



SPORTS

Track meet

If there's one event at the Region I-5A Track Championships in which a Midland entry has a chance to do well, it's the girls' 1,600-meter relay. /1C



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Promotion sets off series of changes

By Stewart Doreen

Staff Writer

The city of Midland made ample changes Thursday starting with and spurred on by the naming Director of Developmental Services Marcus Johnston as the city's newest assistant city manager.

Johnston fills the vacancy in the city manager's office left when then-Deputy City Manager Glen Hackler left to become the city manager in Andrews. He joins Tommy Hudson as the city's two assistant city managers.

City Manager Rick Menchaca also announced more "familiar faces in different places." Johnston's advancement up the city hall ladder created a trio of openings. Menchaca filled two of those openings without having to leave the building.

Taking over Johnston's former seat as director of development services will be Chuck Swallow, the current director of community services. Assistant director of community services Monette Burke was promoted to fill the position vacated by Swallow.

All three will take over their new positions on May 1.

Wholesale changes? No. But it is an interesting turn of events as the



Johnston



Burke



Swallow

city prepares for the reign of the new mayor, an ever-changing City Council and a city making a transition into new times.

"We will keep pace with City Council goals and city management goals without interrupting flow work," Menchaca said. "I consider us to be in a very fast pace. Actually, if you look back at the last seven years we had been at a pretty fast pace. This helps that. It is a smooth

transition. We have entitled it 'Familiar faces in different places,' and I think that is true. What you will do is have fresh ideas and different perspectives."

In addition to being the move which set the chain of events in motion, finding a replacement for Hackler had been anticipated for many weeks. Originally, three city of Midland employees — Johnston, Director of Facilities and Fleet Management Mark Phillips and Street Operations Manager Michael Butler — applied for the opening, which was downgraded after Hackler's departure.

Menchaca stated Butler didn't have the senior management experience or qualifications necessary, so only Johnston and Phillips were interviewed. Menchaca opted for Johnston, a former city manager in Bellville and city official in Dallas, Cleburne and Lubbock. Education and experience were the main reasons for the promotion.

"He has proven himself in his areas," Menchaca said. "He has worked well with the six managers he has working under him. I am a very results-oriented and focused person, and he has worked well in accomplishing the issues the council and management set out."

"Marcus was balanced and in tune with city council goals and city

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Deadline looms for MISD's Head Start program

By Danielle Belton

Staff Writer

Area parents looking to give their preschoolers a head start on their education have until Saturday to sign up their 4-year-olds for the Midland Independent School District's prekindergarten and Head Start programs.

MISD early childhood education officials started holding their application process this week, assisting parents who qualify for the early childhood programs.

"They'll be well prepared for kindergarten," said Casa de Amigos representative Catrina Medrano, who was volunteering during the sign up earlier this week. "It's a good opportunity for children to get a head start in school."

MISD Head Start Coordinator Patrice Allen was on hand Wednesday along with more than 40 other employees and volunteers to help register children for the programs.

Ms. Allen said many parents aren't aware that their child may actually qualify for these public education programs. Often, said Ms. Allen, there is a misconception that only low-income

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Juanita Wollaston, center, goes through the application process to enroll her granddaughter, Rebekka Wollaston, in Head Start as Sally Castro, left and Cheryl Bustillos go over paperwork Monday morning. Applications can be picked up on either campus, Bunche or West Early Childhood Center and screenings will continue at The Trinity Center through Saturday noon.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland man, 25, pleads guilty in stabbing death

By Luis Garcia

Staff Writer

Manuel Galindo, 25, pleaded guilty to a charge of murder at his trial held in the 385th district court Thursday afternoon. He was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

The prosecution said Galindo stabbed and killed 37-year old Darrell Patton, in the early morning hours of Aug. 18, 2000. Reports indicate police arrived at 2:30 a.m. at Patton's home in the 1100 block of East Oak Ave. and found him dead, with several wounds to the chest.

Since the defendant entered a guilty plea, there was no discussion over the motivation behind the crime.

The two men knew each other, however.

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Galindo

Consulting group says Midland can build tourist trade

By Stewart Doreen

Staff Writer

The Tourism Assessment and Recommendations report, the latest installment of the Midland Action and Assessment Plan (MAAP), served as the latest reminder that a growing and more diverse Midland will not come cheaply.

Thursday, the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) revealed the findings from Zeigert Consulting of Madison, Wis. It stated Midland's \$150 million industry has "all the ingredients to be one of the Southwest's new tourism discoveries of the 21st century."

Of course with some of those ideas — a new 80,000 square foot convention center, a performing arts center, revitalization of downtown's dining, retail and nightlife establishments and supporting efforts to build an equestrian

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Governor of Chiapas visits Midland to seek U.S. investments

By Luis Garcia

Staff Writer

Painting a picture of a foreign land ripe for investment, Pablo Salazar, the governor of the Mexican state of Chiapas, came to Midland looking to promote economic ties with the United States.

The governor was invited by the city of Midland and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The visit is part of the governor's tour of the Southwest, designed to promote economic partnerships between investors and Chiapas.

Chiapas is the southernmost state in Mexico.

At a Thursday luncheon at First Presbyterian Church, Salazar described the visit as "a brief, but hopefully productive event."

"Chiapas is a state of great riches, but extreme pover-

'Chiapas is a state of great riches, but extreme poverty as well. However, I'm not requesting tears or handouts from the U.S., but productive investments.'

— Pablo Salazar, governor of Chiapas



ty as well," Salazar said. "However, I'm not requesting tears or handouts from the U.S., but productive investments."

"Chiapas is a virgin state, you can do anything you want," Salazar said. "We have the full support of Pres-

ident Vicente Fox to open the door of Chiapas to the world."

"If you wanted to start a business today in Chiapas, tourism would be the most viable one," Salazar said. Many of the neighboring states in the region, like Quintana Roo, the home state of Cancun, generate most of their gross domestic product from tourism.

Chiapas and the Permian Basin have something deep inside of them in common: oil. Chiapas is the leading producer of oil and the second largest producer of natural gas in Mexico.

Also, Chiapas is one of the largest producers of cattle in Mexico, according to the Secretary of Economic Development Antonio Damiano.

It was a touch of home for Miguel Coutino, an exchange student from Chiapas, and a senior at Mid-

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Rising from the ashes

Phoenix, a cuddly and photogenic calf, was credited with bringing a change of heart by the British government Thursday after more than 2 million animals were slaughtered to stop foot-and-mouth disease. Story page 9A



Off the wire

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Beau Dameron and Charlotte Martin portray longtime Midland couple Tom and Evelyn Lineberry's courtship during Thursday's Downtown Conference at the Midland Hilton.

U. Frank Williams Jr. Reporter-Telegram



Downtown pros offer tips for revitalization in Tall City

By Mella McEwen

Staff Writer

After years of blaming giant retailers like Wal-Mart, shopping malls and strip centers for the decline in downtowns across the nation, downtowns are making a comeback.

"Now they're the place to be," said Elizabeth Simpson, president of the Texas Downtown Association, which began its mid-year conference at the Hilton Midland Thursday.

She began her downtown development career in Lancaster and now works in downtown Dallas. The association, she said, is comprised of downtown professionals and "our goal is to boost and help downtowns throughout Texas. We have 265 members at this time and we're growing. Some members are professionals — their job is to do what they can at whatever time to help their downtown community. The TDA helps put them together to network, exchange ideas."

Shawn Ellison, executive director of Downtown Midland Inc., said she hopes to come away from the meeting with ideas that can be used to revitalize downtown Midland.

"This gives us the opportunity to network with other downtown communities, large and small, and learn from each other," she said. "Some

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OBITUARIES



William Harrel Sampson

William Harrel Sampson, 72, of Midland, fondly known to his friends and family as either "Bill" or "Willie" passed from this Earth to the banquet prepared for him by his Lord, Jesus Christ, on Thursday, April 26, 2001 at 12:30 a.m.

He is survived by his wife, Yvonne; his daughter, Sandra Sampson Woerndle and her husband, Rudi; and their sons, Graham and Chase, all of Midland; two sisters, Shirley Riddles of Guymon, OK., and Margaret Teas of Tyler, Texas and numerous nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Daisy Willene and James "Jim" Isaac Sampson of Wichita Falls, two brothers, James I. Sampson Jr. of Haskell and Cecil Sampson of Houston, and one sister, Barbara Cox of Tyler.

Bill was born January 31, 1929 in Wichita Falls, Texas. He was a member of the State Championship Wichita Falls "Old High" Coyote football team in 1946. After graduating from High School and attending Midwestern State University, he worked for the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad. He originally came to

Midland in 1961 where he started his own oilfield equipment business, Sampson Supply Co. In 1971, Bill and his family moved back to Wichita Falls where he continued his oil-field business as The Spotter Corp. He pretended to retire in Red River, New Mexico in 1985, where he promptly purchased and managed a guest lodge known as Bitter Creek Guest Ranch. While in Red River, he served on the Red River Town Council, was a founding member of the Red River Snow Mobile Association and the Red River Booster Club. After suffering his first serious heart-attack in 1992, he returned to Midland in 1994, where he started two additional oil-field businesses, H&S Equipment Co., and Outpost Oil & Gas, Inc. He was Chairman of the Midwestern Region of the American Red Cross and Chapter Chairman of the American Red Cross in Wichita Falls, Texas, President of the Midwestern State University Ex-Students Association, a 32nd degree member of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Texas, having attained that status at age 21, the youngest member to receive that recognition at that time, a member of the Dallas Scottish Rite Temple, the Midland Scottish Rite Association, a "50 year member" of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and a Jester in the Masket Temple of Wichita Falls.

Bill lived a full and joyful life, was loved by all of his family as well as so many wonderful friends, befriended everyone he met, and touched us all with a heart that was even bigger than he was! A memorial service will be held at First Baptist Church of Midland on Saturday, April 28, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be donated to American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, P.O. Box 37243, Wash-

ington, D. C. 20013, or First Baptist Church (Benevolence Ministry), 2104 W. Louisiana, Midland, Texas 79701.



Mayola Garlerton

Services for Mayola Garlerton, 67, of Midland, Texas, will be at 1:00 p.m., April 28, 2001 at Thomas Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Kenneth Weatherspoon officiating. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Mayola passed away April 24, 2001 in Midland.

She was born October 24, 1933 in Midland. Survivors include her mother, Lillian Lewis of Midland; sons, Donald Mitchell of Dallas and Billy Mitchell of Salem, OR; grandchildren, Donnet Jones of Phoenix, AZ., Teresa Mitchell, Donald Mitchell and Michelle Mitchell all of St. Louis, MO., Donald Mitchell, Angle Mitchell, Marsha Mitchell and Rhonda Mitchell all of Midland, TX.; sisters, Earle Dawn of Shreveport, LA., and Levina of California.



Lyda Gunderson

Lyda Phiffer Gunderson passed away peacefully April 25, 2001.

Lyda was born October 29, 1918 in Howard County, Arkansas to George and Ercel Henderson. She was reared in Centerpoint, Ark. and married Roy O. Phiffer in Ashdown, Ark. They had two children, Don and Leroy Phiffer. They moved to Midland in 1951 where Lyda began a long and happy career with Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

In 1978 Lyda married her best friend and companion Merle D. Gunderson.

Together they enjoyed traveling the back roads of Texas and the U.S. in search of unique places and friendly people. She was a member of Wilshire Park Baptist church and was active with the SWB Pioneer Club, and the Midland Gem and Mineral Society. More than anything else though, she was very involved with her children, grand-children, and great-grandchildren whom she cherished.

She is preceded in death by both parents, sister Nina Jo Flemister, late husbands Roy O. Phiffer and Merle D. Gunderson.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

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

her youngest son, Leroy Phiffer and one grandson, Doyle Phiffer.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law Don and Pam Phiffer of Midland, sister Emestine Stracener of West Memphis, TN., sister Virginia Allen of Dericks, Ark., sister Margie Nell Gammon and brother James C. Fiemister of Nashville, Ark., and brother Tom Flemister of Oklahoma, grand-children Xan Black of Tulsa Ok., Zane Phiffer of Grand Prairie TX., Tanya Latch of Houston, and Derek, Devin, and Donny Phiffer of Midland, ten great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition, she had many friends.

She will best be remembered as "Meme" to all the kids, grandkids, and neighborhood kids. She was the best mother and grandmother a person could have. We all love you and will miss you dearly.

Memorial services are scheduled for 3:00 p.m., Friday April 27, 2001 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Cemetery with Reverend Bob Porterfield officiating.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law Don and Pam Phiffer of Midland, sister Emestine Stracener of West Memphis, TN., sister Virginia Allen of Dericks, Ark., sister Margie Nell Gammon and brother James C. Fiemister of Nashville, Ark., and brother Tom Flemister of Oklahoma, grand-children Xan Black of Tulsa Ok., Zane Phiffer of Grand Prairie TX., Tanya Latch of Houston, and Derek, Devin, and Donny Phiffer of Midland, ten great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition, she had many friends.

Services are to be held April 27, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, 23029 N. Cave Creek Phoenix, AZ.

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Midlander flees, then turns self in

By Luis Garcia
Staff Writer

A Midland man rolled out of a patrol car and fled from sheriff's deputies after being arrested in downtown Midland Thursday.

Less than an hour later, he turned himself in. Nathaniel Deon Porter, 20, was arrested in the in the Midland County probation office, 200 N. Main, at about 2:30 p.m., after he violated the conditions for his probation.

Originally, Porter was sentenced to five years probation for carrying illegal weapons last year. However, Porter violated the terms of probation early this month when he was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

"One of the conditions is not getting any more convictions, and another condition is not drinking alcohol," said Allen Bell, Deputy director of operations at the probation office.

On April 12, the probation office submitted a motion to revoke Porter's probation. It was approved, and when Porter returned to the probation office, he was arrested.

Deputies escorted him through the back door of the probation office and placed him in a Midland County patrol vehicle.

The sheriff's deputies then started to transport Porter to the county jail. However, the passenger doors were unlocked. As the deputies' vehicle was slowing down for a stop, Porter opened the door of the car, and ran out, handcuffed, and evaded law enforcement officials, according to Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter.

After about half an hour, while law enforcement officials were looking for him, Porter returned to the probation office and turned himself in. He is being charged with felony escape, Painter said.



Porter

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DEATH

Paula Rios

BIG SPRING
Esqueda Rios, 70, died on Wednesday, April 25, 2001 at a Big Spring hospital.

Rosary will be held today, April 27, at 10 a.m. at the Nalley-Pickel & Welch Chapel. Funeral services will be at the Nalley-Pickel & Welch Chapel, 1000 N. Main, at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Nalley-Pickel & Welch Chapel. Burial will be in the Borden County Cemetery, Borden County, Texas.

She was born in Dilley, Texas, and was a Catholic.

Survivors include her husband, Juan Garcia Rios; one son, Coahoma; one daughter, Guajardo of Cotulla; and numerous grandchildren and nephews.

Arrangements will be handled by Nalley-Pickel & Welch Funeral Home.

Bill to pass

By Connie Mabry
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Legislature on Thursday passed a bill that would create a license for 16- and 17-year-olds to drive.

The legislation would allow a 16-year-old to drive a car with a permit for a limited time, which would be a 16-hour license. The license would expire at the end of the year.

The measure passed by a 79-11 vote in the House of Representatives.

Under the new law, the teens would be allowed to drive with a permit for a limited time, which would be a 16-hour license.

Also, teen-agers would be allowed to drive with a permit for a limited time, which would be a 16-hour license.

At hearings on the bill, critics argued that the measure would be a convenience for parents who do not want to pay for a full license.

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In 1998, the most recent survey, 407 Texas teens were injured in car accidents.

Teen-agers accounted for 938,000, or 7 percent of the total 13.4 million licensed drivers in Texas.

Yet they are responsible for 20 percent of all traffic deaths, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

The proposed "Teen Driver Act" would allow a 16-year-old to drive with a permit for a limited time, which would be a 16-hour license.

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DEATH NOTICES

Paula Rios

BIG SPRING — Paula Esqueda Rios, 79, of Coahoma, died on Wednesday, April 25, in a Big Spring hospital.

Rosary will be said at 7 p.m. today, April 27, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, April 28, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy, associate pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Borden County Cemetery in Gail.

She was born on June 7, 1921 in Dilley, and married Juan Garcia Rios.

Mrs. Rios was a homemaker. She was a Catholic.

Survivors include her husband, Juan Garcia Rios of Coahoma; one son, Roby Rios of Coahoma; one sister, Bernada Guajardo of Cotulla; two grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Johnnie Henderson

Johnnie Henderson, 75, died Sunday, April 22, at a local hospital.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, with Rev. Robert E. Lathan officiating. Interment will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

He was born April 3, 1926 to John P. Henderson and Lola Henderson Richardson in Hawkins. He was a graduate of Carver High School and a veteran of the Korean War.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include two daughters, Brenda White and Onita Henderson of Midland; two sons, Jonathan and Gregory Henderson of Los Angeles, Calif.; one aunt; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Roy Tomlinson

LAMESA — Roy Tomlinson died Thursday, April 26, at Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, April 30, at the Second Baptist Church in Lamesa. Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Branon Funeral Home.

He was born April 8, 1923 in Pauls Valley, Okla., and married Faye Brown May 10, 1943 in Tulsa, Okla. He had coached and umpired Little League and Babe Ruth for 20 years. He was a paratrooper with the 17th Airborne during World War II. He also worked for Rainbow Bread as a route driver for 38 years.

Survivors include wife, Faye Tomlinson of Lamesa; two sons, Kenneth Tomlinson of Fullerton, Calif., and Wayne (Pooch) Tomlinson of Eldorado; two daughters, Velma Irons of Snyder and Jeanette Hollman of Odessa; sister, Nora Lee Snow of Perryton;

one brother, J.L. Tomlinson of Midland; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Anastacia A. Lujan

Anastacia A. Lujan, 90, of Stanton died Wednesday, April 25, at a local hospital.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. today, April 27, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Arturo Pestin officiating and Deacon Ernie Sanchez assisting. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

She was born April 27, 1910 in Casa Piedra and married Raymundo Lujan in 1936 in Marfa. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her five daughters, Rita Cantu, Amparo

Garza and Elva Salgado of Stanton, Gloria Rios of Big Spring, and Lola Jimenez of Ysleta; four sons, George Lujan and Joe Jimenez of Stanton, Juan Catano of Banning, Calif., and Dario Catano of Pomona, Calif.; step-daughters, Lupe Venegas of Mar-

fa and Maggie Lara of Odessa; 54 grandchildren, 91 great-grandchildren, 73 great-great-grandchildren; and one brother, Chon Aguirre of Monahans.

Funeral services are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

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Bill to put brakes on teen drivers

By Connie Mabin
 Associated Press

AUSTIN — The Texas Legislature on Thursday put the brakes on teen-age drivers by giving preliminary approval to a bill that would create an intermediate license for 16- and 17-year-old drivers.

The legislation by Rep. Joe Driver, R-Garland, would require an intermediate license for 16- and 17-year-old drivers. Under current law, a 16-year-old is granted an unrestricted license with just seven hours' experience behind the wheel.

"It will save lives, prevent injuries and reduce accidents," Driver said.

The measure passed on a voice vote and was expected to gain final passage today.

Under the new graduated program, the teens would continue with a permit for an additional six months, which must include at least 50 hours of adult supervised driving, including at least 10 hours at night.

Also, teen-agers would not be allowed to drive between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless accompanied by a licensed driver who is at least 21. No passengers under age 21 would be able to ride with a teen-age driver, except for siblings who have received written parental permission, for six months.

Exceptions would include driving to and from work, school-related activities or a medical emergency.

At hearings on the bill, teen-agers and parents who lost loved ones in auto accidents said they favored the graduated program.

Critics argue the bill would inconvenience parents, who should decide when their children can drive. They also say the restrictions are impractical for many young drivers who may get delayed in traffic.

In 1998, the most recent year for which data is available from the U.S. Department of Transportation, 407 Texas teens were killed in auto wrecks. Another 40,000 were injured.

Teen-agers account for about 938,000, or 7 percent, of the state's total 13.4 million licensed drivers. Yet they are responsible for about 20 percent of all Texas auto accidents, according to state statistics.

The proposed "Jordan-Emily Teen Driver Act" is named in part after a 15-year-old who died in an accident 10 months ago.

Similar efforts have failed the past two sessions despite wide-

-ranging support from law enforcement, the medical profession and insurance companies.

The Senate in March passed a weaker version of the bill.

The graduated driver's license bill is HB432.

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 85
Low 50

Saturday
Partly cloudy
High 85
Low 52

Sunday
Partly cloudy
High 84
Low 52

For today, the forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high between 80 and 85, and a southeasterly wind at 5 to 15 mph. For tonight, expect partly cloudy skies with a low between 50 and 55.

The forecast for Saturday is partly cloudy skies with a high between 80 and 85.

For Saturday night, the forecast is for partly cloudy skies with a low in the low 50s.

On Sunday, look for partly cloudy skies, with a high in the mid 80s, and a low in mid 50s.

Temperatures on Thursday reached a high of 79 and a low of 49. The record high for April 26 was 97, set in 1959. The record low was 49, set in 1946.

Yesterday's precipitation

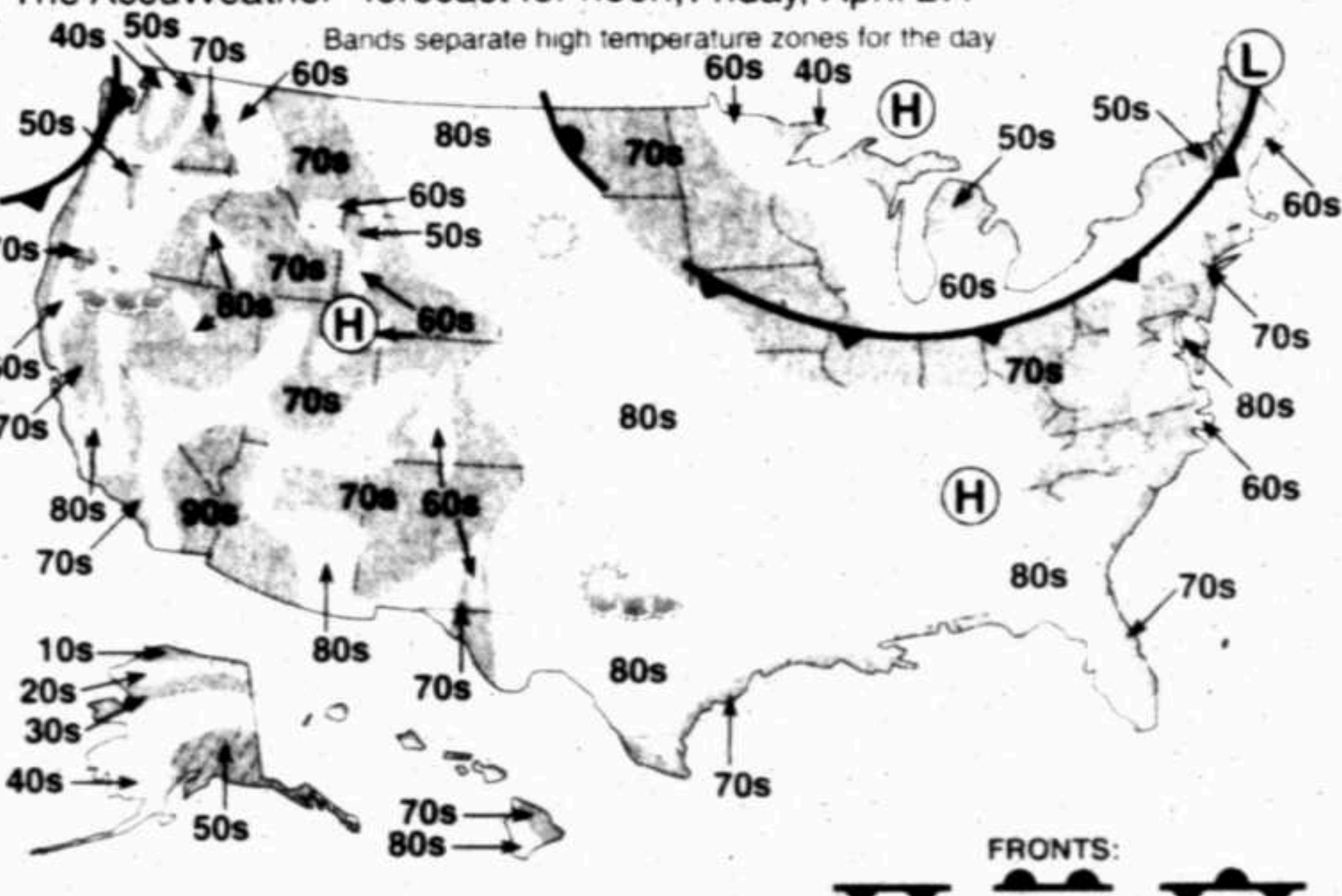
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Rainfall Wednesday ... 0.00 in.
Total for month ... trace
Total for year ... 2.71 in.
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Yesterday's temperatures

High ... 79
Low ... 49
Normal high ... 83
Normal low ... 53
Sunrise ... 7:07 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:26 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Friday, April 27.



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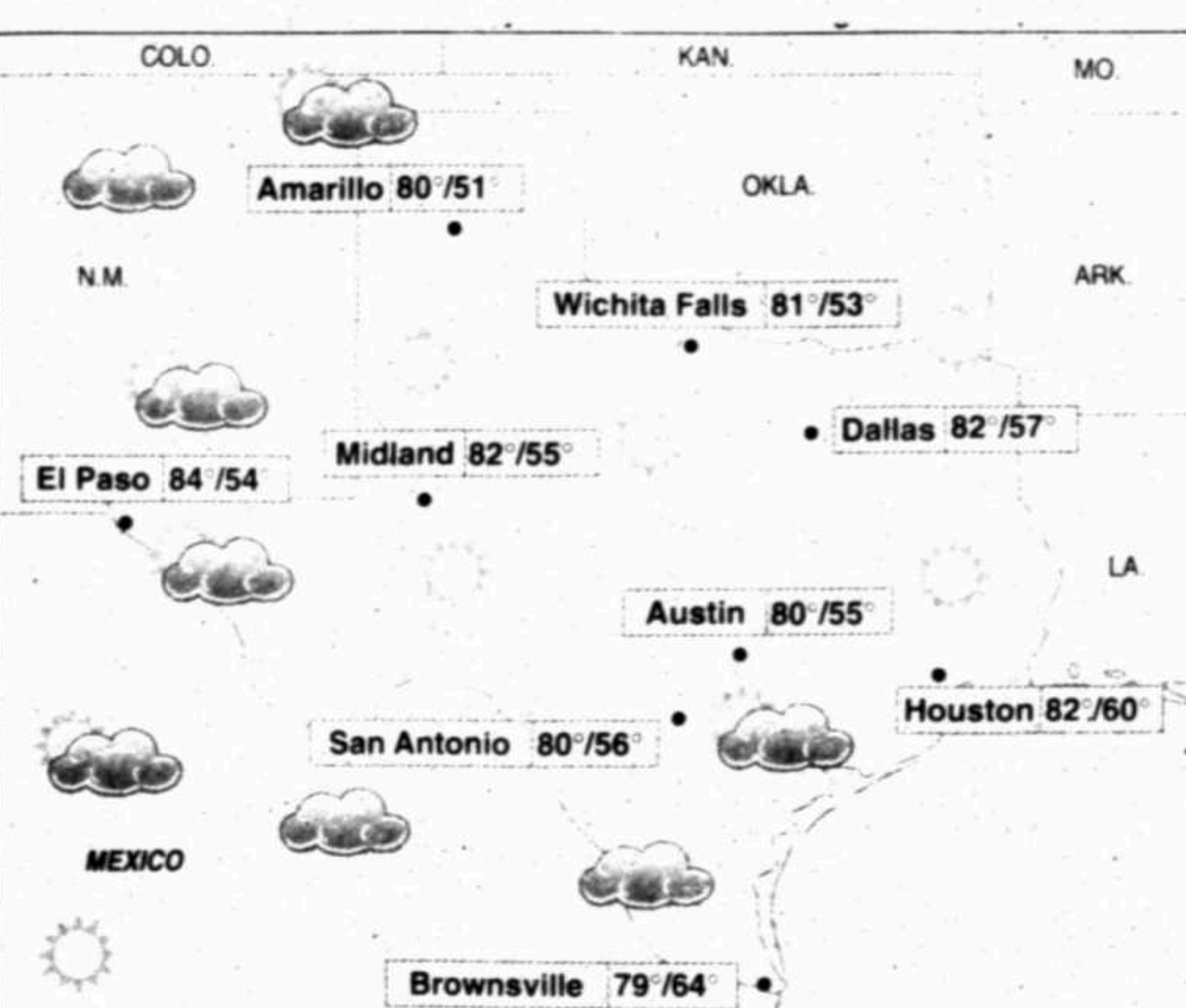
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United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate Thursday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time

City	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otk
Amarillo	80	51	clr	
Atlanta	70	49	clr	
Austin	81	44	clr	
Baltimore	65	32	cdy	
Bismarck	77	40	clr	
Boston	54	41	clr	
Casper	76	33	cdy	
Chicago	76	46	clr	
Cincinnati	68	35	cdy	
Cleveland	65	31	cdy	
Corpus Christi	79	52	cdy	
Dallas-Ft. Worth	80	52	cdy	
Dayton	66	36	cdy	
Daytona Beach	70	60	05	cdy
Denver	75	45	clr	
Des Moines	86	54	clr	
Detroit	67	39	clr	
Fargo	68	42	cdy	
Flint	68	41	clr	
Fresno	89	62	clr	
Goodland	81	37	cdy	
Grand Junction	81	42	cdy	
Grand Rapids	70	41	clr	
Great Falls	78	35	cdy	
Green Bay	75	50	cdy	
Honolulu	84	72	cdy	
Houston	80	48	clr	
Huntsville	74	42	cdy	
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Kansas City	83	48	cdy	
Knoxville	71	41	clr	
Las Vegas	93	62	clr	
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Louisville	71	41	cdy	
Lubbock	80	50	cdy	
Memphis	79	52	cdy	
Miami Beach	85	68	55	cdy
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Nashville	72	41	cdy	
New Orleans	79	56	clr	
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Newark	62	42	cdy	
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Providence	60	42	cdy	
Reno	81	44	cdy	
Raleigh-Durham	66	39	clr	
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Sacramento	80	54	clr	
St. Louis	80	50	cdy	
St. Thomas	83	75	cdy	
Salt Lake City	72	52	01	cdy
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San Jose	68	54	cdy	
San Juan, P.R.	87	74	01	cdy
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St. Ste. Marie	57	44	11	clr
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Seattle	65	49	cdy	
Shreveport	83	49	cdy	
Sioux City	86	50	clr	
Sioux Falls	80	48	clr	
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Tulsa	86	56	cdy	
Tupelo	76	44	clr	
Waco	81	49	cdy	
Washington, D.C.	66	41	cdy	
Yakima	82	52	09	cdy

State forecast



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SALAZAR: Mexico wants to 'reach out'

(From 1A)

land Lee. Miguel's parents are ranchers in the western coast of Chiapas, and are friends of the governor.

Salazar won a narrow victory on Aug. 20, 2000 against the PRI party. Backed by an eight-party coalition, Salazar became the first evangelical Christian elected to high office there.

"In order to be a Protestant in Chiapas, I have to be tolerant, and not a militant supporter of a single religion. That's why people

from all regions voted for me." For a long time, Chiapas was a political colony of the federal government. The governors of Chiapas were appointed by the political party that ran Mexico for most of the 20th century.

"But now we have a democratic government. We want to work together to improve the conditions of the people in Chiapas, and we recognize that we can't do it alone," Salazar said. "We are part of the global village, and we want to reach out."

TOURISM: Money for diversity is not there

(From 1A)

exposition center — economics and dollars become factors.

It is an all-too-familiar theme surrounding Midland's economic development efforts. The airport, downtown, tourism, new business — all need money for enticements, loans with debt forgiveness and infrastructure improvements. As it stands now, the money to make Midland more diverse is not there, and will have many entities in competition for development dollars grabbing for the same piece of the pie.

"All those recommendations have some implementation levels," said Dennis Clayton, economic development manager for the Midland Chamber of Commerce. "The resources, whether human resources or financial, will determine how far we can carry them."

Clayton has said the MAAP will allow the Chamber to best use its funds, no matter how abundant or scarce they are, to

pick and choose its opportunities that best serve Midland.

Shura Lindgren, CVB director for the Chamber of Commerce, echoed Clayton's thoughts the MAAP wish list formulated by Zeitgeist Consulting does present a challenge.

"We need to pick out and choose a dozen or half a dozen things from everything that was recommended, lay out a 10 to 20 year growth plan and make up our minds to do it," Ms. Lindgren said. "They are all achievable."

The convention center is one idea that may surprise some Midlanders. However, Midland Center, while functional in some respects, does not meet the city's square footage needs. Its square footage is 12,500. For convention purposes, the largest facility is the Holiday Inn Convention Center (at 15,000 square feet).

