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'Ridicule'

Fresh from dominating the French version of the Academy Awards, this film is a likely contender for an Oscar./8B



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NCAA tourney

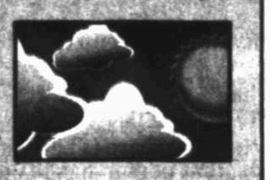
N. Carolina coach Dean Smith's record-tying 876th victory highlighted Thursday's start of the NCAA Basketball Tournament./1C

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TODAY
Mostly cloudy with high in mid-50s. Weather on 2A





AP Laserphoto

Children killed

Grabbing a comrade's assault rifle, a Jordanian soldier fired on Israeli junior high school girls taking a field trip Thursday to a Jordan River island known as a symbol of Mideast peace. Seven girls were killed and six were wounded.

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False liens

A bill making it a crime to file phony property liens and voiding all such liens currently held against Texas property has cleared the state House. But an official with the so-called Republic of Texas says the bill violates the state Constitution and would have no effect on members of the Republic.

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Dow Jones drop

The Dow Jones industrial average tumbled Thursday to its fifth-biggest point drop ever as inflation and interest rate worries intensified, triggering a broad sell-off in the stock market. The Dow lost 160.48 points, or 2.28 percent, closing at 6,878.89. The blue-chip barometer's plunge was led by Philip Morris, which slid the equivalent of 37 Dow points amid renewed worries about health-liability suits against the tobacco industry.

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Flight 800 could have been attacked

Agent in charge of investigation says terrorist strike 'technically possible'

By Pat Milton
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The FBI agent in charge of the TWA Flight 800 investigation acknowledged for the first time Thursday that the plane could have been brought down by a shoulder-fired terrorist missile.

But so far, there is no evidence to prove that theory, James Kallstrom said. And he condemned as ridiculous a new flurry of claims that the jet was destroyed accidentally by the U.S. military.

"This terrible, terrible tragedy was not caused by our military," Kallstrom said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Our military, in particular the Navy divers, are the heroes of this operation — not the culprits."

Investigators have focused on three possible explanations for the July 17 disaster: a bomb, a missile or mechanical failure.

Kallstrom said that it is "technically possible" a terrorist using a shoulder-fired, Stinger-type missile could have caused the tragedy, and he said investigators are examining that possibility. He would not elaborate on where a missile could have been fired from or provide other specifics.

The plane was 10 miles offshore and more than 13,000 feet up at the time.

Kallstrom said there is no new evidence to support the terrorist missile scenario over other theories.

But he noted that similar missiles have been used to down more than 25 commercial planes over the past two decades in places such as Africa, the Middle East and the former Soviet Union. Stinger-type missiles are designed specifically to shoot down planes.

Flight 800 exploded after takeoff from Kennedy Airport, killing all 230 people on board and scattering wreckage across a five-mile stretch of the Atlantic Ocean.

The missile theory has been bolstered by people who reported seeing something in the sky before the disaster.

"There were too many people who describe strange events like flares and streaks of light in the sky" to ignore the missile possibility, Kallstrom said.

Kallstrom's remarks came in a week rife with

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A Steady Hand



Tim Fischer / Reporter-Telegram

Midland comic book artist Bobby Diaz's dream will be fulfilled when the comic "Crimson Nun" is released in May by San Antonio-based Antarctic Press.

Midland illustrator believes in hard work

By Joe Gaines
Staff Writer

In his drawing room, Diaz spends up to 12 hours for one page of a book.

His art may not be shown in The Louvre, but for Bobby Diaz, 28, the comic book stands are just as good — if not better.

Diaz, a comic book artist, will get his dream in May, when "Crimson Nun" is released by San Antonio-based Antarctic Press.

As a "penciler," Diaz's job is to make the story of the comic come alive by drawing from a script for each of the book's 24 pages.

"It's up to me to tell the story. To tell how I see it," he said.

For Diaz, the story of the comic is just as important as the artwork. He cringes when he hears of people buying $200 worth of comics as an investment.

"Comics aren't meant to be [illegible] on a shelf, but to be read," he said.

In his drawing room, Diaz spends up to 12 hours for one page of a book. The hardest part is designing the page for the reader, guiding them from one panel to another, he said.

Each panel demands hours of research, because the art in comic books involves more than drawing the super hero, he said.

"Eighty percent is the background. Only 20 percent is drawing the good and bad guys flying around. You have to know how to draw cars, trucks, buildings, clothing. Like in this book, I had to go and get books on China and Tibet to see what the scenery would look like," he said.

He goes through many sketches and erasers, while evolving stick figures into recognizable characters, before the final draft. After he's done, discarded drawings and rough sketches litter the floor.

Those discarded sketches are how Diaz got his break. Antarctic Press discovered him after viewing misprints

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Diabetes test to be offered on March 25

■ Local chapter of American Diabetes Association joins with Midland College Student Nurses Association to provide free test.

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Half of the 16 million Americans who have the potentially deadly disease diabetes do not know it, but the members Midland's Chapter of the American Diabetes Association hope to change this.

Many people only learn they have diabetes when the catastrophic consequences of untreated high blood sugar are felt, explained Chan Price, president of the local diabetes association.

Because diabetes can lead to heart attacks, stroke, blindness, kidney failure and other serious health problems, early detection is crucial.

To help Midlanders escape the consequences of undetected diabetes, the association is joining with Midland College and the Midland College Student Nurses Association to provide free blood-test screenings March 25.

The tests, available between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the MC nursing building, are being done in conjunction with the nationwide awareness campaign slated for March 25 — American Diabetes Alert Day.

"It's the one day out of the year when we try to get people who don't know that they have diabetes to take a test," Price said.

As part of the alert day effort, members of the diabetes association are putting out a simple questionnaire that can be used to rank their risk for having diabetes.

There are two types of diabetes, Price explained.

Insulin-dependent (Type 1) diabetes occurs most often in children and young adults and is a condition where the body does not produce insulin, requiring regular replacement of this hormone through injections.

People at risk for this form of the disease include siblings of people with Type 1 diabetes and children of parents with the same disease.

Non-Insulin Dependent (Type 2) diabetes is a metabolic disorder resulting from the body's inability to make enough or to properly use its insulin. It generally occurs later in life and accounts for 90 to 95 percent of all cases.

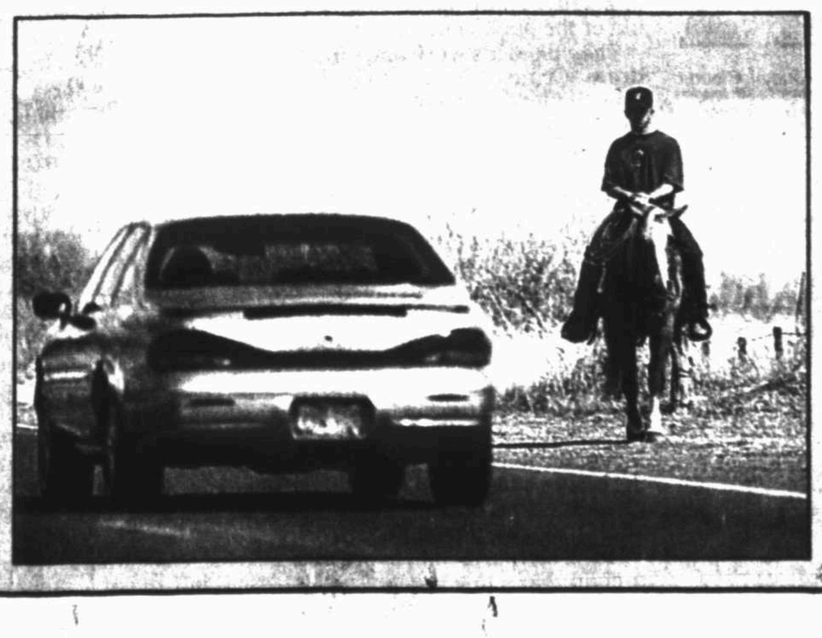
Type 2 diabetes often can be treated

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Horsepower or horseback

Brett Powell meanders along Bluebird Lane on his palomino, Little Horse, as a more modern form of transportation zooms by.

Curt Wilcott
Reporter-Telegram



Police charge Russian in death of Cosby son

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES —A Russian teen gunned down Bill Cosby's son in a random robbery attempt, police said Thursday, confirming his arrest came after a tipster called the National Enquirer in hopes of claiming a $100,000 reward.

Mikail Markhasev, 18, who came to the United States eight years ago, acted alone and "there was no indication that there is any Russian gang or Russian mob ties at all," police Chief Willie Williams told a news conference.

"It appears that robbery was the motive. It was happenstance," Williams said. "This was a random stop as far as we know now. ... It happened to be a man in a car and the defendant who is now under arrest happened to come by."

Williams also said investigators seized a knit, woolen cap believed worn by the suspect and the gun used in the Jan. 16 slaying of Ennis Cosby, who

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Partly Cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 56	High 72	High 84
Low 34	Low 42	Low 45

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with windy and cooler conditions and a high between 50-55. Winds will be from the north to northeast at 20-30 mph and gusty, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for fair skies with a low expected in the lower 30s. Saturday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high around 60.

The high for Thursday was 87, compared with the record of 89, set in 1989.

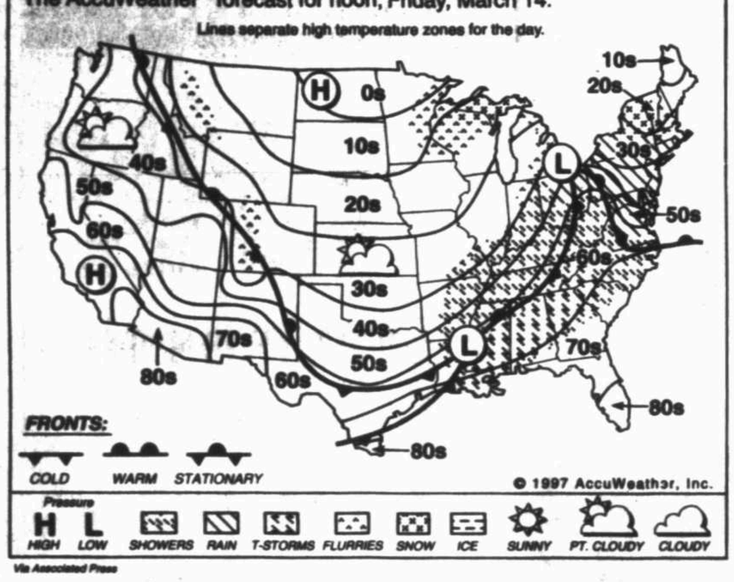
Thursday's low was 47, compared to the record low of 14, set in 1993.

Yesterday's precipitation		Yesterday's temperatures	
Rainfall Wednesday	.00 in.	High	87
Rainfall Thursday	.01 in.	low	46
Total for month	.01 in.	Normal high	70
Total for year	1.91 in.	Normal low	39

Sunrise 7:00 a.m. Sunset 6:56 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, March 14.



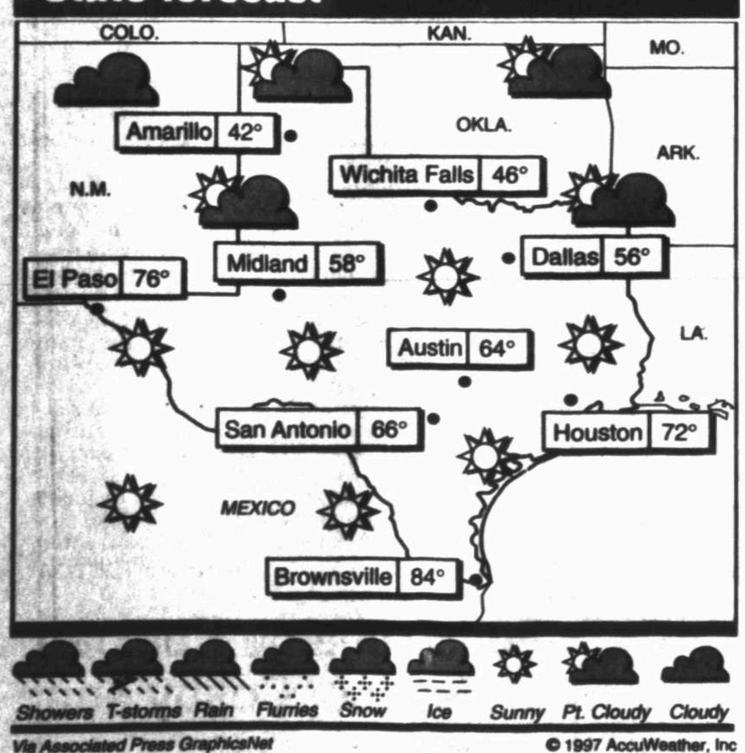
Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	31	14	sn	
Albuquerque	74	39	clr	
Anchorage	32	19	clr	
Asheville	54	39	.47	rn
Atlanta	67	56	.20	rn
Atlantic City	45	24	rn	
Baltimore	46	28	rn	
Billings	11	11	.10	cdy
Birmingham	70	60	.05	rn
Bismarck	13	8	.41	cdy
Boise	46	22	cdy	
Boston	32	17	sn	
Brownsville	85	65	.01	cdy
Buffalo	31	18	rn	
Burlington,Vt.	19	7	sn	
Casper	20	20	sn	
Charleston,S.C.	76	56	rn	
Charleston,W.Va.	65	33	.03	rn
Charlotte,N.C.	65	47	rn	
Cheyenne	25	24	.02	sn
Chicago	43	32	clr	
Cincinnati	49	38	.04	rn
Cleveland	39	29	rn	
Columbia,S.C.	75	51	.01	rn
Columbus,Ohio	43	32	rn	
Concord,N.H.	25	9	sn	
Dayton	40	33	.01	rn
Denver	33	27	sn	
Des Moines	50	32	.02	cdy
Detroit	30	27	rn	
Duluth	17	14	.01	sn
Evansville	50	46	.73	rn
Fairbanks	19	-5	cdy	
Fargo	18	13	cdy	
Flagstaff	60	30	clr	
Grand Rapids	29	26	.02	sn
Great Falls	7	1	.02	clr
Greensboro,N.C.	62	41	rn	
Hartford Spgfld	35	18	sn	
Helena	12	5	cdy	
Honolulu	84	75	.06	mix
Indianapolis	46	38	.09	rn
Jackson,Miss.	69	60	.63	rn
Jacksonville	76	57	.13	rn
Juneau	36	26	clr	
Kansas City	55	46	.01	cdy
Las Vegas	80	55	clr	
Little Rock	64	57	1.22	cdy
Los Angeles	64	50	clr	
Louisville	58	46	.27	rn
Memphis	65	60	.16	cdy
Miami Beach	83	73	rn	
Milwaukee	34	29	sn	
Mpls-St Paul	27	26	.19	cdy
Nashville	67	51	.10	rn
New Orleans	75	65	.94	cdy
New York City	40	26	cdy	
Norfolk,Va.	49	35	rn	
North Platte	35	32	clr	
Oklahoma City	59	53	cdy	
Omaha	44	42	.37	clr
Orlando	77	66	.56	rn
Philadelphia	44	28	rn	
Phoenix	87	59	clr	
Pittsburgh	41	26	rn	
Portland,Maine	27	10	sn	
Portland,Ore.	47	35	.61	rn
Providence	35	20	sn	
Raleigh-Durham	65	38	rn	
Rapid City	19	15	cdy	
Reno	61	26	cdy	
Richmond	54	31	rn	
Sacramento	68	43	cdy	
St Louis	51	47	.65	clr
Salt Lake City	47	33	cdy	
San Diego	69	54	clr	
San Francisco	66	43	clr	
San Juan,P.R.	83	70	.34	cdy
Santa Fe	70	33	cdy	
St Ste Marie	21	1	sn	
Seattle	45	36	.03	cdy
Shreveport	72	62	1.63	cdy
Sioux Falls	30	29	cdy	
Spokane	34	25	cdy	
Syracuse	28	13	sn	
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	86	70	.01	rn
Topeka	61	42	clr	
Tucson	84	52	clr	
Tulsa	59	54	.13	clr
Washington,D.C.	49	37	rn	
Wichita	60	43	cdy	
Wilkes-Barre	35	19	sn	
Wilmington,Del.	43	27	rn	

State forecast



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Texas temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	84	55	
Alice	90	60	
Amarillo	71	42	
Austin	84	61	
Beaumont-Port Arthur	77	65	0.80
Brownsville	85	63	0.01
Bryan-College Station	80	62	0.07
Childress	71	53	
Corpus Christi	84	62	0.01
Corpus Christi NAS	83	65	
Cotulla	89	56	
Dalhart	62	36	
Dallas Love Field	74	57	0.46
Del Rio	87	57	0.01
Denton	67	55	
El Paso	81	43	
Fort Stockton	86	54	
Fort Worth	71	56	
Fort Worth Meacham	78	56	0.19
Galveston	72	64	0.28
Houston Hobby	79	63	0.09
Houston Intrcntntl	81	63	0.21
Junction	82	49	0.01
Kingsville	90	62	
Laredo	90	63	
Longview	70	61	
Lubbock	83	42	
Lufkin	76	62	1.22
Marfa	75	37	
McAllen	84	66	
Midland-Odessa	87	47	
Mineral Wells	79	56	
Palacios	78	64	0.01
Paris	84	57	0.79
San Angelo	84	47	
San Antonio	83	55	
Shreveport, La.	72	62	1.63
Texarkana, Ark.	66	59	2.32
Tyler	74	61	0.64
Victoria	83	61	0.01
Waco	78	60	
Wichita Falls	87	53	
Wink	88	41	

FBI: Agent says 'friendly fire' chance ruled out

(From 1A)

reports that a missile was responsible for the explosion. He was particularly incensed by claims by Pierre Salinger, a former ABC newsman and press secretary to President Kennedy, that the U.S. government is covering up the real cause of the blast.

"The outrageous claims of the Pierre Salingers of the world that are unfounded in any facts, absent any rational analysis ... do nothing to assist us in trying to find the answers to this horrific event," Kallstrom said.

Salinger offered an expanded version Thursday of his theory that a Navy missile shot down Flight 800. At a Paris news conference, he released a 69-page document and a set of radar images from a video.

The tape "completely confirms a missile fired down TWA 800," Salinger said.

Kallstrom said investigators long ago eliminated any "friendly fire" scenarios or the possibility of a military cover-up. The FBI reviewed radar and other sources to conclude the military could not have shot down the plane, he said.

TIP: Police say suspect has 'some criminal history'

(From 1A)

was shot along a roadside as he changed a tire on his $130,000 Mercedes convertible.

Ballistic tests confirmed the gun was used in the killing, Williams said. He said the gun, which he did not describe, and the cap were found last Friday after a thorough search of the area with help from recruits from the Los Angeles police academy.

The chief noted that nothing appeared to have been taken during the robbery attempt and that Markhasev drove to and from the crime scene.

Markhasev, who was arrested Wednesday night at his suburban North Hollywood home, will be charged with one count of murder. He has "some criminal history," Williams said, declining to elaborate.

Two other people brought in for questioning Wednesday night — a man and a woman — were released.

Markhasev came to this country legally as a Russian refugee in 1989 and is not a U.S. citizen, a federal official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press.

The primary witness was a woman Ennis Cosby apparently was going to visit the night of the slaying. After Cosby had the flat tire, she went to the scene in her car and came face to face with the suspect. Williams said her description of Markhasev was remarkably accurate.

As the chief spoke, Markhasev's mug shot and an artist's sketch made from a description provided by the witness were displayed side by side.

Williams confirmed the tip came first to the National Enquirer's reward tip line, and was passed on to the police department's press relations office.

"This tip along with many other hundreds was methodically reviewed and followed up on," the chief said. "The investigation of this tip included the issuance of at least three search and seizure warrants and the results of those warrants led to other information that ultimately identified the suspect and led to his arrest yesterday.

Enquirer editor Steve Coz said the tipster called within days of the killing and provided a reporter with a pager number. The number and name were relayed to police.

The tipster told the tabloid there was a Russian crime syndicate connection, and the Los Angeles Times reported the same link on Thursday, but Williams emphasized Markhasev apparently wasn't part of a gang.

TEST: Free diabetes screening set March 25

(From 1A)

through diet and oral medication, Price said. People at risk for this type of diabetes include those with a family history of diabetes, people who are overweight, people who do not exercise regularly and people belonging to ethnic groups including African Americans, Hispanics and Native Americans.

This type of diabetes is nearing epidemic proportions because of an increased number of older Americans and the prevalence of obesity and sedentary lifestyles, he said.

If left untreated, both forms of the disease can result in grave health consequences and death.

A quick way to determine if a diabetes test is warranted, is to answer the following survey:

If the person

- is overweight, add five points,
- is under 65 years of age and gets little or no exercise in a usual day, add five points,
- is between 45 and 64 years of age, add five points,
- is older than 65, add nine points,
- is a woman who had a baby weighing more than nine pounds at birth, add one point,
- has a sibling with diabetes, add one point, and
- has a parent with the disease, add one point.

If the total score is between three and nine points, that person has little risk of developing diabetes, although it can still occur.

If the total score is 10 points or greater, there is an increasing risk for diabetes and the person should see their physician or otherwise be tested for the disease.

For more information or for help finding a physician, call 1-800-DIABETES.

FDA approves first at-home test for blood thinner

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of patients who take the blood thinner Coumadin might get better control over blood clots with fewer doctor visits thanks to the first at-home test to ensure the drug is working properly.

But one expert on Coumadin said even though doctors have long wanted at-home testing, at $2,000, the ProTime Microcoagulation System may simply be too expensive to prescribe for the patients it could benefit most.

"Coming back to a doctor's office once a week is a major intrusion. ... It would be great to treat them at home," said Dr. Raymond Woosley of Georgetown University. But "that high cost is going to markedly limit the value of it."

The Food and Drug Administration approved International Technidyne Corp.'s ProTime on Thursday, a simple test that tells patients if they've got the right amount of Coumadin in their blood.

Too much of the drug, known chemically as warfarin, makes patients' blood too thin, causing everything from nosebleeds to gastrointestinal bleeding, sometimes even deadly bleeding in the brain. Too little warfarin means patients risk deadly blood clots.

About 1.8 million Americans take warfarin for various medical conditions, including a heart attack, an artificial heart valve or certain abnormal heartbeats. International Technidyne estimates that 30 percent of them are at high enough risk of warfarin complications to benefit from home testing.

Warfarin patients now make weekly doctor visits as the physician figures out their optimum dose. They then are required to get regular, often monthly, retesting as long as they take the drug — for life for such patients as artificial heart valve recipients.

That's because eating Vitamin K-rich vegetables, drinking alcohol and taking certain over-the-counter medicines can change Coumadin's levels in the bloodstream. Woosley particularly checks that former smokers haven't relapsed and been too ashamed to tell him, because smokers need a different Coumadin dose.

The home test is a version of one doctors use. Patients would prick their finger to draw blood and then run the sample through a hand-held electronic device. The results appear on a screen, telling patients if their blood is in the appropriate clotting range or if they need to call the doctor.

The home test "will permit more frequent testing, allow closer monitoring and will enable people to check at any time to see if their blood thinner is working properly," said FDA medical device chief Dr. Bruce Burlington.

Technidyne spokeswoman Carrie Mulherin said the company is negotiating with Medicare and about 50 insurance companies to pay for the device.

While none has yet made a decision, she contended underwriters are receptive to the company's argument that ProTime may cut health care costs by keeping patients out of the hospital with warfarin complications. Treating a warfarin-related stroke, for instance, could cost $80,000.

"It's obviously not for everybody," Mulherin said. "It's for the high-risk patients."

Doctors must prescribe ProTime, to ensure the patients who use it understand how to do so properly. In FDA-required testing, Technidyne had physicians test the blood of 84 warfarin patients and then had the patients test themselves at home. The results proved comparable, the FDA said.

The device stores the previous 40 readings, so that physicians can check that a patient has used it properly.

Studies support possibility of Martian microbes

WASHINGTON (AP) — A theory that microbes once lived on Mars is boosted by two new studies of a rock that was blasted away from the red planet and eventually landed on Earth.

Researchers at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and at the California Institute of Technology said the new studies do not prove that Martian microbes once lived in the rock. But they remove one challenge based on the temperature history of the potato-size chunk of Mars.

"We have ruled out the high temperature hypothesis" that would have made life impossible, said John W. Valley of the University of Wisconsin. "I still don't have final answers. There should still be skepticism."

Wisconsin scientists determined the range of temperatures the rock was exposed to by analyzing the ratios of carbon and oxygen isotopes. At Cal Tech, researchers traced the temperature history by measuring magnetic fields within the rock. Both studies will be published Friday in the journal Science.

NASA scientists last summer claimed that small globules of carbonate found inside a Martian meteorite were the fossilized remains of microbes or bacteria that lived on the red planet more than 15 million years ago.

Based on a microscopic and chemical analysis of the globules, the NASA team theorized that the microbes lived and died in the rock, leaving behind organic chemicals and fossilized remains. The rock was then blasted from the Mars surface by a meteorite impact, spent thousands of years wandering in space and then fell to Earth in the Antarctic. The rock was recovered from an ice field and identified by chemical composition as coming from Mars.

A major challenge to the theory has been that the carbonate globules actually formed by inorganic processes at temperatures of more than 1,200 degrees, far too hot for life.

But the new studies show that temperatures of the globules never exceeded 212 degrees — scalding, but still within the living range of known life forms.

"Our work shows that there are no showstopper lines of evidence in the temperature," said Valley. There are other reasons to be skeptical, however, he said, "and it will be difficult to convince the world one way or the other."

"Our results don't prove there was life," said Joseph L. Kirschvink, head of the Cal Tech team. But the finding proves that the possibility of life cannot be eliminated because of temperature, he said.

The Cal Tech team determined the temperature history of the rock by measuring the magnetic field direction of tiny parts of the samples. The magnetic field direction in a rock will change slightly each time it is heated and cooled.

"To make the measurement, we had to saw apart a specimen the size of a grain of sand," said Altair T. Maine, a member of the Cal Tech team.

Cash 5 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Cash 5 winning numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

9-10-16-31-37

Pick 3 Texas

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

0-5-4

DRAW: Artist has faith in the American dream

(From 1A)

of his first comic book, "Eighth Beast," in the trash bin of the publisher, Looking-Glass Studios.

They liked his work and offered him the chance to draw "Crimson Nun." He took the job after he saw that the lead character's morals didn't oppose his own, he said.

He didn't want to draw a big-breasted and scantly clad nun because he's Catholic, but he also finds it degrading to women. However, he admits that this early in his career, he doesn't have the power to pick and choose his work.

"I got lucky," he said.

The publishing company also liked his style, which Diaz said has gone from conservative to "fun and bouncy" in the past year and a half.

"It's more cartooney, but not boring," he said.

He worries about boring his readers. Overloading the reader with the art is like eating a favorite meal every day, he said.

"I want to present the art so the dialogue carries the reader along. I don't want them stopping," he said. "Reading through the pages, I want the art to be starve, starve, gourmet."

He's been perfecting his cuisine of art since he was a child. He's taken a few art classes, but mostly learned how to draw from looking at other comic books.

He knew he wanted to illustrate comic books after being hired as an inks assistant at Elite Comics in Midland in 1986.

"Being a comic book artist is one of the hardest things to do, but I did it because I love it. I didn't want to be 80 and wondering if I would have made it as an artist," he said.

He doesn't want his three daughters wondering either. He works the long hours in his drawing room to instill in them a belief that a good work ethnic will get them anywhere, he said.

It's a belief that is losing faith among the callers on talk-radio that he listens to while delivering on his newspaper route.

"I hear so many people giving up on the American Dream. I don't want my daughters thinking that. People forget that it takes a lot of hard work and commitment to make it," he said.

His uncle and hero, Ramiro Diaz, taught him to believe. But, Bobby Diaz wishes his uncle had lived long enough to see his success. He died eight years ago.

"I used to draw pictures for him and he would always tell me I would be great some day," he said.

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Jordanian soldier fires on Israeli junior high school girls, kills 7

NAHARAYIM, Jordan (AP) — Grabbing a comrade's assault rifle, a Jordanian soldier fired on Israeli junior high school girls taking a field trip Thursday to a Jordan River island known as a symbol of Mideast peace. Seven girls were killed and six were wounded.

Still shooting, the gunman chased the screaming students down a grassy river embankment while his fellow soldiers yelled "Madman, madman" before overpowering him. He was in the custody of Jordanian security officials.

It was unclear whether the gunman, 22-year-old army driver Lance Cpl. Ahmed Yousef Mustafa, had political motives or was mentally unstable. But the shooting on the island of Naharayim — known as the "Island of Peace" — came at a time of deep crisis between Israel and Jordan over the impasse in Mideast peacemaking.

Israeli leaders indirectly blamed Jordan's King Hussein for creating the climate that made such violence possible. "Words and a difficult atmosphere can also lead to violence," Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai said.

Earlier this week, Hussein sent a harsh letter to Benjamin Netanyahu, accusing the prime minister of endangering Mideast peace with his tough policies toward the Palestinians.

"When I warned a few days ago of the danger of the possibility of violence, I never thought it would lead to this," the king said in Spain, where he cut short a trip to return home. He bristled, however, at suggestions he was somehow responsible, saying he has the right to warn of the dangers to peacemaking.

President Clinton called the shootings a "senseless denial of a future for these children" and said: "I condemn this act in the strongest possible terms."

Clinton advised against directly linking the shooting to new tension in the region. The president called Netanyahu from Air Force One en route to North Carolina to express condolences.

The shooting happened sometime after 11 a.m., when the students from the Feirst School, a modern Orthodox school in central Israel, arrived at the border post.

They were visiting Naharayim, a man-made island that Israel returned to Jordan under the two countries' 1994 peace treaty. It is a popular tourist spot for Israelis, and a sign at the entrance reads "Island of Peace." The gunman, an army driver, lived close by, in the Jordanian town of South Shuna.

He had been sitting in his jeep when the school bus pulled up on a grassy hill and about 40 eighth graders filed out see the sweeping river valley view. Without warning, he grabbed an assault rifle from another soldier in the jeep and started shooting.

"He came very close to us, face to face," said teacher Rosa Chemy. "He continued to fire, except at the moment when his ammunition clip finished."

On the verge of tears, speaking from her hospital bed in Israel, Oranit said a Jordanian soldier lifted her up and put her on the back of a red truck. She said she jumped off the truck, ran to an Israeli bus, and fled from the scene with some of the others.

The girls were taken to hospitals in Jordan and Israel; two died in Israel, and five died on the bumpy 15-minute ride to Jordan's Shuna Hospital. Dozens of Jordanian farmers in robes and red headdresses crammed into a hospital hallway to donate blood — some of which was used to save an Israel girl who had a bullet removed from her chest.

Netanyahu asked Jordan to act swiftly to punish the assailant and received a condolence call from Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, whom the Israeli leader had tried to contact in vain for several days to discuss the growing crisis in Israeli-Palestinian relations.

The Palestinians are angry over recent Israeli decisions to build a Jewish homes in Arab east Jerusalem and to offer a West Bank troop pullback on far less land than the Palestinians had expected.



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An Israeli girl is being comforted by friends at the Feirst school in the central Israeli town of Beit Shemesh Thursday after hearing about the shooting her schoolmates were involved in. A Jordanian soldier opened fire Thursday on Israeli junior high school girls at a border observation post in Naharayim killing seven, and wounding at least 10.

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Zairian rebels accused of killing hundreds of Rwandan refugees



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Remains of Hutu refugees, allegedly killed by rebel soldiers in December 1996, lay 75 miles northwest of Bukavu, Wednesday. The Zairian Red Cross says the refugees were massacred in a place local residents nicknamed "the slaughterhouse."

MUSENGE, Zaire (AP) — The nun's face is preserved as a leathery mask, and her hands still clutch plastic rosary beads. Nearby, a little boy's bones are concealed in a black-and-yellow Batman T-shirt.

Villagers in Musenge point to the bodies — and at least 100 others in the forest behind what they call "the slaughterhouse" — as evidence that rebels massacred Rwandan refugees during their drive west across Zaire.

"Many Hutu refugees were killed ... more than 1,500," Zairian Red Cross official Wangakumu Museka said.

He said the killings occurred in December and January as the rebels advanced 65 miles northwest on the road from Hombo to Walikale. The refugees were moving in the opposite direction, headed southeast back toward Rwanda.

The two groups met in Musenge, 75 miles northwest of the rebel headquarters in Bukavu. "They killed all, all, all the refugees," Museka said.

The rebel fighters who captured Musenge already have pushed ahead to the front line and could not respond to the allegations. Rebel leader Laurent Kabila also did not address the charges.

In the past, the rebels have denied Zairian government accusations that they killed refugees. They say they have attacked refugees only when armed members of Rwanda's defeated militia were among them.

Refugees, and some Zairian human rights workers, believe the rebels are being used by Rwanda's Tutsi-led government to exact revenge for the massacre of 500,000 Tutsis by Hutus in Rwanda in 1994.

In Geneva, U.N. human rights investigator Robert Garreton said Thursday that he was planning an urgent visit to Zaire to investigate the charges that Rwandan refugees were massacred.

He said he had received "many allegations of extremely grave human rights violations in the areas taken by the rebels," and called on the rebels to cooperate with his trip.

The killings in Musenge occurred during two battles between the rebels and armed Hutus, a rebel doctor said. "The fighters were mixed in with the women and children," Laurent Karumuna said in the town of Hombo, where he is based.

Kizibisha Musaferi, a Red Cross official, also said Hutu militia members hid among refugees. "It was difficult to separate the refugees from the military. That's why they had to kill everyone."

A traditional leader of Zaire's Babutetu tribe, who spoke on condition he be identified only as Antoine, described it differently.

Refugees, he said, were told to gather at a compound of three buildings less than a mile southeast of Musenge. From there, they would be loaded onto trucks that would take them home to Rwanda.

"When they arrived, they were killed," Antoine said, claiming rebels in the grassy yard of the compound crushed the refugees' heads with a mallet used to mash manioc roots.

Behind the compound, the remains of about 100 people, mostly women and children, were dumped in two piles.

Fat flies buzzed in a cloud over the sun-bleached bones of a baby in tiny overalls.

The dead left signs that they were refugees: Rwandan Hutu identity cards and white plastic sacks that the World Food Program used to distribute food in their camps. Sorghum, which was in the bags and is not locally grown, sprouted in a grassy yard and Rwandan-language Bibles were scattered about.

Japan admits delays containing nuclear accident

TOKYO (AP) — Workers sealed off a damaged nuclear plant Thursday, and the company that runs the plant admitted that employees delayed reporting both a fire and a later explosion for 30 minutes while they waited for orders.

The cause of Tuesday's fire at the plant in Tokaimura, northeastern Japan, is still not known. The fire apparently led to the explosion 10 hours later in a waste-handling facility.

But the person with sole authority to make emergency decisions apparently was on vacation Tuesday, and TV reports Thursday indicated a slow, inflexible response compounded the damage and the release of low-level radioactivity.

The incident exposed at least 37 workers to small amounts of radiation — one-2000th of the dose considered safe for a year, according to the plant. It was the most workers ever exposed in a nuclear accident in Japan.

Public broadcaster NHK cited investigators as saying the radiation leak and possibly the blast may have been caused by a gradual increase in air pressure because heat from the fire disabled the building's ventilation and pressure equalization systems.

In a similar report, the Asahi Television network said the plant's operator knew immediately after the explosion that minuscule amounts of radiation had been released, but omitted that fact from statements that day.

Officials would not confirm the details of the reports.

NHK also said officials, mistakenly thinking the fire was out, neglected to check the temperature in the room where the fire originated. The fire eventually spread and apparently triggered the explosion.

Workers clad in protective suits with breathing filters used duct tape Thursday to seal 30 windows and three doors damaged by Tuesday night's blast.

A spokesman for the plant's government-linked operator, the Power Reactor and Nuclear Fuel Development Corp., or Donen, said sole authority to make emergency decisions rested with the chief of the plant, who was on vacation Tuesday. The only people working at the site when the initial fire broke out at 10 a.m. were employees of a subcontractor that runs the plant.

The spokesman talked to The Associated Press on the customary condition of anonymity.

After discovering the fire, those workers waited for orders from officials in another building and four minutes elapsed before the sprinkler system was turned on, he said.

Donen employees then waited more than 30 minutes before contacting the local fire department, the spokesman said.

Ten hours later, the explosion occurred. Donen employees again delayed notifying the fire department for more than 30 minutes, he added.

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At least 12 dead, 50 hurt as Albania descends into anarchy

By Judith Ingram
Associated Press

TIRANA, Albania — U.S. troops flew into Tirana to evacuate Americans trapped in chaos as, one by one, Albania's few remaining tranquil towns descended into anarchy Thursday. Gangs ransacked armories, civilians navigated tanks and children played with assault rifles.

Helpless army commanders asked for Western military involvement after the unrest that has engulfed southern Albania for days spread north, east and west, destroying the last semblance of order and leaving at least 12 people dead and 50 others injured.

The president's son and daughter and five other family members were among the masses to flee Albania, arriving in the port of Bari, Italy, aboard an Italian ferry, an Italian coast guard officer said.

Late Thursday night, a tank was seen moving slowly along main boulevard in the capital. It stopped near the Defense Ministry.

Responding to the increasing threat, earlier in the day four U.S. military helicopters based on warships in the Ionian Sea began evacuating Americans. Up to 2,000 U.S. citizens are in the country, and State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the flights could continue for days.

Burns told reporters in Washington that U.S. Ambassador Marina Lino and 17 core embassy staff would remain in the capital for the time being. Italian helicopters also airlifted 400 people from Tirana, and Britain and other embassies hurried with plans to get their nationals out.

The unrest threatens to swamp neighboring countries, particularly Italy and Greece, with another flood of refugees. Because there are sizable ethnic Albanian populations in Serbia's Kosovo province and in Macedonia, those chronically unstable areas also are at risk.

Macedonian border guards said they fired on seven armed Albanians trying to cross the mountainous frontier on Thursday, repulsing the group and causing it to flee.

In Tirana, guards deserted the central prison, allowing 600 inmates, including ex-President Ramiz Alia and another prominent leader of the former Communists to get away. Then, the guards returned to loot the prison.

Pressure was building on current President Sali Berisha to leave office — the one move that might help restore order.

"Berisha accepted that he has no institutional control," Skender Gjinushi of the opposition Social Democrats reported after meeting with the president. "He has no army, no police, Tirana is in total anarchy."

The new eruption of violence left virtually no community of any size untouched. The weeks-long uprising was sparked by the collapse of high-risk investment schemes, draining the savings of thousands of Albanians, and has grown into anti-government protests.

At least 12 people were reported killed throughout the country, many of them by random gunfire. Citizens increasingly have been taking arms from looted armories, more for protection than out of political protest.

"We don't know who is armed and who is not," Gjinushi said. "Do they want to fight, or fire in the air? Or what are their demands?"

His Social Democrats and the Forum for Democracy, a loose umbrella organization of opposition groups, have called on Berisha to quit.

NATO's top policy board met in emergency session in Brussels, Belgium, later issuing a statement expressing its "deep concern."

In New York, the U.N. Security Council issued a statement urging the international community to provide humanitarian assistance and for all sides in Albania to work together to ease tensions.

"The Security Council ... offers its full support for the diplomatic efforts of the international community ... to find a peaceful solution to the crisis."

But council diplomats said privately there was little they could do now, given the chaos in the country.

The problem in Albania appeared increasingly to be a total collapse of order rather than one in which opposing forces could be separated.

In Tirana, shopkeepers were boarding up store fronts. State TV cut into children's programing for a special newscast, leading with the ominous announcement that 200 "citizens" had volunteered to help police restore order in Tirana. It said they warned Tirana residents to obey the law, or they would open fire.

State radio said Berisha and opposition political parties appealed to the Western European Union, the political arm of NATO, for military help.

Western European Union spokesman Myriam Sochaki said if a request had been made, it had not yet been received by Thursday evening.

Security Council approval of any such force would be required under international law.

It was not clear what kind of assistance Albania's leaders were seeking but the insurgents overran armories in Shkodra, northern Albania's biggest town and a Berisha stronghold, leaving four dead and 22 wounded, hospital officials said.

Trouble also was reported for the first time in Durres, the Adriatic port and second-most populous city. Three people died in Elbasan, two each in Korca and Cerrik, and one in Puka.

In Italy, officials there said much of the Albanian navy and at least three military helicopters with people sought refuge in the country — bringing family members with them. Some asked for political asylum.

A Honduran vessel commandeered in Durres was headed toward Brindisi, Italy, with about 100 Albanians, officials in the Italian port said.

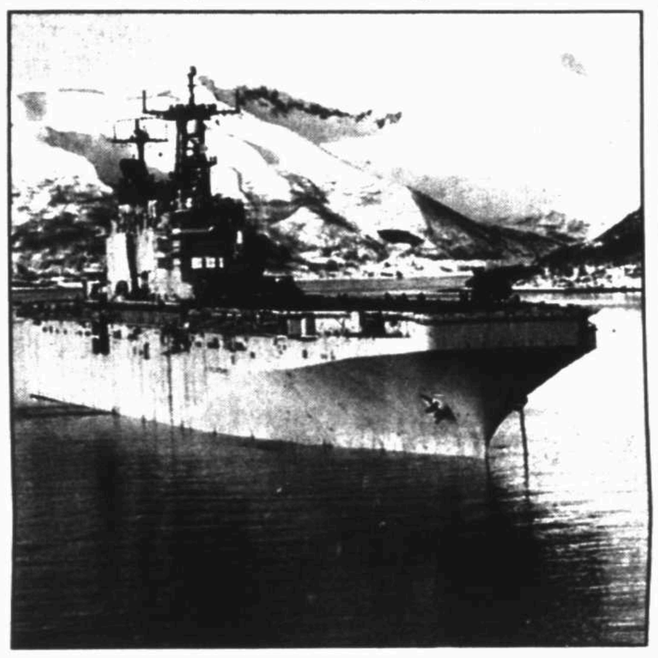
Appointing Bashkim Fino as the new premier had been a key part of Berisha's attempt to prevent the revolt from pushing up from southern Albania. He also agreed to elections by June and a multiparty government.

But Shkodra hospital officials reached by telephone from Tirana reported that one garrison close to the hospital was attacked and burned by protesters, and at least three other armories in outlying areas also were ransacked and stripped of weapons.



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The body of a man killed by gunfire is brought into the hospital in the southern Albanian town of Elbasan Thursday after being killed as a result of anti-government rebels firing in the air to celebrate their capture of the town. Rebels ransacked armories, fired wildly in the air and drove tanks in the streets when the insurgency in Albania spread north, east and west.





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Above is an undated file photo of the Amphibious Assault ship USS Nassau (LHA 4), which is currently underway to the Ionian Sea to provide support for evacuation of United States citizens in Albania. Above right, U.S. Embassy staff cross the Yugoslav border near the town of Bozaj, some 60 miles (100 kilometers) north of Tirana Thursday. The diplomatic staff fled the Albanian capital Thursday.

Maori protests by crushing America's Cup

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — A chanting Maori man attacked the America's Cup in its display case at a New Zealand yacht club Thursday, bashing the prized yachting trophy again and again with a sledgehammer.

The attacker was "in a frenzy," said John Heise, commodore of the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron.

"The Cup has been very, very badly beaten up," Heise said.

Police did not immediately release the name of the 27-year-old man, who was cut by flying glass from the display case during the attack.

The attacker walked into the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron clubhouse dressed in a suit, shirt and tie and made his way unchallenged to a first-floor room where the America's Cup, the world's oldest sporting trophy, is displayed.

Abruptly, the man pulled the sledgehammer out of a bag, smashed open the display case and attacked the trophy, later trying to wrest it out of the broken cabinet, witnesses said. He chanted in the language of New Zealand's indigenous Maori people during the attack, police said.

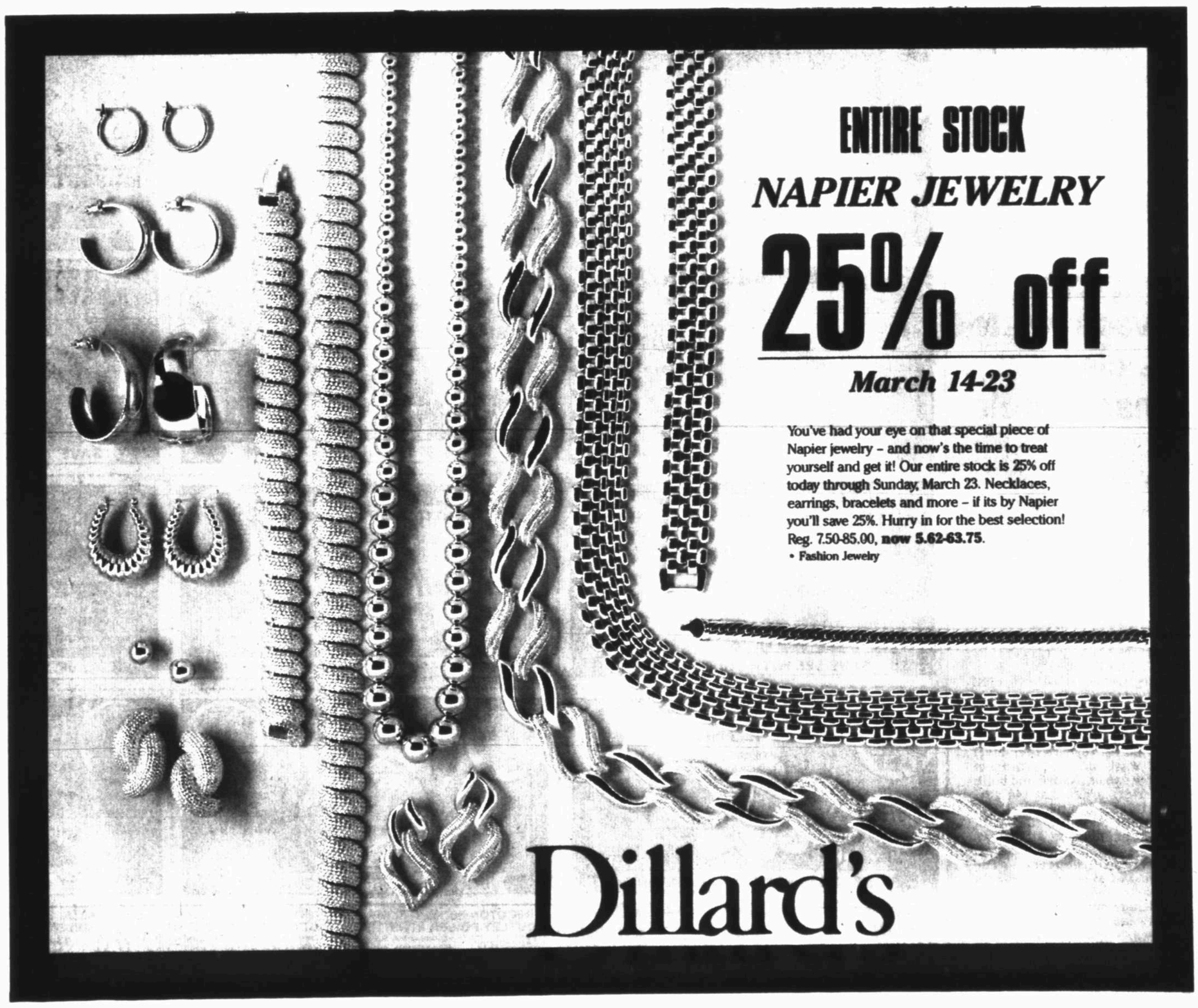
Afterward, he tore off his jacket and shirt to reveal a T-shirt with a slogan that police said bore Maori slogans. Building workers finally grabbed the man, holding him until police arrived.

Police said the exact nature of his protest was not clear. Police said the man may face charges of criminal damage and willful damage, which carries a maximum penalty of two years in jail.

The center of the 3-foot-high silver cup was flattened, Heise said.

The cup will probably have to be sent back to the manufacturers, Garrards, in England, for repairs, he said. The company apparently still has the original drawings of the trophy, which was made about 1850.

Team New Zealand became only the second foreign crew in 144 years to take the America's Cup away from the United States when "Black Magic" beat Dennis Conner's Young America syndicate 5-0 off San Diego on May 13, 1995.



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Another acclaimed 'Aboriginal' artist turns out to be Caucasian

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Just a week after an acclaimed Aboriginal painter was revealed to be white, the author of the award-winning autobiography of an Aboriginal woman revealed he is a white man who made it all up.

Australia's literary establishment was embarrassed and angered by Thursday's revelation that "My Own Sweet Time" — believed to be the autobiography of Wanda Koolmatrine — was written by Leon Carmen, a 47-year-old white man living in Sydney.

When released in 1995, the book won critical acclaim and a national literary award as the best first work by an Australian woman writer.

"As we now discover, it is a pack of lies because it is actually a fiction and not autobiographical, which I think immediately devalues its literary merit," said Lydia Miller, director of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board.

Ms. Miller accepted the 1996 Dobbie Award on behalf of the absent "Wanda Koolmatrie," said to be overseas at the time. The publisher of "My Own Sweet Time," Magabala Books, has received grants from the arts board as well as from the Western Australian state government and federal government.

Australia's literary establishment was embarrassed and angered by the revelation that the 'autobiography' of Aborigine Wanda Koolmatrine was actually written byLeon Carmen, a 47-year-old white man living in Sydney.

The disclosure was the second such hoax to rock the arts community in a week: Last Friday, Aborigines and some museum curators and gallery owners were angered to learn that acclaimed Aboriginal painter "Eddie Burrup" is really an 82-year-old woman of Irish descent, Elizabeth Durack.

Carmen, revealing his hoax in an exclusive interview published in Thursday's Telegraph Mirror, said he wrote under the name and identity of "Wanda Koolmatrie" to break into the Australian literary scene.

Voicing a claim made by some other white, male writers, Carmen said politically correct publishers and awards judges discriminate against white men in favor of female, Aboriginal, and immigrant-descended writers.

"I created a character and breathed life into her. I can't get published, but Wanda can," Carmen told the newspaper.

Carmen's book hoodwinked the critics, who hailed it as a masterpiece of comic Aboriginal autobiography.

"This is the lively, gutsy story of an urban Aboriginal girl making it in the tough city counterculture of the mid-60s," author and reviewer Dorothy Hewett said. "This heartwarming comic odyssey cries out for a sequel. It could be the start of a new genre."

Carmen did write a sequel, "Door to Door," but Magabala Press insisted on meeting "Wanda Koolmatrie" for editorial discussions. Carmen said that was one reason he went public with his hoax.

The critical plaudits for "Wanda's" book poured in even as Helen Darville, a member of an English immigrant family, was reviled for writing an award-winning book purporting to draw on recollections of her Ukrainian ancestors.

"The Hand That Signed the Paper," written under the name "Helen Demidenko," became a bestseller before Darville's identity was disclosed.

