19) Bobby Hamilton, Nashville, Tenn., Pontiac, 390, $27,690.
29. (20) Kyle Petty, High Point, N.C., Pontiac, 389, $12,515.
30. (34) Dave Marcis, Wausau, Wis., Chevrolet, 389, $15,465.
31. (26) Derrike Cope, Spanaway, Wash., Ford, 388, $12,265.
32. (30 Darrell Waltrip, Franklin, Tenn., Chevrolet, 388, $14,715.
33. (41) Robby Gordon, Orange, Calif., Chevrolet, 388, $19,640.
34. (25) John Andretti, Indianapolis, Ford, 388, $19,015.
35. (33) Joe Nemechek, Lakeland, Fla., Chevrolet, 387, $11,915.
36. (29) Hut Stricklin, Calera, Ala., Ford, 379, $18,840.
37. (18) Robert Pressley, Asheville, N.C., Chevrolet, 334, $11,800, crash.
38. (14) David Green, Owensboro, Ky., Chevrolet, crash, 303, $11,730.
39. (36) Greg Sacks, Mattituck, N.Y., Ford, 271, $11,730, engine.
40. (40) Jimmy Spencer, Berwick, Pa., Ford, 264, $19,730, overheating.
41. (13) Kenny Wallace, St. Louis, Ford, 180, $18,730, engine.
42. (31) Bobby Hillin Jr., Midland, Texas, Ford, 136, $11,730, engine.
43. (42) Loy Allen Jr., Raleigh, N.C., Ford, 68, $11,730, clutch.

Time of race: 3 hours, 17 minutes, 35 seconds.

Margin of victory: 2.43-seconds (about 30 car-lengths)

Winner's average speed: 125.927 mph (breaks race record of 122.320, set in 1996 by Ricky Rudd)

Caution flags: 7 for 47 laps

Lead changes: 9 among 6 drivers

Lap leaders: Martin 1-12, Jarrett 13-46, Martin 47-56, Jarrett 57-126, Irvan 127-129, Green 130, Jarrett 131-303, J.Burton 304, Jarrett 305-350, J.Gordon 351-393.

Series points leaders: J.Gordon 360, Craven 320, T.Labonte 316, J.Burton 300, Rudd 298, Martin 285, Jarrett 274, Mayfield 265, Martin 263, Elliott 262, (tie) Irvan and Musgrave 251, W.Burton 236, (tie) B.Labonte and B.Bodine 221

American Express

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Final scores and money winnings Sunday of the $1.2 million American Express Invitational on the 6,876-yard, par-72 TPC at Prestancia:

Bud Allin, $180,000	68-68-69	—205
Jim Colbert, $105,600	68-71-67	—206
Bruce Smerhays, $72,000	71-70-67	—208
Jim Albus, $72,000	69-70-69	—208
Mike Hill, $72,000	73-66-69	—208
Simon Hobday, $43,200	68-73-68	—209
Lee Trevino, $43,200	70-70-69	—209
Isao Aoki, $43,200	70-69-70	—209
Frank Conner, $28,800	71-71-69	—211
Hubert Green, $28,800	69-71-71	—211
Dale Douglass, $28,800	70-70-71	—211
Bob Charles, $28,800	72-68-71	—211
Graham Marsh, $28,800	72-67-72	—211
Gary Player, $21,600	75-70-67	—212
John D. Morgan, $21,600	73-71-68	—212
George Archer, $21,600	71-70-71	—212
John Bland, $18,040	71-72-70	—213
Rick Acton, $18,040	70-70-73	—213
Charles Coody, $18,040	71-69-73	—213
Bruce Crampton, $13,095	71-74-69	—214
Gil Morgan, $13,095	71-73-70	—214
Chi Chi Rodriguez, $13,095	70-74-70	—214
Jerry McGee, $13,095	73-70-71	—214
John Schroeder, $13,095	72-70-72	—214
Kermit Zarley, $13,095	72-70-72	—214
Bobby Stroble, $13,095	74-68-72	—214
Butch Baird, $13,095	68-72-74	—214
Don January, $9,960	75-71-69	—215
Hale Irwin, $9,960	71-73-71	—215
Bob Eastwood, $9,960	73-66-76	—215
Jack Kiefer, $7,920	71-78-67	—216
Terry Dill, $7,920	74-73-69	—216
Bob Dickson, $7,920	69-77-70	—216
John Jacobs, $7,920	72-74-70	—216
Larry Gilbert, $7,920	78-68-70	—216
Calvin Peete, $7,920	76-69-71	—216
Will Sowles, $7,920	70-72-74	—216
David Graham, $6,120	76-73-68	—217
Jim Dent, $6,120	77-71-69	—217
Larry Ziegler, $6,120	71-74-72	—217
Brian Barnes, $6,120	72-71-74	—217
Deane Beman, $6,120	73-69-75	—217
David Oakley, $4,800	76-76-66	—218
Buddy Whitten, $4,800	73-75-70	—218
Mike McCullough, $4,800	73-75-70	—218
Harold Henning, $4,800	72-74-72	—218
DeWitt Weaver, $4,800	71-75-72	—218
Walt Morgan, $4,800	75-68-75	—218
Homero Blancas, $3,600	71-76-72	—219
Walter Zembriski, $3,600	76-71-72	—219
J.C.Snead, $3,600	72-74-73	—219
Tom Wargo, $3,600	70-73-76	—219
Dick Hendrickson, $2,820	75-75-70	—220
Tommy Aaron, $2,820	75-74-71	—220
Rik Massengale, $2,820	73-73-74	—220
Dave Eichlberger, $2,820	73-71-76	—220
Bob Leaver, $2,520	75-73-73	—221
Miller Barber, $2,400	76-74-72	—222
Rocky Thompson, $2,280	79-73-72	—224
Steve Robbins, $1,980	79-78-68	—225
Tom Shaw, $1,980	75-79-71	—225
Tony Jacklin, $1,980	80-72-73	—225
Bob Irving, $1,980	75-72-78	—225
Jay Sigel, $1,500	75-77-74	—226
Orville Moody, $1,500	77-74-75	—226
Bobby Nichols, $1,500	78-71-77	—226
Bob Rawlins, $1,500	79-69-78	—226
Bob Murphy, $1,164	82-73-72	—227
Larry Mowry, $1,164	72-76-79	—227
Jim Ferree, $1,056	77-74-77	—228
Jimmy Powell, $948	75-82-72	—229
Gay Brewer, $948	77-74-78	—229
Dennis Coscina, $840	81-79-71	—231

ECC Results

ANTWERP, Belgium (AP) — Result Sunday of the $875,000 European Community Championship at the Sports Palace:

Singles
Championship

Marc Rosset, Switzerland, def. Tim Henman (6), Britain, 6-2, 7-5, 6-4.

IGA Classic

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Results Sunday from the IGA Tennis Classic:

Singles
Finals

Lindsay Davenport, Newport Beach, Calif. (1), def. Lisa Raymond, Wayne, Penn. (4), 6-4, 6-2.

Doubles
Finals

Rika Hiraki, Japan, and Nana Miyagi, Japan (4), def. Marianne Werdel-Whitmeyer, Palo Alto, Calif., and Tami Whitlinger-Jones, Neenah, Wis., 6-4, 6-1.

NBA Results

Standings
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	42	13	764	—
New York	40	15	727	2
Orlando	27	25	519	13 1/2
Washington	24	30	444	17 1/2
New Jersey	16	38	296	25 1/2
Philadelphia	14	39	264	27
Boston	11	43	204	30 1/2

Central Division

Chicago	48	6	889	—
Detroit	40	13	755	7 1/2
Atlanta	35	18	660	12 1/2
Charlotte	34	21	618	14 1/2
Cleveland	30	23	566	17 1/2
Indiana	25	28	472	22 1/2
Milwaukee	25	29	463	23
Toronto	19	35	352	29

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	38	15	717	—
Houston	36	19	655	3
Minnesota	27	27	500	11 1/2
Dallas	18	34	346	19 1/2
Denver	17	39	304	22 1/2
San Antonio	13	40	245	25
Vancouver	11	47	190	29 1/2

Pacific Division

Seattle	38	15	717	—
L.A. Lakers	38	16	704	1/2
Portland	29	26	527	10
Sacramento	24	30	444	14 1/2
L.A. Clippers	22	29	431	15
Golden State	20	32	385	17 1/2
Phoenix	20	36	357	19 1/2

Sunday's Games

Houston 95, San Antonio 85
Detroit 85, Washington 79
New Jersey 109, Boston 93
L.A. Clippers 99, Milwaukee 86
Cleveland 91, Vancouver 84
Seattle 89, Utah 87, OT
New York 127, L.A. Lakers 121, 2 OT

Miami 95, Denver 86
Orlando 99, Indiana 90
Dallas 88, Phoenix 86

Monday's Games

Detroit at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Portland at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.

Pistons 85, Bullets 79

DETROIT (85): Hill 5-13 3-6 13, Thorpe 3-11 1-2 7, Ratliff 1-2 0-0 2, Dumars 5-12 2-3 14, Hunter 5-12 1-1 11, Mills 5-11 0-0 14, McKie 5-7 5-6 16, Long 1-2 4-4 6, Curry 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 31-71 16-22 85.

WASHINGTON (79): Howard 4-14 1-2 9, Webber 8-17 2-2 19, Muresan 4-5 0-0 8, Cheaney 3-8 2-4 8, Strickland 9-18 0-2 19, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Murray 3-6 1-2 9, Whitney 2-5 1-1 7, Jackson 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-74 7-13 79.

Detroit	**18**	**22**	**26**	**19 — 85**
Washington	**17**	**22**	**15**	**25 — 79**

3-Point goals—Detroit 7-17 (Mills 4-7, Dumars 2-4, McKie 1-1, Hill 0-1, Hunter 0-4), Washington 6-13 (Whitney 2-5, Murray 2-4, Strickland 1-1, Webber 1-2, Jackson 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 46 (Mills 14), Washington 47 (Webber 12). Assists—Detroit 18 (Hill, Dumars 5), Washington 21 (Strickland 9). Total fouls—Detroit 17, Washington 21. Technical—Detroit illegal defense. A—18,756 (18,756).

Rockets 95, Spurs 85

SAN ANTONIO (85): Wilkins 11-22 5-6 28, Herrera 3-11 3-4 9, Anderson 2-4 1-2 5, Del Negro 9-17 4-5 22, Johnson 6-13 3-6 15, Perdue 0-3 2-2 2, Alexander 0-3 0-0 0, Feick 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 33-77 18-25 85.

HOUSTON (95): Mack 5-10 0-0 14, Barkley 8-13 3-8 19, Olajuwon 10-21 1-2 21, Elie 3-6 2-2 8, Maloney 1-4 0-0 3, Price 3-6 1-1 10, Willis 5-11 2-3 12, Livingston 3-5 1-2 8, Bullard 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 38-77 10-18 95.

San Antonio	**24**	**17**	**22**	**22 — 85**
Houston	**26**	**26**	**21**	**22 — 95**

3-Point goals—San Antonio 1-6 (Wilkins 1-3, Del Negro 0-1, Alexander 0-2), Houston 9-20 (Mack 4-7, Price 3-4, Livingston 1-1, Maloney 1-3, Barkley 0-1, Bullard 0-1, Elie 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 57 (Perdue 14), Houston 41 (Willis 9). Assists—San Antonio 21 (Johnson 12), Houston 28 (Barkley, Maloney, Price 5). Total fouls—San Antonio 19, Houston 18. Technicals—San Antonio illegal defense 2. A—16,285 (16,285).

Nets 109, Celtics 93

BOSTON (93): Walker 4-15 1-2 9, E. Williams 9-18 9-13 27, Szabo 1-3 0-0 2, Fox 7-10 5-6 22, Wesley 4-15 1-1 11, Conlon 1-6 1-1 3, Day 5-17 7-8 19, Lister 0-1 0-0 0, Hawkins 0-1 0-0 0, Hamer 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-87 24-31 93.

NEW JERSEY (109): Gill 9-16 5-8 24, J. Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Montross 1-1 0-0 2, Jackson 7-16 5-6 19, Cassell 6-12 5-6 20, Massenburg 1-5 1-5 3, Kittles 6-11 3-4 18, McDaniel 5-9 5-6 15, Edwards 0-4 2-2 2, Haley 0-2 0-0 0, Kleine 3-4 0-0 6. Totals 38-81 26-37 109.

Boston	**30**	**17**	**20**	**26 — 93**
New Jersey	**23**	**27**	**28**	**31 — 109**

3-Point goals—Boston 7-23 (Fox 3-5, Wesley 2-6, Day 2-8, Conlon 0-1, Hawkins 0-1, Walker 0-2), New Jersey 7-18 (Cassell 3-5, Kittles 3-6, Gill 1-2, Edwards 0-2, Jackson 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Boston 51 (Walker 16), New Jersey 66 (Massenburg 10). Assists—Boston 21 (Wesley 8), New Jersey 23 (Cassell 6). Total fouls—Boston 27, New Jersey 25. Technicals—Jackson, New Jersey illegal defense. A—18,815 (20,049).

Clippers 99, Bucks 86

L.A. CLIPPERS (99): Outlaw 5-8 2-2 12, Vaught 5-10 3-4 13, Wright 6-10 2-2 14, Martin 6-12 7-8 19, Sealy 5-15 6-6 16, [illegible]ay 5-10 6-7 16, Piatkowski 2-3 0-0 4, Dehere 0-4 0-0 0, Rogers 1-1 0-0 2, Richardson 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 36-76 26-29 99.

MILWAUKEE (86): Baker 8-19 6-9 23, Robinson 10-22 4-4 25, Gilliam 3-4 0-0 6, Allen 3-9 0-0 7, Douglas 3-7 2-2 8, Perry 4-7 0-0 10, Newman 2-8 0-2 4, Wolf 0-0 0-0 0, Brown 1-3 1-2 3. Totals 34-79 13-19 86.

L.A. Clippers	**27**	**24**	**22**	**26 — 99**
Milwaukee	**35**	**20**	**18**	**13 — 86**

3-Point goals—Los Angeles 1-12 (Richardson 1-1, Piatkowski 0-1, Dehere 0-1, Murray 0-2, Martin 0-3, Sealy 0-4), Milwaukee 5-15 (Perry 2-3, Baker 1-2, Robinson 1-4, Allen 1-5, Newman 0-1). Fouled out—Wright. Rebounds—Los Angeles 51 (Vaught 11), Milwaukee 43 (Baker, Brown 8). Assists—Los Angeles 19 (Martin 6), Milwaukee 19 (Douglas 6). Total fouls—Los Angeles 22, Milwaukee 23. Technicals—Douglas, Milwaukee Illegal defense, Flagrant foul—Gilliam. A—15,416 (18,633).

Cavaliers 91, Grizzlies 84

CLEVELAND (91): Mills 5-9 3-4 15, Hill 6-8 6-8 18, West 2-6 0-2 4, Phills 9-14 4-4 23, Brandon 1-10 2-2 4, Ferry 5-8 3-3 15, Sura 1-4 4-7 6, Potapenko 1-1 0-0 2, Geary 0-0 0-0 0, Marshall 0-0 0-0 0, Lang 1-1 2-2 4. Totals 31-61 24-32 91.

VANCOUVER (84): Abdur-Rahim 7-15 9-10 24, Rogers 1-3 1-2 3, Reeves 10-20 6-6 26, Moten 1-6 0-0 2, Anthony 2-4 3-4 7, Edwards 3-11 1-2 7, Peeler 5-11 2-2 13, Mayberry 1-2 0-0 2, Leckner 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-72 22-26 84.