"Meetings and the convention market have become flat," Ms. Lindgren said. "If we don't have the space to put them in a large congruent area and can't meet

their needs and demands, then little by little we will see that portion decline as well, because what is occurring in the meeting market is an increase for the need for space."

There also are MAAP ideas, pertaining to the tourism industry Ms. Lindgren states are "very doable." They include:

- Creating a visitor information center on Interstate 20;
- Improving gate entrances on I-20;
- Enhancing the destination's Internet presence;
- Improving and enhancing directional signage at the airport and throughout the city;
- Expanding and enhancing signage at all sports fields and facilities;
- Increasing the awareness and support of tourism as viable economic development;
- Increasing the CVB's budget.

"We took the first step, the Chamber did, and initiated the MAAP project, but if you just

take this document and lay it to the side, you have done nothing but waste \$100,000," Ms. Lindgren said. "But if we as a community say we have decided we need long-range strategic development and a long-range planning process, these are things we can accomplish."

Ms. Lindgren also mentioned this report is no different from other reports in Midland's need to take advantage of its status as George W. Bush's hometown and the need to work hand in hand with Odessa.

Ms. Lindgren stated with all the problems in Midland's economy over the past few years — up to 5,000 jobs lost, including 3,000 in the oil industry — the number of people "coming to Midland for pleasure actually was on the incline a little bit."

Chamber officials hope the latest tourism report can help it stay that way.

DOWNTOWN: Effort has support from officials

(From 1A)

have had programs of many years, and some are similar to Downtown Midland in that they're in their first few years."

Midland City Manager Rick Menchaca told the group "Our downtown association is in its infancy, but it's accomplished quite a bit. We've formed a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone and the city, along with Downtown Midland, is in the process of forming a board of directors" to oversee the zone.

He said he is asked why residents should invest in downtown Midland, which has 10 times the office space of a normal city Midland's size, much of which is vacant because of concerns about asbestos or the age of the buildings and are lacking retail stores.

"Downtown is vital," Menchaca explained "because the value per acre is four times that of any other part of the city," which is normal in American communities.

"Think of it as an investment, investing dollars back into the area," he continued. "We've lost \$50 million in valuations from downtown over the last 10 years and we can't afford to have that happen over the next 10 years. Our residents and corporations would have to carry more of the burden."

Jack Swallow, chairman of the Downtown Midland board, said the city was fortunate that a group of community leaders saw the need to revitalize downtown, an effort that has strong support from city officials.

Ken Burgess, vice chairman of the association, said the downtown area has both prospered and suffered the boom and bust cycles of the oil and gas industry.

"Today, as our downtown properties age and out-of-town owners own them without a commitment to maintain them or keep up occupancy, it creates a challenge," he told the group. "But it also creates an opportunity to

devise mixed-use scenarios to serve the 10,000 people who work downtown. Downtown Midland is a core asset we must preserve."

Downtown revival efforts have sprung up across America and are important not just for financial reasons, said Ms. Simpson.

"Heritage is a big part of reviving downtown, of understanding that heritage and keeping it," she said. "In today's world of electronics, if you don't have a downtown in that city sprawl, you have no sense of place, no sense of community, of uniqueness. Downtown offers a sense of community and a place to go outside of electronics."

She concluded, "If a city is ignoring its downtown, it's missing the mark."

DEADLINE: Officials expect 400 parents to enroll kids

(From 1A)

families can apply, but parents of bilingual children, at-risk children and children with disabilities are also eligible regardless of income.

"Everyone isn't at the poverty level or below," she said. "You can be bilingual and make money and still qualify because your child is bilingual."

Parents who attend this spring's sign-up session also will get the chance to sign up for several other services area agen-

cies offer families with young children. Representatives from the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Texas Health Steps, AmeriCorps and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) were also on hand to help parents sign up for their services. Ms. Allen said MISD's early childhood program often works with area agencies to provide additional services to parents.

"We work in partnership with all those agencies because we work with the same families," Ms. Allen said.

Officials are expecting 400 parents to sign up their children during this week's session, but that 400 won't be nearly enough to fill up both Early Childhood Centers at the West and Bunche locations. "Each campus can hold a little over 300 students each, so that 400 won't even fill us up," Ms. Allen said.

Fortunately for parents who missed the chance to make an appointment for this sign-up period, a second sign-up period will take place this summer on August 2-3. There are a few

appointment times still available for today.

Contact Patrice Allen at West Early Childhood Center at 689-1580. Sign up is taking place at 3303 West Illinois in the Trinity Center, east of the Senior Citizens Center. Spanish-speaking volunteers and MISD employees are available.

Sign up ends on Saturday at noon.

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Fugitives apprehended after seven years on lam

By Luis Garcia
Staff Writer

U.S. Marshals concluded a seven-year fugitive case on Thursday after making two arrests in east Midland County.

Juan Gonzalez Montanez, 60, and his wife Irma Gonzalez, 51, were arrested in a mobile home park east of town, along North County Road 1130.

Both were fleeing police because of charges stemming from a drug delivery. In 1993, the couple was charged and convicted in Nebraska for delivery of cocaine. Juan Gonzalez was sentenced to 35 months in prison, and Ms. Gonzales was living in Midland awaiting sentencing.

In August of that year, Gonzalez escaped from the prison camp in Florence, Colo. Later it was determined Irma Gonzales had helped him escape, according to officials with marshal's office.

"The case was assigned to me because they had a lot of family here in Midland," said Senior Deputy U.S. Marshal Philip Maxwell.

Maxwell tracked the pair from Colorado, through New Mexico, and into Texas. The Gonzalez

couple fled to Ojinaga, a small town on the Mexican side of the border, near Presidio, and lived there for several years.

"We knew where they were down there, we knew exactly where they were living, but since they were down there, we couldn't get to them," Maxwell said.

The case seemed to hit a dead end until about three weeks ago when new information indicated the pair was back in West Texas, Maxwell said.

"We thought that they were going stay there (in Ojinaga), but they came back," he added.

For the past week, law enforcement officials put the couple's and their relatives' homes under surveillance. Once enough evidence was gathered to verify the couple was there, members of the U.S. Marshals, the Texas Department



Juan Gonzalez



Irma Gonzalez

of Public Safety's special crimes unit and Midland County sheriffs deputies descended on the mobile home complex, where the pair was

living. "We surrounded the house, and had a DPS airplane for aerial surveillance," Maxwell said. The law enforcement officials

were able to take the couple into custody without incident.

"They opened the door for us, there wasn't any forced entry," Maxwell said. "It took them a little while to come out, but they did once they realized we weren't going to leave without them."

Juan Gonzalez is being charged with escape from a correctional facility, Irma Gonzalez with failing to appear for sentencing. Further, the family that kept the couple is facing possible legal action.

"The family knew that they were fugitives," Maxwell said, "and we are considering pressing charges on them as well."

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Suspect killed during police chase

BROWNWOOD (AP) — A man suspected of killing his roommate died in a car crash after a high-speed police chase in South Texas, authorities said.

Adolfo Castillo Cano of Brownwood was killed Tuesday between Eagle Pass and Del Rio, according to Eagle Pass authorities.

A murder warrant had been issued for Cano after the decomposing body of Elias Estrada, 37, was found Monday in a home the men shared, Brownwood Police Chief Virgil Cowin said.

Authorities started chasing Cano in downtown Eagle Pass on Tuesday after receiving a tip that he was in town, where he has relatives, according to the Maverick

County Sheriff's Office.

Driving Estrada's pickup, Cano led police at speeds reaching 110 mph, Eagle Pass authorities said.

When Cano turned onto a side road in a neighboring county, a Texas Ranger shot one of his tires. Cano then lost control of the pickup, and it overturned.

A rifle believed to have been used in Estrada's slaying was found in the pickup, Cowin said. Estrada had been shot multiple times in the chest sometime last week, Cowin said.

Authorities had issued a nationwide alert for Cano because he had family in Minnesota, Eagle Pass and Mexico.

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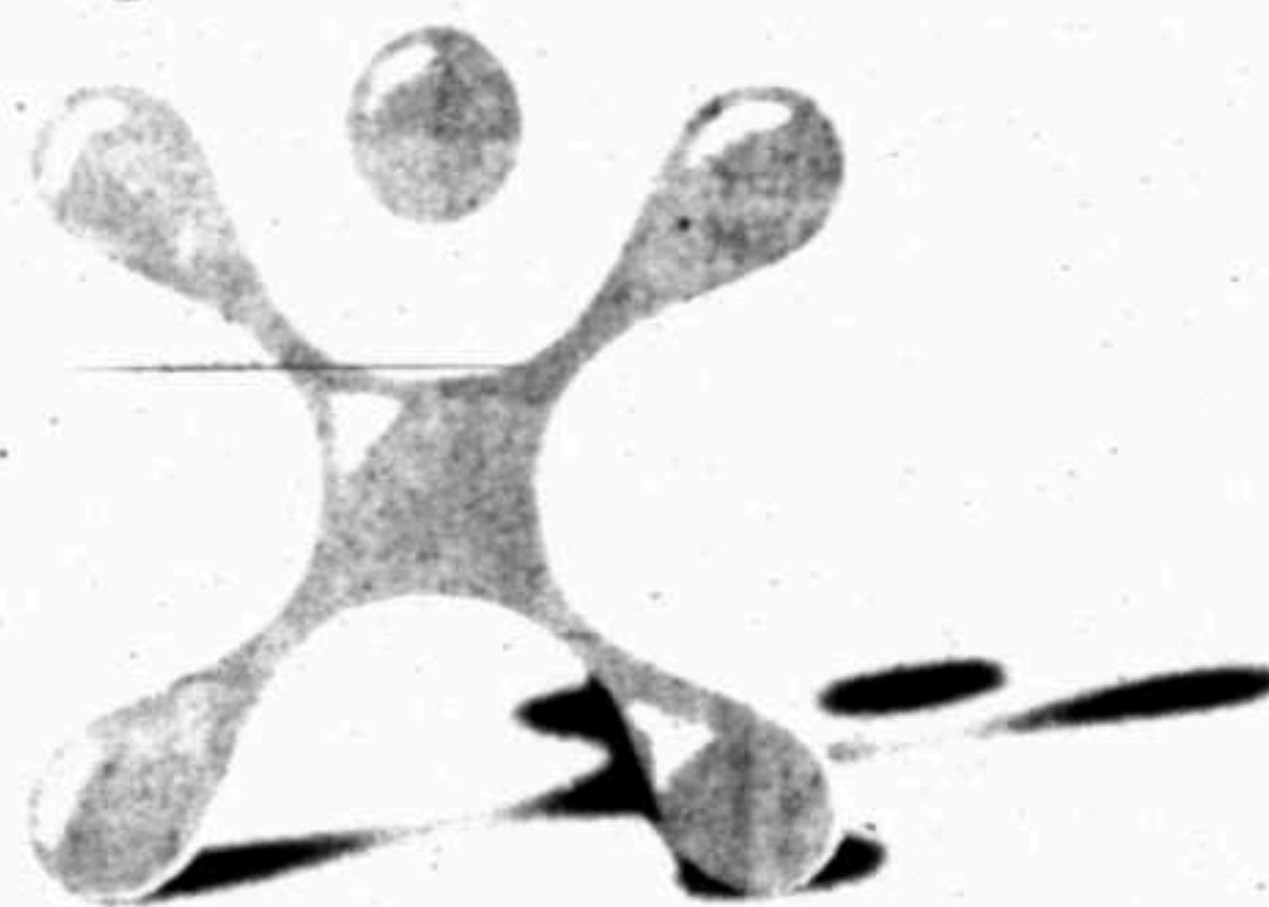


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House passes first abortion-related bill of year

By Janelle Carter
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Armed with the support of the White House, abortion foes moved their first bill of the year through the House on Thursday — legislation that would make it a federal crime to harm a fetus.

The House, by a 252-172 vote, passed the measure after a lengthy and charged debate. Moments earlier, Republicans held off a Democratic amendment that would have stiffened penalties for assaulting a pregnant woman but not made harming the fetus a separate crime.

In the end, 53 Democrats, more than one-fourth of the party's

members in the House, joined Republicans in voting for the bill. "Life and death should not be subsumed beneath a semantic fog," said House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

Republican sponsors who brought the bill to the House floor Thursday shunned the word abortion. Rather, they characterized the measure as an effort to get tough with criminals who harm "unborn children."

"This is not an abortion bill," said Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee. "Without this bill, crimes against these innocent victims will go unpunished."

Abortion rights advocates derided the GOP measure as a bid to get a fetus declared a separate person — an idea they say was rejected by the Supreme Court in its 1973 Roe v. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

"This would be the first time in the federal legal system that we would begin to recognize a fertilized egg, a zygote, an embryo or a fetus. That's what the bill is trying to do," said Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich. "We're going to have to put it all on the table."

The measure would apply only to crimes in federal jurisdiction, but 24 states have similar statutes. The House passed virtually identical

legislation last session by a 254-172 vote, but the Senate never took it up.

President Bush has said he would sign the bill. "The administration supports protection for unborn children and therefore supports House passage," the White House said in a statement Tuesday.

Rep. Lindsey Graham, who wrote the bill, said the legislation has safeguards to prohibit the prosecution of mothers or people who perform or assist in abortions.

"It only applies to criminal activities," said Graham, R-S.C. "America is deeply divided about government interfering with the right to choose, but that doesn't

mean we consider the unborn child an enemy."

Abortion rights advocates say opponents are treading on ground already covered by the Supreme Court.

Rep. Zoe Lofgren of California, who wrote the unsuccessful Democratic alternative, said her plan was constitutional and avoided the murky and difficult waters of the abortion debate.

"We know there's a disagreement about choice in the Congress but that doesn't mean you have to have an argument about choice on every single item," she said.

Indeed, the mood surrounding the bill has been emotional as both sides promoted their views.

In one graphic ad run in several publications this week by the National Right to Life Committee, a Wisconsin woman holds the body of her unborn son, who died when she was assaulted by her husband while she was nine months pregnant.

The woman, Tracy Scheide Marciniak, assails a Democratic alternative proposal that would stiffen penalties for assaulting a pregnant woman but not make harming the fetus a separate crime.

On the Net:

Information on the bill, H.R. 503, can be found at <http://thomas.loc.gov>

China reacts to Bush's remarks on Taiwan arms

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has changed nothing in U.S. China policy, the White House and State Department are insisting. But on Capitol Hill, nobody seems quite sure exactly what he did.

Some lawmakers said his remarks that the United States can use military force in Taiwan's defense negated traditional ambiguity in U.S. policy that has succeeded in keeping China at bay for decades while admitting that there is but one China.

Others said even if that's what he did, the time for ambiguity is over.

"Ambiguity never was any good," Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., a longtime foe of China's communist-led government, said Wednesday. In all of this, the White House and the U.S. State Department asserted Bush's comments represented no change in policy toward China and Taiwan, the island in the Taiwan Strait that Beijing considers a renegade province.

"The Taiwan Relations Act makes very clear that the United States has an obligation that Taiwan's peaceful way of life is not upset by force," said Condoleezza Rice, Bush's national security adviser. That 1979 law is the basis of the one-China policy and specifies how it is to be carried out.

"What (Bush) said clearly is how seriously and resolutely he takes this obligation. A secure Taiwan will be better able to engage in cross-strait dialogue," Rice said.

In Beijing, a Foreign Ministry spokeswoman on Thursday accused Bush of violating commitments to China with his remarks on Taiwan.

Spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue expressed "serious concern" over what she called Bush's "extremely mistaken position."

She said the United States was violating its commitments to China and repeated demands for Washington to stop what she called interference in China's internal affairs.

Bush touched off the stir Wednesday in a succession of press interviews to mark his first 100 days in office, which end Sunday. In one he said America would do "whatever it took" to help Taiwan defend itself. Later he softened that a little by saying U.S. military force would be "certainly an option" if China should invade Taiwan.

He added into the mix his decision to let Taiwan buy more weapons than ever, although he deleted from its wish list the top item: four Arleigh Burke class destroyers with state-of-the-art Aegis combat control systems.

For decades, U.S. administrations have been purposely hazy on whether the United States would go to war with China over Taiwan, as opposed to arming Taiwan well enough to enable the island to defend itself.

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By Will Lester
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Can you believe it? Honest, like him, reacted favorably to efforts on the education and tax cuts polls taken as he 100 days in office.

Less popular than those on the environment effect on approval because very aware of the Pew Research Center's People & the Press.

Polls released by Pew, CNN-USA, ABC News-Washington Post, NBC News-Washington Post all showed the approval was in the low 60s, relative to president at 100 days in office. "The element say good things sonally," said director of the Pew Center. "They liked China and have the popular things as education and

Two charged '69 Penn race riot

YORK, Pa. (AP) — Three decades after violence convulsed the city, two brothers were charged with the 1969 slaying of a police officer during the riots.

The brothers were a street gang that rioted, according to reports. Two people the July 1969 riot 60 were injured, city blocks and police than 100 arrests.

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Bush given good marks personally and on foreign policy

By Will Lester
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans believe President Bush is honest, like him personally and reacted favorably to White House efforts on the China standoff, education and tax cuts, according to polls taken as he wraps up his first 100 days in office.

Less popular decisions like those on the environment had a muted effect on his overall job approval because people are not very aware of those decisions, says a poll released Thursday by the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

Polls released this week by Pew, CNN-USA Today-Gallup, ABC News-Washington Post and NBC News-Wall Street Journal all showed that Bush's job approval was in the high 50s to low 60s, relatively typical for a president at this stage of his term.

"The elements of his success say good things about him personally," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center. "They liked his handling of China and have heard more about the popular things he's doing such as education and taxes."

Two charged in '69 Pennsylvania race riot slaying

YORK, Pa. (AP) — More than three decades after a week of racial violence convulsed the city, two brothers were charged Thursday in the 1969 slaying of a black woman during the riots.

The brothers were members of a street gang that helped spark the riots, according to court documents. Two people were killed in the July 1969 riots and more than 60 were injured. Fires destroyed city blocks and police made more than 100 arrests.

Robert, 52, and Arthur Messersmith, 47, were charged with criminal homicide in the shooting of 27-year-old Lillie Belle Allen, said Tom Kelley, assistant district attorney for York County.

Allen was shot as she tried to drive past a group of white men. Days earlier, Henry Schaad, a white rookie policeman, was shot and died 13 days later.

The brothers belonged to a white gang called the Newberry Street Boys that stirred the racial unrest that led to the slayings, according to the court papers.

The affidavit says witnesses told a grand jury that they heard Robert Messersmith say shortly after the shooting: "We got one."

Both brothers were in custody awaiting arraignment on the homicide charge.

Thursday marks the first time charges have been filed in either killing. The probe was reopened in December 1999 after investigators received new information. Kelley declined to comment on the status of the investigation into the policeman's death.

The cases went cold until a year ago, when a former member of the Messersmith's old gang committed suicide and left police an audio tape with information about the Allen shooting. Three other gang members had also killed themselves since the riots.

The killings and riots gathered little national attention at the time, happening during the week a campaign aide to Sen. Edward Kennedy drowned after Kennedy drove his car off a bridge at Chappaquiddick, Mass., and Neil Armstrong walked on the moon.

The Schaad killing occurred on July 18, 1969, as Schaad drove down another city street in an armored vehicle with other police officers. Witnesses told police they saw four black men shoot at the vehicle; Schaad was the only officer killed.

Kohut said the number of people who "knew about the unpopular environmental decisions" is low — from a fifth who knew about the initial decision not to enforce tougher standards for arsenic in water to slightly more than that who knew about the decision to reverse course on limiting carbon dioxide emissions.

The polls taken in mid-April interviewed just over 1,000 people apiece and had error margins of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Democrats acknowledge that people tend to like Bush even if they do not agree with his poli-

cies, and he got recognition for his handling of the China standoff. And they intend to make certain people know about his policy positions.

"A lot of it is because of the China situation," said the chairman of the Democratic National Committee, Terry McAuliffe. "That's what happens after an international incident."

Republicans say the public appreciates Bush both personally and for his style of leadership.

"The president's successes in bipartisanship have driven those poll numbers and driven the American people into his corner,"

said Trent Duffy, a spokesman for the Republican National Committee, who noted Bush attempts to seek a compromise on the tax cut. "He's doing what he said he would do."

At least six in 10 in several polls approved of Bush's handling of foreign policy, and China in particular. Just over half approve of his handling of the economy. They were about evenly split on his handling of the environment and more thought he wanted to shrink government than provide needed services.

About half of the public supports his proposed tax cut, while

about a third oppose it, polls still suggest. But when people are given the choice of tax cuts or spending for popular programs — more lean toward spending for programs.

A CBS News poll suggested that a majority does not believe it is possible for Bush to have his tax cut, preserve programs like Social Security and Medicare and spend more for education at the same time.

"The tax cut has support, but when you ask people if they want to trade off for spending, they say spend," Kohut said. "We should keep an eye on whether the pub-

lic becomes disaffected over his tax package because they want more government spending on Medicare, education and a whole range of things."

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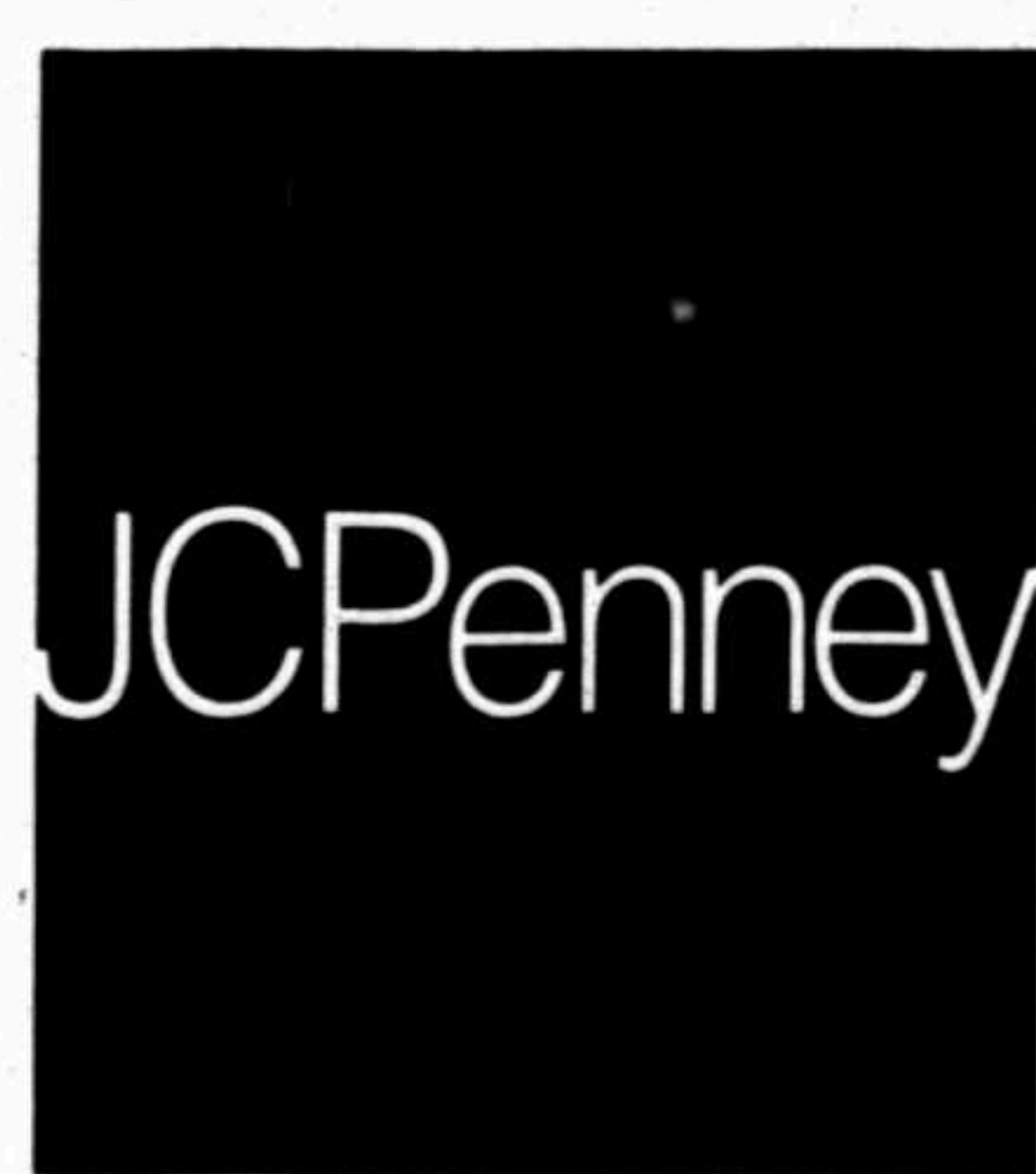
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Judge refuses to halt bombing exercise in Vieques

By Eun-Kyung Kim
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal judge allowed the Navy to resume bombing exercises on the Puerto Rican island of Vieques, saying she found no proof that shelling from training this weekend would cause irreparable harm to residents.

But U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler suggested on Thursday that "it would be the wiser course" for the Navy to postpone scheduling future drills on Vieques until the U.S. government can finish a study on any health risks linked to the exercises.

Puerto Rico Gov. Sila Calderon, at a news conference in San Juan, said she disagreed with the ruling but would respect it "because I am a person of law and order."

The Navy was expected to begin four to seven days of training on Vieques starting today, and Kessler said she could not find any irreparable harm to island residents for such a "particularly discreet" period.

She also stressed that her decision was not a final ruling on the merits of the case.

Carlos Ventura, a Vieques fisherman, said island protesters planned to go into the Navy range in an effort to halt the training.

"The plan to bomb is an act of tyranny against our people," he said. "The government should continue with our legal action, but I call on all Puerto Ricans to support the plans for civil disobedience on Vieques."

Kessler's decision was made in response to a lawsuit filed by Puerto Rico to stop the naval drills, saying they caused health problems and would violate a newly enacted anti-noise law.

Attorneys for the Justice Department argued that the law — which was signed by Puerto Rico's governor earlier this week — was enacted solely to target the military activities and therefore, doesn't apply to the United States because it is discriminatory.

The Justice Department also accused the Puerto Rican government of waiting until days before the Navy's scheduled drills to enact the legislation. An attorney for the commonwealth denied it, saying five days of hearings were required before the law was passed.

The new law cites the U.S. Noise Control Act of 1972, which allows states — or, as in Puerto Rico's case, U.S. territories — to set noise-control laws.

Exemptions to the law may be made by the U.S. president.

While issuing her ruling, Kessler expressed several concerns about the case. Among them, President Bush's failure to intervene on behalf of the Navy for training exercises a Justice Department attorney described as "absolutely critical."

Kessler said she also was bothered by an "implied promise" the Navy made to Puerto Rico's new-

ly elected governor earlier this year to postpone future drills until the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services could finish its review on studies linking the noise to heart problems of island residents.

Eugene Gulland, an attorney for the commonwealth, said past naval drills on Vieques created at least 15,000 sonic booms a year. He cited various studies suggesting a link between the noise and cardiovas-

cular problems.

Earlier, Kessler denied a Justice Department request to transfer the case to a federal court in Puerto Rico, where several lawsuits against the bombing are pending and judges there have familiarity with the issue.

The lawsuit was filed against the Navy, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, acting Navy Secretary Robert Pirie and Adm. Vern Clark, chief of naval operations.

The Navy owns two-thirds of Vieques, and the bombing range covers 900 acres on the island's eastern tip. Bombing has been suspended since March on the eastern part of Vieques.

A group of Vieques residents, led by the Roman Catholic bishop of Caguas, Ruben Gonzalez Medina, plan to deliver a letter to Pope John Paul II this weekend

asking him to appeal to President Bush to end the naval training on Vieques.

Celebrities, including Marc Anthony, Benicio del Toro, Ricky Martin, Jose Feliciano, Roberto Alomar and Juan Gonzalez asked Bush in full-page advertisements in Thursday's Washington Post and New York Times to "stop the bombing of Vieques now."



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By Robert Bar...
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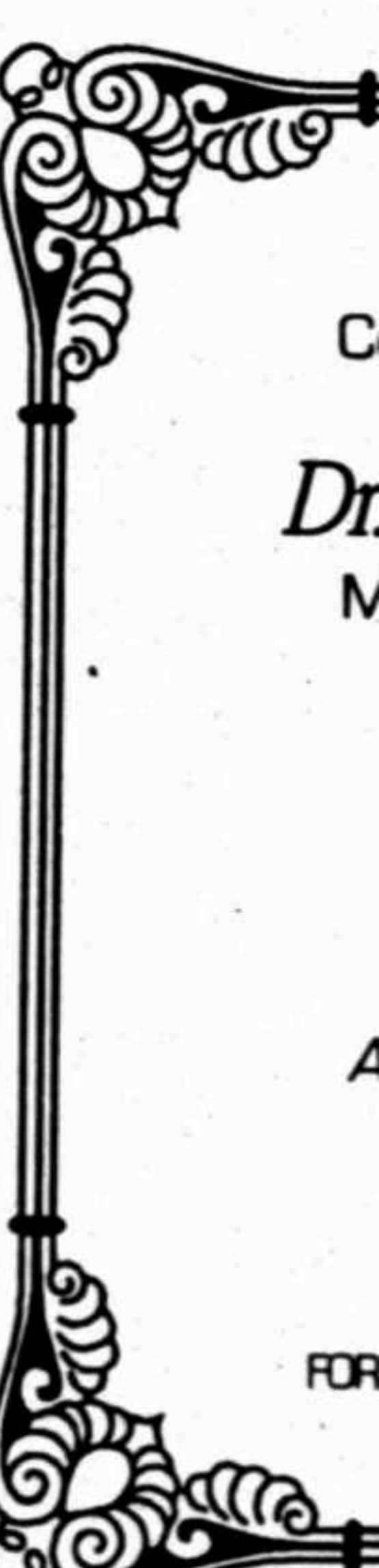
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Policy change swiftly follows media spotlight on one threatened calf

By Robert Barr
Associated Press

LONDON — Phoenix, a cuddly and photogenic calf, was credited with bringing a change of heart by the British government Thursday after more than 2 million farm animals were slaughtered to stop foot-and-mouth disease.

The decision to stop killing apparently healthy animals followed front-page pictures Wednesday of the winsome white calf, who somehow survived the slaughter on a Devon farm and was discovered after lying beside her dead mother for five days.

"It is only because it is a baby calf that the media has got hold of it. If that had been a cow, they wouldn't have been interested," said Jeff Bell, a farmer in Cumbria whose cattle were slaughtered on Wednesday. Cumbria, like Devon, has been hit hard by the epidemic.

"There is an election looming up and they didn't want this to go on, that is quite obvious that's what is going on," Bell said on British Broadcasting Corp. radio.

Agriculture Minister Nick Brown, who officially confirmed the new policy Thursday, long after the government had leaked the news, said he was simply giving authorities the discretion to spare some cattle on farms adjacent to infected farms if they were confident there was no danger of infection.

Such changes, he said, were the result of the government's success in getting control of the disease.

When Phoenix, who was born April 13, was discovered, owners Philip and Michaela Board refused



AP Photo
Ross Board, 11, poses with his calf, Phoenix, at the family farm in Membury, south-east England, on Thursday. Phoenix has been saved from the foot-and-mouth cull after the government amended its slaughter policy. The whole herd at the farm was culled when a farm nearby was confirmed with the foot and mouth disease, but the week-old calf Phoenix was discovered still alive, following a change of government policy.

to allow officials to return to slaughter the calf. The story quickly moved to newspaper front pages.

"It is brilliant, fantastic. We were not sure we were going to get any-

where, but we thought she deserved a chance and we would go for it," Michaela Board said after hearing the government's new policy.

The Board's livestock were killed because the disease had struck a nearby farm.

The government pursued a draconian policy of killing every cow, pig and sheep on farms around infected sites in Devon and Cumbria, which had by far the greatest number of Britain's nearly 1,500 confirmed cases.

More than 2 million animals have been slaughtered since the first foot-and-mouth case was confirmed on Feb. 20.

But opposition lawmakers joined in accusing the image-conscious government of Prime Minister Tony Blair of being swayed by the photographs of Phoenix.

"There is that little inkling of suspicion that Mr. Alastair Campbell (Blair's chief spokesman) took one look at this calf on the front pages of the newspapers — happily christened Phoenix — and thought this would be a wonderful metaphor for the whole recovery of the countryside and the defeat of this epidemic and perhaps the

timing has a little bit to do with those pictures," said Conservative lawmaker David Curry.

The government's chief scientific adviser, Professor David King, announced last week that the epidemic was "fully under control."

It's not over, but the number of new cases has been shrinking: an average of 16 a day last week, compared with an average of 27 the week before.

Anthony Gibson, southwest regional director of the National Farmers Union, said the new policy should have been adopted long ago.

The government had brought the disease under control "but in a welter of blood and tears and at a huge cost in human misery and slaughter of healthy livestock," he said.

"The contiguous cull or something like it was a necessary evil

— but what we have always felt very bitter about was that genuine examples where cattle could not have been exposed to disease on the outbreak farms were simply swept aside."

Roy Anderson, an adviser to the government, urged caution about

relaxing the policy.