Australia's long-running genre of literary and artistic hoaxes stretches back to 1944, when the unknown poet "Ern Malley" was hailed in the influential modernist poetry journal "Angry Penguins" as a genius.

Then two young Sydney poets, James McAuley and Harold Stewart, announced they had invented "Malley's" deliberately tendentious poetry out of boredom, and to lampoon the magazine's modernist critical attitude.

The hoax helped put "Angry Penguins" out of business.

In another identity switch, "B. Wongar," the "Aboriginal" author of books such as "Walg" and "Karan" in the 1980s, turned out to be Streten Bozik, a Ukrainian immigrant.

Indian-born nun succeeds Mother Teresa

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — An ailing Mother Teresa handed over her global mission Thursday to an Indian-born nun who converted to Roman Catholicism after being inspired by the works of the Nobel laureate.

Sister Nirmala, born of a priestly Hindu caste, was selected by a conclave of 120 nuns who deliberated for eight weeks before reaching a consensus.

"Now I am happy," said Mother Teresa, 86, who guided the mission for a half-century. "Pray, so that she can continue God's work."

Sister Nirmala, now known as Mother Nirmala, immediately became head of the Missionaries of Charity, which has more than 4,000 nuns and runs 517 orphanages, homes for the poor, AIDS hospices and other charity centers around the world.

"I am in dreamland right now," the 63-year-old nun said. "It's a big responsibility."

Mother Teresa and her successor appeared on the second-floor balcony of Mother House, the mission's headquarters in downtown Calcutta. Behind them a cloth banner proclaimed: "We love our dearest Mother Nirmala." Flowers and garlands were delivered to the front door, where the sisters were cloistered for the election.

Thursday's election is unlikely to change the character of the order. However, Mother Nirmala will have to work hard to get the access to world leaders that helped Mother Teresa, winner of the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize for her work with the poor, raise millions of dollars.

"I don't know how far I will be able to carry out the work successfully," Mother Nirmala said. "I will try, and with the blessings of Mother and God, I will be able to carry it out."

Mother Teresa had said she no longer wanted to lead the order because she was too ill. She underwent an angioplasty to remove blockages from arteries last year after a mild heart attack. A persistent lung infection and kidney problems have impeded her recovery.

While the deliberations about her successor dragged on, she spent an hour a day discussing policy with the nuns and continued to guide the charity.

The order's constitution called for elections in 1996, but the vote was delayed because of her health. She had tried to step down in 1990, but the nuns re-elected her.

Nevada waste site clears Senate hurdle

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation to put a temporary nuclear waste storage site in Nevada cleared the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Thursday, but its prospects remain uncertain.

President Clinton already has said he would veto the legislation if it emerges from Congress, and Nevada's two senators said they were confident the measure did not have the two-thirds support to override a veto.

The bill was sent to the Senate floor by a 15-5 vote. It has yet to be scheduled for floor action.

The legislation, similar to a bill that passed the Senate last year but languished in the House, would direct the Energy Department to build a temporary facility in the Nevada desert to store high-level nuclear waste until a permanent burial site can be located and built.

Supporters argue that the government agreed to take waste — more than 30,000 tons so far — that has been building up at civilian nuclear power plants in 31 states. The government, however, has no place to put the waste, mostly used reactor fuel.

The Senate bill calls for building a facility capable of holding 15,000 tons of waste initially and if needed eventually as much as 60,000 tons. The White House has opposed building a temporary storage facility, arguing it could interfere with plans to build the underground permanent facility at Yucca Mountain.

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Congressional trip to Burma — tax-exempt fact-finding or lobbying?

WASHINGTON (AP) — When four senior House Republicans landed in Burma three months ago as guests of the country's military dictators, their official mission was to inspect drug interdiction efforts. But that was not the only agenda.

During part of the trip, Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and an aide flew by helicopter over the remote area where a U.S. oil company, Unocal, and its French partner, Total, are building a natural gas pipeline.

That $1.2 billion project, Burma's largest foreign investment deal, could be in jeopardy because of possible U.S. sanctions against the southeast Asian country.

The trip by Hastert, House Majority Whip Tom DeLay of Texas, New York Rep. Bill Paxon and Ohio Rep. Deborah Pryce was paid for by the Asia Pacific Exchange Foundation, a tax-exempt organization in Washington.

The group's president, Richard G. Quick, declines to say where its money comes from. But Unocal acknowledged it is among the foundation's sponsors.

By donating to Quick's foundation, Unocal could claim a tax deduction for underwriting a congressional fact-finding trip to its pipeline, in effect using a taxpayer subsidy to lobby against U.S. government policy.

Congressional aides who went on other trips the foundation sponsored last year said they included meetings with Chinese automakers and a tour of an aircraft plant that is a joint venture between China and Boeing. Ford Motor Co. and Boeing both are sponsors of the foundation.

In an interview Quick denied his group, which has the tax status of a charity, is a lobbying arm for its corporate donors.

Itineraries for trips are set to meet the interests of the lawmakers and their aides, he said. "If that coincides with the interests of one of the contributors, so be it," he said.

Frances Hill, a University of Miami law professor who specializes in tax-exempt groups, said it appeared that the foundation was used to "put some distance" between lawmakers and the corporate sponsors of a lobbying trip.

The Clinton administration is considering whether to cut off investments in Burma, where generals canceled the democratically elected government in 1990 and put its leader, Nobel Peace Prize winner Aung San Suu Kyi, under house arrest. A law Congress passed last year permits sanctions if repression worsens.

Unocal spokesman Barry Lane declined to say how much the company has paid to Quick's foundation. The donations make business sense because "part of their charter is to improve relations, and we're very heavily involved in Asia," Lane said.

Unocal has put much of its energy into expanding business ties in Burma, and would be the most affected by any ban on U.S. investment. The pipeline would move natural gas from offshore wells across a mountain range to Thailand.

In addition, the company announced three weeks ago it had signed a deal with Burma's rulers to greatly expand its offshore gas development, paying them several million dollars as a signing bonus.

The State Department and human rights groups say Burma's military rulers are guilty of widespread repression and human rights violations, including use of forced labor to build the pipeline. The oil companies deny the charge.

At the sites he was shown, Hastert said, he saw no evidence of human rights abuses.

Instead, there were well-paid villagers operating heavy equipment.

Founded in 1987, Quick's foundation has become known on Capitol Hill for its Asia trips. It raised $576,000, the bulk from corporate sponsors, in 1995, the most recent year for which figures are available.

Last year, the group sent at least 30 lawmakers and aides on trips to China, Japan, Hong Kong and other Asian destinations, at a cost of $162,000, making it one of the most active sponsors of private congressional travel.

Quick is a former congressional aide, a businessman, and a brigadier general in the Army Reserve who carefully guards his privacy. His phone number is unlisted, and his group's name is missing from the building directory where he rents office space.

House votes to give Mexico ultimatum

WASHINGTON (AP) — Frustrated with losses in the war on drugs, the House voted Thursday to give Mexico 90 days to improve its anti-drug efforts or face possible sanctions. But support for the slap at both Mexico and President Clinton was fading in the Senate.

The 90-day provision, passed as a compromise to immediate rejection of Clinton's certification of Mexico as "fully cooperative" in the war against drugs, brought several key Democrats back into Clinton's camp. They objected to the new version's strong criticism of administration drug policies.

Even if the Senate adopts the House resolution, Thursday's 251-175 vote fell far short of the two-thirds needed to override a presidential veto.

In Florida for a golfing weekend, Clinton issued a statement saying the vote was "the wrong way" to guarantee cooperation from Mexico. He said the Zedillo government has increased drug seizures, arrests, crop eradication and the destruction of drug labs.

"President (Ernesto) Zedillo recognizes the enormity of the problem Mexico faces and he has been courageous in carrying this battle forward," the statement said. "He deserves our support — not a vote of 'no confidence' that will only make it more difficult for him to work with us and defeat the scourge of drugs."

The resolution's litany of demands offered little chance of an improved response from Mexico.

Under the legislation, Mexico would lose certification unless within 90 days it:

- Allows more U.S. narcotics agents into the country.
- Allows American law officers to carry weapons in Mexico.
- Extradites Mexicans sought by U.S. officials on drug charges.
- Improves air security over the border.
- Allows drug traffickers to be chased into Mexican waters by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The bill retains Clinton's right to waive sanctions against Mexico if he determines that is in the national interest — an option he has under current law. Decertification normally means a cutoff of aid and a U.S. vote against loans to errant countries in the World Bank.

There was no immediate reaction from the Mexican government. Zedillo and his top Cabinet officers were on a state visit to Japan.

The Mexican Foreign Ministry had said before the House vote that "under no circumstance" will the country accept any outside "imposition" concerning drugs or any other issue.

Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., a leading Democratic foreign policy expert who strongly opposed Clinton's certification of Mexico, voted against the final bill partly because he said it would put Mexico's president "in a box."

"We can be sure that no one in Mexico, especially not the president, will be able to advance this critical initiative without being accused" of giving up Mexican sovereignty, Hamilton said, noting that Mexico faces a midterm election July 6.

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt D-Mo., also voted against the bill, although he had called for Clinton's decision to be overturned, saying "none of us can be satisfied with what Mexico is doing, what we are doing, what we are all doing to fight this evil."

After the vote, Clinton was relying on the Senate to endorse his seal of approval for a troubled neighbor.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, was gathering support for a measure that would retain Mexico's status while calling for a redoubling of anti-drug efforts. Another bill proposed in the Senate would overturn Clinton, but at least one of its sponsors, Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., said he was looking for another option.

Much of the debate Thursday focused on the need to do something about growing drug abuse in the United States.

The key issue, said Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, is whether Congress "is going to demonstrate a resolve to save not only our children but the children of Mexico as well from what can only be described as the horrors of drug trafficking."

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With flickering candles, town remembers massacre



An unidentified police officer adjusts a candle in the window of 10 Downing Street, the official London residence of British Prime Minister John Major Thursday, the first anniversary of the massacre of 16 children at a school in Dunblane, Scotland.

AP Laserphoto

DUNBLANE, Scotland (AP) — With candles flickering in windows — but no formal ceremonies — this small Scottish town marked the first anniversary Thursday of the massacre of 16 kindergartners and their teacher.

Bereaved parents laid wreaths in a garden that used to be the gymnasium where gunman Thomas Hamilton killed their children in a four-minute rampage. He injured 12 other children and two teachers before killing himself.

> **'Recovering we are, but it has been a much harder process than anticipated.'**
> — Ron Taylor, headmaster of Dunblane Primary School, where 16 kindergartners were massacred a year ago

Dunblane Primary School opened 90 minutes late so children could be home on the anniversary of the exact moment when Hamilton, a resentful loner and suspected pedophile, burst into the gymnasium just after 9.30 a.m.

Then, on a gray and rainy day, it was school as usual Thursday. Or as usual as it ever is now.

"Recovering we are, but it has been a much harder process than anticipated," headmaster Ron Taylor said in a pre-recorded interview aired by Sky Television.

"(The children) are more reflective than I anticipated but also more egocentric. They want to get on with their own lives," he said. "But it will never be the same again."

Heeding a request by the parents of the dead children, television cameras stayed away Thursday. TV stations ran only old clips of the tragedy.

In London, Prime Minister John Major and the opposition Labor Party leader, Tony Blair, joined in tributes in the House of Commons instead of trading their usual insults.

"I'm sure the thoughts not only of this House but the entire nation are with them today," Major said.

Candles flickering from the living rooms of homes in this town of 10,000 residents were the only way the parents wanted the anniversary marked.

Hundreds of cards have poured into the school in the past few days. Sympathizers were told to leave wreaths at the cemetery, where 16 small headstones cluster round a larger one for teacher Gwen Mayor.

Since the slayings, most of the bereaved parents have met weekly in a church hall and become close. On Thursday, they laid wreaths where the gym used to be and what is now a memorial garden.

Tourists stay away from Dunblane, and local leaders fear the town forever will be known as a massacre site.

Suspected Islamic militants kill at least 12 in southern Egypt

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Four gunmen opened fire on people walking along a dirt road Thursday and killed at least 12 of them, security officials said. Islamic militants were suspected in the massacre.

The assailants emerged from a sugar cane plantation in the village of Nag Dawoud in Nag Hamadi province, 300 miles south of Cairo, officials said.

They began shooting randomly in the mostly Christian village and then fled, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Twelve people were killed and one wounded, the Interior Ministry said in a statement. Most of the victims were Coptic Christians. Earlier, security officials said 13 men had been killed, and witnesses reported the same figure.

Security forces quickly cordoned off the village and began combing the thick sugar cane fields.

It was one of the highest death tolls in a single shooting incident since Muslim militants began a violent campaign in spring 1992 to oust Egypt's secular government. Some 1,070 people have been killed in the fighting, mostly militants and police.

The incident was the second major attack this year targeting Coptic Christians and is likely to embarrass Egypt's government, which has boasted in the past that it put an end to extremist attacks.

Last month, gunmen stormed into a church charity meeting in southern Egypt and killed nine Copts. Copts, descendants of some of the first converts to Christianity, make up about 10 percent of Egypt's 60 million people.

Militants have attacked Coptic-owned pharmacies and jewelry stores to raise money for their rebellion and have targeted Christians as non-believers.

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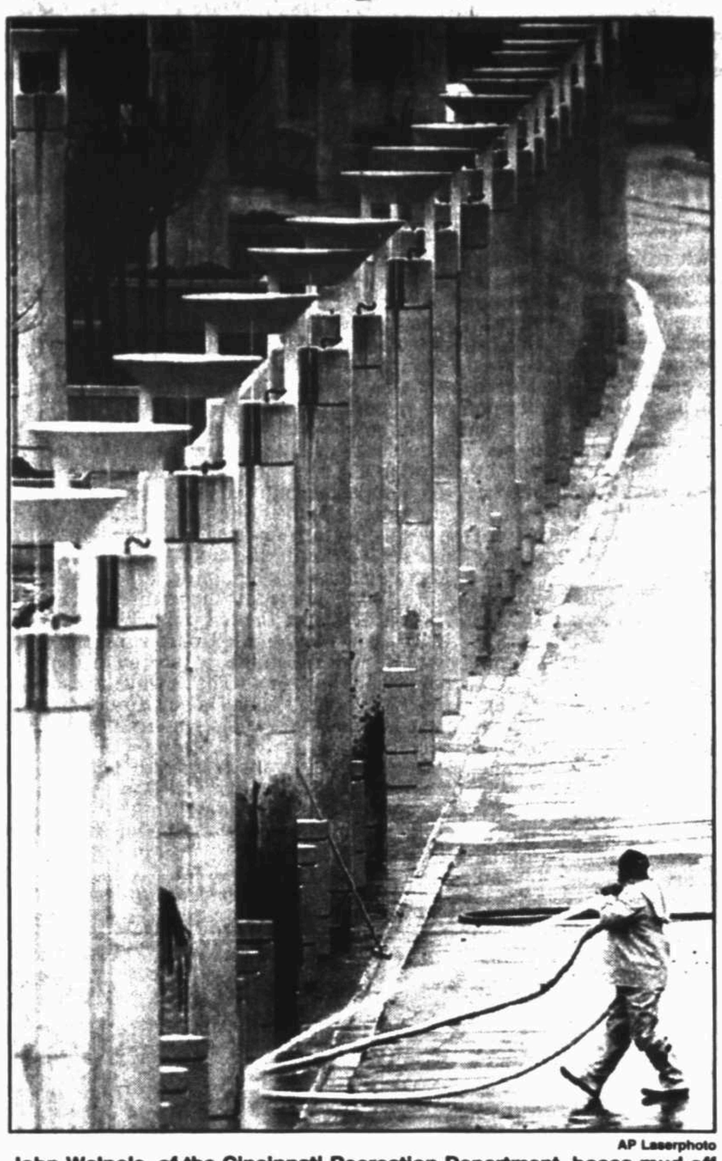
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John Walpole, of the Cincinnati Recreation Department, hoses mud off a row of columns at Sawyer Point park along the Ohio River in downtown Cincinnati, Thursday. The city is cleaning up after the worst flood in over 30 years.

PADUCAH, Ky. (AP) — As the Ohio River crested in western Kentucky on Thursday, WDXR radio was on top of the story — five stories above it, to be precise.

From their station inside a riverfront hotel, WDXR staffers had a unique perspective of the high water rushing along Paducah's floodwall.

From their station inside a riverfront hotel, WDXR radio staffers have had a unique view of the high water rushing along the Paducah floodwall.

Because the 435-room Executive Inn is outside the floodwall and unprotected from the river, it was built over a parking garage — a stilt effect that is keeping it high and dry.

With the hotel surrounded by water on three sides and blocked by the closed floodgates on the fourth, a skeleton crew of hotel and radio station employees have an adventurous route into work. They must cross a narrow, 20-foot catwalk that takes them from atop the 15-foot floodwall into the second story of the hotel.

"We've had a lot of fun with this. The very first day we had a name-the-bridge contest, so that catwalk is now the Cool Cats Walk," said Brenda Hawes, the radio station's general manager.

Still dealing with the worst flooding in more than 30 years, the Ohio River Valley was hit Thursday with a new storm that could bring up to 3 more inches of rain. All of western Kentucky was under a flash flood watch or warning.

At least 59 deaths have been blamed on flooding and tornadoes from Arkansas to West Virginia. Two people were still missing in Kentucky and one was being sought in southern Ohio.

Added rain was likely to prolong the flooding and its misery, but forecasters predicted the Ohio and the mighty Mississippi, which it joins, would rise only slightly.

For a second day, the Mississippi River was nearly 9 feet above flood stage as its crest neared New Madrid, Mo., opposite the westernmost tip of Kentucky.

River gauge readings along the Ohio ranged from 5 feet to 20 feet above flood stage Thursday. The river should fall slowly for several days from Owensboro to Shawneetown, Ill.

In Paducah, hotel general manager Jean Ellis said she and her coworkers heard Wednesday night that the river was receding after cresting earlier Thursday more than 12½ feet above flood stage.

"We were excited, but we didn't want to count our chickens before they hatched," she said. "Tonight, we're celebrating. We're bringing out the steaks."

The curious felt comfortable enough to check out the downtown flood wall that has kept Paducah streets and businesses dry. Built 45 years ago, and long maligned for its plain brown ugliness, the wall is suddenly appreciated.

"That wall hasn't served any purpose at all ... until now," Dan Hatfield said.

At Smithland, 12 miles upstream, residents who had frantically built a two-mile earthen and sandbag levee to hold the Ohio and Cumberland rivers at bay greeted the new rain grimly.

Water lapped dangerously close to the top — 8 feet above the street in places — and dirt was eroding under the pounding rain.

"As soon as it crests and the water starts down, we'll be OK," resident Frances Shekell said. "Until then, I think we're all holding our breath."

Hawes said WDXR, an oldies station, could have filled the airways with songs about rain and flooding but took a different tack.

"I wanted my DJs to lift the spirits of the people who have been flooded out," she said. "I wanted to keep things light. They don't need it rubbed in."

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Federal judge rejects school prayer law

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — A federal judge struck down Alabama's school prayer law Wednesday, a ruling likely to be ignored in a Bible Belt state where politicians encourage religious expression in classrooms and courtrooms.

"I will be curious to see if the ruling is obeyed," said Michael Chandler, an assistant principal at Valley Head Middle School, who fought the 1993 measure requiring all school-related events to permit "non-sectarian, non-proselytizing student-initiated, voluntary prayer."

Chandler and a student's mother contended the law forced teachers to allow students to pray out loud in class and give readings from the Bible, with students told to stand in the hall if they didn't want to take part.

U.S. District Judge Ira DeMent said the law violates the Constitution by creating "excessive entanglement" between religion and state and leaving some students with "no choice but to listen to the prayers of their peers."

Gov. Fob James said through a spokesman that he believes the First Amendment allows every American to pray "whenever and wherever" and that he would not tell the people of Alabama to obey the ruling.

"I'm sure he would tell folks to have at it," said spokesman Alfred Sawyer.

The ruling comes at a time when James and other political figures have rallied behind a state judge in Gadsden who has been ordered to stop conducting prayers at the start of court sessions and to remove a carved display of the Ten Commandments from behind his bench.

James has said he would send in state troopers if necessary to support expressions of religious faith in Alabama courtrooms.

And already, another school prayer measure — requiring every teacher to start the day by reading a prayer from the Congressional Record — is moving through the Legislature.

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Elective offices need candidates

Individuals interested in serving this community through service on a government board or commission still have time to file for an elective position on Midland City Council, Midland Independent School District (MISD), Greenwood Independent School District (GISD) or the Midland County Hospital District.

During the past several years, we've been fortunate to have numerous dedicated and committed individuals who have given selflessly of their time and talents to provide leadership for the city council, the Midland and Greenwood school boards, and the hospital district.

This year, however, a number of those who have been serving have chosen to not seek re-election. Part of the reason, no doubt, is the extensive commitment of time and energy that service on the various boards necessarily entails.

However, part of the decision may relate to the fact that the issues coming before the city council and the school boards, particularly, and to an extent those matters confronting the hospital board are serious matters that often put individuals at odds with others both on the governing body and in the community. Frequently, elected officials find themselves literally caught in the middle on an issue.

That isn't an enjoyable position to be in and is often a thankless task.

Yet, there is little of more importance than service to one's city by helping formulate the policies that govern a growing, vibrant community. It is an exhilarating experience — and one that causes many to serve for years.

We hope that Midlanders and residents of Greenwood will consider offering themselves for service in public office this time and will file for elective office.

JACK ANDERSON

Corruption taints some Mexican governors

MEXICO CITY — At least seven of Mexico's 31 state governors are believed to be corrupt, meaning they are taking money from illegal sources such as drug lords, according to intelligence sources in Mexico and the United States.



Anderson

The Mexican sources who identified corrupt governors spoke to our associate Dale Van Atta on the condition that they not be identified for fear of retaliation, including murder.

The U.S. intelligence sources, who spoke to us in Mexico, Texas and Washington, asked for anonymity either because their information involved sensitive intelligence-gathering methods, or because the government of Mexico would take umbrage if, as U.S. officials, they spoke openly about the subject.

Most of Mexico's governors are members of PRI (the Spanish-language acronym for the Institutional Revolutionary Party), which has ruled Mexico for seven decades. But there are different factions within the party. The current administration of President Ernesto Zedillo comes from what is considered the reformist wing.

All seven governors suspected of being corrupt, however, belong to an older wing, sometimes called "the Salinistas," because of their loyalties to former President Carlos Salinas de Gortari. Some of them were hand-picked for their positions by the former president, who's now facing corruption charges in Mexico.

Two of the governors suspected of links to drug cartels are Manlio Fabio Beltrones Rivera, governor of Sonora, which borders Arizona; and Jorge Carrillo Olea, governor of Morelos, a state south of Mexico City.

A year ago, after our sources repeatedly named them as being at the top of the Mexican gubernatorial "blacklist" maintained by U.S. drug agents, we spent more than a month trying to meet with them and discuss the allegations. They refused to respond.

However, they have both now heatedly, and repeatedly, denied the allegations after the charges were leveled in a Feb. 23 story in the New York Times. That story spawned a slew of similar, damaging stories in Mexican newspapers.

Neither official is likely to be charged with any criminal activities, however, because governors and cabinet officials have traditionally enjoyed immunity for official corruption.

The usual method — when evidence becomes overwhelming — is for the accused to quietly resign. In the mid-1980s, for example, a former governor of Sinaloa, Antonio Toledo Corro, was widely and publicly linked to drug barons by American and Mexican officials. But he was never charged with any crime, and went off to retirement at the end of his six-year gubernatorial term in 1987.

Corruption in PRI is systemic and endemic. So corrupt is the party that an honest governor like Vicente Fox must be on the lookout for assassination attempts. Fox, the governor of Guanajuato, is a rare leader because he is from PAN, the opposition party, and is widely regarded as being above reproach.

But he confessed to us in an exclusive interview that honest Mexican leaders must be courageous, and live with the realization that they may one day be killed because of their convictions.

"When a businessman like me decides to join politics, you better get a life insurance (policy), you better get confessed if you are Catholic and go to Communion every Sunday," Fox said. "You have to be ready for everything being on the opposition side in this country."

Fox added that he believes it is less dangerous to be honest under the current administration than during the previous one. But not because of anything Zedillo himself has done. "It is getting better because society, not Zedillo, is correcting now," he explained. "Saying, 'I'm here, and I demand that this country now is run like everybody else's — with a democracy, with a republican spirit, with federalism, with honesty, with transparency, with no violence.' And that's finally where we're coming to be."

The outspoken Fox is a rarity in Mexico when it comes to charges of high-level Mexican corruption. Even in the United States, officials are extremely reluctant to make such allegations or evidence public. Consider what happened to a respected former Drug Enforcement Administration official, who didn't even mention any Mexican suspects by name.

Ed Heath, while serving as director of the El Paso Intelligence Center, publicly charged that traffickers bribe Mexican supreme court judges, federal judges, state governors, the police and the army. "That's why the drug trafficking through Mexico hasn't diminished," he pronounced. "The whole system is rotten to the core!"

Only a few months from retirement, which was supposed to be from El Paso, Heath was abruptly transferred to Washington, where he suddenly became unavailable for comment to the media.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Federal foot-dragging keeps Texas in limbo

The welfare reform bill signed into law last year was hailed as an opportunity for states to tailor their assistance programs to the particular needs of their populations. Many states, including Texas, began immediately putting together plans that would provide a safety net for poor families, move people off the dole and into the work force and trim costs. For its part, the federal government promised to respond to such proposals within 60 days of their submission for review.

Instead, Washington has made Texas wait three months and still has not responded to its proposal to privatize the screening of welfare applicants. Taking the lack of a response as tacit approval of the program, Gov. George W. Bush and Mike McKinney, Texas' commissioner of health and human services, were preparing to go ahead with letting bids for the five-year, $2 billion contract.

Much to their shock and ours, however, federal officials are now saying that Texas could be risking billions in federal welfare funding by going ahead with the project without explicit approval. It is bad enough that the government is not upholding its end of the bargain by reviewing welfare proposals in a timely fashion, their threatening a loss of funding is doubly galling.

Worse still is the fact that the delay may be for purely political reasons. Because the Texas plan is a precedent-setting privatization effort that could cut thousands of government employees from payrolls, labor unions are reportedly applying pressure to stall the plan.

The federal government has no business keeping Texas in limbo. Washington officials must express concerns if they have them or let Texas move ahead with its welfare plan. A deal is a deal, and Texas has upheld its part.

— Houston Chronicle

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 14, 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.

On this date:

In 1743, the first recorded town meeting in America was held, at Faneuil Hall in Boston.

In 1879, physicist Albert Einstein was born in Ulm, Germany.

In 1883, German political philosopher Karl Marx died in London.

In 1900, Congress ratified the Gold Standard Act.

In 1923, President Harding became the first chief executive to file an income tax report.

In 1939, the republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved, opening the way for Nazi occupation.

In 1943, Aaron Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man" premiered in New York, with George Szell conducting.

In 1951, during the Korean War, United Nations forces recaptured Seoul.

In 1964, a jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy, the previous November.

In 1980, a Polish airliner crashed while making an emergency landing near Warsaw, killing all 87 people aboard, including 22 members of a U.S. amateur boxing team.

In 1995, American astronaut Norman Thagard became the first American to enter space aboard a Russian rocket as he and two cosmonauts blasted off aboard a Soyuz spacecraft, headed for the Mir space station.

Ten years ago: President Reagan, in his Saturday radio address, said he should have listened to Secretary of State George P. Shultz and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger when they advised him not to sell arms to Iran.

Five years ago: The Associated Press obtained the names of 22 of 24 of the worst offenders in the check overdraft scandal at the House bank; topping the list were former Rep. Tommy Robinson of Arkansas and Rep. Bob Mrazek of New York, both Democrats.

One year ago: During a visit to Israel, President Clinton pledged $100 million to the fight against terrorism. Steve Forbes dropped his quest for the Republican presidential nomination after spending $30 million of his own money.

WILLIAM MURCHISON

Clinton defines political deviancy down in U.S.

Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan, the canny old New York Democrat, came up with a neat way to describe how permissive attitudes lower cultural standards. "Defining deviancy down," he calls it. As society lowers the threshold of unacceptable conduct, a profound moral offense — say, living in unwed bliss — becomes just another human "choice."



Murchison

At lower and lower levels, we define the range of human deviancies until one day, perhaps under the influence of a new Harvard U. study, we just give up the whole idea of deviancy.

In his own way, at his own pace — increasingly rapid — Bill Clinton is defining political deviancy down. We might reasonably have expected it of Clinton, who, you understand, never dodged the draft, never hassled Paula Jones, never made the White House a stage for campaign solicitations, never let the majesty of the U.S. presidency be used improperly. Even though mean-spirited people keep saying he did such things.

Of deeper interest, and significance, is what the voting public makes of the fund-raising ruckus — namely, not much. Opinion polls show the ruckus failing to dent Clinton's high popularity ratings.

Nothing too surprising here. Polls during the campaign showed voters — Clinton voters anyway — heroically unconcerned about the "character" issue Bob Dole tried to raise. Even then, we were defining deviancy down.

Pardon me half a second while I head off the Clintonites at the pass. Here they come, crying, "See — the real people don't care what scandals those Republicans cook up because they know the Republicans do the same as the man they're criticizing." Maybe two wrongs don't make a right, the Clintonites concede. But, then, who's counting?

The modern-day federal government, and the people who run it, enjoy colossal power, especially over the economy. Given all that power, where is the surprise that outsiders want some of it?

The rock-bottom answer to the problem — cut government power sharply; repeal laws; repeal regulations — doesn't receive much of a hearing. Though it should, and we ought to get back to it. For the short run, it suffices to worry about defining political deviancy down.

Would George Washington have boarded campaign contributors in the White House (had there been a White House)? Clearly not. We've changed the rules. And not upward — downward. To be sure, the degenerative process didn't start with Clinton. Henry Adams, descendant of two extravagantly upright presidents, observed that the presidential succession from Washington to Grant overthrew Darwin's theory of evolution.

Bill Clinton's achievement has been to make the brazen solicitation of campaign money on government property seem as routine as, come to think of it, coffee and Danish. He is defining political deviancy down. It's OK, he says. "I don't think there's anything wrong with a president — me or anyone else — reaching out to his supporters." As if "reaching out" were the issue, and not, for instance, having Al Gore, on government property, smilin' and dialin' for campaign cash.

Voters who yawn over this latest achievement of Clinton's (as at so much else he encourages them to regard as normal) should remember what goes on here. The Clinton administration is lowering the bar — depressing the standard for presidential performance. The next White House occupant could raise the bar; he could also lower it farther, depending on what the voters regard as normal.

Clinton's gift for smiling his way out of trouble may or may help him this go-round. The larger trouble, in any case, isn't his, it's ours — the American people's. Our fearless leader is debasing the already-debased coinage of politics. And we ourselves? We're whistling while he works.

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CHARLEY REESE

Consumer Price Index changes excuse to up taxes

The Wall Street sharks who tell Bill Clinton, an Arkansas salesman, how high to jump in financial and tax matters are trying to rape the American people under the guise of "adjusting" the Consumer Price Index.



Reese

First, they had a panel of hotshot economists claim that the index is faulty and overstates inflation by as much as 1 percent. Then they get dumb journalists to keep repeating the lie that adjusting the index would result in $1 trillion in "savings."

The lie is in the use of the word "savings." To save is to refrain from spending money you already have. The $1 trillion they are talking about would come from additional future taxes levied on working men and women and from reductions in future payments that Congress would otherwise be obliged to make to people receiving Social Security and/or other federal pensions.

Taxes would be raised by bumping people up into higher income brackets. After a hard fight in the Reagan administration, the tax rates were indexed for inflation. The sharks want to narrow the measure of inflation, thus making it easier for people to get bumped into higher tax brackets.

The cost-of-living adjustments for pensions and social security would simply be reduced because they are based on the index. That's where that trillion bucks will come from — straight out of the pockets of working and retired Americans. That is not a savings; "ripoff" would be a better word.

In short, fiddling with the Consumer Price Index is just a con job to raise taxes and cut Social Security while blaming it on the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The Clinton administration instigated the scheme, and the point man appears to be Alan Greenspan chairman of the Federal Reserve Board.

Greenspan wants a bunch of political appointees -- he calls them experts - to reduce arbitrarily the Bureau of Labor Statistics' index figures. Of course, he claims that would be a correction, but that is a load of horse apples, which you will see clearly once I explain the index.

These characters are claiming that the index overstates inflation because it fails to take into account that people who can no longer afford to buy beef will switch to chicken. That's the tip-off that it's a con job. Following that logic, then the American people could reduce inflation to zero simply by eating grass and drinking puddle water.

The Consumer Price Index is not a measure of people's buying habits. It is a measurement and comparison of the prices of goods and services. The price of beef is the price of beef whether I buy it or not. The index is a measure of the price of beef today compared to the price of beef at an earlier time.

Here's the official definition by the BLS: "The Consumer Price Index is the ratio of the cost of a particular series of consumer items now to the cost of the same series of items at some set time in the past (the base or reference period)."

The index is based on a sample of actual prices of goods and services grouped under seven major categories: food and beverages, shelter and fuels, apparel and upkeep, transportation, medical services, entertainment and "other goods and services." There are a total of 382 separate items that are priced for the index (including chicken, by the way).

These prices are obtained from 21,000 retail establishments and 60,000 housing units. In fact, the BLS is almost continually adjusting the index to reflect reality. It publishes two national indexes and a number of regional indexes.

Greenspan claims the probability is 100 percent that the Consumer Price Index is off by 1 percent to 1.1 percent. I say the probability is zero that the index is off and that the probability that Greenspan is wrong is 100 percent. I say that based on the record of past performance: The Bureau of Labor Statistics has a high degree of credibility, and Greenspan has a low degree of credibility. He's made so many wrong predictions he ought to trade his college degree for a crystal ball and a headband.

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Army promises inspector general review of harassment inquiry

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army's inspector general will review the outcome of sexual harassment cases that touched off accusations of misconduct on the part of the Army's own investigators, the service's top civilian leader promised lawmakers Thursday.

Army Secretary Togo West sought to assure members of a House National Security subcommittee that the military justice system can fairly investigate all issues in cases alleging sexual harassment.

On Tuesday, five female soldiers asserted that Army investigators had attempted to get them to falsely accuse their superiors of rape.

The women were questioned as part of an Army investigation into widespread sexual misconduct at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

West told lawmakers that at the conclusion of several upcoming cases at Aberdeen, he will ask the Army inspector general to review the outcome to "protect the rights of all."

Meanwhile, Gen. Dennis Reimer, the Army's top general, said he is not aware of any misconduct on the part of the Army investigators looking into accusations of sexual harassment.

The four-star general said that while he is not familiar with the specific cases, he is aware of the quality of the people who serve as investigators and the training they receive at the service's Criminal Investigative Command.

"I'm sure that the investigators were thorough in their investigation and they asked questions to determine what really took place. That's their job," Reimer said, adding, "It's supposed to be thorough, and they are supposed to be fair, and I have every confidence that they were."

At the Capitol Hill hearing, West said that the military officer already in charge of the sexual harassment investigations has the power to issue subpoenas, take testimony under oath and interview witnesses — including alleged victims and Army investigators.

On Wednesday, West rejected a call by the NAACP and the Congressional Black Caucus for an outside probe of assertions by the five white female soldiers at Aberdeen that Army investigators had tried to get them to falsely accuse their superiors, many of whom are black, of rape.

"The Army should not ... be investigating itself in this matter," said Kweisi Mfume, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Rep. C.W. Bill Young, R-Fla., chairman of the House subcommittee, urged West to quickly get to the bottom of the fresh allegations, but none of the congressmen on the panel called for an outside review.

"I think there are a lot more questions that need to be answered," Young said. "Some of the most recent revelations are positive on one hand, but disturbing on the other hand."

Rep. Steve Buyer, R-Ind., who is leading a militarywide investigation of sexual harassment and misconduct, supported West at a news conference. He said outside intervention — including from Congress — could jeopardize the legal cases.

"At this point, it's not necessary for a full committee hearing to beat them up ... . We have their (the Army's) attention," he said.

Buyer and his colleagues have visited more than half a dozen bases, including Aberdeen. He planned Friday to lead a three-member delegation to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., a training site where more than two dozen men are under investigation.

Three of the female soldiers who alleged coercion have now been transferred from Aberdeen at their request, Army spokesman Ed Starnes said. The orders normally would have been given when the women graduated from advanced training last year, but they were held to testify at the Army's equivalent of a grand jury, which wrapped up in February, said Starnes.

The women's charges of misconduct come at a critical time for the Army, given that several military judicial proceedings are scheduled to move forward next week.

Reno: Tried to tell Lake about China

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Janet Reno said she stopped trying to tell National Security Adviser Anthony Lake that China might try to influence the 1996 elections because she thought the FBI would pass the word.

Reno said in her regular Thursday news conference that she called Lake's office after receiving an FBI briefing last May about the intelligence information. "I was not able to reach Lake," Reno said, and she didn't pursue the matter further because "I was told the briefing went forward."

Both Lake and President Clinton have said they were not briefed about the FBI intelligence, which was given to two National Security Council officers. The White House says one of the two said he was told not to pass the information to his superiors.

Clinton's statement Monday prompted an unusual public quarrel with the FBI, which issued its own statement contradicting the president. The FBI said its agents put no restrictions on information it gave the NSC.

Reno has called the episode a misunderstanding.

"People just had a different understanding of what was said," she said. "There was no attempt by the FBI to restrict it within the NSC and (from) the appropriate chain of command at the White House."

While supporting the FBI's account, the attorney general indicated displeasure with the way the FBI publicly contradicted the president.

"I knew they were going to put out a statement, but I did not know what the content of the statement would be," the attorney general told reporters.

Asked if she would have softened the wording, Reno said she would have tried to "make sure that everybody had communicated and understood exactly what was said, what people's memories were."

A Justice Department official speaking on condition of anonymity said Reno telephoned Lake while traveling and did not leave a message when told the security adviser was away from his office.

The intelligence information spawned an investigation into whether the Chinese government tried to funnel campaign donations into U.S. congressional elections.

After the information surfaced last June, the FBI warned six members of Congress that Chinese nationals might try to contact

Official: Serbia must reform to preserve union

WASHINGTON (AP) — The prime minister of Montenegro said Thursday the tiny republic could secede from Yugoslavia if its federation partner Serbia does not make substantial democratic and economic reforms.

"We will try to realize our goals within the federation," Prime Minister Milo Djukanovic said. "But if our vital national interests are endangered ... our citizens can vote for an independent state in a referendum."

Djukanovic said he talked in Washington with officials of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank seeking technical advice on possible future cooperation. He also wanted to prepare groundwork for foreign investment in Montenegro, he said.

Membership in the two lending institutions is open only to sovereign states, but Djukanovic said their officials encouraged Montenegro's program of economic change including a large-scale privatization.

Serbia and its much smaller partner remained united after the six-member Yugoslav federation disintegrated in 1991.

Sanctions were imposed against Yugoslavia to punish Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic for inciting the Bosnian war that devastated the Yugoslavian economy.

The embargo was lifted in 1995, but the United States has blocked the Serbia-Montenegro federation from joining international lending organizations, thus from receiving badly needed aid.

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Clinton orders standard testing for children in schools run by military

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Calling in reinforcements to promote school standards, President Clinton ordered the Pentagon Thursday to require standardized tests in classrooms run by the military for its dependents.

The Defense Department, which operates 233 schools for 115,000 dependents of U.S. military personnel around the world, will join Maryland, Michigan and North Carolina in testing students against international standards by 1999.

"We can make our public schools, just like our military, the best on earth if — like our military — we are willing to adhere to high rigorous standards for all people, regardless of their background," Clinton said in an address to the North Carolina Legislature.

The president is going state to state urging lawmakers to adopt national tests that will be developed by 1999 for fourth-grade reading and eighth-grade math. He addressed Maryland and Michigan lawmakers after the states agreed to the testing and standards program.

Clinton's speech opened a three-day trip originally designed to raise political money and give the president two days off on the golf course.

He was appearing at two political events Thursday night, raising $1 million for Sen. Bob Graham, D-Fla., and the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and $100,000 for the Democratic National Committee.

Across the country, Vice President Al Gore was addressing California lawmakers Thursday and raising $100,000 for the state party.

The fund-raising events were held amid mounting questions about Clinton's 1996 big-money activities. The White House says he will not abandon Democratic fund-raising efforts while Republicans continue to rake in the bucks.

Still, Clinton's skittishness was underscored Wednesday when aides said they scrapped plans for White House receptions for big donors.

Living the dream of many middle-aged men, Clinton left his wife and daughter behind for a weekend of golf with links legend Greg Norman. Clinton, who has a reputation for occasionally taking a second swing to help his score, will play in a tournament at Norman's Medalist course in Hobe Sound, Fla.

"It's a big tournament. No mulligans," joked spokeswoman Mary Ellen Glynn, referring to the golf term for do-overs.

He will spend two nights at Norman's Jupiter Island home, an 80-acre oceanside estate complete with a helicopter and 80-foot yacht. Clinton plans to get up early Friday and make a brief speech about education before starting play.

In North Carolina, nearly 8,000 students are taught in military-run schools at Camp LeJeune and Fort Bragg. Clinton said education standards and tests should start with the kids of military personnel because "their families sacrifice and live far from home."

Secretary of Defense William Cohen traveled to North Carolina with Clinton. He believes the tests will help guarantee high standards for the students as they move from school to school and in an out of the military education system.

Clinton said he wants the Pentagon to set an example for states and school districts across the country. Teachers, administrators, parents and politicians should not shirk the tests out of fear that their students lag international standards, the president said.

Thumping his lectern, Clinton said. "We are not protecting our children by denying them the chance to measure their capacities ... and we ought to stop it and do better."

Clinton, criticized by GOP opponent Bob Dole in last year's presidential campaign as a "pliant pet" of the teachers' unions, said school boards must make it easier to fire teachers.

Republican bill would require HIV disclosure

WASHINGTON (AP) — States would be required to alert people to possible contacts with HIV-infected individuals under a bill being advanced by a Republican congressman.

The measure also would create a national reporting system for the virus, require testing of anyone accused of a sex crime, require insurers to disclose HIV test results to applicants and allow disclosure of HIV status of children up for adoption.

Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., said the provisions will protect those who aren't infected and help those who are learn their status as soon as possible so they can take advantage of new, life-prolonging treatments.

The proposal "will return sound medical practices to our nation's public health policy and curtail the spread of the deadly HIV epidemic," added Coburn, who also is a physician.

The American Medical Association, which represents doctors, supports the measure, as it has many of the bill's provisions.

But the Human Rights Campaign, a gay political group, said the bill would intrude on the authority of local public health officials and do nothing to help at-risk individuals change their behavior.

The bill would:

■ Require confidential, national reporting of new HIV cases to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. States currently report new AIDS cases, and 26 states report new cases of the virus.

■ Require states to notify people that they may have been exposed to HIV by a current or past partner. The CDC currently requires states to establish procedures for partner notification for AIDS cases.

■ Require HIV testing for accused sexual offenders.

■ Require insurers to reveal HIV test results to applicants, and permit people to learn the HIV status of children they may adopt.

The Human Rights Campaign said evidence has shown that notifying partners is a costly and ineffective way of controlling the disease. It also questioned mandatory testing of accused sex offenders, noting that it takes at least six months after exposure for the virus to show up in the blood.

Woman accused of setting fire to collect insurance

HORN LAKE, Miss. (AP) — Linda Leedom stayed by her best friend for years, comforting her as she lay dying of breast cancer. Then the woman was killed in a house fire — and Mrs. Leedom stood to gain $800,000 in life insurance.

More than two years later, investigators believe that Mrs. Leedom not only set the fire that killed Lula Welch Young but had posed as Ms. Young to buy the insurance policies and name herself and her family as beneficiaries.

Mrs. Leedom, 43, was indicted on murder and arson charges Monday and could get the death penalty. Her husband and two daughters were indicted on lesser charges.

Ms. Young, 47, lived alone and had no immediate family.

Prosecutors said Mrs. Leedom forged Ms. Young's signature on insurance applications and posed as her friend for physical examinations. She did not disclose the cancer.

In 1994, Ms. Young was found dead, trapped in a bedroom, shortly after the fire was put out at her home.

Investigators believed a damaged extension cord was to blame, but then found a propane bottle among the debris, Police Chief Darryl Whaley said. Then they learned of the insurance policies.

"The insurance question sort of fell in our laps," Whaley said. "That was an unexpected bonus."



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House OKs bill against phony liens

Republic of Texas official says bill violates Constitution, may be challenged

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A bill making it a crime to file phony property liens and voiding all such liens currently held against Texas property has cleared the state House.

But an official with the so-called Republic of Texas says the bill violates the state Constitution and would have no effect on members of the Republic.

The organization claims the state was illegally annexed in 1845 and remains an independent republic.

Richard McLaren, the group's ambassador, said the state Constitution bars legislation against the right of liens and could lead to Republic court action against lawmakers who have approved it.

"If any citizens of the Republic of Texas are damaged by this I'll guarantee you that they will be sued (in Republic courts)," McLaren said. "We'll file judgements against them and run their asses out."

The bill not only would make it a crime to file a false lien but also would make it easier for Texans facing such liens to have them removed from their property records.

Property liens, legal or not, can cause financial and legal difficulties when property owners attempt to sell those properties or list them as assets in other financial deals. Even if bogus, it generally takes court action to remove them.

An amendment by Rep. Ron Clark, R-Sherman, would remove such liens already filed if they came from any court not established by the state or by Congress.

"This is just one more barrier," Clark said.

Attorney General Dan Morales has won a state court order against such liens. But Morales on Thursday said phony liens continue to be filed.

"The objective of these guys is to gum up the courts and tear down government," Morales said. "We'll use all the tools the Legislature gives us to effectively enforce our state statutes."

Rep. Allen Hightower, D-Huntsville, sponsor of the bill, said people and organization who file phony liens have waged "paper terrorism" against Texans and public officials.

Under his bill filing such a lien would be a crime punishable by up to two years in state jail and a $10,000 fine. The bill also would make it a Class A misdemeanor to issue a false court complaint, judgement or summons.

The bill, approved 142-0, goes to the Senate.

BASIN BRIEFING

Water protection

"Tools for Drinking Water Protection," a live satellite broadcast featuring experts on water quality issues who will answer on-air questions from those watching the program, is scheduled for 1-4:30 p.m. Wednesday at First Methodist Church. Begining at 3:15 p.m., Permian Basin experts will answer questions. The local panel includes federal senior Judge Lucius Bunton; Ken Jones, director of utilities with the city of Midland; Byron Gaines, director of utilities with the city of Odessa; Fred Wettendorf from Midland College; Seyf Ehdaie, associate professor of Chemical and Environmental Science at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin; John Grant, general manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District; Joe Reed, a hydrologist with Geraghty and Miller Inc.; and Steve Tisher, director of environmental programs at Parker and Parsley and chair of the environmental committee of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association. The workshop is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Midland, which will present a discussion on "What's Next in Protecting Our Drinking Water?" 7 p.m. March 24 at the Unitarian Universalist Church. For more information, call 570-7025.



Blues guitarist

Veteran blues guitarist Phillip Walker will perform at 9:30 p.m. Saturday at Freddies Jazz and Blues Bar, 3703 W. Wall St. His performance is being hosted by The Permian Basin Blues Society. Tickets, which can be obtained at Freddies, the CD Warehouse in Midland and Endless Horizons in Odessa, are priced at $7 in advance and $9 at the door. During his career he played with Long John Hunter and toured with Little Richard in the 1960s. For additional information about Saturday's performance, call 557-7593 or 332-7881.

Bank robberies

DALLAS — A recent rash of bank robberies has Texas FBI officials bracing for what could be a record year for heists, and bank officials around the state rethinking their security measures.

Since the beginning of this year, the FBI reports there have been 49 robberies in the North Texas area — almost three times more than last year at this time. The regions surrounding Houston and San Antonio also have reported a big jump in robberies since the year began.

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TODAY'S AGENDA

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

Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 South G St., 694-4166; 580-7545; 684-8726 or 699-5563.

Tall City Road Riders, dinner ride, 7 p.m., leave from Bank One, 520-6645.

SAA—Reflections, 560-5240. The meetings are closed.

Beyond Choice support group, for those dealing with post-abortion issues, 1:30 p.m., Dot, 683-3775 or Kim, 580-HELP.

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Light & Color







Above left: Jonathan Foster, 6, from left, Ashlin Guzman, 5, and Madison Phillips, 5, work with watercolors Wednesday during the kick off of the "Light and Color" exhibition at the Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum. The exhibit, which includes hands-on activities illustrating how light and color are related, will be at the museum through April 13. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2882.
Above: Twelve-year-old Michael Grigsby blows bubbles.
Left: Laine Miller and her 6-year-old daughter, Kaitlin, check out their surroundings with special viewing masks.

Photos by Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Midland-based Tomcat U.S.A. provides towers for Ice Capades

From Staff Reports

Midland-based Tomcat U.S.A. has presented the producer of the Ice Capades, being staged at Chaparral Center today and Saturday, with 10 towers that will hold lighting grids and trusses.

Gary Solmonson, marketing manager for the company, said six of the towers are 40 feet tall and four are 35 feet tall.

He explained that lighting grids and trusses that are hung from the ceiling limit which buildings an event such as Ice Capades can play in because not all ceilings can hold the weight.

But towers transfer the weight to the floor and will come in handy as Ice Capades travels to Mexico and South America.

'We don't sell much locally so local people don't see the stuff we make. This is an opportunity to see our product.'
— Gary Solmonson, Tomcat U.S.A. marketing manager

Presenting the towers to the company in Midland allows Midlanders to see what the company manufactures, Solmonson said.

Noting that the company has customers all over the world, he said, "We don't sell much locally so local people don't see the stuff we make. This is an opportunity to see our product.

"We have 100 employees here who can show their spouses, their kids, what mom or dad did at work."

Tomcat bought tickets to today's performance so employees and their families could see the product in action.

Tomcat also works with other ice shows — such as Disney on Ice — circuses and concerts. The company is presently designing lighting stages for the upcoming U2 tour.

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Program aids lawyers with problems

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

In a new push, the State Bar of Texas is reminding all attorneys that confidential help is available for those suffering from emotional problems, physical debilitation, or drug or alcohol addiction.

The bar's Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program (TLAP) has been in existence since 1989 and is designed to provide peer intervention and rehabilitation of any licensed attorney whose performance is impaired because of physical or mental illness, including alcoholism or substance abuse.

The program provides interventions to protect an attorney's practice and clients, while helping that attorney find treatment and rehabilitation, according to state bar officials.

"By assisting lawyers who suffer from substance abuse, depression and similar problems, TLAP improves the ability of attorneys to serve their clients in a professional and ethical manner," said Don Jones, director of TLAP.

"But what we're really doing is saving lives. I feel we, as lawyers, have a duty to extend a helping hand."