Cleveland	**19**	**20**	**22**	**30 — 91**
Vancouver	**19**	**28**	**22**	**15 — 84**

3-Point goals—Cleveland 5-14 (Ferry 2-3, Mills 2-4, Phills 1-4, Brandon 0-3), Vancouver 2-13 (Abdur-Rahim 1-1, Peeler 1-4, Anthony 0-2, Moten 0-3, Edwards 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 46 (Hill 17), Vancouver 38 (Abdur-Rahim 8). Assists—Cleveland 21 (Sura 6), Vancouver 20 (Anthony 5). Total fouls—Cleveland 24, Vancouver 25. Technical—Abdur-Rahim. Flagrant foul—Edwards. A—15,536 (19,193).

SuperSonics 89, Jazz 87

SEATTLE (89): Schrempf 8-13 4-5 20, Kemp 1-8 1-2 3, McIlvaine 1-2 0-2 2, Hawkins 3-7 3-3 10, Payton 11-26 4-7 28, Perkins 5-7 3-4 15, McMillan 1-3 0-0 2, Cummings 3-8 0-1 6, Ehlo 1-3 0-0 3, Snow 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-77 15-24 89.

UTAH (87): Russell 2-8 1-4 6, Malone 13-28 6-7 32, Ostertag 3-6 5-7 11, Hornacek 1-7 3-3 5, Stockton 3-9 3-5 9, Eisley 1-3 0-0 3, Anderson 2-3 0-0 4, Carr 2-4 4-4 8, Morris 2-2 0-0 4, Foster 1-2 0-0 2, Howard 0-0 3-4 3. Totals 30-72 25-34 87.

Seattle	**24**	**19**	**18**	**17 — 89**
Utah	**16**	**25**	**22**	**15 — 87**

3-Point goals—Seattle 6-15 (Perkins 2-3, Payton 2-5, Ehlo 1-2, Hawkins 1-3, Kemp 0-1, McMillan 0-1), Utah 2-14 (Eisley 1-1, Russell 1-6, Carr 0-1, Hornacek 0-2, Stockton 0-4). Fouled out—Kemp. Rebounds—Seattle 50 (Schrempf 7), Utah 53 (Malone 10). Assists—Seattle 16 (Hawkins 4), Utah 22 (Stockton 12). Total fouls—Seattle 27, Utah 26. Technicals—Schrempf, Russell, Seattle illegal defense, Utah illegal defense. A—19,911 (19,911).

Knicks 127, Lakers 121

NEW YORK (127): Oakley 7-16 6-8 20, Johnson 5-13 0-0 10, Ewing 12-25 10-12 34, Houston 9-19 6-7 29, Childs 6-13 2-4 16, B.Williams 1-4 0-2 2, Starks 5-12 3-6 16, Ward 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 45-103 27-39 127.

L.A. LAKERS (121): Knight 9-17 0-0 18, Kersey 4-10 0-2 8, Campbell 12-24 15-19 40, Jones 5-18 10-11 22, Van Exel 3-13 2-2 9, McCloud 2-4 0-0 6, Rooks 1-3 2-2 4, Bryant 0-2 0-0 0, Fisher 0-2 0-0 0, Scott 6-6 0-0 14. Totals 42-99 29-36 121.

N.Y.	**20**	**28**	**25**	**30 — 127**
L.A. Lak.	**18**	**21**	**24**	**40 — 121**

3-Point goals—New York 10-20 (Houston 5-9, Starks 3-5, Childs 2-5, Johnson 0-1), Los Angeles 8-23 (McCloud 2-2, Scott 2-2, Jones 2-7, Campbell 1-1, Van Exel 1-9, Bryant 0-1, Fisher 0-1). Fouled out—Campbell. Rebounds—New York 76 (Ewing 25), Los Angeles 58 (Knight 13). Assists—New York 34 (Childs 13), Los Angeles 29 (Van Exel 16). Total fouls—New York 28, Los Angeles 28. A—17,505 (17,505).

Magic 99, Pacers 90

ORLANDO (99): Scott 6-12 1-1 17, Grant 7-9 5-6 19, Seikaly 3-4 5-7 11, Anderson 7-13 0-0 17, Hardaway 6-16 2-2 17, Wilkins 0-4 2-2 2, Strong 1-1 0-0 2, Shaw 3-6 7-8 14. Totals 33-65 22-28 99.

INDIANA (90): A.Davis 3-9 3-5 9, D.Davis 4-8 2-4 10, Smits 6-11 2-2 14, Miller 9-23 4-4 26, Jackson 5-11 2-5 13, Ferrell 1-5 2-2 4, Dampier 0-1 2-2 2, Best 4-8 0-0 9, Rose 0-7 3-4 3, Thompson 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 32-85 20-28 90.

Orlando	**31**	**14**	**29**	**25 — 99**
Indiana	**25**	**24**	**15**	**26 — 90**

3-Point goals—Orlando 11-26 (Scott 4-10, Anderson 3-6, Hardaway 3-7, Shaw 1-2, Wilkins 0-1), Indiana 6-20 (Miller 4-11, Jackson 1-2, Best 1-2, A.Davis 0-1, Smits 0-1, Rose 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 47 (Seikaly 9), Indiana 52 (A.Davis 13). Assists—Orlando 24 (Grant 7), Indiana 20 (Jackson 7). Total fouls—Orlando 23, Indiana 21. Technical—Orlando illegal defense. A—16,673 (16,530).

Heat 95, Nuggets 86

DENVER (86): McDyess 5-11 0-0 10, L.Ellis 11-24 3-3 29, Johnson 5-10 1-4 11, Stith 8-14 0-3 19, Goldwire 3-9 1-1 8, Askew 2-3 2-2 6, D.Ellis 0-3 0-0 0, Thompson 0-2 0-0 0, Zidek 0-1 3-4 3, Allen 0-2 0-0 0, Hammonds 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-79 10-17 86.

MIAMI (95): Mashburn 4-13 3-3 11, Brown 3-8 5-6 11, Austin 6-11 3-3 15, Lenard 5-10 0-0 14, Hardaway 5-20 3-3 14, Askins 4-10 0-2 11, Crotty 5-8 0-0 13, Pinckney 2-4 2-3 6. Totals 34-84 16-20 95.

Denver	**21**	**19**	**33**	**13 — 86**
Miami	**21**	**28**	**19**	**27 — 95**

3-Point goals—Denver 8-16 (L.Ellis 4-6, Stith 3-4, Goldwire 1-2, D.Ellis 0-2, Thompson 0-1, McDyess 0-1), Miami 11-24 (Lenard 4-7, Askins 3-5, Crotty 3-4, Hardaway 1-4, Mashburn 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Denver 54 (Johnson 14), Miami 52 (Brown 11). Assists—Denver 19 (L.Ellis, Stith, D.Ellis 3), Miami 20 (Hardaway 6). Total fouls—Denver 19, Miami 20. Technicals—Denver illegal defense. A—14,874 (15,200).

Mavericks 88, Suns 86

DALLAS (88): Finley 9-20 0-0 20, Green 3-5 3-4 9, Bradley 8-17 2-2 18, Strickland 5-13 2-3 13, Reeves 3-8 1-2 7, Walker 2-5 2-2 6, Dreiling 0-0 0-0 0, O'Bannon 3-7 1-1 7, Muursepp 3-5 2-4 8. Totals 36-80 13-18 88.

PHOENIX (86): Ceballos 10-20 1-2 22, Bryant 4-11 2-2 10, Williams 1-4 0-0 2, Johnson 4-8 5-5 14, Kidd 4-10 0-0 10, Trisdale 2-6 0-0 4, Person 5-13 3-3 15, Manning 3-6 0-0 6, Meyer 0-1 0-0 0, Nash 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 34-81 11-12 86.

Dallas	**20**	**25**	**17**	**26 — 88**
Phoenix	**21**	**31**	**23**	**11 — 86**

3-Point goals—Dallas 3-11, (Finley 2-4, Strickland 1-4, O'Bannon 0-1, Reeves 0-2), Phoenix 7-19, (Kidd 2-3, Person 2-7, Nash 1-1, Ceballos 1-2, Johnson 1-5, Manning 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 55 (Bradley 10), Phoenix 42 (Ceballos 14). Assists—Dallas 21 (Strickland 7), Phoenix 27 (Johnson 11). Total fouls—Dallas 12, Phoenix 14. Technicals—Finley. A—19,023 (19,023).

College Baseball

Sunday Scores
SOUTHWEST

Kansas 4, Texas-Arlington 2
Lamar 13, Purdue 1
Texas 5, Texas Christian 0
Texas A&M 3, Washington St. 1
Texas-San Antonio 7, Arkansas 2

FAR WEST

Cal Poly-SLO 12, San Francisco 6
Lewis-Clark St. 11, Washington 3
Missouri 7, San Diego 1
Oregon St. 15, California 2
Pepperdine 15, Cal St.-Fullerton 7
San Jose St. 4, Fresno St. 3

SOUTH

Alabama 22, Michigan 7
Auburn 9, Middle Tenn. 3
Augusta 5, Columbus 4
Carson-Newman 9-9, Ashland 8-4
Clemson 10, Kentucky 3
Coll. of Charleston 5-5, UNC-Asheville 4-15
Columbus 8, Augusta 5
Florida Southern 8, Lynn 3
Francis Marion 9-4, N.C.-Pembroke 0-1
Freed-Hardeman 10, Ouachita 0
Georgia Tech 21, Evansville 10
Jacksonville St. 13, Tn.-Martin 4
Lenoir-Rhyne 10, Tusculum 5
Lincoln Memorial 14, Union, Ky. 10
LSU 9, Duke 8
Martin Methodist 11, Bethel, Tenn. 8
McMurry 5, Southwestern 4
Mercer 4-9, Wofford 1-1
Mississippi 11, Notre Dame 6
NE Louisiana 10, SE Louisiana 9, 10 innings
St. Leo 11, Auburn-Montgomery 9
S. Alabama 6, Mississippi St. 1
South Carolina 21, Kent 4
Southern Miss 14, Minnesota 2
Tennessee 7, E. Kentucky 2
W. Carolina 10, Furman 4

Ski Report

New Mexico

Angel Fire — 1- new packed powder 45 base 55 trails 6 of 6 lifts
Pajarito Mtn — packed powder 68 base 37 trails 5 of 6 lifts 100% open open wed/sat/sun
Red River — 2- new packed powder 30-47 base 58 trails 6 of 6 lifts 100% open sm
Sandia Peak — packed powder 46 base 28 trails 5 of 7 lifts 100% open 8:30a-4p; Mon. 9a-4p
Santa Fe — 1- new packed powder 92 base 36 trails 7 of 7 lifts 100% open 9a-4p
Sipapu — 2- new packed powder 41 base 19 trails 2 of 3 lifts 100% open
Ski Apache — packed powder 40-65 base 53 trails 11 of 11 lifts 96% open 8:45a-4p
Ski Rio — 6- new powder 54 base 81 trails 6 of 6 lifts sm 9a-4p
Taos — 3- new packed powder 76-90 base 72 trails 11 of 11 lifts 100% open

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — powder 71 base 61 trails 5 of 5 lifts 100% open
Aspen — powder 66-73 base 76 trails 8 of 8 lifts 100% open 9a-4p
Aspen Highlands — powder 73-76 base 98 trails 8 of 8 lifts 100% open
Beaver Creek — packed powder 52-75 base 15 of 15 lifts 9a-4p
Breckenridge — powder 69-84 base 138 trails 19 of 22 lifts 8:30a-4p

Tucson Classic

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Final scores and money winnings Sunday of the $1.3 million Tucson Classic on the 7,148-yard, par-72 Omni Tucson National Golf Resort & Spa course:

Jeff Sluman, $234,000 75-68-65-67—275
Steve Jones, $140,400 66-68-72-70—276
Brad Bryant, $75,400 68-69-67-73—277
Pul Stankowski, $75,400 72-65-69-71—277
Tom Kite, $44,070 69-70-71-68—278
Don Pooley, $44,070 67-73-70-68—278
Jeff Maggert, $44,070 66-72-70-70—278
Lee Janzen, $44,070 72-71-66-69—278
Clmce Rose, $44,070 67-72-68-71—278
Andrw Magee, $32,500 70-72-67-70—279
Jerry Kelly, $32,500 72-68-69-70—279
Mike Reid, $32,500 70-69-69-71—279
Scott Gump, $24,375 69-74-72-65—280
Len Mattiace, $24,375 71-74-71-64—280
Phil Mickison, $24,375 71-71-69-69—280
Kirk Triplett, $24,375 68-69-72-71—280
John Wilson, $17,011 70-71-72-68—281
Mark Wiebe, $17,011 68-72-73-68—281
Jim Galagher, $17,011 71-70-70-70—281
Tom Watson, $17,011 73-71-67-70—281
Russ Cchran, $17,011 69-71-70-71—281
Bob Tway, $17,011 67-74-69-71—281
Michal Brdly, $17,011 71-70-69-71—281
Chris Perry, $11,440 72-70-71-69—282
Joe Durant, $11,440 74-68-70-70—282
David Duval, $11,440 69-72-70-71—282
Joe Ozaki, $8,653 69-72-73-69—283
David Ogrin, $8,653 74-70-71-68—283
Stewart Cink, $8,653 74-70-71-68—283
Olin Browne, $8,653 71-70-72-70—283
Hideki Kase, $8,653 74-69-70-70—283
Billy Andrade, $8,653 69-72-69-73—283
Scott Dunlap, $8,653 67-73-69-74—283
Justin Lenard, $8,653 70-69-69-75—283
Tom Purtzer, $6,409 70-74-71-69—284
Payne Stewart, $6,409 74-70-70-70—284
Jim Furyk, $6,409 72-72-70-70—284
Lany Watkins, $6,409 70-74-69-71—284
David Toms, $6,409 70-72-74-68—284
Nolan Henke, $5,330 72-73-69-71—285
Ronnie Black, $5,330 73-69-73-70—285
Tom Kalinwski, $5,330 74-71-73-67—285
Taylor Smith, $4,290 74-71-69-72—286
Jay Don Blake, $4,290 68-73-74-71—286
Glen Day, $4,290 72-73-70-71—286
Shane Brtsch, $4,290 74-69-69-74—286
Lenie Clemnts, $4,290 71-73-72-70—286
Scott Verplank, $3,231 74-70-71-72—287
Steve Stricker, $3,231 73-71-72-71—287
Steve Lowery, $3,231 70-75-71-71—287
John Magnes, $3,231 74-71-71-71—287
Jack O'Keefe, $3,231 74-69-74-70—287
Jim Carter, $3,231 70-74-73-70—287
Stuart Apleby, $3,231 73-72-73-69—287
Tomy Armour, $2,925 74-70-72-72—288
Doug Barron, $2,925 75-68-75-70—288
Mike Hulbert, $2,925 71-73-74-70—288
Robert Gamez, $2,925 70-74-74-70—288
John Daly, $2,925 71-74-73-70—288
Todd Demsey, $2,925 72-72-75-69—288
Dan Forsman, $2,925 72-76-73-67—289
Tim Herron, $2,769 70-72-73-74—289
Tim Simpson, $2,769 71-72-71-75—289
Grant Waite, $2,769 73-69-70-77—289
Jeff Hart, $2,769 67-75-75-72—289
Duffy Waldorf, $2,769 73-71-74-71—289
Shan Michel, $2,652 70-72-74-74—290
Ken Green, $2,652 71-70-75-74—290
Brndl Chmble, $2,652 73-71-73-73—290
Mike Brisky, $2,600 72-71-73-75—291
Allen Doyle, $2,561 73-72-75-72—292
Rick Fehr, $2,561 72-73-76-71—292
Gabrel Hjrtstdt, $2,522 70-75-75-73—293
Jim McGovern, $2,496 69-71-79-75—294
Larry Nelson, $2,470 73-71-76-77—297

Nike Scores

MORENO VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — Final scores and earnings Sunday after the fourth round of the $200,000 NIKE Inland Empire Open, played on the 6,801-yard, par-72 Moreno Valley Ranch Golf Club (a-denotes amateur):

Mrk Carnvale, $36,000 67-71-70-66—274
David Jckson, $22,700 70-71-71-64—276
Lon Hinkle, $14,500 68-71-70-69—278
Sm Rndolph, $14,500 70-67-70-71—278
Robin Freman, $8,625 71-70-70-68—279
Bob Gilder, $



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Ken Caminiti is rehabilitating from shoulder surgery but plans on being ready for opening day despite doctors' predictions to a later return.