"The decline in cases we have seen over the last few weeks ... is a direct consequence of the effective implementation of the policy of slaughter," he said in an interview with British Broadcasting Corp. radio.

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President Bush shows shrewd political instinct

As the lyric in that famous country western song says, "You gotta know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em." Normally, you wouldn't think of President George W. Bush as a gambler or a card player, but it is hard to deny he's got the right political instincts.

In the past week, we've seen that Bush is ready to compromise or back down on two key initiatives he championed throughout his hard-fought White House campaign and in the early days of his presidency — drilling in the Arctic region of Alaska and his tax cut plan.

The Bush administration began to raise the white flag on Arctic drilling this past week when Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Christine Todd Whitman appeared on the weekend talk shows and admitted this would be a losing proposition in Congress.

And by midweek, President Bush signaled his willingness to compromise on his \$1.6 trillion, 10-year year tax cut plan. The president, who has a gift for simplicity, said, "I'm a practical man."

We have staunchly supported the president in his bold move on tax cuts. We think it is a step in the right direction toward healing the economy and in providing financial and psychological relief to the hardworking men and women who steadily feed the hungry coffers of government.

During the presidential campaign, candidate Bush consistently talked about a \$1.3 trillion tax cut.

Upon his inauguration, President Bush boosted the tax cut ante to \$1.6 trillion.

Now, facing a reluctant Congress, a conciliatory Bush has agreed that he may have to notch it down to \$1.4 trillion.

Bear in mind that Democratic leaders started out at \$750 billion.

Even if Bush compromises back at \$1.3 trillion, it'll be hard to say he "caved in." Is it good politics, finding a way to meet in the middle?

Or has this all been a clever bluff orchestrated by a president who consistently has been underestimated by his political peers?

For many of us, this signals sure signs that we will soon benefit from significant tax relief.

We know we're better off with that hard-earned money in our own pockets rather than seeing it in the hands of government bureaucrats.

A good card player knows you're not going to win every hand. The goal is to walk away a winner.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, April 27, the 117th day of 2001. There are 248 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On April 27, 1805, a force led by U.S. Marines captured the city of Derna, on the shores of Tripoli.

On this date:

In 1509, Pope Julius II excommunicated the Italian state of Venice.

In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

In 1822, the 18th president of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, was born in Point Pleasant, Ohio.

In 1865, the steamer Sultana exploded on the Mississippi River near Memphis, Tenn., killing more than 1,400 Union prisoners of war.

In 1932, American poet Hart Crane drowned after jumping from a steamer while en route to New York; he was 32.

In 1937, the nation's first Social Security checks were distributed.

In 1967, Expo '67 was officially opened in Montreal by Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson.

In 1973, during the Watergate scandal, the FBI's acting director, L. Patrick Gray, resigned.

In 1978, convicted Watergate defendant John D. Ehrlichman was released from an Arizona prison after serving 18 months.

In 1986, a video pirate calling himself "Captain Midnight" interrupted a movie on Home Box Office with a printed message protesting de-scrambling fees. Captain Midnight turned out to be John R. MacDougall of Florida, who was fined and placed on probation.

Ten years ago: A group of 250 Kurds became the first refugees to move into a new U.S.-built camp in northern Iraq.

Five years ago: Tens of thousands of refugees streamed home to southern Lebanon after a U.S.-brokered cease-fire silenced the guns in the 16-day Israel-Hezbollah war.

One year ago: New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani disclosed that he had prostate cancer. He later bowed out of the U.S. Senate race against Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Thought for Today: "It is in the 30s that we want friends. In the 40s we know they won't save us any more than love did." — F. Scott Fitzgerald, American author (1896-1940).

LETTERS

Dufford has pro-family, pro-business platform

Since the candidates have filed for City Council, only Scott Dufford has demonstrated he is ready to lead District 3. Scott's clearly defined conservative agenda along with his pro-business and pro-family platform makes him the only choice for our district. Please support Scott Dufford for Midland City Council.

Miranda D. Chadwick

Dufford can be trusted with Midland's future

Over the past several years I have seen a trend in the way Midlanders vote against many items that involve money, and the items that are voted for and pass face constant complaints. This does not reflect a refusal to see Midland progress as a community, but rather a mistrust of those given the spending power. A wall has been built.

There is a man currently running for City Council who could make a major impact in tearing this wall down. His name is Scott Dufford. He is known by many for his pioneering spirit, his ability to tackle problems head-on and his business savvy. He is highly successful and wise when it comes to spending money and turning a profit. He knows about investing in long range and short range projects and making every dollar count. There is so much talk about economic diversity. Scott is what Midland needs right now. He is energetic, innovative and eager to share his dynamic abilities with his community.

Unfortunately, the political arena is known for attracting individuals who may be smart, but lack integrity. Integrity is a broad umbrella that encompasses many character qualities — among them are trust, respect and honesty. It is having a conscience and making a choice to do what is right no matter how difficult that choice may be. Can Scott Dufford be trusted? Absolutely. He is a man of integrity. He can be trusted with your money and with your future.

I would urge all Midlanders to get out and exercise your right to vote. Let's flex some muscle here and enact change on the most basic level. Let's tear down that wall.

Brenda Ratliff

Brown would be mayor to last through storms

My name is Roy L. Smith, and I am a local citizen, minister and the pastor of a local church. I am a devoted husband, father and community leader. I am also black.

This letter is written in support of Dale Brown, the next mayor of our fine city.

In agony of spirit and soul, I write this letter but it is not with any regret. You see, to most blacks, I am too white, and to most whites, I am too black. My family and I live between two worlds, willing to be misunderstood in order to send the message of love to all. I support Brown because he is a man who cares to do the right things for all the people of Midland. For almost four years on Thursday mornings Dale Brown, myself and many other local pastors meet for prayer in various churches all over our city. Dale and I have fussed, disagreed, argued, cried, laughed and embraced each other during these times of prayer. But through it all, we have remained faithful to our friendship and work for the betterment of our city. Dale Brown is a winner because he refuses to quit. Our city will face many mountains and valleys, and I want a mayor who can last through the storms. Dale Brown can sustain the citizenry through tough times. Dale understands the importance of discovering a harmony between the different cultures of this city. When the leadership in our city is confident of this city's future, it will bring a sense of peace to us who live under their government.

As a kite needs an opposing wind to give it flight, Dale Brown needs your support for mayor, so we as a community of people can take our rightful place in this nation's history as a people who understand it is love for our neighbors that will cause the walls of distrust and alienation to no longer exist.

Roy Smith
 Pastor, True-Lite Christian Fellowship

Doonesbury



Canon will devote time, talent to city

Midland is a great community and Mike Canon is going to help make it better when he is mayor. I've known Mike and his family for a number of years. He and Judy exemplify the couple I think we want as the "first family" of Midland. Mike's enthusiasm, integrity and can-do attitude is what we need and deserve in the office of mayor.

Mike has proven in many ways his dedication to serve this city. He has worked tirelessly in the area of downtown revitalization and economic development. He has a vision and a plan to improve job growth in our city. Mike has worked hard to help change the attitude at City Hall regarding economic development. I believe the Cingular announcement this week is due in a large part to his leadership. I'm glad Mike is willing to devote his time, talent and energy to help our city grow.

Mike Canon is a man we will all be proud of as our Mayor. I voted for him today and I encourage you to vote for Mike.

Cadell Liedtke

Canon can diversify our economic growth

In reading the newspaper on April 17, I found two things interesting and of particular importance in regard to the upcoming mayoral race. First, the Midland Reporter-Telegram endorses Mike Canon as mayor. I believe this to be the best possible endorsement of all the candidates.

Second, I know that Dale Brown leads Mike Canon slightly in the race for mayor according to the newspaper's poll.

I have lived in Midland, basically all of my life (50 years). I believe this mayoral race is as important as any we have ever had. I have known Mike Canon for 20 years, and I believe he is well qualified and a moderate conservative, who can give us the best chance of economic diversity in this city. He can, of all the candidates, best represent the city of Midland in the crucial years ahead. Mike is a young, energetic and highly motivated person who seeks to unify our community and diversify our economic growth and development. I urge everyone to go to the polls and vote for Mike Canon. Mike seeks nothing but the best for Midland, and we should support him.

J. Michael Cunningham

Brown has energy, time to lead city as mayor

This city election is one of extreme importance to the future of Midland and our children. We want and need a place for our children and grandchildren to live and prosper. It will take a concerted effort from each of us, and a vote for Dale Brown will be an important step in the process. Dale is creative, responsible and has the time and energy to lead us.

He is a true man of God and seeks to do the best for all people. Please vote for Dale.

Wes and Roni Perry

Canon has vision for Midland to prosper

I started my life some years ago in Big Spring and have lived in West Texas all my life except for a stint in college and the military. I have seen boom and bust.

I am proud to be a West Texan from Midland. I want to continue to be proud of our community — a community my grandchildren will want to live in or come back to if they attend college outside of Midland. I believe Mike Canon is the "voice of reason" for our community and is the best choice for mayor. He is honest, forthright and will listen with an open ear. He has a vision for Midland to prosper and not "dry up and blow away."

I am proud to cast my vote for Mike Canon.

A. J. Cain

Webb has devoted years to community leadership

Norma Webb is the prime example of the all-around City Council candidate with diverse talents and abilities that Midland needs.

She has 30 years of proven community leadership to offer Midland voters.

She has served well on boards for the Arts Assembly, Junior Achievement, CAF, Salvation Army, Chamber of Commerce, Texas Society for the Prevention of Blindness, Samaritan Counseling Center Midland College Advisory Committee and others.

She is a pilot, and as a Bush appointee, a commissioner on the Texas Aerospace Commission. In addition, she is on the Midland Airport board and understands and supports the major economic potential of the Midland International Airport and adjacent areas. This is a great opportunity to partner with Odessa, and they have expressed a desire to do so. She will work to make it happen.

With all the community involvement, Norma has still made time for a well-rounded personal life with a husband and grown children. She has owned a successful nation-wide wholesale company and carefully managed her own investments for 34 years.

With this match of broad experience in civic and personal life, you have the type of person who any employer, public or private, would give their eyeteeth to get. Midland can hire that level of quality by voting for Norma Webb for City Council.

Don Ewan

Canon is concerned about city's future

I came to Midland in 1936 to teach music at John M. Cowden Junior High School (now Midland High School). My husband, Hugh, came in 1941 as a lieutenant in the Air Corps. We've lived here ever since, except for the war years.

We've known Mike Canon all his life and know what a fine young man he is. Midland will be very fortunate to have such an intelligent, caring mayor to lead us through this very important period in the life of our city. He has had a lot of experience working for our town and has been very concerned for the welfare of all of us and for the future of our fine city. We highly recommend him for the very important position of mayor. He is a man we can be very proud of, and we could not choose a better candidate to serve as mayor.

Jesse Gilmour

Webb knows how to get things done for city

First of all, we are thankful for all of the candidates who have elected to run for the City of Midland offices. We also are thankful the Midland Reporter-Telegram provides, through letters such as this, the opportunity to make known information we believe is important for others to know prior to casting that all-important vote.

In this regard, I would like to make known information on the person I support for City Council, Norma Webb. Norma offers a tremendous opportunity to help Midland in many ways but especially in the area of economic development and diversification for the city of Midland which would surely benefit the surrounding cities as well. Norma Webb was appointed to the Texas Aerospace Commission by President George W. Bush, who at the time of Norma Webb's appointment to the Aerospace Commission was governor of Texas. Her term on this commission will expire in the year 2003. The purpose for the Texas Aerospace Commission, which is headed up by Apollo space astronaut Walter Cunningham as chairman, is the economic development for Texas in Aerospace and aviation. Working in this capacity, she has tremendous opportunity to know of, work on and help develop aerospace and aviation opportunities as well as collateral opportunities that may be available to Midland and surrounding areas. This is one of the many types of diversification I think fits Midland. Also in the area of aviation, Norma is currently serving on the Midland Air board.

Additionally, Norma worked with the Confederate Air Force in helping to promote and obtain development funds, which provided her the opportunity to work with many of our state officials in Austin. She is also a Leadership Texas graduate which is an opportunity for selected leaders in the

state of Texas. Norma has the contacts and knows how to get things done. For the rest of the story, vote for Norma.

John Ochsner

Nicholas ready to make city better place to live

I have been impressed for years with the intellect and common sense of Mark Nicholas who is running for a seat on the City Council here in Midland in the upcoming election. My association with Mark is longstanding and started when he was a Boy Scout and I was one of his leaders. Mark demonstrated his ability as a leader in his scouting years as well as a dedicated person. He earned his Eagle Scout rank.

Having been very successful in the oil and gas business in the Permian Basin (owner of an engineering company where acute business skills are required in these days of great competition), Mark is now ready to turn his attention to helping make Midland a better place to live and earn a living. He has the correct attitude and certainly the know-how to get it done; already serving the community in several leadership roles. This without a doubt prepares him to understand what is expected of a councilman.

Although his education and livelihood has been in oil and gas, Mark Nicholas has a deep desire to search and establish a business diversification for Midland. I can assure you he will analyze problems thoroughly and vote with fairness, honesty, integrity and mental toughness.

Mark speaks proudly of his Midland roots and the wonderful opportunity he has been afforded to call Midland home. I know you can trust Mark to serve his constituency well and be in high attendance at council meetings throughout the elected term.

Mark Nicholas is indeed "Top of the Mark." He deserves and appreciates your vote.

Truman E. Spires

Midland needs strong, positive leadership

In my opinion, Midland is at a real crossroads today concerning its future. I feel Midland has a great future before it, but the most important thing it needs today is strong, positive leadership. That is why I think the mayor's race is so critical and why I believe we must elect Mike Canon as our new mayor.

Mike is a proven leader and will bring the positive leadership needed to take advantage of what I believe our community can become in the next several years. Mike and his family know the needs of Midland, and I will always have a warm place in my heart for them.

It was his oilman brother who stepped up to the line in those dark days, when oil was \$10 per barrel, to help start the "Save Domestic Oil" initiative with his support and large financial contributions.

I hope all of Midland will get behind Mike Canon's campaign and elect this fine young man as our mayor, so we can have the bright future we all want for Midland.

Frank Cahoon

Canon knows best way to reduce taxes

I have known Mike Canon for more than 10 years. We have served on many boards, committees and other volunteer groups and agencies. Mike Canon has the energy, vigor and vision needed to lead our great Midland community in the future.

Mike is the best choice for Midland's future because he understands the best and most responsible way to reduce taxes, without eliminating or reducing services, is to broaden our tax base. That is how Abilene, Tyler, Amarillo and other cities with lower tax rates have accomplished lowering their taxes.

My wife, Evelyn, and I are voting for Mike Canon because we love Midland and have enjoyed watching and experiencing Midland's development and the quality of life it provides.

J. Brian Martin

Canon is personable, down-to-earth person

It has been my privilege to live in Midland most of my life. Midland has been great to my family. As an independent businesswoman, I realize for Midland to continue to be great, we need great leadership. Mike Canon will provide the leadership our city so desperately needs.

For voters who are not as fortunate as I am to personally know Mike, I encourage you to vote for him. He is smart, down-to-earth, personable and extremely ethical. He shoots straight with everyone and will make the citizens of Midland proud to have him as our mayor. Again, I encourage Midland to vote for Mike Canon on May 5.

Susie Hitchcock-Hall

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New Japanese prime minister names five women to Cabinet

By Joji Sakurai
Associated Press

TOKYO — After being elected prime minister, Junichiro Koizumi wasted no time Thursday surpassing expectations of change, installing a Cabinet that includes a record five women — all in key posts — and filling his roster with committed reformers.

Makiko Tanaka led the list of women on Koizumi's team, given the crucial portfolio of foreign minister at a time of bumpy ties with the United States and Japan's Asian neighbors.

Koizumi, who was elected prime minister by parliament after winning a ruling party mandate for change, also put women at the helm of the ministries of justice, transport, health and education.

That represents almost a third of the Cabinet in a nation where women represent only one-tenth of lawmakers and where only a few have made it to the top of corporations.

"It's a revolutionary Cabinet," Tanaka declared.

As foreign minister, she will have to ease ties with Asian nations angry about Japan's recent approval of a history textbook written by nationalists. Relations with Washington have also been hurt by the submarine accident off Hawaii that killed nine Japanese.

Koizumi spent his first day in office polishing his reformist credentials. He snubbed the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's biggest clique, giving only two, relatively low-profile posts to its members.

"There are forces that are against reform, but I'll fight hard for it from the very beginning," Koizumi said.

After hearing of the fresh faces in the new government, many peo-

ple abandoned the cynicism that has prevailed in recent years.

But experts were more cautious. Many wondered if Koizumi's team has the experience, resilience and cunning to change the LDP from within.

"The LDP is such a formidable bureaucratic system," said Shigenori Okazaki, a political analyst at UBS Warburg. "Can this young Cabinet really challenge the bureaucrats? Can they challenge the senior politicians?"

While rallying behind the new leader in public, the old guard was almost certain to be plotting revenge, Okazaki said.

And if they have fared dimly at winning the public's trust, the LDP's conservatives have honed the art of putting up a hard — and reputedly underhanded — fight.

Koizumi needs to produce results fast, because failure in parliamentary elections in July is widely seen as the only excuse LDP conservatives need to dislodge him.

The new leader gained power on

the back of a stunning groundswell of support among grass-roots LDP members who forced his election as their leader in the party's presidential ballot on Tuesday.

Koizumi's success in rank-and-file primaries was remarkable for several reasons.

The ruling party's members in rural areas have long formed the backbone of the LDP old guard's support. The fact they turned against the status quo candidate — former Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto — demonstrates how much party mandarins have lost touch with the public.

Moreover, Koizumi didn't win in the traditional way of promising pork. Instead, he openly prescribed pain to heal the economy, saying structural reform was the only path to lasting prosperity.

On Thursday, his new economic team was scrambling to soften Koizumi's campaign stance that a period of economic shrinkage may be necessary to create the framework for the next economic boom.

"We shouldn't go after economic

contraction, but fundamentally it is important that we follow through with structural reform," said Hakuo Yanagisawa, who was renamed financial services minister.

The biggest surprise in Koizumi's Cabinet lineup was the choice of Tanaka as foreign minister.

Tanaka's straight talk has made her Japan's most popular politician. On Thursday, she backed Koizumi's statement that the relationship with Washington forms the foundation of Japan's foreign policy.

Joining her in the Cabinet are Mayumi Morioka as justice minister and Atsuko Toyama as education minister. Chikage Ogi and Yoriko Kawaguchi stayed on as transport minister and environment agency chief, respectively.

The position of finance minister went to Koizumi ally Masajiro Shiokawa. A party veteran, he has held no top financial posts, and his age — 79 — generated some skepticism.

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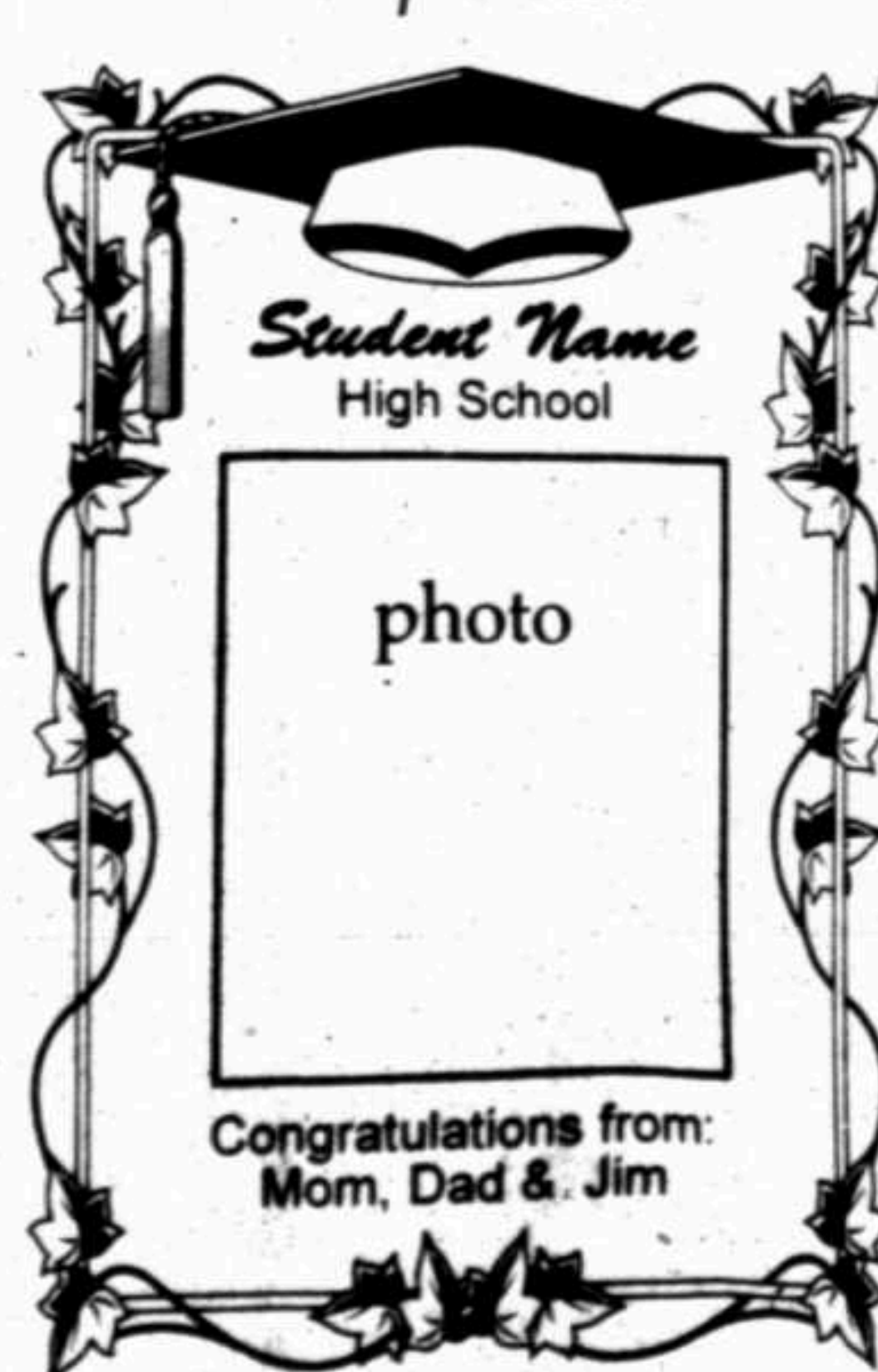
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FACES OF EVA



Life, legend of 'Evita' to come to Chap Center

By Georgia Temple
Entertainment Editor

In the tiny, dusty town of Junin, at 5 o'clock on May 7, 1919, an Indian woman walked to a home west of the village to deliver a baby. The father was an important man in the village. The mother was his mistress. The simple house was constructed around a patio bordered with trees.

An outwardly unimpressive, small tomb, west of the main avenue in the ornately appointed Recoleta Cemetery became in 1976 the resting place of the baby born of such humble beginnings whose life would so impact a nation that the location of her body was kept a secret for almost 17 years.

"Around no historical figure in modern times are there such complicated myths as those that exist around the figure of Eva, second wife of Juan Peron, best known by the affectionate diminutive, Evita," wrote Nicholas Fraser and Marysa Navarro in their 1980 book, "Eva Peron."

In between her birth and her death at 8:25 p.m. on July 26, 1952, Evita became the actress Eva Duarte, then the mistress of Colonel Peron, and, when he was swept into the office of president of Argentina in October of 1945, his wife.

The life and the legend of Evita, a.k.a. Eva Maria Ibarguren Duarte Peron, was made into a successful musical by Andrew Lloyd Webber with book by Tim Rice. The show ran for 2,900 performances in London and opened its New York run at the Broadway Theatre on Sept. 25, 1979, with Patti LuPone in the lead and Mandy Patinkin as the enigmatic Che Guevera. The production ran for 1,567 performances and spawned several touring companies.

And now a locally cast production of "Evita" comes to Midland College's Chaparral Center May 3, 4 and 5 through the joint efforts of Midland Community Theatre and the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc.

"I first saw the road-show production in Dallas probably about 15 or 16 years ago and fell in love with the show and have wanted to do this role ever since," said Dale Jenkins, who plays Che in the MCT-MOSC production. "I am just so thankful and grateful for the opportunity."

Vocally, it is such a challenge. Mandy Patinkin played it on Broadway, and he is a hero of mine."

The story is told by Che, who also steps into the action. This approach appealed to Jenkins, who said, "I like the way the character sometimes is talking to the audience and sometimes is actually in the action of the show."

Lisa Barnett, who sings the title role, said she has "loved this show for a long time. I started listening to it toward the end of high school, so I've been listening to this for 15 years. It's exciting to do a musical that I'm so fond of."

The role is vocally demanding as Madonna learned when she played the

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From top left down:
Lisa Barrett plays
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Jenkins as Che and
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Doc's Bar: today & Sat.: Voodoo Poet, 4519 N. Garfield, 620-8130.

First Presbyterian Church: Today: marimba recital by Derron Bell 7:30 p.m. 800 W. Texas Ave. Free.

Maverick Players: today & Sat.: Comedy: "Titus Andronicus Slept Here." 8 p.m. through May 12, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley. Tickets: \$10. Call 561-5536.

Midland Hilton: today: Comedy Club, \$5 cover. Reservations 683-0421.

The New Sans Souci: Today & Sat.: live entertainment. No cover. Tues. & Wed.: Karaoke with She & I, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Call: 683-6944.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Hall: today: Fashion Show/Dance, 7 p.m.-midnight, music by Oscar Aguilar, Admission \$5 adults, \$2 children. Call 699-2549.

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Opening: "Town & Country," "The Forsaken," "One Night at McCool's," "Driven" & "Bridget Jones Diary," Tall City 10.

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Globe Theatre: Today & Sat.: Comedy: "The Taming of the Shrew," 8 p.m. 2308 Shakespeare Rd., 580-3177. Admission \$10 adults, \$8 students & seniors, \$6 for groups of 15 or more.

Graham Central Station: today: Trick Pony in concert in the Plaza with Perfect Stranger & Casey Lee Green. 8 p.m. Fun & Games in Denim & Diamonds Bikini Contest. Wed.: Ladies night. 4240 Preston Smith Rd. Call: 552-0552.

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Saturday, April 28
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Midland Community Theatre: Sat.: presentation: Shakespeare in the Park, noon, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Call: 682-2544.

Permian Basin Blues Society: Sat.: Performance: James Cotton and the Antone Allstars, 8 p.m., Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado. Call: 580-0444 for admission; free for PBBS members.

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Dos Amigos: Sat.: Concert: Charlie Robison, "The Derailers" will open the show. Doors open 7 p.m., concert 9 p.m. Call for tickets, 915-368-7556.

Globe Theater: Symposium: Changing Images of Women. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Call: 580-3177.

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Wednesday, May 2
Seniors Over 50 Dance Group: Wed.: 8-10:30 p.m., American Legion Hall, 501 Air Park Road. Country western. Professional bands. Admission: \$4. Call: 682-5511, 694-3236, 687-1633.

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PLAY: Transition from stage to film 'pretty successful'

(From 1B)

title role in the 1996 film version directed by Alan Parker.

"I could go a lot higher if need be, but in terms of belting and vocal strength, it takes everything I have," Ms. Barnett said. "Part of the reason Tim (Jebsen) and the folks with the symphony decided to cast the three leads back in October is that we've been working on it since then. It's definitely the most demanding vocal role I've ever had, so it's been fun to step up to that challenge."

The third leading role, Juan Peron, is being sung by Jaime Sotelo, who had never seen a stage version of the show but was a fan of the music.

"I've known the music since I was in college back in the '80s," said Sotelo. "It's always been one of my favorite shows. I am hispanic, and it is one of the few shows that has strong hispanic characters in it. And it was an opportunity, a very rare opportunity, to play somebody who I fit to a T. The character's very strong, but he's also weak in a lot of areas. And you see that in the show."

All three have seen the 1996 film version starring Madonna, Antonio Banderas as Che and Jonathan Pryce as Peron.

"I enjoyed the movie," said Jenkins. "They altered the keys, and I hate to say this, but they made it easier for Madonna and Antonio Banderas to sing than the original score was intended."

"Visually, it was just perfection. The costumes, the actual places where the movie was filmed and the authenticity of it were incredible. But, in the play, I think you, as an actor, get more of a chance to actually develop your character."

"I went in with the attitude that I didn't think I was going to like Madonna in the role, but I came away from it respecting the job that she did," said Ms. Barnett. "I didn't think she had the vocal chops to handle the role, but, for the most part, I thought she did a pretty good job."

The transition from stage production to film was, Ms. Barnett said, "Pretty successful. I think it's a tough piece to

'The movie was very good. There's just something magical, something special about a stage production.'

— Jaime Sotelo, who plays Juan Peron

do as a movie because it is very theatrical."

"The movie was very good," said Sotelo. "There's just something magical, something special about a stage production."

The MCT-MOSC stage production includes an AutoPilot system, acquired by Tomcat USA, for the show. The musical features a 40-piece orchestra, under the baton of Odessa Charles Nail, state-of-the-art lighting, full scenery and costumes.

Directed by Tim Jebsen, MCT's executive director, the musical is being staged through the combined efforts of hundreds of volunteers. Co-producers are the Abell-Hanger Foundation and Wagner & Brown, Ltd. Sponsor for the PG-rated show is KWES-TV/Telemundo.

All money raised from the production will help fund the educational and outreach programs of MCT and the MOSC, both non-profit organizations. Subscribers to either organization receive a discount of \$10 off the \$30 reserved ticket price. General admission tickets are \$10. Curtain is at 8 p.m. May 3-5. For reservation information call MCT's box office, 682-4111.

A successful production of "Evita" has four requirements musically, said Greg Pysh, musical director for the production. "An outstanding Eva Peron, an outstanding Peron and likewise an outstanding Che. Those are the three leads, and they not only carry the show but carry the action of the show. And we are really blessed with three wonderful, outstanding people who are doing those three leads."

"The fourth component musically is a chorus that not only can sing, because the vocal requirements are pretty strong, but those folks are also able to take the roles of aristo-

crats of the army. And some of those same people have to be fine dancers. We really have an extremely talented cast working on this."

"Some of the folks that people have seen in lead roles at Permian Playhouse and the Globe and MCT are part of the ensemble. For example, Jennifer Mangum, who is singing the part of the mistress, has one of the really fine solo parts, but she's also part of the ensemble."

Ms. Mangum was among those who auditioned for the title role when auditions were held in October of 2000.

"I didn't get that part, but that's OK because I still wanted to be in the show," Ms. Mangum said. "I like the challenging music. It's almost like being in an American opera because there are no speaking lines. It's all singing."

Amy Lambert, who is making her stage debut, was "thrilled" to be cast as a tango dancer and part of the ensemble.

"I've always wanted to be in a musical," said Ms. Lambert. "I've been a singer and a dancer throughout my life. I knew what a major production it was going to be. They had already chosen the main characters, and they seemed to be pretty awesome, and I definitely wanted to be a part of it."

Scooter Tilley, who was cast as Migaldi, the tango singer who takes Eva to Buenos Aires, said he "couldn't pass up the opportunity."

"I saw a touring-company production of the show years ago in Dallas," Tilley said. "And then I was in the concert version when we did it here at MCT several years ago, and I've also seen the movie."

Although Tilley enjoyed the film, he still finds the stage version of any musical more exciting.

"With a movie there's so

many neat location shots you can do," said Tilley. "You have all the extras for the crowd scenes and the fact you are shooting it right there where all these events took place. But to me the excitement of hearing the music live — a live orchestra — with live actors, being right there with it, I think that's much more exciting than a movie could ever be."

For the story of Evita — a woman idolized, hated, feared and loved who lived her life in the middle of the action — a live production seems more fitting than one captured on film.

"It's a wonderful role," Ms. Barnett said. "I'm thrilled to be playing it because she's a very powerful woman. I enjoy playing women with strong characters. But the fact that she's a fascist makes it kind of tough. I don't agree with her politics, but I admire her strength. Whether or not you agree with her politics, you have to admire the fact that she was so strong in such a patriarchal society."

Even in death, the personality that was Eva Peron reached out from the grave to haunt those who hated and feared her. The tomb, where in 1976 she was laid to rest, contains no outward inscription that bears her name. The vault itself is more than it appears to be on the surface.

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Rank	Film	Weekend gross	Gross to date	Weeks in release	No. of screens
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2.	Spy Kids	\$10.1	\$86.5	Four weeks	3,191 screens
3.	Along Came a Spider	\$8.8	\$46.8	Three weeks	2,543 screens
4.	Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles	\$7.7	\$7.7	One week	2,123 screens
5.	Freddy Got Fingered	\$7.1	\$7.1	One week	2,271 screens
6.	Blow	\$5.9	\$35.2	Three weeks	2,103 screens
7.	Joe Dirt	\$5.3	\$19.1	Two weeks	2,638 screens
8.	Kingdom Come	\$4.2	\$16.1	Two weeks	1,111 screens
9.	Josie and the Pussycats	\$2.9	\$11.5	Two weeks	2,558 screens
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a family guide to current movies

By Tom Laney

This column rates current movies for parents and others who want help in choosing films that reflect traditional values and are suitable for family viewing. Films are rated in two categories: Entertainment (rated 0 to +4) and Acceptability (rated -4 to +4). I'll add brief comments to clarify the reasons for the ratings. Movies listed are currently playing in Midland and/or Odessa as of this writing.