TLAP was established under Chapter 467 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and therefore protects the confidentiality of all those assisted. All calls are confidential, no identifying records are kept and no reports are made to the state bar or any other authority, explained Ann Sharpley, spokeswoman for the state bar.

Estimates show that between 10,000 and 15,000 Texas lawyers suffer from physical or mental illness that impairs their professional abilities, according to Ms. Sharpley.

Since its inception, TLAP has assisted more than 1,750 attorneys suffering from substance abuse problems, depression and other mental, emotional and physical difficulties, she said.

In Midland County alone, there are 354 attorneys licensed to practice law in the state of Texas, according to local attorney Bill Smith, who serves on the State Bar's Grievance Committee.

TLAP officials theorized that the practice of law is becoming more stressful, with increased competition, high educational standards, increased specialization and more "cut-throat" tactics within the profession. The organization receives up to 300 calls each month from impaired attorneys, their family members, friends, partners, office staff and oth-

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Agencies asked to fill out forms for community services directory

From Staff Reports

Information and Referral-Midland, along with the United Way of Midland, are working together to produce a Community Services Directory for Midland County.

The deadline for being included in the directory is March 24. The directory is to be published in April.

"In order to be included, an agency must fill out a form (provided by the United Way) and return it to Information and Referral-Midland no later than March 24," according to officials with the sponsoring organizations. "Agencies that do not meet that deadline will not be included."

Information and Referral-Midland is located at the Casa de Amigos building, 1101 E. Garden Lane.

The current directory was published in 1995 and since the information is now two years old, "the time has come to update it again," officials said. "Much of the information and resources available have changed."

Many health and human services professionals in Midland use the directory as an important source of information to help their clients with various needs. Some of the agencies that operate in Midland may not be included in the existing directory.

To obtain additional information about being included in the new updated directory, call the United Way at 682-4358, or Information and Referral-Midland at 682-4357.

Girl loves her quadruplet kids

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Seven-year-old Alex Murphy has taken on four very new friends — farm mates — who are gifted with tender curiosity.

And she simply adores the kids "because they are cute, that's why."

The four goats were born this week to Billy and Kitty Goat, who live on the 2.5-acre E.B. "Murf" Murphy farm in the Melody Acres addition in northwest Midland.

"I had 12 goats born in the last three days" from doe or nanny goats, said Murphy, Alex's grandfather. But Billy and Kitty's kids were the first foursome to be born on Murphy's place in the five years he has been raising goats. Before the quadruplets, his goats had produced twins and triplets.

The mini-farm is home to 34 Spanish goats, three roosters and their hens, five cats, and four horses — two palominos, a paint, and a quarter horse.

Murphy, a 65-year-old retired federal agent, bought the farm in

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Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Seven-year-old Alex Murphy holds one of four kid goats born Wednesday.

Easter egg hunt set for March 22

From Staff Reports

A community-wide Easter egg hunt is scheduled for March 22 at Water Wonderland.

The gates are to open at 9 a.m.; the hunt will get under way at 10 a.m.

There is no fee to enter the egg hunt, which is for toddlers through age 12. It is divided into three categories: toddler to age 4, ages 5 to 8 and ages 9 to 12.

Prizes will be given to the children who

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Police Reports



Fugitive arrested

A convicted murderer is being held at Midland County Detention Center after being arrested by Midland County sheriff's deputies and U.S. marshals Wednesday night.

David Imler, 40, is being held on two charges of drug possession out of Dallas and on a fugitive charge after an alleged parole violation, authorities reported.

Bond on the drug charges was set at $10,000. Bond has not been set on the felony fugitive charge, authorities reported.

Imler was convicted in 1978 on a second-degree murder charge after killing a man during a fight at a Salina, Kan., dance club. During the fight, Imler was knocked to the ground, pulled a gun from his boot and fired three times, according to reports of the incident. Brett Fielder, 20, of White City, Kan., died after being shot twice.

Another man, Robert Newman, 20, of Paola, Kan., was shot once in the stomach; he survived. Neither of the men were involved in the fight.

Imler was given concurrent sentences of five years to life for second- degree murder and five to 20 years for aggravated battery, according to Bill Miskell of the Kansas Department of Corrections.

Imler was released on parole in 1992 from the Ellsworth, Kan., Correctional Facility, Miskell said.

U.S. marshals from Midland had been searching for Imler for two weeks, thinking he was in Odessa, said Phil Maxwell, Midland deputy U.S. marshal.

Imler had previously avoided arrest by U.S. marshals after being tracked to Knoxville, Tenn., and Little Rock, Ark., he said.

Imler was found Wednesday night at the Salvation Army shelter at 300 S. Baird St. after registering under the alias of Troy Clinton Richards, Sheriff Gary Painter said.

He had been staying with his wife at Spring Meadows mobile home park in Midland.

Drug bust

Two Midlanders were arrested Thursday afternoon at 1306 S. Mineola St. and charged with drug possession.

Raul Gomez, 49, was charged with possession of cocaine, and Brandy Lynn Griffet, 20 was charged with possession of marijuana.

Both were taken to Midland County Detention Center.

During the arrests, gang paraphernalia, 2.5 grams of powder cocaine, cash and less than two ounces of marijuana were seized.

Midland Police Department
Wednesday

Vandalism: A report was made at 2302 Garden City Highway by Patty Hall at 2:45 p.m.

Theft: A report was made at 4517 N. Midland Drive by Wal-Mart at 3:54 p.m.

Burglary of a residence: A VCR and jewelry were taken at 1504 N. Terrell St., reported Connie Reyes at 5:33 p.m.

Vandalism: A vehicle was keyed at 522 Ruby Drive, reported Bud Brown at 5:35 p.m.

Theft: A wallet and watch were taken at 225 Corporate Drive, reported Clint Elliott at 7:13 p.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A battery was taken at 942 Edwards Drive, reported John Bradley at 7:49 p.m.

Theft: A report was made at 4517 N. Midland Drive by Wal-Mart at 9:26 p.m.

Assault: A report was made at 1102 E. Hamby Ave. at 9:48 p.m. One male was arrested, police reported.

Thursday

Burglary of a building: Beer was taken at 1101 E. Scharbauer Drive, reported E-Z Way Grocery at 2:27 a.m.

Burglary of a residence: A window was broken at 3101 N. Midland Drive, reported City Cab at 2:30 a.m. One female, a male and a male juvenile were arrested, police reported.

Vandalism: A storage building was spray painted at 313 S. Bentwood Drive, reported Sue Brewer at 9:11 a.m.

Burglary of a residence: A report was made at 1210 College Ave. by Jimmy Burns at 9:24 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A compact disc player and purse were taken at 4312 Arroyo Drive, reported Al Lee at 10:03 a.m.

Vandalism: Concrete was damaged at 2616 W. Wall St., reported Midland Motors at 10:15 a.m.

Theft: A report was made at 3303 N. Midkiff Road by Pinocchio's Pizza at 11:09 a.m.

Vandalism: A report was made at 1710 N. A St. by Kerri Richey at 11:18 a.m.

Burglary of a residence: A VCR, video games, television, microwave oven, compact discs and jewelry were taken at 1927 English Drive, reported Pamela Franklin at 11:56 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A checkbook and credit cards were taken at 2200 W. Illinois Ave., reported Lois Brosig at 1:46 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Wednesday

Vandalism: A report was made at 4205 N. County Road 1244 by Sylvan Bartlett at 4:58 p.m.

Theft: Pipe fencing was taken at 2701 S. County Road 1180, reported Bill Strickland at 6:29 p.m.

Thursday

Vandalism: A back hoe was damaged at 801 E. County Road 140, reported R.L. Shelton at 8:44 a.m.

Theft: A dog was taken at 2709 S. County Road 1180, reported Jay Bobby Lea at 11:32 a.m.

Theft: A cordless drill was taken at 4006 Gleneagles, reported Larry Walton at 2:56 p.m.

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

Death Notices

Eleanor Poe

STANTON — Eleanor Houston Poe, 76, of Stanton, died Wednesday, March 12, in Midland.

Services are to be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 15, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton. Burial is to follow at St. Joseph Cemetery in Stanton under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Rosary is to be recited 6 p.m. today, March 14, at the church.

She was born April 2, 1920, in Stanton.

She married John David Poe on Sept. 17, 1940 in Stanton.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Jan. 24, 1982.

Survivors include a son, John David Poe Jr. of Stanton; a daughter, Suzanna Poe of Stanton; two sisters, Zora Lou Winslow of Duncan, Okla., and Janice Lloyd of Wendell, Idaho; a brother, Fred Houston of Vernon; and eight nieces and 10 nephews.

Memorial may be made to a favorite charity.

Oneita Franks

WOLLFORTH— Oneita Franks, 84, of Wolfforth, mother of Midlander Kenneth Franks, died Thursday, March 13, in Lubbock.

Services are to be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 15, at Franklin-Bartley Chapel in Lubbock with the Rev. Eddie Marchum officiating. Burial is to be 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 14, Lamesa Memorial Park in Lamesa under the direction of Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home in Lubbock.

She was born July 13, 1912, in Haskell County.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Wolfforth. She married James M. Franks on Dec. 2, 1927, in Dawson County.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Oct. 29, 1976.

Other survivors include two daughters, Joyce Watts of Rockport and Nelda Henderson of Wolfforth; two sisters, Jessie Rodgers of Houston and Opal Bumpass of Lubbock; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to First United Methodist Church in Wolfforth.

Minter King

Minter King, 83, died Wednesday, March 12, at a local hospital.

Services are to be at 10 a.m. today, March 14, at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Aug. 2, 1913, in Abilene.

He was a retired service manager for Goodyear Tire Co. He was a member of V.F.W. Post 4149. He married Eddie Janelle McMullan on July 29, 1940, in Midland.

He was preceded in death by his wife on June 24, 1973, and several brothers.

Survivors include a daughter, Beverly Adams of Levelland; two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

Roy Carley

The Rev. Roy A. Carley, 89, died Wednesday, March 12, at a local hospital.

Services are to be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 15, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 20, 1907, in Rutiff.

He was pastor in Gonzales, Rosenberg, Pasadena, Seminole, Midland, Vinton, La., and Chickisha, Okla., and was a U.S. Army chaplain during World War II. He graduated from Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He married Gracie Carol Moore in 1934; she died in 1979. He married Doris Francis Johnson in 1982; she died in November 1996.

Survivors include two sons, Roy S. Carley of Midland and Denny Carley of Flagstaff, Ariz.; a daughter, Doris Lloyd of Midland; a brother, Raymond Carley of Houston; two stepsons, Addison Johnson III and Sammy Johnson, both of Lake Jackson; a stepdaughter, Elizabeth Johnson White of Columbia, S.C.; eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to The Building Fund, First Baptist Church, 2104 W. Louisiana Ave., Midland 7970.

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.

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

HELP: Texas bar program assists attorneys with problems

(From 1B)

er attorneys — resulting in about 25-30 new cases each month.

When TLAP receives a call, two volunteers contact the lawyer and offer appropriate assistance. The assistance often takes the form of peer support, attendance at a local lawyer support group and possible referral to professional assistance, according to Ms. Sharpley.

"The program addresses the problem in a caring way and gets the attorneys the help they need," said an Austin lawyer who has been helped by the program.

He said he has been sober for seven years since alcoholism almost destroyed his life in 1989.

The program assists attorneys from all types of practice, from all different parts of the state and from all age groups, Ms. Sharpley explained.

KIDS: Girl more enthusiastic than grandmother about new animals

(From 1B)

the mid-1970s when the area was outside city limits. Besides being a home to the critters, the farm has been a life-education laboratory for Alex. And it was a safe playground for her father, Mark Murphy, in his youth.

"Alex knows more about life than the average child," said her grandfather. "She knows about life. She has seen Billy out there jumping them (doe goats). She has seen goats born and chickens hatched."

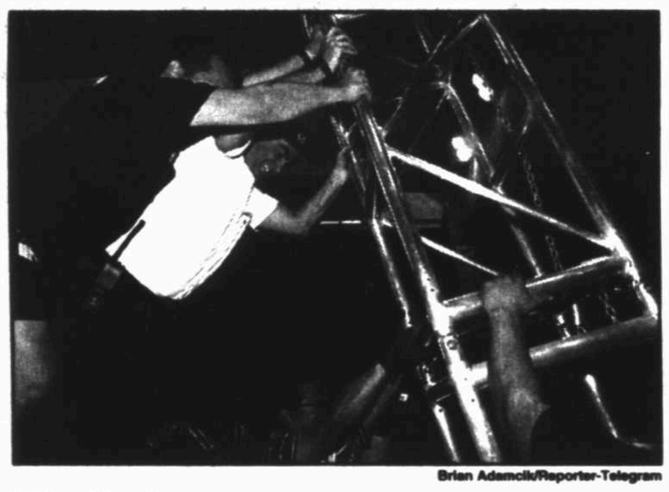
Mark Murphy, 32, recalled that he and his friends "used to ride dirt bikes out here."

"It was a hangout for him and his friends," his father said. "And it kept them out of trouble. I never caught them drinking or smoking."

To the senior Murphy, working on the farm is "a pain, but it is relaxation."

Though Alex just adores the goats, especially the young ones, her grandmother, Latrece Murphy, is not so entertained by them.

"They are fine in their place," Mrs. Murphy said. "I don't live around them and don't want to."



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Raising support

Workers raised the ground support system Thursday at Chaparral Center in preparation for the Ice Capades, scheduled for today and Saturday. Towers for the event were provided by Tomcat U.S.A.

HUNT: Easter event planned

(From 1B)

find the most eggs. Also, some eggs will have numbers written on them that earn the finder a prize.

The prizes include bicycles, family season passes to Water Wonderland, one night's free hotel lodging and restaurant coupons.

Prizes will be donated by Golden Suzuki Honda, the Holiday Inn Suites in Midland and the Holiday Inn Centre and Holiday Inn Parkway in Odessa; Kent Kwik; Peyton's Bikes; The Printing Centre; Wal-Mart in Odessa; Texas Tornadoes Tumbling and Trampoline; and West Texas Tumbling and Trampoline Academy.

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In conjunction with the Easter egg hunt, Water Wonderland will host a craft show throughout the park between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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FBI struggles to solve record number of bank heists

DALLAS (AP) — A recent rash of bank robberies has Texas FBI officials bracing for what could be a record year for heists and bank officials around the state rethinking their security measures.

But FBI officials say determining why robbing banks seems to be in style will have to take a back seat to solving the crimes.

"Right now, the pressure is on to put these guys behind bars," said Dallas FBI spokesman John Skillestad. "As soon as other people see that they're not getting away with it, hopefully we'll see a decrease."

Since the beginning of this year, the FBI reports there have been 49 robberies in the North Texas area — almost three times more than last year at this time. The regions surrounding Houston and San Antonio also have reported a big jump in robberies since the year began.

Dawn Duplantier, a spokeswoman for Texas Bankers Association, said the FBI and state bankers are planning a meeting to discuss the upswing of robberies.

"We just want to talk things over with them and make sure we're doing everything we can to keep these things from happening and reacting well when they do," Ms. Duplantier said.

NationsBank spokeswoman Pam McQuitty said the company is reviewing its policies.

"Ultimately decisions will be made on what best meets the needs of customers," Ms. McQuitty said. "If that means we need to make changes, we'll make those changes."

Some customers don't seem to be alarmed by the rising number of crimes.

"You still have to go to the bank, no matter how much it happens," customer Julie Elestan said as she went into a Fort Worth NationsBank branch. "I'm sure things will go back to normal."

'We think what we're seeing is a few guys who think they can beat the system more than we have a bunch of people all of a sudden deciding to do this.'

— FBI spokesman Darren Holmes

The Texas trend comes at a time when bank robberies nationwide are on the decline. National FBI statistics show the crime has dropped annually between 1992 and 1995, the most recent year for which statistics are available.

Most heists in Texas have been low-key affairs in which a gun was never exposed and a threatening note was handed over the counter, law enforcement officials say.

But the growing frequency of the robberies around the state has drawn attention.

Last week, three men stormed into a Houston bank wielding rifles but were thwarted when an off-duty police officer opened fire on them. Two of the men escaped but were arrested Wednesday night after an anonymous tip.

In the Dallas area, four banks were robbed on March 5 within hours of each other. Police are still searching for suspects in two of the robberies.

FBI agents believe one of two Grand Prairie men arrested for robbing a Nations-Bank on March 3, may also have committed two of the March 5 robberies.

On March 11, a Frozen Food Express Credit Union in Lancaster was robbed by a man claiming to have a bomb in his briefcase. No arrests have been made.

Statistics for the region surrounding Houston are recorded on a fiscal year system beginning every Oct. 1. For 1996, the FBI recorded 139 robberies. Already there have been 79 in the 1997 fiscal year.

In San Antonio, FBI spokesman Darren Holmes said his officers can barely get back in the office from the scene of one robbery, before being called out on another one.

"To say we're pretty busy would be an understatement," Holmes said.

In Central Texas, 17 robberies have been reported since Jan. 1. FBI figures show the region had 32 all of last year.

Holmes said many of this year's crimes may be multiple strikes by serial robbers.

"We think what we're seeing is a few guys who think they can beat the system more than we have a bunch of people all of a sudden deciding to do this," Holmes said.

Even though FBI statistics show that about 85 percent of all bank robbers in Texas are caught, Skillestad said the lure of banks will always draw criminals.

Movies like "Heat," which chronicled the exploits of a gang of high-tech bank robbers in Los Angeles, make people think they can get a quick buck, he said.

FBI arrests 3 for gun battle at Houston bank last week

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Three men who stormed into a bank last week but had their armed robbery attempt blocked when an off-duty police officer opened fire on them have been arrested, the FBI announced Thursday.

One of the men was captured at a Houston hospital late Wednesday after he sought treatment for bullet wounds to his face. The wounds apparently were inflicted during the gun battle that erupted the morning of March 6 when the officer, working a second job as a security guard at Navigation Bank Northline, saw the men, who were dressed in black from head to toe, and started firing.

Dozens of shots were exchanged, leaving bank windows shattered and walls pockmarked.

Officer Edwin Lem, 34, who intercepted the would-be robbers, suffered minor cuts from glass fragments, but no one else was hurt. About a dozen customers and employees at the bank hid behind furniture or dove under counters to dodge the bullets.

The gunmen sped away in a stolen truck but got no money. Police believed at least one of them had been wounded because a trail of blood had been left behind.

Charged with attempted capital murder of a police officer were Miguel Angel Rocha, 21; Michael Joseph Guerra, 18; and Naim Cepeda Rodriguez, 24, all of Houston.

Guerra, suffering wounds to his face and mouth, was arrested at LBJ Hospital. The two others were arrested later Wednesday night at their Houston home. They put up no resistance, authorities said.

Don Clark, who heads the Houston FBI office, said a break in the case came Tuesday with a tip to Crimestoppers, a Houston group that pays cash for anonymous information leading to arrests for crimes.

The three also will face federal bank robbery charges, Clark said. Conviction on the federal charge carries a 20-year prison term with no parole.

"I won't say anything about the evidence at this point," Clark said. "I can tell you we are continuing the investigation. We want to determine if there possibly were other people involved in this or if these people were involved in other bank robberies."

Rodriguez had a number of drunken driving charges on his record but Clark said the two others had no criminal records.

The shootout was the latest in a rash of bank robberies in Houston — the 23rd so far this year. At the same time in 1996, the city had just six. A task force of federal officers and city police is working to combat the crimes and was involved in the latest arrests.

Rains in Rio Grande Valley please drought-stricken farmers

Associated Press

DONNA, Texas — Heavy rains that have wreaked havoc this week on flood-prone neighborhoods in the Rio Grande Valley have left drought-stricken farmers rejoicing over the unusually wet weather.

"It's fantastic," said Rod Santa Ana, a spokesman for the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Weslaco. "It's alleviating the demand at the reservoirs and providing more water."

March is usually one of the driest months of the year in deep South Texas, and the rain had moved out by Thursday. But showers soaked the region three times earlier in the week, dumping several inches of rain on most Valley cities.

In the last two days, Donna received as much as eight inches of rain. The nearby farming community of Monte Alto received more than nine inches, The (McAllen) Monitor reported Thursday.

"Overall, it's been great for canes and citrus," said Andy Scott, director of research at Rio Farms in Monte Alto.

Scott noted that the rain could damage some crops, including recently planted cotton, soy beans and corn. However, he said it would do more good than harm.

"It's more toward the positive side because we've been without rain for so long," he said. "It helps the soil quality, and we don't need to irrigate for about a month."

The rains also have helped replenish the two drought-depleted reservoirs that supply water to the region, although they remain below normal.

While farmers celebrated, others lamented.

The heavy rainfall flooded mobile home parks and low-lying neighborhoods, submerging homes and vehicles and turning streets into lakes.

"Boy did we get flooded. You can't believe how flooded we are," said Kathy Wisenbaker, a resident of the Victoria Palms mobile home park.

Some of the heaviest hit areas were neighborhood colonias, underdeveloped subdivisions that often lack drainage and running water.

At the Salinas colonia in south Donna, more than 50 people in the neighborhood's 200 homes were evacuated in pickup trucks, school buses and a boat.

"Lots of people don't want to leave because of the fear that people might rob them," said resident Jaime Coronado, whose son used a fishing boat to help their neighbors evacuate.

More than 60 people spent the night at a Red Cross shelter at Donna's Todd Middle School, said Assistant Principal Dennis Mitchell. Children gathered around a big-screen television, while parents hunkered down with small suitcases of clothing.

"Of course it will affect us, the little that we had," said Perfecto Cardenas, who evacuated his family from their apartment. "These are things over which we have no control. What can we do?"


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Why Are Folks So Angry?
Maybe you have noticed, too. It's evident in so many places in our daily life. An elderly lady slows her car to turn into a shopping center. More slowly than usual. Horns honk and folks yell. That's not New York...it's Midland, Texas. Patron demands service at fast food restaurant. More service. Still not enough. Young teen is in tears. Folks are angry, and in a hurry. Story last Tuesday of 21 year old man in Detroit who was "depressed about domestic problems." So he took his shotgun down the street, creating mayhem along the way, and then shot 2 people and injured others. Why? Angry.
Someone has said, "anger is acid to the soul." It will destroy our reasoning and reality. It can literally bring a "storm of insanity" into life. God said, "cease from anger, and forsake wrath; fret not thyself in any wise to do evil." Psalms 37:8. Why? Answer found in Proverbs 16:22 "He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly: a man of wicked devices is hated." So, Solomon advises us, "be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry; for anger resteth in the bosom of fools." Ecclesiastes 7:9. The majority of our anger comes from our own frustration with self, and we dump our reactions on others. Stay away from it as much as possible.

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AROUND TOWN

Hospice of Midland has several programs planned for the coming weeks.

Compassionate Friends, a support group for parents who have lost children of any age, will meet 7:30 p.m. April 7 at Hospice House, 911 W. Texas in Midland.

Community Bereavement Support Group meeting will be 7 p.m. March 20 at Hospice House. Anyone who has lost a loved one, whether recently or long ago, is invited to attend.

Volunteer training course will be offered each Tuesday and Thursday in April at Hospice House. Morning classes are scheduled for 9 a.m.-noon; evening classes, a repeat of the morning classes, will be 7-10 p.m. Dates of the classes are April 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22 and 24. Parking is available in the lot east of Hospice House. Participation in this free course does not carry an obligation to become a Hospice volunteer.

For more information about any of these programs, call 682-2855...

...GENEALOGY SEMINAR for anyone interesting in learning how to trace family roots will be 9 a.m.-noon March 15 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4805 Gateway. Included will be information on what genealogical material is available locally, and how to use two genealogical computer programs. The seminar is open to the public at no charge. For more information call 682-1428...

...WEST TEXAS Singles Association will host a fund raiser murder mystery, "Bullets 'n Barbecue" party and dinner 7 p.m. March 20 at the Moose Club, 2711 N. Dixie in Odessa.

Tom Martin, master of ceremonies, will be joined by the cast of characters, Juan Bandito, Bibi Gunn, Doc Mallard, Miss Patience, Rowdy Azell and Sally Forth.

Funds raised will help support families in need during the holidays. For more information call 550-6960...

...AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of Retired Persons, Midland chapter #256, will meet 6:30 p.m. March 17 at the Senior Center in Kingsway Mall. Potluck supper will be served; program will follow. Persons aged 50 or older are invited to attend. For more information call 684-8419 or 697-1212...

...ALLISON CANCER Center has two meetings planned for 7 p.m. March 18 at the center.

Man to Man Prostate Cancer Education Group, co-sponsored by American Cancer Society, will meet meet for a program by retired urologist and prostate cancer survivor Dr. Robert Johnston. All men with an interest in prostate cancer are invited to attend; attendees' wives are welcome.

Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support Group will meet for an update on advances in diagnosis and treatment, presented by Dr. David A. Snyder, medical oncologist.

For information about either program, call 685-6606...

...WEST TEXAS Jazz Society will present "A Spectacular PianoRama" featuring Dean Baker, Alice Moxey, Jim Ross, Bobby Crues and Rob Hunt in concert 8 p.m. March 19 at Odessa Country Club. Admission will be free to jazz society members; $15 for non-members. Reserved seats will be $10 extra. The event will be co-sponsored by the Abell-Hanger Foundation. For information call 563-1701 or 682-4283...

...WOMEN-OF COLOR Civic and Social Club will host its third annual citywide Easter Egg Hunt 11 a.m. March 22 at Washington Park, 1703 E. Wall. Children age 12 and younger are invited to attend. For more information call 686-8764...

...MIDLAND PANHELLENIC Association will host its annual Sorority Information and Registration Party 2 p.m. March 23 at Junior League of Midland Headquarters, 902 W. Dengar. In addition to Panhellenic registration and distribution of rush information packets, a rush party fashion show will be presented by The Gazebo. Two scholarships will be awarded and a raffle drawing will be conducted. Dress will be casual. For more information call 694-6573...

FAMILY MATTERS

Childhood sexual abuse can influence adult life

By Jim May, Ph.D.

DEAR FAMILY: I have a question that I can't ask anyone else, so I hope that you will answer it for me in your column.


May

I know that my stepfather did some things to me when I was little (7 or 8). I don't think that it went on for more than two or three years because my mother divorced him. It never really bothered me, but I heard someone on a television talk show talk about how being sexually abused affected them their entire life.

When I started thinking about that and comparing what she said to my life, I decided to write you.

I started having sex when I was 14 and had sex with lots of boys all through high school. I was so ashamed of what I did, but I kept on doing it; I couldn't seem to make myself stop. My stepfather would slap me around and accused me of being a whore and I guess he was right.

I got married the first time at 17 to a man (who was) 22, and I think now that was to just get out of the house. He drank too much and he would slap me around when he was drunk. That lasted for about two years until I met my next husband. He was (and is) nice, but I didn't love him when we got married, I just wanted out of my first marriage.

I went to college and got my (degree). Once I started working in the hospital, I met lots of men who were very interested in me.

After several affairs, I decided that I had to stop and found the Lord Jesus Christ. Since than my husband and I have started going to church and I haven't been with another man.

I believe that Christ has forgiven me for what I've done, but I still feel ashamed and guilty. To make it even worse, I still have to work with some of these men who I've had sex with. Even though I've made it clear that I'm not going to have sex with them ever again, they keep flirting.

During the last year I've lost all interest in sex. I'm just numb. At first I was glad that happened and thought it was an answer to my prayers. But now my husband is getting tired of it.

He doesn't know about what all I've done, so I can't tell him that this is better than me being the other way. He wants to start a family and so do I, but I'm scared to death to start having sex again. We're closer than ever and so this is really confusing to him.

After all of this, my question is, how can I just have sex with my husband and no one else? I do love him now and part of me wants to be with him, but the rest of me is afraid that if I start having sex again, I'll start having affairs.

My husband thinks this is all physical, so I've scheduled a doctor's appointment to see what's wrong. I'm going to go, but I'm too ashamed to tell my doctor (I work with him sometimes).

What if he gives me something and all of a sudden I start being a slut again? I've prayed and prayed about this, and I still don't have an answer. CONFUSED AND ASHAMED.

DEAR CONFUSED: You do have many of the characteristics of a sexual abuse survivor. While your responses seem strange to you, they are completely consistent with what many survivors experience.

In order to help survive the abuse, the mind does some very creative things at the time that prove to be confusing later in life. Sexual abuse typically causes emotional, social, sexual and physical changes in the survivor. For example, it is very common for survivors to alternate between over-arousal and numbing.

As a beginning, read "The Courage to Heal," by Ellen Bass and Laura Davis. The explanations and shared experiences of other incest survivors will be very helpful and educational for you.

Also, consider discussing your dilemma with your minister. If that idea is to frightening, consider seeking professional counseling with someone trained in sexual abuse trauma.

You can be healed from this *and* enjoy a happy and fulfilling sex life. Direct and well-known therapy can help you in the process.

Some experts estimate that about one-third of all females are sexually abused in some form. Your experiences are "normal," given the abuse.

You can get better and have the life that you so richly deserve!

THE FOLLOWING "BILL OF ASSERTIVE RIGHTS" IS OFFERED BY THE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

- I have the RIGHT to say "No" without feeling guilty.
- I have the RIGHT to say "I don't know."
- I have the RIGHT to make mistakes — and be responsible for them.
- I have the RIGHT to say "I don't understand."
- I have the RIGHT to change my mind.
- I have the RIGHT to judge my own behavior.
- I have the RIGHT to be responsible for the results of my behavior.
- I have the RIGHT to make no excuses for my behavior.

Jim May is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

Questions for this column should be addressed to Family Matters, P.O. Box 10485, Midland, 79702.

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DEAR ABBY

Stranger's generosity ends one couple's vacation nightmare

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: You asked for acts of kindness. Well, here is mine:


Van Buren

In June of last year, my husband and I went to Germany and Austria on vacation. While we were in Austria, my husband stumbled and fell, breaking his hip, which required hospitalization and surgery. I remained by his side in the recovery room until I was asked to leave at 1 a.m. I have never felt so alone.

The next morning, the bad luck continued. In my haste to get back to the hospital, I accidentally locked our hotel room key and the car keys in the trunk of our rented car. When I finally located a locksmith, he charged $103 to unlock the trunk because it was on a Saturday.

My husband spent the next two weeks in the hospital in Salzburg, recovering enough to withstand the 14-hour flight back to our home.

When my husband was finally discharged, the hospital demanded payment in cash, as did the ambulance company.

The airline also insisted on cash to pay for the upgrade in seats necessary to make my husband comfortable on our flight home. We had prepaid for our vacation and didn't have a great deal of cash with us, so I had to go from bank to bank to get cash advances from our credit cards. It was difficult because on one day the computer would process the transaction, but the next day for some reason, it wouldn't — "trouble on the phone lines," we were told. The language barrier made things doubly difficult.

It was in Frankfurt, Germany, however, where the real trouble occurred. My husband, who was in a wheelchair, had to wait for me around the corner down a long hallway while I tried in vain to pay for the upgrade with our credit cards.

I argued, pleaded and begged to see an airline representative or someone from the American Embassy, but the ticket agent wouldn't budge. I feared we were stranded.

As luck would have it, a gentleman standing in the next line turned and asked me what the trouble was. I told him how we couldn't get home after all the difficulty we'd been through.

He opened his wallet, then handed me 50 $100 bills! My mouth hung open in total shock. He took my name and address, gave me his business card, and went on his way.

Out of possibly 6 billion people on this planet, what were my chances of a Good Samaritan with that much cash standing next to me offering that kind of help? I believe the stranger was an angel in disguise.

I want to thank him publicly. His name is Charan Kumar. Your readers might like to know that there are still some very kind and generous people in this world. — JUDY PRINCE, FRESNO, CALIF.

DEAR JUDY PRINCE: Your letter is a dandy day-brightener. Thanks for a valuable addition to this column!

DEAR ABBY: I have been thinking about writing to you for a long time to share a memory about my mother, who lived to be 93 years old.

She spent the last seven years of her life with my husband and me. Every morning we had breakfast together and read the newspaper. Our favorite column was "Dear Abby."

One morning I glanced up and saw a small curl of smoke rising from the section of the newspaper she was reading. I thought, "Abby must have a hot article in her column today!"

The source of the smoke soon became apparent. Mother's eyesight was poor, and she was using a magnifying glass to read. The sun was shining through the window and the angle was just right for the rays to pass through the magnifying glass onto the paper. She was so engrossed in your column that at first she didn't notice the heat was burning a hole in the newspaper!

Needless to say, I corrected the problem immediately. — MAY FREISINGER, MISSION VIEJO, CALIF.

DEAR MAY: I've taken a lot of heat for some of the letters I've printed, but nothing like what you've described. Thanks for sharing the memory.

DEAR ABBY: When I became engaged, my future mother-in-law gave me a lovely diamond ring that had been in her family for three generations. I was thrilled and have cherished it. I know that it is worth several thousand dollars.

I am now divorced, and she has asked me to please return the ring. I love her very much and couldn't refuse her or fight over it, but that ring means a lot to me. I would have had the stone reset or, perhaps, passed it down to my children.

What is the right thing to do? — DOUBLY BROKENHEARTED

DEAR BROKENHEARTED: Since your former mother-in-law has asked you to return this family keepsake that has been in the family for three generations, the "right" thing to do would be to return it.

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Twins Margaret Sullivan, left, and Eleanor Ackerman, 90, dance during a champagne happy hour on Feb. 26 hosted by Sullivan as part of the Second Wind Dreams program at a nursing home in Austell, Ga. The organization grants wishes to the elderly.

Program makes dreams come true

By Tara Meyer

CARROLLTON, Ga. (AP) — At 87, Luther Thomas is a loner.

The man in the wheelchair and faded overalls doesn't talk much, except when he wants his chewing tobacco or he's cold. He carries a plastic stick with him so he can scratch his own back.

But the one thing he can't do alone is what he longs for the most: to visit his wife's grave, which he hasn't done in more than a year.

P.K. Beville was so touched by the simple dreams of nursing home residents like Thomas that she set out to make some of them come true. With the help of Dr. Neil Shulman, author of the book that became the movie "Doc Hollywood," Ms. Beville started a nationwide project to grant the wishes of the elderly.

"This is not a dying wish," she said. "We look at it as, you've worked all your life. Now's the time to live it up. The sky is the limit."

Ms. Beville, a Marietta psychologist, and Shulman, an Atlanta physician, call their project Second Wind Dreams, after their book of the same title about the humor and hard knocks of life in a nursing home.

"What these people want, most of them, is simple things," said Shulman. "They don't want the sky."

Pine Knoll Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center in Carrollton, 40 miles west of Atlanta, got involved in the project because Shulman is medical director there.

Thomas, a Pine Knoll resident, has difficulty walking, so the 30-mile drive to his wife's grave is almost impossible for him to make alone. "I just didn't have a way to get there," Thomas said, tipping his baseball hat to hide a tear.

Pine Knoll's administrator, Shirley Greene, is working on Thomas' dream. She said his wheelchair and rainy weather have made the task difficult, but Thomas' nephew is trying to find someone to help him get his uncle's wheelchair to the cemetery.

Since starting in Carrollton and Atlanta, the project has expanded to 27 nursing homes in Georgia, South Carolina and Texas. Shulman, the author of 12 books, is using his high profile to help promote it nationwide.

At each home, a worker or community volunteer is designated the "dream weaver," in charge of asking residents their dreams and then working to fulfill them.

There are some limits, of course. Ill health and wheelchairs can be obstacles, and money is sometimes a problem.

And fulfilling outrageous dreams may do more harm than good, said Anderson Smith, associate dean of psychology at Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

Clara Barnes, a 94-year-old Pine Knoll resident, wants more than anything to go to Hawaii. That may not be possible, but Hawaii can certainly come to her, Ms. Greene said.

"We could get some videos of a tropical island, give her a sun lamp and a margarita while we hula around her." Ms. Beville said.

That's the best thing about dreams, she said. You don't expect them to come true, so they are even more wonderful when they do.

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ACTIVE TIMES 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. luneh; 12:15 p.m. games.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. billiards; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. Bible study.

MIDLAND YMCAs

The Midland YMCAs have many activities scheduled for Prime Time adults. For more information regarding available activities and classes contact Central YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring, 682-2551; Alamo YMCA, 901 N. Midland Drive, 694-2528; Northeast YMCA, 2301 Butternut, 682-8469.

Scheduled activities at the Central YMCA are:

■ Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Low impact aerobics; 7 a.m. YMCARDIAC (YCT) Therapy, call for appointment before beginning class.

■ Call for information, Y's Way to a Healthy Back.

■ By appointment, Specialized Strength Training for Seniors.

Scheduled activities for Alamo YMCA are:

■ Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Arthritis Water Class.

■ Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m. Aqua Aerobics; by appointment, Water Rehab Therapy.

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

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

■ Monday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, needlework and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. quilting, crafts and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, choir and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Thursday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Bible class and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. movie and center bingo.

MIDLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Midland Senior Center is located in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. For more information call 681-7636. Activities for March 17-21 include:

■ Monday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes and exercise; 9:30 a.m. art class; 10 a.m. Kitchenettes; 11:30 a.m. lunch and St. Patrick's Day party; 12:30 p.m. ceramics for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.

■ Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and ceramics; 9:30 a.m. line dancing for fun; 11:30 a.m. lunch and nutrition program; noon craft class (call center for details); 12:30 p.m. art class; 1 p.m. AARP tax assistance, bridge, dominoes, cards, billiards and ladies billiards.

■ Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards, ceramics, cards, dominoes and exercise; 10 a.m. Gospel singing; 11 a.m. blood pressure check by City of Midland Health Department; 11:30 a.m. lunch and birthday party for March; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.

■ Thursday: 9 a.m. prescription help, billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 9:30 a.m. country/western dancing and line dancing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art for fun; 1 p.m. AARP tax assistance, bridge, dominoes and cards.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, quilting and dominoes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. creative writing class, bridge, dominoes and cards; 7 p.m. dance with band.

Musical entertainment and refreshments will be provided at the St. Patrick's Day party on Monday. Members and guests should call to make reservations for lunch and the party.

AARP volunteer counselors will assist medium- and low-income seniors with 1996 income tax returns 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays until April 15 at the center.

MISSION ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Mission Adult Day Care Center of Midland is open 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2510 W. Ohio. For more information call 570-8710. Weekday schedule includes:

■ 8 a.m. light breakfast or snacks; 9 a.m. visitation, dominoes, special events; 10 a.m. exercise, R.O.M., discussion, current events, Dear Abbey, devotion prayers; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. rest period; 2:30 p.m. snacks.

■ Men's bowling, second Friday of each month; women's shopping trips, first Friday of each month.

Birthday parties and visits by the Kitchenettes are monthly.

Licensed professional staff includes nurses, activities director and certified nurses aids present daily. Transportation is insured.

COM AQUATICS SENIORS AND THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE

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

■ Monday: 7:30-10:30 a.m. water walking; 10:30-11:15 a.m. seniors/therapeutic aerobics; 12:15-1 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.

■ Tuesday: 7:30-9:30 a.m. water walking; 9:30-10 a.m. stretch and strengthen; 10:30-11:15 a.m. seniors/therapeutic aerobics; 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.

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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 689-6603. A sample of current opportunities include:

■ St. Vincent de Paul Store needs office clerks to assist store manager with filing, telephones and client assistance forms. Shifts are four hours weekly, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Saturday.

■ Meals on Wheels needs drivers or substitute drivers to deliver hot meals to elderly homebound clients. Deliveries take about an hour. Volunteers may work one to four hours a month. Handbook and map provided.

■ Casa de Amigos needs a computer class instructor for adults to teach a basic literacy computer class on Windows 95, Word Perfect, speadsheets, etc. Sessions are four to six weeks; schedule is flexible.

Singles living in Sun City communities

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Twenty percent of homebuyers in Sun City communities in the first half of 1996 were single, compared to 15 percent four years ago, according to the Del Webb Corporation, builder of the communities designed for people 55 and older.

The developer says several factors are apparently at work: greater access to peer groups with similar interests, personal safety and smaller homes with easy maintenance.

Active grandmother never slows down

By Lana Cunningham

"I feel like an ant," said the woman with the deep chestnut-colored hair flowing down her back. "When I sit down, I remember something to do and I jump up to do it."

She stopped for a moment, placing her often-moving hands on the table, her eyes twinkling before continuing the interview. Sitting is not part of Tina Carmona's daily routine. Out of bed by 6 each morning, she remains in constant motion until the late night hours.

By 9 a.m. she has coffee perking for the seniors arriving at Casa de Amigos and is readying the kitchen for serving lunch. Mrs. Carmona works until 1 p.m. each day as kitchen supervisor for Casa de Amigos under the Senior Texas Employment Program. After that, she's at home cooking and baking, cleaning, doing laundry and ironing for the three grandsons she has been raising for the past seven years.

These are long days for the 65-year-old raised in Chihuahua, Mexico. But she lives as though each one is a gift, and in turn she shares her laughter and her desire to do for others.

She moved to Midland 17 years ago and the next day found a job at Jumburrito's, where she stayed for eight years. "I would cook 14 pots of ground beef each day," she said.

Later, she worked for El Charro Restaurant before moving over to Tienda de Amigos as a STEP employee. When the shop closed about a year ago, Mrs. Carmona took the job as kitchen supervisor at Casa de Amigos. "I'm back in the kitchen," she said with a laugh. "It won't leave me alone."

When she finds a slow period in her morning, Mrs. Carmona often goes down to the Social Services office and helps where she can. Or she sometimes sits for a few minutes and jokes with her friends. "They say she looks shy and quiet, but that she can tell some good stories," said Casa's Ludy Navarro.

The stories come from her younger days of growing up on a ranch in Chihuahua, the eldest of nine children. "I was a tomboy," she confessed. "I would run after my brothers and try to keep up with them." And while work was not easy, "we sould make it fun. If I started telling you my stories," she said with the help of Ms. Navarro, "we would never finish. We would have to stop the interview; I would make you cry with laughter."

But laughter wasn't part of her life seven years ago when her daughter died during a visit here of a blood clot to the brain at the age of 29. Mrs. Carmona adopted the three boys, now ages 19, 18 and 11. "It's been a heavy cross to carry, but it's added to my life."

Each morning she makes homemade flour tortillas and burritoes for them, and makes sure they have clean, pressed clothes for school. She proudly related the story of one grandson who recently received an award for a welding project.

"They don't have anyone to help them except me — and God," said Mrs. Carmona. "That's why I stay so busy — if I sit down, I'll start thinking about my daughter and a sister who died recently, and get depressed. And then I get health problems, like high blood pressure, or I cry. If my youngest grandson sees me crying, he'll ask me not to cry, that he'll cry too."

For Valentine's Day, the oldest grandson gave her a card that said how grateful he and his brothers were for her and all she does for them. She jokes about cooking flour tortillas, sopapillas and empanadas from scratch for the three hungry young men. "They eat a lot," she said. "They don't like the store-bought tortillas."

Besides feeding and clothing her grandsons, Mrs. Carmona encourages them to finish their educations. "They have opportunities that I didn't."

While they may see her as the one who rescued them, she tells the story of an "angel" who has helped since the boys' mother died. He appeared one day with groceries and said he'd heard about her situation. Since then, the gentleman has helped with shoes and coats for the boys and even a stove for her. "He calls me 'mamacita.' I think of him as an angel. He's a lot more than family; he helps without asking."

Retiring to take it easy isn't part of Mrs. Carmona's plans. "Ah, no," she said with a laugh. "I'll keep going until all my energy is out of me."

She's told her grandsons the same thing, and when one of them spies her resting for a few minutes, he will ask jokingly if they can call an ambulance.

A woman opened the door to the room and said it was time to get ready to serve lunch.

Mrs. Carmona hopped out of her chair and walked out of the room, swiftly grabbing a soft drink can on a counter and tossing it into the trash on her way to the kitchen.

Like the busy ant, she's always finding work to do.



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

For part of the day, Tina Carmona, 65, is kitchen supervisor at Casa de Amigos. The rest of the day, she provides for her three grandsons, ages 19, 18 and 11, whom she is raising. Mrs. Carmona says her life is so full that she doesn't know how to slow down, and retirement is not on her schedule.

Mesclun mix of salad greens get star billing

By George Bria

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — What's in a name? A lot of gardening excitement — and money — when the name is "mesclun."

Ten years ago few Americans had ever heard of this southern French mixture of young salad greens. Then it started showing up in voguish restaurants and specialty seed catalogs. Now, mesclun gets featured in garden catalogs and produce shelves everywhere.

So meteoric is its the rise that the National Garden Bureau, a nonprofit research organization funded by seed companies, has made 1997 the Year of Mesclun.

LIKE MANY gardeners, I'm tempted by few supermarket vegetable offerings, but mesclun generally turns out unusually fresh and tasty. It saves a lot of garden work to buy it at the store. The price, however, can stun you; it was $2.56 for a plastic-encased third of a pound recently in my area. A sizable head of lettuce, by contrast, ranged from 89 cents to 99 cents.

The cost, of course, reflects the care required to pick young leaves of lettuces, endives, mustards, chicories, cresses, parsleys, arugula, dandelions and other greens that make up a mesclun package. If money is a consideration, you can save, of course, by growing these things in your own garden. A packet of 700 mixed seeds costs as little as $1.50.

What's more, in the garden you can create your own mesclun from individual plantings of various greens. A simple mesclun salad might consists of early cuttings of vari-colored lettuces, beet greens, spinach, arugula and broad-leaf parsley. You can add a little Asian spin with tat soi leaves. You yourself decide what you want in it.

Gardeners, in fact, had been mixing young salad greens ages before U.S. commercial growers in the 1980s had a smart marketing idea and imported the name mesclun from Provence.

YOU DON'T NEED any special skills to grow mesclun. Greens like cool weather, so early spring and late summer are the ideal planting times. You can make successive plantings, if you want, but in the hot summer it's best to do it in areas shaded by other plants and to harvest promptly. You can also grow it indoors under fluorescent lights in winter.

In a "fact sheet" on mesclun, the National Garden Bureau says "the Provencal tradition calls for chervil, arugula, lettuce and endive in precise proportions."

American mixes, on the other hand, "may include, lettuces, arugula, endives, mustards, purslane, chicory, cresses, parsleys, fennels, escarole and tender wild greens as well."

Looking over the 1997 seed catalogs, I found a wide range of mescluns offered. The Cook's Garden (P.O. Box 535, Londonderry, Vt. 05148, Tel. 800-457-9703), a pioneer in bringing mesclun to America, is offering mixes not only from Provence but also from the Nigoise region of France and from the Piedmont region of Italy.

The Nigoise version combines endive, chicory, dandelion, cress and arugula. The Piedmont offering, called "misticanza," mixes four lettuces and five chicories for a "variegated carpet of greens and reds."

Shepherd's Garden Seeds, a California company with a Connecticut shipping address (30 Irene Street, Torrington, Conn. 06790, Tel. 860-482-3638), also offers the Piedmontese "misticanza" among numerous mixes and a "Napa Valley Lettuce Mix" combining green, red and bronze lettuces plus a curly endive.

SPREADING TO the more traditional American seed houses, mesclun has captured the cover page of the W. Atlee Burpee & Co. catalog this year with a dazzling color photo in which even a red pepper appears. Burpee's (Warminster, Pa. 18974, Tel. 800-888-1447) has three mescluns, a spring version with chicories, endives and lettuces, a fall version of other lettuces, radicchio and arugula, and what it calls a "classic mesclun" comprising arugula, chervil, endive, mache (corn salad), lettuces, radicchio and cress.

Another old-time company, Park Seed (1 Parkton Ave., Greenwood, S.C. 29647, Tel. 864-223-7333) notes in its catalog that "increasingly popular in the best restaurants, mesclun is really nothing more than a mixture of special greens, some tangy and some mild, that are usually harvested young and mixed in your favorite salad." Nevertheless, in line with the times, it offers two versions, a tangy mix including arugula, peppery cresses and chicories "to liven up milder greens" and a mix specially designed for mild Southern climates for harvest through fall, winter and spring. This includes mizuna (mustard), purslane, red orach (mountain spinach), chervil and three maches.

Bon appitit.

George Bria retired from the AP in 1981 after 40 years that included coverage of World War II from Italy.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Prescription Assistance Program helps seniors

By John Slyker

Seniors, you can apply for free medication through the Prescription Assistance Program that is now available in Midland. The program is designed for anyone who does not have insurance, supplemental insurance or prescription card, and is provided by Memorial Community Center.

To apply, take empty prescription bottles and proof of income and/or disability to Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane (9-11 a.m. Wednesdays); Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois in Kingsway Mall (9-11 a.m. Thursdays); or Southeast Center, 1803 E. Indiana (9-11 a.m. Mondays).

These locations are where the necessary paperwork will be done. Program Coordinator Mary Beth Meeks or one of her three assistants will begin the approval process. Mrs. Meeks oversees having applications signed by doctors and having written prescriptions filled out.

The information is then sent to pharmaceutical companies for their approval. Each company's approval is based on its own guidelines regarding income and need.

The process takes between six to eight weeks for approval and to begin receiving drugs for those qualified. Drugs are sent to the doctor, who notifies patients to come pick up their medications. The supply is for three months.

Apply again after two months in order to maintain the supply of medication. Reapply the same way as before, bringing in prescription bottles and proof of income and/or disability.

Volunteers are needed to help keep up with this successful, growing program. No medical background is required. To become a volunteer, write 801 E. Florida St. in Midland, Texas 79701 or call 685-0450.

Memorial Hospital and Medical Center made this program available in Midland, with major funding and additional support from United Way. The program is permanently funded, and new to the community since last November.

John Slyker is community coordinator for District 10, American Association of Retired Persons.

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By Michael H. Price
N.Y. Times News Service

When Shirley MacLaine met Billy Bob Thornton as they promoted their new movies on the film-festival circuit, she asked the actor-turned-filmmaker how he attached the prosthetic device that had altered his face so drastically for the Southern drama "Sling Blade."

"He said, 'What device?'" MacLaine recalled. "And I said, 'Whatever it is that you used, to make your jaw protrude like that' — and he suddenly pokes out his jaw and takes on that slow, gravelly voice, like in his movie, and says: 'Yew mean lak' this hyar?' — and I felt I couldn't believe my eyes! He's really a dedicated talent, to put himself through that kind of change for the sake of a role."

Thornton, 41, a busy character actor and screenwriter, had to be especially dedicated for his latest project. He is not only lead player but the author and director of "Sling Blade," the story of an avenging misfit searching for a place to call home.

"It was startling, all right, to see him work as both a director and as his character," said camera operator Jonathan Brown. "We would become engrossed watching him as this strange, almost deformed, character, and then he would say, 'Cut!' and instantly change into a totally different person."

The artist — a small-town Arkansan whose crucial inspiration seems to have been Elvis Presley — has become a quiet phenomenon within the film business. He not only writes screenplays for such name-brand stars as Robert Duvall and Fort Worth native Bill Paxton ("One False Move") but has also gained recognition as a supporting actor.