Caminiti rehab goes well

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — San Diego Padres manager Bruce Bochy knows as well as anybody that Ken Caminiti had a career year in 1996, but Bochy's hoping for an even better one from his All-Star third baseman this year.

Well, at least a more comfortable one.

For Caminiti to top his 40 homers and 130 RBIs last season might be a lot to ask for, but Bochy believes the NL MVP will be primed for another excellent season as long as his rehabilitation from shoulder surgery keeps going smoothly

Not having to deal with intense pain in his left shoulder on a daily basis figures to take a major burden off Caminiti's psyche.

"It takes a lot out of you when you have to come to the ballpark in pain all the time," Bochy said Sunday. "It was day-to-day, too, knowing whether he could play. Preparing for the game should be a lot easier for him this year. I think mentally it could be a better year for him. Physically, I don't know how much better you can play."

Bochy continues to keep a close eye on Caminiti's progress, and so far there's very little negative.

Caminiti still isn't quite comfortable yet from the left side of the plate, but he was crushing balls over the fence right-handed during batting practice.

"I think he's getting more and more confident with that shoulder and really turning it loose," Bochy said.

Bulls on same pace as last year

■ **At 48-6, Chicago on track to match last season's league record finish.**

By Mike Nadel
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bulls might be the best team in NBA history.

Again.

Two-thirds of the way through the 1996-97 season, the Bulls are 48-6. Their record at this point last season, when they went on to set a league record with 72 victories? Yep, 48-6.

"They are very similar to last year," Golden State coach Rick Adelman said Saturday after the Bulls routed his Warriors 120-87. "But they're probably better because they've been together that extra year."

Michael Jordan, a cinch for his ninth scoring title and favored to win his fifth MVP award, is astonished by the Bulls' back-to-back successes.

"To put together two years like this in a row ... it is amazing," he said. "We might be better because we're a smarter team and we play very well together. And this year, we're not focusing on 70 wins, so the pressure's not quite the same."

Teammate Steve Kerr knows that the debate about the Bulls' place in history is about to start again. It was the hot topic much of last season and wasn't resolved to everyone's satisfaction even after Chicago rolled through the playoffs to its fourth NBA title in six years.

"Everybody's expecting it again," Kerr said. "It still comes down to what you do in the playoffs. If we do it again, obviously people have to put us in with the greatest teams ever."



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Chicago's Michael Jordan, right, drives past Golden State's Latrell Sprewell during the Bulls' 120-87 victory Saturday night.

The Bulls have Jordan. They also have Scottie Pippen, Dennis Rodman, Toni Kukoc, several good role players and a savvy coach in Phil Jackson.

Another thing the Bulls have is the ability to focus on each game. Saturday was a good example. The night before, they had to scrape out a four-point victory at Washington. A home game against the lowly Warriors would be a perfect opportunity for a letdown, right?

Wrong.

The 33-point margin of victory was Chicago's largest this season.

"It's fun to win," Kerr said. "We want to keep winning. That's what motivates us."

The Bulls have won six consecutive games overall and 18 straight at the United Center.

"We're on a good streak. We're pushing through February," Jackson said. "But March ... we play tough teams and have back-to-backs in abundance. We know that right now it looks like a cruise, but it's going to be tough."

Said Jordan: "We don't want to start looking ahead. We want to keep constantly challenging ourselves."

One challenge ahead might be to keep Mount Rodman from erupting.

For the first time in six games since returning from an 11-game suspension for kicking a cameraman, Rodman looked ready to lose control Saturday.

During one 1:52 stretch of the third quarter, he was called for two offensive fouls, a loose ball foul, a double foul (with Andrew DeClercq) and a technical. He wasn't pleased, and he told the referees so.

"Dennis was going to go to the limit and push it, no matter what we did," Jordan said. "We wanted to put (the victory) away before something drastic happened."

Is that the only hope the rest of the NBA's teams have — Rodman spontaneously combusting and setting the Bulls ablaze with him?

It might be, Golden State's Latrell Sprewell said.

"They expect to win," he said. "They've got Michael, Scottie, Dennis and Kukoc. They play hard on offense and defense. They're simply the best."

Grbac is first choice for KC

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Elvis Grbac appears to be the first choice of the Kansas City Chiefs in their quarterback sweepstakes and Grbac appears ready to make the Chiefs his first choice, too.

Jim Steiner, Grbac's agent, told the Kansas City Star that the Chiefs have begun talking contract with Grbac, who's been Steve Young's backup in San Francisco.

The last two Chiefs starters also have been former 49ers — Joe Montana, who played his last two seasons in San Francisco and Steve Bono.

"From a talent perspective, he's their No. 1 choice," Steiner said of Grbac.

"Now, they have to be consistent on that with the dollars. We haven't talked specifics. We're on the same page. We've got a little way to go, but that's the challenge in negotiations, to bridge the gap."

The Chiefs had also looked at Chris Chandler, who started for Houston the past two seasons, and Heath Shuler, who has been with the Washington Redskins, as possibilities to replace Bono. Bono was benched late in the season and Kansas City has let it be known he won't be re-signed.

Last December, Brad Johnson, a quarterback with experience similar to Grbac's, re-signed with Minnesota of four years and $15.5 million.

"I don't want to characterize what we're looking for as Brad Johnson money," Steiner said. "We're looking for a multiyear contract, anywhere from three to five years, and salary numbers that reflect the responsibilities of a starting quarterback in the NFL."

Grbac, 26, was an eighth-round draft choice by the 49ers in 1993.

The 49ers have expressed interest in resigning him and Atlanta is also interested. But Steiner said the Chiefs are in the lead.

One year after refusing to testify against husband, Felicia Moon helping inmates

MISSOURI CITY, Texas (AP) — Felicia Moon once accused the criminal justice system of meddling with her family life after she accused her husband, NFL quarterback Warren Moon, with beating her.

Now, one year after a jury acquitted Moon, his wife is back in the criminal justice system.

But this time she wants to be there, ministering to inmates in the state's prison system.

"I feel what the trial did was really free me to be able to help other people," says Mrs. Moon. "When it was over, my heart wanted to give back and do something for people like me and my husband who have made mistakes.

"I often tell people I don't think there's much of anything you can't overcome."

Next month, Mrs. Moon and her husband, who is now a free agent, will launch their Rock of Faith Prison Library Project, which will place faith-based libraries in prisoners' reach.

The first one — with 1,000 volumes waiting in storage — is scheduled to be in place March 15 at the Jester Units in Fort Bend County, where the couple lives with their four children.

"When someone comes from outside and believes in us, it gives us hope," says inmate Isaac Smith, 32, serving time for a robbery-by-threat conviction out of Galveston County.

As she tells the prisoners she counsels, a person cannot hide from tough times.

"If you mess up, face it, deal with it and move on," she says.

Last year, Mrs. Moon dressed in bright red every day of the eight-day trial, saying it represented Jesus' blood and forgiveness.

Fort Bend prosecutors pursued the case, even though the couple said they were reconciled and Mrs. Moon did not want to prosecute her husband over the July 18, 1995, incident at the couple's Missouri City home.

She believes faith, prayer and hope can work miracles in lives, and says God led her to the prison ministry as a place to make a difference.

"They feel like they can look at me and know that I'm somebody who has gone through some of that same pain — a woman who knows that her husband's committed adultery, for instance, or a woman who has had problems with alcohol, drugs or depression or violence."

She says she found that people "want to talk to somebody who has survived these issues, I guess, and come out a lot stronger."

Although she admits suffering previous periods of rage and depression in the sometimes stormy marriage, she denied prosecutors' contention that she is a battered woman. Mrs. Moon said she attacked her husband and provoked the physical confrontation by hitting him in the back with a heavy candleholder.

"People were just really telling me I needed to leave Warren, I needed to walk away from him and I needed to turn my back on him," she says today.

"But what people don't understand is he stood by me, and he was there for me many, many years when I was addicted to drugs, when I was addicted to alcohol. I think that's what marriage is about."

While Mrs. Moon talked to inmate poets and songwriters during one recent prison visit, Jester Units Senior Warden Frederick Becker watched from the side.

"She establishes a relationship in about 35 seconds because of her personality," he says. "Inmates know whether or not you're genuine."

The Moons have bought land in Seattle, where they plan to move their family when their oldest son, Joshua, 15, graduates from high school.

Seattle is where the high school sweethearts graduated from the University of Washington and where many of their closest friends still live. Her husband, released from the Minnesota Vikings, is now looking for a new team.

This weekend, the couple left for a Caribbean cruise and a family skiing trip is scheduled for later in the week.

Immediately after the trial, Mrs. Moon says, she thought everybody had a bad opinion of the couple.

"I thought everybody thinks that I'm a liar and that Warren's a really bad person and that I'm a really bad person," she said. "It really isn't that way."

Hasegawa impresses Angels, will pitch in intrasquad game

Associated Press

Tim Salmon didn't know much about Shigetoshi Hasegawa before stepping into the batting cage Sunday. After cracking three bats, Salmon was impressed.

"It's obvious he's a little ahead of us preparation-wise, but he showed he has the kind of stuff and location to be successful," Salmon said at Anaheim's camp in Tempe, Ariz. "Every time he threw the ball away to me, it was close enough where you didn't know if it was a strike. If you can get a hitter thinking like that, you'll be successful."

Hasegawa, bidding for a spot in the Angels' starting rotation, will get his first test Wednesday when he starts in an intrasquad game.

Mark Langston will start for the other side, with veterans Allen Watson, Mark Gubicza, Jim Abbott, knuckleballer Dennis Springer and relievers Chuck McElroy and Troy Percival among those expected to pitch at least one inning.

Anaheim opens exhibition play Friday against the San Francisco Giants at Scottsdale.

Indians: Jim Thome is putting in long hours this spring in his transition to first base, making room for Gold Glove third baseman Matt Williams.

Coach Johnny Goryl and Brian Graham, manager of the Indians' Class AAA team in Buffalo, are Thome's main instructors with manager Mike Hargrove providing guidance.

"I'm not saying I'm going to do everything right," Thome said. "No one expects me to do that. But I don't see it as being that much of a problem. I think things will get easier once we start playing some games."

Pirates: Jason Kendall, one of the majors' top rookies last season, said some of the new Pirates need to lose their suddenly acquired big-league attitude. The Pirates have traded or released seven of their nine opening-day regulars from last season, leaving behind a rebuilding club with the NL's youngest roster. Kendall doesn't understand why some of these young Pirates packed an attitude, along with their gloves and bats, for spring training in Bradenton, Fla.

"We've got some guys walking around — without naming names — hats on backwards, like, 'Yo, yo, yo.' cool as can be. C'mon, man. You played in Lynchburg last year. You were 10-10. Who cares? Shut up. Get your job done. That's the way you earn respect."

Giants: San Francisco manager Dusty Baker is being cautious about picking his starting rotation so early in spring training, because he did that last year and had to change when Jamie Brewington had an awful spring.

But the starting four at this point appear to be right-handers Mark Gardner, William VanLandingham and Osvaldo Fernandez and lefty Shawn Estes. Kirk Rueter, a lefty, is the leading candidate for the fifth spot.

"Rueter is probably a frontrunner for that fifth spot," Baker said. "But you want to have guys ready if something happens this spring."

That means Steve Bourgeois, who had five starts and 10 relief appearances for the Giants last year but has been a starter throughout his professional career, probably will be relegated to the bullpen.

Royals: Kevin Appier, the projected opening day starter, will be sidelined for about three days with a blister on the big toe of his right foot.

The blister developed Sunday as Appier threw batting practice. A hole in his sock was blamed.

Appier, unable to finish the session, was led off the field by trainer Nick Swartz. The blister, about the size of a quarter, was drained.

Appier, a 14-game winner last year, will not be allowed to throw off the mound for two or three days until the blister heals.

Yankees: Derek Jeter practiced with his left wrist and hand wrapped to protect a blister.

The annual photo day saw pitcher David Wells sporting No. 52 because his uniform wasn't ready. He is wearing No. 22 this spring, and then will switch to No. 33 for the season. His boyhood idol was Babe Ruth, who's No. 3 was retired by the club.

Tigers: Travis Fryman, in the fourth season of a $25 million, five-year contract, wants to stay with Detroit through the team's rebuilding.

"I love the Detroit Tigers," the third baseman said at Lakeland, Fla. "I consider it an honor and a privilege to play for a team with such a great tradition.

"To me there are only a few special teams in baseball, and the Detroit Tigers are one of them. We've been down, but we're going to come back. I want to be here when we do."

Rockies: Left out of Colorado's pitching plans for the first five exhibition games were Curtis Leskanic and Jamey Wright.

Leskanic is recuperating from shoulder and elbow surgery, and Wright twice had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee and has both a sore arm and a swollen calf muscle this spring.

Blue Jays: Toronto catcher Benito Santiago moved his car farther from home plate at Dunedin, Fla., after the yellow Ferrari was struck by a pair of foul balls.

Athletics: Oakland has scheduled an intrasquad game for Thursday, the day before the Athletics open their exhibition schedule against the Anaheim Angels. Manager Art Howe said it probably will be a 5-6 inning game.

■ **Spring Training**

Ailment retards Bichette's rehab

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Of the Colorado Rockies players who came to camp with injuries, few needed as much work as Dante Bichette to get ready for the season. But Bichette's progress has been slowed by an upper respiratory infection.

Bichette showed up for physical exams on Saturday morning and was sent home with flu-like symptoms. He arrived for picture day on Sunday, managed to get in 20 minutes of weight work on his injured left knee, and went home again.

Bichette lost 30 pounds in the offseason in a rigorous workout program, but his knee still is weak, having had reconstructive surgery on the anterior cruciate ligament just 4 1/2 months ago.