JOE DIRT (PG-13; 0, -3 1/2) The two best things I can say about this film are: (1) it's only an hour and 41 minutes long; and (2) it has a sort of positive message about how scuzzy, disgusting people are capable of human feelings, too. The two worst things I can say about it are: (1) it relies on immature, imbecilic humor, with gags about masturbation, incest and an erection on a presumed corpse; and (2) it's playing in theaters now, with a PG-13 rating, which means your 9-year-old could walk up to the box office and buy a ticket and watch this toxic waste WITHOUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE OR PERMISSION. It's not only not entertaining (one reviewer said it only SEEMED 17 hours long); it's also so bad I was about to call it the worst movie of the year, until I saw:

FREDDY GOT FINGERED (R; 0, -4) Last year in this space, I said "Dr. T and the Women" was the worst movie I had ever seen, and "Scary Movie" was the dirtiest R-rated film ever made. When I said those things, I was hoping those records would hold for a long time. But Hollywood is always trying to outdo itself. I have read excerpts from over 60 reviews of this film, and only five had anything positive to say about it. The rest agreed overwhelmingly it's the worst movie ever made — so far. This film would stand up in court as persuasive evidence in a committal hearing or an obscenity trial. It's a graphic lesson in what happens when you give a camera to a sociopath who's bent on offending everyone in the audience. I'll go on record as saying it's now the worst film I've ever seen, although "Scary Movie" probably still holds the "dirtiest movie" award in the Hall of Shame (but only by a hair). Most of the objectionable material in this film cannot be listed in this column, but I urge you, if you need any more convincing, to look it up at www.screenit.com, which lists every sickening detail. One example should suffice for those of you without Internet access: Green's character delivers a baby, chews

through the umbilical cord to sever it, and, noticing the baby is not breathing, holds the end of the cord and slings the baby around in a circle, splattering the room with copious amounts of blood, until he hears it cry. I'm not a fan of big government, but films like this should be illegal. And they may be, depending on the courts' interpretation of community standards. We'll never know until someone actually signs a complaint against this pornographer. Can you tell I didn't like it? Keep an eye on your kids and teens until this abomination leaves town.

BRIDGET JONES'S DIARY (R; 2 1/2, -3) Here's a film that must have been funded by the tobacco industry and some major breweries and distilleries. Everyone in the movie smokes and drinks incessantly (I thought Hollywood was supposed to stop promoting drug and alcohol use). And, as an added benefit, anyone who's feeling low on "f-words" will certainly get their fill from this new Renee Zellweger picture. Is it entertaining? Yes, it has its moments, and it's got a generally good cast. But it's definitely a film for adults. Your teen-age daughters will probably want to see it, but shouldn't. The film strongly promotes a lifestyle of promiscuity and premarital sex.

THE CAVEMAN'S VALENTINE (R; 3 1/2, -3) Samuel L. Jackson deserves credit for accepting this dauntingly difficult role as a brilliant Juilliard-educated pianist/composer who, after a breakdown, now lives in a cave in a Manhattan park, a shabbily dressed paranoid schizophrenic street person. He lives in constant fear of "Y- and Z-rays" broadcast from the top of the Chrysler building by his imagined nemesis Cornelius Gould Stuyvesant. Jackson's character Romulus Ledbetter finds a frozen corpse outside his cave and becomes embroiled in a self-appointed murder investigation involving a famous but apparently sadistic photographer, David Lepperaub (don't you just love these character names?), played by the excellent Colm Feore (nobody seems to know him by name, but you'll recognize him as the creepy bad guy from Stephen King's "Storm of the Century"). An amazing film that succeeds at a difficult task — putting the viewer inside the mind of an insane but sympathetic character. Leave the

kids with a sitter and see it.

AMORES PERROS (R; 3, -4) This critically acclaimed film is very difficult to watch. No, it's not because of the subtitles. It's because of the incredibly gruesome depictions of dogs killed and maimed in illegal dogfights. The title refers to "dog lovers," and each of the sections deals with someone who loves a dog. The central character, I suppose, is a Rottweiler who is forced into fighting, wins many fights, kills many other dogs, and is shot and gravely wounded by one very nasty bad guy. He is nursed back to health by a homeless hitman. It's an amazing film that interweaves some interesting stories, but the language, violence, sexuality and nudity make it a movie for strong-stomached adults only.

CROCODILE DUNDEE IN LOS ANGELES (PG; 2, 2) It's a shame when a fairly inoffensive film like this is suitable for the family is based on such a lame script. The plot is full of holes, many of the jokes fall flat, and the general quality of the acting is such that Mike Tyson's cameo role even looks like moderately good acting (it's not). But guess what? I'm giving it a qualified recommendation, because there are so few current films suitable for the family, and kids won't complain about the plot holes, they'll just have fun. But if you want a top-quality family film, your only current choice is still "Spy Kids." Go see it for a fourth time.

Next time, we'll look at some more new releases, including "Divine," "The Forsaken," and the adult sex comedies "Town and Country" and "One Night at McCool's." As always, I recommend three good Web sites for information on new movies: www.screenit.com, www.gospel.com.net/previews, and www.upcomingmovies.com. Don't hesitate to check out any of these sites for further information, or e-mail me with your comments and questions at: tlaney@apex2000.net. Thank you for all the positive comments I've received so far — it's a pleasure to be of service to you.

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ONE ON THE AISLE

By Pamela C. Allen

THE TAMING OF A SHREW

Last Friday evening, the Globe of the Great Southwest opened with one of William Shakespeare's more famous comedies — "The Taming of a Shrew." Director Kathryn Graybill sets the production in a West Texas town in the early part of the 20th century. The play within the play takes place, of course, in Padua. Ms. Graybill has cast some of the men's roles as women, adding strength to the females within the story. The actual play within the play is the story of the two sisters, one of whom needs "taming" to be the kind of woman who is submissive to the will of her husband — it was a long time ago.

The players come to town to put on a play about the family of the widow Baptista, played by Kelly Newsom, who lends much hardness to what was initially a male role. She is the mother to the modest, sweet-natured, youngest sister Bianca, nicely played by Laura Morris. She is sought after by several men of Padua, but as was the custom of the day, the younger daughter can't be married until the older daughter is wed.

"There's the rub." The older daughter is the sharp-tongued, shrewish Katherina, played by Christina Little. What's a little intimacy problem among friends? Nothing against Little's personality, but this is the best production in which I've seen her. Good job Christina!

To succeed in their suit to woo the fair Bianca, her suitors push a brash, boastful gentleman from Verona by the name of Petruchio, who has come to find himself a wife, to wed Katherina. He figures he's the MAN, he can bring her to his will. George Melonakos plays the arrogant Petruchio. He is strong, sure of his place in the world and plays the character as if he knows him quite well.

Again we have the switching of identities and plots within plots. Character driven humor, there is always a fool in one form or another. Anthony Ridley plays Grumio, the servant to Petruchio. He's terrific as this fool. Ridley makes the audience feel as if they were part of his antics. He is the cause of much of the humor of the evening. Grumio and Petruchio play off one another well.

It is a large well-selected cast that brings us this comedy. The nearly full audience enjoyed the evening, even though I did hear a few people say they didn't understand much of the dialog. You don't really need to if you watch closely and follow the action. They were right, however, as it pertained some of the younger people in the cast. As is the problem with many of the young people, they feel they have to speak fast to make sure they get it all out. It is more important for the audience to hear the words.

This is a production worth seeing. You will only have tonight and Saturday night to see it. Call the box office at the Globe at 580-3177 or 332-1586 today. "The most wasted day of all is the one in which you have not laughed." This is a good chance to do just that — laugh!

Opening tonight at the Cole Theater's Mabec Theatre is the Maverick Players' production of "Titus Andronicus Slept Here." It will be playing for the next two weekends. Call their box office at 561-5536 for ticket information.

Pamela C. Allen, a 15-year member of the Midland Reporter-Telegram staff, has been involved in all aspects of live theater since 1963 from finding props to producing.

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■ **The Newcomers Club** will meet for coffee at 9:30 a.m. May 3 at 2303 Keswick Road. All area newcomers are invited. For information call 683-5260 or 520-2040.

■ **Midland Country Club Ladies Association** will hold a luncheon at 11:15 a.m. today. There will be informal Modeling by Philbeck Clothiers. Pamela Stone, author of "Money Matters and Living Alone," will give a program. Ms. Stone will do a book signing at Barnes and Noble at 1 p.m. April 28. For reservations call 682-4378.

■ **Midland Country Club Ladies Association** will present "Viva Las Vegas!" at 7 p.m. today. A casino and dinner show will feature Victor Solomine, aka Elvis Presley, doing renditions of his classics. For reservations call 682-4378.

■ **Midland Gallery and the American Heart Association** will hold a "Heart Beat" preview party open to the public from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at Midland Gallery at the Colonnade Shopping Center, 4610 N. Garfield, Suite A-2. Original graphics and oil paintings from all over the world, presented by Walter Edelman in a charity art show, will benefit the American Heart Association. Heart Beat 2001, the annual fundraiser party for the American Heart Association will be held 8 p.m. to midnight April 28 at the Midland Country Club. A trunk showing by Edelman Fine Arts will be held. Walter Edelman, art critic and staff curator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art will be at both events. Mike Crume, owner of Midland Gallery will be presenting pieces of original art. Tickets can be purchased by calling the American Heart Association regional office.

■ **The Seven Brothers Theus Chapter, of the Texas Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy** will conduct a ceremony in observance of Confederate Day at 10 a.m. April 28 at Fairview Cemetery. Refreshments will be served after the program.

■ **The Midland Woman's Club** will hold a garage sale 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 28 in the clubhouse at Hogan Park.

■ **The Lt. William Brewer Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution**, will hold its annual scholarship luncheon at noon May 1 at the Midland Woman's Club. The chapter's 2001 scholarship recipients will be honored, a report will be given on the Continental Congress and installation of 2001-2003 officers will take place.

■ **Midland Christian Women's Club** will have a "Let's Start Afresh!" luncheon from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. May 1 at Green Tree Country Club. Phyllis Hilburn, member of Midland-Odessa Symphony Choral, will present "A Brand New Song." Cheryl Rose of End of the Trail Massage will demonstrate a chair massage and former real estate agent, Madge Williams of Dallas, will speak about "A Clean Slate." The cost is \$11. A free nursery is provided and mothers are asked to bring a sack lunch for their child. All interested women are invited. For luncheon and nursery reservations call 570-5064 or 682-5851.

■ **The Petroleum Engineer Wives Association** will hold its luncheon May 1 at the Petroleum Club. Carol Hall and Becky Billingsley will present "Let's take an Artwalk." Bunko will begin at 9:30 a.m. and lunch will be at 11:45 a.m. For information call 522-1478.

■ **Hospice of Midland Inc.** will hold a four-session Grief Recovery Program from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. May 1, 8, 15 and 22 at The Hospice Centre, 911 W. Texas. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one is invited. For information call 682-2855.

Midlander brings joy to others through quilting

By Lana Cunningham
MRT Correspondent

"When Life Gives You Scraps, Make Quilts."

She cuts and pieces and stitches. Through sharing stories and lives and laughter, Kay Sterrett has handed pieces of happiness and warmth to proud parents of newly baptized children, to scared parents whose children are undergoing chemotherapy, to at-risk children in a local hospital and to homeless people.

Just as the hand-pieced sign in the sewing room states, Mrs. Sterrett takes scraps and transforms them into baby quilts or Ugly Quilts for homeless people.

She picked up the art of quilting — something her mother never did but which a grandmother excelled in — more than two decades ago when she and some friends were all expecting grandchildren at the same time. Then a picture sparked a change in direction.

"I saw a picture of a quilt made by the Presbyterian women in Borger," said the Trinity Presbyterian Church member. At the time, she was living in nearby Amarillo. That picture showed a baby quilt with each square depicting some aspect of church life — baptism, communion, the Holy Spirit. The baby's name and date of birth are embroidered in one spot, and the quilt is given to the parents of a newly baptized child.

Soon after she saw that picture, Mrs. Sterrett and her husband, Philip, moved to Midland to be near daughter Betty Ann Pren-

tice. It wasn't long before Mrs. Sterrett approached church members about starting a quilting club that would produce these baby quilts. Several hopped on board immediately. "They were so supportive," she recalled.

The first quilt went to the parents of Jason Daniel Brown, born Sept. 25, 1988. "At least 40 hands are on the baby quilt. Someone cuts out the pieces. Someone applies them to the squares. Someone sews the squares together." And others hand-stitch the quilt.

After several baby quilts, the group heard about the ABC Quilts, which are given to at-risk children and those undergoing chemotherapy. "We decided we shouldn't be selfish and should help other babies," said Mrs. Sterrett, pulling out a few samples of ABC quilts. "These are not as pretty, but they're quicker to make."

As in the baby quilts, each person takes a role. Some cut squares, others piece them, stitch them together and hand-tie the tops to the backs. "We have a cadre of helpers. Some women who are unable to get out of their house much like to do the cutting," said the 82-year-old organizer. Before being sent to the regional coordinator of ABC Quilts, these often are displayed in the Fellowship Hall. "Some people have given us scraps, and it's nice for them to see the results," she said.

They then spread their work to include Ugly Quilts. These 7-foot by 7-foot quilts are given to the soup kitchen, which hands them out to homeless people. The quilts are

designed to serve as bedrolls. Other projects are lap robes that were given to St. Andrews Mission.

As a child growing up in Longview, Mrs. Sterrett never touched a needle to a quilt. But she would watch her grandmother stitch.

After graduating from high school at 16, she chose to attend Texas Tech in Lubbock. "I had never been west of Fort Worth. I had never seen a sunset on the horizon and I was just amazed," she recalled. "I was homesick the first semester, then I met my husband who had been raised near Lubbock."

The trunk she carried to college has never been back to East Texas. Mrs. Sterrett married in August after graduating with her business administration degree. "I never worked a day," she said of her degree. But she had four children over 14 years and their activities kept her busy.

Her only daughter joined Girl Scouts and Mrs. Sterrett found she couldn't leave the organization, even after her daughter went to college. "I had two scout troops in Amarillo. I started as a troop organizer and got a troop together. Then the leader backed out and I had to take over." She put together another troop on Amarillo's north side to accommodate the young daughter of a Czechoslovakian refugee family that she and her husband sponsored.

Mrs. Sterrett never stops recruiting people to work on the quilts. With several spread out before her on a table, a young woman walked by the room, then turned and came in. In a few minutes, she was asking



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Kay Sterrett helped organize a group of volunteers who make quilts for each child baptized at Trinity Presbyterian Church and has expanded the quilt making to give quilts to children in hospitals.

if her Girl Scout troop might be able to help. Scouting and quilts. Mrs. Sterrett thought those two pieces would stitch together a good combination of helping hands and fabric. After all, she's used to taking scraps and turning them into pieces of warmth and love.

DEAR ABBY

Volunteers for teachers earn gratitude, learn respect

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, I discovered an incredible need teachers have. The day after school ended, I had a couple of free hours and impulsively stopped by the school and offered to help my daughter's teacher pack up for the summer. You would have thought I donated an organ. What I did was not hard: We took down bulletin boards, packed books, etc. It was quite enjoyable.

Before school began in the fall, I offered my services again, but this time my 18- and 15-year-old daughters joined me. The teachers nearly named a day after us. We cleaned cubbies, arranged desks, cut out shapes and set out supplies. It doesn't matter if you have one hour or four. It makes a difference.

The most wonderful part was my daughters telling the teachers they had no idea how much

work teachers devote to preparing for their pupils.

I recommend this as a wonderful volunteer opportunity. The added benefit was exposing my teen-agers to the "behind-the-scenes" activities of these energetic, committed professional teachers. — KAREN WARREN, GAINESVILLE, FLA.

DEAR KAREN: A terrific idea. Everyone's a winner when everyone chips in, but why stop there? Schools welcome the continual involvement of parents in their children's education, and that involvement results in more diligent students.

DEAR ABBY: I read in this morning's paper the letter from the paramedic who was called to the home where the little boy drowned. It was a sad letter that made my heart ache.

We have a fence around our pool and keep the gate securely locked. Our son knows how to

swim and follows the safety rules we have established.

I thought I was a responsible pool owner — until last Mother's Day. We had invited friends over for a cookout and swimming party. We ate in shifts so an adult would always be with the children as they swam. My friend and I were eating poolside; her husband was in the pool with the children.

All four of the little ones (under 5) had taken swimming lessons and were good swimmers. My friend's son was floating on a kickboard. We looked away for a moment, and when we looked back, he was nowhere to be seen. We moved the kickboard, and there he was, trying to come up for air. Somehow, I managed

to reach in and grab him.

We were lucky. He had been holding his breath. In a few more seconds, he would have drowned. All this happened in 3 feet of water, 3 feet from me, and with five adults in the pool area.

Since then, we have added new rules: We now have at least one adult watcher for every three children. This person must be alert at all times and watch the children. We rotate so the same adult isn't always the watcher. If a child cannot swim, he or she must wear a life vest, and the parents are responsible for their children the entire time they are in the pool.

Abby, a fence around a pool and a locked gate are mandatory. We had a close call we will never

forget. Safety rules must not only be established, but strenuously observed. — LIFE-GUARDING MOM IN PHOENIX

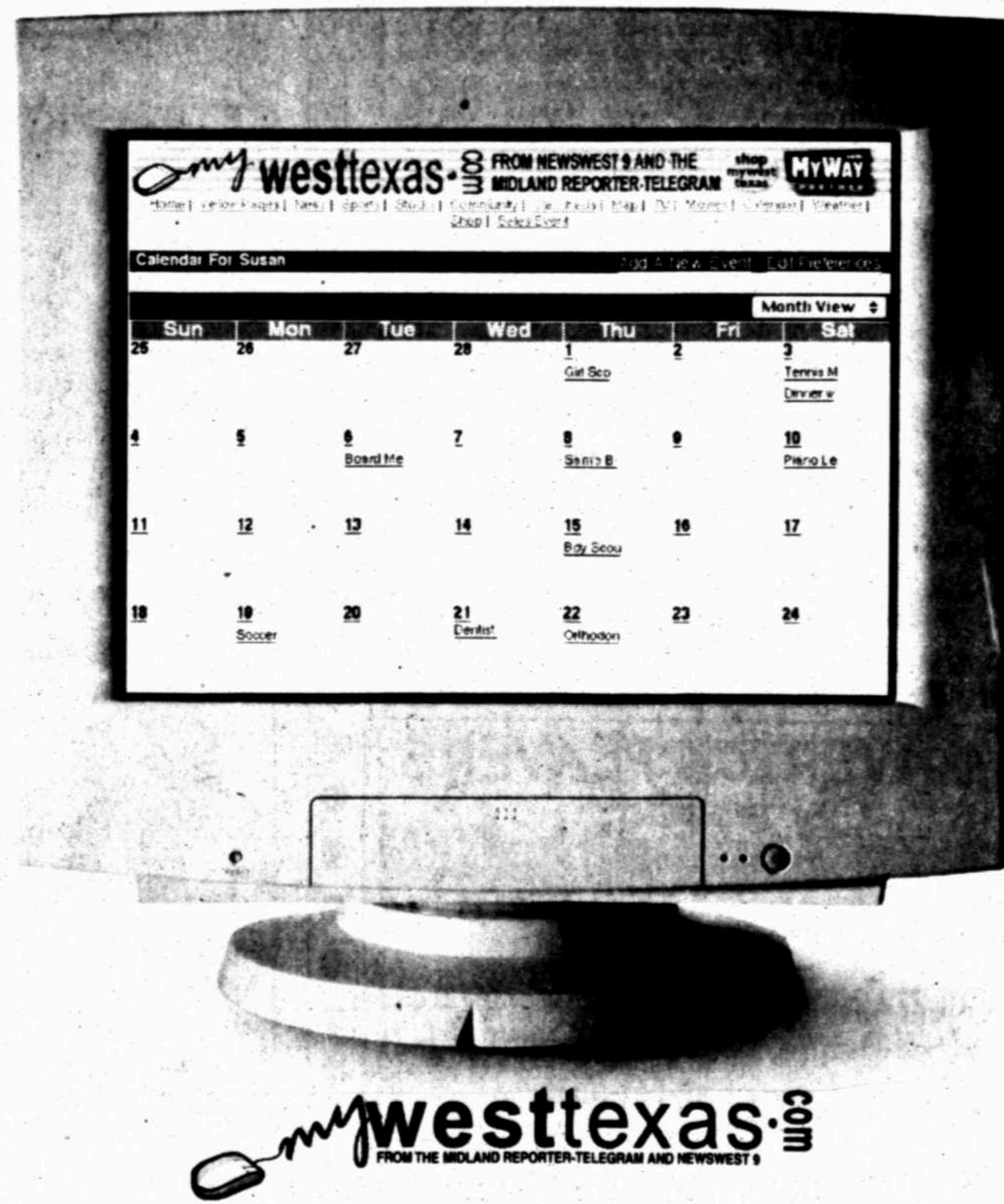
DEAR LIFEGUARDING MOM: There is no telling how many lives you may have saved today because you took the time to write. Thank you for pointing out that it is not enough to be in the vicinity of a pool — or other body of water — when children are in it. The children must be watched closely at all times.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips, aka Abigail Van Buren, and daughter Jeanne Phillips. Their column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

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The group neoclassical workers, staff and office work meetings held

PRIME TIME

PRIME TIME CALENDAR

CASA DE AMIGOS

Casa de Amigos is located at 1101 E. Garden Lane. For more information about services provided call 682-9701. Activities include:

- Monday: 9 a.m. billiards/bowling; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. gem and mineral; 10:15 a.m. sing-a-long; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. bingo.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. advisory meeting; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. table games.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. adult classes; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.
- Friday: 9 a.m. billiards; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. Bible study.

MIDLAND YMCA

Midland YMCA has many activities scheduled for Prime Time adults. Contact Central YMCA 682-2551. Scheduled activities are:

- Low impact aerobics: 8:15 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 6 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.
- YMCARDIAC (YCT) Therapy, call for appointment before beginning class.
- Senior water aerobics, 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Monday through Friday.
- Water arthritis classes, 10:15 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Deep water aerobics, 6:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.
- Hydro-fit and water aerobics, 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday.
- Hydro-fit aerobics, 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.
- Lap swim/water walking, 5:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday; 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday; 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. Saturday; and 1:15 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

The Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana, is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information about services offered, call 685-7231. Activities for April 30 - May 4 include:

- Monday: 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, billiards and quilting; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games and painting.
- Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. quilting and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. clinic, 10 a.m. ceramics and billiards; 10:20 exercise; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games and painting.
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. quilting and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games and painting.
- Friday: 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Bible class and ceramics; 10:15 choir; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games and center bingo.

MIDLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Midland Senior Center is located in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space No. 18. For more information call 681-7636. Activities for April 30 - May 4 include:

- Monday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 9:30 a.m. art class; 10 a.m. Kitchenettes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, cards and dominoes.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and ceramics; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes, ceramics class and exercise; 10 a.m. gospel singing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; noon Just One Club; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 9:30 a.m. country and western dancing and Tall City Dancers; 11 a.m. eyeglass assistance; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, cards and dominoes.
- Friday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 10 a.m. advisory board meeting; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, cards, dominoes; 6 p.m. May senior banquet.
- Tickets for the May 4 senior banquet are on sale at the center for \$6 each, limited availability. Prescription help has been postponed until June.

MISSION ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Mission Adult Day Care Center of Midland is open 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 4500 W. Illinois Ave., Suite 112. The center is closed for major holidays. For more information call 522-1221. Weekday schedule includes:

- 8 a.m. light breakfast or snacks; 9 a.m. visitation, special events; 10 a.m. exercise, R.O.M., singing or live music; noon lunch; 12:30 p.m. rest period; 2:30 p.m. snacks.
- Activities include visits from gospel groups, line dancers and country groups.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul assists Midland's poor with rent, utilities, food and clothing. Volunteers are needed to work one to four hours each week in the agency's Thrift Store, 701 N. Fort Worth. Store hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Call 687-2343. Meetings are 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at St. Ann's Catholic Church parish office, Texas at M Streets. Call 688-3999 for more information.

COM AQUATICS

City of Midland Aquatics has programs of water exercise for seniors. The schedule is:

- Monday: 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Seniors Shallow, 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. water walking; 10:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. therapeutic aerobics (deep pool); 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., noon to 12:45 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.
- Tuesday: 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Seniors Shallow, 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. water walking; 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. arthritis plus; 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. therapeutic aerobics (deep pool); 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. arthritis plus.
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- Saturday: 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. water walking.

CITY OF MIDLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY

Hillcrest Manor, 700 W. Scharbauer 682-0011, Langtry Village, 2000 N. Pecos 682-7729 and Parker Place, 503 E. Parker 570-6694. Calendar of events from May 1 - May 3.

- Tuesday: Hillcrest Manor 2 p.m. exercise, Langtry Village 2:30 p.m. exercise.
- Wednesday: Parker Place 10 a.m. bingo, Hillcrest Manor 2 p.m. bingo, Langtry Village 3 p.m. crafts.
- Thursday: Hillcrest Manor 2 p.m. exercise, Langtry Village 2:30 p.m. exercise and 3 p.m. bingo.

RSVP

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is recruiting persons 55 years and older to volunteer with non-profit agencies. RSVP will match volunteers' skills and interests to community agencies' needs. The program is sponsored by Community and Senior Services, 3301 Sinclair. For more information, call 689-6693.

HELPING HANDS OF MIDLAND

The group needs volunteers to work flexible hours. Jobs include caseworkers, stocking food pantry and thrift store, furniture pickup and office work. Call 520-8900 for information or attend board meetings held at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday at 1301 Brinson Lane.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

AARP will be taking members out to the ball game May 6

By Alex Rose

Springtime means flowers in bloom, birds singing, and the song, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game," being sung at the ballparks.

One of my favorite memories while growing up was going to see the St. Louis Cardinals play in St. Louis. My uncle lived in St. Louis and I would go visit and we would spend all day at the ballpark watching a double-header on Sunday afternoon. Needless to say, he was glad when I went home.

I don't have the opportunity today to see many major league games but right here in Midland we all have the opportunity to go see and support our own Midland RockHounds. Last year, and again this year, the RockHounds and AARP have cooperated to

make "AARP Day Ball Park" a very special afternoon.

At 2 p.m. May 6 all AARP national members can attend with a special package deal. For \$5 you will receive an admission ticket, hot dog, chips and soft drink.

In addition, there will be giveaways, including a night light that will be distributed to the first 200 members who purchase their tickets. To reserve your ticket, please call toll-free 1-877-926-8300 by May 4. You will pick up your ticket on the afternoon of the game. Gates open at 1:15 p.m. and there will be a special ticket window for AARP members and their families.

April 29 through May 5 is national AARP Week and the theme this year is "Staying Independent Through Family Conversations and Community Con-

nections." The focus is developing community education and community service projects and events that promote the issues of home safety and home modification. In addition, an added emphasis will be placed on creating activities, opportunities and events that promote "family conversation" concerning independent living issues. AARP will have a table at the entrance of the ballpark with free literature addressing the above issues.

Ora Williams, from the Southeast AARP Chapter No. 4816, will be singing the national anthem. You can bring your cameras and take photos with your favorite players after the game.

All local AARP members will be assisting in this event. For information call 687-2588. See you at the ballpark on May 6.

Alexandria L. "Alex" Rose is district coordinator for the American Association of Retired Persons.



Rose

FAMILY MATTERS

People with panic attacks need to see doctor first

By Jim May

DEAR FAMILY: Just before Christmas, all of a sudden by husband started waking up at night

with his heart racing and sweating. The first time it happened he thought he was having a heart attack, so we took him to the emergency room but they couldn't find anything wrong. He didn't do anything about it then, but when it happened again, he saw a cardiologist and after running some tests he was told he was having panic attacks.

I tried to get him to call you but he wouldn't call anyone (there's nothing wrong with him). He was just going to "chill out." He works for (an oil-field service company) and they are totally overloaded now. Last night he had another bad one, but this morning he still won't do anything about it. Can you at least give me some ideas about what I could do to help him if he won't help himself? He also says he's not going to take any drugs for this. — MARRIED TO SCARED TO DEATH

DEAR MARRIED: You may want to start the process by educating yourself on panic disorders. I have found Dr. Edmund Bourne's book, "The Anxiety and Phobia Workbook," to be especially helpful both in terms of explaining the disorder and offering practical, proven recovery programs. Your husband has done the necessary first step in that he has already been thoroughly evaluated by his physicians. It is critical for people experiencing panic attacks to see their physician before trying any of the following techniques.

A potential recovery program that your husband might consider would include the following components (from Bourne's book):

- Physical — breathing exercises, regular practice of deep relaxation, regular aerobic exercise, elimination of caffeine, nutritional improvements including vitamin supplements.
- Behavioral — coping techniques to abort panic reactions at their onset — such as abdominal (yoga) breathing and distraction techniques.
- Emotional — identifying some panic reactions as anger in disguise, learning to express frustrations verbally and in writing.
- Mental — changing scare-talk at the onset of panic to supportive, calming, self-talk, practicing coping affirmations, reevaluating underlying mistaken beliefs and adopting a more relaxed, easy-going perspective of life.

And I would add:

- Spiritual — daily prayer, Bible reading and meditation in the form of daily devotional readings.

While this type of a program has proven to be highly effective in dealing with panic attacks, many people who have panic attacks seek a faster solution. He could consider medication if he's not going to utilize any other approach. Your husband's responses are all too common in my experience — if he could "chill out" on his own he probably would not be having the attacks. I do hope he will listen to you and consider taking positive action as untreated panic attacks tend to get worse through time — with potentially catastrophic effects on the body.

The following findings on the

value of hugging are presented by the Centers for Children and Families (from the North Dakota P.A. Newsletter):



May

■ Hugging is a miracle medicine that can relieve many physical and emotional problems.

■ Hugging can help you live longer, protect you against illness, cure depression and stress and strengthen family relationships.

■ Hugging can help lift depression enabling the body's immune system to "tune up."

■ Hugging breathes new life into tired bodies and makes one feel younger and more vibrant.

■ Daily hugging in the home can help strengthen the family and reduce friction.

■ When a person is hugged it

increases the amount of hemoglobin in the blood, thereby toning up the entire body, helping prevent disease and speeding recovery from illness.

■ The warm, meaningful embrace can have a positive effect on people, particularly during times of widespread stress and tension.

■ Hug your spouse, your teddy bear, your children, close

friends and relatives and hug them often.

Jim May, Ph.D., is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

Questions for this column should be addressed to Family Matters, P.O. Box 51638, Midland 79710-1638; or drjimmay@aol.com.

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M.Y. Two Cents: a teen perspective of the movies

By Mike Yager

Josie and the Pussycats

Did you ever think this teen-pop revolution is more than meets the eye? Or that MTV is part of a conspiracy to control the minds of America's youth? Me neither. However, these are the greatest fears in the first (there will be more, trust me) Charlie's Angels wannabe this year, "Josie and the Pussycats."

As the story begins, we find that Mega Records has been putting subliminal messages in the songs of the "dopest" boy-band on the planet, DuJour. It all hits the fan when the boys find out about the messages and are subsequently eradicated by Mega Records cronies, Wyatt. Now Wyatt must find a new band to carry out his boss's evil plot, finding none other than Josie and the Pussycats. Soon thereafter, Josie, Melody, and Val are whisked away to stardom as they deal with egos, commercialism and after they discover those same messages, bringing down the man (all tongue in cheek, of course).

Who would have thought you'd get a half-way decent plot from an Archie Comic adaptation?

The acting is led by Rachel Leigh Cook ("She's All That"), who brings Josie vibrantly to the screen, at most points anyway. Cook really shines in the music sequences where she hones her rock-star bravado to earnest excellence, but seems placid and unresponsive when she actually has to act otherwise. Tara Reid as Melody is amusing enough for her one-joke, blonde bimbo purpose, moreso when she has to survive an attack by real life fiancée, and face of MTV, Carson Daly. Rosario Dawson, as Val, suffers from the same ailment, a lack of depth in comedy. Dawson seems entrenched in being the no-nonsense bad girl but forgets to interact with others onscreen. The acting is far from perfect, but within the constraints of the fairly hokey plot,

is definitely above par.

Writer/Directors Harry Elfont and Deborah Kaplan attempted to craft a witty satire of the Total Request Live generation, but ended up contradicting their entire point in the process. It's really hard to believe their stance that commercialism is overdone, while at the same time, making us look at a strategically placed Starbucks logo in the background. Granted it's all supposed to be part of the satire, but it's far too frequent and suspicious for my taste.

The shining point of this movie is, by far, the excellent music. If you can imagine Britney Spears joining the band Green Day, then you'll have an indication of the catchy pop/punk tunes that fill the hour and a half. The catchy songs will stay in your head long after you've forgotten about the movie.