■ "Sling Blade" opens today at Midland Park Mall.

Duvall, who commissioned the screenplay for his starring picture "A Family Thing" (1996) from Thornton and screenwriting chum Tom Epperson, described the new film as tilted — "wacko, in a legitimate way, in the way that Billy Bob knows how to do."

"He's a true Southern voice," said Duvall, likening Thornton to such literary ancestors as William Faulkner, Harper Lee, Davis Grubb and Horton Foote. Thornton cites Erskine Caldwell as a role model.

Added John Ritter, with whom Thornton worked on the TV series "Hearts Afire" and who plays a key supporting role in "Sling Blade": "Billy Bob has one of the most original minds I've ever encountered."

Thornton refuses to let old ties lapse. Alongside Ritter, Duvall and singer-actor Dwight Yoakam, Thornton cast high school chum Rick Dial in a crucial role. And when preparing to shoot on location in Benton, Ark., Thornton took the crew to his nearby hometown, Malvern, to show them locations in the script that he knew from childhood.

"We couldn't shoot in Malvern," location chief George Vowteras said, "because it's a much smaller town, further from Little Rock, and it would have been difficult to accommodate the crew. But it helped us to understand what Billy Bob had in mind."

What Thornton apparently has in mind is intimately and accurately portraying his vision of the South, as Dickens portrayed London, Woody Allen depicted Manhattan and Erskine Caldwell revealed the Deeper South.

"Tom Epperson and I, we've written a lot more than's ever got produced," Thornton said, describing big-studio high-concept assignments that require formula-bound writing. "The studios'll tell us to come up with a cross between 'Aliens' and 'Rocky II,' and we just don't know" that stuff. We can write formula, but we don't feel formula. When it's our idea, that's when it's our best work.

"One of the things that bothers me most," he continued, "is that most Southern movies have not been made by Southerners. They're written by New Yorkers or Californians — a strange fascination with the source, but fascination doesn't mean authenticity. It helps to remember that the South is a storytelling culture: Storytelling, that's your life. No wonder the South has produced so many good writers, because that's what you do: transform things with the power of imagination, and it never gets out of your blood."

Thornton speaks from experience. As a child, he was interested in music, acting and sports. His father, a coach, encouraged athletic involvement. His mother encouraged artistic pursuits.

Elvis Presley tipped the scales.

"When I first saw Elvis in the movies," said Thornton, "I knew I wanted to be a movie star or a rock 'n' roll singer — one or the other." Music still commands his attention. During the scoring of "Sling Blade," Thornton said, he "pretty well made myself at home" in the studio of composer Daniel Lanois.

"In fact," Thornton said, "the next movie I try to direct, it's gonna be a little bit autobiographical — about my days back then, in a little town, trying to get some music together. Sort of a what-if? story."

RIDICULE: Wit as a legal weapon

(From 8B)

king exclaims when the two finally meet. "Here, make a joke right now. Make one about me," he challenges.

"The king," Ponceludon responds slowly, "is not a 'subject.'"

Leconte says he is fascinated with an era when men and women either were adored for their quick brilliance, or were cast aside as so much Versailles rubbish. An agile mind could lead to a countess' boudoir or the king's favor, or to death by duel or suicide in a Darwinian survival of the wittiest.

Leconte was intrigued by this "question of inclusion or exclusion, being in or out of grace," he says. "You could fall out of grace in five seconds. Those who were in favor at the court were walking a tightrope. I tried to translate that to the actors, telling them they must constantly feel at the ready to unleash their sword — that is, their tongue."

While Leconte generally wrote his 13 previous films, the best-known being "Monsieur Hire" and "The Hairdresser's Husband," he says he was instantly drawn to Remi Waterhouse's heavily researched script.

But he didn't want to be encumbered by historical references or advisers, and he let his imagination wander. "I'm sure, for instance, that people didn't stand in a room naked and have servants powdering them," he said, referring to an early, fetching scene with Fanny Ardant as the conspiratorial Countess de Blayac.

Leconte says he would have enjoyed living in an era where wit was "a legal weapon," though he himself would not have been clever enough to last long.

"Alas, in the 18th century, the power of words was real," he said, speaking in both pensive and animated French. "Today it's money. Wit has no value today, but money does."

With his close-cropped hair, a fondness for a flowing black coat and a quick smile, Leconte comes across as both subdued and playful.

He ventures frequently to the cinema and theater, which is how he discovered Charles Berling, an actor who has starred in more than two dozen French plays. Berling performs. Ponceludon, the engineer who comes to the court to seek funding from the king to drain the swamp by his town and rid it of disease, with convincingly increasing bravado.

ACTOR: Rush, Thornton, others sling it out to see who shines brightest

(From 8B)

first won attention as the slow-witted bartender on the long-running TV series "Cheers." He shifted easily into starring roles in such films as "White Men Can't Jump," "Indecent Proposal," "Money Train" and the controversial "Natural Born Killers."

"The People vs. Larry Flynt" has also raised much negative publicity. Activist Gloria Steinem wrote — in an article published in The New York Times and reprinted as an ad in Daily Variety — that the film failed to show depictions in Flynt's Hustler magazine "of women being beaten, raped and tortured, women subject to degradations from bestiality to sexual slavery."

Director Milos Forman denied that the film glorifies pornography. But the flap may influence sedate Academy voters.

✔ **GEOFFREY RUSH**, "Shine." After 20 years in the Australian theater, including an appearance with Mel Gibson in "Waiting for Godot," Rush proceeded warily into films. He claims his fingers won him the role of pianist David Helfgott in his fourth movie, "Shine." Director Scott Hicks was undecided until he looked at Rush's hands.

"Scott was fearful that I might have stumpy, bananalike fingers," said Rush, whose hands are long and slender, suitable to portray a concert pianist.

While avoiding an imitation, Rush studied tapes of Helfgott's staccato, stream-of-consciousness speech. His dialogue may sound ad-lib, but it wasn't. The actor said he delivered the lines as they were written in Jan Sardi's script. "It was like learning a dialect or another language," he said.

✔ **BILLY BOB THORNTON**, "Sling Blade." Orson Welles did it in 1940: directed, co-wrote and starred in "Citizen Kane." He was already a star in theater and radio. Thornton was known only to a few chums in Hollywood and his home-state fans in Arkansas (yes, he is an FOB, friend of Bill Clinton).

Thornton had been in many films, most of them quickies. Deciding he was going nowhere in his career, he created the role of the mentally deficient Karl Childers. He played it as a one-man show, then made a short film to raise $1 million for a feature film. Miramax snapped it up for $10 million.

"I'm so inexperienced in this stuff, I just don't know what do or say right now," Thornton on being informed of his nominations (also for writing) after arriving on the train in Los Angeles (he doesn't fly). He admitted that he has been overlooked in the studios' crush for celebrities — "I get pushed out of the way like everybody else."

That's likely to change after "Sling Blade."

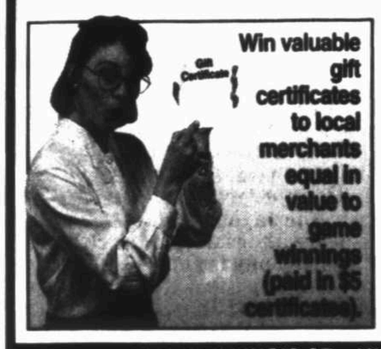
JEDI: Technology can erase as well as add

(From 8B)

As always, the attack on the second Death Star is much more elaborate and attractive than the one in "Star Wars." And despite the fact that it's repeated to death (but then, what is the whole "Star Wars" phenomenon about if not repetition of the same, limited batch of pleasing motifs?), both Luke and Darth Vader's struggles with the Dark side — with their dark sides — have resonance and impact here that neither of the preceding films managed to achieve.

Spiffy as Lucas and his high-tech team's improvements are, the best aspects of "Jedi" remain the contributions of its late director, Richard Marquand. His sense of staging, skill with actors and ability to raise the series' underlying themes from the theoretical to the palpable are still what make "Return of the Jedi" a worthy finish to the most popular film cycle of all time.

Suggestion to Lucas, though: Next time you take a pass at this, keep in mind that computer technology can erase irritating furballs as well as it makes spacecraft blow up better.

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RICHEY: Songwriter at her best with memorable lyrics

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songs here deal with the pain of a break up, or the often intricate ties that bind us together, or the strength both men and women need to endure the conclusion of a relationship. The messages may appeal more to women, but the words apply to men just as well. Her words and melodies cross gender-ational boundaries.

In one of the high points of the record, "I'm Alright" could easily be considered autobiographical. Though Richey is likely singing about a broken heart, the lyrics in "I'm Alright" could just as well be applied to the way she was turned away by the country music fans following her first album. "I'm Alright/Shot down but I'm still standing/I'm Alright/A little banged up from the fall/I'm Alright/Still shaky from the landing."

When her lyrics are somewhat less than her usually sparkling, Richey's ability to write simple yet memorable melodies kicks in, as is the case with "Straight as the Crow Flies."

Particularly impressive are the haunting harmony vocals introduced toward the end of "My Whole World," and the pedal steel work of Dan Dugmore, who remains one of the most sought-after country-rock steel guitarists in the business, and is remembered as a major melodic component in Linda Ronstadt's run at country-rock in the late '70s.

But it is Richey's no-nonsense lyrics that most always emerge in this 12 -song collection that spans almost 50 minutes, virtually unheard of in country except from Richey or Carpenter or Alan Jackson.

Her straight-forward writing style is best described by her own lyrics from "Crow Flies," where she sings, "As sure as day follows night, I won't run a crooked mile, and I won't wait for morning light, I'll come straight as the crow flies."

And she does time and again, cutting through to the meat of the issue and laying it on the line. She is openly honest yet playful when describing the difficulty of facing a doomed relationship on "I Know," where she sings, "I should fix the clock/Feed the cat/Take the clothes to the laundromat/Pay some bills, get a clue/Get up, forget about you."

And on "My Whole World," it's the bittersweet sentiment of "I might be laughing if I weren't the joke" that comes through.

Next to the simple banjo-driven melody of "I'm Alright," the album's other standout where melody and poetry come together is "To Tell The Truth," reminiscent of both Ronstadt and Roy Orbison styles. With a border-style melody and rhythm, Richey sings of two people denying their true feelings for each other.

There are hidden gems at every turn on an album that really falters nowhere. Straightforward, honest and imminently listenable to both male and female, and regardless of whether you favor country, pop or adult contemporary, Richey, who wrote Trisha Yearwood's masterpiece "(Believe Me) Baby I Lied" and Radney Foster's "Nobody Wins" is a crossover star with huge star potential.

Yet what remains puzzling is the listening public's continued hesitancy to welcome such a talented artist.

SXSW: Veterans use Austin festival to try and kick start careers

(From 8B)

is hoping SXSW will help him pull off a career resurgence much like his former Sun Records label-mate, Johnny Cash. And as with Cash's appearance in 1994, Perkins' visit to SXSW will include both the keynote address on Thursday morning and a live show (the bill at Perkins' Friday night set at the Austin Music Hall will also include Soul Coughing, Cake and Dallas' own Jack Ingram). All this is to get ink for the recently released "Go Cat Go!," which includes cameos by Cash, John Fogerty, George Harrison, Willie Nelson and Tom Petty.

Tony Bennett: Bennett's visibility, credibility and, gosh darn it, likability haven't waned since his mondo-comeback in 1994/'95. This time he'll headline a Thursday night show at the Austin Music Hall (which also features Junior Brown) to keep the flame hot and promo his recent "On Holiday" CD, on which he tackles the Billie Holiday songbook.

Peter Wolf: The former lead singer of the J. Geils Band is also on that Austin Music Hall bill, but unlike Brown and Bennett, Wolf really "does" need to come out of SXSW with some bounce. After the success of his first solo effort, 1984's "Lights Out," Wolf's career has cooled off considerably. Last year's "Long Line" was a decent effort, but he has, for whatever reason, chosen it to springboard a career rejuvenation.

His Austin show is part of a rare national tour that includes a stop tomorrow night at Fort Worth's Caravan of Dreams. That will be his first live appearance in Cowtown since early in the Reagan administration.

Debbie Harry: For years, whatever else she's done, Harry has been known primarily as the woman from Blondie. Now she has a new direction as a jazz singer: Harry and New York's Jazz Passengers have just released a collaborative effort, "Individually Twisted." The CD includes a remake of "The Tide Is High" and Harry dueting with Elvis Costello on "Doncha Go 'Way Mad." Harry and the Passengers play a midnight set at Liberty Lunch on Saturday, and then swing into Caravan of Dreams two nights later.

The Jayhawks: The Jayhawks were alternative-country before hardly anyone was using the term or paying attention to Don Walser and Junior Brown. Their 1992 and 1995 CDs, "Hollywood Town Hall" and "Tomorrow the Green Grass," received major critical acclaim.

Then everything changed dramatically. After the "Tomorrow" tour, which included opening dates for Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers, lead vocalist/songwriter Mark Olson left the band to devote more time to wife Victoria Williams, the acclaimed singer/songwriter who suffers from multiple sclerosis. Lead guitarist Gary Louris has assumed the frontman duties.

Think of Keith Richard suddenly becoming both lead guitarist "and" lead vocalist for the Stones and you have some idea of the hurdle the quartet is facing. Their Saturday night set at Stubb's is going to be one of the most closely scrutinized shows of the conference; the band is scheduled to release its new CD, "Sound of Lies," on April 8.

Supergrass: Now that Oasis has broken big in America, the U.S. press is looking for yet another young, poppy English band to embrace. Blur, Suede, and Gene may not be up to snuff (or willing to put in the necessary months of roadwork over here), but Supergrass could get the nod.

The trio's 1995 debut, "I Should Coco," did only so-so here, but the band is a joy live, and lead singer/guitarist Gaz Coombes (who first gained attention in England as much for his enormous sideburns as his talent) has songwriting chops and personality to spare. Like Oasis did with its 1994 debut "Definitely Maybe" and subsequent touring, "Coco" and extended roadwork set the stage for what could be U.S. crossover success. Their 10 p.m. Friday night set at Stubb's is crucial; if they impress there, it will help the buzz for the band's second CD, "In it for the Money," which comes out May 6.

Supersuckers: This Seattle-by-way-of-Arizona quartet has done quite well by fusing devil/hell imagery with a tangy, "loud" stew of punk, metal, rockabilly and blues. Now, however, comes a major switch in direction: The upcoming "Must've Been High" (March 25) goes into alterna-country territory: Recorded at Willie Nelson's home studio, it includes guest appearances by Nelson's harmonica player Mickey Raphael, Houston country-rocker Jesse Dayton and former Breeder Kelley Deal.

The 'suckers are headlining SXSW's one big outdoor show; the Friday night concert will have Dayton as one of two opening acts, and rumor has it that Dayton, Deal and ol' Willie himself will drop by to sit in. We shall see.

CBS makes it official: Gumbel is on the team

By Bill Carter
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NEW YORK — CBS announced Thursday that it had signed Bryant Gumbel, the longtime anchor of NBC's "Today" program, to a deal that would give him his own prime-time news magazine program and three entertainment specials a year. He will also be a co-owner of a company that will produce programs for syndication.

At a news conference, Gumbel, who also had offers from NBC and ABC, said he had decided to join CBS because he was impressed with its executives and enthusiastic about the range of opportunities being offered by the network.

The exact terms of the contract were not disclosed, although Gumbel did say it was a five-year deal. His new salary has been estimated at $5 million to $7 million a year, but the most significant financial arrangement is the partnership established between a new production company to be formed by Gumbel and the syndication arm of CBS, Eyemark.

Several CBS executives said Gumbel would receive stock options as part of the arrangement.

CBS clearly viewed the acquisition of Gumbel as a significant victory, both because of his talent and because of the symbolic value of his hiring to a news division that had been in decline in recent years.

Every important CBS executive, up to chairman Michael Jordan, was present at the news conference, which ended with champagne. Jordan said the hiring of Gumbel represented a "great first step" in the rebuilding of CBS News.

CBS News president Andrew Heyward said, "There is great symbolic value to this: Bryant Gumbel has chosen to come to CBS when he could have gone to any of three networks."

Gumbel noted that ABC told reporters Wednesday that it had withdrawn its offer to him before he chose to sign on with CBS. Clearly disturbed by this tactic, Gumbel said that he had personally informed Michael Eisner, chairman of Walt Disney Co., the parent of ABC, of his decision before someone at ABC tried to leak word that it had withdrawn its offer.

"But I want to take the high road with ABC," Gumbel said, praising both Eisner and ABC News chairman Roone Arledge.

Gumbel said he found it difficult to leave NBC, where he had worked for almost 25 years, especially because he had become a friend and frequent golf partner of Jack Welch, the chairman of NBC's parent company, General Electric.

Welch made several efforts to keep him at NBC, Gumbel said, but the things NBC had to offer were not as enticing as what CBS had, he said.

Gumbel's immediate job will be to help create the news magazine program. CBS president Peter Lund said that it would be on the air in September. Gumbel said he hoped to "invent a new news magazine format."

Asked what this might mean, he said it was likely to include "live television and interviews." Those two elements represent his strengths in television journalism, Gumbel said. But the program will also include a team of correspondents reporting other stories, he said.

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SHORT TAKES

Openers

"Return of the Jedi" opens today at the Tall City 10.

"Sling Blade" opens at the Midland Park Mall.

✔ Second Runs:

"Jackie Chan's First Strike," opens at the NorthPark Cinema.

"101 Dalmatians" opens at the North Park Cinema and the Cine 4.

"Evening Star" opens at the Cine 4.

BOX OFFICE

Top weekend movies

Weekend of March 7-9, 1997

All dollar figures in millions

	Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1	Private Parts $14.6, one week, 2,138 screens	$14.6
2	Jungle 2 Jungle $12.8, one week, 2,316 screens	$12.8
3	The Empire Strikes Back $51.7, three weeks, 2,116 screens	$8
4	Donnie Brasco $23.4, two weeks, 1,593 screens	$7.8
5	Booty Call $13.8, two weeks, 1,272 screens	$4.1
6	Star Wars $130.6, six weeks, 2,037 screens	$3.9
7	Absolute Power $42.1, four weeks, 2,816 screens	$3.7
8	Dante's Peak $56.8, five weeks, 2,279 screens	$3.2
9	Vegas Vacation $30.6, four weeks, 1,873 screens	$2.39
10	Marvin's Room $8.7, 12 weeks, 1,158 screens	$2.37

Top 10 lists

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. All lists c. 1997, Billboard Publications, Inc.:

Video Rentals

1."Phenomenon," (Touchstone)
2."The Fan," (Columbia)
3."A Time to Kill," (Warner)
4."Last Man Standing," (New Line)
5."Jack," (Hollywood)
6."Fargo," (Polygram)
7."Bulletproof," (MCA-Universal)
8."Kingpin," (MGM-UA)
9."Trainspotting," (Miramax)
10."Feeling Minnesota," (New Line)

Top Singles

1."Can't Nobody Hold Me Down," Puff Daddy featuring Mase (Bad Boy)
2."Wannabe," Spice Girls (Virgin)
3."You Were Meant For Me," Jewel (Atlantic)
4."Un-Break My Heart," Toni Braxton (LaFace) (Platinum)
5."In My Bed," Dru Hill (Island)
6."Every Time I Close My Eyes," Babyface (Epic)
7."I Believe I Can Fly," R. Kelly (Warner Sunset-Atlantic) (Platinum)
8."Don't Let Go (Love)," En Vogue (EastWest) (Platinum)
9."For You I Will," Monica (Rowdy-Warner Sunset)
10."Get It Together," 702 (Motown)

Top Albums

1."Pop," U2 (Island)
2."Unchained Melody/The Early Years" LeAnn Rimes (Curb)
3."Falling Into You," Celine Dion (550 Music) (Platinum)
4."Pieces of You," Jewel (Atlantic) (Platinum)
5."Tragic Kingdom," No Doubt (Trauma) (Platinum)

Country Singles

1."We Danced Anyway," Deana Carter (Capitol Nashville)
2."She's Taken a Shine," John Berry (Capitol Nashville)
3."How Was I to Know," Reba McEntire (MCA)
4."She Drew a Broken Heart," Patty Loveless (Epic)
5."(This Ain't) No Thinkin' Thing," Trace Adkins (Capitol Nashville)
6."Holdin'," Diamond Rio (Arista)
7."Rumor Has It," Clay Walker (Reprise)
8."Where Corn Don't Grow," Travis Tritt (Warner Bros.)
9."Unchained Melody," Leann Rimes (Curb)
10."Everything I Love," Alan Jackson (Arista)

Latin Tracks

1."Enamorado Por Primera Vez," Enrique Iglesias (Fonovisa)
2."Juguete," Grupo Limite (Poly-Gram Latino)
3."Ya Me Voy Para Siempre," Los Temerarios (Fonovisa)
4."Quien Pierde Mas," Bronco (Fonovisa)
5."Piensa En Mi," Grupo Mojado (Fonovisa)

Reviews and Previews Editor
Jerry Patterson

Despite furballs, 'Jedi' still satisfying in its return

RETURN OF THE JEDI

By Bob Strauss
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES —Although the new bits in the "Return of the Jedi Special Edition" are very nice, the real fun of seeing the "Star Wars" trilogy climax so soon after the first film's re-release comes from comparing the two pictures.

"Jedi," which is much more like "Star Wars" than the middle film, "The Empire Strikes Back," is by most measures a better production. The special effects are much more elaborate. The acting (especially Harrison Ford's, but even Mark Hamill's) is noticeably improved. And even though the evil Emperor invites Luke to join the Dark Side of the Force about 20 times too many, Lawrence Kasdan's screenplay input keeps George Lucas' clunkier notions to a relative minimum.

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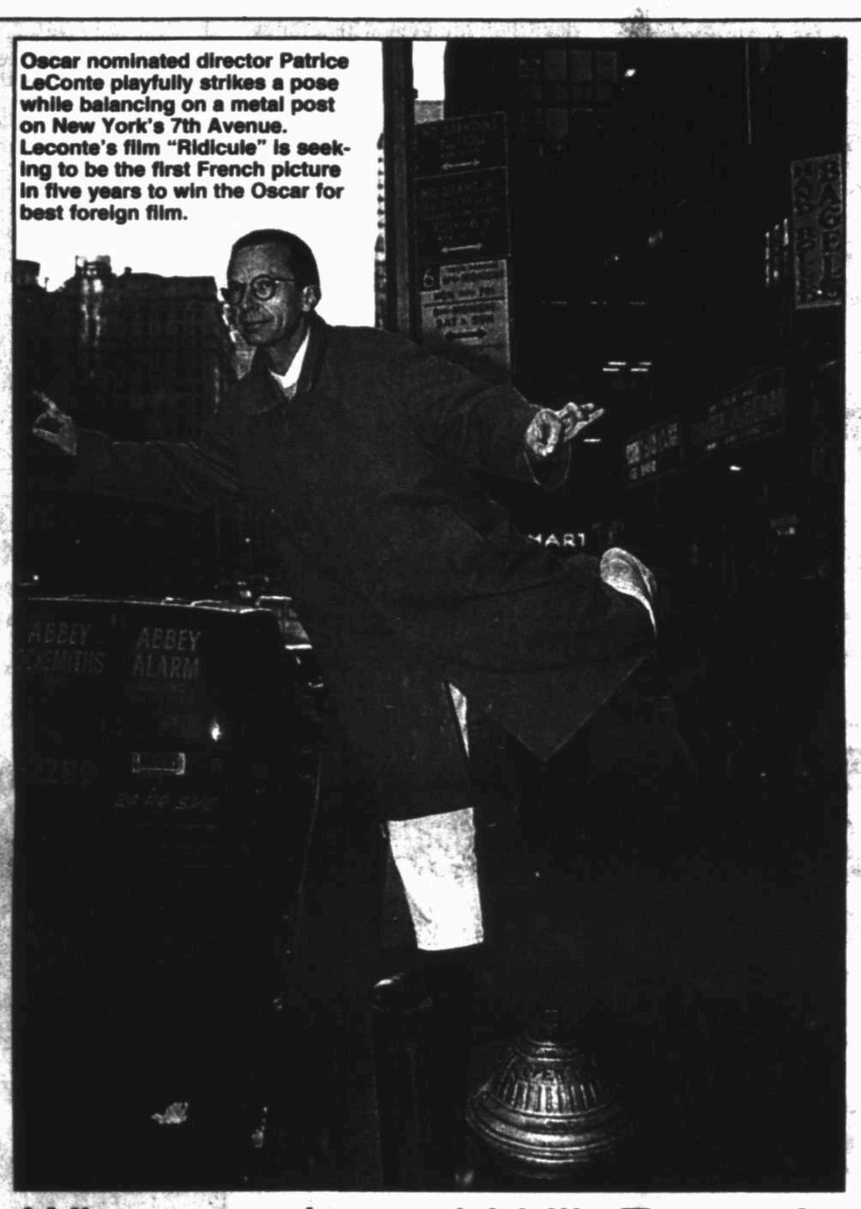
Of course, "Jedi" is still infested with Ewoks, and all the computer enhancements in the world can't counter serious "Star Wars" fans' complaints that they're pretty annoying little merchandising rodents. But at least a bunch of 'em still get killed.

Those of you who aren't concerned with how many plush toys George can sell will be happy to hear that "Jedi's" coolest, ickiest sequences — the stuff at Jabba the Hutt's headquarters of horrors and outside his flying barge — have been enhanced. There's a new, more elaborate alien orgy production number (with better music), and that thing in the Tatooine sand pit has grown more tentacles and a nasty looking beak.

There are some impressive new computerscapes at the end of the movie, too. But not all the improvements are visual. Remember that white-knuckle speeder bike chase through the forests of Endor? They've revved up the sound of that thing to ear-splitting decibels, and the sonic assault adds an entirely new degree of delicious unease to one of the most kinetic sequences in cinema history.

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Countdown to Oscar



Oscar nominated director Patrice LeConte playfully strikes a pose while balancing on a metal post on New York's 7th Avenue. Leconte's film "Ridicule" is seeking to be the first French picture in five years to win the Oscar for best foreign film.

When words could kill: France's 'Ridicule' seeks foreign statuette

By Terril Yue Jones
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Fresh from dominating the French version of the Academy Awards, "Ridicule" is seeking to be the first French movie in five years to win an Academy Award for best foreign film.

It is a tale of how biting commentary and sharp comebacks made one a survivor in the days when words could kill.

"Ridicule," director Patrice Leconte's story of acid wit and quick tongues in the court of Louis XVI, won four French Cesars, including best picture, best director, best costume and best art direction.

"It's a story of ambition, of suspicion, of wit that is relevant to today's society," Leconte said during a recent visit to New York. "There is no royalty or court today, but you don't need a court to have courtesans. I see parallels in the modern world — in medicine, politics, banking, a newspaper for example. Journalists, messengers, the chief editor — they're all courtesans and courtiers."

One of France's most popular films of 1996, "Ridicule" is the tale of Gregoire Ponceludon de Malavoy, a lowly provincial count with high ideals, a kind heart and a lightning mind. He travels to Versailles, talking his way into the court to seek the king's aid in ridding his home region in southern France of disease-infested mosquitoes.

"I hear you are a master wit," the

Please see RIDICULE/6B

Best Actor race features two Cinderellas: Geoffrey Rush, Billy Bob Thornton

By Bob Thomas
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Critics may say that it's easy to win an Academy Award by playing a mentally troubled character. Witness — among others — Joanne Woodward, "The Three Faces of Eve"; Cliff Robertson, "Charly"; Jack Nicholson, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"; Dustin Hoffman, "Rain Man"; Jessica Lange, "Blue Sky." Yet the performances by two Oscar nominees for best actor — Billy Bob Thornton ("Sling Blade")

■ The Academy Awards air March 24 at 8 p.m. on ABC.

and Geoffrey Rush ("Shine"), like those listed above, were highly original and deftly sustained. Academy voters will be hard put to choose between the pair — or any of the three other candidates for the acting honor.

Rush, an Australian stage actor, was thrust into international fame with his portrayal of Australian concert pianist David Helfgott, who triumphed over mental illness.

Thornton, an Arkansan who wrote himself the role of a retarded man with homicidal tendencies, went on to direct the movie to great success.

Nominated for best actor of '96:









Clockwise from top left, Best Actor nominees Billy Bob Thornton, Geoffrey Rush, Tom Cruise, Woody Harrelson and Ralph Fiennes.

✔ **TOM CRUISE**, "Jerry Maguire." Cruise made his film debut in 1981 in "Endless Love" and became a star two years later in "Risky Business," playing a high-school senior running a cathouse during his parents' vacation. He seemed destined for a career in youth films, but he escaped that fate by following with such movies as "The Color of Money," "Top Gun" and "Rain Man."

As a paraplegic anti-war activist in "Born on the Fourth of July," he scored his first Oscar nomination. Except for a few dips ("Days of Thunder," "Far and Away"), his rise continued, and now he ranks among the screen's most popular stars. His official biography declares that his films have earned nearly $3 billion worldwide.

The role of the hyperactive sports agent was tailor-made for Cruise, and he dominates every scene. "Jerry Maguire" was the only film among the five nominated for best actor to be a big seller ($135 domestic gross and counting). That kind of success often makes an impression on Academy voters.

✔ **RALPH FIENNES**, "The English Patient." In his brief film career, Fiennes has shown his virtuosity in two memorable roles: as the vicious death-camp commander in "Schindler's List" (his first Oscar nomination) and the defamed intellectual in "Quiz Show."

"The English Patient" offered another stiff challenge: as the morally ambivalent Hungarian count who charts unknown parts of the Sahara and assists the invading Germans in the desert war. It was a grueling role, playing much of the movie in scar-tissue make-up that obscured his face.

Fiennes paid tribute to Saul Zaentz, the American producer who took a difficult novel and made a successful film against all odds: "He's been a very benevolent, supportive, almost paternal presence on the set every day; he's never interfered."

✔ **WOODY HARRELSON**, "The People vs. Larry Flynt." He

Please see ACTOR/6B

Richey: Shot down but still standing



Kim Richey, above, adds another sparkling collection to her musical portfolio with 'Bitter Sweet."

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

With the exception of Mary Chapin Carpenter, no one can convey women's concerns in mainstream country music like Kim Richey. And only Carpenter and Richey can take songs that can be classified basically as women's songs and make them so universally appealing to listeners regardless of gender.

So why's nobody listening to Kim Richey?

Richey's self-titled 1995 debut album was a work of modern crossover art. It remains a highlight of middle-of-the-road country in the '90s. Her second album, "Bitter Sweet," released last week, is much like her first in that it will, in all likelihood, be widely hailed by critics yet universally ignored by fans. Which is utterly baffling.

In a world filled with indistinguishable, blue-eyed, blond-haired, ab-obsessed,10-gallon-hat wearing zombies and their female counterparts, it's amazing that Nashville can't find enough room for someone of Richey's quality. Which raises another question: If Mary Chapin Carpenter can be so warmly embraced by the fickle country fandom — and deservedly so — then why won't people buy into Richey?

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"Bitter Sweet" could almost be considered a concept album. Most all the

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Established artists join with newcomers at Austin's SXSW

By Dave Ferman
N.Y. Times News Service

AUSTIN -- Out in the real world, Guitar Wolf and Yo La Tengo inhabit far different places in pop music.

Tengo, led by former music critic Ira Kaplan, is a much-lauded alternative outfit from Hoboken, N.J.; Guitar Wolf is a hard-rock band from Tokyo, largely unknown in the United States and with precisely one CD available.

This week's South By Southwest, however, is a great leveler, because on Friday night both bands will get about 45 minutes onstage to impress the music industry folks filling Liberty Lunch, a small club with an outdoor patio just a stone's throw from downtown Austin.

Exposure is the name of the game at SXSW — well, that and staying out late, drinking like a fish, scarfing Mexican food and barbecue and, for those from the Northeast, getting out of the snow and the cold for a blessed few days.

But there are some SXSW acts that are not only trying to be seen, heard and written about in glowing terms, but also need the conference to kick-start a career rebirth.

The reasons are numerous: The performer or group may have taken a break from touring or putting out new CDs. Or they're trying out a new musical direction. Or they're attempting a comeback after personnel changes. Or they're trying to get the American rock press to sit up a little straighter and take a second look. And here's a look at some of them.

Carl Perkins: Mr. Blue Suede Shoes

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SPORTS BRIEFING

TV Sports

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, NCAA Tournament, first round games, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., CBS.

NCAA Tournament, first round games, 6:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m., CBS.

TENNIS — Champions Cup, men's quarterfinal match, noon, ESPN.

GOLF — Senior PGA Golf, Toshiba Senior Classic, first round, 2 p.m., ESPN.

PGA Honda Classic, second round, 3 p.m., USA.

MOTOR SPORTS — Monster Truck Challenge V (same-day tape), 7 p.m., TNN.

BOXING — Champion Kevin Kelly (45-1-2) vs. opponent TBA for WBU featherweight championship, 7:30 p.m., ESPN.

NHL — Chicago Blackhawks at Dallas Stars, 7:30 p.m., FSS.

Texas Scores

NBA — Dallas Mavericks 109, Boston Celtics 107.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL — Texas Rangers 8, Minnesota Twins 5.

Houston Astros vs. New York Mets, ppd, rain.

Lee Soccer Pairing

The Midland Lee girls soccer team will travel to Lubbock Monterey for its area round playoff game Tuesday at 7 p.m. against Canyon Randall.

Lee (15-6 for the season) advanced to the playoffs after a 3-2 win over San Angelo Central in a District 7 playoff for the third seed. Lee will face Randall, which won the District 5 title and holds a 9-7 record.

Denton 12th

CLIFTON PARK, N.Y. — Midland's John Denton finished the fifth round of the PBA Albany Senior Open in 12th place Thursday.

Denton, who was sixth after the fourth round, missed out on the five-man final, but collected $1,800 after knocking over 9,706 pins in the 42 games. For the tournament, Denton was 12-11-1.

Bowling legend Earl Anthony was the top qualifier for the final.

4-5A Baseball

	District W	L	Pct.	Overall W	L	Pct.
Midland Lee	1	0	1.000	8	7	.533
Abilene Cooper	1	0	1.000	12	3	.800
Odessa High	1	0	.000	3	11	.214
SA Central	0	0	.000	11	3	.769
Odessa Permian	0	1	.000	7	5	.583
Abilene High	0	1	.000	10	9	.769
Midland High	0	1	.000	9	7	.563

Thursday's Games

Midland High 11, Lubbock Monterey 0; Odessa High 9, Odessa Permian 4.

Saturday's Games

Midland Lee at Odessa High, 2 p.m.; Odessa Permian at Midland High, 2 p.m.; Abilene High at San Angelo Central, 2 p.m.; Abilene Cooper at Euless Trinity, 7 p.m.

San Antonio picked

SAN ANTONIO — The Alamodome was named Thursday as the site for the Big 12's football championship game between North and South divisions on Saturday, Dec. 6.

"We're excited about giving football fans in this region a chance to see one of the nation's premier championship games," said commissioner Steve Hatchell.

"We have been pleased with the bids we received from a number of cities for the game and we are really happy about the 1997 site. San Antonio offers a great atmosphere, many local attractions and a fine facility in the Alamodome."

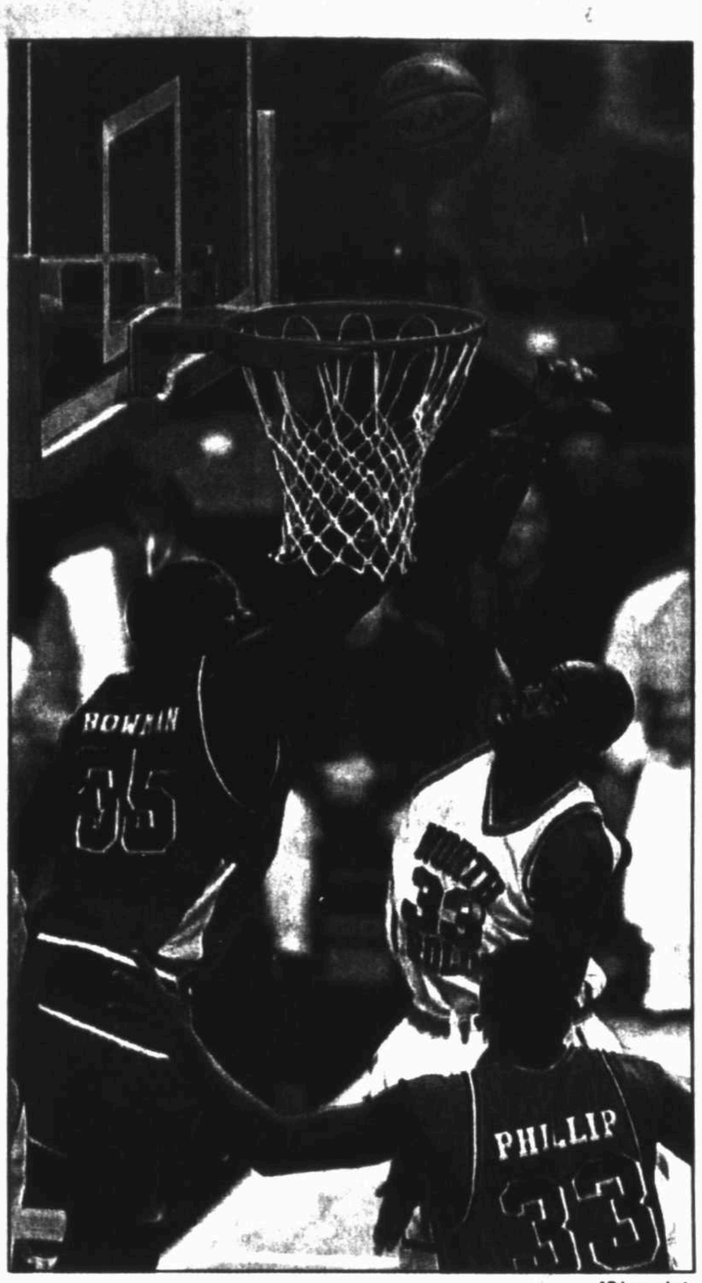
The TWA Dome in St. Louis hosted the first game between Texas and Nebraska and fell short of capacity although it produced $500,000 in additional revenue for conference schools. Texas won 37-27. That site fell in Big 12 North territory. The second game will be squarely on South land.

Missouri's Joe Castiglione, the Big 12 director of athletics chairman, said "the directors liked the idea of moving the championship to different geographical sites to offer increased exposure in new areas for the Big 12. We were very pleased with the support and the reception we had in the inaugural game in St. Louis last December."

Capacity in the Alamodome is 65,000. ABC will televise the event, which is sponsored by Dr. Pepper.

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Tar Heels fend off Fairfield



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Fairfield's Shannon Bowman (35) hacks North Carolina's Antawn Jamison (33) as Darren Phillip (33) looks on. North Carolina survided a scare, winning 82-74 Thursday in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The game was played in Winston-Salem, N.C.

■ North Carolina's close victory lets Smith tie Kentucky legend Rupp for most coaching wins in history.

By Jim O'Connell
AP Basketball Writer

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — History came with a huge scare for Dean Smith.

In a surprisingly close game, Smith tied Adolph Rupp as the winningest NCAA basketball coach of all time Thursday night when North Carolina beat Fairfield 82-74 in the opening round of the East Regional.

With all the pregame talk surrounding victory No. 876 for Smith, somebody forgot to tell Fairfield (11-19) it was supposed to play like a No. 16 seed.

Instead, the Stags, one of two teams in the 64-team field with a losing record, played a nearly flawless first half and led by seven points. They stayed with the Tar Heels until the final minute before the pro-North Carolina crowd in Joel Coliseum, just 80 miles from the Chapel Hill campus, stood and cheered Smith.

Smith, who deflected talk about the record all week, laughed with relief after the Tar Heels (25-6) rallied for their 13th straight victory.

When North Carolina players were asked what Smith said at halftime, the coach interrupted and said, "We talked about the record. Oh, you mean after the win-one-for-the-Gipper speech?"

The victory gave Smith an 876-253 record in his 36th season at North Carolina. Rupp, who died in 1977, had an 876-190 record in 41 years at Kentucky.

Smith will go for the record Saturday against Colorado, an 80-62 winner over Indiana.

Smith already has a few records all to himself. The win was his 62nd in the NCAA tournament and it was his 23rd consecutive NCAA appearance.

Smith said the Tar Heels beat Fairfield by playing their best basketball of the season in the second half.

"We were pounding the ball inside but we couldn't stop them. They were hitting against the zone and the man-to-man," he said.

The Tar Heels shot 63 percent from the field in the second half and finished at 51 percent for the game, the ninth straight time they have done that. They committed just two turnovers — a school record.

Still, they couldn't shake Fairfield, which was trying to make history of its own by becoming the first No. 16 seed to win a tournament game.

"They were like mosquitoes out there," North Carolina forward Antawn Jamison said. "They did one of the awesome jobs of the year. They were on fire, they couldn't miss anything and once they started getting things going they got a lot of confidence."

Fairfield shot 56 percent in the first half and 49 percent for the game, including 12-for-24 from 3-point range.

"Isn't that great about athletics?" Smith said of Fairfield. "That a team can get that focused. I am extremely impressed with the job they did."

North Carolina didn't take the lead for good until Jamison's layup with 7:07 to play put the Tar Heels ahead, 61-59. Fairfield was never behind by more than five points until Serge

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12th-seed College of Charleston knocks out 5th-seeded Maryland

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — College of Charleston convinced a few more skeptics Thursday night.

Stacy Harris scored 22 points as the Cougars upset Maryland 75-66 in the first round of the Southeast Regional. It is ninth straight year a No. 12 seed has beaten a No. 5 seed in the NCAA tournament.

"We came out, we played hard, we played smart, we got the job done, we move on," said College of Charleston coach John Kresse. "We've got some guys who can play in the big leagues. They proved it once again. Now we legitimately believe we belong in the NCAA tournament."

Although they entered the tournament with a 28-2 record and 22-game winning streak, the Cougars didn't get much respect as champions of the Trans America Athletic Conference. But they showed they were for real against Maryland (21-11), which plays in the elite Atlantic Coast Conference.

"This ballclub moves on, and we'll ... see if the dream season can continue just a little bit longer," Kresse said.

Since 1989, a dozen No. 12 seeds have beaten No. 5 seeds in the tournament. And five of those lower seeds have gone on to reach the regional semifinals.

Texas, Wisconsin feature opposite types of attacks

By Alan Robinson
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Maybe Texas doesn't belong in the NCAA tournament. What worries Wisconsin is once the Longhorns get there, they usually hang around.

In an intriguing matchup of styles as contrasting as their states' cuisines — ever seen a cheesehead in Austin? — Texas' run-and-shoot meets Wisconsin's slow-motion defense Friday in the NCAA East Regional.

"We like to run the floor, they like to run the clock," Texas coach Tom Penders said. "It should be fun."

Other pairings as the NCAA tournament visits Pittsburgh for the first time: South Carolina (24-7) vs. Coppin State (21-8), New Mexico (24-7) vs. Old Dominion (22-10) and Louisville (23-8) vs. Massachusetts (19-13).

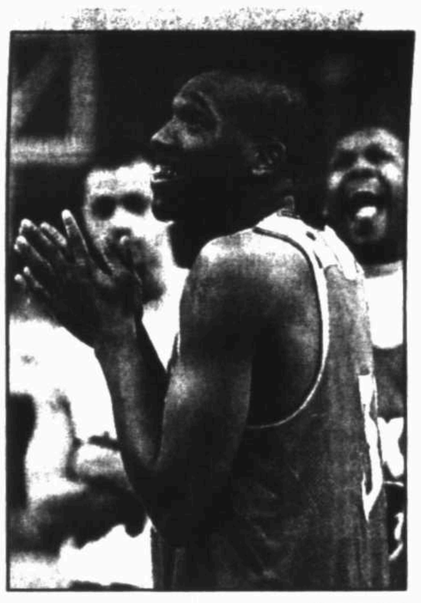
There's a 'D' in Badgers but no 'O,' and that might be Texas' biggest advantage as the Longhorns (16-11) shoot — literally — to go 8-1 in first-round NCAA games under coach Tom Penders.

The Longhorns made it despite fewer victories than any at-large team in tournament history, and a two-game losing streak. Their argument for inclusion: A Top Ten-loaded schedule as demanding as their up-and-down pace.

"People said a lot about us — even in Austin — that we don't belong, but we know we do," said Texas star Reggie Freeman, whose 521 shots were more than Wisconsin's top two scorers combined. "We usually do well in the tournament."

The Badgers (18-9) rode an upset of No. 3 Minnesota to its best regular season in 80 years and an unexpectedly high No. 7 seed.

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AP Laserphoto

Texas Longhorn guard Reggie Freeman laughs it up during practice Thursday in Pittsburgh. The 'Horns take on Wisconsin Friday in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Representative introduces bill to eliminate UIL

AUSTIN (AP) — A state lawmaker who has disagreed with University Interscholastic League rules in the past wants to abolish the league, which oversees sports and other extracurricular activities in Texas public schools.

Under a bill sponsored by Rep. Ric Williamson, R-Weatherford, the UIL's rulemaking authority would be transferred to the state education commissioner.

The UIL's state executive committee, currently comprised of school administrators, would be replaced with a 12-person advisory committee made up of sports, academic and arts coaches as well as three citizens who have never worked for or represented their school district.

The committee members would be appointed by the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the House and the education commissioner.

Debbie Graves Ratcliffe, a spokeswoman for the Texas Education Agency, said Education Commissioner Mike Moses "has not reviewed the bill, so we won't have any comment at this time."

Williamson said he believes the UIL is currently a private organization that is violating state law by imposing hiring and firing standards on public schools.

"I think the time has come for the people who participate in UIL and state government to make a decision about what UIL is," Williamson said. "Is it a private, not-regulated-by-the-state organization, or is it a state agency? If it is a state agency, it should function as a state

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Midland High stuns No. 3 Monterey

Staff report

LUBBOCK — It couldn't possibly have been the same group of players out on the field at Lubbock Monterey High School Thursday.

That group of players coming out of the visiting dugout couldn't have been the same Midland High baseball team which had dropped its District 4-5A opener to crosstown rival Midland Lee in uninspiring fashion Tuesday afternoon. Those guys were nowhere to be found.

And the host team representing Monterey couldn't have been the same outfit which came into the game ranked No. 3 in the state according to the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association poll. That team, which had defeated Midland High and Lee by a combined 23 runs in the Tournament of Champions 12 days earlier, was also nowhere in evidence.

What transpired was nothing short of a total role reversal, as the Bulldogs looked like a team which could have been defending state champions and Monterey resembled a struggling young team which had a hard time making plays in the field. It was a shocking display of domination by Midland High, which beat the Plainsmen every which way imaginable in an 11-0 non-district rout.

In less than 48 hours, the Bulldogs (9-7) went from a team

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Lady Longhorns' coach feels set up against SWTS



AP Laserphoto

Texas basketball coach Jody Conradt is apprehensive about playing Southwest Texas State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament Friday.

By Chip Brown
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Texas women's basketball coach Jody Conradt feels like she's been set up.

Her Lady Longhorns (21-7) will play their first-round NCAA tournament game Saturday night at home against Southwest Texas State (17-11), a school that has lived in Texas' shadow, 30 miles south of Austin, and would love to play giant-killer.

"I think the whole game is emotional and mental," Conradt said. "I don't even think it's going to get down to physical ability.

"On paper, we would have to win this game," Conradt said. "They are not expected to win, and if people believe in that scenario, people are in for a shock."

The Lady Longhorns and Bobcats will take the court following a first-round game between Notre Dame (27-6) and Memphis (22-6).

Conradt was impressed with the Bobcats' 77-65 upset of Stephen F. Austin in the Southland Conference tournament final last weekend.

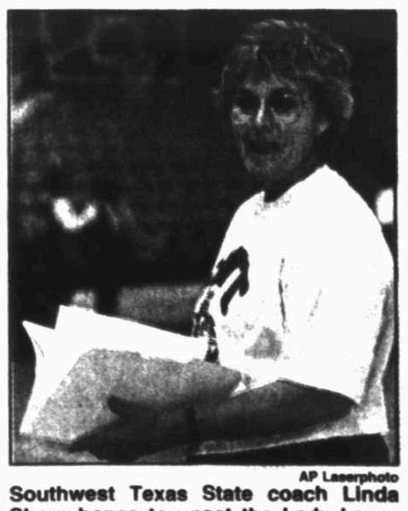
"I looked at how emotionally high they were for the Stephen F. Austin game, and they are playing well and have a lot to prove in this particular game," Conradt said.

"They probably feel like they have been in our shadow," she said. "There have been a lot of huge upsets under these circumstances. Remember Princeton and UCLA last year? I think we've been set up."

Conradt, whose team lost to Colorado in its first Big 12 tournament game, says the Lady Longhorns have been sluggish lately.

"We haven't been playing as consistently as I would like," Conradt

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AP Laserphoto

Southwest Texas State coach Linda Sharp hopes to upset the Lady Longhorns, her neighbors to the near north.

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Thornton goes for Southern discomfort in 'Sling Blade'

By Michael H. Price
N.Y. Times News Service

■ "Sling Blade" opens today at Midland Park Mall.

When Shirley MacLaine met Billy Bob Thornton as they promoted their new movies on the film-festival circuit, she asked the actor-turned-filmmaker how he attached the prosthetic device that had altered his face so drastically for the Southern drama "Sling Blade."

"He said, 'What device?'" MacLaine recalled. "And I said, 'Whatever it is that you used, to make your jaw protrude like that' — and he suddenly pokes out his jaw and takes on that slow, gravelly voice, like in his movie, and says: 'Yew mean lak' this hyar?' — and I felt I couldn't believe my eyes! He's really a dedicated talent, to put himself through that kind of change for the sake of a role."

Thornton, 41, a busy character actor and screenwriter, had to be especially dedicated for his latest project. He is not only lead player but the author and director of "Sling Blade," the story of an avenging misfit searching for a place to call home.

"It was startling, all right, to see him work as both a director and as his character," said camera operator Jonathan Brown. "We would become engrossed watching him as this strange, almost deformed, character, and then he would say, 'Cut!' and instantly change into a totally different person."

The artist — a small-town Arkansan whose crucial inspiration seems to have been Elvis Presley — has become a quiet phenomenon within the film business. He not only writes screenplays for such name-brand stars as Robert Duvall and Fort Worth native Bill Paxton ("One False Move") but has also gained recognition as a supporting actor.

Duvall, who commissioned the screenplay for his starring picture "A Family Thing" (1996) from Thornton and screenwriting chum Tom Epperson, described the new film as tilted — "wacko, in a legitimate way, in the way that Billy Bob knows how to do."

"He's a true Southern voice," said Duvall, likening Thornton to such literary ancestors as William Faulkner, Harper Lee, Davis Grubb and Horton Foote. Thornton cites Erskine Caldwell as a role model.