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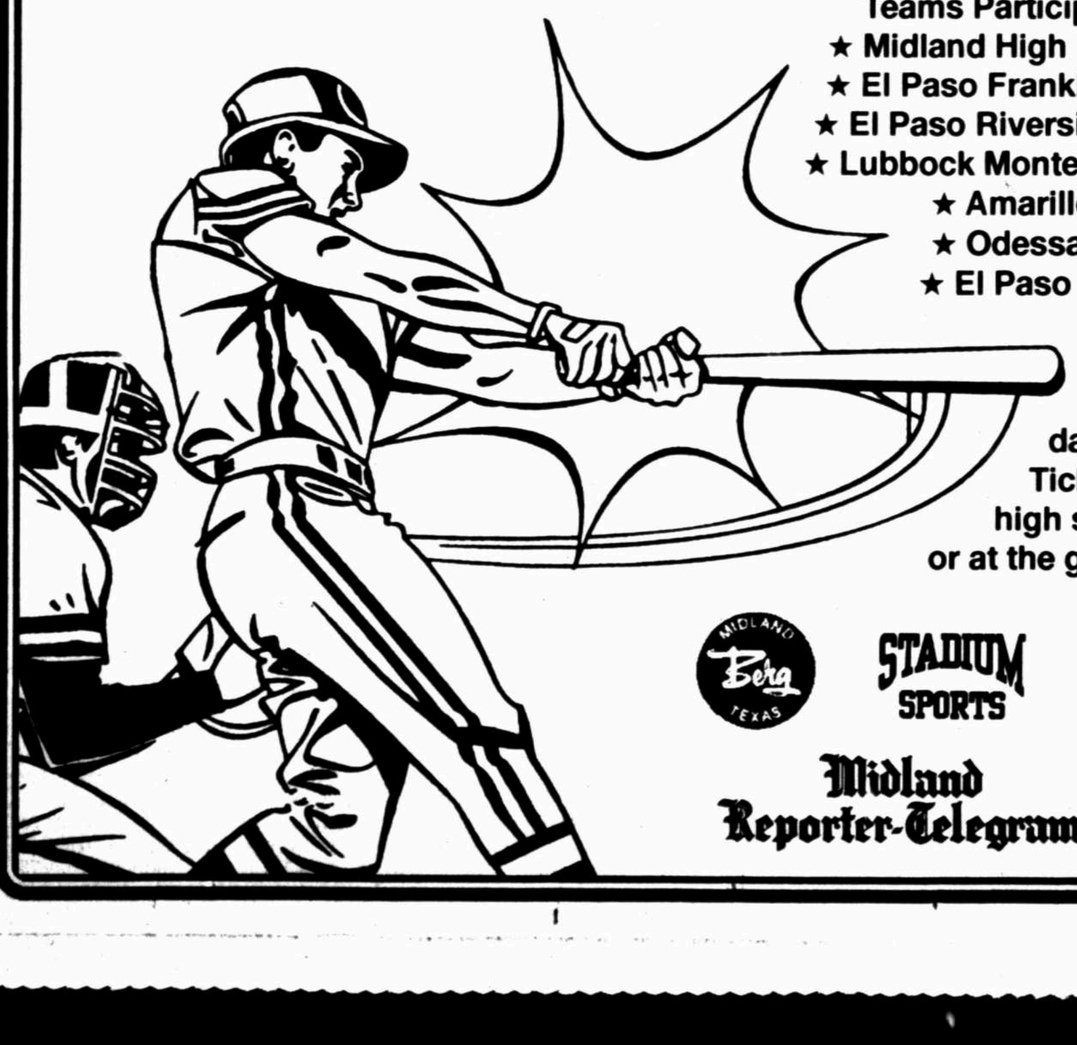
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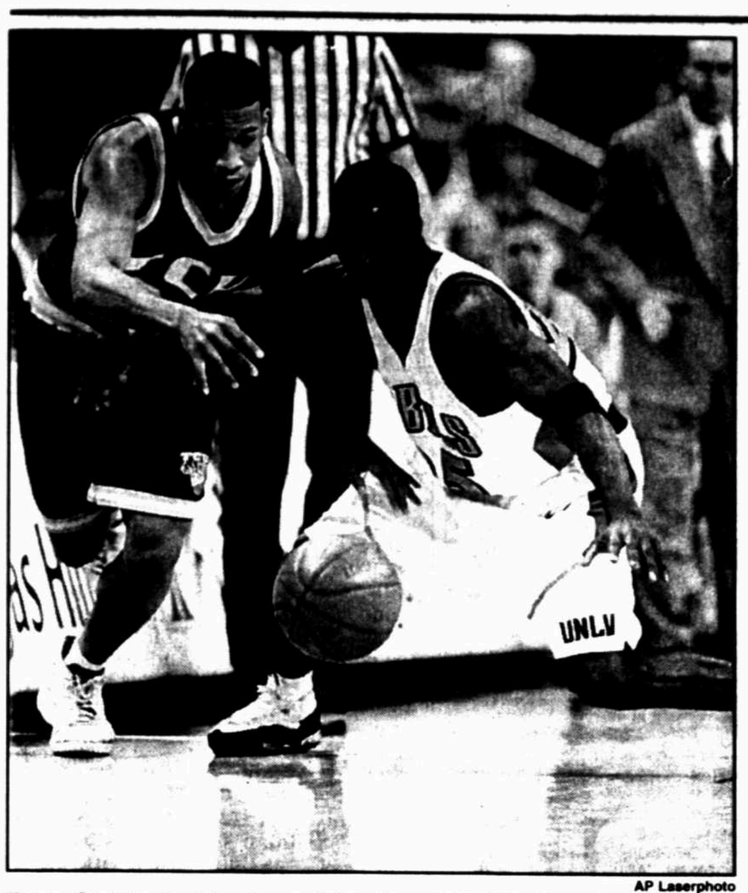
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Texas Christian's Mike Jones (24), left, and UNLV's Jermaine Smith (25) go after a loose ball in Western Athletic Conference action Saturday.

Last-second victory keeps Utah on top

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■ WAC Roundup

Andre Miller says he had no doubts about the last-second jumper he hit to squeeze No. 5 Utah past Tulsa 56-54.

"Felt good when I shot it," said Miller, who finished Saturday's Western Athletic Conference game with 14 points. "I was square up to the basket when it left my hand. I knew it was going in."

The win keeps Utah (20-3, 12-1) atop the WAC. In other WAC games Saturday, No. 10 New Mexico topped Hawaii 89-69, UNLV beat Texas Christian 82-72, Rice defeated Brigham Young 68-44, San Jose State beat Wyoming 67-62 and Fresno State beat Colorado State 84-72.

In non-conference games, Air Force beat Wofford 93-70 and Texas-El Paso defeated Montana Tech 95-55. Southern Methodist and San Diego State were idle.

Utah handed the Golden Hurricane (20-8, 10-4) their first home-game loss this season.

Tulsa rallied from 52-42 behind to tie it 54-all on Shea Seals' rebound basket with 19.4 seconds left. After Miller's shot put Utah up by two, Tulsa attempted a half-court pass that was tipped away in a crowd of players.

Tulsa's defense held Utah's Keith Van Horn to 10 points. Van Horn scored 40 last week against Texas Christian. Michael Doleac led the Utes with 20 points.

Seals, who had his No. 21 jersey retired before tipoff, had 13 points and nine rebounds.

In Albuquerque, senior guard Charles Smith helped save the No. 10 Lobos' homecourt winning streak with a pep talk just before New Mexico (21-5, 10-4) headed into the second half trailing Hawaii 37-31.

"I told them we just had to go out and relax," said Smith. "We were playing tentative. We had open shots and weren't taking them. I told them not to think about missing shots. Just give some effort."

Smith took his words to heart, scoring a career-high 37 points and helping lead — with sophomore center Kenny Thomas — a 23-5 run over the first eight minutes of the second half. Thomas scored 20 of his 25 points in the second half.

Hawaii (19-5, 11-3) had won 10 of its last 11 games and, behind the scoring of guard Anthony Carter, controlled the first half. Carter scored 17 of his 29 points in the first half.

New Mexico, playing its final home game, finished 18-0 this season in Albuquerque. It also marks only the second time in school history the Lobos have gone unbeaten at home in a season.

In Las Vegas, Keon Clark scored 17 of his 25 points in the second half and grabbed a career-high 17 rebounds as UNLV defeated Texas Christian.

Warren Rosegreen added 11 points and 17 rebounds for UNLV (18-7, 10-4e), which swept the season series with TCU to remain in a second-place tie with Fresno State in the WAC's Pacific Division.

Malcolm Johnson scored 15 points and Damion Walker and James Penny added 12 points each for the Horned Frogs (17-10, 6-8).

In Houston, Jarvis Sanni had 18 points and eight rebounds to lead Rice past Brigham Young.

Shaun Igo added 12 points and Robert Johnson 11 points for Rice (12-11, 6-7). Jeff Campbell scored 10 points to lead BYU (1-23, 0-14), and Eric Nielsen added 9. The loss was the Cougars' 18th in a row.

In San Jose, Olivier Saint-Jean scored 35 points and San Jose State took control of a close game midway through the second half for the win over Wyoming.

Trailing 34-32 with 15:28 left in the game, San Jose State (12-12, 4-10) outscored Wyoming 10-1 in the next 2:46 to lead 42-35.

The Spartans had lost four of their previous five games and seven of their previous nine.

Gregg Sawyer and Jeff Allen led Wyoming (11-14, 7-7) in scoring with 13 points each.

In Fresno, Fresno State finished its regular season home schedule undefeated at 13-0 as Dominick Young scored 28 points to beat Colorado State.

Kendric Brooks had 16 points and Darnell McCulloch added 14 points and 13 rebounds for the Bulldogs (18-10, 10-4).

Ryan Chilton's 18 points led Colorado State (18-8, 8-6), while Bryan Christiansen had 17.

Jarmica Reese got his ninth 20-plus point game of the season with 24 at home as Air Force reached a season-high point total in its victory over Wofford.

Air Force (7-17) also shot more than 57 percent from the field, its highest result since December, while Wofford (7-18) led only once, at 6-5, early in the game.

Alfred Forbes led Wofford scoring with 14.

In El Paso, five Miners scored in double figures as Texas-El Paso defeated Montana Tech.

Kimani Jones-Young scored 18, JoJo Garcia had 17, Sharif Farjardo and B.J. Wade had 14 each and Jeff Spillar added 13 points for the Miners (12-12).

Roderick Hurd led Montana Tech (11-16) with 21 points. Toby Westbrook added 10 for the Orediggers.

Bruins trip No. 6-ranked Blue Devils

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■ Top 25 Men

LOS ANGELES — J.R. Henderson scored the go-ahead basket and Toby Bailey hit two free throws with 15 seconds remaining to help 17th-ranked UCLA beat No. 6 Duke 73-69 Sunday, snapping the Blue Devils' seven-game winning streak.

It was Steve Lavin's biggest victory since taking over as UCLA coach after Jim Harrick was fired just before the season started.

Lavin, 32, beat his former pen pal and mentor, Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, in their first meeting. Lavin first wrote to Krzyzewski for coaching advice after he graduated from college in 1987.

Duke (22-6) made a desperate attempt to score after Bailey's free throws. But Ricky Price's shot was blocked by Charles O'Bannon down low, then Roshown McLeod missed a 3-pointer and Bailey flung the ball downcourt as time expired.

Hundreds of the record 13,478 fans who jammed Pauley Pavilion rushed the court as UCLA (17-7) completed its first significant victory over a non-conference opponent this season

Florida St. 67,
No. 8 Clemson 65

CLEMSON, S.C. — Kerry Thompson banked in a 12-foot follow shot as time expired, giving Florida State a upset over Clemso.

Thompson missed a 3-point attempt with less than five seconds left, then dashed into the lane to grab the rebound. He shot again with 1.5 seconds left, then watched as the ball hit off the backboard and through the net as time ran out.

When the horn sounded, Thompson danced back to the other end of the floor as the Seminoles charged off the bench to mob him under the Clemson basket.

Sunday's win was Florida State's second straight and allowed the Seminoles (15-9, 5-9 ACC) to keep alive their slim hopes of earning a berth to the NCAA tournament.

Clemson (20-7, 8-6) lost for the third time in its last four games.

Purdue 67, No. 18 Michigan 58

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue used free throws to extend the slump of Michigan.

The Boilermakers outscored Michigan 23-7 from the free throw line to record a victory behind the 25-point performance of Chad Austin and 12 points from Brad Miller in the second half.

Robert Traylor topped Michigan with 18 points, including four dunks in an 8-4 run that gave the Wolverines their only lead of the second half at 50-49 with 4:34 to play. Purdue (15-10, 10-5 Big Ten) kept its NCAA hopes alive with the victory, which Michigan (17-9, 7-7) saw its chances slide as it dropped its fourth game in five starts.

No. 19 Villanova 65, UConn 58

PHILADELPHIA — Alvin Williams had 16 points and Jason Lawson added 11 in their final home games as 19th-ranked Villanova held off Connecticut 65-58 Sunday afternoon.

Freshman Tim Thomas added 13 and Howard Brown had 13 off the bench as the Wildcats (20-7, 11-5 Big East) moved into first place in the Big East Six.

Richard Hamilton scored 22 for Connecticut (14-11, 7-9).

Trip to Baton Rouge costs Tennessee women in SEC

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — It was, Tennessee's Kellie Jolly admitted after LSU beat the Lady Vols 83-78, a spot to which they were not accustomed.

Losing to LSU is not something Tennessee has done often. Being the underdog is not something they have experienced in years. And missing a first-round bye in the Southeastern Conference tournament is something that's never happened before.

And with Louisiana Tech still to go, the trip to Louisiana promised to be a tough one for the defending national champions.

"It's a dogfight now," Jolly said. "We have to play our heads off because we're down. That's new for us. Usually we're on top, but now we have to see if we can do it from the bottom. That's something Tennessee hasn't had to do in a long time."

Very true. No. 8 Tennessee (21-9, 8-4) had not lost to No. 13 LSU (23-3, 9-3) in Baton Rouge since 1980. The last time the Lady Vols lost four SEC games in a season was in 1985-86. They are 219-45 against the conference.

With Saturday's loss to LSU, Tennessee finished fifth in the SEC, and will have to play on the first day of the tournament for the first time in its history.

"We have to play four straight days against SEC competition and we all know how tough that competition is," coach Pat Summitt said.

LSU came back from a 10-point deficit to take their first victory against Tennessee since 1991.

The Lady Tigers tied the score seven times before finally taking the lead late in the game. They held on despite three straight 3-point baskets by Tennessee that cut the lead to one point, 79-78, with 51 seconds to go. The nine SEC victories are the most ever for LSU, which is in its second straight 20-victory season.



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As Tennessee players leave the floor, a jubilant Louisiana State team celebrates a victory.

Carril-less Princeton claims first NCAA tourney spot

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■ Other Men

Pete Carril may be gone but Princeton is back. And coach Bill Carmody's team might be just as big a problem as the Carril teams that scared some of the NCAA's powers to death and occasionally beat them.

Princeton (21-3, 11-0) became the first team to qualify for this year's NCAA tournament when it clinched its second straight Ivy League title with a 60-53 win over second-place Dartmouth on Saturday.

The win was the 16th in a row for the Tigers, who lost only one starter from the team that edged Penn in a playoff for the league crown last year and then beat defending champion UCLA in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

"It was a lot different than last year," Princeton captain Sydney Johnson said Sunday. "We were the favorites. We did it, did it early and we did it pretty convincingly, too. We didn't wipe people out, but we won the games solidly and there was no doubt that we're the best team in this league."

Johnson said it would be hard to match the excitement of last year.

"Beating the defending champions and giving coach Carril a tournament win, that was special," Johnson said. "In and of itself, that cannot be touched."

Last year's season ended with a 63-41 second-round loss to Mississippi State, which made it to the Final Four.

"It would be disappointing if we did not win a game or two," Johnson said. "We're a good enough basketball team. We've beaten good teams and we're kind of jelling and we have a good chemistry. Realizing our potential means really battling and giving some people some tough games."

Syracuse's Jim Boeheim gets 500th win

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — About every four years, they roll out the red carpet for Jim Boeheim.

It happened again Saturday night. Syracuse used a dominating second-half surge to beat Rutgers 92-62, and Boeheim was honored afterward for reaching another coaching milestone in his 21-year career — his 500th victory.

The celebration was brief. A team picture at center court, a few comments to the media, and some autographs for the kids who lined up in the tunnel under the Carrier Dome stands.

West Texas Sports

Booster Clubs...

The **Midland High Softball Booster Club** will meet the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in conference room A. The public is welcome to attend...