Overall, "Josie and the Pussycats" is a satire that could have been great, but sold out to make a box-office killing. In the end it seems half an overdone music video and the other a knowing commercial.

Bottom Line: B-

Subliminal messages aside, save time and merely buy the soundtrack.

Joe Dirt

What would happen if you took Forrest Gump, mixed in a little Catcher in the Rye and then gave the result a lobotomy? If you can imagine the final product, then you're in the right mindset to enjoy David Spade's new comedy, "Joe Dirt."

Joe Dirt was left at the Grand Canyon by his family when he was only 8 years old, and has been wandering the states to find them ever since. He sets up roots in Idaho with Brandy, who becomes his best friend and true love. Even though he has a new family, Joe is still bent on finding his true parents.

The story is also narrated by Dirt, as he is telling his story. Forrest Gump style on the Zander Kelly radio show 25 years after being left. Along the way, Joe meets interesting people, does interesting things, and attempts to find his actual home. In the end, the moral is surprisingly heartfelt, but can't quite accommodate for the preceding hour of idiocy.

David Spade tries to become this loveable loser with a mullet that you're supposed to care for, but he shows no indication that you should. Spade has minimal reaction to anything around him and basically has the emotional range of a toaster oven. Equally unimpressive is the supporting cast, featuring Kid Rock in his first (and hopefully last) movie role, Jamie Pressley and Dennis Miller. The saving grace is ubiquitous character actor Christopher Walken, who shines in trademark Christopher Walken creepy style.

The direction by Dennie Gordon is minimal, or to be more accurate, less direction than you'd see in the average Adam Sandler movie. David Spade and Fred Wolf's script attempts playing to people's emotions on an unsuccessful extreme, and I can't help but think "Joe Dirt" was a rejected Saturday Night Live character of Spade's days on the show.

The main problem is the movie just isn't funny. Had the makers gone for some sort of laugh beyond tying a bottle rocket to a cow's tail, then the moral might have had an effect. As it stands, however, "Joe Dirt" was a valiant failed effort by David Spade to lead a movie without his better half, the late Chris Farley, nothing more.

Bottom Line: C

A nice effort, but just an unfunny comedy.

'Bridget Jones's Diary': The girl with something extra

By Eleanor Ringel Gillespie

N.Y. Times News Service

It all began on New Year's Day in my 32nd year of being single.

So begins "Bridget Jones's Diary," the delightful new romantic comedy based on Helen Fielding's best seller of the same name.

As millions of Bridget buffs already know, she is a self-described "Singleton" who lives in London and works at a publishing house. Bridget worries about her weight. Worries about her alcohol intake. Worries about her nicotine addiction. And, most of all, worries that she'll never get married and will end up dying alone in her apartment, her undiscovered body half-eaten by dogs.

Yes, Bridget can be a bit much. But as played by Renee Zellweger, she's simply irresistible.

Directed by first-timer Sharon Maguire (a friend of Fielding's who also figures in the book), the movie chronicles a year in the life of the self-deprecating and often stinging funny Bridget. She's looking for love in, well, any place she can. Even at her parents' (Gemma Jones and Jim Broadbent) annual New Year's Day party, where she will inevitably face "the question dreaded by all Singletons: 'How's your love life?'"

Nor is she exactly ecstatic that her mother, as always, has invited a suitably available male into whose face she can thrust her unmarried daughter. This time, it's Mark Darcy

Review

(Colin Firth), a handsome but standoffish barrister who, after Bridget dutifully flounders through some small talk, dismisses her as a "verbally incontinent spinster." No wonder she rushes home to resume the most meaningful relationship in her life: It's just her and a bottle of chardonnay.

Back at the office, her devilishly sexy boss, Daniel Cleaver (Hugh Grant), initiates an e-mail flirtation. When she shows up in an extremely short skirt, he messages, "Is skirt home sick?"

The film's first part is amusingly tart, with a number of poor-Bridget gags that are biting but not truly cruel. Though she's subjected to numerous humiliations, she's still capable of giving as good as she gets. Her take on dinner with "the Smug Marrieds" is hilarious.

Though the romantic ending is telegraphed from the first scene (c'mon: Mark Darcy, as in Jane Austen's 19th-century dreamboat, Mr. Darcy?) the fun is in getting there. Watching Grant play a predatory cad is a welcome change from his bashful stutterers. Firth, who played Darcy on the BBC's splendid "Pride and Prejudice," unwinds winningly, going from

snooty to starry-eyed.

Yet the film would be unimaginable without Zellweger. The whip-slim Texan transforms herself into a slightly plump Londoner not just through extra pounds but through adopting the attitude of a woman who has a hard time feeling good about herself.

Zellweger brings to the role the same buoyant innocence she had in "Nurse Betty." But where Betty was often oblivious, Bridget is all too self-aware. Thanks to the star, a heroine who could've seemed brittle or bitter becomes someone with a kind of blessed wide-eyed gumption. This Bridget is no loser; she's merely a victim of cultural circumstances and her own shaky self-confidence.

Criticisms? There are about 12 endings too many and the early scenes' series of mortification can get repetitive. But that's quibbling. To echo Mark Darcy, we like Bridget (and Renee) "just the way she is."

MOVIE REVIEW

"Bridget Jones's Diary"

Grade: B

Starring Renee Zellweger and Hugh Grant. Directed by Sharon Maguire. Rated R for profanity and some strong sexuality. 1 hour, 35 minutes.

The verdict: Definitely keep up with this Jones.

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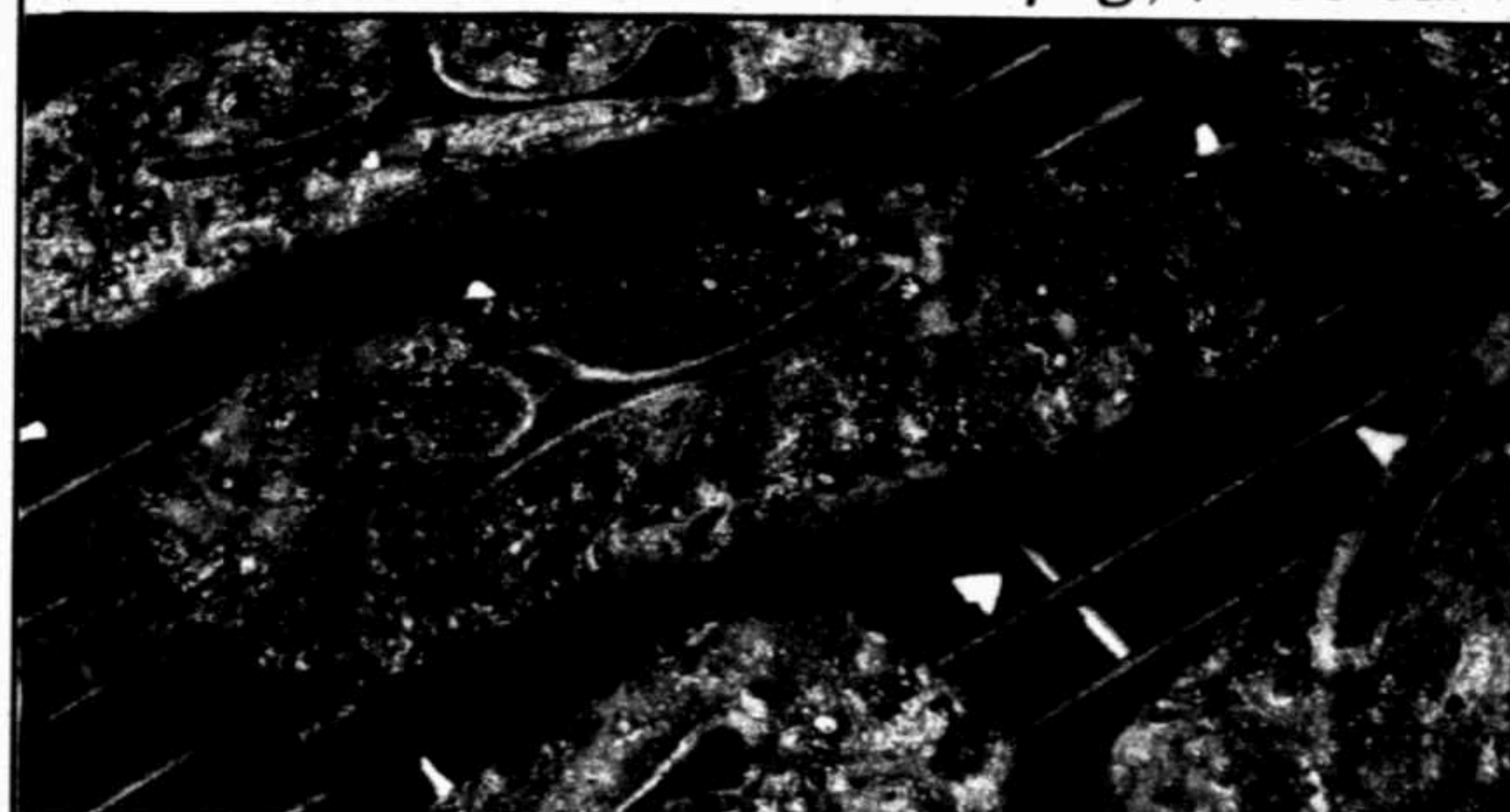
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Lee opens playoffs with first best-of-3 series

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — The Midland Lee Lady Rebels will begin their seventh consecutive state playoff run here today at the Lowrey Field Softball Complex at 6 p.m. when they take on the Lubbock Monterey Lady Plainsmen.

And this bi-district series will provide a small piece of history to the Midland softball scene. Lee and Monterey will play a best-of-three series to decide which team advances to the area round to meet District 1-5A champion El Paso Franklin.

No Midland softball team has ever played a best-of-three series in the playoffs before. Game 2 (and Game 3, if necessary) will be played in Midland at the Lady Rebels softball field, beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Like baseball, softball is allowed to play a best-of-three series to decide state advancement in the playoffs. However, the rules are different. In baseball, if one of the two coaches involved wants a best-of-three, it will be a best-of-three. In softball, if one coach wants a single game playoff, it will be a single game.

"There was a move to change the rule in softball to the one like they have in baseball, but it was voted down," said Lee softball coach Wes Overton. "I like the best-of-three since we have a week between playoff rounds."

Overton also has two pitchers in Mandy Hacker and Brandie Row. He has alternated the two in

starting assignments throughout the year. Owing two solid starting pitchers is a huge advantage in a best-of-three format.

Overton was somewhat surprised that Monterey coach Shane Stewart wanted a best-of-three format for the bi-district round.

"He (Stewart) told me that his girls had never gotten past the first round, so he wanted them to have more of a feeling for the playoffs by playing in a best-of-three series," Overton said. "Of course, we were more than willing to do that. However, I originally was thinking about a single game on Thursday. Lee has its prom on Saturday night, and that is a problem for us since most of our girls want to participate in that."

"But Coach Stewart was willing to have the first game in Lubbock on Friday and then come to Midland on Saturday for the next two. We're starting

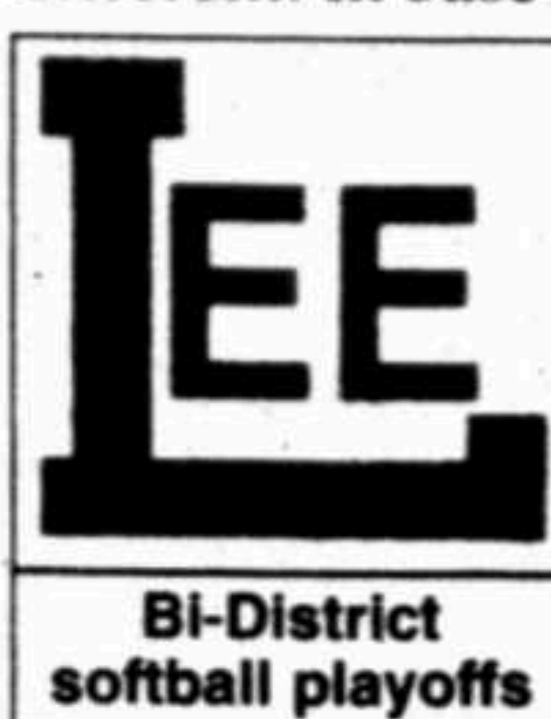
the game at 11 a.m. so it will be over in time for the prom activities. We never had to flip a coin on anything."

Monterey, the third place team from District 3-5A, and Lee, the second place team from District 4-5A, are not strangers when it comes to bi-district action. Lee defeated the Lady Plainsmen 3-0 in Andrews just last season.

Lee has had the fortune of playing at home only one other time in the playoffs, and that, too, was a bi-district game against Monterey in 1998. Monterey, 16-16 on the year, has never won a bi-district game and Lee, 28-2-1, has never lost one.

Lee is the heavy favorite again this year with a solid core of seven seniors, who all have had at least two years of playoff experience and some three.

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REGION I-5A TRACK AND TENNIS



Midland High's Lauren Lee (left) is one of four runners on the 1,600 relay which has the second best qualifying time in the region. The other three runners are Tara Burns, Selisha Mitchell and LaShanda Sweet.

MHS girls have shot in relays

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

If there's one event at the Region I-5A Track Championships in which a Midland entry has more than just a chance to do well, it's the girls' 1,600-meter relay.

The Midland High girls will bring in the second-best qualifying time in the region when the meet gets underway today at the Robert Fuller Track on the campus of Texas Tech in Lubbock.

"I have a feeling we can make it to state in the mile," said LaShanda Sweet, who'll join Tara Burns, Selisha Mitchell and Lauren Lee on the relay team.

That's not just intuition on Sweet's part, though. The Lady Bulldogs are less than half a second from being the favorites in the race.

Of the 16 teams which qualified for the regional meet, only one school had a better time at its district meet than MHS had in winning the District 4-5A championship. South Grand Prairie won 7-5A with a time of 3:57.14. MHS won 4-5A with a 3:57.54.

The next best time is owned by the team that MHS beat in district: San Angelo Central and its 3:57.85. Only two other schools come in under four minutes: Arlington Bowie and Lubbock Coronado.

The top two teams advance to the state meet

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Sledge vaulting into region prominence

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

No matter how big an athlete gets, he had to start somewhere.

Once upon a time, surely, Lance Armstrong rode a tricycle. Jean-Claude Killy skied the bunny slope. Evel Knievel jumped curbs on his bicycle. Greg Louganis probably wore floaties long before he climbed the 10-meter platform.

It's the same with the pole vault, a track event in which it's fairly easy to go up, but much more difficult to land on the mat — nevermind trying to go over the bar without knocking it down.

Midland High sophomore Zack Sledge was in the seventh grade when he first tried the pole vault, a sport his father Dennis competed in in college. Zack didn't try to set the world record his first time out.

"When I started out, it wasn't with a very big pole, so it was not that big of a deal," he said. "It took me a while to get used to thinking about what could happen."

Apparently nothing too bad happened, but some good things have happened. Sledge finished second at the District 4-5A Track Championships two weeks ago and qualified for the Region I-5A meet, which starts today at Texas Tech's Robert Fuller Track in Lubbock.

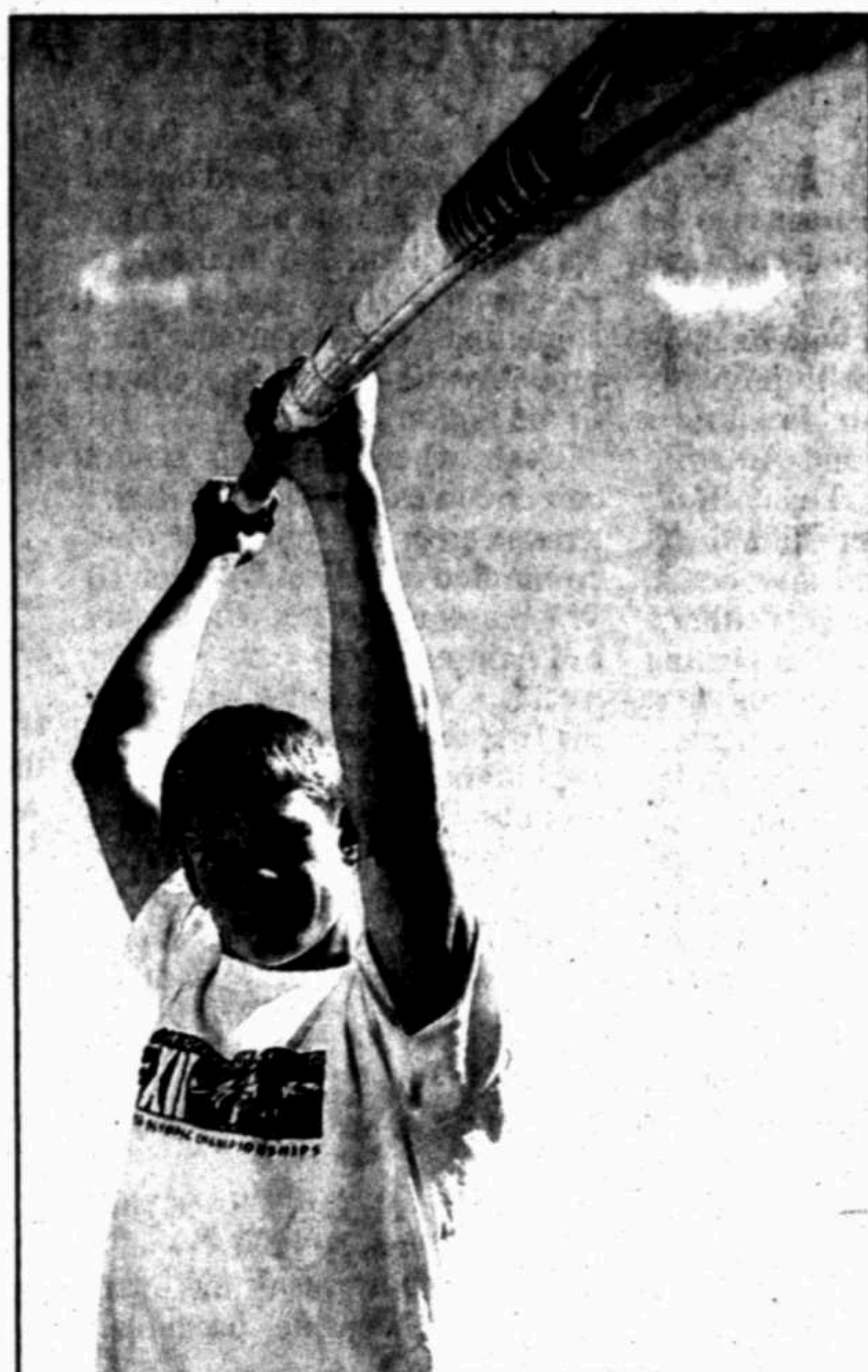
The pole vault competition starts at 10 a.m. will be one of the first events completed at the two-day meet. Midland High's Roget King will also compete, in both the triple jump at 9 a.m. today and the long jump at 11 a.m. Saturday. Fellow Bulldog Anrae Taylor will not compete; after qualifying for the 110- and 300-meter hurdles, Taylor was declared academically ineligible.

Sledge is carrying on what has recently become a tradition of pole vaulting excellence at Midland High. He is the third MHS vaulter to qualify for regionals in the last three years. Jerry Morgan did it last year, and Wes Solansky did it twice, in 1998 and 1999 (both have graduated).

Solansky took third in the state in '99 and got a scholarship to the University of Texas out of it.

Kirk Thurman, the head track coach at Midland High, is quick to pass the credit for the

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Midland High sophomore Zack Sledge has reached the Region I-5A meet in the pole vault after missing it by only one place as a freshman.

Viney finally reaches goal of playing in Region I-5A singles

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Marshall Viney has been waiting his entire high school tennis career for this weekend.

Back when he was a sophomore at Lee High School, Viney came close to making a Region I-5A appearance as a singles player. He lost a tough three-set match in the semifinals and eventually finished in third place.

Last year as a junior, Viney played doubles and that move wasn't as successful as he wanted as his team suffered an early exit in the district tournament.

But coming into this year as a senior, everything fell into place. He is experienced, he has matured. Lee's Marshall Viney is playing in his first Region I-5A tournament in four years on the varsity starting today in Lubbock. Viney is competing in boys singles.

and he is playing some of the best tennis of his life.

"I saw myself as one of the top two in the region and I felt confident about district," said Viney about his feelings coming into this year. "Now at the regional tournament, I'm just going to try and do my best and hope everything falls into place."

Going into the Region I-5A Tennis Tournament at 9 a.m. today at the Lubbock Municipal Tennis Center, Viney is the District 4-5A champion and is confident about his chances of his high school career extending past the this weekend's tournament.

"I feel good and more ready to get out there than just sitting and waiting for it to come around," said Viney, who won the District 4-5A singles title two weeks ago. "I like my chances going in. I just need to go out there and stay relaxed. I'm not going to try and do too much, just play smart and relax."

"At regionals, I'm definitely going to have to step

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Mavs say they won't complain

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks plan to show the Utah Jazz something new in Game 3 of their playoff series. This time, they won't be whining.

The Mavericks said Thursday they'll stop pouting about the way officials are calling games and start focusing only on the Jazz. Utah holds a 2-0 lead and can complete a sweep with a victory Saturday in Dallas.

"We've need to be above giving the referees a hard time, avoid getting technical," said center Shawn Bradley, who's been among the biggest offenders. "We've got to figure out a way to be above that."

Dallas coach Don Nelson and his son, assistant coach Donnie Nelson, both got technical fouls on the same sequence in the opener, then Don Nelson got another technical in the fourth quarter and was ejected. Guard Vernon Maxwell was ejected following his second technical foul in Game 2.

Both times, the lost composure led to lost games.

"I thought our main focus was on the calls and the referees and not what was happening on the court," said Michael Finley, Dallas' lone star so far. "We've got to look past that and play our game. If we do that, we'll be successful."

Nelson indicated that coaches have made things tougher on players by getting too worked up over the calls themselves. He refused to even speculate on what impact owner Mark Cuban's behavior might be having on the team.

Instead, Nelson used an interesting analogy to describe what's been happening.

"I likened it to the team today as if you had a son who is 6 years old and he's training to fight the neighbor's kid," Nelson said. "You put him in nice, new, red boxing gloves and you get a referee out there and say 'OK, we're going to box.' The neighbor's kid is 8, not 6, and the first

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T-Wolves can't deal with big men for Spurs

By John Akers
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota misses LaPhonso Ellis on the break and Reggie Slater on the blocks. The Timberwolves fear they would be sacrificing more to play them against the San Antonio Spurs.

The Wolves' best defensive option, Dean Garrett, has started alongside Kevin Garnett against San Antonio big men Tim Duncan and David Robinson, but that choice also comes with a price. Garrett scored only one point in 14 minutes of Game 2.

The Wolves' four-headed center, which includes third-year player Rasha Nesterovic, hasn't been the monster against the Spurs that it was at times this season. San Antonio can sweep the best-of-five series Saturday in Minneapolis and Duncan and Robinson are the reason why.

Against most teams, the Wolves can let Garrett take on one big man and select the player who is best suited to exploit the other. Some games, that's Ellis taking 3-pointers or grabbing offensive rebounds. Others, it's the 255-pound Slater backing his way to the basket.

There is little to exploit against 7-footers Duncan and Robinson, and the Wolves would be giving up four to six inches by letting the 6-8 Ellis or the 6-7 Slater defend either of them. Nesterovic, whose confidence appears shaken, began the season as a starter but has played little during the second half of the season.

"You can't match up with the two 7-footers," Spurs guard Derek Anderson said. "Not with talent."

The Wolves have been starting out with the 6-11 Garrett, who averaged just 12 minutes and 2.5 points during the regular season. Most of Ellis' 31 minutes in Game 2 came after the game was decided, and many were at forward.

Slater has played only 14 minutes in the two games.

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Carter has 1st big playoff game for Raptors

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — Vince Carter finally showed some spunk, and Lenny Wilkens showed he's not too old to come up with something creative.

Carter became a successful playoff performer for the first time Thursday night, turning from a timid player into a tough one as the Toronto Raptors routed the New York Knicks 94-74 to even their first-round series 1-1.

"This is big for us: Our first playoff win as a franchise and my first playoff win," Carter

said, "so I hope this was a confidence builder."

Carter, coming off a poor performance in Game 1 that dropped his career postseason record to 0-4, went on an offensive tear in the second half to help the Raptors turn it into a rout. Carter scored 22 points and got the better of Latrell Sprewell several times when they were matched one-on-one.

"I went up to him afterward and told him to remember this feeling," teammate Antonio Davis said. "Now, at least, he knows."

Tied 1-1, the series resumes Sunday at Toronto with the Raptors now holding home-court advantage. They'll also be secure in the knowledge that Carter can perform under pres-

sure and Wilkens isn't too old to try something new.

Toronto threw a different look at the Knicks, moving Chris Childs into the starting lineup, sliding Alvin Williams over to shooting guard and limiting rookie Morris Peterson to seven minutes in a reserve role. Williams tied his career-high with 23 points and Childs had seven assists before leaving with a pulled hamstring late in the third as the Raptors were using a 31-15 run to pull away.

Wilkens also used power forward Jerome Williams at times to defend Sprewell and Houston. Sprewell shot just 3-for-12 and Houston was 5-for-11.



Courtesy Photo
Five members of the City of Midland Aquatics Diving Team have qualified to compete in the Junior Olympic Western National Diving Meet this weekend in Lubbock. They are, front row from left, Kristian Gilbert, Erin Savas and Amanda Wagner; back row, Jeff McDaniel and Sergio Leyva. The coach is John Proctor.

COM puts 5 divers in Junior Nationals

Staff Report

Five members of the City of Midland Aquatics diving team will compete this weekend in Lubbock in the Junior Olympic Western National Diving Meet.

The top junior divers from five regions will compete at the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center at Texas Tech University.

Qualifying for COM were Jeff McDaniel, 16-18, 1 and 3-meter; Kristian Gilbert, 14-15, 1-meter; Sergio Leyva, 13-under, 1 and 3-meter; Amanda Wagner, 13-under, 1 and 3-meter; and Erin Savas, 13-under, 1 and 3-meter. Coach for the team is John Proctor.

Savas qualified for the 2000 Winter Nationals and is the current 3-meter Region VIII

champion on 3-meter. Leyva qualified for the 3-meter for both the 2000 Winter and Summer Nationals.

McDaniel and Gilbert are first time national qualifiers.

The COM divers qualified for the Western Junior Nationals by placing in the top six at a regional meet held in Oklahoma City, Okla., on March 31-April 1.

Divers from all over the western United States will be in the Lubbock event. Entries will come from Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, Arizona, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Alaska, California, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Utah and Idaho.

SPURS: Robinson and Duncan can't be stopped

(From 1C)

"Late in the season, you're trying to win games to get into the playoffs," Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders said. "One of the guys who gave us the best opportunity to do that was Reggie. We thought our best opportunity against San Antonio was with Dean-o."

Garrett started out against Robinson, who had 11 points and nine rebounds in Game 1. After Duncan scored 33 points in the playoff opener, the Wolves used Garrett in double-teams against him in Game 2.

Duncan missed his first four shots of that game, but finished with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

"I thought I did a decent job on David, though I let him have two baskets I wish I could have back from him," Garrett said. "I thought I did a decent job on Tim, too. He gets the ball in there so

often and is so offensive-minded, I thought I did a good job holding him down."

Garrett also scored 10 points in Game 1 but missed two jump shots in the last two minutes.

"We just have to be a little better inside," Saunders said. "We have to find a way to score inside."

That might mean more minutes for Ellis and Slater, but it might also mean creating lanes for Wally Szczerbiak, who has taken only 16 shots, or Anthony Peeler, who is 6-for-29 in the series. Anderson, who played against them with the Los Angeles Clippers last season, remembers what it's like to drive on Duncan and Robinson.

"I never dunked on either of them, and I try to dunk on everybody," Anderson said. "I don't think I ever tried. I know what guys go through when they go in. I can see their pain."

LEE: Lady Rebels play at Monterey in series today

(From 1C)

Franklin draws the first round bye and awaits the Lee-Monterey winner for the area round next weekend. Franklin is the team that eliminated Midland High from the state run a year ago in the area round. Overton will have another best-of-three series with the Lady Cougars.

"If we beat Monterey, we will play a best-of-three (series) in El Paso," Overton said. "They have two good pitchers also, so they just wanted to go for three games."

Overton said that the two

teams flipped for a home-and-home series.

"We've tried going somewhere in between and there really isn't much out there in the way of fields to play on," Overton said. "I think it's best to go home-and-home."

If Lee beats Monterey, the series with Franklin will start on Friday, May 4, with a 5 p.m. (MDT) game at Franklin High School. The second game will be on Saturday, May 5, at 11 a.m. (MDT), and the third game, if needed, will follow 30 minutes after the first game.

SLEDGE: Sophomore picks up speed, height

(From 1C)

Bulldogs' vaulting success to assistant Todd Peterman.

"We've got a real good pole vault coach that spends a lot of time with them," Thurman said. "He teaches them the fundamentals, starting in the seventh grade."

For his part, Peterman credits the athletes' hard work, but he also says they are in a good situation for success.

"We're fortunate to be at a big school, where we can get good athletes for the pole vault instead of just doing other events," Peterman said. "That's one thing. Second, there's the football strength and conditioning program that all the kids have been through. That's real important. Zack went from a 5.29 (seconds in the 40-yard dash) to a 4.77. And speed is obviously a key."

Peterman also has connections. He and former American record-holder Joe Dial used to live in Oklahoma towns that were eight miles apart. Peterman got Dial to come to Midland last summer and put on a camp, which Peterman said helped Sledge.

Sledge, who took third in the district as a freshman, has a chance to be MHS' best vaulter yet, Peterman said.

"He's the best out of the three kids, definitely, as a sophomore," Peterman said. "He's jumped

I-5A TRACK MEET

Schedule for Region I-5A Track Meet at Texas Tech's Robert Fuller Track in Lubbock

Friday Field Events

9 a.m. — Girls' discus, Boys' triple jump
10 a.m. — Boys' pole vault, Boys' high jump
11 a.m. — Girls' long jump, Boys' shot put

Running Events (all are preliminaries except for 3,200-meter run)

1:30 p.m. — 400 relay — Girls
1:35 p.m. — 400 relay — Boys
1:45 p.m. — 800 run — Girls
1:55 p.m. — 800 run — Boys
2 p.m. — 100 low hurdles — Girls
2:15 p.m. — 110 high hurdles — Boys
2:25 p.m. — 100 dash — Girls
2:30 p.m. — 100 dash — Boys
2:45 p.m. — 800 relay — Girls
2:50 p.m. — 400 dash — Boys
3 p.m. — 400 dash — Girls
3:15 p.m. — 300 intermediate hurdles — Girls
3:30 p.m. — 300 intermediate hurdles — Boys
3:45 p.m. — 200 dash — Girls
3:50 p.m. — 200 dash — Boys
4 p.m. — 3,200 run (finals) — Girls

4:15 p.m. — 3,200 run (finals) — Boys

4:30 p.m. — 1,600 relay — Girls

4:50 p.m. — 1,600 relay — Boys

Saturday Field Events

9 a.m. — Boys' discus, Girls' triple jump
10 a.m. — Girls' high jump
11 a.m. — Boys' long jump, Girls' shot put

Running Events (all are finals)

1:30 p.m. — 400 relay — Girls
1:35 p.m. — 400 relay — Boys
1:45 p.m. — 800 run — Girls
1:55 p.m. — 800 run — Boys
2 p.m. — 100 low hurdles — Girls
2:15 p.m. — 110 high hurdles — Boys
2:25 p.m. — 100 dash — Girls
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4:25 p.m. — 1,600 relay — Girls
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higher than Solansky did as a sophomore, and he's at UT right now."

Sledge will go into today's competition well-equipped. The athletic department bought him a

new pole this week. He hopes it help him raise the bar — literally.

"It's a foot longer than the pole I've been using," he said. "If I can get into the pit on it, I should be

RELAY: Burns competing in 4 events for MHS

(From 1C)

in two weeks in Austin.

"We've got a great shot," MHS coach Susan Nix said.

Nix has five entries in the regional meet, and they're all based on speed. Lee and Burns will both run in the 400, and Burns will also compete in the long jump. MHS has two relays qualified: the aforementioned 1,600, and the 400, in which

Taneekwa Ross will join Mitchell, Burns and Sweet.

All of Midland High's entries are in the upper half of the field at the regional meet — at least according to qualifying times — so all of them have a chance to advance.

Nix was brimming with confidence after her girls competed in a regional qualifiers meet Saturday in Lamesa.

"We went down and won everything we were supposed to

win," she said. "These girls want to go all the way. They don't want to stop this weekend."

Burns especially had a good day in Lamesa. The junior won four events there, winning the long jump and the 400 individually and helping MHS win both relays. In the 400 dash, she got revenge on her teammate, Lee, who beat her in the event at the district meet.

It seems like a friendly rivalry,

though. As the only one of MHS' contingent who has competed at the regional meet, Burns gets to assume a leadership role.