Added John Ritter, with whom Thornton worked on the TV series "Hearts Afire" and who plays a key supporting role in "Sling Blade": "Billy Bob has one of the most original minds I've ever encountered."

Thornton refuses to let old ties lapse. Alongside Ritter, Duvall and singer-actor Dwight Yoakam, Thornton cast high school chum Rick Dial in a crucial role. And when preparing to shoot on location in Benton, Ark., Thornton took the crew to his nearby hometown, Malvern, to show them locations in the script that he knew from childhood.

"We couldn't shoot in Malvern," location chief George Vowteras said, "because it's a much smaller town, further from Little Rock, and it would have been difficult to accommodate the crew. But it helped us to understand what Billy Bob had in mind."

What Thornton apparently has in mind is intimately and accurately portraying his vision of the South, as Dickens portrayed London, Woody Allen depicted Manhattan and Erskine Caldwell revealed the Deeper South.

"Tom Epperson and I, we've written a lot more than's ever got produced," Thornton said, describing big-studio high-concept assignments that require formula-bound writing. "The studios'll tell us to come up with a cross between 'Aliens' and 'Rocky II,' and we just don't know" that stuff. We can write formula, but we don't feel formula. When it's our idea, that's when it's our best work.

"One of the things that bothers me most," he continued, "is that most Southern movies have not been made by Southerners. They're written by New Yorkers or Californians — a strange fascination with the source, but fascination doesn't mean authenticity. It helps to remember that the South is a storytelling culture: Storytelling, that's your life. No wonder the South has produced so many good writers, because that's what you do: transform things with the power of imagination, and it never gets out of your blood."

Thornton speaks from experience. As a child, he was interested in music, acting and sports. His father, a coach, encouraged athletic involvement. His mother encouraged artistic pursuits.

Elvis Presley tipped the scales.

"When I first saw Elvis in the movies," said Thornton, "I knew I wanted to be a movie star or a rock 'n' roll singer — one or the other." Music still commands his attention. During the scoring of "Sling Blade," Thornton said, he "pretty well made myself at home" in the studio of composer Daniel Lanois.

"In fact," Thornton said, "the next movie I try to direct, it's gonna be a little bit autobiographical — about my days back then, in a little town, trying to get some music together. Sort of a what-if? story."

RIDICULE: Wit as a legal weapon

(From 8B)

king exclaims when the two finally meet. "Here, make a joke right now. Make one about me," he challenges.

"The king," Ponceludon responds slowly, "is not a 'subject.'"

Leconte says he is fascinated with an era when men and women either were adored for their quick brilliance, or were cast aside as so much Versailles rubbish. An agile mind could lead to a countess' boudoir or the king's favor, or to death by duel or suicide in a Darwinian survival of the wittiest.

Leconte was intrigued by this "question of inclusion or exclusion, being in or out of grace," he says. "You could fall out of grace in five seconds. Those who were in favor at the court were walking a tightrope. I tried to translate that to the actors, telling them they must constantly feel at the ready to unleash their sword — that is, their tongue."

While Leconte generally wrote his 13 previous films, the best-known being "Monsieur Hire" and "The Hairdresser's Husband," he says he was instantly drawn to Remi Waterhouse's heavily researched script.

But he didn't want to be encumbered by historical references or advisers, and he let his imagination wander. "I'm sure," for instance, that people didn't stand in a room naked and have servants powdering them," he said, referring to an early, fetching scene with Fanny Ardant as the conspiratorial Countess de Blayac.

Leconte says he would have enjoyed living in an era where wit was "a legal weapon," though he himself would not have been clever enough to last long.

"Alas, in the 18th century, the power of words was real," he said, speaking in both pensive and animated French. "Today it's money. Wit has no value today, but money does."

With his close-cropped hair, a fondness for a flowing black coat and a quick smile, Leconte comes across as both subdued and playful.

He ventures frequently to the cinema and theater, which is how he discovered Charles Berling, an actor who has starred in more than two dozen French plays. Berling performs Ponceludon, the engineer who comes to the court to seek funding from the king to drain the swamp by his town and rid it of disease, with convincingly increasing bravado.

ACTOR: Rush, Thornton, others sling it out to see who shines brightest

(From 8B)

first won attention as the slow-witted bartender on the long-running TV series "Cheers." He shifted easily into starring roles in such films as "White Men Can't Jump," "Indecent Proposal," "Money Train" and the controversial "Natural Born Killers."

"The People vs. Larry Flynt" has also raised much negative publicity. Activist Gloria Steinem wrote — in an article published in The New York Times and reprinted as an ad in Daily Variety — that the film failed to show depictions in Flynt's Hustler magazine "of women being beaten, raped and tortured, women subject to degradations from bestiality to sexual slavery."

Director Milos Forman denied that the film glorifies pornography. But the flap may influence sedate Academy voters.

✔ **GEOFFREY RUSH**, "Shine." After 20 years in the Australian theater, including an appearance with Mel Gibson in "Waiting for Godot," Rush proceeded warily into films. He claims his fingers won him the role of pianist David Helfgott in his fourth movie, "Shine." Director Scott Hicks was undecided until he looked at Rush's hands.

"Scott was fearful that I might have stumpy, bananalike fingers," said Rush, whose hands are long and slender, suitable to portray a concert pianist.

While avoiding an imitation, Rush studied tapes of Helfgott's staccato, stream-of-consciousness speech. His dialogue may sound ad-lib, but it wasn't. The actor said he delivered the lines as they were written in Jan Sardi's script. "It was like learning a dialect or another language," he said.

✔ **BILLY BOB THORNTON**, "Sling Blade." Orson Welles did it in 1940: directed, co-wrote and starred in "Citizen Kane." He was already a star in theater and radio. Thornton was known only to a few chums in Hollywood and his home-state fans in Arkansas (yes, he is an FOB, friend of Bill Clinton).

Thornton had been in many films, most of them quickies. Deciding he was going nowhere in his career, he created the role of the mentally deficient Karl Childers. He played it as a one-man show, then made a short film to raise $1 million for a feature film. Miramax snapped it up for $10 million.

"I'm so inexperienced in this stuff, I just don't know what to do or say right now," Thornton on being informed of his nominations (also for writing) after arriving on the train in Los Angeles (he doesn't fly). He admitted that he has been overlooked in the studios' crush for celebrities — "I get pushed out of the way like everybody else."

That's likely to change after "Sling Blade."

JEDI: Technology can erase as well as add

(From 8B)

As always, the attack on the second Death Star is much more elaborate and attractive than the one in "Star Wars." And despite the fact that it's repeated to death (but then, what is the whole "Star Wars" phenomenon about if not repetition of the same, limited batch of pleasing motifs?), both Luke and Darth Vader's struggles with the Dark side — with their dark sides — have resonance and impact here that neither of the preceding films managed to achieve.

Spiffy as Lucas and his high-tech team's improvements are, the best aspects of "Jedi" remain the contributions of its late director, Richard Marquand. His sense of staging, skill with actors and ability to raise the series' underlying themes from the theoretical to the palpable are still what make "Return of the Jedi" a worthy finish to the most popular film cycle of all time.

Suggestion to Lucas, though: Next time you take a pass at this, keep in mind that computer technology can erase irritating furballs as well as it makes spacecraft blow up better.

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RICHEY: Songwriter at her best with memorable lyrics

(From 8B)

songs here deal with the pain of a break up, or the often intricate ties that bind us together, or the strength both men and women need to endure the conclusion of a relationship. The messages may appeal more to women, but the words apply to men just as well. Her words and melodies cross gender-ational boundaries.

In one of the high points of the record, "I'm Alright" could easily be considered autobiographical. Though Richey is likely singing about a broken heart, the lyrics in "I'm Alright" could just as well be applied to the way she was turned away by the country music fans following her first album. "I'm Alright/Shot down but I'm still standing/I'm Alright/A little banged up from the fall/I'm Alright/Still shaky from the landing."

When her lyrics are somewhat less than her usually sparkling, Richey's ability to write simple yet memorable melodies kicks in, as is the case with "Straight as the Crow Flies."

Particularly impressive are the haunting harmony vocals introduced toward the end of "My Whole World," and the pedal steel work of Dan Dugmore, who remains one of the most sought-after country-rock steel guitarists in the business, and is remembered as a major melodic component in Linda Ronstadt's run at country-rock in the late '70s.

But it is Richey's no-nonsense lyrics that most always emerge in this 12 -song collection that spans almost 50 minutes, virtually unheard of in country except from Richey or Carpenter or Alan Jackson.

Her straight-forward writing style is best described by her own lyrics from "Crow Flies," where she sings, "As sure as day follows night, I won't run a crooked mile, and I won't wait for morning light, I'll come straight as the crow flies."

And she does time and again, cutting through to the meat of the issue and laying it on the line. She is openly honest yet playful when describing the difficulty of facing a doomed relationship on "I Know," where she sings, "I should fix the clock/Feed the cat/Take the clothes to the laundromat/Pay some bills, get a clue/Get up, forget about you."

And on "My Whole World," it's the bittersweet sentiment of "I might be laughing if I weren't the joke" that comes through.

Next to the simple banjo-driven melody of "I'm Alright," the album's other standout where melody and poetry come together is "To Tell The Truth," reminiscent of both Ronstadt and Roy Orbison styles. With a border-style melody and rhythm, Richey sings of two people denying their true feelings for each other.

There are hidden gems at every turn on an album that really falters nowhere. Straightforward, honest and imminently listenable to both male and female, and regardless of whether you favor country, pop or adult contemporary, Richey, who wrote Trisha Yearwood's masterpiece "(Believe Me) Baby I Lied" and Radney Foster's "Nobody Wins" is a crossover star with huge star potential.

Yet what remains puzzling is the listening public's continued hesitancy to welcome such a talented artist.

SXSW: Veterans use Austin festival to try and kick start careers

(From 8B)

is hoping SXSW will help him pull off a career resurgence much like his former Sun Records label-mate, Johnny Cash. And as with Cash's appearance in 1994, Perkins' visit to SXSW will include both the keynote address on Thursday morning and a live show (the bill at Perkins' Friday night set at the Austin Music Hall will also include Soul Coughing, Cake and Dallas' own Jack Ingram). All this is to get ink for the recently released "Go Cat Go!," which includes cameos by Cash, John Fogerty, George Harrison, Willie Nelson and Tom Petty.

Tony Bennett: Bennett's visibility, credibility and, gosh darn it, likability haven't waned since his mondo-comeback in 1994/'95. This time he'll headline a Thursday night show at the Austin Music Hall (which also features Junior Brown) to keep the flame hot and promo his recent "On Holiday" CD, on which he tackles the Billie Holiday songbook.

Peter Wolf: The former lead singer of the J. Geils Band is also on that Austin Music Hall bill, but unlike Brown and Bennett, Wolf really "does" need to come out of SXSW with some bounce. After the success of his first solo effort, 1984's "Lights Out," Wolf's career has cooled off considerably. Last year's "Long Line" was a decent effort, but he has, for whatever reason, chosen it to springboard a career rejuvenation.

His Austin show is part of a rare national tour that includes a stop tomorrow night at Fort Worth's Caravan of Dreams. That will be his first live appearance in Cowtown since early in the Reagan administration.

Debbie Harry: For years, whatever else she's done, Harry has been known primarily as the woman from Blondie. Now she has a new direction as a jazz singer: Harry and New York's Jazz Passengers have just released a collaborative effort, "Individually Twisted." The CD includes a remake of "The Tide Is High" and Harry dueting with Elvis Costello on "Doncha Go 'Way Mad." Harry and the Passengers play a midnight set at Liberty Lunch on Saturday, and then swing into Caravan of Dreams two nights later.

The Jayhawks: The Jayhawks were alternative-country before hardly anyone was using the term or paying attention to Don Walser and Junior Brown. Their 1992 and 1995 CDs, "Hollywood Town Hall" and "Tomorrow the Green Grass," received major critical acclaim.

Then everything changed dramatically. After the "Tomorrow" tour, which included opening dates for Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers, lead vocalist/songwriter Mark Olson left the band to devote more time to wife Victoria Williams, the acclaimed singer/songwriter who suffers from multiple sclerosis. Lead guitarist Gary Louris has assumed the frontman duties.

Think of Keith Richard suddenly becoming both lead guitarist "and" lead vocalist for the Stones and you have some idea of the hurdle the quartet is facing. Their Saturday night set at Stubb's is going to be one of the most closely scrutinized shows of the conference; the band is scheduled to release its new CD, "Sound of Lies," on April 8.

Supergrass: Now that Oasis has broken big in America, the U.S. press is looking for yet another young, poppy English band to embrace. Blur, Suede, and Gene may not be up to snuff (or willing to put in the necessary months of roadwork over here), but Supergrass could get the nod.

The trio's 1995 debut, "I Should Coco," did only so-so here, but the band is a joy live, and lead singer/guitarist Gaz Coombes (who first gained attention in England as much for his enormous sideburns as his talent) has songwriting chops and personality to spare. Like Oasis did with its 1994 debut "Definitely Maybe" and subsequent touring, "Coco" and extended roadwork set the stage for what could be U.S. crossover success. Their 10 p.m. Friday night set at Stubb's is crucial; if they impress there, it will help the buzz for the band's second CD, "In it for the Money," which comes out May 6.

Supersuckers: This Seattle-by-way-of-Arizona quartet has done quite well by fusing devil/hell imagery with a tangy, "loud" stew of punk, metal, rockabilly and blues. Now, however, comes a major switch in direction: The upcoming "Must've Been High" (March 25) goes into alterna-country territory: Recorded at Willie Nelson's home studio, it includes guest appearances by Nelson's harmonica player Mickey Raphael, Houston country-rocker Jesse Dayton and former Breeder Kelley Deal.

The 'suckers are headlining SXSW's one big outdoor show; the Friday night concert will have Dayton as one of two opening acts, and rumor has it that Dayton, Deal and ol' Willie himself will drop by to sit in. We shall see.

CBS makes it official: Gumbel is on the team

By Bill Carter
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — CBS announced Thursday that it had signed Bryant Gumbel, the longtime anchor of NBC's "Today" program, to a deal that would give him his own prime-time news magazine program and three entertainment specials a year. He will also be a co-owner of a company that will produce programs for syndication.

At a news conference, Gumbel, who also had offers from NBC and ABC, said he had decided to join CBS because he was impressed with its executives and enthusiastic about the range of opportunities being offered by the network.

The exact terms of the contract were not disclosed, although Gumbel did say it was a five-year deal. His new salary has been estimated at $5 million to $7 million a year, but the most significant financial arrangement is the partnership established between a new production company to be formed by Gumbel and the syndication arm of CBS, Eyemark.

Several CBS executives said Gumbel would receive stock options as part of the arrangement.

CBS clearly viewed the acquisition of Gumbel as a significant victory, both because of his talent and because of the symbolic value of his hiring to a news division that had been in decline in recent years.

Every important CBS executive, up to chairman Michael Jordan, was present at the news conference, which ended with champagne. Jordan said the hiring of Gumbel represented a "great first step" in the rebuilding of CBS News.

CBS News president Andrew Heyward said, "There is great symbolic value to this: Bryant Gumbel has chosen to come to CBS when he could have gone to any of three networks."

Gumbel noted that ABC told reporters Wednesday that it had withdrawn its offer to him before he chose to sign on with CBS. Clearly disturbed by this tactic, Gumbel said that he had personally informed Michael Eisner, chairman of Walt Disney Co., the parent of ABC, of his decision before someone at ABC tried to leak word that it had withdrawn its offer.

"But I want to take the high road with ABC," Gumbel said, praising both Eisner and ABC News chairman Roone Arledge.

Gumbel said he found it difficult to leave NBC, where he had worked for almost 25 years, especially because he had become a friend and frequent golf partner of Jack Welch, the chairman of NBC's parent company, General Electric.

Welch made several efforts to keep him at NBC, Gumbel said, but the things NBC had to offer were not as enticing as what CBS had, he said.

Gumbel's immediate job will be to help create the news magazine program. CBS president Peter Lund said that it would be on the air in September. Gumbel said he hoped to "invent a new news magazine format."

Asked what this might mean, he said it was likely to include "live television and interviews." Those two elements represent his strengths in television journalism, Gumbel said. But the program will also include a team of correspondents reporting other stories, he said.

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	Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1	**Private Parts** $14.8, one week, 2,138 screens	$14.8
2	**Jungle 2 Jungle** $12.8, one week, 2,316 screens	$12.8
3	**The Empire Strikes Back** $51.7, three weeks, 2,116 screens	$8
4	**Donnie Brasco** $23.4, two weeks, 1,593 screens	$7.8
5	**Booty Call** $13.8, two weeks, 1,272 screens	$4.1
6	**Star Wars** $130.6, six weeks, 2,037 screens	$3.9
7	**Absolute Power** $42.1, four weeks, 2,816 screens	$3.7
8	**Dante's Peak** $56.8, five weeks, 2,279 screens	$3.2
9	**Vegas Vacation** $30.6, four weeks, 1,873 screens	$2.39
10	**Marvin's Room** $8.7, 12 weeks, 1,156 screens	$2.37

Top 10 lists

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. All lists c. 1997, Billboard Publications, Inc.:

Video Rentals

1."Phenomenon," (Touchstone)
2."The Fan," (Columbia)
3."A Time to Kill," (Warner)
4."Last Man Standing," (New Line)
5."Jack," (Hollywood)
6."Fargo," (Polygram)
7."Bulletproof," (MCA-Universal)
8."Kingpin," (MGM-UA)
9."Trainspotting," (Miramax)
10."Feeling Minnesota," (New Line)

Top Singles

1."Can't Nobody Hold Me Down," Puff Daddy featuring Mase (Bad Boy)
2."Wannabe," Spice Girls (Virgin)
3."You Were Meant For Me," Jewel (Atlantic)
4."Un-Break My Heart," Toni Braxton (LaFace) (Platinum)
5."In My Bed," Dru Hill (Island)
6."Every Time I Close My Eyes," Babyface (Epic)
7."I Believe I Can Fly," R. Kelly (Warner Sunset-Atlantic) (Platinum)
8."Don't Let Go (Love)," En Vogue (EastWest) (Platinum)
9."For You I Will," Monica (Rowdy-Warner Sunset)
10."Get It Together," 702 (Motown)

Top Albums

1."Pop," U2 (Island)
2."Unchained Melody/The Early Years" LeAnn Rimes (Curb)
3."Falling Into You," Celine Dion (550 Music) (Platinum)
4."Pieces of You," Jewel (Atlantic) (Platinum)
5."Tragic Kingdom," No Doubt (Trauma) (Platinum)

Country Singles

1."We Danced Anyway," Deana Carter (Capitol Nashville)
2."She's Taken a Shine," John Berry (Capitol Nashville)
3."How Was I to Know," Reba McEntire (MCA)
4."She Drew a Broken Heart," Patty Loveless (Epic)
5."(This Ain't) No Thinkin' Thing," Trace Adkins (Capitol Nashville)
6."Holdin'," Diamond Rio (Arista)
7."Rumor Has It," Clay Walker (Reprise)
8."Where Corn Don't Grow," Travis Tritt (Warner Bros.)
9."Unchained Melody," Leann Rimes (Curb)
10."Everything I Love," Alan Jackson (Arista)

Latin Tracks

1."Enamorado Por Primera Vez," Enrique Iglesias (Fonovisa)
2."Juguete," Grupo Limite (Poly-Gram Latino)
3."Ya Me Voy Para Siempre," Los Temerarios (Fonovisa)
4."Quien Pierde Mas," Bronco (Fonovisa)
5."Piensa En Mi," Grupo Mojado (Fonovisa)

REVIEWS AND PREVIEWS EDITOR JIMMY PATTERSON

Despite furballs, 'Jedi' still satisfying in its return

RETURN OF THE JEDI

By Bob Strauss
N.Y. Times News Service

@ THE MOVIES

LOS ANGELES —Although the new bits in the "Return of the Jedi Special Edition" are very nice, the real fun of seeing the "Star Wars" trilogy climax so soon after the first film's re-release comes from comparing the two pictures.

"Jedi," which is much more like "Star Wars" than the middle film, "The Empire Strikes Back," is by most measures a better production. The special effects are much more elaborate. The acting (especially Harrison Ford's, but even Mark Hamill's) is noticeably improved. And even though the evil Emperor invites Luke to join the Dark Side of the Force about 20 times too many, Lawrence Kasdan's screenplay input keeps George Lucas' clunkier notions to a relative minimum.

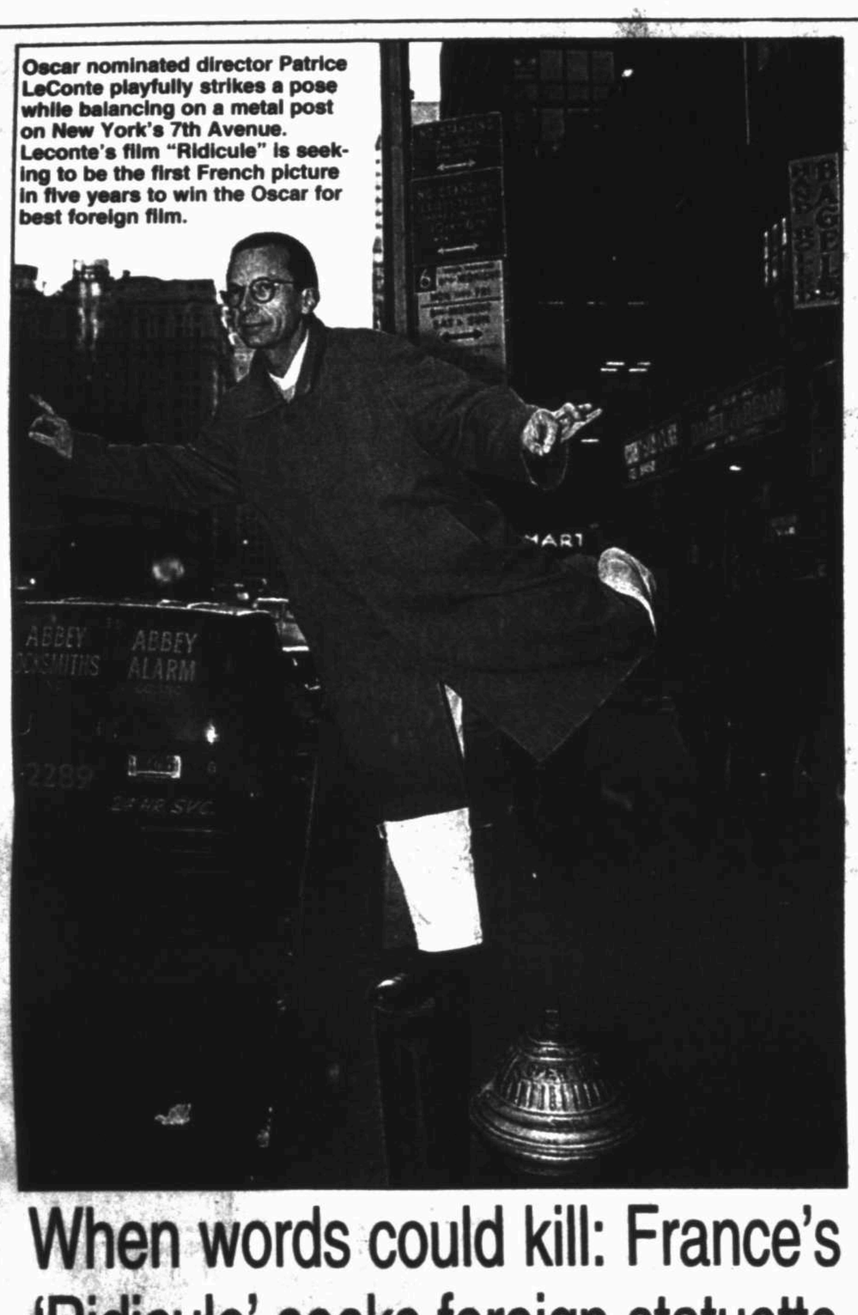
Of course, "Jedi" is still infested with Ewoks, and all the computer enhancements in the world can't counter serious "Star Wars" fans' complaints that they're pretty annoying little merchandising rodents. But at least a bunch of 'em still get killed.

Those of you who aren't concerned with how many plush toys George can sell will be happy to hear that "Jedi's" coolest, ickiest sequences — the stuff at Jabba the Hutt's headquarters of horrors and outside his flying barge — have been enhanced. There's a new, more elaborate alien orgy production number (with better music), and that thing in the Tatooine sand pit has grown more tentacles and a nasty looking beak.

There are some impressive new computerscapes at the end of the movie, too. But not all the improvements are visual. Remember that white-knuckle speeder bike chase through the forests of Endor? They've revved up the sound of that thing to ear-splitting decibels, and the sonic assault adds an entirely new degree of delicious unease to one of the most kinetic sequences in cinema history.

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Countdown to Oscar



Oscar nominated director Patrice LeConte playfully strikes a pose while balancing on a metal post on New York's 7th Avenue. Leconte's film "Ridicule" is seeking to be the first French picture in five years to win the Oscar for best foreign film.

When words could kill: France's 'Ridicule' seeks foreign statuette

By Terril Yue Jones
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Fresh from dominating the French version of the Academy Awards, "Ridicule" is seeking to be the first French movie in five years to win an Academy Award for best foreign film.

It is a tale of how biting commentary and sharp comebacks made one a survivor in the days when words could kill.

"Ridicule," director Patrice Leconte's story of acid wit and quick tongues in the court of Louis XVI, won four French Cesars, including best picture, best director, best costume and best art direction.

"It's a story of ambition, of suspicion, of wit that is relevant to today's society," Leconte said during a recent visit to New York. "There is no royalty or court today, but you don't need a court to have courtesans. I see parallels in the modern world — in medicine, politics, banking, a newspaper for example. Journalists, messengers, the chief editor — they're all courtesans and courtiers."

One of France's most popular films of 1996, "Ridicule" is the tale of Gregoire Ponceludon de Malavoy, a lowly provincial count with high ideals, a kind heart and a lightning mind. He travels to Versailles, talking his way into the court to seek the king's aid in ridding his home region in southern France of disease-infested mosquitoes.

"I hear you are a master wit," the

Please see RIDICULE/6B

Best Actor race features two Cinderellas: Geoffrey Rush, Billy Bob Thornton

By Bob Thomas
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Critics may say that it's easy to win an Academy Award by playing a mentally troubled character. Witness — among others — Joanne Woodward, "The Three Faces of Eve"; Cliff Robertson, "Charly"; Jack Nicholson, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"; Dustin Hoffman, "Rain Man"; Jessica Lange, "Blue Sky." Yet the performances by two Oscar nominees for best actor — Billy Bob Thornton ("Sling Blade")

■ The Academy Awards air March 24 at 8 p.m. on ABC.

and Geoffrey Rush ("Shine"), like those listed above, were highly original and deftly sustained. Academy voters will be hard put to choose between the pair — or any of the three other candidates for the acting honor.

Rush, an Australian stage actor, was thrust into international fame with his portrayal of Australian concert pianist David Helfgott, who triumphed over mental illness.

Thornton, an Arkansan who wrote himself the role of a retarded man with homicidal tendencies, went on to direct the movie to great success.

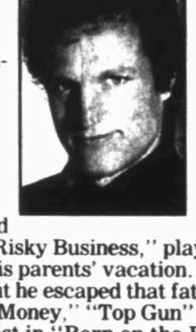
Nominated for best actor of '96:











Clockwise from top left, Best Actor nominees Billy Bob Thornton, Geoffrey Rush, Tom Cruise, Woody Harrelson and Ralph Fiennes.

✔ **TOM CRUISE**, "Jerry Maguire." Cruise made his film debut in 1981 in "Endless Love" and became a star two years later in "Risky Business," playing a high-school senior running a cathouse during his parents' vacation. He seemed destined for a career in youth films, but he escaped that fate by following with such movies as "The Color of Money," "Top Gun" and "Rain Man."

As a paraplegic anti-war activist in "Born on the Fourth of July," he scored his first Oscar nomination. Except for a few dips ("Days of Thunder," "Far and Away"), his rise continued, and now he ranks among the screen's most popular stars. His official biography declares that his films have earned nearly $3 billion worldwide.

The role of the hyperactive sports agent was tailor-made for Cruise, and he dominates every scene. "Jerry Maguire" was the only film among the five nominated for best actor to be a big seller ($135 domestic gross and counting). That kind of success often makes an impression on Academy voters.

✔ **RALPH FIENNES**, "The English Patient." In his brief film career, Fiennes has shown his virtuosity in two memorable roles: as the vicious death-camp commander in "Schindler's List" (his first Oscar nomination) and the defamed intellectual in "Quiz Show."

"The English Patient" offered another stiff challenge: as the morally ambivalent Hungarian count who charts unknown parts of the Sahara and assists the invading Germans in the desert war. It was a grueling role, playing much of the movie in scar-tissue make-up that obscured his face.

Fiennes paid tribute to Saul Zaentz, the American producer who took a difficult novel and made a successful film against all odds: "He's been a very benevolent, supportive, almost paternal presence on the set every day; he's never interfered."

✔ **WOODY HARRELSON**, "The People vs. Larry Flynt." He

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Richey: Shot down but still standing

Kim Richey, above, adds another sparkling collection to her musical portfolio with "Bitter Sweet."

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

With the exception of Mary Chapin Carpenter, no one can convey women's concerns in mainstream country music like Kim Richey. And only Carpenter and Richey can take songs that can be classified basically as women's songs and make them so universally appealing to listeners regardless of gender.

So why's nobody listening to Kim Richey?

Richey's self-titled 1995 debut album was a work of modern crossover art. It remains a highlight of middle-of-the-road country in the '90s. Her second album, "Bitter Sweet," released last week, is much like her first in that it will, in all likelihood, be widely hailed by critics yet universally ignored by fans. Which is utterly baffling.

In a world filled with indistinguishable, blue-eyed blond-haired, ab-obsessed,10-gallon-hat wearing zombies and their female counterparts, it's amazing that Nashville can't find enough room for someone of Richey's quality. Which raises another question: If Mary Chapin Carpenter can be so warmly embraced by the fickle country fandom — and deservedly so — then why won't people buy into Richey?

"Bitter Sweet" could almost be considered a concept album. Most all the

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Established artists join with newcomers at Austin's SXSW

Music

By Dave Ferman
N.Y. Times News Service

AUSTIN -- Out in the real world, Guitar Wolf and Yo La Tengo inhabit far different places in pop music.

Tengo, led by former music critic Ira Kaplan, is a much-lauded alternative outfit from Hoboken, N.J.; Guitar Wolf is a hard-rock band from Tokyo, largely unknown in the United States and with precisely one CD available.

This week's South By Southwest, however, is a great leveler, because on Friday night both bands will get about 45 minutes onstage to impress the music industry folks filling Liberty Lunch, a small club with an outdoor patio just a stone's throw from downtown Austin.

Exposure is the name of the game at SXSW — well, that and staying out late, drinking like a fish, scarfing Mexican food and barbecue and, for those from the Northeast, getting out of the snow and the cold for a blessed few days.

But there are some SXSW acts that are not only trying to be seen, heard and written about in glowing terms, but also need the conference to kick-start a career rebirth.

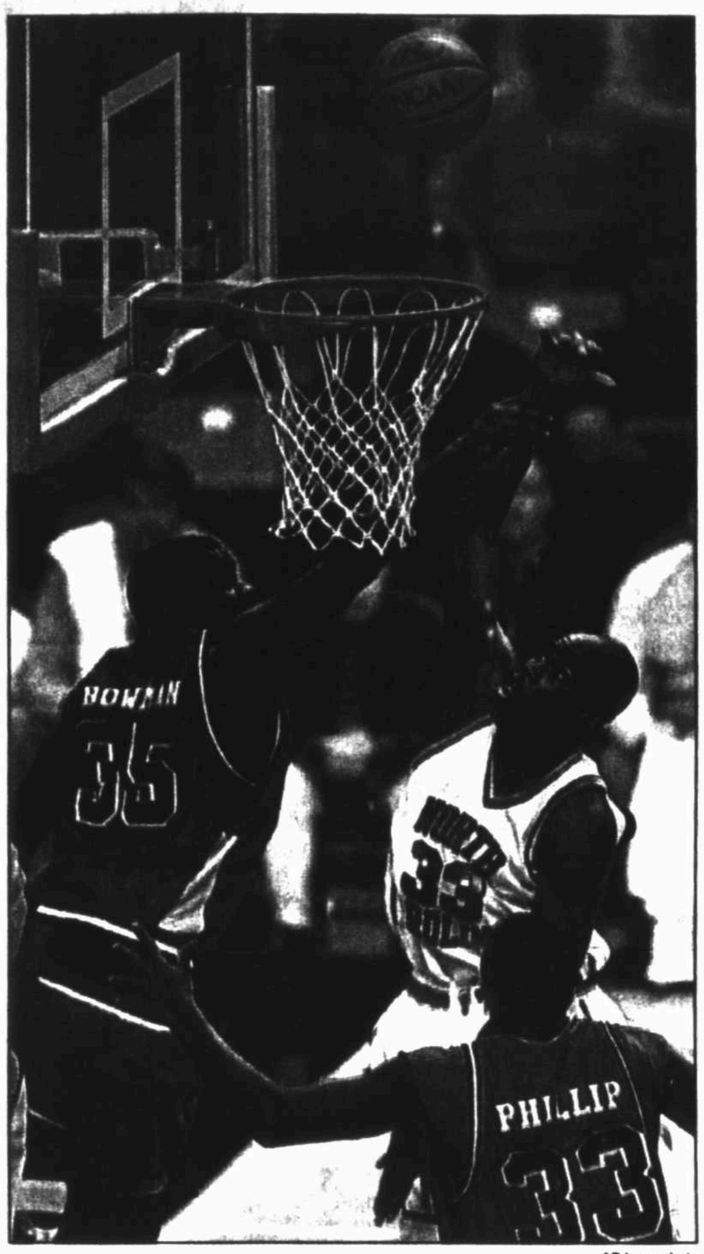
The reasons are numerous: The performer or group may have taken a break from touring or putting out new CDs. Or they're trying out a new musical direction. Or they're attempting a comeback after personnel changes. Or they're trying to get the American rock press to sit up a little straighter and take a second look. And here's a look at some of them.

Carl Perkins: Mr. Blue Suede Shoes

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Tar Heels fend off Fairfield

■ North Carolina's close victory lets Smith tie Kentucky legend Rupp for most coaching wins in history.



AP Laserphoto

Fairfield's Shannon Bowman (35) hacks North Carolina's Antawn Jamison (33) as Darren Phillip (33) looks on. North Carolina survided a scare, winning 82-74 Thursday in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The game was played in Winston-Salem, N.C.

By Jim O'Connell
AP Basketball Writer

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — History came with a huge scare for Dean Smith.

In a surprisingly close game, Smith tied Adolph Rupp as the winningest NCAA basketball coach of all time Thursday night when North Carolina beat Fairfield 82-74 in the opening round of the East Regional.

With all the pregame talk surrounding victory No. 876 for Smith, somebody forgot to tell Fairfield (11-19) it was supposed to play like a No. 16 seed.

Instead, the Stags, one of two teams in the 64-team field with a losing record, played a nearly flawless first half and led by seven points. They stayed with the Tar Heels until the final minute before the pro-North Carolina crowd in Joel Coliseum, just 80 miles from the Chapel Hill campus, stood and cheered Smith.

Smith, who deflected talk about the record all week, laughed with relief after the Tar Heels (25-6) rallied for their 13th straight victory.

When North Carolina players were asked what Smith said at halftime, the coach interrupted and said, "We talked about the record. Oh, you mean after the win-one-for-the-Gipper speech?"

The victory gave Smith an 876-253 record in his 36th season at North Carolina. Rupp, who died in 1977, had an 876-190 record in 41 years at Kentucky.

Smith will go for the record Saturday against Colorado, an 80-62 winner over Indiana.

Smith already has a few records all to himself. The win was his 62nd in the NCAA tournament and it was his 23rd consecutive NCAA appearance.

Smith said the Tar Heels beat Fairfield by playing their best basketball of the season in the second half.

"We were pounding the ball inside but we couldn't stop them. They were hitting against the zone and the man-to-man," he said.

The Tar Heels shot 63 percent from the field in the second half and finished at 51 percent for the game, the ninth straight time they have done that. They committed just two turnovers — a school record.

Still, they couldn't shake Fairfield, which was trying to make history of its own by becoming the first No. 16 seed to win a tournament game.

"They were like mosquitoes out there," North Carolina forward Antawn Jamison said. "They did one of the awesome jobs of the year. They were on fire, they couldn't miss anything and once they started getting things going they got a lot of confidence."

Fairfield shot 56 percent in the first half and 49 percent for the game, including 12-for-24 from 3-point range.

"Isn't that great about athletics?" Smith said of Fairfield. "That a team can get that focused. I am extremely impressed with the job they did."

North Carolina didn't take the lead for good until Jamison's layup with 7:07 to play put the Tar Heels ahead, 61-59. Fairfield was never behind by more than five points until Serge

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12th-seed College of Charleston knocks out 5th-seeded Maryland

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — College of Charleston convinced a few more skeptics Thursday night.

Stacy Harris scored 22 points as the Cougars upset Maryland 75-66 in the first round of the Southeast Regional. It is ninth straight year a No. 12 seed has beaten a No. 5 seed in the NCAA tournament.

"We came out, we played hard, we played smart, we got the job done, we move on," said College of Charleston coach John Kresse. "We've got some guys who can play in the big leagues. They proved it once again. Now we legitimately believe we belong in the NCAA tournament."

Although they entered the tournament with a 28-2 record and 22-game winning streak, the Cougars didn't get much respect as champions of the Trans America Athletic Conference. But they showed they were for real against Maryland (21-11), which plays in the elite Atlantic Coast Conference.

"This ballclub moves on, and we'll ... see if the dream season can continue just a little bit longer," Kresse said.

Since 1989, a dozen No. 12 seeds have beaten No. 5 seeds in the tournament. And five of those lower seeds have gone on to reach the regional semifinals.

Texas, Wisconsin feature opposite types of attacks

By Alan Robinson
AP Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Maybe Texas doesn't belong in the NCAA tournament. What worries Wisconsin is once the Longhorns get there, they usually hang around.

In an intriguing matchup of styles as contrasting as their states' cuisines — ever seen a cheesehead in Austin? — Texas' run-and-shoot meets Wisconsin's slow-motion defense Friday in the NCAA East Regional.

"We like to run the floor, they like to run the clock," Texas coach Tom Penders said. "It should be fun."

Other pairings as the NCAA tournament visits Pittsburgh for the first time: South Carolina (24-7) vs. Coppin State (21-8), New Mexico (24-7) vs. Old Dominion (22-10) and Louisville (23-8) vs. Massachusetts (19-13).

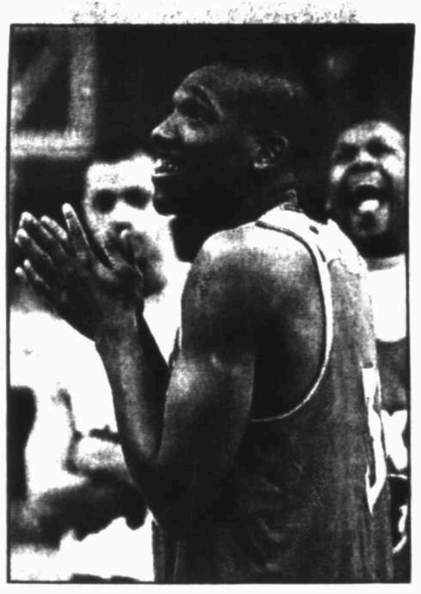
There's a 'D' in Badgers but no 'O,' and that might be Texas' biggest advantage as the Longhorns (16-11) shoot — literally — to go 8-1 in first-round NCAA games under coach Tom Penders.

The Longhorns made it despite fewer victories than any at-large team in tournament history, and a two-game losing streak. Their argument for inclusion: A Top Ten-loaded schedule as demanding as their up-and-down pace.

"People said a lot about us — even in Austin — that we don't belong, but we know we do," said Texas star Reggie Freeman, whose 521 shots were more than Wisconsin's top two scorers combined. "We usually do well in the tournament."

The Badgers (18-9) rode an upset of No. 3 Minnesota to its best regular season in 80 years and an unexpectedly high No. 7 seed.

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AP Laserphoto

Texas Longhorn guard Reggie Freeman laughs it up during practice Thursday in Pittsburgh. The 'Horns take on Wisconsin Friday in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Representative introduces bill to eliminate UIL

AUSTIN (AP) — A state lawmaker who has disagreed with University Interscholastic League rules in the past wants to abolish the league, which oversees sports and other extracurricular activities in Texas public schools.

Under a bill sponsored by Rep. Ric Williamson, R-Weatherford, the UIL's rulemaking authority would be transferred to the state education commissioner.

The UIL's state executive committee, currently comprised of school administrators, would be replaced with a 12-person advisory committee made up of sports, academic and arts coaches as well as three citizens who have never worked for or represented their school district.

The committee members would be appointed by the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the House and the education commissioner.

Debbie Graves Ratcliffe, a spokeswoman for the Texas Education Agency, said Education Commissioner Mike Moses "has not reviewed the bill, so we won't have any comment at this time."

Williamson said he believes the UIL is currently a private organization that is violating state law by imposing hiring and firing standards on public schools.

"I think the time has come for the people who participate in UIL and state government to make a decision about what UIL is," Williamson said. "Is it a private, not-regulated-by-the-state organization, or is it a state agency? If it is a state agency, it should function as a state

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Midland High stuns No. 3 Monterey

Staff report

LUBBOCK — It couldn't possibly have been the same group of players out on the field at Lubbock Monterey High School Thursday.

That group of players coming out of the visiting dugout couldn't have been the same Midland High baseball team which had dropped its District 4-5A opener to crosstown rival Midland Lee in uninspiring fashion Tuesday afternoon. Those guys were nowhere to be found.

And the host team representing Monterey couldn't have been the same outfit which came into the game ranked No. 3 in the state according to the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association poll. That team, which had defeated Midland High and Lee by a combined 23 runs in the Tournament of Champions 12 days earlier, was also nowhere in evidence.

What transpired was nothing short of a total role reversal, as the Bulldogs looked like a team which could have been defending state champions and Monterey resembled a struggling young team which had a hard time making plays in the field. It was a shocking display of domination by Midland High, which beat the Plainsmen every which way imaginable in an 11-0 non-district rout.

In less than 48 hours, the Bulldogs (9-7) went from a team

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Lady Longhorns' coach feels set up against SWTS



AP Laserphoto

Texas basketball coach Jody Conradt is apprehensive about playing Southwest Texas State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament Friday.

By Chip Brown
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Texas women's basketball coach Jody Conradt feels like she's been set up.

Her Lady Longhorns (21-7) will play their first-round NCAA tournament game Saturday night at home against Southwest Texas State (17-11), a school that has lived in Texas' shadow, 30 miles south of Austin, and would love to play giant-killer.

"I think the whole game is emotional and mental," Conradt said. "I don't even think it's going to get down to physical ability.

"On paper, we would have to win this game," Conradt said. "They are not expected to win, and if people believe in that scenario, people are in for a shock."

The Lady Longhorns and Bobcats will take the court following a first-round game between Notre Dame (27-6) and Memphis (22-6).

Conradt was impressed with the Bobcats' 77-65 upset of Stephen F. Austin in the Southland Conference tournament final last weekend.

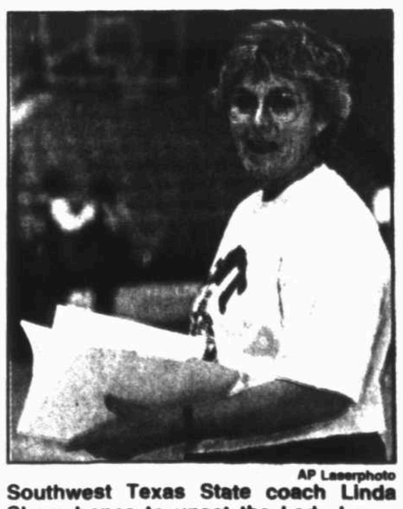
"I looked at how emotionally high they were for the Stephen F. Austin game, and they are playing well and have a lot to prove in this particular game," Conradt said.

"They probably feel like they have been in our shadow," she said. "There have been a lot of huge upsets under these circumstances. Remember Princeton and UCLA last year? I think we've been set up."

Conradt, whose team lost to Colorado in its first Big 12 tournament game, says the Lady Longhorns have been sluggish lately.

"We haven't been playing as consistently as I would like," Conradt

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AP Laserphoto

Southwest Texas State coach Linda Sharp hopes to upset the Lady Longhorns, her neighbors to the near north.

SPORTS BRIEFING

TV Sports

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, NCAA Tournament, first round games, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., CBS.

NCAA Tournament, first round games, 6:30 p.m.-11:30 p.m., CBS.

TENNIS — Champions Cup, men's quarterfinal match, noon, ESPN.

GOLF — Senior PGA Golf, Toshiba Senior Classic, first round, 2 p.m., ESPN.

PGA Honda Classic, second round, 3 p.m., USA.

MOTOR SPORTS — Monster Truck Challenge V (same-day tape), 7 p.m., TNN.

BOXING — Champion Kevin Kelly (45-1-2) vs. opponent TBA for WBU featherweight championship, 7:30 p.m., ESPN.

NHL — Chicago Blackhawks at Dallas Stars, 7:30 p.m., FSS.

Texas Scores

NBA — Dallas Mavericks 109, Boston Celtics 107.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL — Texas Rangers 8, Minnesota Twins 5.

Houston Astros vs. New York Mets, ppd, rain.

Lee Soccer Pairing

The Midland Lee girls soccer team will travel to Lubbock Monterey for its area round playoff game Tuesday at 7 p.m. against Canyon Randall.

Lee (15-6 for the season) advanced to the playoffs after a 3-2 win over San Angelo Central in a District 7 playoff for the third seed. Lee will face Randall, which won the District 5 title and holds a 9-7 record.

Denton 12th

CLIFTON PARK, N.Y. — Midland's John Denton finished the fifth round of the PBA Albany Senior Open in 12th place Thursday.

Denton, who was sixth after the fourth round, missed out on the five-man final, but collected $1,600 after knocking over 9,706 pins in the 42 games. For the tournament, Denton was 12-11-1.

Bowling legend Earl Anthony was the top qualifier for the final.

4-5A Baseball

	District W	L	Pct.	Overall W	L	Pct.
Midland Lee	1	0	1.000	8	7	.533
Abilene Cooper	1	0	1.000	12	3	.800
Odessa High	1	0	.000	3	11	.214
SA Central	0	0	.000	11	3	.769
Odessa Permian	0	1	.000	7	5	.583
Abilene High	0	1	.000	10	3	.769
Midland High	0	1	.000	9	7	.563

Thursday's Games

Midland High 11, Lubbock Monterey 0; Odessa High 9, Odessa Permian 4.

Saturday's Games

Midland Lee at Odessa High, 2 p.m.; Odessa Permian at Midland High, 2 p.m.; Abilene High at San Angelo Central, 2 p.m.; Abilene Cooper at Euless Trinity, 7 p.m.

San Antonio picked

SAN ANTONIO — The Alamodome was named Thursday as the site for the Big 12's football championship game between North and South divisions on Saturday, Dec. 6.

"We're excited about giving football fans in this region a chance to see one of the nation's premier championship games," said commissioner Steve Hatchell.

"We have been pleased with the bids we received from a number of cities for the game and we are really happy about the 1997 site. San Antonio offers a great atmosphere, many local attractions and a fine facility in the Alamodome."

The TWA Dome in St. Louis hosted the first game between Texas and Nebraska and fell short of capacity although it produced $500,000 in additional revenue for conference schools. Texas won 37-27. That site fell in Big 12 North territory. The second game will be squarely on South land.

Missouri's Joe Castiglione, the Big 12 director of athletics chairman, said "the directors liked the idea of moving the championship to different geographical sites to offer increased exposure in new areas for the Big 12. We were very pleased with the support and the reception we had in the inaugural game in St. Louis last December."

Capacity in the Alamodome is 65,000. ABC will televise the event, which is sponsored by Dr. Pepper.

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Princeton falls short in upset bid

Associated Press

There was no upset this time for Princeton, proud conquerer of defending NCAA champion UCLA a year ago.

The Ivy League champions scared another Pac-10 team in Thursday's opening round before losing to California. The Bears had to make some big adjustments late in the season and a few more to win their opening-round game of the NCAA tournament.

Playing their fourth game since losing leading scorer and Pac-10 Player of the Year Ed Gray to a broken foot, Cal turned things around at halftime and again late in the game in a 55-52 victory over Princeton on Thursday.

The fifth-seeded Bears (22-8) advanced to Saturday's second round of the East Regional against fourth-seeded Villanova, which defeated No. 13 Long Island University 101-91.

With Gray sitting on the bench in street clothes and two other players having sustained minor ankle injuries, a six-point halftime deficit just wasn't that overwhelming, even if it was to Princeton (24-4), the team that knocked defending national champion UCLA out in the first round last season.

EAST

Colorado 80, Indiana 62

Chauncey Billups scored 24 points as Colorado handed Indiana an opening-round defeat for the third straight year.

Billups, a second-team All-American, scored 20 points in the first half as Colorado built a 46-31 lead. The Buffaloes (22-9), making their first NCAA appearance in 28 years, went on to beat Indiana (22-11) by 18 points, matching the Hoosier's worst NCAA tournament defeat in 71 games.

■ NCAA Roundup

Villanova 101, LIU 91

LIU, the nation's highest scoring team, got a lesson in fast-paced basketball. The fourth-seeded Wildcats (24-9) used an 8-0 run to end the first half and a 19-1 barrage in the opening 3 1/2 minutes of the second half to blitz the Blackbirds.

Freshman Tim Thomas had 28 points and 15 rebounds, while Jason Lawson added 21 points, 12 rebounds and seven blocks. Charles Jones, the nation's leading scorer, had 37 to lead No. 13 seed LIU.

SOUTHEAST

Kansas 78, Jackson St. 64

Scot Pollard, coming back from a broken foot, grabbed a career-high 19 rebounds to go with six blocks and 12 points in top-ranked Kansas' victory.

Pollard, All-American Raef LaFrentz and Paul Pierce overwhelmed 16th-seeded Jackson State. LaFrentz had 18 points, 14 rebounds and three blocks, and Pierce had 19 points, 13 rebounds and four blocks as Kansas (33-1) had a 61-27 rebounding advantage.

Purdue 83, Rhode Island 76, OT

Brad Miller had a career-high 31 points and eight rebounds and Purdue scored the first six points in overtime.

Freshman Brian Cardinal, whose 3-pointer with 16 seconds left in regulation forced OT, hit the first basket in the extra period, and Purdue (18-11) never trailed again.

Arizona 65, S. Alabama 57

Arizona outscored South Alabama 22-4 in the final 7 1/2 minutes to overcome a 10-point deficit.