The **Midland Lee Softball Booster Club** is meeting March 6 at 7 p.m. at the cafeteria. The public is welcome to attend...

The **Midland High boys and girls soccer booster club** will meet the second Monday of every month in Conference room A at MHS...

Coaches Luncheon for the **Chap Athletic Club** will take place on Feb. 26. The Luncheon allows coaches to interact with club members and will take place from noon to 1 p.m. at the Roadrunner Room in Midland College's Scharbauer Center...

Skiing...

The **Flatlanders Ski Club** has current plans for trips to Taos, N.M. (Feb. 28-March 2) and Sugarloaf, Maine (March 8-15). Other club activities include rafting and golfing events. For more information, call Donna at 550-5665 or Sam at 580-7600...

Basketball...

The **March Madness Three-on-Three basketball tournament** is scheduled for March 1 at Crane High School. There are two divisions of competition, Division I for players ages19-30 and Division II for ages 31 and up. There is a $45 entry fee for a team of four. Deadline in Feb. 26. For more information, call 558-2621...

The **AAU Girls 12-Under tryouts for the West Texas Stars** will begin March 19 at 5:45 p.m. at Abell Junior High. Girls who are 12 or turned 13 after Jan. 1, 1997 are eligible to tryout. Ten Players will be selected. Call Mike Hinsley at 697-3018 for more details...

The **"Three for All" 3-on-3 national tour** will stop in Abilene on April 5-6. The tournament will be held on Cypress Street between 5th and 6th streets. It is open to male and famale participants eight years of age and older...

Tennis...

The **USTA adult season** runs from April 15-June 1. MXD season is from May-July. For more information call Juannell Fort at 686-0277 or Lance Armstrong at 687-4046...

Toby Curtis, a new tennis pro in town, is now **teaching tennis** at the Midland College Tennis Center offering individual and group lessons for all ages. Call 687-4046 for information...

The **Green Tree Country Club** is conducting tennis clinics from Feb. 25-March 28 during Spring Session I. The clinics are for pee wee, beginner, advanced beginner, advanced intermediate, championship and spring break competitive edge levels of play. There is a limit of 16 students per class. For more information, call Mike or David at 697-7806...

Bicycling...

The **Permian Basin Bicycle Association** meets every third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Coors Hospitality room. For more information, please call 697-0248 or Peyton's Bike Store at 699-1718...

Softball...

The **Permian Basin ASA Umpires Association** is now recruiting any interested individuals wishing to umpire slow and fastpitch softball this spring and summer. For further information please contact Howard King at 684-7595, Joe Guerra at 686-8445 or Freddie Ezell...

The inaugural **Midland Softball Sandblaster Tournament** is scheduled for March 15-16. Entry fee is $110. for more information, call 683-8741, 694-5508 or 689-6978...

The **Odessa Women's Softball League** will hold a general meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24 at the U.T.P.B. complex. For more information call Anita Castillo at 366-6971...

Sweetwater's NCMSA Rattlesnake Classic softball tournament is March 8-9. Entry fee is $110. Entry deadline is March 4. For information call Danny Escobar at 1-915-235-9202...

The **12th Annual Merchants /TPC Spring Classic Mens Softball Tournament** will be held in Andrews on March 14-16. There is a $110 fee and the tournment is limited to the first 16 paid teams. Call Marvin (915-523-3014), Steve (915-5236031) or Mike (915-3535-2212), for more details...

MUGS is looking for **fastpitch umpires** for league play which begins April 14. Anyone 16 or older is eligible to participate. The first meeting will be in the umpire building of the Bill Williams Complex at Hogan Park on March 12 at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Mack Gipson at 520-5961...

The **Sox Softball Club Tournament** is scheduled for March 7-9 in Crane. There is a 15 team limit with a $110 entry fee. For more information, call Rusty Corley at 558-3463, Gordon Tindol at 580-5878 or Tony Rice at 368-4566...

The **Steamroller March Madness Season Opener Drillers Softball Tournament** is March 8-9 at Mackenzie Park in Lubbock. Entry fee is $110. Call Mike Allen at (806) 797-0073 for more information...

Baseball...

The **Midland Junior Baseball Association** sign-ups continue until March 1 at Stadium Sports, across the street from Memorial Stadium, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. Sign-ups include T-Ball (ages 5-6), Machine Pitch (8-9), Texas League (9-10), American League (11-12), National League (10-12), Juniors (13), Seniors (14-15) and Big League (16-18). Call Bill Rigney at 687-3133 for information...

The **Little League of Midland Challenger Division**, for children ages 6-18 with mental or physical disabilities, has begun registration. If you are interested in playing, coaching or assisting with the league, please call 697-6536 by Feb. 22 to register. Play begins April 5 at Kelley Field and runs through May 24...

Golf...

Chicano Golf Association will have a benefit golf tournament for Juan Heredia on Feb. 16 at the Hogan Park Golf Course. It will be a four-man scramble with A, B, C & D classes. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and you can pick your own team. For further information call: Al Enriquez at 684-8481 or Coon Moreno at 699-6316...

McCamey Country Club will host a 2-person 18-hole select shot tournament March 15 for $35 per person; a 1-person 18-hole scramble on April 12 at $25; a 4-lady 18-hole select shot tournament on April 19 for $35 per person and lunch included after play; and the Charlie Shepard Memorial 2-man lowball event is May 17-18 for $130 per team. Call 1-915-652-8904 for more information...

The **University of Texas Longhorn Golf Tournament** with coaches and U.T. staff representatives such as football coach John Mackovic, basketball coach Tom Penders, women's baksetball coach Jody Conradt and athletic director DeLoss Dodds. It will be held April 15 at Mission Dorado Golf Course. For more information call Dr. Frank Kasman at 520-0220 or 1-800-942-6926...

Hogan Park Golf Course is holding a two-person tournament on March 8 with tee times starting at 10 a.m. The format is over 27 holes, with a nine-hole scramble, nine-hole low ball and nine-hole alternate shot. The entry fee is $40 plus green fees and carts. Players put together their own two-man teams and partners handicaps must be within six strokes of each other. Entries are limited to the first 40 paid teams. All players must have established USGA handicap. Entry deadline is Wednesday, March 5 at 6 p.m. Entry forms are available at Hogan Park Golf Shop. Pairings for tee times will be mahe by Hogan Park staff...

The **12th annual Spring Trans-Pecos SPE Scholarship Tournament** is April 14 at the Midland Country Club. The tournament is a four-man scramble with shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. The entry fee is $320 per team by April 9, $400 afterward. Each team consists of an A, B, C and D player. For more information, call Fran Johnson, Shanna Guevara or Al Sutton at 682-4305 or 683-0260...

Swimming...

The **Dust Devil Divers** are getting together Feb. 22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the COM Swimming Complex. Divers can come out and try out their equipment as well as meet other divers. The group is planning trips to Scuba Park at Lake Travis, Athens Scuba Park, Blue Hole in Santa Rosa, N.M. and San Carlos, Mexico. For more information, call Briley at 570-8761, Roger at 689-6688 or Mark at 683-9127...

Soccer...

The **Midland Soccer Association Adult Registration** is going on through March 21. The fee is $44 and can be paid from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1909 W. Wall, Suite N. For further information, call 528-2890 and leave a message or call MSA at 684-5425...

Cheerleading...

A **cheerleading clinic** sponsored by the Midland High Cheerleaders with criteria established by the Greater Midland Football League will be conducted at the MHS gym from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. March 1-2. Prices, which include both sessions, are $25 for early registration and $35 at the door. It is open to students in the third through fifth grades and will prepare them for GMFL cheerleading tryouts. Call 685-3438 for more information...

ODU romps; Georgia tops Arkansas

Associated Press

■ Top 25 Women

FAIRFAX, Va. — Nyree Roberts scored a career-high 38 points and No. 2 Old Dominion forced 37 turnovers, completing another regular season of dominance in the Colonial Athletic Association by beating George Mason 102-46 Sunday. Roberts was 15-for-23 and grabbed 10 rebounds as the Lady Monarchs (26-1, 16-0) won their 25th straight game.

No. 5 Georgia 79,
No. 20 Arkansas 63

ATHENS, Ga. — Tracy Henderson scored 24 points and blocked four shots and Georgia pulled away from a halftime tie to beat Arkansas to clinch the Southeastern Conference regular-season title. The Lady Razorbacks (17-9, 5-7) led 27-21 with 2:27 left in the first half on a 3-pointer by Sytia Messer. Georgia (22-4, 11-1) went on a 9-3 run, tying the score in the final second.

No. 4 North Carolina 70,
No. 11 Virginia 65

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Chanel Wright scored 22 points and Tracy Reid had 19 as North Carolina beat Virginia. Jessica Gaspar added 13 points to help North Carolina (24-2, 15-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) finish its regular season undefeated at home. The Tar Heels head to Charlotte as the No. 1 seed in this week's ACC tournament. Virginia (20-6, 12-4) was led by Tiffany Bowers' 21 points.

No. 6 Alabama 70,
No. 15 Vanderbilt 60

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Shalonda Enis had 28 points, 11 rebounds and four steals and Alabama beat Vanderbilt. Enis finished 11-for-12 on the free throw line and the Crimson Tide (22-5, 10-2 Southeastern Conference) outscored Vanderbilt 20-7 from there. The Tide led 35-27 at halftime after trailing by as many as seven points in the first half. Vanderbilt (17-9, 6-6) led 15-8 before the Tide went on a 9-0 run midway through the first half and Alabama never trailed again.

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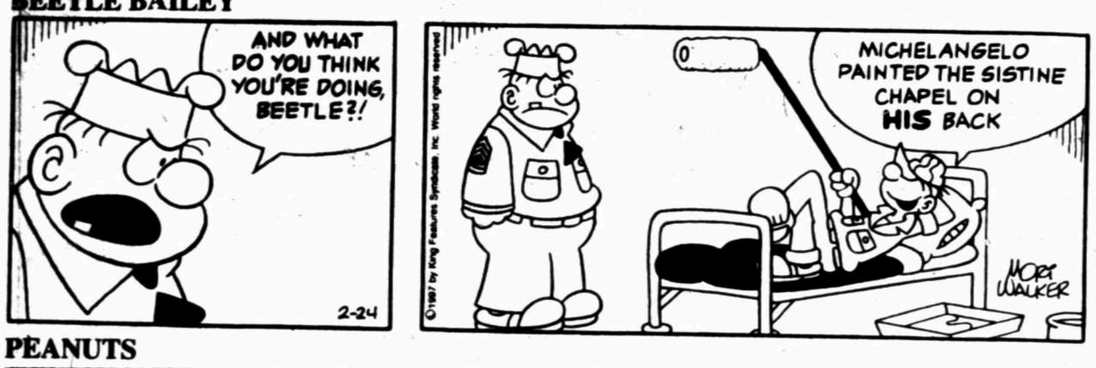


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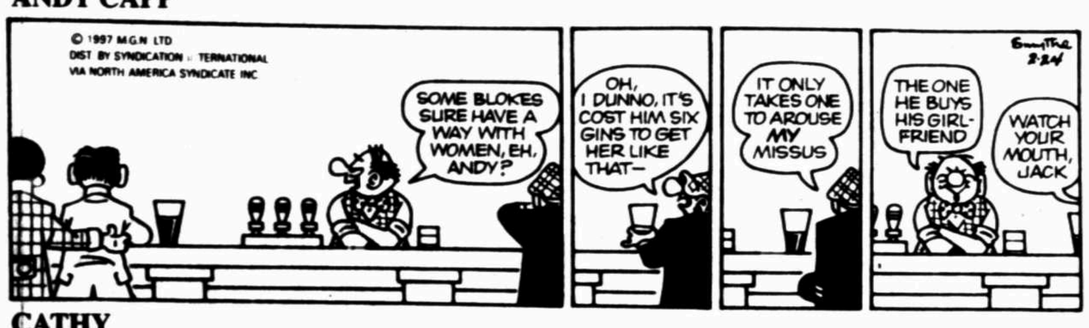
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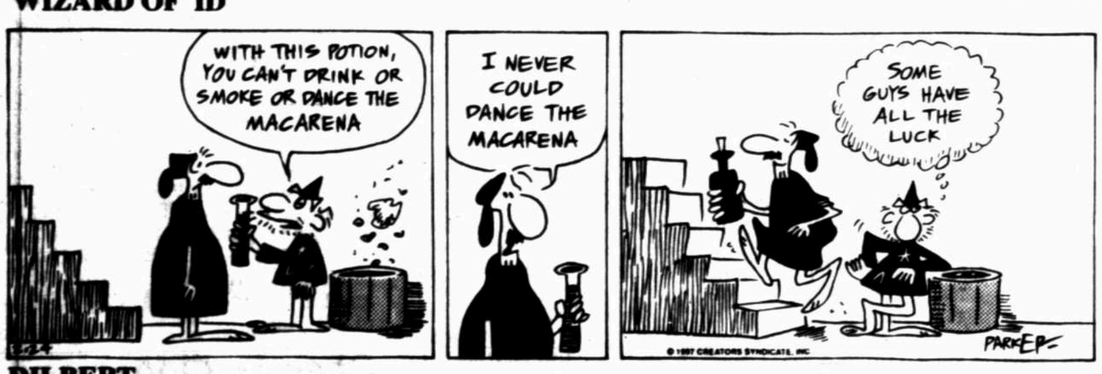
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Know your worth and set high goals for yourself. Career progress will gain momentum as 1997 unfolds. An all-out communications effort will produce a business boom in midsummer. Joining forces with a talented colleague sends profits soaring. Marriage enjoys especially favorable influences next fall. Give some thought to moving to a new home. A change of lifestyle could benefit every member of the family! Reveal your sentimental side to friends.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: "CBS This Morning" reporter Paula Zahn, auto racer Alain Prost, actor Edward James Olmos, soprano Renata Scotto.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Socializing should wait while you focus on work assignments. An elusive goal moves within reach. Authority figures are pleased by your willingness to be a team player.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Working on your own will bring special rewards this week. A secret money deal could net you big bucks; however, seek an expert's advice before proceeding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Use credit cards sparingly to avoid high interest charges. Your ability to get people to do you favors puts you ahead of the competition. Be wary of a rival's tactics.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Refuse to let a lack of progress stifle your enthusiasm. Success beckons! Although a friend removes an obstacle, there are strings attached. Think twice about going it alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Repaying a debt will improve your credit. Be patient when renegotiating a contract. Seek legal advice if the fine print is confusing. The skies are clear to invest in a renovation project. Postpone romance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You gain an advantage by working solo or behind the scenes. Let your ESP guide you through rough waters. Discovering previously hidden assets works in your favor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A unique business opportunity puts a positive spin on your financial situation. Your responsibilities double, but so do the benefits. Others are relying on your leadership in critical matters.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Teamwork is possible thanks to your practical ideas and sound solutions. It pays to stay in the mainstream of activity at work. An unexpected visit or phone call could reignite an old romance. Go slow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Curb a tendency to be overly emotional today. Quarreling could upset your apple cart. Resist people who demand you take sides. Spending time alone keeps you centered.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are ready to explore new territory in your professional and social relationships. Engage in lively conversations. Your dynamic manner acts as a magnet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do not allow impatience to mar this otherwise excellent day. Compromise is your strongest ally. Go ahead and mix business with pleasure this evening.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Heed your instincts. A new business plan needs fine tuning. Recycling a past project will let you make new profits. An older person is willing to be your mentor.

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q. 1 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠A J 10 5 ♡Q ◇A K 10 ♣A 9 8 3 2

Your right-hand opponent opens one diamond. What action do you take?