"I know what that track is like, and I'm comfortable with it," Burns said. "I encourage them (the other MHS girls) — that they'll do well."

There seems to be a good chance of that.

VINEY: Coach hopes player gets No. 2 seed

(From 1C)

it up. Everyone at regionals can play. You've got to be sharp in every match."

Part of Viney's maturity is improving the mental part his game. Playing more relaxed on the court is much different when he was a fiery freshman playing on the Lee varsity team.

"A lot of the game is mental," Viney said. "Especially when the match is close, it's not really who plays the best but who plays the smartest when playing for the big points. I just need to make whoever is playing me beat me."

"I just need to be mentally in the match. If I start thinking too much on the court, that's when I get into trouble. I just need to go

out there and play."

Another strategy for Viney going into the tournament is to get a jump on his opponent early and take control.

Viney is familiar with much of the competition he'll probably face like El Paso Franklin's Kendall Smales and Amarillo Tascosa's Avery Ticer. Both Smales and Ticer should get seeded. Viney and his coach Steve Buck hope he gets either a No. 2 or No. 3 seed after posting a 23-2 record and having won four of six spring tournaments.

"He's got a good a win-loss record as anybody going in," Buck said. "He went through district playing the best district he could possibly play without dropping a set. He also hasn't lost to

anybody in the region. We're hoping to get a No. 2 seed but that depends on the coaches. The Dallas people think that their area is so strong and it gets political sometimes. Other than that, he's probably the second best player in the region going in."

Even when his high school career comes to a close, Viney's tennis career will not. Viney has committed to play at Division III Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va.

"They've got a new coach and his first recruiting class has four kids in the top 300 in the nation, including me, which is a tremendous recruiting class," Viney said. "They're already top 20, so hopefully we can push into the top 5 and compete for a national

title."

But Viney, who also had a few offers from Division I and II programs, did not just choose Washington and Lee University because of its rising tennis program. He also chose the college because of its academic reputation.

"It's the 12th best academic school in the nation," said Viney who's ranked 13th in his senior class. "It's a good situation."

While he has the classroom smarts, Viney hopes to use his on-the-court smarts to get him to Austin May 11-12 for the Class 5A State Tennis Tournament.

"I just want to do my best and give myself a chance to go to state," Viney said.

MAVS: Jazz have advantage with 2-0 lead

(From 1C)

thing he does is pick up sand and throw it in your kid's eyes, punches him and drops him. And you can't do anything about it but yell at the referee."

"It's hard to train your kid and say, 'OK, see now, forget all those rules we talked about — let's pick up some sand and throw it in their eyes.'"

Saturday's game will mark the first NBA playoff game at Reunion Arena in 11 years. The Mavericks haven't won a post-

season game anywhere since 1988.

The Jazz, meanwhile, are up 2-0 in a best-of-five series for the sixth time since 1987.

Utah pulled off the sweep only once. The other four all went five games. The Jazz won three and lost the other to Golden State in 1987.

The Warriors are one of only five teams in league history to advance after being down 0-2 in a five-game series.

"We have to go into it like it's a one-game series," Utah guard

John Stockton said. "If it goes more than that, so be it."

Karl Malone wasn't too interested in discussing basketball Thursday.

He came out of the dressing room, took a seat outside and smoked a big wad of gum while thumbing through an outdoors magazine. He read from articles and showed pictures each time he was asked a question.

"Do you realize ... that elks gobble up turkeys?" he said, pointing to a headline. Once he put down the maga-

zine, he discussed what went wrong in '87 and why the Jazz haven't made the same mistake again.

"I think what you always tend to do is say 'OK, we've got two games on the other team's court' instead of worrying about 'Why can't we go down and finish things off and not give the other team momentum,'" he said. "Whenever you do that, anything can happen in a four- or five-game series. Hopefully, we'll go down with that attitude that we want to win Saturday."

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Quibbles aside, "61" is highly entertaining

By Howard Fendrich
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — The man who shared an apartment with Yankees teammates Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle in the summer of 1961 pegs the truth-in-reporting average of HBO's film "61" at .750.

That's a fantastic number for a batter, not too impressive for an attempt to represent a piece of history. Sometimes, though, a touch of poetic license is OK.

"It was pretty accurate. About oh, 75 percent, I'd say." Bob Cerv, an outfielder on that Yankees club, said after watching a screening of the movie, which airs Saturday at 8 p.m. and thereafter. "Some of the stuff was fictitious. But it was 40 years ago. That's a long time."

Cerv said he wasn't in a hospital room with Mantle when Maris eclipsed Babe Ruth's record home run total of 60, doesn't remember a fan throwing a chair from the stands at Maris (though another former Yankee, Tony Kubek, wrote about it in his book, "61"), and couldn't recall Maris being booed vociferously at Yankee Stadium after hitting a homer.

All those events are in the movie, which was directed by Billy Crystal from a script by Hank Steinberg.

And while some viewers might demand the whole truth and nothing but, Crystal saw to it that there is plenty of attention to detail in other areas — re-creating scenery (final acting credit: "Yankee Stadium played by Tiger Stadium"), uniforms, batting stances and the protagonists themselves (Barry Pepper as Maris, and Thomas Jane as Mantle are near-clones of the originals).

Bottom line: The film is a

must-see for sports fans or movie buffs. It's a poignant portrait of that magical season, the chase of perhaps the most hallowed record in all of American sports, and the two men — tormented in different ways — doing the chasing.

Suspend disbelief for two hours and go along for a wonderful ride, book-ended by footage of Mark McGwire passing Maris in the record book in 1998.

The uninitiated learn that the carousing Mantle and reserved Maris lived together, along with Cerv (try to imagine a few of today's well-paid, pampered pro athletes shacking up). That only about 23,000 fans were in the stadium on the last day of the season, when Maris hit his 61st homer. That Maris received threatening letters, and stress caused him to lose hair.

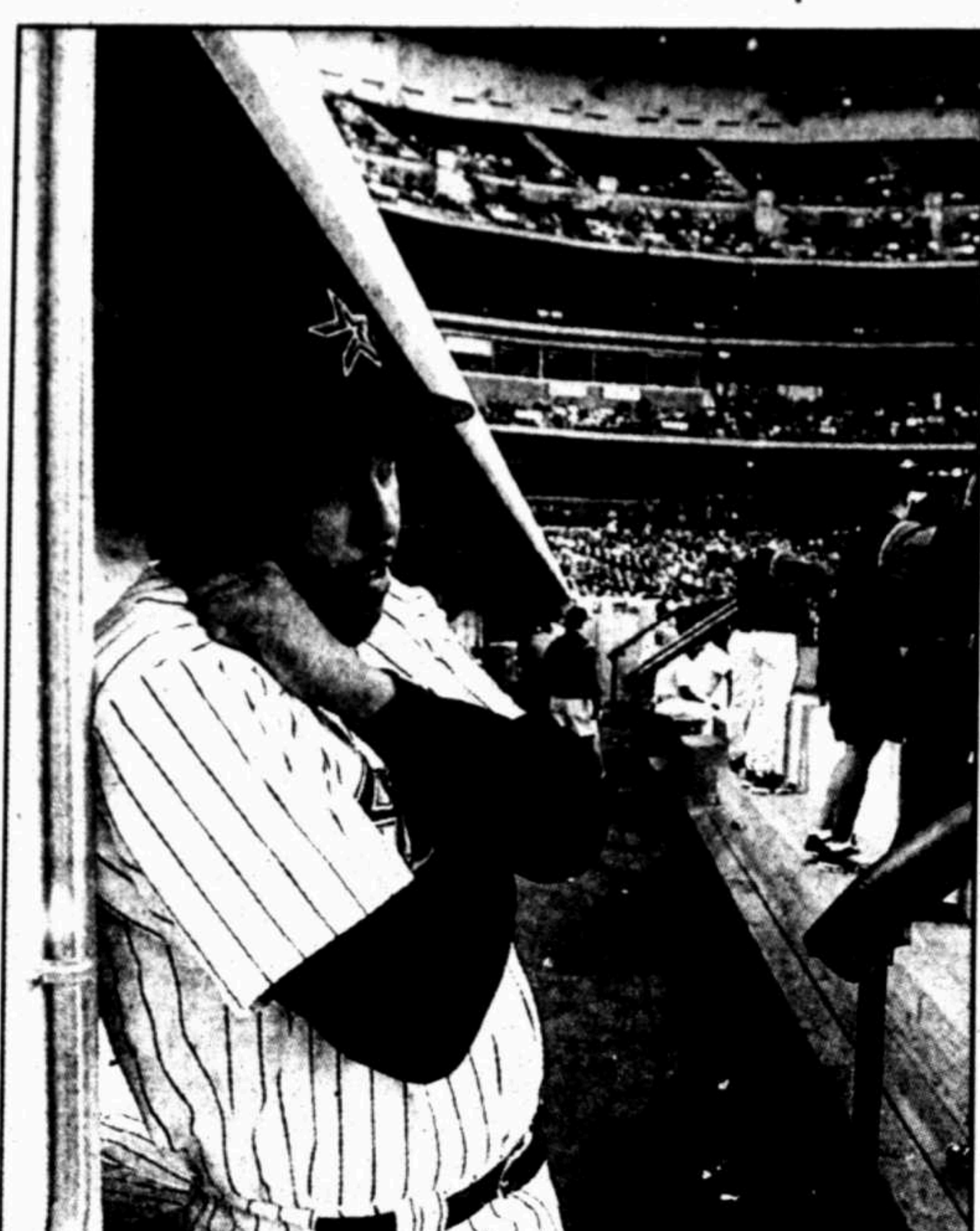
At a particularly rough point — when he should have been on top of the world — Maris tells his wife how down he is:

"Sometimes I feel like I'm up against the world here. I can see it in their eyes. They're all pulling for Mickey. ... I just can't figure it, honey — why does it get to be they only have room in their hearts for one guy?"

It might be Hollywood stuff but it's also effective storytelling. Another member of the team, Yogi Berra, shared Cerv's doubts about a few of the details in the movie. He also loved it.

"Billy did a good job. I'm very pleased. A lot of people always got the wrong impression with Mickey and Roger — they thought they were enemies, but they never were. You see that in the movie," Berra said. "It sure brought a lot of memories back."

So even if "61" isn't always *deja vu* all over again, if it's good enough for Yogi, it's good enough for me.



Houston Astros pitcher Jose Lima looks on from the dugout during a game against the Atlanta Braves Wednesday. The usually talkative, fist-jabbing Lima has taken a vow of silence.

Lima says he's not speaking to media

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Lima Time has gone silent.

When he was winning 21 games for the Houston Astros and earning a fourth place finish in the Cy Young voting in 1999, that's what Jose Lima boldly labeled his turn in the rotation.

There hasn't been much to celebrate since then. Now, the talkative, fist-jabbing Lima has taken a vow of silence, quieting easily the most vocal dressing cubicle in the Astros clubhouse.

"I'm not worried, but I don't want to talk to the media," Lima said. "I'm going to be calm and not talk to the media until September."

Lima gave no reason for his abrupt action but manager Larry Dierker isn't sure how long the silence or the struggling will last. "I'd say he probably won't talk until the next time he pitches well, so I hope he talks after his next start," Dierker said.

That comes Friday night against the Florida Marlins at Enron Field, the ballpark that has tormented Lima since the Astros moved in to start last season.

Will silence make Lima a better pitcher?

"It's worth a shot," general manager Gerry Hunsicker said. Lima complained the loudest about Enron's short fences and faded to a 7-16 record and 6.65 ERA last season. He's struggling again with a 1-1 record and 7.17 ERA, leaving questions about his status in the Astros' rotation.

That apparently isn't in jeopardy just yet.

"I don't think that's even an issue," Hunsicker said. "I don't know why we'd single Jose out. Jose is in our rotation along with four other guys, until further notice."

"It's unfortunate everybody focuses on Jose. If you look at the statistics, I think he's got some company."

Kent Bottenfield went to the bullpen after Shane Reynolds came off the disabled list and Octavio Dotel has struggled this season.

Lima signed an \$18.75 million, three-year contract in January 2000 that runs through next season. While the Astros won't put a timetable on Lima's continuation in the rotation, it is a concern.

"I think the bottom line, if

you're in the rotation, you have to perform to stay there," Hunsicker said. "We're trying to win this year and we just have a little competition now with some alternatives."

Bottenfield has pitched well in two bullpen performances and prefers to start. Dotel went to the bullpen last year after a stint in the rotation.

The Astros expected more of Lima this season. In 21 1/3 innings, Lima has allowed 27 hits, 18 runs, four home runs. He has 18 strikeouts.

Lima led the NL with 48 homers allowed last season, but this season Scott Elarton has allowed the most homers among the Astros pitchers with seven. Dierker isn't sure Lima's demeanor has anything to do with his pitching.

"The only thing about the way he acts that might hurt him is he may motivate the other team a little more because they don't like him dancing when he strikes somebody out," Dierker said.

"He might make them mad but I'm sure he made them just as mad when he won 21 games as when he lost 16."

Lima's problem hasn't changed. He's consistently been hurt when he gets the ball up in the strike zone.

"He's excited about making his next start and try to apply the things he found looking at the tape," Dierker said. "It's the same stuff we've been talking about for a couple of years."

"A lot of times, when he pitches a game he does it right most of the time but every once in awhile he slips into a bad habit in his delivery."

"The game he pitched the last time out (April 21) he was in a bad groove the whole game."

Until he speaks again, Lima's only vocal presence in Houston might be his commercials for a Tex-Mex restaurant chain.

Tigers break 7-game skid by beating O's

Associated Press

DETROIT — With Cal Ripken again on Baltimore's bench, Chris Holt bounced back from a bad outing as the Detroit Tigers snapped a seven-game losing streak by beating the Orioles 8-2 Thursday.

Juan Encarnacion hit a bases-loaded triple in a four-run seventh. Ripken, who hit a three-run homer in the Orioles' 6-4 win Wednesday, sat as manager Mike Hargrove stuck with his new plan to alternate the career Iron Man and Mike Kinkade at third base.

Holt (2-2) gave up nine hits in his fourth career complete game. Jason Johnson (1-2) allowed four runs and eight hits in 2 2/3 innings.

Royals 6, Devil Rays 0
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Mac Suzuki (2-1) allowed six hits in eight innings and Jason Grimsley finished with hitless relief.

Dee Brown hit his first major league homer, a two-run drive in the fourth. He added a run-scoring single during a three-run, sixth.

Bryan Rekar (0-3) gave up five runs and seven hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Red Sox 2, Twins 0
BOSTON — Hideo Nomo missed becoming the fifth pitcher since 1900 to throw two no-hitters in a season, allowing only a questionable single in the seventh, a liner by Torii Hunter off the glove of right fielder Darren Lewis.

Nomo, who pitched a no-hitter April 4 at Baltimore in his debut

AL Roundup

with Boston, struck out eight and walked five in seven innings, and Derek Lowe finished with one-hit relief for his third save.

Mariners 7, Yankees 3
NEW YORK — Edgar Martinez drove in four runs, including a tiebreaking two-run double in the seventh off Mike Mussina as Seattle stretched its winning streak to seven.

Seattle, a major league-best 18-4, took three games in New York, its first sweep of the Yankees since July 25-27, 1997. Jamie Moyer (4-0) allowed two runs and six hits in six innings, and Arthur Rhodes retired Bernie Williams on a bases-loaded grounder in the ninth for his first save.

Indians 6, Angels 5
CLEVELAND — Juan Gonzalez led off the eighth inning with a tiebreaking homer off Shigetoshi Hasegawa (1-2), his 18th in 41 career games at Jacobs Field.

Only 29,427 fans attended, the smallest crowd since the Indians drew 27,749 for a May 10, 1995, game against Kansas City. Paul Shuey (1-1) pitched a hitless eighth and Bob Wickman finished for his fourth save.

Athletics 16, White Sox 6
CHICAGO — Eric Chavez hit two homers — the second a 500-foot drive that became the longest in new Comiskey Park history — and had six RBIs.

Ankiel's wild again as Expos beat Cards

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Rick Ankiel had control problems again, and the St. Louis Cardinals lost to the Montreal Expos 4-3 Thursday when Mike James walked Milton Bradley with the bases loaded in the 15th inning.

Ankiel allowed three runs, six hits and four walks in 4 1/3 innings. He is 1-2 with a 6.23 ERA and 17 walks in 17 1/3 innings this year.

Jose Vidro and Fernando Tatis homered on consecutive pitches off Ankiel in the third.

Masato Yoshii (1-0), the eighth Montreal pitcher, allowed two hits and a walk in three innings.

Brewers 12, Mets 8
MILWAUKEE — Tyler Houston hit a grand slam off Brett Hinchliffe (0-1), one of nine homers in the game.

Angel Echevarria homered twice for Milwaukee, including one after Houston's slam in a seven-run third inning that made it 9-1. Jose Hernandez and Devon White also connected for the Brewers (11-10), who swept the three-game series.

Reds 7, Giants 5
SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds hit his 504th career home run in a losing cause. Cincinnati got back-to-back homers from Ruben Rivera and Kelly Stinnett to complete a three-game sweep.

Dennys Reyes (1-2) pitched 1 1/3 scoreless innings for the win.

NL Roundup

Danny Graves pitched the ninth for his seventh save in eight chances.

Cubs 7, Rockies 2
DENVER — Rondell White had two hits and drove in two runs. Gary Matthews Jr., batting .146 (6-for-41) this season, added a two-run triple as Chicago snapped a three-game losing skid.

Jon Lieber (2-1) gave up two runs and seven hits in seven innings, walked four and struck out eight.

Padres 11, Phillies 0
SAN DIEGO — Rickey Henderson hit a three-run homer a day after becoming baseball's walks leader, and Kevin Jarvis (1-2) pitched a seven-hitter and struck out 10.

Ryan Klesko went 3-for-4 with a two-run homer and three runs scored as the Padres got their first shutout.

Diamondbacks 13, Braves 6
PHOENIX — Luis Gonzalez homered twice to match Ken Griffey Jr.'s major league record of 13 April homers.

Steve Finley had five RBIs with a triple and his first homer of the season, and Damian Miller was 3-for-4 with three RBIs.

Dodgers 6, Pirates 3
LOS ANGELES — Kevin Brown scattered four hits over seven innings for his third straight victory as Los Angeles beat Pittsburgh.

Double in 10th ends 'Hounds' streak, 7-6

Staff Report

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Arkansas' Gary Johnson connected for a two-run double off the center field wall in the bottom of the 10th inning to help the Travelers to a 7-6 win over the Midland RockHounds.

The loss by the RockHounds snapped a six-game winning streak.

The RockHounds led for a big chunk of the game but late errors — two by Jay Pecci and one by Oscar Salazar — proved to be costly. Midland went into the ninth inning with a 5-3 lead but Arkansas plated two runs in the bottom half of the frame to tie the game, including the game-tying double to right field by Jeff Guiel.

The RockHounds responded in the top of the 10th when Jacques Landry led off with a walk and later scored on a double by Jeff Hochgesang. In the bottom of the 10th, Bill Mott reached on a throwing error by Salazar and

then Robb Quinlan doubled to put the winning run on base.

Midland took a 5-1 lead in the fifth inning as the 'Hounds' had five straight base hits en route to a four-run frame. The highlight of the inning was Landry's two-run double.

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Arkansas 7, Midland 6, 10 innings

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Mensik 1b	5	1	2	0	Quinlan 1b	5	1	1	0
Landry lf	4	1	1	1	Johnson rf	6	1	2	3
Lockwood rf	0	1	1	1	Guzman cf	5	2	2	0
Hochgesang 3b	5	0	1	1	Huisman 2b	5	1	1	1
Ludwick cf	5	0	0	0	Guel 3b	3	0	1	1
Ludener c	3	0	1	0	Gregorio c	3	0	0	1
Romero ph	1	0	0	0	Hill ph	0	0	0	0
Keith dh	4	1	0	0	Hosen ss	4	0	0	0
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Report: Devil Rays being sold

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Bickering owners of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays have decided to put the team up for sale, a high-ranking baseball official said Thursday night.

The last-place team planned a Friday announcement, the official said, speaking on the condition he not be identified.

Vince Naimoli, at odds with others in his ownership group,

will remain in charge of the team, the official said. Additional people from outside the organization will be brought in to assist him.

Devil Rays spokesman Rick Vaughn said the team declined comment. Naimoli attended Thursday's game against the Kansas City Royals at Tropicana Field, however reporters who gathered near his suite were ushered away.

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By Jaime Aro
AP Sports Writer

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LOCAL BASEBALL TODAY

Midland Lee vs. San Angelo Central
When: 4:30 p.m.
Where: Ernie Johnson Field.
Records: Midland Lee is 14-12 overall and 3-8 in District 4-5A. Central is 8-15 and 3-8.

4-5A Significance: This is the battle to avoid the district cellar in the regular season finale for both teams.

Notes: A month ago, it didn't seem likely that the Rebels would be ending their season with a whimper instead of a bang. Lee was eliminated from playoff contention last weekend, and Tuesday's 6-5 loss to Odessa High typified the frustrations the Rebels have faced this season. Lee led 5-1 headed into the bottom of the seventh, but two errors which could have resulted in the final out of the game kept OHS alive. Raul Tijerina hit a three-run home run off Lee pitcher Tyler Webb for the game-winning hit, spoiling an otherwise solid effort by Webb. Coach Jesse Benavidez has said he'll play his seniors most of the way against the Bobcats. Earlier in the season, Lee beat Central 8-3 as junior lefthander Jacob Ramos struck out eight in a complete game victory and senior Cedric Benson hit a pair of two-run homers. Central pulled off a surprise on Tuesday, beating Abilene High 11-10. The winner of today's Abilene High-

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Player	AB	H	R	Avg.	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB			
Ryan Huddleston	3	2	1	.667	1	0	0	2	0			
Nick Hand	2	1	3	.500	0	0	0	0	0			
Patrick Smart	6	3	1	.375	1	0	1	4	0			
Cedric Benson	35	13	16	.371	1	0	4	14	8			
Tyler Webb	36	12	6	.333	3	0	0	4	4			
Justin Daniels	9	3	1	.333	0	0	0	2	0			
Joey Guerrero	31	9	11	.290	0	0	2	8	7			
Justin Stevens	7	2	1	.286	1	0	0	2	0			
Garrett Luft	36	10	2	.278	2	0	0	8	0			
Brad Stoval	12	3	1	.250	1	0	0	2	2			
Jason Matthews	33	7	9	.212	0	0	0	6	2			
Jacob Ramos	11	2	0	.182	0	0	0	1	2			
Bobby Whitehead	28	5	7	.179	0	0	0	0	2			
Eric Winston	12	2	0	.167	0	0	0	3	6			
Robert Rogers	31	5	0	.161	1	0	0	2	1			
Joey Schwalbach	6	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0	2			
Rigo Hernandez	2	0	2	.000	0	0	0	0	0			
Gavin Baustian	4	0	3	.000	0	0	0	0	3			
Josh Harper	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0			
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Player	W	L	S	IP	H	R	ER	ERA	BB	K		
Tyler Webb	0	1	0	6.2	6	6	1	1.05	2	6		
Eric Winston	1	1	0	20.2	21	14	11	3.73	11	18		
Jacob Ramos	1	2	0	24.0	33	20	14	4.08	11	26		
Patrick Smart	1	2	0	15.1	25	15	10	4.57	4	14		
T.J. Mansell	0	1	0	10.0	19	22	15	10.50	9	10		
Gavin Baustian	0	1	0	1.2	2	4	4	16.80	2	1		

Ex-backup Turek now looking to thwart Stars in Blues' goal

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — When the Dallas Stars held a pep rally to celebrate their Stanley Cup championship in 1999, one of the participants was no longer part of the team.

Roman Turek, the backup goaltender, had been traded to St. Louis hours after Dallas won the title. The Stars had little choice: Either deal him or lose him in the expansion draft.

Yet when Turek was introduced at the party, he received some of the loudest cheers. The organization made a big fuss over him that day to let him know he was still considered part of the group.

Two years later, sweetness is on the back burner. After losing in the finals last year, the Stars are trying to reclaim the Cup and, beginning Friday night, Turek and the Blues are in the way.

"It's exciting," Turek said. "Some big stars are still there, but I think they have a lot of new guys. I don't know if it's an advantage for me. It probably doesn't matter."

Turek, acquired for a third-round draft pick, immediately became the Blues' top goalie last season. As a first-time starter, he led St. Louis to the NHL's best regular-season record and won the Jennings Trophy for fewest goals allowed.

Then came the meltdown.

The Blues were ousted in the first round of the playoffs by eighth-seeded San Jose. Bizarre goals shook Turek's confidence, leading to soft goals that took him down another peg. The capper was a goal on a 65-foot drive early in Game 7.

The hangover lasted into this season. Turek struggled and rookie Brent Johnson excelled in his place.

Turek was still stumbling in March, but coach Joel Quenneville stuck with him in the first round — once again against the Sharks. Turek allowed

only 11 goals in six games, winning once in overtime and keeping the Blues in one of their two losses despite the offense being shut out.

"I thought he was a big factor," Quenneville said. "His confidence helped the team in front of him play with confidence also."

If the Stars know any secrets to unnerve Turek, they're not saying. Some say familiarity benefits Turek more than the Dallas shooters.

Turek isn't the kind of person to be motivated by the matchup against Dallas or his counterpart, Ed Belfour. More important will be continuing to distance himself from the embarrassment of last year's first-round flop.

"The hardest thing is to have to talk about that for nine months," Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock said. "You don't get a chance to make amends until the next playoffs. Now, I think you're going to see exactly where Turek's at. There's no baggage because he kind of got rid of all the demons by beating San Jose."

Large for a goalie at 6-foot-3, 215 pounds, Turek uses his size to clog the net.

The Czech Republic native made his NHL debut in Dallas in 1996-97, appearing in six games. The Stars let starter Andy Moog go after that season, but weren't ready to turn over their rising team to the unproven Turek. So they signed Belfour.

Playing behind Belfour, Turek went 27-13-4 in 49 games over the next two seasons. He didn't play in either postseason as the Stars reached the conference finals, then beat Buffalo for the Cup.

Turek understood his departure from Dallas and left with no harsh feelings. Yet he's shown the organization what they've missed by winning his first three games against the Stars and tying the last two.



Leafs, Joseph shut down Devils

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Curtis Joseph stopped 32 shots and the Toronto Maple Leafs showed their new playoff look is for real, beating the New Jersey Devils 2-0 on Thursday night in the opener of the Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Nik Antropov and former Devils forward Steve Thomas scored, and Toronto's penalty killers blanked New Jersey on eight extra-man chances in getting a lit-

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tle revenge for a miserable six-shot performance in being eliminated in Game 6 last year. Joseph, who kept the Maple Leafs in the Devils' series last year, allowed only three goals in a first-round sweep of Ottawa and he was just as dominant in the opener of this best-of-seven series.

Penguins 3, Sabres 0
BUFFALO, N.Y. — Mario

Lemieux had a goal and an assist as Pittsburgh beat Buffalo despite playing the final period without star forward Jaromir Jagr.

Jagr, the regular-season scoring champion, left the opener of the Eastern Conference semifinal series late in the second period with an undisclosed injury.

Johan Hedberg, in only his fifth week in the NHL, stopped 25 shots for his second shutout of the playoffs. Jan Hrdina and former Sabres forward Wayne Primeau added goals.

Big 12 Tennis

George defeated Julio Martinez and Blake Mason, 8-2, in the No. 3 position. Oklahoma's Davis and Price defeated Martinevic and Drumm in No. 2 doubles.

The Red Raiders face No. 1 seed Texas A&M on Friday.

Women's opening round ends with no upsets

WACO — The opening round of the women's Big 12 tennis tournament consisted of close matches but no upsets.

Eva Novotna, Hayley McIver and Kathy Chuda all recorded singles wins to lead Kansas State to a 4-0 victory over Oklahoma. In other pairings, Colorado defeated Texas Tech, Kansas defeated Missouri and Nebraska defeated Iowa State.

Novotna earned the first singles point for the Wildcats with a 6-

0, 6-1 win over Stephanie Sjbert, while McIver won the first five games of her match and defeated Tiffany Streeter, 6-1, 6-2. The Wildcats clinched the doubles point with wins at No. 1 and No. 2.

Alena Jecminkova and Novotna fell behind Viviana Mraconova and Annette Bryntesson, 2-0, but won six straight games to eventually win, 8-3.

Colorado downed Texas Tech 4-1 with No. 1 singles player Dominique Lempere setting the tone for the day, teaming with Lauren Carey for the decisive doubles point, 8-4, over Tech's Dana Giles (a Midland High graduate) and Sonia Orellana. The Red Raiders picked up their lone victory of the match at the No. 2 singles position, with Barbara Schraml posting a 6-4, 6-1 win over Lia Dimingo.

Stubblefield returns to 49ers

By Anne M. Peterson
AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Dana Stubblefield has returned to the 49ers.

San Francisco signed Stubblefield, a free agent released by the Washington Redskins last month, to a six-year deal on Thursday. The 6-foot-2, 290-pound Stubblefield spent five seasons with the 49ers — teamed with fellow defensive tackle Bryant Young — before leaving for Washington in 1998.

San Francisco general manager Bill Walsh was excited to have the duo back together again. Added to the mix was defensive end Andre Carter, the 49ers' top pick, seventh overall, in last week's draft.

"We feel we'll have as good as, or the best, combination of defensive tackles in football," Walsh said. "I'm just excited about the first day these guys are in the huddle together, and that includes Andre Carter. I don't want to put any pressure on our coach, but, gosh, this is a real turnaround defensively."

Accompanied by his wife, Kim, Stubblefield was all smiles as he donned a 49ers cap at the team's training facility.

"It's just something I've been dreaming about for a long time, something I never thought would happen again," he said.

Stubblefield, a three-time Pro Bowl selection and 1997's Defensive Player of the Year, has 393 tackles, 46.5 sacks, 15 pass-

es defended and two interceptions over an eight-year pro career. He was a first-round draft pick, 26th overall, by the 49ers out of Kansas in 1993.

Through the up-and-down negotiations with the salary-cap strapped 49ers, Stubblefield said he tried to remain positive.

"So many people were excited about it, and I was, but I tried not to get too excited because I knew how tight this team was under the salary cap," he said.

Walsh said no players were sacrificed to make room for Stubblefield, but he would not disclose financial terms of the deal.

"We managed to pull this off and both sides are happy with the contract and the future," Walsh said.

NCAA postpones decision on extra games and athlete loans

By Michael Marot
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — The NCAA Board of Directors on Thursday postponed decisions on whether to allow athletes to take out bank loans based on future earnings and whether to eliminate the exemptions on certified basketball tournaments.

The Board of Directors, a group of NCAA presidents, sent those proposals back to the NCAA management council for further study.

"We decided at the January meeting that we would have a full discussion at our August meeting about the amateurism changes," said William Kirwan, chairman of the Board of Directors and president of Ohio State University.

"We want to make very clear that the board is very interested in putting a limit on the number of games one school can play," he said. "But the board has significant concerns about the legislation."

The NCAA management council passed the proposals on April 10, but it needs the board's approval to implement the changes.

By postponing a decision, the Board of Directors has given the go-ahead for tournaments, such as those held in Hawaii and Alaska as well as the Preseason NIT and Coaches vs. Cancer, to continue under current rules that count each tournament as one game against an NCAA limit of 28. The management council's proposal would count each game of a tour-

namment against 29-game limit.

But the Board of Directors thought it needed more information before making a decision.

"There were points raised that we feel we need to look into," Kirwan said. "We need to find out what is the impact of teams not in major conferences to use these events to reach the NCAA tournament."

At the same time, though, the board placed a moratorium on approving any additional certified tournaments or the expansion of any existing tournaments until August 2004. NCAA president Cedric Dempsey said six tournaments that applied before April 15 will be considered for certification.

"We're not guaranteeing any waivers after 2004," Kirwan said. "We just don't feel some of the questions we have have been adequately addressed by the management council."

Kirwan wants more information on the impact the tournaments have on missed class time, graduation rates and RPI ratings, which are used to determine NCAA tournament teams. He set a January 2004 deadline for the management council to report back to the board.

Dempsey said he expected the report to take at least that long to determine the impact of the "two-and-four rule," which allows schools to compete in only two certified tournaments during a four-year period. That rule has been in effect for one year.

"I think the board looked at the need to have some of these issues

studied," Dempsey said. "It is important to look at the two-and-four rule and the impact that it has. I think you'd want at least three years to study that."

An NCAA counsel said pending litigation regarding the certified tournaments played no role in the delay. The board did approve one change — allowing student-athletes to receive money for high-level performances in the Olympics through Operation Gold.

The other parts of the amateurism proposal — obtaining a one-time \$20,000 bank loan based on future earnings potential for projected high draft picks, having the NCAA pick up the cost of disability insurance and allowing student-athletes to receive money for private lessons in sports such as golf and tennis — were not addressed.

"There was never really any intention to take action on those issues at this meeting because in January we decided to look at the amateurism proposal as an entire package," Kirwan said. "We will probably take action at our November meeting."