Miles Simon scored nine of his 11 points during that late stretch. The rally allowed Arizona (20-9) to avoid losing in the first round for the fourth time in six years.

MIDWEST

Cincinnati 86, Butler 69

Darnell Burton carried the Bearcats until All-American Danny Fortson got untracked. Burton scored 19 points, including five 3-pointers, and Cincinnati used a 22-5 first-half run to beat Butler.

Fortson led the third-seeded Bearcats (26-7) with 24 points — 16 in the second half.

Iowa St. 69, Illinois St. 57

Kelvin Cato scored a career-high 29 points, had 12 rebounds and broke a Midwest Regional record with eight blocks, leading Iowa State. Dedric Willoughby added 21 points for the sixth-seeded Cyclones (21-8).

Rico Hill led Illinois State (24-6) with 14 points.

Xavier 80, Vanderbilt 68

James Posey and Gary Lumpkin scored Xavier's final 20 points as the Musketeers held off Vanderbilt. Posey finished with a career-high 22 points and Lumpkin had 16.

Austin Bates scored 21 for Vandy and Drew Maddux had 16. Pax Whitehead, Vandy's leading scorer at 15.8 ppg, was held without a field goal until midway through the second half and finished with eight points.

UCLA 109, Charleston So. 75

UCLA scored the first 11 points of the game and Jelany McCoy and J.R Henderson had 21 points apiece for the Bruins.

The Bruins were in control from the start against the 15th-seeded Buccaneers (22-7). Brett Larrick led Charleston Southern with 32 points.

WEST

Boston Coll. 73, Valparaiso 66

Bevan Thomas came off the bench to score 11 of his 16 points in the second half as BC overcame a long-range shooting barrage by Bryce Drew. Danya Abrams also scored 16 points and grabbed 12 rebounds for the fifth-seeded Eagles.

Drew, the sharpshooting son of coach Homer Drew, scored 27 points, including 8-of-12 3-pointers. But he was shut down by a smothering box-and-one defense through most of the second half, when he was held to eight points.

St. Joseph's 75, Pacific 65

Rashid Bey and freshman Arthur Davis hit consecutive 3-pointers that helped St. Joseph's hold off Pacific.

After Pacific pulled to 52-50 with 7:20 left, Davis hit a 3-pointer and Bey followed with another off a turnover to swing the momentum back to St. Joseph's (25-6), making its first NCAA tournament appearance in 11 years.

Bey finished with 22 points and Davis had 19. Tim Bowman scored 18 points for Pacific (24-6).

Kentucky 92, Montana 54

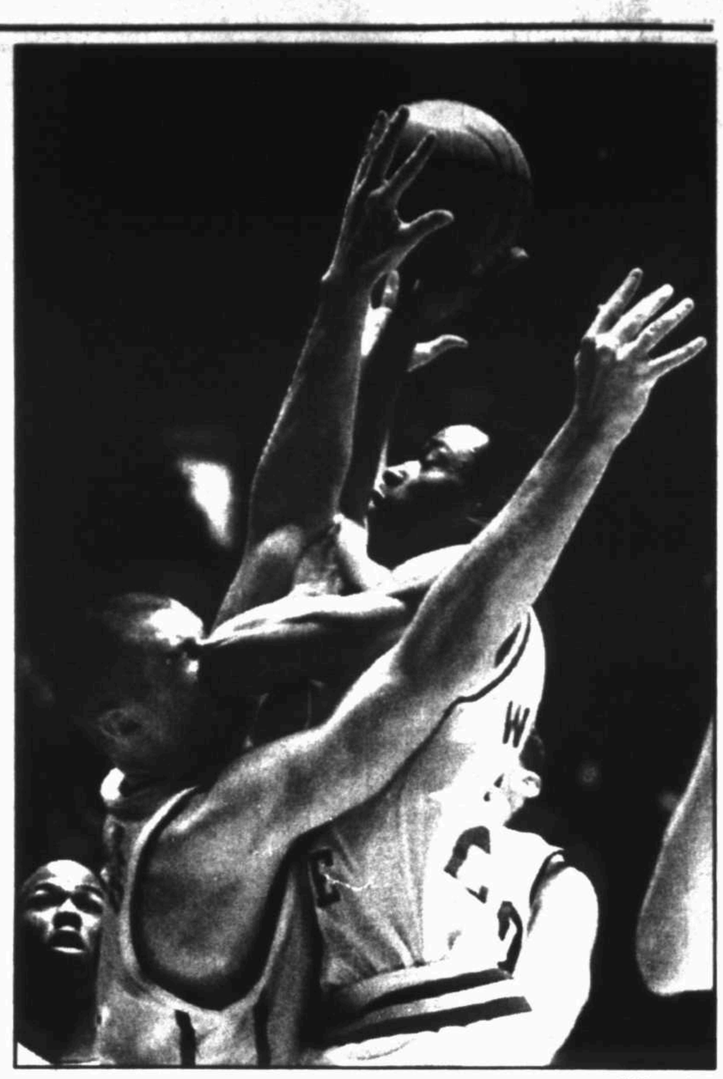
Cameron Mills scored 19 points, his third consecutive career high, as the defending national champions routed Montana.

Wayne Turner also scored 19 for Kentucky (31-4), while Ron Mercer added 16. Bob Olson and Ryan Dick scored 10 apiece for Montana (21-11).

Iowa 73, Virginia 60

Guy Rucker scored 19 points and Andrew Woolridge added 17 as Iowa coach Tom Davis improved to 10-0 in first-round games.

Iowa (22-9) never trailed and led by as many as 22 points in the second half before a late scoring spurt by Virginia's Harold Deane cut the final margin.



AP Laserphoto

Valparaiso's Jamie Sykes, left, gets an elbow in the face trying to block Boston College's Duane Woodward during Boston College's 73-56 win Thursday in the first round of the NCAA West Regional in Salt Lake City.

Mavs sneak by Celtics

Associated Press

DALLAS — Shawn Bradley is trying to shake his reputation as a soft player. He took step in that direction Thursday night.

Bradley scored a season-high 31 points and blocked a potential game-tying shot with 3.3 seconds left as the Dallas Mavericks handed the Boston Celtics their sixth straight loss, 109-107.

The Mavericks took a two-point lead, their first of the final quarter, when Michael Finley knocked the ball from rookie Antoine Walker near midcourt and went in for an uncontested dunk with 9.8 seconds left.

Bradley then blocked a layup attempt by Walker.

"My goal is to make plays when the game is on the line," said Bradley, who finished with the highest point total ever by a Mavericks center. "I got the big block, and Michael came up with the big steal. I want to be part of a winning organization."

The Celtics had one last shot, but Walker's 3-point attempt from the left wing bounced off the rim at the buzzer.

Finley added 27 points and rookie Erick Strickland scored 16 as the Mavericks won their second game in a row for only the fifth time this season.

Seconds before his key steal, Finley had been beaten on the boards when he failed to box out Walker. But Walker's layup was blocked by Bradley, then Finley stole the ball from Walker following a chase for a loose ball.

Pistons 102, Nuggets 82

DENVER — Grant Hill had 28 points and 14 rebounds and Otis Thorpe added 22 points as Detroit matched its victory total of last year, beating Denver.

Joe Dumars added 19 points for the Pistons, who are 46-17 after finishing 46-36 last year. Detroit completed its five-game Western Conference road trip 3-2 and won for only the fifth time in 10 games.

LaPhonso Ellis scored 28 for Denver.

Sonics 108, Timberwolves 92

MINNEAPOLIS — Gary Payton scored 29 points and Seattle beat Minnesota for the 24th straight time.

The Sonics have won 13 straight in the Target Center and haven't lost to the Timberwolves since Dec. 30, 1990.

The Wolves stayed close for almost three quarters before the Sonics pulled away behind the play of Payton, who scored 11 of his points in the fourth quarter — including the first seven of the period.

Shawn Kemp had 16 points and nine rebounds for Seattle, and Hersey Hawkins added 13 points. Larry Stewart and Terry Cummings each scored 12.

Raptors 103, Kings 96

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — I mon Stoudamire scored 16 of his 3[illegible] nts in the fourth quarter to fuel a comeback that gave Toronto a victory over Sacramento.

Stoudamire had 14 points in a 16-2 run after Toronto trailed 83-78. His back-to-back 3-pointers concluded the run and put the Raptors ahead 94-85 with 1:52 left.

UIL: Lawmaker hopes to abolish University Interscholastic League

(From 1C)

agency and follow the law."

UIL Director Bill Farney said, "It would change drastically the structure we have now, which is grassroots. Right now, the rulemaking authority rests with the schools."

Williamson last year testified before the UIL's state executive committee in hopes of changing several rules. His proposals were rejected.

Williamson sought to allow non-school employees to coach school athletic teams and to allow school coaches to coach their players on teams not associated with the school.

The state representative, who has two daughters playing softball at Weatherford High School, also proposed removing the limits on the number of softball games student-athletes could play.

"I'm not mad at the UIL. I think the organization serves a useful purpose, and I think more students should participate in activities," Williamson said. "I just think we need to determine if it's a public or private body."

Farney says the UIL represents the epitome of local control, adding that the league's legislative council is made up of 28 school administrators from across the state.

"It's often misconceived that the UIL office makes the rules, but in reality, they are laid out in a well-structured plan of advisory committees made up of representatives from the schools," Farney said.

UIL Legislative Council Chairman Bill Mayfield, superintendent of the Happy Independent School District, sent a letter to school districts across the state requesting their help "in defeating this bill."

Eddie Joseph, who heads the Texas High School Coaches Association, said the bill is "really kind of ludicrous."

"The UIL is flawed like everything else in this world, but it beats what comes in second place all to pieces," Joseph said. "It's the model. It's what everyone looks at across the nation.

"You look at the budget they operate on and the number of children who participate in their events and it may be the best bargain in America," Joseph said.

When asked if his bill had support, Williamson said, "It's pretty controversial. We'll get a lot of good attention and see where it leads."

TAR HEELS: Smith matches Rupp

(From 1C)

Zwikker's short jumper gave North Carolina a 76-69 lead with 56 seconds left.

"If we didn't play our best in the second half we wouldn't have won, but we still would have held our heads high," Smith said.

Fairfield certainly was able to do that. Greg Francis led the Stags with 26 points on 8-for-12 shooting from 3-point range.

"I had to find Francis after the game but I couldn't shake his hand because it was so hot," Smith said.

Francis' outside shooting was enough until North Carolina went inside to take command. The Stags had no starter over 6-foot-6, while the Tar Heels had three, including the 7-3 Zwikker, who finished with 19 points and 13 rebounds.

"They had the size advantage but on offense we could still run our stuff," Francis said. "I felt pretty good early and it was easy to stay in the flow and get good shots."

Fairfield's halftime lead had the pro-North Carolina crowd worried, but it rose when Smith tied Rupp's record.

"I told the team we were 20 minutes from one of the biggest upsets in college basketball history," Fairfield coach Paul Cormier said. "We tried to make them work for everything, no easy baskets, keep them off the boards. We did that until the end."

"We weren't coming out to lose by 20," Francis said. "We were coming out to get the win."

That went to Smith, along with a piece of history.

TEXAS: Wisconsin has slow-down style

(From 1C)

"We're a little ahead of schedule," said coach Dick Bennett, who coached Wisconsin-Green Bay to three NCAA appearances before moving to Madison two years ago.

Wisconsin wins so patiently and unconvincingly — it averages only 59.1 points per game to Texas' 76.8 — that the Longhorns are slight favorites. That's of no matter to the Badgers; to them, longhorn is just another kind of cheese.

"We're very excited about what we can do with this," Bennett said. "Texas presents us with a style we're not familiar with seeing ... so I'm going to ask our kids to put on their quick shoes."

Just don't look for any quick shots, at least from the Badgers. Their leading scorer, 7-foot Paul Grant, averages only 12.4, or nearly 10 points per game fewer than Freeman.

However, the 6-6 Freeman has been in a horrendous shooting slump — 29-of-105 (27.6 percent) — as Texas has lost four of six.

"A lot of teams are playing junk defenses, putting two guys in my face," Freeman said. "We've had a lot of guys hurt, too. But, with everybody healthy, we have a chance to do a lot of things in this tournament."

MHS: Bulldogs pull off huge upset

(From 1C)

which showed its worst face in its most important game of the season to date to one which pounded the defending state Class 5A champions like they were a junior varsity team. It all but erased the negative images of Midland High's 7-0 loss to Lee.

"It's big because we finally got out and competed," Midland High coach Barry Russell said. "My whole problem with the Lee loss was that I was not happy with our effort. We had a very hard, physical practice (Wednesday) that I think got us ready for this game."

The Bulldogs asserted their dominance immediately by scoring two runs in the top of the first inning thanks to a two-run double by Steve Feris, who had two doubles and drove in five runs for Midland High.

Two runs in the first inning were all that junior right-hander Joey Schlaffer needed. Schlaffer, who had been the recipient of some tough-luck losses this season, finally got some good fortune paid back his way. He gave up only two hits while striking out eight in throwing a complete game.

"Joey had a great game," Russell said. "He had command of all of his pitches. He had a great split-finger fastball."

Midland High had 11 hits and chased starter Derrick Prieto by the fourth inning. Freshman Laynce Nix had three hits and drove in two runs while leadoff hitter Mike Carrasco set the table with two hits. The Bulldogs were also helped out by six Monterey errors.

The game couldn't have been more different from the first time the two teams met. At the Tournament of Champions, the Plainsmen (14-2) clobbered Midland High 11-1 and later that evening routed Lee 13-0 in the championship game.

While the game might have been an aberration for Monterey, it could be a turning point for MHS. However, Russell doesn't want to blow it out of proportion.

"When you mention Lubbock Monterey you're talking about one of the premier programs in the state," said Russell, in his first year at the helm of MHS. "We want to get Midland High's program to that level. Maybe that's something we can build on."

Midland High 11, Lubbock Monterey 0

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Joey Schlaffer and Curtis Rinehart; Derrick Prieto, Jessie Covarrubio (4) and Alex Garcia. WP — Schlaffer (2-4). LP — Prieto. 2B: Lee — Steve Feris (2).

LOCAL SPORTS

MC softball wins pair

SNYDER — The Midland Christian softball team got shutout pitching performances from a pair of Sheppards in winning two games Thursday in the Snyder Tournament.

April Sheppard struck out 10 and allowed only three hits in a 1-0 win over Breckenridge while Mindi Sheppard threw a one-hitter in a 2-0 victory over Big Spring. Against Breckenridge, Lacy Moore drove in the game's only run with a single in the fifth inning while Amanda Urquidez drove in a run with a base hit against Big Spring.

Midland Christian (6-4) will conclude pool play today at 11:10 a.m. against Abilene High.

Odessa baseball defeats Permian

ODESSA — Two days after their scheduled District 4-5A opener was rained out, the Odessa schools finally played, and struggling Odessa High benefited from the delay, defeating Odessa Permian 9-4 Thursday afternoon.

Odessa High won its second game in a row to improve to 3-11 on the season and scored six runs in the top of the second inning to take a 7-0 lead from which Permian (7-5-1) never recovered. Mario Gardea drove in three runs for the Bronchos while Brian Smith drove in two.

Joseph Young pitched a complete game victory for Odessa High, allowing six hits.

WOMEN: UT faces Southwest Texas

(From 1C)

said. "We are capable of playing a lot better."

If Southwest Texas State needed any more incentive, Bobcats coach Linda Sharp used to coach at Southern California, where her Trojans lost to Conradt's Lady Longhorns in the 1986 national championship game.

"We haven't played since that time," Conradt said. "That's pretty far removed in both of our histories. Our rivalry goes back a long way and she probably holds the edge."

Sharp, who won national titles at USC in 1983 and 1984, jokingly said that she can't remember the 1986 championship game.

"I think I've forgotten about it," Sharp said. "It wasn't a real pretty game. It was all Texas."

Sharp agreed with Conradt that Saturday night's game will likely serve as a home game for both teams. "I think a lot of our fans will be there," she said.

Hopefully, not too many, Conradt said.

"I don't know how many fans who support us on a regular basis might be Southwest Texas fans, but I hope it doesn't cut into our following," Conradt said.

Sharp, who has been at Southwest Texas State for eight years, is leading the Bobcats to their first-ever NCAA tournament appearance. The Bobcats' men's team also reached the tournament this year.

"I'm elated that we accomplished it and that we are going," Sharp said. "I have not been in it for 10 years and I sure have missed it. It's going to be hard to hold me back until tipoff."

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NBA Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	47	17	.734	—
Miami	46	17	.730	1/2
Orlando	34	28	.548	12
Washington	29	33	.468	17
New Jersey	18	44	.290	28
Philadelphia	16	46	.258	30
Boston	12	52	.188	35

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	55	8	.873	—
Detroit	46	17	.730	9
Atlanta	43	20	.683	12
Charlotte	41	22	.651	14
Cleveland	34	27	.557	20
Indiana	30	32	.484	24 1/2
Milwaukee	26	36	.419	28 1/2
Toronto	22	40	.355	32 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Utah	46	17	.730	—
Houston	43	21	.672	3 1/2
Minnesota	31	31	.500	14 1/2
Dallas	21	41	.339	24 1/2
Denver	18	45	.286	28
San Antonio	15	47	.242	30 1/2
Vancouver	11	54	.169	36

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	44	18	.710	—
L.A. Lakers	42	20	.677	2
Portland	36	28	.563	9
Sacramento	28	35	.444	16 1/2
L.A. Clippers	26	34	.433	17
Phoenix	24	38	.387	20
Golden State	23	39	.371	21

x-clinched playoff spot

Thursday's Games
Late Games Not Included
Seattle 108, Minnesota 92
Dallas 109, Boston 107
Detroit 102, Denver 82
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers (n)
Cleveland at Golden State (n)
Toronto at Sacramento (n)

Friday's Games
Chicago at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Portland, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Mavericks 109, Celtics 107

BOSTON (107): A.Walker 3-17 4-4 10, Williams 8-16 3-5 19, Szabo 0-0 1-2 1, **Wesley** 13-21 2-2 34, Fox 8-17 0-0 18, Lister 1-2 0-0 2, Conlon 4-8 0-0 8, Day 2-5 10-12 15, Hawkins 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-86 20-25 107

DALLAS (109): Finley 11-20 4-5 27, Green 5-9 1-1 11, Bradley 12-18 7-11 31, Reeves 2-2 0-0 4, Strickland 7-11 1-3 16, Harper 1-10 2-2 5, S.Walker 4-7 1-2 9, Watson 3-5 0-0 6. Totals 45-82 16-24 109.

Boston 27 27 32 21 — 107
Dallas 30 23 26 30 — 109

3-Point goals—Boston 9-21 (Wesley 6-10, Fox 2-6, Day 1-3, Walker 0-2), Dallas 3-11 (Strickland 1-2, Finley 1-3, Harper 1-4, Green 0-1, Watson 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Boston 49 (A.Walker 17), Dallas 48 (Green 11). Assists—Boston 15 (Wesley 6), Dallas 22 (Harper 8). Total fouls—Boston 23, Dallas 21. Technicals—Fox, Bradley. Flagrant fouls—Bradley. A—15,581 (18,042).

Pistons 102, Nuggets 82

DETROIT (102): Hill 13-21 2-4 28, Thorpe 9-12 4-7 22, Ratliff 3-5 2-2 8, Hunter 3-9 0-0 8, Dumars 8-13 2-2 19, McKie 0-3 0-0 0, Mills 1-5 0-0 2, Curry 1-3 0-0 3, Long 5-6 0-0 10, Green 0-0 0-0 0, Williams 1-2 0-0 2, Reid 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 44-80 10-15 102.

DENVER (82): L.Ellis 10-22 6-6 26, McDyess 5-16 0-0 10, Johnson 4-4 3-4 11, D.Ellis 2-11 1-2 7, Goldwire 0-2 0-0 0, Thompson 5-9 0-0 13, Smith 2-4 0-0 6, Allen 0-2 0-2 0, Hammonds 1-2 3-5 5, Zidek 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 30-75 13-19 82.

Detroit 30 19 23 30 — 102
Denver 22 20 19 21 — 82

3-Point goals—Detroit 4-12, (Hunter 2-4, Curry 1-1, Dumars 1-2, McKie 0-1, Mills 0-4), Denver 9-22, (Thompson 3-6, Smith 2-3, L.Ellis 2-4, D.Ellis 2-6, Goldwire 0-1, Allen 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 52 (Hill 14), Denver 40 (L.Ellis 8). Assists—Detroit 21 (Hill 7), Denver 20 (Thompson 7). Total fouls—Detroit 20, Denver 17. Technicals—Thorpe. A—13,813 (17,171).

SuperSonics 108, Timberwolves 92

SEATTLE (108): Stewart 5-9 2-2 12, Kemp 7-12 2-4 16, McIlvaine 1-4 1-2 3, Hawkins 5-13 0-0 13, Payton 13-23 2-2 29, Perkins 2-3 2-2 7, McMillan 3-6 2-2 9, Cummings 6-10 0-0 12, Wingate 0-2 0-0 0, Snow 1-2 0-0 2, Graham 2-3 0-0 5. Totals 45-87 11-14 108.

MINNESOTA (92): Garnett 4-11 0-2 8, Gugliotta 5-7 3-4 13, Garrett 2-7 2-4 6, West 6-10 2-4 14, Marbury 3-10 5-6 11, Mitchell 6-12 5-5 17, Robinson 4-8 2-2 13, Parks 1-2 0-0 2, Porter 1-3 2-2 5, Heal 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 33-71 21-29 92.

Seattle 27 24 26 31 — 108
Minnesota24 25 25 18 — 92

3-Point goals—Seattle 7-21 (Hawkins 3-6, Perkins 1-2, McMillan 1-2, Graham 1-2, Payton 1-6, Stewart 0-1, Wingate 0-2), Minnesota 5-13 (Robinson 3-6, Heal 1-1, Porter 1-2, Mitchell 0-1, Marbury 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Seattle 48 (Kemp 9), Minnesota 43 (Garrett 9). Assists—Seattle 23 (Kemp 6), Minnesota 23 (Marbury 9). Total fouls—Seattle 21, Minnesota 15. A—17,979 (19,006).

Pro Bowling

Albany Senior

CLIFTON PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Standings Thursday after the fifth round of the PBA Albany Senior Open with 24-game match-play records, 42-game pinfalls and money winnings (top five advance to finals).

1, Earl Anthony, Cornelius, Ore., 17-7, 10,330. 2, Gary Dickinson, Edmond, Okla., 14-10, 10,171. 3, Avery LeBlanc, Houma, La., 14-9-1, 10,113. 4, Larry Laub, Tucson, Ariz., 14-10, 9,882. 5, Roger Workman, Kenova, W.Va., 12-12, 9,853. 6, (tie) Dale Eagle, Lewisville, 15-9, and George Pappas, Charlotte, N.C., 13-11, 9,850, $2,100.

8, Henry Blough, Elizabethtown, Pa., 11-13, 9,841, $1,800. 9, Norm Ginsberg, Long Island, N.Y., 13-10-1, 9,760, $1,750. 10, Roger Tramp, Deltona, Fla., 12-12, 9,715, $1,700. 11, John Woessner, Euless, 12-12, 9,708, $1,650. **12, John Denton, Midland, 12-11-1, 9,706, $1,600.**

13, Al Sanford, Jackson, Ohio, 12-11-1, 9,702, $1,550. 14, Dick Nardozza, Clearfield, Pa., 12-12, 9,680, $1,500. 15, Chick Matties, Delmar, N.Y., 13-11, 9,656, $1,450. 16, John Hncsina, Franklin, Pa., 11-12-1, 9,569, $1,400. 17, Jim Lewis, Reno, Nev., 11-12-1, 9,553, $1,350. 18, Allie Clarke, Zanesville, Ohio, 9-15, 9,547, $1,300.

19, Darrell Storkson, Everett, Wash., 10-14, 9,529, $1,250. 20, Denny Torgerson, Maquoketa, Iowa, 12-12, 9,502, $1,200. 21, Tom Blasco, Satellite Beach, Fla., 11-13, 9,496, $1,150. 22, Barry Gurney, West Hills, Calif., 10-12-2, 9,419, $1,100. 23, Len Gray, Cincinnati, 8-16, 9,321, $1,050. 24, Bill Gould, Stuart, Fla., 6-18, 9,279, $1,000.

300 games (round five) — None

PBA Showboat

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Standings Thursday after the fourth round of the Showboat Invitational at Showboat Hotel, Casino and Bowling Center, with hometowns and 32-game pinfall totals. (Top 2453 advance to match play).

1, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Stockton, Calif., 7,675. 2, Steve Jaros, Bolingbrook, Ill., 7,335. 3, Eric Forkel, Tucson, Ariz., 7,321. 4, Pete Weber, St. Ann, Mo., 7,295. 5, Tim Criss, Bel Air, Md., 7,293. 6, Mike Miller, Albuquerque, N.M., 7,272.

7, Bob Benoit, Topeka, Kan., 7,256. 8, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 7,235. 9, Brian Voss, Atlanta, 7,207. 10, tie Tom Baker, Buffalo, N.Y., and David Traber, Woodstock, Ill., 7,185. 12, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 7,165.

13, Dave Arnold, Gilbert, Ariz., 7,161. 14, tieDave Husted, Milwaukie, Ore., and Randy Pedersen, Hollywood, Fla., 7,158. 16, David Ozio, Vidor, Texas, 7,155. 17, Tommy Delutz Jr., Jamaica, N.Y., 7,144. 18, Anthony Lombardo, Lowellville, Ohio, 7,134.

19, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 7,133. 20, Wayne Webb, Las Vegas, 7,112. 21, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., 7,107. 22, Joe Firpo, Grapevine, Texas, 7,103. 23, Rick Benard, Las Vegas, 7,096. 24, Brad Snell, Itasca, Ill., 7,094.

25, Bob Belmont, Dunedin, Fla., 7,079. $1,870. 26, Kelly Coffman, Topeka, Kan., 7,063. $1,800. 27, Dennis Horan, San Diego, 7,062. $1,750. 28, Ed Richardson, Corpus Christi, 7,058. $1,700. 29, Rick Easley, Van Nuys, Calif., 7,048. $1,660. 30, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 7,040. $1,620.

31, Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 7,032. $1,580. 32, Mike DeVaney, Escondido, Calif., 7,030. $1,540. 33, Ryan Shafer, Elmira, N.Y., 7,011. $1,500. 34, Curtis Odom, Coldwater, Mich., 6,999. $1,460. 35, Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 6,990. $1,430. 36, Chris Warren, Dallas, 6,978. $1,400.

NHL Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	39	20	10	88	231	177
New Jersey	37	19	12	86	194	155
Florida	31	23	15	77	185	164
N.Y. Rangers	32	28	9	73	222	193
Tampa Bay	27	33	7	61	184	209
Washington	27	34	7	61	172	191
N.Y. Islanders	24	34	10	58	186	198

Northeast Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	35	21	11	81	195	167
Pittsburgh	32	28	7	71	233	221
Hartford	27	31	10	64	189	210
Montreal	25	32	13	63	213	243
Ottawa	22	32	13	57	184	197
Boston	23	37	9	55	200	247

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	40	23	5	85	205	165
Detroit	32	20	15	79	212	157
Phoenix	31	33	5	67	197	210
St. Louis	29	31	8	66	199	209
Chicago	27	31	11	65	177	172
Toronto	25	38	5	55	198	234

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Colorado	41	18	9	91	230	166
Edmonton	31	32	7	69	217	213
Anaheim	29	30	9	67	197	195
Calgary	29	34	7	65	184	198
Vancouver	28	37	4	60	213	238
Los Angeles	25	35	9	59	184	224
San Jose	23	37	7	53	172	220

x-clinched playoff berth

Thursday's Games
Late game not included
Montreal 3, Boston 0
New Jersey 6, Hartford 0
Philadelphia 5, Edmonton 4, OT
N.Y. Islanders 3, Tampa Bay 0
Florida 5, Vancouver 4
St. Louis at Los Angeles, (n)

Friday's Games
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

Devils 6, Whalers 0

Hartford . . . . . .0 0 0 — 0
New Jersey . . . . .1 3 2 — 6

First Period—1, New Jersey, MacLean 23 (Gilmour, Zelepukin), 4:11.

Second Period—2, New Jersey, McKay 7 (Carpenter, Niedermayer), 7:46. 3, New Jersey, Thomas 13, 8:45. 4, New Jersey, McKay 8 (Holik, Rolston), 18:20.

Third Period—5, New Jersey, McKay 9 (Carpenter), 3:59. 6, New Jersey, Holik 18 (Andreychuk, Chambers), 18:25.

Shots on goal—Hartford 9-16-10—35. New Jersey 9-13-11—33.

Power-play Opportunities—Hartford 0 of 1; New Jersey 0 of 2.

Goalies—Hartford, Muzzatti 9-13-5 (33 shots-27 saves). New Jersey, Brodeur 31-12-11 (35-35).

A—16,244 (19,040).

Canadiens 3, Bruins 0

Montreal . . . . . .1 0 2 — 3
Boston . . . . . .0 0 0 — 0

First Period—1, Montreal, Brunet 8 (Brisebois, Richer), 3:04.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—2, Montreal, Richer 19 (Baron, Brunet), 16:54. 3, Montreal, Recchi 31, 19:03 (en).

Shots on goal—Montreal 6-4-14—24. Boston 13-12-10—35.

Power-play Opportunities—Montreal 0 of 4; Boston 0 of 4.

Goalies—Montreal, Thibault 16-21-9 (35 shots-35 saves). Boston, Carey 19-22-3 (23-21).

A—16,305 (17,565).

Islanders 3, Lightning 0

NY Islanders . . . .1 2 0 — 3
Tampa Bay . . . . .0 0 0 — 0

First Period—1, New York, Green 17 (Berard, King), 3:58 (pp).

Second Period—2, New York, Green 18 (Palffy), :43. 3, New York, Andersson 9 (Smolinski, Berard), 1:51.

Third Period—None.

Shots on goal—New York 10-10-12—32. Tampa Bay 9-10-5—24.

Power-play Opportunities—New York 1 of 5; Tampa Bay 0 of 5.

Goalies—New York, Salo 16-21-6 (24 shots-24 saves). Tampa Bay, Schwab 9-12-1 (13-10), Tabaracci (1:51 second period, 19-19).

A—17,414 (19,500).

Panthers 5, Canucks 4

Vancouver . . . . . .2 0 2 — 4
Florida . . . . . .2 3 0 — 5

First Period—1, Florida, Mellanby 24 (Niedermayer, Svehla), 11:50. 2, Florida, Sheppard 24 (Dvorak, Washburn), 13:14. 3, Vancouver, Gelinas 25 (Aucoin, Sillinger), 16:01. 4, Vancouver, Naslund 15 (Lumme, Sillinger), 19:18.

Second Period—5, Florida, Wells 2 (Hough, Hull), 8:24. 6, Florida, Sheppard 25 (Washburn, Dvorak), 12:47. 7, Florida, Sheppard 26 (Svehla, Dvorak), 15:33 (pp).

Third Period—8, Vancouver, Bohonos 6 (Naslund), 7:15. 9, Vancouver, Bohonos 7 (Gelinas, Aucoin), 19:04.

Shots on goal—Vancouver 9-7-8—24. Florida 13-10-1—24.

Missed penalty shot—Niedermayer, Fla., 9:55 second.

Power-play Opportunities—Vancouver 0 of 1; Florida 1 of 3.

Goalies—Vancouver, Hirsch 10-18-3 (24 shots-19 saves). Florida, Vanbiesbrouck 23-16-8 (24-20).

A—14,703 (14,703).

Flyers 5, Oilers 4, OT

Edmonton . . .2 1 1 0 — 4
Philadelphia . .2 1 1 1 — 5

First Period—1, Philadelphia, Coffey 7 (Otto, Desjardins), 4:13 (sh). 2, Philadelphia, Otto 12 (Podein, Zubrus), 8:59. 3, Edmonton, Murray 10 (Grier, Weight), 9:45. 4, Edmonton, Buchberger 6 (Norton, Lindgren), 18:04.

Second Period—5, Edmonton, Smyth 31 (McGillis), 3:20 (pp). 6, Philadelphia, LeClair 45 (Lindros), 15:29.

Third Period—7, Edmonton, Czerkawski 23 (Smyth), 4:38. 8, Philadelphia, Renberg 17 (Zubrus), 16:41.

Overtime—9, Philadelphia, Lindros 23 (Dykhuis, Niinimaa), 4:16. Penalties—Klima, Edm (slashing), 2:43; Coffey, Phi (roughing), 2:43.

Shots on goal—Edmonton 7-11-5-1—24. Philadelphia 10-11-13-2—36.

Power-play Opportunities—Edmonton 1 of 5; Philadelphia 0 of 2.

Goalies—Edmonton, Joseph 27-25-7 (36 shots-31 saves). Philadelphia, Snow 13-7-6 (24-20).

A—19,635 (19,511).

H.S. Baseball

BRYAN (AP) — Here is this week's Texas high school baseball poll, determined by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association:

Class 5A
1. Round Rock (9-2)
2. Duncanville (10-0)
3. Lubbock Monterey (14-2)
4. The Woodlands (10-0)
5. Houston Bellaire (9-2-1)
6. CC Moody (13-3)
7. Round Rock Westwood (9-1)
8. Klein Oak (8-1-1)
9. Lufkin (9-2)
10. Arlington Martin (9-3)

Honda Classic

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) — Scores Thursday after the first round of the $1.5 million Honda Classic played on the par-72 (36-36), 7,268-yard TP at Heron Bay:

Lee Janzen	33-34 — 67
Paul Stankowski	30-37 — 67
Billy Ray Brown	32-36 — 68
Greg Kraft	34-34 — 68
Colin Montgomerie	34-34 — 68
Payne Stewart	32-36 — 68
Stuart Appleby	32-36 — 68
Doug Martin	34-35 — 69
Michael Bradley	35-34 — 69
Bruce Lietzke	35-34 — 69
John Huston	34-35 — 69
P.H. Horgan III	33-36 — 69
Phil Blackmar	34-35 — 69
Guy Boros	33-36 — 69
Ronnie Black	34-35 — 69
Rafael Alarcon	35-34 — 69
Tim Simpson	35-35 — 70
Tom Byrum	36-34 — 70
Bernhard Langer	37-33 — 70
Ian Woosnam	35-35 — 70
Mark McCumber	35-35 — 70
Andrew Magee	35-35 — 70
Chip Beck	34-36 — 70
Joe Ozaki	34-36 — 70
Robert Gamez	34-36 — 70
Dick Mast	36-34 — 70
Russ Cochran	35-36 — 71
Joel Edwards	37-34 — 71
Len Mattiace	36-35 — 71
Kenny Perry	36-35 — 71
Fred Funk	35-36 — 71
Neal Lancaster	34-37 — 71
Jesper Parnevik	35-36 — 71
Mike Brisky	37-34 — 71
Tom Kite	36-35 — 71
John Maginnes	36-35 — 71
Michael Christie	36-36 — 72
Jay Delsing	36-36 — 72
Andy Bean	35-37 — 72
Jim Carter	35-37 — 72
John Adams	38-34 — 72
Tom Lehman	37-35 — 72
Mark Calcavecchia	36-36 — 72
Brian Henninger	37-35 — 72
Jerry Kelly	36-36 — 72
Hugh Royer	36-36 — 72
Tommy Tolles	35-37 — 72
Robert Damron	36-36 — 72
Brandel Chamblee	35-37 — 72
Marco Dawson	37-35 — 72
Ernie Els	37-35 — 72
Vijay Singh	38-34 — 72
Mike Hulbert	36-36 — 72
Lee Porter	35-37 — 72
Hideki Kase	35-37 — 72
David Sutherland	37-35 — 72
Kevin Sutherland	36-36 — 72
Adam Mednick	35-37 — 72
Larry Rinker	39-34 — 73
Tommy Armour III	38-35 — 73
David Toms	36-37 — 73
Jeff Hart	36-37 — 73
Brent Geiberger	39-34 — 73
Wayne Grady	37-36 — 73
David Frost	36-37 — 73
Tim Herron	36-37 — 73
Mike Springer	36-37 — 73
Curt Byrum	36-37 — 73
Olin Browne	34-39 — 73
Mike Standly	38-35 — 73
Jimmy Johnston	36-37 — 73
Jimmy Green	37-36 — 73
Frank Lickliter	39-34 — 73
Paul Trittler	37-36 — 73
Larry Silveira	39-34 — 73
Skip Kendall	36-37 — 73
Tray Tyner	39-34 — 73
David Berganio	36-37 — 73
Shaun Micheel	36-37 — 73
Scott Dunlap	37-37 — 74
Rocco Mediate	36-38 — 74
Bob Wolcott	37-37 — 74
Brett Quigley	38-36 — 74
Gabriel Hjertstedt	37-37 — 74
John Nelson	37-37 — 74
Joey Sindelar	36-38 — 74
Dave Barr	37-37 — 74
Kelly Gibson	37-37 — 74
Mark O'Meara	37-37 — 74
Jim McGovern	35-39 — 74
Craig Parry	35-39 — 74
Stewart Cink	38-36 — 74
Tony Mollica	37-37 — 74
Sonny Skinner	36-38 — 74
Allen Doyle	36-38 — 74
Eric Johnson	35-39 — 74
Chris Perry	33-42 — 75
Mike Donald	37-38 — 75
Billy Andrade	37-38 — 75
Sandy Lyle	34-41 — 75
Pete Jordan	37-38 — 75
Jack Shoenfelt	38-37 — 75
Jack O'Keefe	38-37 — 75
Tom Pernice Jr.	38-37 — 75
Doug Barron	38-37 — 75
Paul Claxton	36-39 — 75
Tim Dagnan	35-40 — 75
Scott Gump	39-36 — 75
Brad Sutterfield	37-38 — 75
Dicky Pride	37-38 — 75
John Morse	34-41 — 75
John Cook	38-37 — 75
Ken Green	39-36 — 75
Craig Kanada	37-38 — 75
J.P. Hayes	37-38 — 75
Craig Bowden	37-38 — 75

Exhibition Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Baltimore	10	4	.714
New York	10	6	.625
Detroit	7	6	.538
Oakland	8	7	.533
Toronto	8	7	.533
Texas	9	8	.529
Boston	7	7	.500
Chicago	7	9	.438
Cleveland	7	9	.438
Anaheim	5	10	.333
Kansas City	5	9	.357
Seattle	5	9	.357
Minnesota	6	12	.333
Milwaukee	4	9	.308

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Florida	15	1	.938
Chicago	10	5	.667
San Francisco	9	5	.643
St. Louis	10	6	.625
Colorado	9	6	.600
Houston	7	5	.583
Philadelphia	8	6	.571
San Diego	9	6	.600
Cincinnati	7	7	.500
New York	6	6	.500
Pittsburgh	5	9	.357
Los Angeles	4	9	.308
Montreal	4	9	.308
Atlanta	4	10	.286

(NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.)

Thursday's Games
Montreal 5, Atlanta 4
New York Mets vs. Houston, ppd., rain
Los Angeles 5, Philadelphia 2
Florida 4, Baltimore 1
St. Louis 4, Cleveland 1
Pittsburgh 12, Boston 2
Kansas City 5, Cincinnati 3
Chicago White Sox 4, Detroit 1
Texas 8, Minnesota 5
New York Yankees (ss) 3, Toronto 1
New York Yankees (ss) at Grambling St., ppd., rain
Colorado 8, Milwaukee 4
Oakland 6, Chicago Cubs 5
San Diego 17, Anaheim 0

Friday's Games
Pittsburgh vs. Cincinnati at Plant City, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Montreal vs. Florida at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Atlanta at West Palm Beach, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. St. Louis at St. Petersburg, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Houston (ss) vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Detroit (ss) at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
San Francisco (ss) vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Colorado (ss) vs. San Francisco (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Milwaukee vs. Chicago Cubs, Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Colorado (ss) at Tucson, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Anaheim at Tempe, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. New York Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
Detroit (ss) vs. Houston (ss) at Kissimmee, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
Los Angeles vs. New York Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 6:10 p.m.

College Basketball

NCAA Tourney

EAST REGIONAL
First Round
At Lawrence Joel Coliseum
Winston-Salem, N.C.
Thursday, March 13

California 55, Princeton 52
Villanova 101, Long Island University 91
North Carolina 82, Fairfield 74
Colorado 80, Indiana 62

At Pittsburgh Civic Arena
Pittsburgh
Friday, March 14

Wisconsin (18-9) vs. Texas (16-11), 11:15 a.m.
South Carolina (24-7) vs. Coppin State (21-8), 30 minutes after previous game
New Mexico (24-7) vs. Old Dominion (22-10), 6:40 p.m.
Louisville (23-8) vs. Massachusetts (19-13), 30 minutes after previous game

Second Round
At Lawrence Joel Coliseum
Winston-Salem, N.C.
Saturday, March 15

N.Carolina vs. Colorado, 11:15 a.m.
California (22-8) vs. Villanova (24-9), 30 minutes after previous game

At Pittsburgh Civic Arena
Pittsburgh
Sunday, March 16

New Mexico-Old Dominion winner vs. Louisville-Massachusetts winner, 1:20 p.m.
S.Carolina-Coppin St. winner vs. Wisconsin-Texas winner, 30 minutes after previous game

Regional Semifinals
At The Carrier Dome
Syracuse, N.Y.
Friday, March 21

N.Carolina-Colorado winner vs. California-Villanova winner
S.Carolina-Coppin St.—Wisconsin-Texas winner vs. UNM-ODU—Louisville-UMass winner

VILLANOVA 101, LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY 91

LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY (21-9): Parker 6-18 7-12 21, Campbell 7-18 2-3 17, Drew 0-0 2-2 2, Masciale 1-6 0-0 3, Jones 14-37 2-3 37, Picinic 3-9 0-0 9, Browne 0-1 0-0 0, Smith 1-4 0-0 2, Goodall 0-2 0-0 0, Noureddine 0-0 0-0 0, Cragan 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-95 13-20 91

VILLANOVA (24-9): Thomas 11-21 5-6 28, Kornegay 2-5 3-6 7, Lawson 8-15 5-7 21, Celestand 7-11 0-1 17, Williams 6-12 2-6 15, Brown 1-4 0-0 2, Caouette 4-4 2-2 11, Noone 0-0 0-0 0, Allen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-72 17-28 101

— Halftime—Villanova 48, LIU 43. 3-Point goals—LIU 14-42 (Jones 7-15, Picinic 3-8, Parker 2-6, Masciale 1-4, Campbell 1-8, Goodall 0-1), Villanova 6-14 (Celestand 3-5, Caouette 1-1, Thomas 1-3, Williams 1-4, Brown 0-1). Fouled out—Campbell, Caouette. Rebounds—LIU 45 (Jones 13), Villanova 60 (Thomas 15). Assists—LIU 12 (Masciale 4), Villanova 25 (Celestand 9). Total fouls—LIU 21, Villanova 21.

CALIFORNIA 55, PRINCETON 52

PRINCETON (24-4): Johnson 2-7 0-1 4, Lewullis 3-9 1-2 10, Goodrich 4-5 1-2 10, Earl 5-11 0-1 13, Henderson 7-9 0-0 15, Mastaglio 0-0 0-0 0, Rosenfeld 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 21-42 2-6 52.

CALIFORNIA (22-8): Grigsby 4-6 2-2 10, Gonzalez 5-10 3-6 13, Stewart 2-3 0-0 4, Duck 6-14 2-2 16, McGruder 1-6 2-2 5, Marks 2-8 3-4 7, McQueen 0-4 0-0 0, Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 20-52 12-16 55.

Halftime—Princeton 29, Cal 23. 3-Point goals—Princeton 8-21 (Lewullis 3-7, Earl 3-8, Goodrich 1-1, Henderson 1-1, Johnson 0-4), Cal 3-11 (Duck 2-7, McGruder 1-1, McQueen 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Princeton 18 (Johnson 4), Cal 38 (Grigsby, McGruder 8). Assists—Princeton 13 (Henderson 5), Cal 10 (McGruder 7). Total fouls—Princeton 13, Cal 13.

NORTH CAROLINA 82, FAIRFIELD 74

FAIRFIELD (11-19): Tice 5-12 2-4 14, Bowman 6-10 2-2 14, Phillip 2-5 2-2 6, Francis 8-13 2-2 26, Commodore 2-5 0-0 6, Eniojukan 2-5 2-3 6, Horan 0-0 0-0 0, Wall 0-1 2-2 2, Boucard 0-0 0-0 0, Van Rij 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-51 12-15 74.

NORTH CAROLINA (25-6): Okulaja 2-5 2-2 7, Jamison 7-11 1-3 15, Zwikker 9-17 1-2 19, Williams 5-13 4-4 17, Carter 9-14 2-3 22, Cota 1-4 0-0 2, Ndaye 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-64 10-14 82.

Halftime—Fairfield 35, North Carolina 28. 3-Point goals—Fairfield 12-24 (Francis 8-12, Commodore 2-5, Tice 2-6, Bowman 0-1), North Carolina 6-18 (Williams 3-9, Carter 2-6, Okulaja 1-3). Fouled out—Eniojukan. Rebounds—Fairfield 34 (Phillip, Eniojukan 7), North Carolina 28 (Zwikker 13). Assists—Fairfield 17 (Commodore 5), North Carolina 22 (Cota 10). Total fouls—Fairfield 14, North Carolina 12.

COLORADO 80, INDIANA 62

COLORADO (22-9): Moore 6-13 2-2 17, Edmonds 6-14 0-0 12, Degray 4-7 0-1 8, Billups 8-14 5-6 24, Smith 0-2 0-0 0, Fries 1-3 0-0 2, Melvin 4-8 0-0 8, Griffith 1-1 0-0 2, Jensen 2-4 0-0 5, Hughes 1-1 0-0 2, Gilchrist 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-68 7-9 80.

INDIANA (22-11): Miller 1-5 2-2 5, Patterson 3-8 3-5 9, Collier 4-14 0-0 8, Lewis 0-2 2-2 2, Guyton 5-10 4-4 17, Mujezinovic 3-5 3-4 9, Reed 1-6 2-2 5, Richardson 1-1 2-3 4, Eggers 0-1 1-2 1, Mandeville 0-1 0-0 0, Jimenez 1-1 0-0 2, Paul 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 19-54 19-24 62.

Halftime—Colorado 46, Indiana 31. 3-Point goals—Colorado 7-9 (Moore 3-4, Billups 3-4, Jensen 1-1), Indiana 5-12 (Guyton 3-6, Miller 1-1, Reed 1-3, Lewis 0-1, Eggers 0-1). Fouled out—Degray, Mujezinovic. Rebounds—Colorado 41 (Moore 10), Indiana 34 (Patterson 8). Assists—Colorado 17 (Edmonds, Billups 3), Indiana 12 (Reed 4). Total fouls—Colorado 21, Indiana 14.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
First Round
At The Pyramid
Memphis, Tenn.
Thursday, March 13

Kansas 78, Jackson State 64
Purdue 83, Rhode Island 76, OT
College of Charleston 75, Maryland 66
Arizona 65, South Alabama 57

At Charlotte Coliseum
Charlotte, N.C.
Friday, March 14

Georgia (24-8) vs. Tennessee-Chattanooga (22-10),

Janzen, Stankowski share Honda lead

More Sports/11C

Associated Press

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. — The blustery springtime conditions of south Florida figured to be the only thing that could turn the vulnerable TPC at Heron Bay into a challenge at the Honda Classic.

Lee Janzen was ready for it.

With crisp iron play into a wind that helped guard the pins, Janzen shot a 5-under-par 67 on Thursday and shared the first-round lead with Paul Stankowski.

"I was excited about coming here and playing," Janzen said. "I thought this course would be fair even if the wind blows."

Janzen knew from experience. He came to Heron Bay last month for a practice round with Payne Stewart, Mark O'Meara and course designer Mark McCumber on a day when the winds were howling.

And even though there was an eerie calm in the days leading up to the first round, Janzen knew better.

"The certain thing you can expect with the Honda is the wind," he said.

Stewart, who played bogey-free in the afternoon, and Colin Montgomerie, who finished his morning round in a shower that lasted about 30 minutes, were among five players at 68.

Nine players were another stroke back, and Stankowski figured he would be one of them.

■ Golf Roundup

Stankowski, who won the Hawaiian Open in a playoff last month, stumbled through the back nine in 37 but managed to get to 3 under with a couple of short birdie putts, a 40-foot birdie putt from the fringe and an up-and-down birdie from the fringe on a par 5.

On his final hole, the 566-yard par-5 ninth that also played into the wind, his lob wedge from 90 yards away in a fairway bunker hit 4 feet behind the cup and spun back into the hole for an eagle and a share of the lead.

"I don't typically like an L-wedge out of the fairway bunker, but I liked that one," Stankowski said.

Janzen, who failed to win last year for the first time since 1991, hit a 3-iron from 188 yards to 3 inches on No. 8 for a birdie to get to 3-under, then missed birdie putts of 10 and 5 feet on the next two holes before holing two 20-footers for birdie on the back nine.

"I hit my irons well and putted well," Janzen said. "That usually adds up to a good score."

McCumber, who was at 70 along with Tom Lehman, Ian Woosnam and Bernhard Langer, put in 107 bunkers to tighten an otherwise flat, treeless course. The wind turned out to be the best neutralizer.

"It takes away the 63s and 62s, but it doesn't stop people scoring 67s and 68s," Montgomerie said. "It takes away somebody coming from behind and blitzing the course, which happens over here."

It was calm again under cloudy skies when the tournament began. Then the sparse palm trees began to sway in mid-morning and the number of birdies began to taper.

By the time Janzen, Stankowski and Stewart teed off, players were starting to deliberate more over which club to hit, and standard-bearers had trouble holding the signs when they walked into the wind.

"It made it play a lot longer," Stankowski said. "Five under is leading today, but it can blow a lot harder. I'd love to see it blow harder."

That's the feeling of players like Montgomerie, Stewart and Janzen, who feel gusty conditions reward only the best shots. Montgomerie is used to these conditions in Europe. Janzen won the Players' Championship under similar conditions two years ago and Stankowski has a good record in Hawaii.

Neumann paces Welch's

TUCSON, Ariz. — Liselotte Neumann eagled two holes and birdied four for an 8-under-par 64 and a one stroke lead Thursday at the Welch's-Circle K Championship.

Julie Piers was second with a 65, with Tammie Green, Marianne Morris, Sherri Steinhauer and Annika Sorenstam were two shots back at 66.

Dottie Pepper, the 1995 winner in Tucson, and Donna Andrews, who won in 1994, were among eight players who shot first-round 68s.

Neumann, a late starter, faced a challenge as soon as she teed off — matching the 7-under round Piers was close to completing.

But it didn't take long for the long-hitting Swede to start reeling in Piers and everyone else shooting in the red numbers. Neumann, who took the last two LPGA tournaments off after a tie for eighth in Los Angeles, reached the 493-yard third hole in two and sank a 25-foot putt for her first eagle.