A - You probably have the best hand at the table but no convenient bid — every action is flawed. However, should you pass now it will be difficult to catch up later. Despite the singleton heart, our first choice would be to overcall one no trump. A takeout double would be a distant fourth, behind an overcall in either black suit.

Q. 2 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A J 8 ♡A 10 2 ◇K J 10 2 ♣A Q 8

After three passes what do you open?

A - Your opening bid would be the same in any seat. Your hand is too strong for one no trump yet not good enough for two no trump. The way to describe it is to open one diamond and then jump in no trump at your next turn.

Q. 3 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠J 8 7 5 2 ♡K ◇4 ♣A K Q J 8 5

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A - There is no reason why you should not continue to describe your black two-suiter. Bid three spades to see how the auction develops. Should partner persevere with three no trump, you will have to decide whether or not to rebid your spades. That is the real problem.

Q. 4 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠J 4 ♡A 10 7 5 ◇A K Q J 9 2 ♣6

Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

A - With a solid six-card suit and an outside ace, your hand meets the requirements for a jump shift to three diamonds in modern methods. Since the final contract may belong in a major, however, why consume space you might need to explore? Settle for a quiet two-diamond response.

Q. 5 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠5 ♡K ◇A K J 5 4 ♣A K Q J 10 9

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1♡	Pass
2◇	Pass	3♣	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A - This is almost the perfect hand for Blackwood because the diamond suit is of no great concern. Place the final contract depending on partner's response to the asked for aces. If partner shows no ace, five clubs should be fine. With one ace, bid the small slam. And opposite two aces, shoot the moon!

Q. 6 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠J 6 3 ♡Q 10 2 ◇A 9 8 7 4 ♣7 6

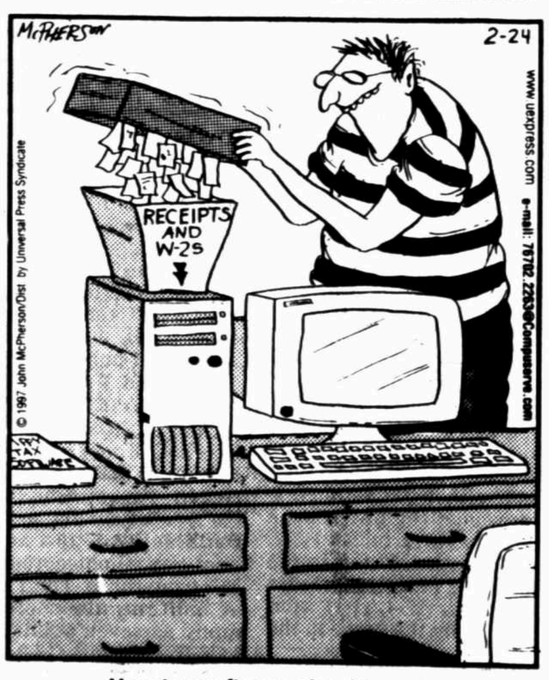
The bidding has proceeded:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	Dbl	1♠	?

What action do you take?

A - Although partner's double stresses the major suits, you have a reasonable five-card minor and a smattering of points. We would not let East's bid deter us from showing our suit. Bid two diamonds.

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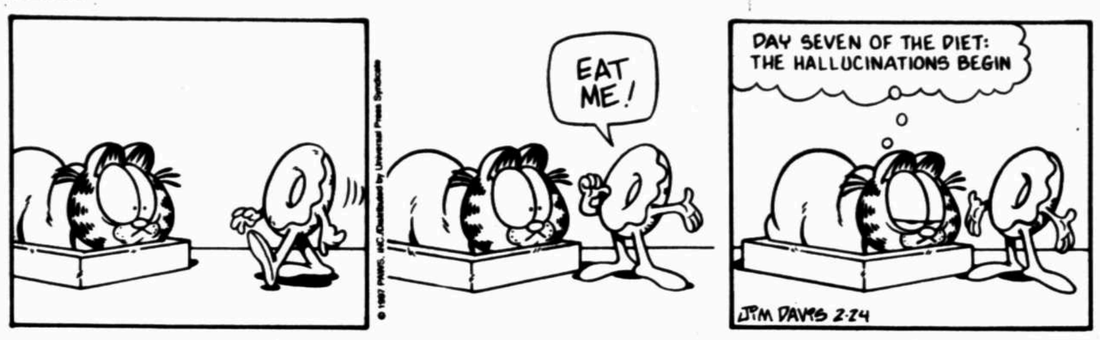


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PEOPLE

Bill Cosby says he does not want rerun of O.J. murder investigation

NEW YORK — **Bill Cosby** doesn't want a rerun of the O.J. Simpson murder investigation and trial when his son's killer is caught.

"I want it laid out," Cosby says of evidence collected in the death of his son, Ennis Cosby, 27, shot to death Jan. 16 while changing a tire just off a freeway in Los Angeles. There have been no arrests.

"I don't want it to be, 'Well, they took the blood and dropped the sock,'" Cosby says in an unaired segment of his interview with CBS News anchorman Dan Rather, which is described in TV Guide's latest issue.



Cosby expressed concerns about how police handle son's murder investigaiton.

Cosby says he wants the evidence so airtight that "Johnnie Cochran or anybody else" who defends the accused won't have a prayer of acquittal.

He also said he wants any defense lawyer who takes the case to be so sure of his client's innocence that if he loses the case, the lawyer would be willing to take the same punishment as the accused.

In describing Ennis' funeral, Cosby said the family planted a pine tree in his memory and told Ennis during the ceremony that they planned to light the tree every Christmas and on family birthdays.

The funeral celebrated his son's sense of humor, Cosby said.

"We walked back up the hill we had walked down (to the grave), and I turned to my brother, Russell, and I said, 'Don't you feel very light?' And Russell said, 'Yeah, I feel light, I feel happy.'"

NEW YORK — **John Tesh**, who was scorned for his gushy commentary during Olympic gymnastics competition last summer, has been asked by NBC to return for the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, according to TV Guide.

Tesh, who rose to prominence as co-anchor of the syndicated "Entertainment Tonight" series, said he has no regrets about his work in Atlanta. "But that's just the way I am," he said in the March 1 issue of the magazine.

Tesh, whose career focus is on his work as a pianist and composer, is preparing for the March premiere of "The Avalon Concert" on PBS. His 1995 "Live at Red Rocks" program, broke previous PBS pledge drive records.

GENEVA — **Romania's exiled King Michael**, celebrating the restoration of his Romanian citizenship after nearly 50 years, plans a six-day visit to his homeland later this week.

Michael, 74, and his wife, Anne, who live in the lakeside village of Versoix, near Geneva, will arrive Friday in Bucharest for the largely ceremonial trip, according to a statement issued by his office.

Michael was forced to abdicate in 1947 when the Communists, backed by Soviet troops, seized power. His citizenship was revoked the following year.

Announcing that all those born in Romania had a constitutional right to be Romanian, the government of President Emil Constantinescu on Friday gave Michael back his citizenship.

Tens of thousands of Romanians greeted Michael when he made a brief visit in 1992, although there is little popular support for a return to the monarchy.

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Nine months after overdosing on heroin and cocaine, Depeche Mode lead singer **David Gahan** appeared before a judge to report his completing a court-ordered drug rehabilitation program.



Depeche Mode's lead singer completed his court-ordered drug rehabilitation program.

"I'm doing good," Gahan, 34, said Friday after a review hearing. In August, Gahan began treatment at the Exodus House rehabilitation center in Marina del Rey, following his arrest in May after the overdose.

Drug charges against him will be dropped if Gahan completes his outpatient program.

Depeche Mode, a British band formed in 1980, is known for such hits as "Just Can't Get Enough" and "Personal Jesus."

BONN, Germany — **Til Schweiger**, one of Germany's hottest movie stars, is reportedly going to make his Hollywood debut with a small role in a film starring Academy Award winner Mira Sorvino.

Schweiger, 33, says he will have "just a walk-on part" in "The Replacement Killers," to be produced by John Woo, Focus magazine said Sunday.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

MONDAY EVENING — February 24, 1997 — For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	O	C	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMID	2	3	News 521	Wheel of Fortune	Happy Birthday Elizabeth: A Celebration of Life 96279				Freeloaders With John Stossel 9873		News 46299	Cheers 25618	Nightline 4144	Politically Incorrect
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement 28973	Matrosa Place: Frames 'R' Us 28973		Married ... Children	Married ... Children	Tarzan: The Epic Adventures 24057		Mad About You	In the Heat of the Night 493144		Martin 59415
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 2453	Entertain. Tonight	Cosby 7892	Ink 9989	Murphy Brown	Cybill 2347	Late Show With Letterman Video Special !!!		News 8292521	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Married Children
(9) KWES	9	9	News 5589	Seinfeld 9521	Lance Burton, Master Magician: Encounter						News 7561144	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	The Light of the Southwest 990347		Setsulow		Benny Hinn 22637		Praise the Lord 26724				Sch'bach	Pensanti
(15) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 649182		Going Places: Tuscany 190231		The American Experience: The Donner Party 97279		Gronk: In Progress		Adventure, Journey	To Be Announced 327818		
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(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	BZZZ! 127231	Savannah: Oh No, Mr. Bill! Don't 562163				News 688927		Wiseguy: All or Nothing 656786		In the Heat of the Night 558347	
(11) WTBS		11	Golf: Senior Slam at Los Cabos, Day One 961434								Fatal Exposure (PG-13, '91) ★★ Diane Wiesinghen, Nick Mancuso 278648			
(16) BRAV		18	Music for the Movies						South Bank Show		Indochine (PG-13, '92) ★★★ 169736			
(20) BET		20	Hit List 728144		Planet Groove 112980				Comicview 208705		Talk	Benson	Rap City 674144	
(21) DISN		21	Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella						Boyz II Men: Going Home (8:50) 23191983		Simple Justice ('98) ★★★ (Peter Francis James, James Avery) 7261388			
(23) FAM		23	The Waltons: The Career Girl 449144		Highway to Heaven 466883		Rescue 911 191291		The 700 Club 553637		Carson's Comedy	Carson's Comedy	The Three Stooges	The Three Stooges
(35) CNN		35	Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Burden	Larry King Live 307586		The World Today		Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Showbiz
(36) ESPN		36	SportsCenter (6:30)	College Basketball: Syracuse at Providence 190892			College Basketball: Kansas at Oklahoma 826705					SportsCenter	College Basketball: Utah at Rice 535076	
(37) USA		37	Highlander: Run for Your Life 809502		WWF Monday Night RAW 362279				La Femme Nikita: Treason 372873		Wings 198908	Wings 174328	Silk Stalkings: In Too Deep 341163	
(38) FX		38	Mission: Impossible		A-Team 5731973		Miami Vice 8050883		In Color	In Color	Picket Fences 1400304		Miami Vice 7447892	
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(16) TNN		16	Dukes of Hazzard		Today's Country		Prime Time Country		Monday Night Concerts		Dallas 969892		Dukes of Hazzard	
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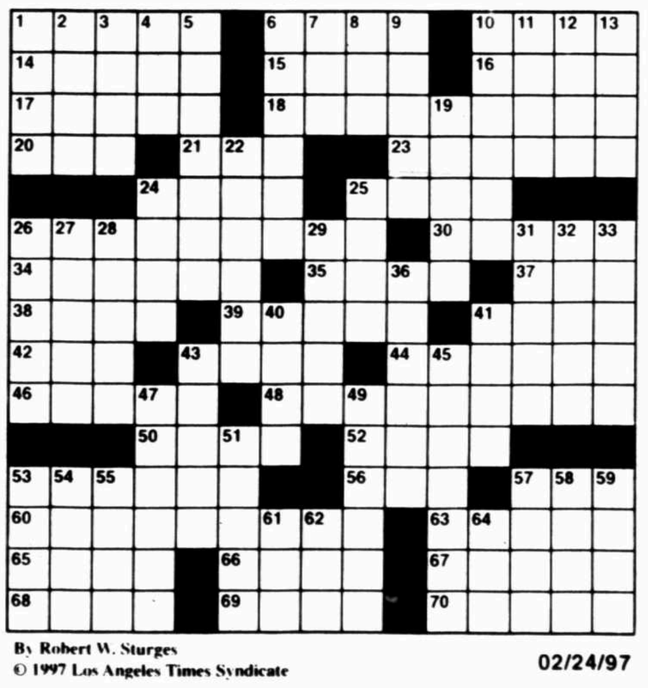
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Sluman ends drought

■ 1988 PGA Champion takes one-stroke victory over Steve Jones.

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Jeff Sluman, whose only previous title came in the 1988 PGA Championship, ended his long drought when he held on for a one-stroke victory Sunday in the Tucson Chrysler Classic.

■ Golf Roundup

Sluman broke out of a tie with Steve Jones by sinking a 2-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole. But Sluman bogeyed No. 18, finishing the final round with a 7-under-par 65 and the tournament at 13-under 275. Then Sluman, who had placed second eight times in 241 tournaments since his breakthrough in a major event, had to wait for the Jones to play out.

Jones' approach shot bounced 50 feet over the green, and he skulled his attempt to pitch back to within par distance. When he two-putted from about 45 feet for a bogey, the tension etched on Sluman's face dissolved into a grin.

The victory earned him $234,000 and gave him $238,104 in four starts this season. Sluman missed the cut at Phoenix, in a tournament won by Jones; and Hawaii, where Paul Stankowski prevailed; and was 62nd at Pebble Beach.

Jones was alone at 276, and Brad Bryant and Stankowski were another shot back. Bryant, the leader after three rounds, also bogeyed No. 18, a 465-yard par-4 with the flag tucked between two bunkers on the extreme left side of the green.

Tom Kite, Don Pooley, Clarence Rose, Jeff Maggert and 1992 Tucson champion Lee Janzen were grouped at 278. The trio at 279 included two other winners of this tournament — Andrew Magee (1994) and Mike Reid (1987) — and Jerry Kelly.

Phil Mickelson, who won here in 1991, 1995 and last year, was at 280, along with Kirk Triplett, Len Mattiace and Scott Gump.

Mattiace finished with a 64, the best round of the event, and Gump, who started on the back nine, had a 65 on the strength of a 7-under 29 after the turn. His performance on the front nine included a four-birdie, one-eagle series on the first through fifth holes — the longest such streak on the tour this year — a bogey and his second eagle of the round on No. 8.

American Express Invitational

SARASOTA, Fla. — Bud Allin two-putted from 60 feet on the 18th hole to win the American Express Invitational by one stroke over Jim Colbert, his first victory in three years on the Senior PGA Tour.

Allin, who got into the tournament only when Gibby Gilbert withdrew five minutes before the deadline to enter, shot a 3-under-par 69 at the TPC at Prestancia and finished the 54-hole event at 11-under 205. Colbert was alone in second after closing with a 67. Bruce Summerhays, Jim Albus and Mike Hill tied for third at 8-under 208.

Before going into the final round with a three-shot lead, Allin admitted he was traveling new territory.

The former U.S. Army artillery officer who earned the Bronze Star and Air Medal, returned from Vietnam to claim five career PGA Tour victories. But a 14-year break from golf before he joined the Senior Tour had left Allin, 52, looking for his old game and grit.

"To create confidence, you have to get in a routine of winning or being near the top," he had said. "I have no confidence."

That changed Sunday.

South African PGA

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Nick Price of Zimbabwe parred the first playoff hole to defeat David Frost of South Africa.

Price started the final round five shots behind Frost but shot a 6-under-par 66, including an eagle and two birdies on three par-five holes, to finish the regulation 72 holes at 19-under 269.



AP Laserphoto

Jeff Sluman drives from the 16th tee on his way to winning the Tucson Chrysler Classic.