The NCAA management council also is considering a proposal that would allow student-athletes to get drafted, even play professionally for up to one year, and still return to college with three years' eligibility remaining. Also delayed Thursday was a decision about reducing by one the number of scholarships if a school's graduation rate was less than 50 percent over a four-year period.

NASCAR's Mayfield hopes to stay 'hot' on California track

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

FONTANA, Calif. — A year ago, Jeremy Mayfield was wishing his NASCAR Ford had come with air conditioning.

A problem in the car's oil cooler shot cockpit temperatures so high that Mayfield's crew was pouring ice cubes over him each time he pitted during the NAPA 500.

"The seat was burning, but those guys weren't giving up in the pits," Mayfield said. "So I wasn't giving up in the race car."

Peter Sospenzo, Mayfield's crew chief, kept asking him how he was feeling and if he needed a relief driver. Even as he lost a lap during lengthy repairs, Mayfield stayed put and things finally turned around.

"Right towards the end, I got around Mark (Martin) and took the lead for good," Mayfield said. "The car and the seat were still really hot, but — it's funny how these things go — I didn't feel it half as much when I was out front."

Mayfield went on to win the race, one of two victories in 2000. Mayfield defends the title Sunday at California Speedway, and looking back he's all smiles.

"You know, we were meant to win that race," he said. "Even when the gauges were pegged early in the race, and even after

we lost the lap, I just felt like it was going to be our day. I knew as long as the engine was OK we had a shot at winning."

One reason for his confidence is his record on the 2-mile oval. In the four Winston Cup races run at California Speedway, Mayfield ranks second to two-time winner Jeff Gordon in total Winston Cup points earned.

Over the past three years, he has more points here than anyone. Mayfield finished seventh in 1999 and second in 1998. His 12th-place finish in the inaugural race in 1997 was the result of running out of gas while running fourth.

This race couldn't come at a better time for Mayfield, who is 28th after the first nine races this season. Since consecutive third-place finishes in Darlington and Bristol, he has come in 22nd in Texas, 30th in Martinsville and 35th last Sunday in Talladega.

"Obviously, we need to get things going in the right direction," Mayfield said. "It isn't like there's been any big problems. We haven't been that bad. We just haven't been that good."

"Fortunately, there's still two-thirds of the season left. That's plenty of time to get things going."

Another win on Sunday would be a big step in the right direction. "California is a key from a

points standpoint because of what can happen here," Mayfield said. "You don't usually have a lot of cars falling out of the race so, if you have problems, it can cost you a lot."

"If you run up at the front, you can pick up some points on a lot of people. In general, California is not a make-you-or-break-you kind of race, but it can play a big role for the rest of the year."

This weekend will also be a big one for Shawna Robinson, who will attempt to become the first woman to make a Winston Cup field in 12 years. Robinson, who also hopes to become the first woman to race in the series as a regular in more than 20 years, will attempt to qualify for her inaugural start in Friday's time trials that determine the entire 43-car field.

"California is a great place to start," said Robinson, who plans to run six races for car owner Michael Kranefuss — Mayfield's boss last year — as a prelude to a full-time ride in 2002. "We wanted tracks that not only were in bigger markets but also tracks where I have a high comfort level."

"Friday is going to be hectic, but your main goal is to stay focused, get good practice time in, work from what we learned in our test here last month and lay down a good qualifying lap."

Jockey McCarron stuck at 6,999 victories

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Hall of Fame jockey Chris McCarron remained one victory shy of 7,000 Thursday, finishing third in his only race on the Hollywood Park card.

McCarron was aboard the

even-money favorite Duke of Green, who finished a length behind winner Dunhill and runner-up El Gran Papa, in the fifth race. McCarron was scheduled to ride Coil N Strike in the first race, but the horse was scratched.

McCarron, 46, is attempting to become the seventh jockey to reach 7,000 victories. Laffit Pincay Jr. hold the record of 9,123.

McCarron will ride Ella's Pal in the fifth race Friday.

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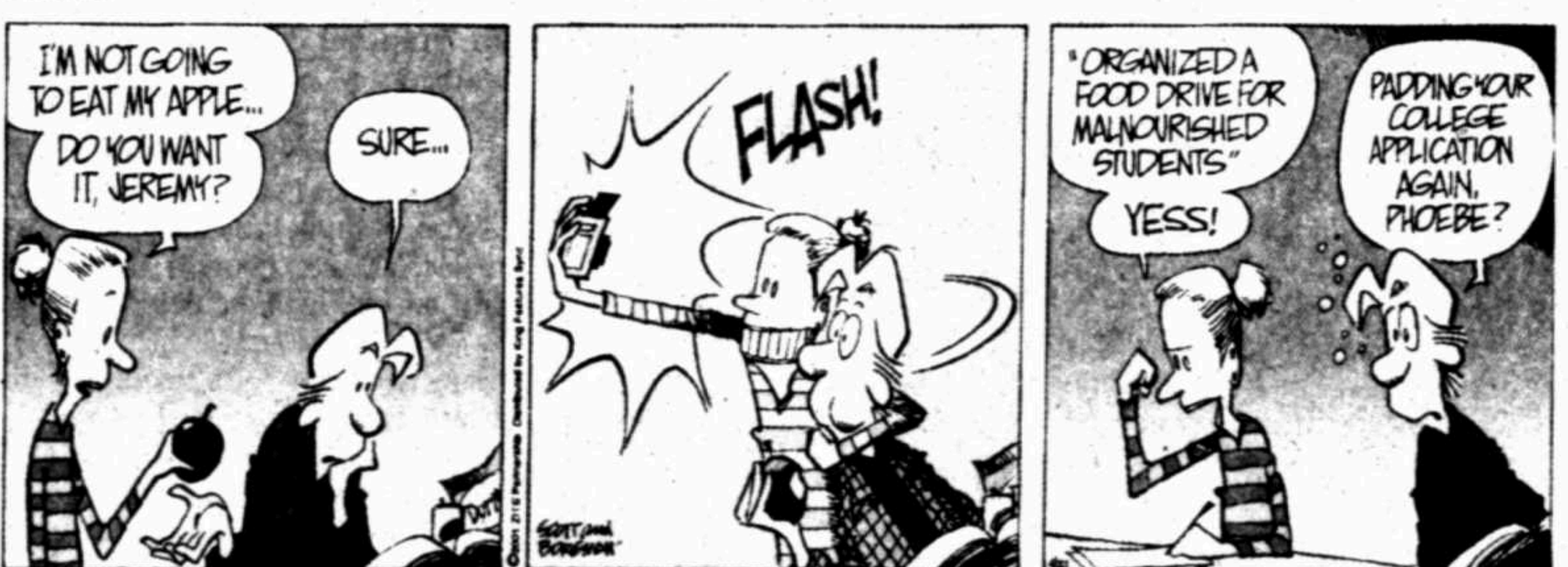
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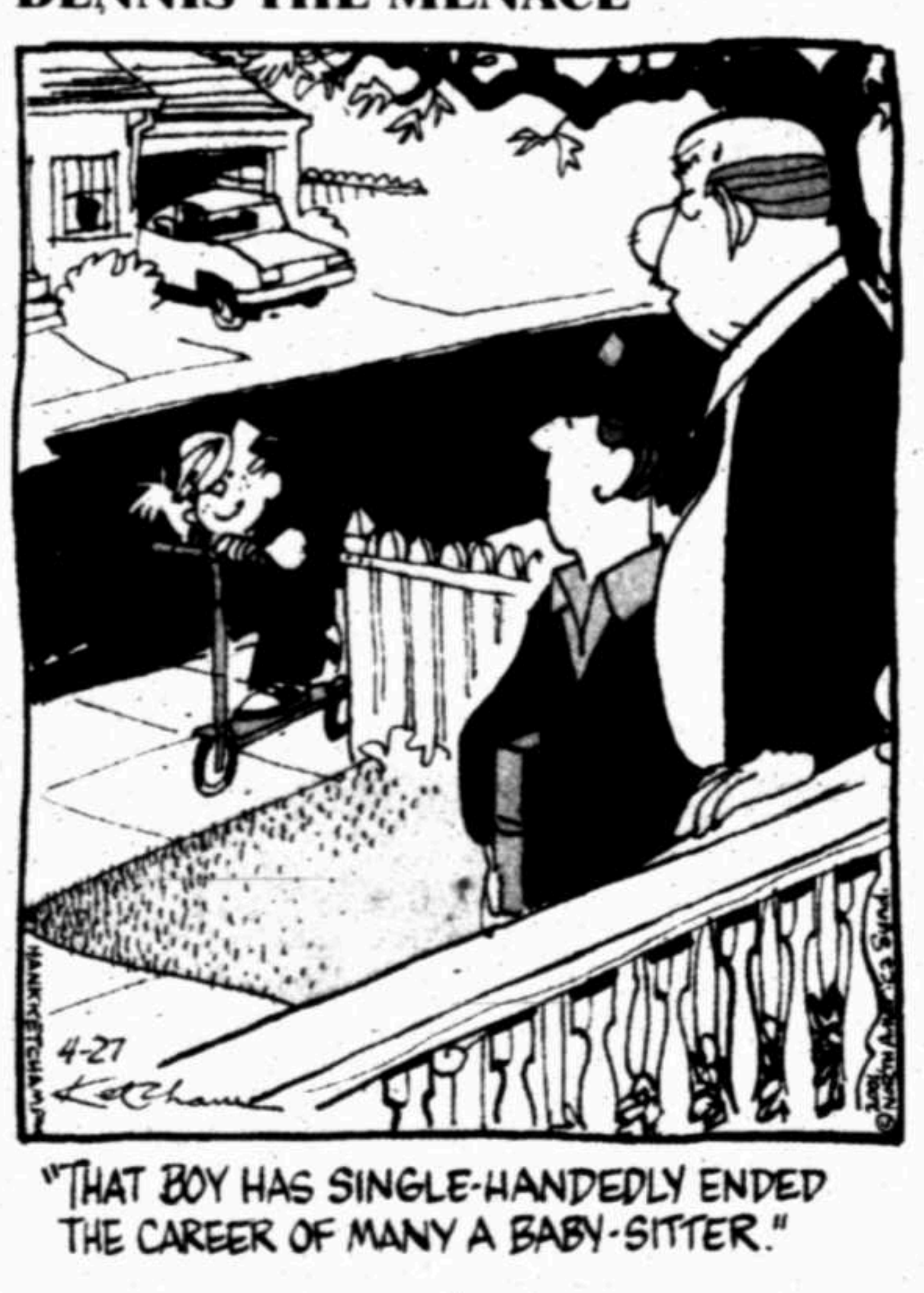
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Florentino

LOS ANGELES — The demise of 'Florentino' by O'Keefe. The film, with Kingsley as production on July 10. Florentino, the set "held" the lawsuit say. A call place immediately. The lawsuit plus unspecified breach of contract. According to actress refused though she knew filming to be. After unsuccessful production was shut

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TAIPEI, Taiwan — just about every Hidden Dragon received Thursday. "This prize is ground," the 47 award. Lee, the first he would donate to the city of Tainan. Another Tainan "Crouching Tiger" gauge film, art

BOSTON

BOSTON — Wilson, who before eight layers in favor of their promoters. "They're real," Wilson told the on Wednesday. Wilson says, "I'm not promoting her to see and promoters' connection to the. The legislative sets sold for per

JACQUELINE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 2001: Often, you get from the purse strings person or institution. If you use your name. Often you react to personally. That Communication. You'll make new new romance. If relationship improves, lighten up. Don't power plays with ferences as well brings out the best

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Berry, Benet sue tabloid for 'offensive and baseless' article

LOS ANGELES — Actress Halle Berry and her musician husband, Eric Benet, have sued the Star tabloid for libel for describing their marriage as "on the rocks."

The couple, who wed in January, also accused the tabloid of invasion of privacy and infliction of emotional distress in the lawsuit filed in Superior Court on Wednesday. It seeks \$5 million in damages.

In a statement, the couple said the article published last week was "offensive and baseless" and that falsehoods contained in it included statements that Benet had "moved out of Halle's house for a few days" with their child and "was looking for a condo of his own."

Officials with the Lantana, Fla.-based Star did not immediately return a phone message seeking comment.

Berry, who won an Emmy and a Golden Globe last year for her performance in HBO's "Introducing Dorothy Dandridge," also has appeared in such films as "X-men," "Bulworth," "Why Do Fools Fall in Love" and "Boomerang."

Benet's first album, "True to Myself," was released in 1996 and his hits include "Spend My Life With You."

LOS ANGELES — A German producer is suing Linda Fiorentino, claiming the actress' prima donna conduct led to the demise of "Till the End of Time," a biopic about artist Georgia O'Keeffe.

The film, which was to star Fiorentino as O'Keeffe and Ben Kingsley as photographer Alfred Stieglitz, was to begin production on July 19, 2000, according to the complaint that Art O'Keeffe filed Tuesday in Superior Court.

Fiorentino, however, demanded a week's delay, and once on the set "held production of the picture hostage to her whims," the lawsuit says.

A call placed to Fiorentino's agent, Scott Lambert, was not immediately returned.

The lawsuit seeks more than \$5 million in actual damages, plus unspecified punitive damages. It accuses Fiorentino of breach of contract and other allegations.

According to the action, the 41-year-old "Men in Black" actress refused to report for rehearsals and camera tests even though she knew Kingsley was on a tight schedule that required filming to be completed by Sept. 13.

After unsuccessful efforts to recast Fiorentino's role, the production was shut down on Aug. 8.

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Taiwanese director Ang Lee has won just about every major award for his film "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." But he said the government prize he received Thursday was for him "the most real."

"This prize makes me feel as if I've got my two feet on the ground," the 47-year-old director said as he received the \$30,300 award.

Lee, the first Taiwanese ever to win an Academy Award, said he would donate the cash prize to his high school in the southern city of Tainan. While at the school, Lee was two years behind another Tainan local, President Chen Shui-bian.

"Crouching Tiger" won Oscars this year for best foreign language film, art direction, cinematography and original score.

BOSTON — Mary Wilson, a founder of "The Supremes," wants copyleft musical groups to stop in the name of morality.

Wilson, who has performed on stage for thousands, testified before eight lawmakers and an audience of about 150 onlookers in favor of a bill that would penalize copyleft groups and their promoters for trying to trade on the originals.

"They're really demeaning what we accomplished in life," Wilson told the Commerce and Labor Committee at hearing on Wednesday. "The Supremes were singing when black people weren't even considered people in the United States," Wilson said.

Wilson says it's a matter of principle, not money, that is motivating her to seek a law that would penalize copyleft groups and promoters for advertising groups who often have no connection to the original group.

The legislative panel is considering a bill requiring that tickets sold for performances by copyleft groups clearly disclose

that the featured act is not the original group. The bill also would impose a fine of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 for violations.

Wilson, 57, is in Boston performing in "Leader of the Pack," a musical at the Shubert Theater.

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — Three teen-agers were hurt slightly when young hip-hop fans rushed the stage during a Lil' Bow Wow rap concert.

The teens suffered bumps, scrapes and bruises and one was taken to a hospital for examination after the chaotic jostling

for position at the Gotham Club on Tuesday afternoon, police said.

Youngsters ages 7 to 18 were in the audience at the start of the concert, but a group of older teens rushed into the pit area reserved for younger children, witnesses told officers.

The 14-year-old rapper's show was stopped after about 10 minutes as security officers carried younger children to safety outside the pit.

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

TV TONIGHT

FRIDAY EVENING

APRIL 27, 2001

For Complete Information
Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	Channel	Time	Program	Notes
3	KMD	2:30	News 488	Wheel of Fortune 260
5	KPEJ	2:30	Cosby 11	Suddenly 6399
7	KOSA	7:00	News 4669	Ent. Tonight 8621
9	KWES	9:00	News 9718	Seinfeld 11
12	KMLM	42:12	Update With John Hagee 16125	Light of the Southwest (Live) 62379
13	KOCV	36:13	Weekend With Jim Lehrer 602422	Wall St. 450981
16	WGN	10:10	Family Matters 517669	Suddenly 591621
11	WTBS	11:11	Fresh Pt. 302843	Fresh Pt. 393195
18	UN	42:13	Carla de Angel 22176	Abraham May Fierste 82973
29	DISC	20:26	Wild Discovery: Web 635718	Shipwrecks and Salvage 119195
21	AMC	21:31	Hollywood 13	Stooges 11
22	TNN	22:35	Miami Vice 11	Wild Law 11
23	TNT	22:38	Prender 11	NBA Basketball Playoffs 11
24	CNN	22:22	Marketline 11	Crossfire 11
26	BET	26:33	106 & Park 11	A Family Thing 11
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29	ESPN	29:30	Stanley Cup Playoffs Conference Semifinals Game 1 -- Teams to Be Announced (Subject to	Blackout (Live) 11
30	USA	30:38	JAG 11	Mishap 11
31	FX	31:25	Bulworth 11	1892060
32	A&E	32:35	Law & Order: Criminal Intent 11	Charm City 11
33	TLC	33:21	Mysterious Skies 11	G35602
34	NICK	34:37	Hey Arnold! 11	Rugrats 11
36	LIFE	36:40	Intimate Portrait: Robin Givens 11	PG 819718
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43	FSN	43:29	Totally NAS-CAR 11	5805
44	COM	44	Daily Show 11	Ben Stein 11
45	CNBC	8:27	Business 11	Markets 11
46	ANIM	46	Hunter-Croc 11	Animals 11
47	E!	47	Homes 11	Talk Soup 11
48	TVL	48:24	Andy Griffith 11	Scandals 11
49	ODY	49	Rescue 911 11	Medicine Woman 11
50	HGTV	50:42	Old House 11	Before/After 11
51	MSNBC	51	Newsfront 11	621060
52	TELE	52	Step 11	324089
53	FOOD	53	Cooking Live 11	Emeril Live 11
54	TOON	54	Courage 11	Courage 11
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56	HIST	56:32	This Week-Hit 11	314553
57	BRV	57:24	St. Elsewhere 11	486350
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63	HBO	63:15	Here on Earth 11	151000
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 27, 2001:

Often, you get frustrated with those holding the purse strings. Learn to deal with this person or institution rather than struggling. If you use your natural charm, you'll gain. Often you react to situations by taking them personally. That is not always the case. Communication flourishes this summer. You'll make new friends and network in a new romance. If you are attached, your relationship improves when you decide to lighten up. Don't get into control games or power plays with your sweetie. Accept differences as well as similarities. CANCER brings out the best in you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** What appears as a friendly old friend on helps you get motivated. Find a dear friend and confirm weekend plans as soon as you can. If possible, work from home. Otherwise, don't lose your objective to clear out work. Give up any tendencies to be a work addict! Tonight: Now, to the weekend!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Your bullish need for stability often makes you identify a situation as stable when it isn't. Your temper could flare when dealing with a partner over funds. Stay cool. Use the afternoon to return calls, clear your desk and perhaps make special plans. Feel good about what you accomplish. Tonight: Let down your hair.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** You soar like an eagle this morning. Your vision cuts through unnecessary details. Others react to your streamlining of a project. Instead of going up in smoke, relax and explain your logic. Others calm down with

understanding. Tonight: Treat another to munchies.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Direct frustration where it can make a difference. Concentrate on one task at a time. By focusing you avoid a tendency to be accident-prone. By late afternoon, you'll mellow out, and so will your world. What a relief! Smile and others smile back. Tonight: TGIF!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Aim for more of what you want and need. Consider your options carefully when a child or creative partner flares. Don't feel as if you must respond one way or the other. Close your door in the afternoon if you want to accomplish anything. Screen calls, too. Tonight: Happily vanish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Respond to priorities and don't worry so much about what is going on at home. You can't be in two places at once. An inventive idea helps you clear out work efficiently, if you are focused. Network in the afternoon. Return all calls. Tonight: Join the throngs of people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Push to get needed information. Someone might not understand exactly what you are asking. Rephrase your question. Avoid office gossip: deal with a boss head-on, if need be. You will be respected for your forthright attitude. Be pivotal and bring others together. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Curb spending, especially if you are trying to impress someone. Your unusual skills and personality impress this person far more. Express your point of view and help others to see the errors in their thinking.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-

Laughter and humor help everyone relax. Tonight: Opt for a mental escape.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Though you might think you are just being "you," others find you unusually assertive. Bone up on your diplomatic style and start using it. Practice on a dear friend or co-worker, and both of you will enjoy enhanced rapport. Discuss a hot money issue. Tonight: Go for a close encounter.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Work through frustration by digging into the project at hand. Discussing feelings with someone who understands you might prove to be helpful. A close friend or family member invites you along. Let go of your worries and start socializing. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Your playful imagination focuses on a problem and resolves it. Pat yourself on the back. To accomplish what you desire, you might need to screen your calls and return them later. Popularity soars. Say yes to a co-worker's invitation. Tonight: Play the night away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Deal with someone's bad mood by going along with a request. For now, keep your thoughts to yourself, as you might not get the results you desire if you open up. Let your ideas bubble forth with friends after work, when you are more relaxed. Buy a card for a friend or loved one. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

BORN TODAY
Playwright August Wilson (1945),
President Ulysses S. Grant (1822), singer
Sheena Easton (1959)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Wilch

Read the Spot

Both vulnerable. South deals

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♦ A J 6
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♦ K
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EAST
♠ 5 4
♥ J 10 7 5
♦ 10 8 7 5 4 2
♣ 4 4

SOUTH
♠ K J 9 8 7
♥ K 2
♦ Q 9 3
♣ Q 6 5

The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
Pass 1♣ Pass Dbl Pass
4♣ Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

If you have an organized method of showing count, the card you play can be very revealing to partner. Consider this deal.

The auction was textbook. North had a perfect takeout double of the opening bid, and South, with a near opening bid and a fair five-card suit, had ample to jump to game.

At one table, the defenders started with three rounds of clubs. Declarer ruffed the third club high in dummy, forced out the ace of spades and, with the diamond king on side, claimed the rest of the tricks.

At the other table, declarer routinely followed with the five of clubs and West noted East's four of clubs on the first trick, the lowest outstanding card in the suit. Since the queen did not appear, it could

not be from three low cards. And if East held three clubs headed by the queen, the defender would have signaled with the higher of the two spot cards. Therefore, the four had to be either singleton or from Q-4.

That was all West needed to launch a successful defense. At trick two West shifted to the king of diamonds. Declarer won in dummy and led a low trump, but nothing helped. West took the ace and returned a low club. East ruffed and reverted to diamonds, and West's ruff sank a contract that was a strong favorite to succeed.

So would West have found this defense had declarer dropped the queen of clubs at the first trick — a card that could have no useful role in the play?

Would you?

DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- Imitates
- Buck of film/drom
- Swine swill
- Class ender
- Genius
- Own
- A son of Isaac
- Men with polish
- Church chorus
- Basque buccaneer?
- Deceives
- Make out
- '60 Minutes' correspondent
- Strongholds
- WWW addresses
- Stock marketer
- Count divider
- 1941 Milanese movie classic?
- French article
- Familiarize with new material
- Make an impression
- Unmistakably
- Sidekicks
- Spanish king
- Regarding
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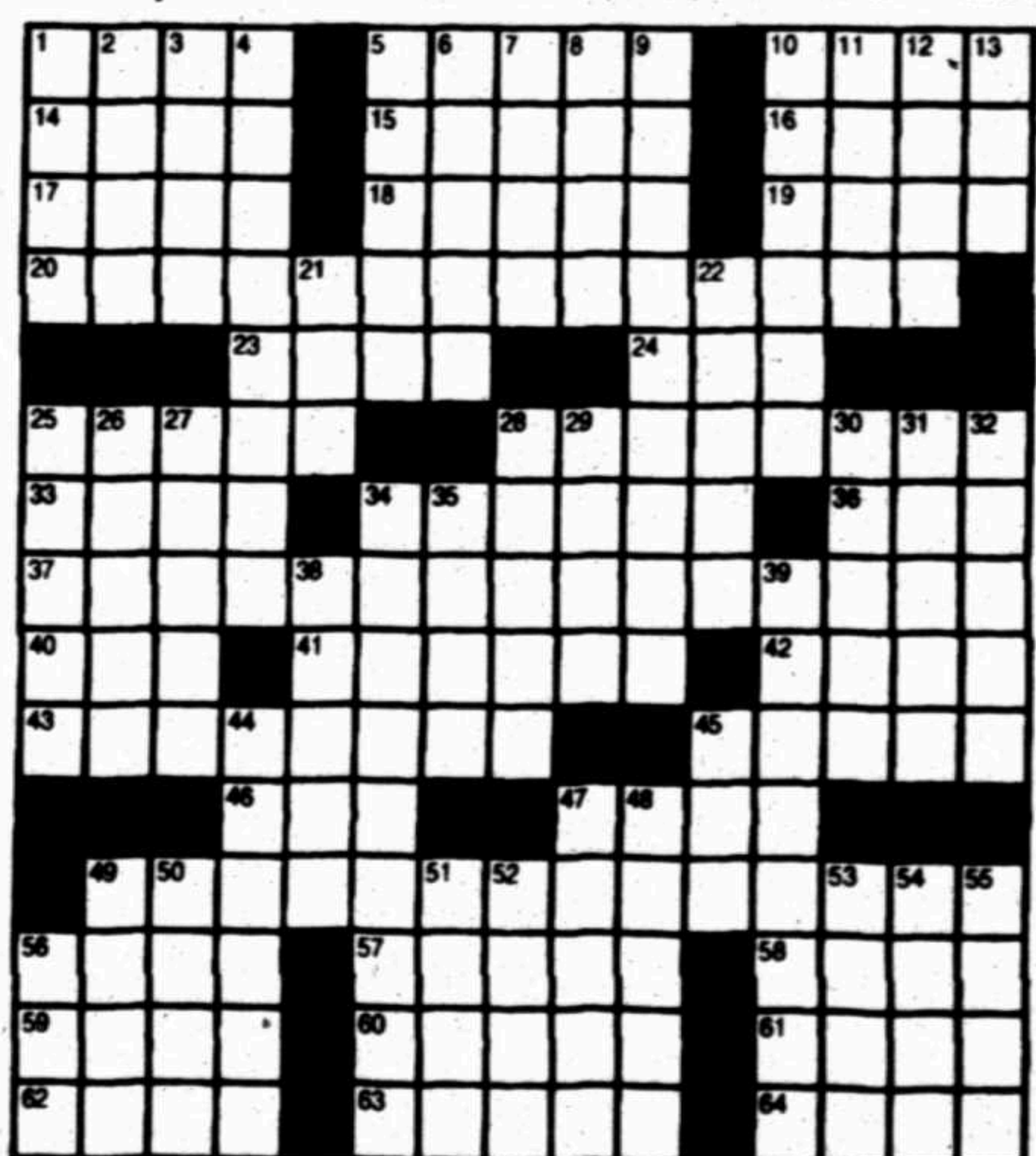
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- Find out
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- Pavlov
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NATURAL GAS

Thursday	\$4.891
Previous	\$4.981

Gasoline high

NEW YORK — Gasoline futures hit a post Gulf War high at the New York Mercantile Exchange Thursday as inventories remain tight ahead of the peak summer driving season.

May gasoline futures, which expire on Monday, vaulted 2.87 cents to roughly \$1.10 per gallon.

Gas futures have jumped nearly 25 percent in the past month as fears of regional shortfalls have been fueled by extremely low inventories, dwindling reserves of summer grade gasoline and a series of refinery problems.

A Royal Dutch/Shell Group refinery in the United Kingdom, that produces 262,000-barrels-a-day of refined product, is still in the process of restarting after closing for a few hours on Wednesday.

Also lending support, was news that Tosco Corp.'s 44,000-barrel-a-day refinery in the Los Angeles area would be down another 2 to 3 months after a fire late Monday.

Crude for June delivery was up \$1.15 to \$28.44 a barrel, heating oil gained 2.32 cents to 77.62 cents a gallon and natural gas finished the day at \$4.89 per 1,000 cubic feet, down 0.9 cent.

Data released late Tuesday by the American Petroleum Institute showed that distillate stocks, which include heating oil and diesel fuel, shrank by 1.196 million barrels last week, while stocks of reformulated gasoline, federally mandated in cities with severe smog problems, drew down by 1.343 million barrels. But the data also showed a build of 2.555 million barrels in conventional gasoline stocks.

Analysts said gasoline futures now seem poised for a fresh assault on their all-time record high of \$1.11.

In London, Brent crude from the North Sea was up 78 cents to \$27.60.

Dollar mixed

LONDON — The U.S. dollar was mixed Thursday against major currencies in European trading.

The euro was quoted at 90.13 cents, up from 89.83 cents late Wednesday. Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro traded at 90.12 cents.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Wednesday, included 122.37 Japanese yen, up from 122.06; 1.7034 Swiss francs, down from 1.7056; 1.5438 Canadian dollars, up from 1.5421.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.4407, down from \$1.4408.

In midday trading in New York, the dollar bought 123.15 yen, and the pound was worth \$1.4384.

Based on euro rates, the dollar is worth 2.1693 German marks, down from 2.1768; 7.2755 French francs, down from 7.3006; 2.4442 Dutch guilders, down from 2.4527; 2.147.59 Italian lire, down from 2.155.00.

Gold down

Gold dealers in London fixed a recommended price of \$263.30 bid per troy ounce at closing, down from \$263.40 on Wednesday. In Zurich the bid price was \$263.45, up from \$262.98.

Gold fell \$2.00 in Hong Kong to \$262.25.

Silver closed in London at \$4.40 bid per troy ounce, down from \$4.46.

Senators seek energy compromise

By Shannon McCaffrey
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two senators, one Democrat and one Republican, tried to stake out a middle ground in the energy debate Thursday with proposals to cut demand and increase supply.

Sens. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., and Susan Collins, R-Maine, want to increase fuel efficiency standards for sports utility vehicles while opening up federal land in the Rocky Mountains and the Gulf of Mexico for drilling.

The senators released data indicating that if supply does not increase and demand continues to rise, already high energy costs could nearly triple by 2010.

"We're on the precipice of an energy crisis," Schumer said.

Skyrocketing power prices and rolling blackouts on the West Coast have moved energy issues to center stage on Capitol Hill. Late Wednesday, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ordered limited price caps during California electricity emergencies to avert severe price spikes this summer.

President Bush has a White House task force examining the issue headed by Vice President Dick Cheney, who like Bush is a former oil industry executive.

Schumer and Collins said while most Republican energy plans have focused on boosting supply and Democratic plans have centered on slicing demand, their blueprint provides a balanced approach.

"Each side will give up a little more if they know the other side is giving up as well," Schumer said.

On the supply side the senators want to construct a new

national gas pipeline from Alaska and use new superconducting technology to increase electricity transmission capacity on existing power lines. Schumer and Collins would expand incentives for drilling on federal lands but would stop short of opening up national monuments or parklands, like the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

On the demand side, the plan would boost incentives to invest in greater fuel efficient technologies and restore money to the Department of Energy's renewable energy programs. Fuel efficiency standards would be increased for light trucks, minivans and sport utility vehicles.

On the Net:

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Singer, actress.... fashion designer?



Jennifer Lopez poses in an outfit from her new fashion line during a news conference in the Century City area of Los Angeles, Thursday. Lopez announced she has formed a partnership with Andy Hilfiger, brother of designer Tommy Hilfiger, in a company called Sweet-face Fashions, which will market the new line of clothes designed by Lopez.

TXU earnings dragged down by acquisition-related costs

DALLAS (AP) — TXU Corp. said Thursday that excluding restructuring charges, its earnings rose in the March quarter as U.S. natural gas sales surged.

Dallas-based TXU, which sells and trades energy in North America, Europe and Australia, said its operating earnings were \$213 million, or 83 cents per share, compared to \$243 million, or 89 cents a year earlier.

Those figures included a \$17 million after-tax restructuring charge this year and a \$50 million after-tax restructuring charge last year, both in TXU's U.K. operations.

TXU said first-quarter U.S. natural gas profits jumped 30 percent to \$39 million.

Excluding those charges, earnings in the quarter ended March 31 were \$196 million, or 76 cents per share, compared to \$193 million, or 71 cents a year ago, TXU said.

Analysts surveyed by Thom-

son Financial/First Call had expected TXU to earn 76 cents per share.

Revenue jumped to \$8.38 billion from \$4.78 billion a year ago partly due to TXU's acquisition last year of U.K. utility Norweb Energi.

TXU said first-quarter U.S. natural gas profits jumped 30 percent to \$39 million due to strong revenue growth from higher gas prices and cold

weather, which increased demand for gas used in heating. Revenue from U.S. gas sales jumped to \$684 million from \$332 million a year ago.

TXU has about 11 million customers worldwide, including 2.6 million electric customers and 1.4 million gas customers in Texas.

In afternoon trading Thursday, TXU shares rose 41 cents to \$43.39.

INVESTORS' GUIDE

Take advantage of retirement accounts, employer matching

By Eric Tyson

Q: I am 29 years old, and my goal is to retire at the age of 55. I was enrolled in my employer's 401(k) plan, but I elected to discontinue contributions because my employer only matches 25 cents for every dollar that I save. I figured I could save this amount on my own, so I doubled my allotment to my savings account at the credit union. The company I work for is in the process of being sold to another company, and I have said that if my new employer doesn't match at least 50 cents per dollar contributed, I will not re-enroll. I will be given the option to roll over my current savings or receive my contribution minus penalties and taxes, which would leave about \$7,000. What advice do you have? Are there any options that would help me to reach my goal other than the 401(k) plan so I can possibly retire in another 26 years?