She had birdies on Nos. 4 and 5, another on No. 9, and dropped to 7-under when she eagled No. 10, a 351-yard, par-4. Neumann, the defending champion, used a sand wedge after one of her extra-yardage drives, and the shot landed about 10 feet from the pin, hopped and rolled into the cup.

Olazabal continues comeback

LISBON, Portugal — Jose Maria Olazabal's comeback from foot problems continued when he shot a 2-under-par 70 Thursday in the first round of the Portuguese Open, and was five strokes behind leader Peter O'Malley.

Olazabal drew the largest crowds as he shot his fourth sub-par score in five rounds since playing his first tournament in 18 months, two weeks ago at the Dubai Desert Classic.

The former Masters champion and Ryder Cup star, whose career appeared in doubt after a series of foot problems, was 12th at Dubai.



AP Laserphoto

Billy Ray Brown blasts out of a sand trap on the 18th hole at the TPC at Heron Bay in Coral Springs, Fla., during Thursday's first round of the Honda Classic. Brown shot a 4-under par 68 — one stroke off the lead.

Owner wouldn't mind cloning Cigar, but Jockey Club would

By Ed Schuyler Jr.
AP Racing Writer

HALLANDALE, Fla. — The cloning of Cigar might be an "interesting experiment," says the man whose racing colors Cigar carried so grandly in two Horse of the Year campaigns.

"If somebody who is qualified wants to come and get a patch off him it would be all right," Allen Paulson said.

Paulson, speaking to The Associated Press from California on Thursday, had been looking forward to racing and watching others campaign Cigar's offspring.

However, the 7-year-old horse has been a dud at stud and might be sterile. Paulson said Cigar has mated with 40 mares, and none was in foal.

In any event, Paulson certainly is not counting on a cloned Cigar. And even if science should succeed in such a venture, the racing authorities would intervene.

"I don't think The Jockey Club would allow cloning because it doesn't allow artificial insemination," Paulson said.

The Jockey Club, which registers American thoroughbreds and sets rules for breeding and racing, confirmed his suspicion.

"The rules of registration into the American Stud Book are quite clear and state 'to be eligible for registration a foal must be a result of a stallion's natural service with a broodmare,'" said James Peden, vice president for corporation communications for The Jockey Club.

"This regulation specifically excludes artificial insemination or embryo transfer, and I expect the stewards of The Jockey Club to add the words 'cloning by any means.'"

Paulson says the notion of a cloned Cigar is not his idea.

"I didn't start this," he said. "I got a call from Roger Field, who asked me about cloning Cigar. I said it might be an interesting experiment."

Field is the health and science writer for the New York Post, which ran the Cigar-cloning story on the front page in Thursday's early editions.

Whether the cloning of Cigar or any other thoroughbred horse ever takes place remains to be seen.

Scientists in Scotland, who successfully cloned a sheep, told the Post they don't know when, if ever, they will be able to clone a horse.

"It's been done once in sheep, and whether it's transferable to other species, we don't know yet," said Dr. Harry Griffin of the Roslin Institute. "Other attempts ... will be in cattle and then probably in pigs."

Dr. James Stewart of the American Association of Equine Practitioners told the newspaper there might be problems with a cloned horse's offspring.

"When the clones start to breed, they'll bring out recessive traits," Stewart said. "You'll open some problems you don't want to think about."

Paulson said he doubts Cigar would race again, and what appears in store for the horse is a life of leisure at Paulson's Brookside Farm at Versailles, Ky.

Cigarwas syndicated in a deal valued at $25 million, with Paulson keeping 10 breeding shares and Coolmore Farms of Ireland getting 30 shares. The horse was standing at Coolmore's Ashford Stud at Versailles.

If Cigar is judged sterile, he would be come the property of the insurance company. Paulson said he would buy Cigar back.

Cigar ended his career at age 6 as the richest horse ever, just $185 shy of $10 million. He was retired to stud after he finished third in the Breeders' Cup Classic on Oct. 26 at Woodbine in Toronto.

It was his second consecutive loss and third in four races since the end of his 16-race winning streak, which matched the modern record of Citation. The streak included a 10-for-10 record in 1995.

World champion skier plans to retire

VAIL, Colo. (AP) — Hilary Lindh, who became a world champion by taking advice from her coach, finally stopped listening on Thursday.

The 27-year-old Lindh, who won the downhill gold medal in the world championships last month, said that this season, her 13th, would be her last.

U.S. Ski Team women's coach Herwig Demschar "talked to me an hour and a half yesterday trying to convince me that I should hold off on my decision," Lindh said during a news conference after Thursday's races in the World Cup Finals. "The final agreement was that I would allow myself that possibility (of skiing next season). I'm not planning on changing my mind, but I guess there's always that option."

Lindh almost retired last year, until Demschar helped change her mind.

"I spent nearly a month last year using all my arguments I had to talk her into staying for another year and it paid off," he said. "So I didn't have anything left this year to talk her out of it again.

"I'm not really happy about it, but you have to respect a decision like this. It's not a problem, but whenever you lose an athlete, especially a good athlete, it's not good for the team."

Lindh, whose last skiing appearance will be in next week's U.S. Nationals at Sugarloaf, Maine, said her career highlight came in that extra season that Demschar coaxed out of her.

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Booster Clubs...

The **Midland High Softball Booster Club** will meet the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in conference room A. The public is welcome to attend...

The **Midland High Soccer Booster Club** will meet April 14 at 7 p.m. at MHS...

Basketball...

The AAU Girls 12-Under tryouts for the **West Texas Stars** will begin March 19 at 5:45 p.m. at Abell Junior High. Girls who are 12 or turned 13 after Jan. 1, 1997 are eligible to tryout. Ten Players will be selected. Call Mike Hinsley at 697-3018 for more details...

The **"Three for All"** 3-on-3 national tour will stop in Abilene April 5-6. The tournament will be held on Cypress Street between 5th and 6th streets. It is open to male and female participants eight years of age and older...

Tryouts for the **Girls West Texas Breakers AAU** basketball teams will be held March 23. The Breakers are directed by Midland College women's basketball coach Ron Jones, and will be for 12-under, 14-under and 16-under teams. For more information contact Mickey Leng, evenings, at 697-1030. Those who have participated in the past will receive an informational letter explaining the tryouts...

Tennis...

The USTA adult season runs from April 15-June 1. MXD season is from May-July. For more information call Juannell Fort at 686-0277 or Lance Armstrong at 687-4046...

The Midland College Tennis Center is offering individual and group lessons for all ages. Call Toby at 687-4046 for information...

A **USTA league rating clinic** will be held March 19 at 7 p.m. at the Racquet Club for those eligible for a rating interested in playing in leagues this year. The cost is $5 per person and all are asked to show up a few minutes early to fill out a player profile sheet. Call Lance Armstrong at 687-4046...

Bicycling...

The Permian Basin Bicycle Association meets every third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Coors Hospitality room. For more information, please call 697-0248 or Peyton's Bike Store at 699-1718...

Softball...

The Permian Basin ASA Umpires Association is now recruiting any interested individuals wishing to umpire slow and fastpitch softball this spring and summer. For further information please contact Howard King at 684-7595, Joe Guerra at 686-8445 or Freddie Ezell...

The inaugural Midland Softball Sandblaster Tournament is scheduled for March 15-16. Entry fee is $110. for more information, call 683-8741, 694-5508 or 689-6978...

The TPC Spring Classic Men's Softball Tournament will be held in Andrews on March 14-16. There is a $110 fee and the tournament is limited to the first 16 paid teams. Call Marvin (915-523-3014), Steve (915-523-6031) or Mike (915-535-2212), for more details...

The Midland YMCA is taking registration for youth softball. The program is for boys and girls from kindergarten through sixth grades. The fee is $25 for YMCA members and $38 for non-members. For more information,c all 682-2551...

The Crane Spring Classic softball tournament is March 22-23. Entry fee is $110 per team. Entry deadline is March 20, 5 p.m. For information, call 1-915-558-2621...

The OWASA of Odessa is holding a Spring Fling Softball Tournament March 22-23 at the UTPB Complex. Competition will be in men's class D and E and women's class C and D categories. The entry fee is $110. For more information, call Natalie Watkins at 337-5306 or Anita Castillo at 366-6971...

Golf...

McCamey Country Club will host a 2-person 18-hole select shot tournament March 15 for $35 per person; a 1-person 18-hole scramble on April 12 at $25; a 4-lady 18-hole select shot tournament on April 19 for $35 per person and lunch included after play; and the Charlie Shepard Memorial 2-man low ball event is May 17-18 for $130 per team. Call 1-915-652-8904 for more information...

The University of Texas Longhorn Golf Tournament with coaches and U.T. staff representatives such as football coach John Mackovic, basketball coach Tom Penders, women's basketball coach Jody Conradt and athletic director DeLoss Dodds. It will be held April 15 at Mission Dorado Golf Course. For more information call Dr. Frank Kasman at 520-0220 or 1-800-942-6926...

The 12th annual Spring Trans-Pecos SPE Scholarship Tournament is April 14 at the Midland Country Club. The tournament is a four-man scramble with shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. The entry fee is $320 per team by April 9, $400 afterward. Each team consists of an A, B, C and D player. For more information, call Fran Johnson, Shanna Guevara or Al Sutton at 682-4305 or 683-0260...

A **Ladies Clinic** will be held March 20 to kick off the newly formed Ladies Evening Golf League to be held at Hogan Park Golf Course on Thursdays at 6:15 p.m. Clinic is $15 and basic fundamentals of golf will be covered. Clinic time is 6-7 p.m. If you are interested in joining the league, or the clinic, call 685-7360 to sign up...

Factory representatives from Wilson, Daiwa, Ping, Callaway, Lynx, Taylor Made, Yonex, Cobra, Spalding, Titleist, Odyssey, Bridgestone and Footjoy, will be at Hogan Park Golf Course from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on April 7 to show golfers the new golf equipment for 1997. There will be opportunity to demo new equipment on the driving range with the factory reps...

Soccer...

The Midland Soccer Association Adult Registration continues through March 21. The fee is $44 and can be paid from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1909 W. Wall, Suite N. For more information, call 528-2890 and leave a message or call MSA at 684-5425...

Texas Christian University will be the site of a **No. 1 Goalkeeper Camp** and a **No. 1 Striker Camp** June 1-6 or June 7-12. Camp is available for beginner, intermediate and advanced players. Call 1-800-MACHNIK or (203) 483-9839, e-mail at no1camps@snet.net or check the Website at www.no1soccercamps.com for more information...

Running...

The Big Spring State Park Fun Run Fundraiser, including 5K and 10K races, is set for April 19 at 8 a.m. Cost is $5 per person. There is also a park entrance fee of $2 per person ages 13 and up with exception to Texas Conservation Passport and Parkland Pass holders. Call 263-4931 for more information...

The annual ECISD Run/Walk 5K, co-sponsored by UTPB Kinesiology Club, benefiting ECISD Special Olympics, will be June 7 at 8 a.m. at UTPB. The run and walk are over a 3.1 mile course with seven age divisions 15-under to 60-over. Entry fee is $12 for all participants and $15 on race day. Call 1-915-334-7172 or 334-0734 for more information...

Track and Field...

The West Texas Christian Track Meet is May 10 at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa. Opening ceremonies are at 7:45 a.m. and events, which include running long jump, softball throw and races and relays of several distances, begin at 8 a.m. Entry fee is $5 by April 18. Please call 563-9333 for more information...

Hunting...

The Midland County 4-H Club is offering beginning and advanced instruction in target shooting. The program offers youngsters a chance to learn gun safety and responsibility. Competition is available on a county, district and state level for those wishing to enter. All youth are invited to come out to the MSA Range on County Road 160 just off FM 1213 on Saturday, March 8 and Saturday, March 15 at 10 a.m. to sign up. All participants must complete a safety class. For more information, call Hal Semple at 520-4733 or Pam Conry at 683-1332...

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has scheduled a public meeting at the Andrews County Community Building at 108 NE 6th St. in Andrews for March 17 at 7 p.m. concerning proposed changes to hunting and fishing regulations for 1997-98. After hearing from the public, final approval of regulations will be made by the department at its April 17 meeting.

Rugby...

The Midland Mad Dogs Rugby Football Club will be holding its practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. For more information call Daryl at 697-6418 or E-mail: indyshome @ juno. com.

Weightlifting...

The Midland Fitness Center is holding a bench press contest April 5 at 2 p.m. at 3303 W. Illinois. There will be four weight classes with a cash prize for the winner in each class. There will be a weigh-in and a $10 pre-registration the day of the competition. For more information, call 699-0227...

Baseball

The Famous Chicken will be on hand for the April 27th game between the Midland Angels and the El Paso Diablos at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased now from the CENTERS staff at 1031 Andrews Hwy., Suite 200, for $4.50 each. Tickets will be $5 at the game. A portion of the proceeds benefits program for CENTERS for Children and Families. Call 699-4262 for information...

Football...

The **Midland Colts** of the United States Independent Football League begin their regular season March 23 and will play four home games at Stanton High School as part of an eight-game schedule in their inaugural season. The home games will be April 6 against the San Angelo 6-Shooters, April 13 against the Abilene Thunder, April 20 against the San Angelo Stampede and May 18 against the Stampede. All games start at 3 p.m. For more information, call Curtis Conder at 686-0065...

Bowling...

The third annual **Mixed Open Tournament** is scheduled for Basin Lanes over the weekends of April 12-13 and 19-20. Squad times are 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. all days. Applications are available at Midland Park Lanes and Basin Lanes. The tournament is sponsored by the Midland Women's Bowling Association. Deadline to enter is midnight March 31. For information, call Deborah Froelich at 520-3736...



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BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Thursday $20.70
Previous Close $20.62
Year Ago N/A

POSTED
Today $18.75
Previous Close $18.75
Year Ago N/A

NATURAL GAS PRICES
Thursday $1.942

Prices rise

NEW YORK — Oil futures prices rose for a second straight day Thursday, flirting with the key threshold of $21 a barrel as the market continued to rebound from a recent slump.

Crude oil for delivery in April settled at $20.70 per barrel, up 8 cents, on the New York Mercantile Exchange. It had reached an intraday high of $20.88 before easing somewhat as investors took profits.

Some of the increase was tied to increased demand for fuel from the farming and trucking industries as the weather warms up.

Natural gas contracts for delivery in April settled at $1.942 per 1,000 cubic feet, down .13 cent.

Business workshops

Two free workshops for small business owners will be held March 18 at the Center for Economic and Energy Diversification. Both are being offered through the UTPB Small Business Development Center.

"Introduction to Marketing Your Small Business," from 9 to 11:30 a.m., offers the basics of marketing.

"Financing for Small Business" will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. It is geared toward the small business owner or prospective business owner interested in U.S. Small Business Administration applications and other SBA programs.

Reservations are available by calling 552-2455.

Purchasers meet

The monthly meeting of the National Association of Purchasing Management, Permian Basin, will be Tuesday at Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield, beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Speaker will be Chloice Shofner, economics professor at Midland College. He will speak on the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Dollar surges

NEW YORK — The dollar rose sharply Thursday, erasing its decline from a day earlier in a rally driven by new evidence of U.S. economic health that suggested the Federal Reserve would raise interest rates later this month.

The dollar traded as high as 1.7064 marks before settling in New York at 1.7056 marks, up from 1.6932 Wednesday. Against the yen, the dollar closed at its highest level since Feb. 19 in New York at 123.41 yen, up from 122.34 Wednesday. The pound cost $1.5974, down from $1.5992.

Other late dollar rates in New York compared with late Wednesday: 1.4657 Swiss francs, up from 1.4552; 5.7520 French francs, up from 5.7100; 1,697.00 Italian lire, up from 1,687.50; 1.3650 Canadian dollars, up from 1.3627.

Cable rates raised

NEW YORK — The nation's biggest cable company, Tele-Communications Inc., is raising rates 7 percent for most subscribers largely to offset the rising cost of popular programming like MTV and ESPN.

The increase, announced Thursday, will affect 11 million of TCI's 14 million subscribers in all 49 states in which it operates.

TCI's decision comes as the company works to roll out its new ALL-TV digital cable service and reduce its $15 billion in debt. It also comes three months after TCI announced it would eliminate 2,500 jobs and freeze or cut senior executive salaries.

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Dow falls 160 points on inflation fears

Decline is fifth biggest in Dow's history

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average tumbled Thursday to its fifth-biggest point drop ever as inflation and interest rate worries intensified, triggering a broad selloff in the stock market.

The Dow lost 160.48 points, or 2.28 percent, closing at 6,878.89. The blue-chip barometer's plunge was led by Philip Morris, which slid the equivalent of 37 Dow points amid renewed worries about health liability suits against the tobacco industry.

Even so, the Dow's drop was hardly the work of an isolated few: of the Dow's 30 components, only AT&T showed a gain for the day.

The session represented "a broad sweeping setback which reflects a general desire to lighten up on equity exposure," said Michael Metz, vice president at Oppenheimer & Co., asserting that much of the market's record-setting rise has been the product of momentum investing, which emphasizes trading patterns over economic trends or a company's financial performance. "Now you have the momentum craze working in reverse."

Stocks were pressured from the open by the bond market, where interest rates jumped toward a six-month high amid news of surprisingly heavy retail activity during January and February.

The robust retail sales report compounded growing fears that the Federal Reserve will soon raise interest rates to slow borrowing and spending as protection against inflationary demand. A sharp rise in retail sales, which represent about one-third of the nation's economic activity, might aggravate inflationary pressures such as rising production costs.

As bond prices fell Thursday, the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond rose from late Wednesday's 6.88 percent to nearly 6.98 percent before settling at about 6.96 percent. The yield hasn't been above 7 percent since September.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by nearly a 4-to-1 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled 503.73 million shares.

The S&P 500-stock list fell 14.70 to 789.56; the NYSE composite index fell 7.67 to 415.87; and the American Stock Exchange composite fell 4.02 to 598.02.

The Nasdaq composite fell 10.85 to 1,293.28, cushioned by a partial rebound in some technology issues beaten down by recent profit-taking.



AP Laserphoto

Traders work the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Thursday. Stocks fell sharply as interest rates fell sharply as interest rates shot to their highest level in nearly six months amid more indications the economy may be too strong to keep inflation under control.

Engineers honor two

Staff Reports

Roy C. Williamson was named Engineer of the Year and Rene Franks, Young Engineer of the Year, by the Permian Basin Chapter of Texas Society of Professional Engineers. The engineers were honored at the recent annual meeting of the professional organization.

Williamson is a 1956 graduate of the University of Oklahoma with Bachlor of Science degrees in Petroleum Engineering and Geological Engineering.

He began his engineering career for Gulf Oil Corp. in 1958, and is presently President of Williamson Petroleum Consultants, which has been active in reservoir studies and evaluations not only in the Permian Basin, but as far away as Ecuador and Russia.

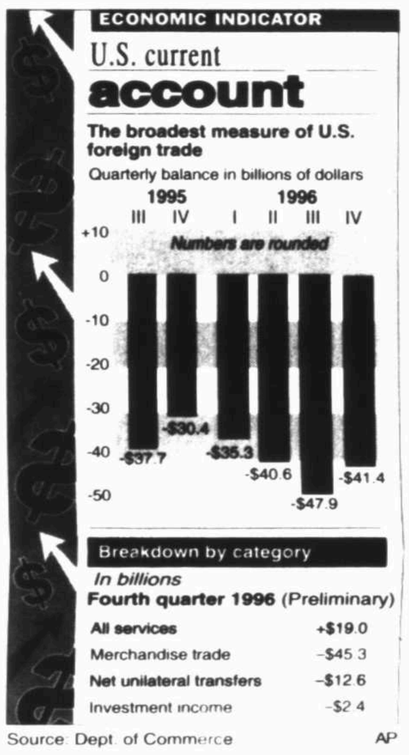
An active member of his church and the community, Williamson has been a member of SPE since 1959. He has served on the Permian Basin board twice, and is currently Chairman of the Permian Basin Section. He is also a member of the Society of Evaluation Engineers, and has been instrumental in helping formulate many of the oil and gas reserve definitions.

Rene Franks is a 1985 graduate of Rice University with a Bachelo or Science Degree in Civil Engineering. She was on the President's Honor Roll for six of eight semesters and was selected to receive the Outstanding Enginering Studen's Award from the school.

A deisgn engineer for the City of Midland, where she is in charge of all developoment activity and flood plain considerations. She began her career as an associate engineer for Dannenbaum Engineering Corp. in Houston.

Scholarship awards were also presented to: James L. Naylor, Sarah Myres, April Lovelady all of Odessa. Midland students receiving awards were: Liza Chen, Clifford Dresher, and Tara Robinson. Receiving an award from McCamey High School was Kelsey Folger. Dustin Kujawski and Anthony Braden of Garden City also received scholarship awards.

Trade deficit soars to near-record high



■ Trade gap is exception to grab bag of reports that depict a robust economy.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — American consumers spent freely last month, though burdened by debt, increasing the chances the Federal Reserve will push interest rates higher to forestall inflation.

The Commerce Department's report on retail sales, and speculation on how it would be viewed by the central bank, propelled a sharp selloff in financial markets.

It was one of a grab bag of reports generally depicting a robust economy maintaining its momentum into the spring. The exceptions included one that showed the U.S. trade deficit soaring to its second-worst performance ever last year.

"The first half is going to be strong, led by consumer spending," said economist Mark Zandi of Regional Financial Associates of West Chester, Pa. "If trade wasn't a constraint, this economy would be booming, and we'd already be seeing higher interest rates."

As it is, Zandi said, Federal Reserve policy-makers probably will increase benchmark short-term interest rates by a quarter of a percentage point at their upcoming meeting on March 25 and another quarter point on May 20.

Retail sales rose a strong 0.8 percent to a seasonally adjusted $213.2 billion in February after shooting up 1.5 percent in January, the Commerce Department said. The January figure more than doubled an earlier estimate of a 0.6 percent gain.

The two-month combination puts first-quarter consumer spending on track to better the pace of the fourth quarter, when the economy grew at a robust 3.9 percent annual rate, said economist Bruce Steinberg of Merrill Lynch in New York.

Consumer confidence is high, analysts said, because of a vibrant job market. The Labor Department said new claims for unemployment benefits fell by 5,000 last week to 307,000, the lowest level in more than two years. The four-week moving average of claims, at 310,250, was the lowest since 1989.

Ironically, America's vigor, relative to its European trading partners and Japan, contributed to a sharp deterioration last year in the nation's current-account deficit, the broadest measure of U.S. foreign trade. Consumer demand in the United States fueled import growth while lackluster demand overseas restrained exports.

The current-account deficit jumped 11.4 percent to $165.1 billion, just short of the all-time record of $167.4 billion set in 1987, the Commerce Department said.

Ford to retain its CEO until year 2000

N.Y. Times News Service

Dearborn, Michigan — Ford Motor Co. said Alex Trotman will remain chairman and chief executive until January 2000 at the company's request, a show of support that gives Trotman more time to complete a global cost-cutting program that has produced mixed results so far.

Under the 63-year-old Trotman, Ford's chairman and chief executive since 1993, Ford has fielded a strong U.S. product lineup that has helped boost domestic earnings. But the company has posted heavy losses overseas and its share performance has lagged that of its U.S. competitors.

Shareholder impatience aside, the announcement is "certainly an endorsement on the part of the board" that assures stability and removes any uncertainty about Trotman's status, said David Garrity, a Smith Barney analyst. "There were concerns in the market that Trotman's performance had not met with the board's approval," Garrity said.

The second-largest U.S. automaker said its board asked Trotman to remain in the top job for 18 months beyond the company's normal retirement age of 65 following an annual performance review. Trotman will turn 65 in July 1998.

Dearborn, Michigan-based Ford said its board was "very supportive" of Trotman, the company's top management and "the direction it is leading the company."

Trotman faces some big challenges, though. One is boosting the company's share price. Ford's stock has fallen 2.7 percent in past the 12 months, compared with a 0.2 percent decline for Chrysler Corp. shares and an increase of 8.9 percent for General Motors Corp. shares.

"I'm supportive of how (Trotman) runs the automotive business but they've fallen short for shareholders," said Ed Wachenheim, chairman of Greenhaven Associates in Purchase, New York, which owned 2.2 million shares in December.

Trotman also must make a success of Ford 2000, a program introduced two years ago that aims to shave billions off the cost of building cars and trucks and shortening the time it takes to develop them.

"We fully expect him to deliver on his Ford 2000 financial plans," said Robert Marcin, portfolio manager at Miller Anderson Sherrard in Philadelphia, which owned 2.57 million Ford shares in December. Ford's biggest problems may be overseas, where it's 3/4?struggling with excess capacity, tough competition and a product line loaded with low-profit cars. Ford lost $352 million abroad last year versus a profit of $213 million the year before.

Ford is doing well in the U.S., however. Led by its F-Series pickup truck, which is the best-selling vehicle in the U.S., and the Taurus, the best-selling car, as well as its popular new Expedition sport utility vehicle, the company's profits tripled in the fourth quarter, beating estimates.

Ford earned $2 billion from its U.S. automobile operations for all of last year, up from $1.8 billion in 1995.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Biggest mortgage decision is fixed rate versus ARM

By Eric Tyson

Q: We are in the market for a house and can't make up our minds between a fixed-rate and an adjustable-rate mortgage. The real estate agent we're working with says we should take out an ARM so as to be able to buy the home we want. How should we decide between a fixed mortgage and an ARM?



Tyson

A: Choosing between a fixed-rate mortgage or ARM is the single most important decision when choosing a mortgage and one that you should make before you go out to purchase a piece of real estate.

But most people don't do that. The excitement of purchasing a home tends to cloud judgment. Your eyes get bigger as the houses get bigger, and it's easier for the real estate agent or mortgage broker to prey on your delusions of grandeur.

In most cases, ARMs let you borrow and spend more money than fixed-rate mortgages do. Therefore it is not surprising that agents and lenders often recommend them; the more money you borrow and spend, the more money they make on the deal.

Problem is, what agents and lenders recommend and what you can actually afford to borrow are rarely the same thing. They won't ask you the tough questions that you need to ask yourself when figuring out how much you can afford.

First, ask yourself how long you plan to hang onto the property. If you're sure you'll be there for less than seven years, you should come out ahead with an adjustable mortgage. Even if interest rates increase during that time period, they won't have time to offset the ARM's low initial payments.

If you expect to hold the mortgage for more than seven years, then ask yourself how much of a gamble you can take with the size of your monthly mortgage payment. An ARM's monthly payment will go up if the overall level of interest rates rise, and if you hold onto the mortgage long enough, they will rise.

You need to determine what will happen to your cash flow when they do.

Will you still be able to afford the other expenses of home ownership such as insurance and property taxes? Do you have emergency savings you can tap into? Will you still be able to save enough for important financial goals such as retirement if you're hampered by high mortgage payments?

Too many people don't ask themselves those questions before they take on the risk of an ARM.

Ask your lender what the maximum monthly payment could be on the ARM. That's the payment you would have if the interest rate rose to highest level allowed by the loan's "lifetime cap." If you can't afford the highest allowed payment on an ARM, you have no business taking it out.

If you can take on the financial risks that come with an ARM, then you do have better chances of saving money than with a fixed-rate loan. Your interest rate starts lower, and even if rates go up, they probably will come back down during the life of the loan.

So if you can stick with your adjustable "for better and for worse," you might come out ahead in the long run.

If you do choose an adjustable loan, you might feel more financially secure if you have a hefty financial cushion that is accessible in the event rates go up.

One option is to take out a smaller loan than you qualify for. Or, simply be vigilant about saving more than 10 percent of your monthly income. If you've got some wiggle room in your spending, you probably will feel less anxious about fluctuating interest rates.

One more question to ask yourself: Even if you're financially fit to withstand rising mortgage payments, are you psychologically fit to handle them? Some people can't avoid feeling stress when something in life is unpredictable. Although you would pay a slight premium for a fixed-rate mortgage, the peace of mind might make it worthwhile.

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
WalMart	103285	29	+¼
MicronT	73408	42	+⅜
PhilMr	64691	126	-10¾
OfficDpt	61352	22⅜	-⅜
RJR pfC	61235	6⅝	-⅛

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MercFn	3	+½	+20.0
PennTr	5⅜	+⅝	+13.2
Huntco	12¼	+1¼	+11.4
Cordiant	5⅜	+½	+10.3
Capstar n	27	+2¼	+9.1

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Wicitex	6⅝	-1⅛	-14.5
AppliMg	33¼	-5	-13.1
Argosy	3½	-½	-12.5
BAEmb	2½	-¼	-9.1
Kerr pf	5	-½	-9.1

DIARY

Advanced	534
Declined	2,101
Unchanged	714
Total issues	3,349
New Highs	72
New Lows	31
Volume	604,968,910

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
TWA	32008	7⅞	+⅛
SPDR	25141	79 9/32	-1¼
Nabors	7787	17⅝	+⅜
Harken	7743	4 11/16	-3/16
JTS Corp	6848	2⅜	...

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ecBesicp	19¼	+2½	+14.9
EasxBc	2½	+3/16	+10.0
Kilern	6 7/16	+9/16	+9.6
TWA wt	5 5/16	+7/16	+9.0
BSYn pwt97	12½	+1	+8.7

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MSNlk 97wt	2⅛	-⅜	-15.0
ThrmPw	6⅛	-⅜	-10.9
Hondo	10⅞	-1¼	-10.3
AVIC Gp n	4 9/16	-½	-8.9
ArizLd	5⅛	-½	-8.9

DIARY

Advanced	171
Declined	368
Unchanged	183
Total issues	722
New Highs	14
New Lows	9
Volume	26,467,785

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Oracle s	139610	38⅛	+2
Cisco	123377	52	+1⅛
EmplySt s	116232	15⅜	-4½
Intel	113625	141¼	-1½
Costco	75467	28⅞	-½

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OLS wt	2	+1 1/16	+113.3
Hickok	13½	+5	+58.8
MonAvl	2¾	+¾	+37.5
PHC un	3	+¾	+33.3
AlphHsp	2⅝	+⅝	+27.3

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SndSrce n	2	-1	-33.3
Diedrich n	4	-1¾	-30.4
Micrenr pf	4	-1½	-27.3
Nu-Tech	8 17/32	-2 18/32	-23.3
PerSptv wt	2⅛	-⅝	-22.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,334
Declined	2,740
Unchanged	1,668
Total issues	5,742
New Highs	87
New Lows	141
Volume	553,484,500

HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 1,675 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 925 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Shares in bold are worth at least $5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional fields rotated through the week, as follows:

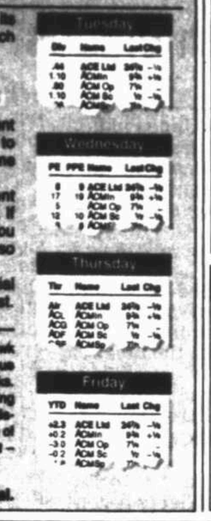
Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.
Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.
Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...
YTD: Percent change in price since December 31.
How to use: The year-to-date percent change compares the most recent price with the company's price as of Dec. 31. The number is a good way to compare and track the performance of different companies in the same industry or the same town.

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

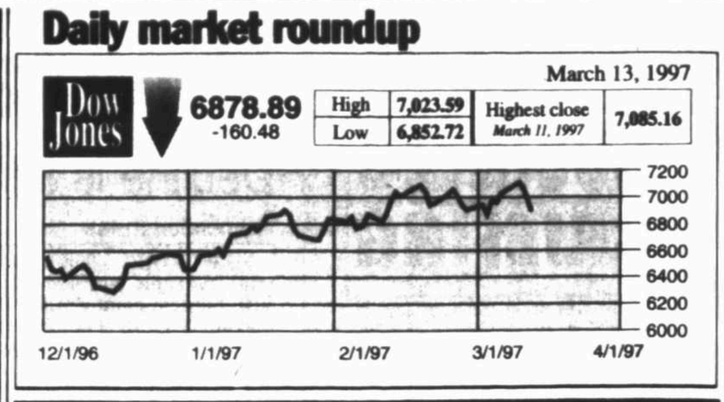
These numbers can be helpful in following stocks but as with all financial data are only one of many factors to use in determining how to invest. Consult your financial advisor before making any investment decision.

Stock Footnotes: cc – PE greater than 99. dd – Loss in last 12 mos. d – New 52-wk low during trading day. g – Dividend in Canadian $. Stock price in U.S. $. n – New issue in past 52 weeks. s – Split or stock dividend of 25 percent or more in last 52 weeks. Dividend begins with date of split or stock dividend. u – New 52-wk high during trading day. v – Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration. pf – Preferred. pp – Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price. rt – Rights. un – Units. wd – When distributed. wi – When issued. wt – Warrants. ww – With warrants. xw – Without warrants.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.



Daily market roundup



INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
7,112.10	5,182.31	Dow Jones Industrials	6,878.89	-160.48	-2.28	+6.66	+23.14
2,470.97	1,922.92	Dow Jones Transportation	2,423.97	-37.60	-1.53	+7.46	+12.52
243.29	203.32	Dow Jones Utilities	221.91	-2.10	-.94	-4.57	+4.23
428.25	326.55	NYSE Composite	415.87	-7.67	-1.81	+6.01	+21.10
618.96	508.94	Amex Index	598.02	-4.02	-.67	+4.49	+6.04
1,400.53	1,008.44	Nasdaq Composite	1,293.28	-10.85	-.83	+ .17	+18.53
817.68	605.88	S&P 500	789.56	-14.70	-1.83	+6.59	+23.20
373.17	258.82	Russell 2000	360.06	-4.34	-1.19	- .70	+10.76
7,792.28	6,099.34	Wilshire 5000	7,553.13	-122.17	-1.59	+4.93	+19.76

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

YTD	Name	Last	Chg
	A-B-C		
-15.7	AAR	25½	...
+7.7	ACE Ltd	64¾	-⅝
+2.4	ACMIn	10½	...
+2.8	ACM Sc	9⅛	-⅛
+5.9	ACMSp	8¾	-⅛
+8.1	ACMMD	13	...
	ACNiels	n15¼	+¼
-4.9	ADT	21¾	+¼
+33.1	AES Cp	61⅞	-⅛
-5.6	AFLAC	40⅜	-1
+2.2	AGCO	29¼	-⅜
-9.8	AK Steel	35¾	-⅛
-4.4	AMR	84¼	-¾
-3.1	ARCOCh	47½	-⅜
-13.0	AT&T s	35⅞	...
+14.7	Aames s	27⅜	-1⅛
+15.3	AbtLab	58½	-⅝
+3.2	Acptins	20⅜	...
-12.4	AccuStff s	18½	-⅛
+14.9	Acuson	28	-⅝
+4.4	AdaEx	20⅝	-⅛
-10.8	Adminstf n	d19⅝	-⅜
+84.0	AMD	u47⅜	+1½
+12.5	Aetna Inc	90-2/5	
-34.0	AffCmpS s	19⅝	-⅜
-4.5	Agnico g	13⅜	...
-3.6	Agrium g	13¼	...
+24.2	Ahmans	40⅜	-⅞
+5.4	AirProd	72⅞	-1⅜
+18.7	AirFrt	27¾	-⅛
-5.1	Airgas s	20⅞	-⅝
+1.0	AirTouch	25½	-½
+.5	AirTch pfB	27⅝	-⅛
+3.3	AirTch pfC	46½	-¼
+24.4	AlskAir	26⅛	-¾
-5.9	Albnyln	21¾	-½
+10.3	Albemar	20	+½
+17.2	Alberto s	26⅛	+¼
+13.9	AlbCuiA s	23½	+¼
+.4	Albertsn	35¾	-¼
+9.3	Alcan	36¾	-1
+32.0	Alcatel	21⅛	-½
+15.8	AlexBrn s	56	-2
- .8	AligPow	30⅛	-¼
+18.5	AliegTeldyu	27¼	+⅜
-9.5	Allegnc n	25	-⅜
-10.1	AllenTel	20	-⅜
-16.1	Alsrgn	29⅞	+¼
-20.0	AlnEnt	11½	-⅛
	AlnWrld2	13¼	-⅛
+13.8	AlliedGp s	37⅛	-½
+8.2	AldSgnl	72½	-2
+9.7	AlmrFn	36¾	+½
+11.2	Allstate	64⅜	-2¼
-2.6	Allst 98	46	...
+1.0	Allst pfA	25¼	-⅛
+8.4	Alltel	34	-⅞
+61.0	Allwaste	8¼	-⅝
+25.5	AlpineGr	8⅝	...
+14.9	Alumax	38½	-1⅛
+15.3	Alcoa	73½	-1⅝
+11.6	Alza	28⅞	-¼
+15.7	AmaxG	7⅜	+⅛
+4.0	Ambac	69	-1⅜
-8.4	AmHes	53	-⅛
+32.3	AmOnline	44	-¼
-1.6	AmWest	15⅝	-¼
+4.8	ABrand	52	-⅝
-2.4	AEP	40⅛	-⅜
+13.9	AmExp	64⅜	-1⅞
-1.3	AFnclGp	37¼	-⅞
+3.4	AGenCp	42¼	-1⅜
+18.4	AGnHosp	nu28⅛	...
+9.8	AHome s	64⅜	-1¾
+13.6	AmIntG	123-3/8	
+21.6	AmRadio	33⅛	-¾
+4.7	ASelPort	11¼	-¼
+22.5	AmStd	46⅞	-½
+7.0	AmStores	43¾	-⅞
+3.5	AmSIP	11⅛	-⅛
+5.7	AmSIP2	11½	-⅛
+3.5	AmSIP3	11	-¼
+11.5	AmWtr s	23	-½
-6.1	Amercrd	19¼	...
-44.4	AmerqTc	5⅜	...
+.6	Ameritch	61	-¼
+7.9	Amoco	87	-1
- .7	AMP	38⅛	-⅝
+14.0	Amphnl	25⅜	...
+7.2	AmSouth	51⅞	-1⅝
+14.4	AmvestF	16⅞	-⅜
-5.0	AmwyAs	40¼	...
-14.3	Anadrk	55½	-¾
-9.4	Analog s	23	-⅛
+7.2	Anheus s	42⅞	-⅞
-14.7	Anixter	13¾	-⅛
+19.3	AnnTayl	20⅞	-⅝
+5.0	Aon Cp	65¼	-1⅜
+.5	Aon pfA	25⅝	+⅛
-6.8	Apache	32¾	-½
+6.8	Apex	9¾	+⅛
+1.0	ApPw26	n25⅜	-⅛
+10.8	ApplMg	33¼	-5
+5.3	Apria	19⅜	+¼
+12.1	Aracruz	9¼	...
-17.6	ArchDan	18⅛	-½
+5.9	ArdenRlt	n29¼	-¼
-24.3	Argosy	3½	-½
-9.1	Armco	3¾	...
+1.6	ArmWl	70⅝	...
+9.3	ArowE	58½	...
+24.1	Asarco	30⅞	-1⅝
+15.2	Ashanti	14¼	-⅛
-8.0	Ashland	40⅜	-⅛
-9.1	Ashld pfcld	82⅜	-1⅛
-1.0	AsiaPc	12¼	...
+1.1	AsiaTigr	11	-⅛
-6.9	AsstInv	3⅜	...
-1.1	AsdEstat	23½	...
+12.7	AscFCap	n49¾	-⅛
-4.6	AstraA n	46¾	-1⅞
...	AtlEnrg	17⅛	...
-5.7	AtlRich	125	-¾
+5.8	AtlRich97	22¾	...
+3.1	ATMOS	24⅝	+⅜
+4.2	Austr	9⅜	-⅛
+2.6	AutoDt	44	-¾
-10.5	AutoZone	24⅝	-⅜
+.9	AvalonPr	29	+⅛
-43.8	Avatex	1⅛	-⅛
+20.1	AveryD s	42½	+¼
+3.4	Avnet	60¼	-⅛
+.9	Avon s	57⅝	-2⅛
-1.7	Aztar	7⅛	-⅛
-19.6	BA Mrch n	14⅜	-1
-10.6	BBN Cp	20⅛	...
+1.3	BCE g	48⅜	-1½
+6.7	BEA Inco	8	...
-12.2	BEC Gp n	4½	...
-13.5	BJS	44⅛	+¾
-25.6	BJS wt	20	+¼
-8.3	BMC	28⅞	...
+11.0	BOC ADS	n32⅞	-⅛
-4.4	BP Pru	16¼	...
+1.0	BRE s	25	-⅛
-5.6	BT Off	8⅜	...
-7.6	BWIP	15¼	-¼
+8.3	BakrHu	37⅜	-½
-1.4	Ball	25⅞	+⅛
-.5	BaltGE	26⅝	-⅛
+3.5	BancOne	44½	-1⅞
-3.3	BncBi pfC	25½	...
+10.5	BncoFrn	30⅜	-⅝
+15.7	BGndo pr	24⅞	...
+7.7	BcpHaw	45¼	-⅝
+13.6	BkBost	73	-4¼
+14.1	BkNY s	38½	-2⅛
+14.4	BankAm	114½	-4⅜
-.4	BkAm pfL	25 19/32	...
+1/32			
+2.9	BankTr	88¾	-3⅞
-3.1	Bard	27⅛	-⅜
+40.7	BarnNbl	u38	+1½
+18.5	Barnett s	47⅝	-1½
-20.2	BarrettRs	34	-⅝
-7.4	BarrickG	26⅝	...
+5.5	BatlMt	7¼	...
+7.9	BauschL	37¾	-⅛
+13.4	Baxter	48½	-⅞
+2.1	BayApt	36¾	-¼
-11.3	BayNtwk	18⅝	-⅜
-3.1	BeacnPr	35½	+¼
+7.5	BearSt	28½	-1⅛
+9.2	BectDk s	47⅜	-⅜
+15.0	BedfrdP s	20⅛	-⅜
-2.7	Belden	36	-¼
-2.3	BellAtl	63¼	-2
+4.6	BellSo	42⅜	-1⅜
+8.2	BeloA+	37¾	+⅜
+12.5	Bemis	41½	-⅝
+14.4	BenefCp	72½	-⅝
+10.9	BergBr	31⅞	-⅜
+7.9	BerkHa A36800	–	
500			
+13.9	BerkRty	11¼	-⅜
-.9	BerryP	14¼	-⅛
-4.7	BestBuy	10⅛	-¼
-5.6	BethStl	8⅜	-⅜
+13.9	BetzDearb	66⅝	+1⅛
+21.6	Beverly	15½	-⅜
+7.1	Biovail	21¼	-⅞
-17.8	BirStl	15⅝	...
+12.0	BlackD	33¾	+⅜
+.9	BlkHlCp	28⅜	-⅛
	Blk1998	9⅜	...
+1.6	Blk2001	8	...
-1.4	BlkAdv	8½	-⅛
	BlkIT	6⅜	-⅛
+1.2	BlkIMT	10¼	-¼
+3.3	BlkIQT	7⅞	...
	BlkMTar	10¼	-¼
+1.3	BlkNA	10⅛	...
	BlkStr	8	-⅛
+1.4	BlkTT	9	-⅛
+3.0	BlckHR	29⅞	-¾
-4.1	BlueChp	8⅞	-⅛
-15.6	Blythind	38½	+2¼
-3.2	Boeing	103⅛	-3⅞
+3.5	BoiseC	32⅞	-⅞
+1.9	BoisCp pfF	26¼	-⅛
-4.8	BosCOff s	19¾	-⅜
	Bombay	4⅝	+⅛
+37.9	BordCh	11⅜	-¼
+16.0	Borders	41⅝	-½
+2.9	BorgWAu	39⅝	-½
+24.4	BorWSc	13⅜	-⅜
-1.4	BostEd	26½	...
+6.3	BostSc	63¾	-1⅝
-30.4	BostTech	20	+⅜
+9.6	Bowatr	41¼	...
-28.8	BoydGm	5⅞	-⅛
-5.2	BoykinL n	22¾	-⅛
-21.4	vjBradlee	11/16	-1/16
+12.4	Brazil	25	-½
+21.2	BrazilEF	15	-⅜
+13.9	BrillChA	5⅛	+¼
-23.4	Brinker	12¼	-¼
+16.5	BrMySq s	63⅞	-2⅛
-6.8	BritPt	13¾	-2⅛
+15.0	BritSky	60⅜	...
+1.1	BritTel	69⅜	...
-10.0	Brooke	4½	+⅛
-4.1	BklyUG	28⅞	-⅝
-1.7	BrwnFA	44⅝	-⅜
-2.7	BrwnFB	44½	-1⅜
+14.8	BrwnFr	30⅛	-⅝
+19.3	Brnwk	28⅝	-⅜
-33.3	BAEmb	2½	-¼
-11.8	Bufete	18¾	-⅜
+28.8	BurlCoat	16¾	...
+17.0	BurlInds	12⅞	...
-4.9	BurlNSF	82⅛	-1¼
-14.9	BrlRsc	42⅞	-¼
+9.7	Bushind s	21⅛	-1⅛
+1.8	CANTV n	28⅝	+1⅜
-2.9	CBL Assc	25⅛	...
+13.0	CIGNA	154⅜	-3¾
-2.2	CKE Rst s	22⅜	+⅝
-2.0	CMAC s	36	-1⅛
-29.6	CML Gp	2⅜	+⅛
-5.9	CMS Eng	31⅝	-⅜
+7.7	CPC	83½	-1⅜
+17.8	CSX	49¾	-2
+2.1	CUC Intl	s24¾	+⅝
+11.5	CVS Corp	46⅛	-⅞
+8.4	CWM Mt	22⅞	...
-5.1	CabWire	23⅜	-⅜
-10.9	Cabltrn s	29⅝	-⅛
+.5	Cabot s	25¼	+⅜
-5.8	CbtOG	18⅛	+⅛
+3.7	CadbyS	35⅜	-1½
-19.3	Cadence s	31⅞	-
1⅛			
+3.3	Calenergy	34¾	-⅛
+11.5	CalRlty	33⅞	-⅜
+14.3	Caliber	22	-⅞
-.5	CalFPC pf	24⅞	-⅜
+7.8	CalGolf	31	-⅛
-9.8	Camco	41⅝	-⅜
-8.7	CmpR g	7⅝	+1/16
+14.3	CampSp	91¾	-1⅛
-.7	CdnRy gn	37¾	-⅜
-5.7	CdnPc g	25	-1
+9.7	CapOne	39½	-1
+37.6	Capstar n	u27+2	1/4
+3.6	Capstd s	24⅞	-¼
+8.4	CardnlH s	62	...
+10.3	Carmik	16⅞	-¼
+6.8	CarnvCp	35¼	-1½
-1.0	CaroPw	36⅛	-⅝
+.7	CarpTech	36⅞	-⅜
+9.0	CarrAmRu	31⅞	+¼
-8.0	CartWal	14⅜	-¼
-3.2	CaseCp	52¾	-¾
+16.2	CashAm	9⅞	-⅜
-.8	CastCk	15⅞	...
-5.4	CatMkt s	52⅛	-⅜
+42.9	Catelus	16¼	-⅛
+6.0	Caterp	79¾	-⅞
+4.3	CavaltrH s	12	+¼
-4.7	CentEn	10¼	...
+6.0	Centex	39⅞	-1¼
-9.8	CenSoWst	23⅛	-⅛
-1.8	CenLAEl	27½	-⅜
-3.2	CeMPw	11¼	-⅛
+2.4	CntyTl	31⅝	-½
-1.9	Ceridian	39¾	-1½
-6.4	ChmpE s	18¼	-¾
+.6	Chmpln	43½	-⅞
+20.0	ChtHou	6	...
+11.7	ChaseM	99⅛	-4¾
-1.0	Chse pfM	25¾	...
	ChsePc	pf25¼	...
+3.5	ChateauP	25¾	-1¾
-20.2	Checkpnt	19¾	-¼
-24.8	ChesEng s	20⅞	-⅛
+1.9	Chevron	66¼	-⅝
+29.3	Chilgener	27	-½
+34.9	ChinaEA n	28	...
-15.4	ChinTire	8¼	+⅜
+9.8	Chiquta	14	+⅜
-18.3	ChoiceH	14⅜	...
-6.8	Chrysler s	30¾	-½
+10.5	Chubb s	59⅜	-2½
-3.7	CinnBel	59⅜	-⅝
-8.0	CinnMil	20⅛	+⅛
	CineOd	1½	...
+3.0	CINergy	34⅜	-⅛
-16.6	CirCCar	nd17⅝	-
1⅜			
+15.4	CircCtyCC	34¾	-
1⅛			
-15.3	Circus	29⅛	-¾
+13.8	Citicorp	117¼	-5½
+7.0	Citcp pfG	24⅞	...
+14.0	CitzUtA	12¼	...
+10.2	CitzUtB	12⅛	-⅛
+12.1	CityNC	24¼	-¾
+29.5	ClairStr s	17	+¼
+2.8	ClaytH s	13⅞	-¾
+36.0	ClearC su	49⅛	-½
+19.7	Clorox	120⅛	-1½
-5.4	Coastal	46¼	-1⅛
+2.6	Coastcst	14⅞	-⅝
+13.8	CocaCl s	59⅞	-1⅛
+27.6	CocaCE	61⅞	-⅝
+19.5	CCFemsa	34½	-1
+15.7	Coeur	17½	-⅝
-.8	Cogniznt	n32¾	-⅜
-1.8	Colemn s	13½	+¼
+17.3	ColgPal	108¼	-1¾
-3.1	ColHlth	7⅞	-¼
+2.4	ColIntln	10¾	...
+1.7	ColHl	7⅜	-⅛
-4.5	ColonPT	29	+¼
+2.0	Coltec	19¼	+⅜
-7.3	ColumGas	59	-1⅛
+6.7	ColHCA s	43½	-⅝
- .4	Comdisco	31⅝	-⅜
+14.6	Comeric	60	-2
+17.2	CmcFdl s	37½	-⅝
-5.5	CmclNL	15	-⅛
-7.2	CmpUSA s	19¼	-⅜
+25.3	ChileTel s	29¾	-⅜
+5.2	Compaq	78¼	-1⅛
-20.4	CmpAsc s	39⅝	-¼
-19.0	CompSci	68½	-⅝
-5.5	CmpTsk	40¾	-⅛
-37.8	Cmptvsn	5¾	-⅛
+9.1	Comsat	26⅞	+¼
-29.8	ComstkRs	9⅛	-¼
+8.3	ConAgr	53⅞	-⅞
-6.3	ConMgl	7⅜	...
+6.5	Connein	22⅝	...
+12.9	Conrail	112½	-3⅜
+25.9	Conseco s	40⅛	-
1⅛			
+3.4	ConEd	30⅛	-⅛
+.5	ConEd3	n24½	-⅛
+7.9	ConsGrn	24	-⅛
+ .9	ConsGph s	28¼	-1
-5.2	ConsNG	52⅜	-¾
+5.6	ConPap	51⅞	-⅝
+17.8	ConStor s	u38	-¼
+11.1	CtlAir B s	31⅜	+⅛
+23.5	Converse	21	...
-10.5	CoopCa	68½	+⅜
+9.4	CoopCo	18⅞	-¾
+10.1	Cooper	46⅜	-¼
-8.4	Cooper99	17¾	-⅝
+.6	CooprTr	19⅞	-¼
+2.6	Coramh	5	+⅜
-.2	CoreStf	51¾	-1½
+14.5	Corningin	44½	-⅝
-3.3	CorctCp s	29½	-⅛
+23.6	CortBus	25½	...
- .9	CntwCrd	28⅜	-1⅛
-6.0	Covance n	19⅜	-⅜
-10.8	CoxCm	20⅝	-⅜
+23.9	CornCor n	11	-⅛
-20.0	ecCreatC	1⅜	+¼
+1.1	Cross	11¾	+⅛
-7.1	CrnCP	11½	+⅛
-7.3	CrnCP B	11⅛	+⅛
+23.1	ecCrwnL	1	-1/16
-3.2	CybexIntl	9½	-¼
+6.1	Cycomm	3¼	+1/16
-2.2	DI Ind	2¾	...
-18.5	DakotaM	1⅜	-1/16
+60.0	DanHld	8	-⅛
+78.5	Datamet	17⅜	-1/16
+8.7	Dataram	9⅜	-⅛
+8.3	Davco	9¾	-1/16
-23.6	Daxor	10½	...
-25.2	DaytonMn	5	...
+8.0	DenAmer	3⅝	+1/16
-7.9	DevnE	32	-½
-9.0	DiagRet	11⅜	-⅛
-10.0	DigitCT	1⅛	-1/16
+30.5	DigPwr n	7¾	+¼
+17.0	DrewInd	25¾	+⅜
+11.2	DryCal	9⅛	+⅛
+3.1	DryMu	10¼	-⅛
-10.5	EZ Serv	1⅛	...
+10.4	EchoBay	7⅝	+1/16
+4.0	EcolEn	8⅛	...
+16.4	Edisto	9¾	+⅛
-30.0	Edtek	7⅛	...
+3.8	ElPasoE	6¾	-⅜
-1.3	Elswth	9⅜	-3/16
-10.5	EmerR	1¼	-1/16
-22.1	EmpCar	3⅝	-1/16
-19.5	EngyRsh	11⅞	-½
+11.0	DiDI	63¼	+1¾
+2.4	Diebold s	42⅞	...
-19.3	Digital	29¼	-⅝
+1.2	Dillard	31¼	-⅛
+16.1	DimeBcp	17⅛	-¾
+11.1	Disco n	31⅜	-1⅜
+9.0	**Disney**	**73¼**	**-2⅛**
+14.8	Dole	38⅞	-⅛
+28.8	DollarG s	33	+½
+1.1	Dominick	nu22	-1
+2.3	DomRes	39⅜	+⅛
-19.5	DKaran n	11¾	+⅛
-4.8	Donlley	29⅞	-¼
+4.7	Dover	52⅞	-½
+6.7	**DowCh**	**83⅝**	**-⅞**
+28.4	DowJns	43½	-1¼
-2.8	Dressr	30⅛	-⅜
+6.6	DrySM	10⅛	...
+18.3	DuPont	111⅜	-⅞
+5.8	DufPUtil	9⅛	...
-5.9	DukeP	43½	-⅜
+8.4	DukeRlty	41¾	-1⅛
+11.6	DunBrd s	26½	+¼
+6.9	DutyF	15½	+⅜
+15.0	DynAm	u32½	+¾
-26.6	Dynatech	32½	-⅛
169 2	EA Inds s	4⅜	
-¼			
+5.3	EMC	34⅞	-⅝
+5.0	EastUtil	18¼	-⅛
	EastChm	55¼	-¼
+11.7	EKodak	89⅝	-2¼
+3.6	Eaton	72¼	-⅞
+1.9	Echlin	34⅜	-⅛
-45.0	vjEdisBr	11/16	+1/16
+6.9	EdisonInt	21¼	-¼
+10.0	Edwards	37	-⅞
+9.2	ElPasNG	55⅛	-1¾
+1.5	Elan s	33¾	+⅞
+16.4	**Elcor**	**24⅞**	...
+3.2	EDS	44⅝	-¾
+7.5	ElfAquit	48⅝	-⅝
+1.5	**ElfOv pfB**	**24¾**	**-¼**
-12.7	ElsagB	16⅜	...
+23.0	EAndina	37½	-½
+10.3	EmgMkt	12	-¼
+2.8	EmrsnEl s	49⅞	-¾
-2.7	**EmpDist**	**18¼**	**-⅛**
-9.5	Endesa	63⅜	-⅞
+6.0	Empica	15½	-¼
+1.3	ELaMod	20	-¼
-12.5	EnrgyGp	nd32¼	-
¾			
+22.2	EnglCp	23⅜	+¼
-4.4	Enova	21¾	-⅜
-6.7	**Enron**	**40¼**	**-¾**
-13.5	Enron98	20¾	-¼
+.5	**EnrLLC pf**	**25½**	**+¼**
-17.3	**EnrnOG**	**20⅞**	**+¼**
-5.2	ENSCO	46	-¼
-6.5	**Ensrch**	**21½**	**-⅜**
-6.8	Entergy	25¾	-⅜
+.8	**EottEng**	**22**	**+⅜**
-2.0	Equifax	30	-⅞
+24.4	EqtCos	30⅝	-¼
+3.4	EqtResc	30¾	-⅛
+6.7	EqtyInn	13⅞	-⅜
+16.4	EqtyRsd	u48	-½
+1.5	EqtR pfC	26½	...
+3.0	EssexPT	30¼	-⅜
-2.5	EsteeLdr	49⅝	+½
-5.3	Ethyl	9	+⅛
+31.2	EurWtFd	15¼	-½
	EvanWth	21	...
+10.9	EverestR