Frost had a roller-coaster round in which he blew a three-shot lead at the start of play, then rallied to tie Price on the final hole by sinking a 12-foot birdie putt for a final round 71. But Frost left his approach shot on the playoff hole short to the right and missed an eight-foot putt for par, while Price sank a tap-in for par to claim the victory and the top prize of $80,190.

Chang finally wins title at place of 1988 debut

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Michael Chang finally removed his mental asterisk Sunday from the St. Jude Classic.

This was where he debuted as a pro in 1988 thanks to a wild card given to him as a 15-year-old player. He has repaid that courtesy by coming back each of the past 10 years.

Although he played well through those years, he never had reached the final until Sunday. He didn't waste his opportunity, beating Todd Woodbridge 6-3, 6-4 in 1 hour, 39 minutes, for his first title this year, 27th overall.

"It feels great," Chang said. "It feels great to be just playing on Sunday. It's a new feeling for me here in Memphis, and, it's wonderful to be able to break through and finally win."

Chang will move up one place in the rankings Monday to No. 3 with the 260 points he earned along with the $120,000 winner's check.

He won his first match during that first trip to Memphis, beating Rick Leach. He lost in the second round in three sets and spent the next few hours cramping because he forgot to drink water during the match.

IGA Tennis Classic

OKLAHOMA CITY — Top-seeded Lindsay Davenport defeated her occasional doubles partner Lisa Raymond in straight sets.

■ Tennis Roundup

The 6-4, 6-2 victory was the eighth of Davenport's career and her first since winning at Los Angeles in August.

Leading 2-1 in the first set, Davenport converted on her sole break point opportunity of the set to take a 3-1 lead. Her three remaining service games went to deuce, but she was able to hold serve each time.

In the second set, Raymond started making more unforced errors and Davenport closed out the set in just 28 minutes.

European Community Champ.

ANTWERP, Belgium — Marc Rosset, booming serves that reached 126 mph, won a tournament for the first time in more than a year by beating Tim Henman 6-2, 7-5, 6-4 to capture the ECC.

Rosset is ranked 23rd in the world and the victory will send him into the Top 20. Last year was the first since 1992 the Swiss star finished outside the Top 20.

Faber Grand Prix

HANOVER, Germany — Iva Majoli of Croatia won this tournament for the second straight year, battling back from match point to defeat top-seeded Jana Novotna of the Czech Republic 4-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-4.

Majoli, seeded third, wore down Novotna with a powerful baseline game in earning her fifth WTA tour victory. Her last win was in this tournament last year.

Gatti-Patterson II better than the original

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Their first match was considered by many the fight of the year for 1995. The rematch Saturday was even better.

■ Boxing

IBF junior lightweight champion Arturo Gatti scored a unanimous 12-round decision over Tracy Patterson in a replay of the Dec. 15, 1995 thriller in which Gatti took the title.

"I think I've proved a few times that I do deserve to be the world champion," Gatti said. "Tonight showed I'm a true champion and I do belong in the top five of the junior lightweights in the world."

But he acknowledged he may have to alter his wide-swinging, lead-with-the-chin approach.

"I don't think it's very healthy to be an action fighter," he said.

Gatti, 24, of Jersey City, N.J., boosted his record to 27-1 while Patterson, 32, of New Paltz, N.Y., dropped to 57-5-1 and faced an uncertain future.

Patterson, however, did have his moments. In the first round, Gatti fell to one knee after a barrage of punches, the last hitting him at the belt. Referee Rudy Battle ruled a low blow, though replays showed it wasn't and Gatti said it was right at the belt.

"I guess the ref forgot to wear his eyeglasses," said Patterson, who called the punch a legitimate body shot.

Patterson, who defended himself well but was outpunched by a 3-to-1 margin, said he could barely see because he forgot to take his sinus medication before the fight and was left with blurred vision.

He rallied in the sixth, standing Gatti up with a right to the head and following with a flurry of punches. It appeared then that Patterson was in command.

"In the sixth, I kind of stalled," Gatti said. "I got stuck for a little while. I got out of my game plan."

He regained control in the seventh and never relinquished it, to the delight of his home-state fans, whose cheers of "Gat-ti! Gat-ti!" reverberated through the Convention Hall ballroom.

He lost a point for a low blow in the eighth and then scored a knockdown in the ninth when Patterson missed on a lunging right and fell to the canvas. Battle ruled it a knockdown.

Judge Robert Exton had Gatti 118-108, George Hill scored it 117-109 and David McCullough gave the fight to Gatti by a 116-110 score.

On the undercard, in another junior lightweight bout, WBU champion Angel Manfredy survived a 10-round knockdown to score a unanimous decision over Wilson Rodriguez.

Manfredy (20-2-1) was rocked with a right hand and then downed with a left, but he shook it off and opened a cut over Rodriguez's right eye later in the round to get out of trouble.

Rodriguez, who gave Gatti all he could handle in a March 1996 bout, dropped to 44-9-3.

Nebraska sweeps Big 12 track championships

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The question was one of balance. And Texas women's track and field coach Beverly Kearney was quick to take exception to the suggestion that her team might lack that attribute.

"It's always been my philosophy to have a well-rounded team," Kearney said after the Longhorn women finished second to Nebraska in the first Big 12 Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships.

But the team's performance during the Big 12 meet this weekend showed otherwise.

The Texas women swept the sprints, as they had done in winning the final Southwest Conference indoor meet a year ago. Sabrina Kelly won the 55-meter dash. Nanceen Perry won the 200 meters. Toya Brown won the 400 meters. Dana Riley won the 800 meters and Suziann Reid won the 600-yard dash, an event not included in the SWC meet. The Longhorns scored 104 of their 132 1/3 points in those five running events plus the 55-meter hurdles and the 4 x 400-meter relay, which they easily won. But they couldn't quite keep up on the scoreboard with the Nebraska women, who scored points in every event.

"Balance is great if you have enough quality points up front," Husker coach Gary Pepin said.

The Nebraska women had four individual winners during the two days of competition: Tressa Thompson in the shot put, Angee Henry in the long jump, Janet Blomstedt in the pentathlon and Sherri Macfee in the 1,000 meters. Macfee was the only one to win on Saturday. Texas began the second day in third place, trailing Nebraska 80 1/2 points to 22 1/3 points. Because of the deficit, "some of our people tried to compensate too hard," said Kearney.

The Longhorn women also had their share of mishaps on Saturday. Angie Vaughn, ranked nationally in the 55-meter hurdles, hit a hurdle in the finals and finished fifth. Later, she was disqualified for running out of her lane after finishing sixth in the 200 meters.

Donna Howard, the national leader in the 400-meter dash, finished eighth in the finals after her stride was disrupted when a pole vault pole landed on the track in front of her during the race. Texas could have lost as many as 17 points because of the mishaps.

Kearney said her team couldn't compensate for lost points in other events, such as the distance races and the pentathlon, because many of the athletes she has recruited to compete in them are freshmen. "So when you have that situation coming into the Big 12 meet, you're not going to be prepared."

Nebraska also won the men's championship, with 132 points. Iowa State was second, with 102 points, and Colorado was third with 98 points.

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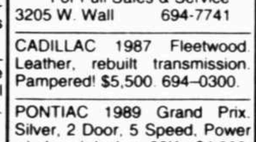
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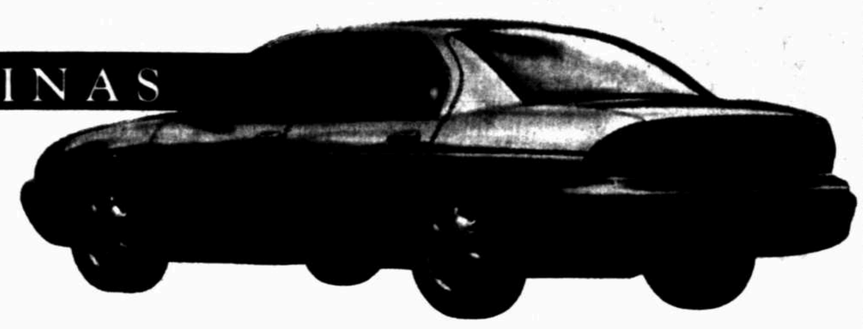
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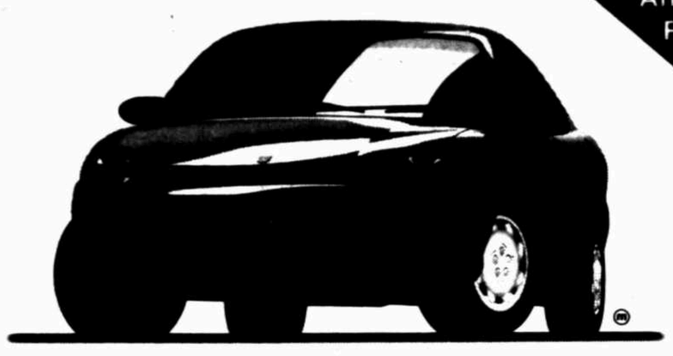
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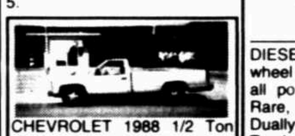
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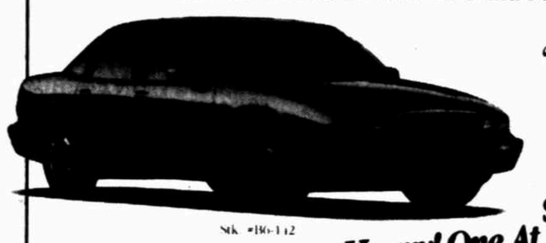
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1995 CHAMPION 202 DCX Bass Boat with 200 HP Mariner ESI with Lawrance electronics. Also, 65 lb. Beast trolling motor. Also, ski tow bar and ladder. Must sell! (915)523-5641.

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305 Job Services

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We are a leading supplier of electrical submersible pumping systems experiencing worldwide growth and have an opening for an Inventory Analyst in our Midland, TX location. Qualified candidates must have knowledge and experience to quickly identify inventory requirements in a formal planning system. Must be well versed in MRP, DRP and order points. Be very familiar with forecasting, planning, and ordering of inventory in a multi-million dollar environment. Be proactive and possess good communication and human relation skills. Candidate must effectively function as a team player. The qualified candidate will be key in the guidance, motivation, training and development of personnel in customer service, inventory and production control, as well as interface with management. Minimum 5 years experience required.

We offer an attractive benefits and pay package.

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Midland, TX 79703
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FINA

Fina Oil and Chemical Company, a Fortune 500 Energy corporation is currently recruiting to fill two engineering vacancies for our West Texas oil and gas operation.

The position of **Development Engineer** would be located in our North Houston office. The successful applicant will be responsible for the design and implementation of all phases of development plans for our West Texas properties. Primary duties include waterflood and EOR project evaluation and management, economics and reserve evaluation and exploration support.

The position of **Operations Engineer** would be located in our Midland office. The successful applicant will be are responsible for the design and implementation of all phases of well operations, including drilling, completions, workover, production and performance monitoring. In addition this individual would be responsible for the engineering design, installation, operation, and improvement of all lease and well facilities. This includes artificial lift, separation, water and CO2 injection and gas compression equipment.

The key qualifications are identified below for each position:

DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER - HOUSTON

- B.S. Degree in Engineering (Petroleum preferred)
- Minimum of 5 years of experience with a concentration in Reservoir Engineering
- Experience with San Andres and Clearfork reservoirs
- Proven problem solver and analytical thinker
- Excellent computer skills (MS Office, economics, analytical and database applications)
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Results oriented team player
- Additional experience with CO2 flooding, facilities and hydraulic fracturing a plus

OPERATIONS ENGINEER - MIDLAND

- B.S. Degree in Engineering (Petroleum preferred)
- Minimum of 8 years of well rounded experience in Permian Basin Secondary and Tertiary operations
- Proven problem solver and analytical thinker
- Excellent computer skills (MS Office, economics, analytical and database applications)
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills
- Results oriented team player

Fina offers a professional environment with a competitive salary and benefits program. We provide a smoke-free work place and are committed to a drug-free work force. If you meet these qualifications forward confidential resume to: FINA OIL AND CHEMICAL COMPANY, P.O. Box 2990, Midland, TX 79702, Attn: Ms. Debbie Long. Fina is an equal opportunity employer.

Questa Software Systems

Local Oil and Gas Software development firm has the following career opportunities available:

SOFTWARE/CUSTOMER SUPPORT- Telephone support, some travel required. Strong Enertech Oil and Gas Accounting Systems experience highly desireable.

SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER/RECEPTIONIST- Must be self motivated. Strong bookkeeping and good organizational skills required. Enertech Oil and Gas Accounting Systems experience a plus.

Send resumes to:
Questa Software Systems
P.O. Box 50745, Midland, TX 79710
Contact Andrea Petro for interview times at 685-1753.

PROGRAMMER

Independent, growing company seeking aggressive, self-starting person with background or experience in the following areas:

1) Programming in Visual Basic
2) Windows '95 and/or NT
3) Access and/or SQL
4) Client/Server

If you have experience in these areas and want to work in an exciting and challenging environment, please sent your resume to:

Box E-01006
c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram
P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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14 AND OVER
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Students interested in getting out service cards to people you know on Saturdays this winter & spring, report to the Firestone Store, 709 North Big Spring AT 6:30 pm SHARP FRIDAY EVENING FEB. 28th ONLY. You will be at the store 30 minutes. Paid Daily. Bring your friends. NO PHONE CALLS. Bring a pencil.

EVERYONE APPLYING WILL BE HIRED

CHILD CARE. Responsible loving Christians are needed to care for young children in the church nursery program at F. P. C. Must be over 18, previous nursery experience a plus. Part time hours, includes primarily Sunday mornings, also weekdays and evenings. Contact First Presbyterian Church (915)684-7821.

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DOZER/ MAINTAINER Operators- oil field experienced. Please call H & M Dirt Contractors Inc. in Post, Texas (806)495-3293, ask for Jack or Mike.

HALLIBURTON

COIL TUBING OPERATOR

Halliburton Energy Services, a major oil and gas service company, has an immediate opening for an experienced coil tubing operator to be located in Odessa, Texas. We currently seek a safety oriented person to operate coil tubing equipment and execute on site coil tubing services for our customers in the Permian Basin area. We offer strong growth potential, a challenging work environment, comprehensive benefits package and competitive salaries. The duties and skills include the following:

- Operate 30K and 60K Coil Tubing units
- Understand and exhibit customer service work ethic
- Work in a team environment with other experienced coil tubing operators
- Have 2 - 5 years experience in coil/reel tubing operations and services.
- Prepare and present on-site invoicing and paper work to customer.
- Have the understanding to interpret and enforce processes associated with job procedures, safety, and job improvement.

This position requires a self motivated leader with good verbal communication skills, good organizational skills and good leadership skills. Salary will be based on experience.

Halliburton Energy Services is an Equal Opportunity Employer, M,F,D,V. We support a drug free workplace through pre-employment chemical testing.

All resumes and salary requirements must be received no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 5, 1997.

Resumes may be sent in confidence to:

HALLIBURTON ENERGY SERVICES
HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
4000 N. BIG SPRING, SUITE 200
MIDLAND, TX 79705

316 Sales Help Wanted

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310 General Help Wanted

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HAIRSTYLIST- PRO SNIPS has immediate openings for hairstylist. Apply in person 1000 N. Midkiff.

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CAREGIVER

Kinder Care Learning Center now accepting applications for experienced caregivers. Apply in person Monday- Friday 9 am- Noon, 4303 W. Illinois.