Tyson

A: You're making a big mistake by not taking advantage of your employer's 401(k) or other retirement savings plans. When you save money outside retirement

accounts, such as what you're doing by putting money into a credit union savings account instead, you miss out on significantly reducing your current federal and state income-tax bills.

Contributions into 401(k) and other similar employer retirement savings plans are generally not taxed at either the federal or state income-tax levels. Also, once this money is inside a retirement account, it can compound and grow without taxation of the investment returns over time.

In addition to the great tax benefits, your employer is also offering you free (matching) money that you should not be passing up on! So, when you instead place money into your credit union savings account, you're not only missing out on reducing your taxes, but you're also missing out on the matching contributions.

Q: For a stock to rise or fall, there must be a buyer and a seller. Am I correct in saying that the recent big fall in some stock prices might be due to short selling? Short selling, I believe, is two parties (or even

one party), one of which lends the stock to the other to short sell for profiteering purposes. Would a few parties who have sufficient means to do so control price, and would it be legal?

A: For a given stock, when sellers outnumber buyers (in terms of shares represented), the stock will fall in price. Short selling, since it is another way investors sell shares of a stock, can lead to increased downward pressure in the price of a stock.

Short selling is the process whereby an investor borrows shares from someone else and then sells them in the hopes of being able to buy them back at a future date for a lower price — thereby making a profit. Basically, you sell a stock first and then buy it back later. It's the reverse of what investors normally do, that is to first buy a stock in the hopes it will rise in value so that they might someday sell it at a higher price, hence, making a profit.

As for control and manipulation, I don't see groups of people acting in concert to direct the price of a given stock. The Securities and Exchange Commission has a variety of monitoring devices and laws to ensure that such manipulation doesn't occur and if it does occur, carries severe penalties.

Eric Tyson's column is distributed by King Features Syndicate Inc.

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By David Dr
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By Jim Vertu
AP Sports Wri

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LOCAL SPORTS

RHCC beats GTCC

Ranchland Hills Country Club defeated Green Tree Country Club in a challenge match held at RHCC. Ranchland had a 72.67 average, while Green Tree had a 75.36 average.

For Ranchland Hills, Mary Robinson had the low gross with an 80, while Maurine Phillips had the low net with a 66. For Green Tree, Letitia Collins had a 78 for the low gross, while Tri-

na Albright had the low net with a 70.

Amateur boxing in Midland

The Sixth Annual Ernest Franco Invitational is Saturday at the Midland Downtown Lions Club at 200 Plaza Ave. There will be 20 amateur boxing bouts.

Tickets are \$10 per person and \$5 for students with I.D. Corporate tables at ringside are also available. Doors open at 6 p.m.

and bouts start at 7:30 p.m. For more information call David Rodriguez Jr. at 334-6190 in Odessa, Richard Sterun at 561-5139 in Midland or Ramon Franco at 367-1959 in Odessa.

Velocity 16U takes third

West Texas Junior Velocity 16-U volleyball team took third in Bronze A at the Lone Star Classic in Austin recently.

In the first round, Velocity

defeated East Texas Longview, 25-15, 25-22, Austin/Stars 25-17, 25-14, and lost to Pikes Peak Colorado, 25-11, 25-8.

In the second round, Velocity was defeated by Texas Juniors Dallas/Fort Worth 25-14, 26-24, Spike Sport, 25-13, 25-21, and Tyler Texas 25-23, 25-14.

In bracket play, Velocity defeated High Plains Matrix, 14-25, 25-22, 15-13, and lost to Mission City Stars in the second round, 25-13, 25-20. Velocity placed 49th overall out of 112 teams who participated in the 16-year-old division.

Simpson, 45, takes early Greensboro lead

By David Droschak
AP Sports Writer

GREENSBORO, N.C. — A lot has changed since Scott Simpson won 14 years ago at Forest Oaks Country Club.

His jet black hair has turned gray, he's shaved his trademark mustache, he's put on a few pounds and the Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic now has a \$3.5 million purse.

The 45-year-old Simpson is also attempting an unlikely comeback on the PGA Tour with seven screws and a plate in his right ankle following a December 1999 skiing accident in Utah. Simpson shot a 6-under-par 66 Thursday in one of his best rounds since picking his clubs back up and grabbed a one-stroke lead over seven golfers after the first round.

Aaron Baddeley, a 20-year-old rising star from Australia, Jerry Kelly, Dudley Hart, Robert Dameron, Shaun Michael, Spike McRoy and sectional qualifier Jeffrey Lankford were in the group at 67.

"There is a picture of me in the locker room and everybody says, 'Who is that guy?'" Simpson said

in reference to his different appearance since winning here in 1987 when first place was worth \$108,000. This year's winner gets \$630,000.

Simpson has missed five of nine cuts after sitting out all of 2000 with his injury. He's playing this season on a major medical exemption, but so far he's 171st in greens in regulation, 163rd in driving distance and 157th in scoring average.

But Simpson can still putt, and that's what saved him again in his bogey-free round on the 7,062-yard layout.

Simpson made the turn at 2-under on a sunny afternoon in the mid-60s, then birdied holes 10-12 and added another one four holes later. Two of his birdie putts were from 15 feet and three were from 12 feet.

"The fun is trying to play under pressure and getting into contention," said Simpson, who last won in 1998. "It's fun to see if you can do it again."

Simpson, who walks with a limp, recalled his win here years ago, laughing about the cold weather and being in the interview chair again.

"It was so cold Payne Stewart wasn't even wearing knickers," Simpson said of the late golfer. "We all wore rain pants and we had to stop because of snow in the last round."

"And I remember playing real steady and having the lead and then limping in," Simpson said. "I would like to limp in again."

The temperature was 36 degrees this time when Kelly, a former college hockey player, got to the first tee Thursday morning. But Kelly birdied his first three holes to grab the early lead before Simpson's afternoon charge.

Kelly has never won in five-plus years on tour. But he led the Players Championship last month heading into the final round and was paired with Tiger Woods before shooting a final-round 73 to finish fourth.

That tourney gave Kelly confidence — maybe too much confidence. He took a few weeks off to finish his taxes and buy a new house. Kelly got out of rhythm and missed two straight cuts

heading into Greensboro.

"I came back out the next tournaments (after the Players) and said, 'OK, you are playing great, let's just go with it,'" Kelly said. "I kind of went with a routine that wasn't a work-hard routine."

Hart has never won here, but has had great success, tying for third last year and finishing fourth in 1999 when he started with an opening-round 66.

"I don't want to jinx myself or anything, but I do play pretty well here," said Hart, who had three tap-in birdies to highlight his round.

The rough isn't nearly as long as the normal 6 inches at Forest Oaks Country Club this year, but some golfers said the course might actually play harder.

Only 17 of the tour's top 50 money leaders are in the field this week and just four of the top 30 in the world rankings. That group includes Hal Sutton, the defending champion who won last week at the Shell Houston Open. He shot a 2-under 70 and is four shots behind Simpson.

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The Midland Independent School District Board of Trustees hereby orders and gives notice of an election to be held on May 5, 2001 for the purpose of electing a trustee for District Seven (7). In the event no candidate in the district receives a majority of the votes, a run-off election will be held on May 26, 2001.

(Por in presente in junta de regentes del distrito escolar independiente ordena y da aviso que se llevara a cabo una eleccion el dia 5 de Mayo 2001, con el proposito de elegir un regente a cada puesto de termino no expirado designado por numero siete (7). En caso que ningun candidato en una posicion recibe la mayoria de los votos achados alli dentro, una eleccion especial que tendra acabo el dia 26 de Mayo 2001.)

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on April 18, 2001, and continue through May 1, 2001, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official holiday.

(Votacion temprana en persona comenzara el 18 de Abril 2001, y continuara hasta el 1 de Mayo 2001, desde las 8:00 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m. en todos los dias que no sean Sabado, Domingo, o dia oficial de vacaciones estatales.)

709 Washington Street, Midland, Texas is the address of the place for early voting in person. (La direccion indicada es del sitio para votar por temprano en persona.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:

PAT EASTUP
Name of Absentee Voting Clerk
(Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion En Ausencia)

709 WASHINGTON STREET
Address (Direccion)

MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701
City (Ciudad) Zip Code (Zona Postal)

The polling places designated below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election. (Los sitios de votacion indicados abajo se abiran desde las 7:00 a.m. a las 7:00 p.m. el dia de la eleccion.)

PRECINCT NO. (NUM DE PRECINTO) LOCATION (COLOCACION)

DISTRICT SEVEN (DISTRITO SIETO)

401, 404, 407 Fairmont Park Church of Christ
3813 North Midland Drive

408, 409 Santa Rita Elementary School
5306 Whitman Street

Issued this the 23rd day of January, 2001
(Emitida este dia 23 de Enero 2001)

George B. Lara, Presiding Officer
(Firma del Oficial que Preside)

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ORDINANCE NO. 8014

An Ordinance changing the Zoning Classification amending Chapter One, Title XI, of the City Code of Midland, Texas, by permitting the west side of Midland, Texas, Drive, approximately 630 feet north of Illinois Avenue which is presently zoned LR-2, Local Retail District to be used as PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center, providing for such use to be subject to certain special conditions and restrictions as set out herein, containing a Cumulative Clause, containing a Savings and Severability Clause, providing for a Maximum Penalty or Fine of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), removing the property described herein from the fire district and ordering publication.

City of Midland
Kaylah J. McCord
City Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M. July 25, 2001, to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid #063-01 for:

A new telephone system for the Police and Communications Building for the CIS Department.

Information for Bidders, Forms, Specifications and General Conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

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Kaylah J. McCord
City Secretary

Fax It! 682-6999

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ORDINANCE NO. 8015

An Ordinance changing the Zoning Classification amending Chapter One, Title XI, of the City Code of Midland, Texas, by permitting Lot 1, less a 15-foot triangular portion; and all of Lots 2 through 5, Block 113, Original Town, City and County of Midland, Texas which is presently zoned LR-2, Local Retail District to be used as PD, Planned District for a Transition District; providing for such use to be subject to certain special conditions and restrictions as set out herein, containing a Cumulative Clause, containing a Savings and Severability Clause, providing for a Maximum Penalty or Fine of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), and ordering publication.

City of Midland
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City Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M. May 9, 2001, to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid #064-01 for:

Labor, material, equipment and supervision necessary for the installation of lights at 2 fields at the Ulmer Park, Girls Softball fields for the Parks Division.

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Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ALLEN EHLERS, Deceased, were issued on April 24, 2001, in Cause No. P13113, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to JOHN ALLEN EHLERS, Independent Executor.

The mailing address of the Independent Executor is:

C/O ALAN H. MEYERS
MORGAN, LEETON &
MEYERS, P.C.
306 West Wall, Suite 700
Midland, Texas 79701

All persons having claims against this Estate which are currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 24 day of April, 2001.

JOHN ALLEN EHLERS,
Independent Executor of the Estate of ALLEN EHLERS, Deceased.

By: ALAN H. MEYERS
of
MORGAN, LEETON &
MEYERS, P.C.
306 West Wall, Suite 700
Midland, Texas 79701

ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE

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Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

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Kaylah J. McCord
City Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 8012

An Ordinance adopting a Moratorium and Prohibition on accepting, processing or acting upon any applications for a Specific Use Permit, Building Permit, Sign License or any other permit for signs, billboards or other outdoor advertising in any of the City's Zoning Districts, expressing the purpose of the ordinance, providing for a 90 day period for the Moratorium, containing a Savings and Severability Clause, providing for a Maximum Penalty or Fine of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), and ordering publication.

City of Midland
Kaylah J. McCord
City Secretary

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LEGAL NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MIDLAND

In compliance with Local Government Code §116.022 and §117.022, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Midland, State of Texas, will receive proposals from a banking corporation, association, or individual banker, savings and loan association or depository bank ("bank") of said County for the depositing of the public funds and the trust funds of the County and District Clerks of Midland County for the ensuring two years as prescribed by law.

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NOTICE

A bank desiring to be designated as county depository shall make and deliver to the office of the County Judge, County Courthouse, 200 W. Wall, Suite 006, Midland, TX on or before Friday, May 18, 2001 at 4:30 p.m., a sealed application to be designated as such depository, the application must state the amount of paid-up capital stock and permanent surplus and said bank must be accompanied by (1) a statement showing the financial condition of said bank on the date of said application and (2) a certified check or cashier's check of \$190,000.00 as a guarantee of good faith on the part of said bank. If said bank is accepted as county depository, it will execute the required bond. In addition, each applicant is asked to complete a proposal worksheet, which is available from the County Judge. The County Judge and Commissioners Court will consider the bids on Tuesday, May 29, 2001, during the regularly scheduled Midland County Commissioners Court meeting.

Inquiries regarding qualifications and/or the procedure to apply to be designated as a depository should be addressed to Ms. JoAnn Carr, Midland County Treasurer, 200 W. Wall, Suite 109, Midland, Texas 915-688-1235.

Dated at Midland, Texas, this 27th day of April, 2001.

Wm. C. Morrow
Midland County Judge

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NOTICE IS HEREBY given to the owners and lien holders of the vehicles listed below that unless such vehicles are redeemed within 20 days of the date of this Notice, at the location listed, Certificates of Authority shall be issued to dispose of such vehicles to a demolisher. Failure on the part of the owners and lien holders to exercise their right to reclaim the vehicles within the time limit provided shall be deemed a waiver by the owners and all lien holders of all right, title, and interest in the vehicles and their consent to the disposal of such vehicles to a demolisher. Call (512) 465-7990 for further information.

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RFP 01MC0264-Jaritorial Services Bid 01MC0272-Emulsion Asphalt

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200 Autos Domestic

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CADILLAC 1992 Sedan Deville, white with navy leather, all electric, CD player, 97K miles, clean. \$4,900. 694-6546.

OLDSMOBILE 1996 LSS-White, power moon roof, gray leather, new tires, 33K miles. One owner. Immaculate condition! \$11,900. 697-7884. 681-2088.

PONTIAC 2000 Grand Am GT, enhanced stereo, sunroof, power seats, lumbar, very nice. \$16,500. 661-7707.

CADILLAC DEVILLE-Beige light beige leather, 65K miles, clean, newer tires. \$18,500. 699-4490.

CADILLAC 1990 Deville 4 door, gold trim, leather seats, vinyl top, good condition. \$15,500. 689-3701 for more information.

CADILLAC 1994 Seville, SLX sedan, gold color, tan leather, garaged. Excellent condition! 90K miles. Transferable extended warranty \$11,500. obo. 687-4830.

CHEVROLET 1996 Camaro Z28, one adult owner. 58K, white, leather, garaged. Excellent condition! Automatic, gray interior. \$11,400. moving, must sell! 689-0307.

OLDSMOBILE 1998 INTRIGUE, Sporty 4 door, white, gray, Smells, looks new! 4 wheel ABS, traction control, Bose, nice. 664-8605. 697-4589.

CADILLAC 1994 Sedan Deville, 48K, white, gray leather. Perfect condition! \$12,500. 915-687-3798 for address and viewing.

CHEVROLET 2000 Corvette Coupe All options, both tops, leather interior. Less than 3,000 miles. luxury Tax paid. hardtop. Bose, nice. (915)586-6608.

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205 Classic Cars

CHEVROLET 1966 Impala SS Coupe, standard automatic transmission, original. 327 CC. \$2,500. best offer. Please call 522-1545 after 4pm.

FORD 1965 AC Shelby Cobra Replica 351W coupe 9" rear end, toploader 4 speed. \$31,500. Call 352-5671.

CORVETTE 1996 RED Convertible Service records, warranty included. hardtop. Bose, nice. Motorcycle or Muscular trade Bank financing available \$22,000. 522-1776.

FORD 1932 V8 4 door Deluxe Sedan. Original car, rare 32 with side mounts. \$18,500. Call 686-8759.

FORD 1966 Mustang Convertible. All original, complete restoration to matching number car, pony interior, 289 V8, automatic. \$15,500. 683-2575.

FORD 1966 Mustang, red, excellent condition, recent show winner, 289 4 barrel, automatic, a/c, power brakes. \$8,500. 699-5916.

GMC 1986 CABALLERO Pickup, one owner, 79,900 original miles, loaded, V8, limited slip axle, always garaged. Excellent shape! \$5,000. 694-8460.

MAZDA 1999 MIATA convertible, green with black top with cloth seats, 6,500 miles, excellent condition, garage kept, \$18,500. Call 686-0509 leave message.

205 Classic Cars

CHEVROLET 1963 Corvair, White with red interior, good condition. \$1,500 will consider trade. 684-9888.

GMC 1955 big back wheel drive, good body not running, good project. \$1,650. obo. 570-6207.

CHEVROLET 1947 pickup 1/2 ton, fully restored, red black fenders, white wall tires. \$6,250. 661-9275.

MERCURY 1972 MONTEGO 4 door, 351 Cleveland, automatic. Very good condition! New Michelin tires, low mileage. \$3,500. 687-2647.

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LINCOLN 1981 MARK VI, Bill Black edition, 68,000 one owner miles, well maintained. 682-8731.

PONTIAC 1999 GRAND AM, Silver, 4 door, Excellent condition! 15K miles, V6, CD player, tinted windows, all power. \$11,000. 570-5725.

FORD 1983 BRONCO, not running, \$600 or best offer. Please call 520-4495.

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200 Autos Domestic

CHEVROLET 2000 Corvette, Red, glass top, serious inquiries only. Call Jason, 349-7307.

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information regarding this matter. 52-71-8350-323-4117TILECS

DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE LOCATION

1979 FORD 4D HPJ26W (TX) 9W82P125468 3114 S. CR 1194 MIDLAND

1978 TOYT. 2D TRW614 (TX) 9E30284123 3114 S. CR 1194 MIDLAND

1979 SUBA 4D GXW32W (TX) A26L618564 3114 S. CR 1194 MIDLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 8013

An Ordinance prohibiting parking at any time on both sides of the North/South Alley between Block 2, Section 2 and Block 2, Section 3 of Wyndwood Estates Addition from Wadley Avenue South to its intersection with the existing East/West Alley, authorizing and directing the Traffic Engineer to erect appropriate signs, declaring any vehicle in violation of the provisions of this ordinance a nuisance and providing for the removal of same, containing a Cumulative Clause, containing a Savings and Severability Clause, providing for a Maximum Penalty or Fine of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), and ordering publication.

City of Midland Kaylah J. McCord City Secretary

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RFP 01MCO264-Janitorial Services Bid 01MCO272-Emulsion Asphalt

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withdraw the bid at any time.

Proposal information may be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent's Office.

Paul M. Thompson County Purchasing Agent

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Acacia Masonry Lodge #1414 1000 Upland

Stated Communication, 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:30 P.M.

Wayne Reddin, W.M. Al Talbot, Sec.

Midland Lodge #623 1600 W. Wall

Reg. stated meeting 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7:30 pm.

Hosp. 6:30 pm, dine 7 pm. Bus. meeting 8 pm.

Tom Arnold, Pres. Gary Anderson, Secty.

Centennial Lodge #1448 1600 W. Wall

Reg. meeting, 1st & 3rd Sat. 8:30 am. Breakfast 7:30 am.

Wayne Reddin, W.M. Bob Ellwood, Sec.

Midland Chapter #253 Order of Eastern Star

Stated Mtgs. 2nd & 4th Tues. 7:30 pm.

WM Verla Carpenter WP Tom Carpenter

115 Announcements

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150 Lost & Found

FOUND: Rabbit on North Bentwood, white with gray ears. Please call 697-6723.

LOST: Female cat, white with orange and black spots, no tail. Tags say "Little Sister", 699-6500.

FOUND: Female Collie/Australian Shepherd mix on Rankin Hwy. 683-3914.

LOST: SMALL white dog 1900 block College Ave. Reward offered! Please call 683-7740.

FOUND: MALE gray striped cat with white chest and paws. Grassland Blvd. No tags. 522-2385.

LOST: Mens gold watch in the vicinity of Loop 250. Reward offered! Call 580-7186/559-0891.

FOUND: GERMAN Short hair puppy. Call 570-8551 to identify & it's yours!

IF your pet is lost-even if you live in the county, please check with MIDLAND ANIMAL CONTROL (on Fairgrounds Road) every three days.

FOUND: 3 to 4 month old puppy. West Midland. Collar no tags. Call to identify. 697-1388, pager 499-1560.

FOUND: Female Rat Terrier. Tri colored. Please call 694-1345 to identify.

LOST CHIHUAHUAS- One male Deer head, tan. One female Lop Ear, brown with tan & white. Vicinity 3000 Neely. 520-5496, 349-1157.

FOUND: near Midland Dr. and Wadley a Bishop dog. He misses his family. 684-7524.

FOUND: small black and white dog, possible pekinese mix, older dog. 694-0880 or 682-9032.

FOUND: Young yellow lab in vicinity of Tennessee and Gst. Please call pager 495-4982.

FOUND VERY tame Cockatiel. Call 694-1360.

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3211 GOLF COURSE- Saturday only 7-12. Toys, kid's clothes, household items and other miscellaneous.

611 NORTH MADISON (Across Hidalgo Park) Friday- Saturday 8:00-3:00. Car seats, boys bikes, dishes, wall decorations, clothes for all, lots of toys, flower vases, shoes for all, miscellaneous.

1707 COMMUNITY LANE, Six Family Sale! Decorative items, golf equipment, Sony 10 disc car stereo, quality clothing all sizes, tires, dishes, furniture, refrigerator, linens, and Little Tikes toys. Saturday 8:00-2:00.

3108 KESSLER- CARPORT Sale! BBQ pit, full size headboard, VCR, clothes, toys, and miscellaneous. 8:00.

1405 WEST LOUISIANA- 3 Family Garage Sale. Saturday 8:00-5:00.

1406 SPARKS Saturday April 28th, 8:00am- noon. 5 piece dinette set \$125, XL maternity clothes, lots of infants and childrens clothes most .50c, some furniture, baby items. Cash only!

3217 KESSLER- FRIDAY 8-? Multiple Family Sale! Toys, children's clothes, Home Interior, girls bed and accessories, child's bike.

1610 WEST INDIANA, Saturday 9-4. Quality wooden rocker, white mountain crank ice cream freezer, beer glasses, mugs, boxing gym bell, new 16mm reels, 1966 Corvair and miscellaneous. No early sales!

Grace Lutheran ECP Fund Raiser

3000 W. Golf Course Rd.
Saturday only 8 am - ?
 Toys, household goods, recliners, sofa, silverplate tea/coffee service, lawn furniture.
Too much stuff to list!!

3213 SENTENTIAL- Multifamily sale. Saturday 8-? 3 piece living room suite, child's drum set, double stroller, car seats, and more baby items, lots of children and adult clothes, bicycles, housewares, and much miscellaneous. No early sales.

710 MOGFORD, Saturday only! 8:00-2:00. Young Life! Camp fundraiser! Go cart, computers, water bed, lots of miscellaneous.

79701

1501 NORTH "C" STREET, Moving sale! Appliances, furniture, miscellaneous, including kitchen sink. Friday and Saturday 8:00.

*1710 COMMUNITY LANE- Lots of decorator items, stereos, lamps, pictures, books, desk, computer monitor and printer, baseball cards, coins, luggage, chairs, vacuum, gasoline engine chipper shredder, rowing machine, weight bench and weights, petite clothes, jeans, formals. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 9am-4pm.

606 CUTHBERT- (ALLEY entrance) Estate Sale! Lots of one of a kind items! Antiques, furniture, collectibles. Friday 9 am & Sunday 9 am.

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OUT ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

All money to benefit the children of MDO

Saturday April 28th

8am- 12pm

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

1412 W. Illinois

(near playground)

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March of Dimes

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Friday 9-3 & Saturday 9-12

1600 Golf Course

Between Big Spring & Fairgrounds

3107 BARKLEY, Saturday 7:00-?.

Furniture, antiques, collectibles, tools, lawn mower, many more items.

3211 TRAVIS, Friday & Saturday 7-2.

Various children's and women's clothing, miscellaneous.

2606 COUNTRY CLUB- (Rear) Friday

& Saturday 8 am. Lot of small tools, cutting torch & bottles, 12V winch, come-a-long, tool boxes, patio furniture, rugs, kitchen items, camping equipment, humidifier, clothes & more!

1306 EAST COWDEN- Tubular bed, TV stand, clothes, toys and lots of miscellaneous. Thursday- Saturday.

79703

3623 WEST KANSAS, Saturday only! 8am-1pm. Furniture, fish aquarium and lots more!

4508 MONTY DRIVE, Thursday, Friday 8-2.

Saturday 8-12. Various children's clothing, Adult women's clothing, miscellaneous.

311 SOUTH GLENWOOD- Friday 9:00 am.

Saturday 10:00 am. Children's clothes, ladies clothes, and lots of miscellaneous. No early sales.

511 PARKWOOD, Saturday only! 8:00-3:00. Furniture, clothes, lots of miscellaneous.

123 THORNIDGE, Jr. clothes, shoes, jewelry, baby clothes, household and lots of Miscellaneous. Saturday only 8-2.

4615 BROOKDALE DRIVE, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 9-6. Different items added daily. Furniture, outdoor grill, household items, toys, clothes.

3410 BEDFORD, Friday & Saturday 8:30-2.

Large and small appliances, furniture, dishes, glassware, ladies wear, large wall mirrors, vacuum, yard tools, craft supplies, newly added items.

514 PARKWOOD (Corner of Graceland)- Multifamily sale. Saturday 8-? Clothing, toys, lots of miscellaneous.

4310 HARVARD- FRIDAY & Saturday 7:30-1:00. Miscellaneous furniture, baby bed, dinette, sleeper, chest, tools, golf clubs, miscellaneous too much to list!

1504 & 1604 ALCOVE COURT (cul-de-sac)- Six Family Garage Sale! Saturday only, 8 am-1 pm. Recliners, king size waterbed, air compressor, etc.

4712 SHADY LANE, Fund Raiser for Good Shepherd Missionary. Clothing for all ages, exercise equipment, furniture. Friday 7- Noon, All Day Saturday.

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2326 WEST LOOP 250- (Office Depot) For the March of Dimes. Saturday 11:00-5:00.

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✓2813 W. SHANDON- Friday- Saturday,

8:30am-5pm. Patio furniture and yard tools, smoker, office equipment and supplies, antique school desk and drop leaf table, oak coffee table, trunk, dishes, small appliances, books, records, sleeping bags, weight bench, etc!

★2312 CULPEPPER DRIVE- Saturday,

April 28th, 8-5. Power Tool Blow-Out! Radial arm saw, table saw, band saw, shaper, jointer/planer, work benches & hand tools! Electric edger, garden tools, lawn chairs, charcoal grill, refrigerator, TVs. Collectibles/antiques.

2203 CULVER- GARAGE Sale! Tons of nice clothes, babies 0 & up, womens, toddler girls thru size 10, little boys, 4 chairs, faux greenery, piano, lots of miscellaneous! Friday 7:30- noon.

813 SHELL AVE. Fri. & Sat. 7:30-5.

Coca Cola table/ chairs, stroller, crib and bedding, old fashioned windows vacuum, microwave, clothes, two computers, craft, Christmas decorations, pet carrier, luggage, car seat. Southwest pictures, toys, books, recliner, golf bag, flower pots, mini blinds, lots of Misc.

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1617 W. PINE.

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Cat Collection, music boxes, clothes!

★4006 WHITNEY- WICKER patio furniture, baby bike seat, Barbie stuff, toys, floral arrangements, oven, crafts, metal bunk bed, pictures, large kid's rug, girl clothes 4T-10, women's clothes and shoes, microfilm machines, bedspreads, 35mm cameras, electric wheelchair, phones. Cash Only! Saturday 8-12.

✓4107 TODD (South of Loop 250 Last

home before Shanks) 1972 Chevy pickup,

set of tires, baby/ kids clothes, toys, bikes,

kitchen ware, furniture. Saturday 8:00-2:00.

103 WEST SHANDON- Yard Sale! Friday 7-5.

Saturday 7-1. Lots of everything! Come and See!

809 STANOLIND- HUGE Sale! Family sale,

household items, clothing (all ages), great

bargains! Thursday, Friday 8-1. Saturday 7-1.

2903 EMERSON- Saturday 7-2.

Refrigerator, desk, highchair/ play table,

Polo/ Gap clothes, cabinet, miscellaneous.

★2000 & 2005 SANDS. Multi Family Sale!

Fri. & Sat. 8-? Household furnishing, misc.

goods, wooden picnic table, stereo, record

albums, toys, adult and kids clothing and

shoes, chandelier, bicycles, Big Wheel tricycles,

tools boxes, cook top, pictures, pickup

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4610 NO. COUNTY RD. 1130 (Loop to

60 East north on 1130). Moving/ Estate

Sale! New wind deflector- cab mount, new

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equipment wall units, book shelves,

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& Sun. 8-1.

✓#5 AMHURST COURT. Saturday only 8

am to 2 pm. Little Tikes toddler bed, exercise

equipment, lots of household items,

water dispenser, entertainment center, children

and adult clothing, toys, twin and queen size

"bed in a bag". Tons of miscellaneous items.

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2800 STUTZ DRIVE- Saturday 8 am-?

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2416 APPERSON, Friday- Saturday 7 am-?

Coffee table, kitchen set, bedroom set, golf balls, humidifiers, air cleaners, miscellaneous.

2501 METZ PLACE, Friday 8-2. Car seat,

great toys, clothes, bicycle, jewelry, collectibles, housewares, more!

2300 SINCLAIR, Furniture, air compressor,

lawn mower, women's & children's clothing.

Saturday 8-2.

2503 BELLECHASSE- Saturday 7:00-1:00.

Furniture, baby clothes, highchair, tires,

stereo, home interior, bedspreads, clothes.

2500 TERRACE- BENEFITING American

Diabetes Association! Lots of bargains. A little

bit of everything! Bake goods, also.

Saturday only 8am.

2609 BOEING, Saturday 8 am-3 pm.

Furniture, piano, 2- cars, clothes, books, lots

more!

2400 LOCKHEED- Saturday, 8:00am-2:00pm.

Baby bed, 2 futons, recliner, home interior,

toys, clothes, reloading equipment, lots of everything.

2206 CULVER- FRIDAY 7 am. Avon bottles,

clothes, building materials, computer, model

cars, lots more!

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2908 SOUTH COUNTY RD 1210 (Midkiff

Road) Saturday- Sunday 8:00-? Baby

items, kid's clothes and lots of miscellaneous.

79707

3413 HUMBLE- Saturday 8-12. Adult and

baby clothing, lots of miscellaneous. Don't

miss this one.

4508 GLENEAGLES- Saturday 9-1.

Multifamily sale. Quilters rack, picture

frames, paintings, wall shelves, miscellaneous.

4500 BELTON (alley)- Saturday 8am-4pm.

Computer stuff, adults and kids clothes,

kitchen items, miscellaneous.

3826 NASSAU- Moving Sale!! Sofa,

love seat, end tables, coffee table aquarium,

weight bench, Christmas decorations, bicycles

and miscellaneous. Saturday 8:00-2:00.

4313 CRESTWOOD- (ALLEY) Saturday,

10-2. Washer, drier, computers, cameras,

tires, Little Tikes, baby items, etc.

★2900 AURORA LANE, Saturday 8 am-

5. Lots of kid's clothes- Infant to toddler

boys, girls- 3 to 6. Toys of all types,

microwave, high chair, formals (red brides-

maid dresses) men's wear (sport coats: 40-

42, men's dress shirts, large) microwave

table, cat carrier, covered cat bed, food/

water dish. Etc.

79707

3402 PINEMONT DRIVE- Single water bed, drop leaf dining table, clothes and much more! Saturday only 8:00.

4409 STANOLIND- FURNITURE, trinkets, lots of clothes, 2000 Suzuki motorcycle, lots & lots of stuff! Friday 9 am, Saturday 7 am.

3310 CANEMONT- (ALLEY) Saturday 8-2. Desk, toys, ladder, rabbit cage, golf clubs, linens, trunk.

3604 BOYD- (Off Godfrey) Saturday 8-noon. Two Families! Furniture clothing, baby items and miscellaneous.

4511 ST. ANDREWS, Saturday Sale! 8am. Patio Furniture, fireplace screen, Power rider, clothing, comforter, coffee table, miscellaneous!

6301 DRIFTWOOD DRIVE, Greentree! Moving sale everything must go! Furniture, appliances, childrens toys and games, Saturday April 28th 8:00-1:00. 689-7075.

3913 EDGEBROOK COURT- Friday 8:30-10:00, Saturday 8:00-11:00. Moving Sale! Furniture, baby things, everything.

4978 RUSTIC TRAIL- Big Moving Sale Starting Friday- Saturday Sunday 9:00-8:00. Lots of miscellaneous stuff, sofa, loveseat, queen size bed.

★3533 HYDE PARK, Friday and Saturday

8:00-2:00. Three Family Sale! Nice furniture,

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