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LABORERS
Earn up to $500 Weekly

Long Distance Phone Co. is seeking people to service store front promotional box route.

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LINEN ROUTE Salesperson. needed. Good driving record required. Honest, dependable. Apply in person only. Snowwhite Laundry & Cleaners, 303 S. Terrell.

LIVE- IN NANNY/ housekeeper needed. Spanish okay. $150 + room and board per week. 699-0150.

MAINTENANCE PERSON needed. Apply at 602 N. Baird, Suite 200.

MAINTENANCE POSITION Available. The Colorado River Municipal Water District has an immediate opening for a maintenance worker in our Martin County Crew based at our Martin County Pump Station located on FM 1212 approximately fourteen (14) miles West Northwest of Stanton. Company benefits include paid vacation, sick leave, retirement plan, group insurance, and paid holidays. The District is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are available at the District's office located at 400 East 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas, or call (915)267-6341.

MAKE READY- Saddle Club Apartments is seeking a full-time make ready technician. Excellent benefits and growth opportunity. E. E. O. C. Employer. Apply in person at 5101 North A Street.

OIL FIELD- Technical Service Representative. Need experienced full time Tech Service Representative to work in lab in oil field services. Position will consist of field surveys with oil field related lab assignments. Must be computer literate. Please send resumes and salary requirements to Box T-05009, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

310 General Help Wanted

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We offer excellent training with responsibility. ASST. STORE MANAGER opportunity. Enjoy the fun of cookies!

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RESTAURANT MANAGER TRAINEE- $22K - $30K

$50K + in 2 + years.
Texas Positions:

1-903-463-9690

RESTAURANT- Gili's is now accepting applications for Waitstaff, Bartender and Drive-Through Personnel. Apply at 4411 W. Illinois.

RESTAURANT- Midland Country Club now taking applications: experienced fine dining wait servers and bus staff. Applications Tuesday-Thursday 2- 4 pm only. No calls please. 6101 North Highway 349, Midland.

RESTAURANT- Now accepting applications for all positions. Apply at Luby's Cafeteria between 8- 10 am only.

SALON. Lease station available Classic Hair Designs. 697-8900 ask for Terri Moss.

Sonja Kay Doss

SPA TECHNICIAN/ Maintenance/ Delivery. Must have pickup, hand tools, electrical and plumbing knowledge, clean driving record and auto insurance. Drug testing required. Apply in person: Morgan Buildings & Spas, 12000 W. Hwy. 80 E., 1/4 mile east of Water Wonderland.

TEACHERS- First Presbyterian Church Child Development Center seeks part- time teacher and teacher assistant. 683-0851.

WAREHOUSE PERSON. Partech seeks honest and hardworking individual for warehouse position. Knowledgeable of shipping and receiving operations. Forklift experience. Class "A" Commercial drivers license required. Apply at Partech, 4501 S. County Rd. 1310, Odessa, Texas 79765

310 General Help Wanted

DRIVER- LOCAL FUEL And Lubricants distributor is in need of a full- time driver. Responsibilities include deliveries and warehouse duties. Must have a CDL with all endorsements.

11501 Co. Rd. 125 West
Midland, TX
563-0848

DRIVER/ MERCHANDISER- National magazine & book division has opening for full time in the area. $385 Per week. Fax resume (915)592-9116 or call (915)592-9190.

DRIVERS- Staying busy! Line haul, flatbed. Benefits available, guaranteed earnings. (800) - 749-1181, 563-0464.

FULL TIME assistant maintenance tech needed for fast paced apt. community. Must be a team player, goal oriented, flexible and energetic. Pre- employment Drug and Background Screening. E. O. E. Apply in person at Windtree Apts. 3500 W. Loop 250 N.

GENERAL

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No experience necessary for these long-term jobs. Dedicated, hard workers can earn good pay. Never an applicant fee. Call or stop by between 12-4 this Sunday only or 8-5 Monday through Friday. Kelly Services, 689-0801, 6 Desta Drive, Suite 1260, ClayDesta Plaza.
An equal opportunity employer.

311 Medical Help Wanted

RN- Full or Part time needed for small home health company. Must have home health experience and be willing to work as a team player. Call 915-756-3259 or send a resume to Martin County Home Health, P.O. Box 1530, Stanton, TX 79782.

CERTIFIED NURSING Assistant- must be certified in the state of Texas. Good benefits. Make application to Manor Park, 2208 N. Loop 250 W., Midland, TX 79707 Attention: Donna Parker. EOE M/F

EMT'S- part time. Mitchell County Emergency Medical Service is accepting applications for 911 emergency service. For more information call (915) 728-3431 extension 351.

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John Stuard

Laura Edge

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PHLEBOTOMIST needed with experience or certification. Full and Part time, some travel within the Permian Basin. (915)520-2195.

PHYSICAL THERAPY Technician- full time position. Bilingual abilities, lifting required. Experienced-professional person with ability to learn new skills and work directly with patient population. Respond at Midland Physical Therapy, 301 Dodson.

THERAPISTS- PT, OT, ST needed for SNF in the Midland/ Odessa area, salary range 55-65K DOE. Fax resume to 702-849-1290 or call 800-869-0869.

312 Professional Help Wanted

OIL FIELD- SMALL aggressive independent is looking for Exploration Geologist. Must have West Texas and Southeast New Mexico experience. Must be a self starter, imaginative and familiar with Paragon or Geographics format. We offer a competitive salary, health insurance, ORRI and/ or a participation. Please send resume to: P. O. Box 2086, Midland, TX 79702.

OIL & GAS- Successful, growing, independent has an opening for an Oil & Gas Production Foreman. 15 Years experience; at least 5 years in supervisory position. Major and independent background in production, some drilling and completions. Attractive salary and benefit package. Send replies ion confidence to Box A-32, c/o Midland Reporter Telegram, PO Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

FINANCIAL MANAGER for small, growth oriented, independent oil and gas producer, Wichita, Kansas. Will have firsthand responsibility for financial reporting, gas processing and plant sales, taxes, insurance and employee benefits. Must be proficient in the utilization of computer accounting systems including supervision of JIB, revenue distribution, gas balancing and marketing. Work directly with CEO on corporate finance, budgets and economic forecasting. Send resume to Box T-05011, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

FURNITURE/ DECORATOR SALES

Career opportunity in interior design and sales. If you have excellent taste and sense of style, outstanding communications and selling skills, opportunities exist now to represent one of the nations finest home furnishings gallery in this area. Call Phillips Interiors at (915)335-0900 or 563-1776 for an appointment.

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GEOLOGIST

Aggressive independent oil and gas company has immediate opening for experienced Exploration/Development Geologist in its Denver office with the following qualifications:
•8+ years industry experience, some experience with major oil company preferred (not required)
•5+ years Rocky Mountain experience
•Prospect generator.

Fax or mail resume with salary requirements to:

BTA Oil Producers
555 17th Street, Suite 835
Denver, Colorado 80202
Fax: (303)297-0666
Attn: Anita Gutierrez

Jennifer Fierro

Kathryn Eglin

OIL FIELD SERVICE Company seeking individual for entry level Lab Analyst position. Required: science degree. Excellent medical, dental, and 401K benefits. EOE. Send resume to: Core Laboratories, 2001 Commerce Drive, Midland, TX 79703.

QMRP to develop and ensure implementation of program plan for people with mental retardation. Degree in human service and 1 year experience. Valid Texas drivers license required. Mail resume to: Rockhouse Inc., 2215 North Big Spring, Midland, TX 79701.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

V.I.P. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES- Clerical and Industrial jobs available. Never a fee. Benefits. (915) 686-9722.

CLERICAL- Openings for exp. Oil & Gas office personnel. Call OLSTEN today, 683-5677.

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LAND ASSISTANT- Small independent oil and gas company is looking for a land assistant with experience in secretarial work and handling of all phases of land operations. Send resumes to: LAND DEPARTMENT, P.O. BOX 2840, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79702. All resumes will held in confidence.

LEGAL SECRETARY

Position available for secretary in a small law firm who has knowledge of WordPerfect 6.1, general bookkeeping, land work, probate and corporate law. If you are interested in this position and its benefits, please send your resume, along with salary history to:

Box T-05005,
c/o Midland Reporter
P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702

Michael Hochman

ROYALTY/ PAYROLL Clerk needed (experienced only), for independent oil operator and rancher. In addition, will assist with various other bookkeeping and administrative functions. Experience with Automated Financial Services computer software a plus. Strictly non-smoking environment. Please forward replies to: Box T-5006, C./O The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

SECRETARY needed for small non- smoking company who has an accurate typing speed of 75- 80 wpm, transcription, phones, filing, and light bookkeeping. Would prefer a candidate who is familiar with oil and gas leases, title opinions, land work, corporate and legal documents. Please send resume to Box T-05007, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

SECRETARY- COMPUTER OPERATOR

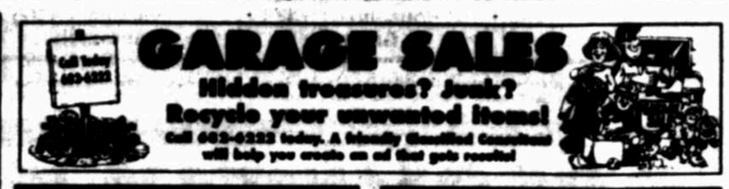
Immediate opening for dependable individual with secretarial and organizational skills. Must be proficient with Word and Excel. Job will require extensive computer use. Excellent benefits and salary DOE. Send Resume and Salary Requirements to: P.O. Box 3579, Midland, TX 79702.

316 Sales Help Wanted

SALES REPRESENTATIVE
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GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE $20

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★ ■/♥ Stand Out Emblem
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Bob Hards

Sara Pulido

316 Sales Help Wanted

INSURANCE. Career opportunity as a local representative for one of the nations largest insurance companies. No previous experience necessary, complete training program, earn while you learn. Benefits package, opportunity for advancement. Call Fred Cosper, American General Life & Accident Insurance Company, (915) 563-1055. Equal Opportunity Employer. M /F /H /V.

SALES- Great Plains Steel in Lubbock has a job opportunity for an outside sales person to travel established territory. Steel service center experience required. Salary and bonuses, car furnished and expenses paid. Full benefit package. Please submit resumes to: P.O. Box 2916, Lubbock, TX 79408.

318 Management Help Wanted

Dreyfus Carter

Virginia Stoner

320 Skilled Trades

MACHINIST WANTED

Experienced engine & VTL operators able to read & work from Blue Print. Good benefits & working condition. Salary DOE. Apply at 11500 W. Hwy 80, Midland, TX 79711

AIR CONDITIONING Technicians, Plumbers, Electricians wanted. Part or full-time. Terms, incenitives, bonuses available. 682--3542.

D.A. Eiband

DOZER & Maintainer Operator needed. Must be experienced. Call (915)682-7548.

FULL TIME Maintenance person. Only AC Certified need apply. No phone calls. Apply in person 3212 W. Wadley.

Jack G. Irion

LICENSED PLUMBER Experienced in commercial and new construction. Apply at Permian Air Conditioning, 311 W. 42nd, Odessa.

MACHINISTS NEEDED

Engine Lathe Operator, CNC Operator (minimum 2 years experience) Must be able to read blue prints, must have own tools. Benefits include: paid vacation, uniforms, holidays and medical insurance. Salary DOE. 686--0405.

PLUMBERS- Roto Rooter is accepting applications for Licensed Plumbers. Apply in person 1410 Carter.

SERVICE TECHNICIAN. Experieced telephone technician with voice mail experience. Call 570-4279.

UTILITY TRAILER Repair Tech needed. Must have at least 3 years experience. Will be doing truck rigups and trailer repairs. Salary depends on experience. Big Tex Sales and Service, 12500 W. I-20 East, Odessa, Texas. Apply in person only.

330 Employment Wanted

9 YEARS EXPERIENCED- A/P, AR, JIB, RD, G/L, Payroll, 401-K. Reply: Box T-05008, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

Trena Simmons

335 Adult Care Needed

Lorrie Jansen

336 Adult Care Providers

HOME HEALTH Aides available to attend your daily needs. Also hospital sitting. We work from 4 to 24 hours. Call 570-4475, ask for Jackie.

MORNING GLORY. State Licensed. The only facility "B" in Midland or Odessa. LICENSED to care for any of your loved ones needs in a Christian home. Call 697--8749 or come by 2705 W. Illinois, Midland.

IS YOUR Loved one getting the care they deserve? If not, call me. I have 3 beds to fill at my private & loving home. Several years experience in caring for the sick & elderly. 3 Home cooked meals & snacks. Transportation to stores, doctors, etc. Comparable rates. 520-7639.

CNA/ PRIVATE CAREGIVER. If you need the best, call Peggy 697-1238 or 682-0940, leave message.

STATE CERTIFIED Nurse Aide /Medication Aide. Will care for your loved ones. Experienced, References.(915)683-4965.

Holly Laing

PRIVATE HOME for elderly care. Couple welcome. Call (915) 523-4690.

340 Child Care Needed

RESPONSIBLE, CARING Person wanted to care for infant in our home on a part-time basis. References required. Call (915)683-3414.

Gustavo G. Salinas

CHILD CARE needed in my home. 3 days per week, references required. Please call 520-8311 or 580-8280.

BABYSITTER wanted for Monday through Friday, until late evenings. Bilingual preferred. (915)689-9916. Beeper 499-6331.

341 Child Care Providers

I WILL WATCH your children in my home, all ages welcome, meals & snacks provided. 7:30 am- 5:30 pm Monday through Friday. 550-4657.

3 OPENINGS. Over 20 years experience. Lunch & snacks provided. Call 687-6414.

Cecilia Maltos

LITTLE PEOPLE'S Home Daycare. Loving home environment., 8 Years experience. Meals provided. Please call 520--4109.

MOTHER OF 2 will care for your children in my home. 0- 12 years. Close to Jane Long. 520-7974.

PRESCHOOL TEACHER/ Child Care Provider- experience preferred. Apply in person between 9 -1, 3220 W. Illinois. Professionalism a must.

Daisy Flores

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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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PUBLIC AUCTION. Every Monday 7 PM. 601 S. Terrell. All consignments are welcomed. Mobile #553-9179. Toby Engle lic. #11918.

410 Misc. Sales

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DISPLAY MODEL, 3 seat hot tub- 40 year warranty- reduced 45%- delivery and financing available- 563-3108.

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ELECTRIC LIFT chair. Invacare Electric complete hospital bed (July 21, 1994), New gel mattress (September 1996) and trapezee. Two potty chairs- one on wheels, transfer bench bath chair with back, Nebulizer (breathering machine). Best offer. 520--7515.

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HERBALIFE & Natural efx Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 689-HERB!

SATELLITE for sale. Asking $2,800 or will negotiate for best offer. Call 915-573-2226 or 570-5236.

FOR SALE: Working Uniden satellite with tracker system & 2 remotes. $200. Call 684-9763.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On February 11, 1997, there was tendered for filing with the FCC in Washington, DC an application for assignment of the license of Station KQIP, 96.9 MHz, Midland, Texas from KWEL, Inc. to ICA Media I, Inc. The sole owner and principal of KWEL, Inc. are Investment Corporation of America, Ed Lasater, John Bushman, John Nichols, Sherry Ingram, and Joyce Snedegar. Investment Corporation of America is owned by C&J Revocable Trust and Ed Lasater. The officers and directors of Investment Corporation of America are John Bushman, Robert Vaughn, Sherry Ingram, and Carol Bushman. C&J Revocable Trust is controlled by Carol and John Bushman, Trustees. A copy of the application, amendments and related materials are on file for public inspection at 3306 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas.

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595 Public Notices

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Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
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