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YTD	Name	Last	Chg
	A B C		
+3.8	ABR Inf s	20½	–1
-23.0	ACC Cp s	23	–1⅛
-62.4	ACT Net	d17⅜	–2⅛ s
-12.4	ADC Tel s	27⅛	+1⅛
-34.2	APACT	25⅛	+⅞
-48.4	APS Hld	8½ s	+½ s
+2.3	ASA Hold	22⅜	–⅛
+24.7	ASM Intl s	12	–⅜
+46.5	ASM Litho	73	–½
+13.4	AST	4⅜	+⅛ s
+3.8	Abacan	9	–⅜
+13.9	Abraxas	11⅛	+⅜
-54.9	AccentS	d2⅞	–⅛
-66.2	Accel-It	14⅛	–1⅛
+55.8	Acclaim	51½	–1⅛ s
-14.5	ActVoic	11⅜	–1⅜ s
-8.7	Activisn	11⅜	–⅜
-30.2	Acxiom s	16⅜	–⅛
-22.5	AdacLb	18½	–1⅛
-13.3	Adaptec s	34 11/16	+1/16
-11.0	AdobeSy	33⅛	
+31.9	AdrianR	1 9/16	– 1/32
-24.4	Adtran	31⅜	+1
	AdvDtn n	16¼	–⅛ s
-43.6	AdvFCm n	31⅜	–1⅜
+37.0	AdvHthC n	17⅛	+1⅞
+37.5	AdvNMR	11½	–½ s
+30.7	AdvTiss	12½	–⅜
-2.9	Advanta	41½	
-.6	AdvantB	40⅜	+¼
-33.8	AerialC n	d5⅜	–⅜
-26.9	AffTech n	4⅜	–⅛
+49.8	Affymet n	30¼	–⅜
+11.8	Agourn	75⅜	–1
+40.0	AgriBio	3½	
+5.4	Akzo	71⅛	–1½ s
+1.9	Aldila	4⅝ s	–⅜ s
+10.8	Alkerm	25⅜	–1¼
+19.6	Allnlmg	8⅞	–⅞
-8.4	AlphPh	12⅜	
+15.8	AlpSem	8¼	–⅛ s
+97.7	AlpMic	22½ s	–½ s
+11.2	AlphaBta	11⅜	–⅜
+5.9	Alrenco	11¼	–⅛
+16.8	Altera s	42½	–1
+1.0	Amati	13¼	–⅜
+26.7	AmbanchH	u14¼	+¼
+13.6	AmerEco	7⅝ s	
+7.0	AGreet	30⅜	–½
-19.4	AMS	19¾	+⅜
+15.5	ANatBc	14	–¼
-3.7	AOncol s	9⅞	–¼
-58.3	APhoe wt	d¾ s	+¼ s
-26.1	APwrCnv	20⅛ s	–⅞ s
-50.5	AmTele	2 27/32	–1/32
-14.6	Amerin	22	–½
+25.5	AmerUs n	u24	
+102.9	AmesDS	8¾ s	–⅞ s
+12.2	Amgen	61	+¾
-30.4	Amresco	18⅝ s	–⅜ s
+11.5	Amylin	14½ s	–⅜ s
+9.6	Anadigc s	28⅝ s	–1⅛ s
-58.0	AncorCm	5⅞	–¼
+3.2	Andrew s	36½ s	–⅜
-1.9	ApogeeE s	19½ s	–1⅜
-30.8	ApolloG s	23⅛ s	–1½ s
-21.6	AppleC	16⅜	+⅛ s
-7.4	AppiSou	12½ s	–⅛
-12.5	Applebee	24⅛ s	–⅛ s
+44.3	ApldMat	51⅞	+⅜
+15.3	ApdVoice	14⅛ s	–1½ s
-11.4	Aradigm n	8¾ s	
+9.4	Arakis	3⅜	–⅛ s
+4.3	ArbrDrg s	18⅛ s	+⅛ s
+5.2	ArborSft	25½ s	–1
+37.0	AriadP	6⅝ s	–⅜ s
-18.1	ArisCp	8½	–1½
-8.0	Arsteel	57⅛ s	+⅜ s
+28.3	Ashwrth	7⅜	+⅛ s
-10.1	AspctDv n	24½ s	–⅛ s
-28.3	AspctTel s	22⅜	–⅜ s
-28.2	AspenTc s	29⅝ s	–1⅜ s
+35.8	AsodGpA	41⅜	–⅜
+33.6	AsodGpB	39⅝	–1
-16.5	Astea	4⅜	
-51.0	AtlasAir	23⅝	–⅜
-25.7	Atmel	24⅝	–⅛
+4.3	AuraSy	2 1/32	– 1/32
+15.1	Auspex	13⅜	+⅛ s
+19.2	Autodesk	33⅜ s	+⅝ s
-18.7	Autoimu	12½	–⅛
-19.0	AutProt	3 5/32 s	–1/32
-22.8	Avanti	24½	
-8.4	AvisTch	d9½	–⅛
+50.0	Avitar	9⅜	+1/32
-3.5	Avndle	20⅜	–⅜ s
-8.6	Avsare n	9⅛	–⅛
+34.5	BCAM Int	1 3/32	
+103.2	BHC Fncl	32	
+9.4	BMC Soft s	45⅛	–½
+27.3	Baan s	44⅛	
+77.6	BakerJ	9 7/16	+1/16
-16.5	BallyTot n	6⅝	–⅛
+2.1	BncGalic	24⅜	–⅞
+18.7	BnkUntd n	31⅜	–1⅛
+10.0	BnkUtd	11	–⅛
+13.7	Banta	26	+1⅛
+10.2	Batteries n	4⅛ s	+⅜
+11.3	BedBath s	27	–⅜
-18.6	BeldBlk	20¾	+⅛
+45.1	BellMic	12⅞	–½
-27.6	BentOG	18⅜	–1
+17.4	Bertucci s	6⅝ s	–⅛ s
+2.5	BioPhar	5 1/32	–5/16
-23.3	Bioctrl	2 3/32	–1/32
-59.3	Biofield	6¼ s	–⅛ s
+22.3	Biogen s	47⅜	–1¼
+11.6	Biomet	16⅞	–½
+17.0	Biomune	1 23/32	–1/32
+5.7	BioTcG	13 7/8	– 7/16
+9.9	BioTG wt98	9¾	–½
+66.7	Blyth	15⅝ s	+1/32
+1.9	BobEvn	13¾	–⅛
-9.0	BooleB s	22¾	–2
+44.8	Borlnd	7⅞	+⅛ s
-10.8	BostChk	32	+½
+9.1	BostLfSci	3⅜	+1/32
-49.1	BydWhls	7¼	–½
-20.0	BreXMin gn	12½	–⅝ s
-24.8	BrodSft	22⅜	–¼
-45.5	Broktrl s	15⅛	+⅜
-12.0	BrTom	18⅜	–⅜
+80.0	BrushCrk	9 3/32	
-27.4	Buffets	6⅜	–1⅛
+23.8	BurrBr	32⅜ s	–⅝ s
-30.6	BusnObj s	9⅜	–⅜
-26.2	C-CUBE	27⅛	–⅜
+33.0	CR Anth n	7⅝ s	+1/16
+112.5	CAI Wire	21⅛	–1⅛
+20.0	CB CoRl n	24	+⅜
-19.4	CBT Grp s	4 3/16	–4⅞
-4.7	CCC Info n	15⅛	–¼
-33.0	CNS	9⅝	
+1	1/16		
-23.7	CSL Lgt	2 9/32	
+10.9	CUNO n	16½	–1⅜
-26.3	Caere	8⅛	–½
+3.8	Cairn	10⅜	+¼
+50.0	Calgene	7½	
-33.7	CalAmp s	d4⅛	–⅜
+45.1	CalMicr	8⅝ s	+1 5/16 s
-2.3	CalPro	1 11/32	+3/16 s
-26.6	CmbTch s	24⅜	–⅜
-45.5	Camelot	3⅜	
+114.8	Candies	5 7/16	
-19.9	Caraustr	20⅝	–1⅛
+32.3	CardDiag	5½	–⅜
-47.6	CaseCm	28⅜	–⅜
-27.3	CasinoD	d5	–⅛
-43.0	CatPro	d7⅛	+⅜
+33.3	CatlastB	2⅝	+⅛
+33.3	Catlstar	24	
-48.1	CatlTch s	10⅜	–1⅛
-1.4	Centocor	35⅛	–⅛
-10.4	CenGardn	18⅞ s	+1/16
+8.6	Cephln	22⅛	–⅜
-13.0	Cesprbe	12½	–⅜
+22.5	Cervecer	19⅜	–⅛
+16.5	ChrmSh	8	+⅛
+7.7	ChtOneF	45⅛	–1⅜
+7.1	Checkers	11⅜	+1/32
-20.4	Chidree	13⅜	+⅛
-40.0	ChiPizza n	d3	–⅜
-36.8	ChiPza wt	⅜	+⅛
	ChldWon n	7	
-36.8	ChipsTc	11 9/16	+⅛
+8.0	Chiron s	19¾	+⅛
-20.2	Chronimd	10⅞ s	+1/16
-10.4	CiBER s	26⅞	–1⅞
-17.9	Cidco	14⅜	+⅜
-4.1	CienaCp n	35½	–⅜
+7.3	CinnFin	69⅝	–2⅝
-17.9	Ciprico s	12	–9/16
-15.3	Cirrus	13⅛	–⅜
-18.3	Cisco	52	+1⅛
-61.9	CitrixS	14⅞	+1
-4.8	Clyscape	25	–⅜
-49.5	Clarify	24¼	–1⅛
-25.9	ClayEng	12⅞	+⅛
-19.0	ClifDr	5 1/16	
-59.3	Clintrials s	9¼	+⅛
+20.5	ClkCorp wt	2⅜	
+11.5	Cognex	20⅝	+¼
-15.1	Cognos gs	23⅞	–⅜
+15.4	Cohernt	48¾	+⅜
+84.6	ColGenx n	u15	+2½
+1.1	Comc sp	18	+¼
-16.5	CmcstUK	11⅜	
-25.0	Commln n	2¼	–1/16
-27.3	ComCare	3	
+1.9	CmpuSrv n	10¼	–1/16
+38.9	CptConc	25½	+⅛
-18.6	CmpPr	15⅞	–½
+24.2	Compuwr	62¼	+¼
+7.8	Comvers	40⅜	–1⅛
-19.0	CncEFS	22⅞	–⅛
+17.5	ConcCm	2 5/16	–3/32
+9.6	Conductu	7⅛	+⅜
+16.9	CnsFrtC n	10⅜	–1/16
+31.6	Copytel s	6½	–⅛
-15.3	CorelCp g	8¼	–9/32
-40.1	CorpExp s	11⅜	
-2.5	Cortex	3 15/32	–1/32
+14.9	Costco	u28⅞	–½
-5.6	Cytyc	25½	–2½

	D E F		
+19.9	DB Grp	27⅝	+⅜
+3.6	DSC	18½	–⅛
-47.4	DSPCm s	10⅛ s	–1⅛
+8.8	DSP Gp	9⅝	–⅛
-18.9	DT Indst	26⅜	+1⅛
-12.5	DUSA	8⅛	–⅜
-28.0	Daka	d7⅝	–¼
+13.4	Danka	40⅛	+¼
-3.4	DtaDoc	10½	–⅛
-31.3	DataRce	15⅛	+1
+14.8	Datum	19⅝	–2⅛
-34.5	Davox	27	+1
+2.8	Dawson	11 9/16	–⅜
-21.0	DawsnP n	12⅛	–½
+26.3	DayRun	24⅜	+⅛
+28.3	DBeer	u36⅛	–⅛
+237.5	Delgrd g	u27	+17⅜
+36.0	DellCpt s	72⅛	+⅜
+10.0	Dentsply	52⅛	–1
-2.5	DstFear	2⅞ s	+1/16
+111.8	Diacrin wt	4½	+½
-10.0	DiamM	10 11/16	–⅜
-50.0	Diedrich n	d4	–1⅜
-29.1	DigVideo n	d4⅞	–⅞
+25.8	DimeCo n	18⅝	+⅜
-4.6	DirTree s	36½	–⅜
-19.6	DomBrdge	1 9/16	+1/16
-19.4	Dblstree	36⅛	+1⅛
+18.8	DresB	17⅞	–⅜
+7.5	DriefC	10⅜	–⅜
-9.4	DuPontP n	41⅛	–1⅛
-19.8	DuraPh s	38⅝	–⅛
+47.6	Dynagn	1 5/16	+3/32
+88.0	ETrade n	21⅛	–5/16
	ECi Tel	21⅛	–1⅛
+25.5	ESCMed s	32	
-19.6	ESSTech n	22⅝	–1⅛
+4.2	EgliHrd	21⅛	–⅞
-24.3	EclpSurg n	d8⅝	+⅜
+5.4	EdcMge n	22⅛	+⅜
-11.9	Egghead	4⅝	+1/16
+17.7	Eidos n	14½	–⅞
-11.3	EinstnN n	26⅜	+⅞
+10.1	Elctrgls	17¾	–½
-9.0	ElcArt	27¼	–⅜
+.6	EFII s	41⅜	+1⅛
-1.6	ElapCstl	7½	+15/32
-28.9	Elexsys	14½	+1⅜
+19.3	ElronEl	13⅛	–⅛
+19.2	Embrex	7⅜	+1⅛
+34.5	Emergnt n	14½	+⅛
+10.1	EmsTch	20½	+⅜
-25.0	EmplySl s	15⅜	–4½
+1.6	Emulex	16	
-13.3	Encad s	35⅜	–1⅜
+26.1	Encorewr	21¾	–⅛
+20.3	Endocre n	4⅞	–⅞
+47.4	Endovas	14⅜	+⅜
	Engelhard	27	
+6.9	EquityCp s	21⅜	–1⅛
+14.1	EricTel	34 7/16	+5/16
-6.9	EtecSys	35⅝	–1⅛
-8.3	EuroSrv n	d13⅜	–⅛
+24.5	EvgrMda s	31⅛	–¼
-20.1	Exabyte	10 11/16	+1/16
-3.2	Exar	15	–¼
+41.5	Excite n	14½	+⅛
+20.7	Expdint s	27⅜	–1⅛
-6.1	FPA Md	21	–1⅛
+12.5	FTP Sft	6¾	–⅜
-13.7	FamGolf	26	+1/32
-23.0	Fastenl	35⅛	–2⅛
+34.9	FifthThird	84⅜	–3 3/16
-42.6	FileNet	18⅜	–⅞
+95.5	FstBsmt	8⅛	–⅜
+7.7	FstLine s	22⅜	–1⅛
+14.9	FtATn	66 3/16	
1 13/16			

	G H I		
	GKN Hld n	6	
+24.1	G–III	4¾ s	–⅜
+83.7	Gadzks s	29⅞	–1
-3.7	GlxyFd	13⅛	–1/16
-75.1	Galileo	6¼	–⅜
-44.6	Gandlf g	1 5/16	+1/16
-29.2	GardBot n	8½	–⅜
-28.1	Gartner	28	+⅛
+48.8	Gasonics	15¼	–⅜
+4.6	Gate2000	56	+1
-8.2	GeneLTc	5⅛	–5/16
-51.4	GMagic	1⅛	–⅛
+26.9	GenNutr	21¾	–1⅜
-4.1	Gensia	4⅞	–3/16
-14.3	Genta h	⅜	–1/32
+2.5	Gentex s	20⅝	+⅛
-19.3	Genus	d4 7/16	–⅛
+10.9	Genzym s	24⅛	–½
-26.2	Geogrph	3 25/32	–1/32
-19.3	GeoTk	5⅜	–5/16
+19.3	ElronEl	13⅛	–⅛
+9.7	GidLew	14⅛	+⅛
+12.0	Gilead	28	–1⅜
-15.8	Glasgal	4	–⅛
-39.1	Glenayre	13⅜	–⅜
+22.5	GlenF wt	15⅝	–1
+14.8	Globlind s	21⅜	+⅜
+46.9	Globlnt n	2⅝ s	–⅛
	GlbMd wt	1	
+7.7	GolfTSy	1⅜	+ 1/16
	GothicEn	2⅜	+1/32
+16.5	GtNYSv	u15⅞	–½
-21.8	Grenfld	23⅝ s	+1⅜ s
+31.5	GrnwAir B	29¼	
-65.4	Grosmn	9 3/32	+1/32
+17.5	Gymbree	26⅞	
-50.9	HA–LO s	13½	–⅜
-7.4	HBO s	55	–2
-24.1	HDS Nt	5½	–11/16
-10.4	HEI Mn	8⅝	–⅜
+23.4	HFNCFn	u22	+1/16
+3.2	HMTTch	15½	+⅛
-21.6	HNC Sft s	24½	+1⅛
+16.3	HSN	27⅝	–⅛
-24.2	Hadco	37⅛	
+23.1	HarcorE	6	
+3.3	HarmLgt	15⅞	–⅝
-69.4	Harvrind	1⅛	–9/16
-41.1	HthMSys	8¼	
-.6	HltCmp	42⅛	–⅛
-57.9	HmWise	4⅛	–1/16
+20.8	Headpt n	27⅛	–⅜
+50.0	Hemispx n	3⅝	+1/16
-28.5	HlthSolu	24 15/16	+15/16
-48.8	Herbllfe	16⅝	+1⅜
-3.3	HlyndCo	3⅝	+⅛
+34.8	HlyndE	u24 15/16	+⅝ s
-18.2	HorizMH s	15½	–1⅜
+35.7	Houghtn n	7⅛	+1⅛
+124.4	HmaSon n	12⅜	–1 1/32
-8.3	HumGen	37⅜	–2⅛
+4.0	Humbrd	29½	–⅜
	HuntJB	14	–⅛
+8.2	HuntBnk	28	–1⅛
+41.8	HutchT s	39 5/8	+6 15/16
-4.0	HvldeM n	20⅜	–⅜
-8.2	ICTS Intl n	9½	–½
+20.0	IDEC	28½	–½
-4.2	IdexxLb	34½	–3⅛
-9.9	IMP	2	–1/16
-8.3	INSO	37⅛	–⅜
-60.8	ISG Intl	10⅝	–1⅛
+18.2	IdanSft	9½	
-25.5	Imatrn	2⅝	–⅛
-15.9	ImunRap	6 5/16	+9/16
+48.7	Imunex	29	–
-23.9	Imunmd	4¾ s	+⅜ s
+13.7	ImpCrd s	23⅞	–2⅝
+8.4	InFocu	23⅞	–⅛
-3.0	InVision s	16	–½
-35.0	Inacom	26	+1⅜
-38.5	Inbrand s	14	–⅜
-1.5	Incyte	50⅜	–5½
-7.5	IndeNet	1 5/16	–1/16
+3.4	Infernce	7½	–1/16
-20.7	InfMgeR n	18⅜	–⅛
-16.9	Informix	18 5/16	–⅛
+40.5	InhalTh	u21¼	–⅜
-5.8	Innerdyn	3½	+1/16
+10.0	InnovT wt	1 9/32	
-19.9	Innovex s	21⅝	–1⅛
+71.5	Inphynet	30⅞	–⅜
+118.8	Insignia	u43⅜	+¼
-19.3	IntgDv	11	+15/16
+8.9	ItgPrc	19⅝	+⅛
+4.3	ISSI	9	–⅜
+7.9	Intel	141¼	–1½
+9.8	Intel wt	101⅛	–1¼
-40.3	Intelect	21⅛	–⅜
-27.6	IntelliDta n	5¼	–½
-57.8	IntelliEl	3⅜	
+4.5	Intellgrp n	11½	–½
-21.1	IntrTel	15	
-20.0	IntrFlt n	6½	–1/16
+3.8	Intfrn	1 27/32	–3/32
-46.1	IntrCm	d13⅞	–1¼
+5.2	IntlAbSv s	12⅜	
-21.8	IntlCable	19¾	+⅜
+70.0	IntlFibcm	1 15/32	–1/32
+105.7	IntlPrecM	9	+¼
-3.8	Interneur	25	+⅜
-28.6	Intuit	22½	+⅛
-12.7	Invacare	24	–1⅛
-15.0	IonaTch n	18⅜	–⅜
-19.6	Isolyser	5⅝	+⅛
+9.1	ItasCp	4½	+⅜
+9.2	Itron	19⅜	–⅜
	J K L		
+8.5	JMC Gp	1½	–1/16
+.6	Jabil	40⅛	+⅛
-8.5	JamesnIn	12⅛	+⅛
-27.3	JonesM	26⅝	–1⅛
-19.8	JstFeet s	21⅛	–⅛
+13.0	KLA	40⅛	
-2.3	KOS Phrm	21½	–2⅜
	KellOG	2 7/16	–3/16
-2.7	Kemet	22⅝	–½
+14.2	Mohawk	26⅛	–2⅛
-3.4	MoneyGt	26 1/16	–
1 1/16			
-27.3	Mosaix	11⅝	
+70.4	MtmdG n	6⅝	+⅛
-8.0	Mylex	11½	–⅛
+26.7	Myriad n	32	–3⅞
+14.3	NABI	10	
-5.8	NCS Hlt	27⅞	–⅞
	NatEng	3 7/16	+1/16
+.8	NatInst n	32¼	–1⅛
-41.5	NatlFlag	1½	–⅛
-.8	NTeam	19⅞	–1⅛
-23.8	NatlMicr s	24	–½
+6.4	Nautica	26⅞	–⅞
-17.7	Nellcor s	18	–⅜
	Neoprobe	15⅜	–⅜
-34.9	Netmng	3 15/32	–1/32
-61.8	Netscape	27⅝	+⅛
-22.3	NtwkG s	23½	+¼
-2.0	Nwkimg	3	+1/32
+1.2	Neurgn	19 1/64	
+1 1/64			
-29.2	Neumed	9⅜	+⅛
+.5	NextelCm	13⅛	–⅛
+4.8	Nhnomnt n	4⅛	–1/16
+7.2	Nordst	38	
+12.4	NorTrst s	40⅜	–2
+5.4	NwstAirl	41¼	+⅜
-4.3	Novell	9 1/16	+1/16
+47.2	Novlus	79⅜	–⅛
-33.9	Novan	9 1/16	+1/16
-29.8	Nu–Tech dB	1 13/32	
2 9/32			
+35.7	NuWveT n	u9½	+⅛
-82.2	NuKote	d3⅞	+⅛
+2.1	OLS Ntwk n	6	+1
+14.6	OPTI	5⅞	
+13.9	Oshap	5⅜	
+14.4	OakTch s	12⅞	–⅛
-14.6	OccuSys	23 1/16	–1 1/16
+21.1	OceanF n	30⅞	–⅜
+2.9	Octel s	18	
-12.6	OffsLog	16 15/16	–⅛
+16.2	OhioCas	41⅛	
+3.1	OldKent	49¼	–2⅛
-17.1	OmegaEn	1 1/16	+1/32
-23.4	Omnipoint	14⅜	–⅞
+43.5	OnePrice	4⅛	+⅛
+74.4	OnTrak	25 1/2	–1⅛
+36.5	OptclData	16⅜	–⅜
-11.5	OptnCr	5⅜	+⅛
-13.5	Oracle s	36⅛	+2
-4.3	OrbSci	16½	–⅛
-34.1	OregMt	21⅛	+1/16
-7.8	Orthodon s	14⅜	–⅝
-5.6	Orthlog s	d5 1/16	–1/16
-8.9	OutbkSth	24⅜	–⅛
+11.1	OdoorS s	31⅛	–⅜
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+9.2	OxfdHlth s	63 15/16	–1 1/16
+47.9	Oxigene	u34⅜	+1⅛
	P Q R		
+11.8	P–Com	33⅛	+⅜
-1.0	PLD Tele	6¼	–⅛
-24.3	PMT Svc s	13¼	+⅝ s
-36.2	PSINet	8 1/16	–1/16
+5.9	Pacar	72	–⅜
+.9	PacifCB	86	–1⅛
+1.8	PacifCr pf	33 7/32	+5/32
-12.3	PagingN	13⅜	–1⅛
-12.1	PairTch s	26⅝	–2 1/16
+27.1	PalmWire	13⅜	–1/16
+17.3	PalmInfo	7⅛	–¼
-22.6	PapJohn s	26⅛	+1
-18.4	Pardgm	1 15/16	–1/16
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-9.8	KnistKLL	5⅜ s	–9/16
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+23.2	Kopin	u14⅝	–⅛
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-15.9	LaTeko	1 31/32	–⅛
+34.2	LamRsch	37⅜	–¼
-25.7	Landrys	15⅞	–¼
+33.0	Lasrscp	8 5/16	–⅜
-4.3	Lattice	44	–1⅛
-41.5	LfeMed	d3⅞	–⅛
-14.1	LifeHoan	9⅛	+⅛
-16.0	Ligand B	12½	+⅛
+3.4	Lincare	42⅜	–⅛
+3.4	LinearT	45⅛	–⅜
+26.5	Liposm	24	–¼
	LoJack	10	–⅛
+2.8	LneSStx	27½	–¼
+1.3	LI Bcp	35 7/8	–1⅛
-20.0	LottoW	1	
+23.8	Lycos n	13	
	M N O		
+9.8	MCI	35⅞	–⅜
+23.0	ML Bncp s	17⅜	–⅜
-3.4	MRV Cm s	21	–⅛
+40.6	MTR Gam	1 19/32	–1/32
+8.3	MTS s	21¼	–⅝
-23.0	MVSI n	2 5/16	–1/16
-23.8	Macheez	1	–¼
-52.8	Macrmd	8½	– 9/32
	Macrvsn n	8⅝	
-4.9	Madden	4⅞	+⅛
-2.6	MagPhr	9⅜	+⅛
-26.7	Magal	5½	+⅛
-7.8	MailBx	20⅜	–⅜
-25.0	MgiTech	3 32	+1/32
	Manugist	39¼	–2⅛
-20.0	MarDri	15⅜	
+6.6	Mathsft	4 1/16	+1/16
-18.4	MatriaH n	d3⅞	–⅛
+9.5	Maxim	47⅜	–1½
-26.6	MaySpeh n	8⅜	–⅛
+2.0	McAfee	44⅞	–⅜
+5.0	McCor	24⅜	–⅛
-16.9	MedImun	14½	–⅛
+5.0	Medaph	11⅜	–⅛
+10.7	Medarex	7⅜	–½
-7.6	MedCmp s	37¼	–½
+30.8	MedDvT	12 1/32	
+204.0	MedIndA	2⅜	+3/32
+3.3	MedResc	11⅜	+⅛
+5.1	Medicis s	46¼	–3⅜
+78.0	MehlBio	4⅜	
-1.9	MentGr	9 9/16	–5/16
+11.1	OdoorS s	31¼	–⅜
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+132.1	vjMobMda	1 1/16	–3/64
+8.1	Reap wtB	⅜	
-20.4	ReadRitd	d9 3/16	–1/16
-7.1	RealSun s	25⅝	–⅛
	RitkCat	19⅛	+⅝
+15.1	RitkyEl	13⅜	
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+20.0	RltPriv	13⅜	–⅛
+2.1	RobotVs	12⅛	+7/16
+36.2	RofnSinr s	16	–⅝
+8.0	RovtFn	22⅝	–⅜
+18.3	RoslynB n	17⅜	–⅜
+10.0	RouseStr s	u27½	–⅛
-44.2	RoweSy	6⅜	+⅜
-30.4	RossTch	2⅞	–⅛
-5.4	Rotech s	19⅞	–1/16
-12.8	RuralMet	31⅜	+⅜
+11.8	RyanF	7 1/16	+⅛
	S T U		
-3.8	S3 Inc	15⅝	–⅞
+15.1	SCI Sys	51⅜	–⅞
+58.3	Safetek n	25⅛	+⅛
+1.1	Safeco	39⅞	–⅞
-18.9	Safeskin s	20¼	
-1.5	StMary	24½	
+19.4	StPaulBc s	28 1/16	+1/16
	SandPnt	18⅝	–⅜
+15.1	Sangstat	30½	–2⅜
-24.8	Sanmina	42½	–⅝
+32.6	Sapiens n	3⅝	+⅛
-24.8	Saplent n	31⅜	–⅛
-21.5	Saville	31⅞	–1⅛
-53.2	ScholCp	31½	+½
-24.0	Schulmn	18⅝	–⅛
+22.1	Scios	7½	+⅛
+2.6	Scitex	9¾	
-26.2	Scopus s	22⅞	–1⅝
+2.4	Sealrgt	10⅜	–½
+8.3	SectorC s	9 3/32	
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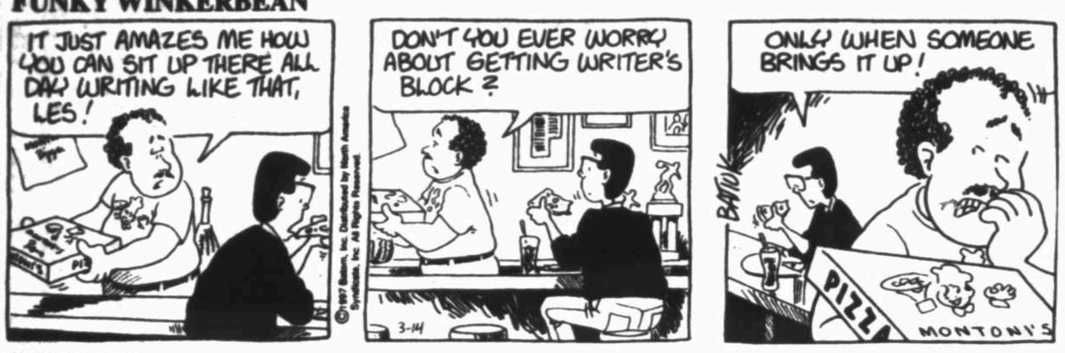
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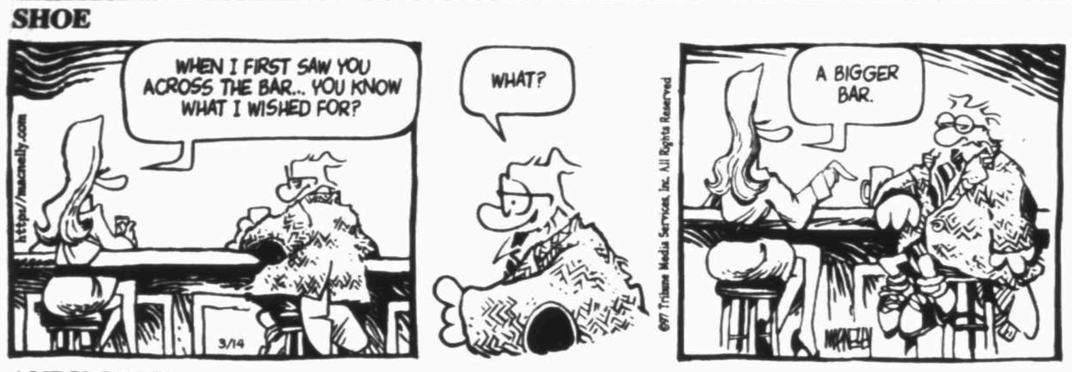
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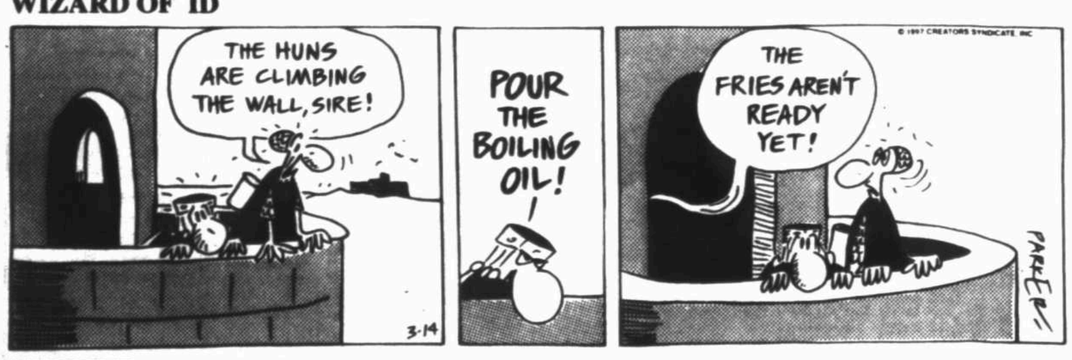
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FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 1997

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: New investments and business endeavors will help you attain lasting financial security. Family and friends help you establish the social and professional credentials you need. As summer turns to fall, your lifestyle changes for the better. Work-related travel leads to unexpected romance. Buy and sell property early in 1998 when you can get top dollar. The club or college of your choice will issue a special invitation. Say "yes" with a grateful heart.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: composer Quincy Jones, baseball player Kirby Puckett, actress Rita Tushingham, Nobel Prize winner Albert Einstein.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Count on a full schedule of work to keep you busy today. Refuse to let talkative types waste your valuable time. Spending a cozy evening at home gets the weekend off to a good start.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Concentrate on what must be done without fail. Behind-the-scenes activities will help things along. Discuss investments with your broker or accountant.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Watch your step. Becoming overly emotional will turn off the very people you need to persuade. Line up an interesting weekend by showering a new love with attention.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You climb out of a difficult spot, only to discover that you like the excitement of problem-solving. A high-powered job gives you a great outlet for your creative energies.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Acquiring financial clout should be your top priority now. Slowly reveal your intentions to potential allies. They may decide to climb on board! Regular exercise will improve your stamina and appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take an idea that has merit and develop it. Negotiating a raise will be easier if you and an associate join forces. Avoid placing too much emphasis on a fleeting romance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Set a good example for children by exercising patience. Single parents find wonderful support by joining people in similar circumstances.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you ignore a loved one's complaints, you will lose out. Be blunt with business associates who take you for granted. Extra income could come from freelance work or a second job.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Organize your agenda for the day and get an early start. Shrug off minor frustrations that could interfere with work or financial progress. New financial entanglements are best avoided.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Although the day could get off to a somewhat bumpy start, problems clear up as if by magic. Participating in a community or charity event lets others see that you care.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A social invitation will arouse mixed feelings. You are eager to attend a party but have reservations about some of the guests. Take along a delightful companion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Students need to rethink their priorities. Stop trying to live up to everyone else's standards; choose your own professional goals. Heed your strong inner voice where romance is concerned; it is right on target.

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

TEST YOUR PLAY

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

	NORTH ♠ A K Q 7 5 4 ♡ 7 2 ◇ A 10 6 ♣ 5 2	
WEST ♠ 8 ♡ Q 10 9 8 3 ◇ K 5 ♣ K Q J 9 6		EAST ♠ J 9 6 3 ♡ 5 4 ◇ 8 7 2 ♣ A 10 8 7
	SOUTH ♠ 10 2 ♡ A K J 6 ◇ Q J 9 4 3 ♣ 4 3	

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	1♡	2♠	Pass
3◇	Pass	4◇	Pass
5◇	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: King of ♣

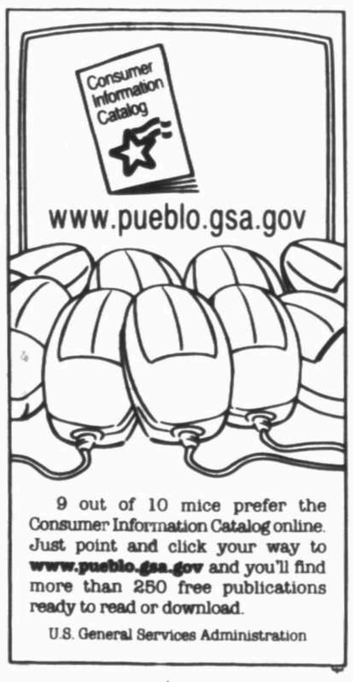
No, your eyes are not deceiving you — this is similar to a deal we used last week. Then, North was declaring four spades and fell victim to a deadly defensive ruse at trick three. With the East-West cards slightly rearranged to illustrate a different aspect of play, assume you are at the helm of a five-diamond contract and the defenders start with three rounds of clubs. How would you proceed?

The five-diamond bid is clearly an error. Since you would have raised spades immediately with three card support, it can cost nothing to bid four spades now. If partner's suit is not good enough to play opposite a doubleton, the correction to five diamonds will be forthcoming.

After cashing two rounds of clubs, West continued with a third round, which did no damage to the defense. Declarer ruffed in hand, drew trumps in three rounds with the help of a finesse, then went after spades. When the suit did not break, declarer was stranded with a heart loser. Down one. Can you do better?

After ruffing the third club, lead the queen of diamonds. Suppose West covers (ducking does not help). Win with the ace and draw a second round of trumps, leaving the ten in dummy. Since you no longer have to commit to a 3-2 spade break to get home, abandon trumps in favor of testing that suit.

When the 4-1 break is revealed, ruff a spade to set up the suit, get back to the table with the ten of trumps and cash the spades for your contract. What if a defender ruffs the second spade? Hard luck, but then you were not making the contract anyway.



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Stone Phillips attends risque party while on assignment in Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — **Tanya Tucker** gave NBC's **Stone Phillips** a thing or two to report about when he joined her for a night on the town last week.

Phillips was trailing Tucker for a story on "Dateline NBC" when they were invited to a party where country stars Ty Herndon and Collin Raye were on stage.

Tucker joined them, trading off-color insults with Herndon and later flashing her breasts.

The flashing came after "a few drinks," the country singer said Wednesday.

"It's no big deal," Tucker said. "I can't believe people don't have anything better to do or talk about."

TOKYO — **Prince Philip** has coral reefs on his mind.

The president emeritus of the World Wide Fund for Nature was in Naha, Okinawa, on Thursday to push for protection of the reefs around Japan's Nansei Islands, a 780-mile chain.

The 75-year-old husband of Queen Elizabeth II said a World Wildlife Fund research center to be established on Ishigaki Island will monitor the effects of soil erosion and pesticides on the coral reefs.



Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel spoke to around 900 students in North Carolina.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Indifference is as dangerous as fanaticism, **Elie Wiesel** says.

"I've been fighting my entire adult life for men and women everywhere to be equal and to be different," the Nobel laureate and Holocaust survivor told 2,000 people Wednesday at the North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center.

"But there is one right I would not grant anyone. And that is the right to be indifferent."

Wiesel, 68, also told about 900 students at Charlotte Latin School they should be angry as he is about the world's injustices, but they shouldn't be bitter.

"You know bitterness is not something which I worship," he said. 'It's not productive. Anger, yes."

CLEVELAND — The hirsute **Joe Eszterhas** is giving something back to his hometown: "Male Pattern Baldness."

It's his new screenplay, a comedy about a man trying to make sense of his life, Eszterhas said Wednesday in announcing that shooting will begin in Cleveland in January.



Joe Eszterhas has written a play called 'Male Pattern Baldness'.

"Cleveland is the only real hometown I've ever had, and I'm glad that I can give something back to the people and the town that treated me with great feeling and affection when I was growing up here," he said.

The movie will be directed by another native of the area, Betty Thomas.

Eszterhas wrote "Flashdance," "Basic Instinct" and "Showgirls." The world premiere of his latest, "Telling Lies in America," was scheduled for Thursday night at the Cleveland International Film Festival

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NEW YORK — Ending a three-network bidding war, **Bryant Gumbel** said Thursday he's leaving NBC and morning television for CBS and a prime-time magazine show, a deal that could net him more than $5 million a year.

Gumbel and CBS' syndication arm also will form a company to produce three prime-time specials a year for CBS and other programming. He could rake in millions more if any of the projects become big hits.

Since his tearful goodbye on Jan. 3 after 15 years on "Today," the 48-year-old Gumbel has largely played golf and sifted through offers. He had worked for either NBC or the network's Los Angeles station since 1972.

"This is a very happy day for me. It really is," he said. "I'd be lying if I said I wasn't somewhat sad about leaving a place that was my home for a quarter-century. ... But this is my new home."

CBS offered a chance to enter new creative ventures and join people with whom he f[illegible] comfortable, Gumbel said.

His show has no title, time slot or starting da[illegible]

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TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

FRIDAY EVENING — March 14, 1997 — For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	O	C	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMID	2	3	News 337	Wheel of Fortune	Family Matters	Boy Meets World	Sabrina, Witch	Step by Step 6191	20/20 9917		News 52714	Cheers 61462	Nightline 7288	Politically Incorrect
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement. 71917	Sliders: The Breeder		When Disasters Strike 57337		Star Trek: Voyager (Part 2 of 2) 60801		Mad About You	In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 746288		Martin 43789
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 2269	College Basketball: NCAA Tournament, First Round 106066					College Basketball: NCAA Tournament, First Round 848530					News 2534563
(9) KWES	9	9	News 8085	Seinfeld 9337	Unsolved Mysteries 45171		Dateline NBC 26849		Crisis Center: He Said, She Said 45135		News 2287191	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	The Light of the Southwest 236191		The Trippe		Frederick K. Price		Praise the Lord 38240				Charisma	Carman
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 999998		Washington Week	Wall St./Rukeyser	McLaughlin Group	TechnoPolitics	Drive for Five 449559		To Be Announced 703269			
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(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	BZZZZ! 470375	Angie (R, '94) ★★★ (Geena Davis, Stephen Rea) 8062077				News 991443		Wiseguy (Part 1 of 2) 994530		In the Heat of the Night (Part 1 of 2) 894191	
(11) WTBS		11	Fun Videos	Fun Videos	The Cutting Edge (PG, '92) ★★★ (D.B. Sweeney, Moira Kelly) 8393375				Weird Science (9:15) (PG-13, '85) ★ (Kelly LeBrock, Anthony Michael Hall) 59871289					Movie (11:25)
(18) BRAV		18	So. Bank	MediaTV	Inside Actor's Studio		Split Scr'n	Split Scr'n	Pretty Picture: Lynch		The Long Good Friday (R, '80) ★★★ 268627			
(20) BET		20	Hit List 519408		Planet Groove Top 20 425085				Comicview 551849		News	Benson	Rap City 927288	
(21) DISN		21	A Goofy Movie (G, '95) ★★ 8836714				Splash (7:30) (PG, '84) ★★★ (Tom Hanks, Daryl Hannah) 86872207		Can't Buy Me Love (9:10) (PG-13, '87) ★★ (Patrick Dempsey, Amanda Peterson) 37056462				Celine Dion: The Colour of My Love (10:45)	
(23) FAM		23	The Waltons (Part 2 of 2) 792288		Highway to Heaven: The Secret 335917		Rescue 911 311337		The 700 Club 324801		Holocaust (Part 5 of 5) 688511			
(35) CNN		35	Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Burden	Larry King Live 610065		The World Today		Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Showbiz
(36) ESPN		36	SportsCenter (5:30)	Legends of Hockey (Part 4 of 5) 990269			Boxing: Kevin Kelley vs. Jesus Salud, Feather-weights 620998			Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter 457578		NCAA Women's	SportsCenter
(37) USA		37	Highlander: The Samurai 152646		A Kiss Before Dying (R, '91) ★ (Matt Dillon, Sean Young) 865795				La Femme Nikita 625917		Last Call (R, '90) ★★ (William Katt, Shannon Tweed) 989827			
(38) FX		38	Mission: Impossible		A-Team 2608191		Miami Vice 2684511		In Color	In Color	Picket Fences 2607462		Miami Vice 5348530	
(39) A&E		39	The Equalizer: Eighteen With a Bullet 509530		Biography: Joan Rivers Can She Talk! 652707		The Shadow Riders (PG, '82) ★★ (Tom Selleck, Sam Elliott) 862873				Law & Order: Self-Defense 460408		Biography: Joan Rivers Can She Talk! 854563	
(40) TLC		40	Hometime 825801	Hometime 816153	The Quest 113578	What a World	Rogues Gallery: Lucky Luciano 274153		Gloria's Toxic Death 294917		The Quest 570004	What a World	Rogues Gallery: Lucky Luciano 263207	
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(46) OUTDR		47	Profiles of Nature	Global Family	Country Fly Fishing	On the Fly	Sportsman Journal	Andy's Angle	Canadian Sportfish	Sportsman	Country Fly Fishing	On the Fly	Sportsman Journal	Andy's Angle
(49) UNI		49	Bendita Mentira 60606		Maria, La del Barrio 62207		Sentimientos Ajenos 48627		A Través del Video 51191		Impacto Extra	Noticiero Univision		Carne de Horse (Jorge Rivero) 121820
(50) HSE		50	Fox Sports News 62004		Sports Tonight		NHL Hockey: Chicago Blackhawks at Dallas Stars 748172					Fox Sports News	Fox Sports News 18269	
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(17) TNT		17	In the Heat of the Night		The Bird (R, '76) ★★★ (Burt Reynolds) 6141191				The Exorcist (9:05) (R, '73) ★★★★ (Ellen Burstyn, Linda Blair) 26702917					
(22) MAX		22	Pee-wee's Big Adventure (5:30) (PG) 459998		The Doughboys (R, '90) ★★ (Robert Davi, Alexander Godunov) 827508				Heat (R, '95) ★★★ (Al Pacino, Robert De Niro) 840648					
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(34) HBO		34	I.Q. (5:15) (PG, '94) ★★★ 13531356		Broken Arrow (R, '96) ★★ (John Travolta, Christian Slater) 4999927				Lethal Weapon (R, '96) (Jeff Fahey, Gary Busey) 787908		Dennis Miller Live		Real Sex 17 485511	
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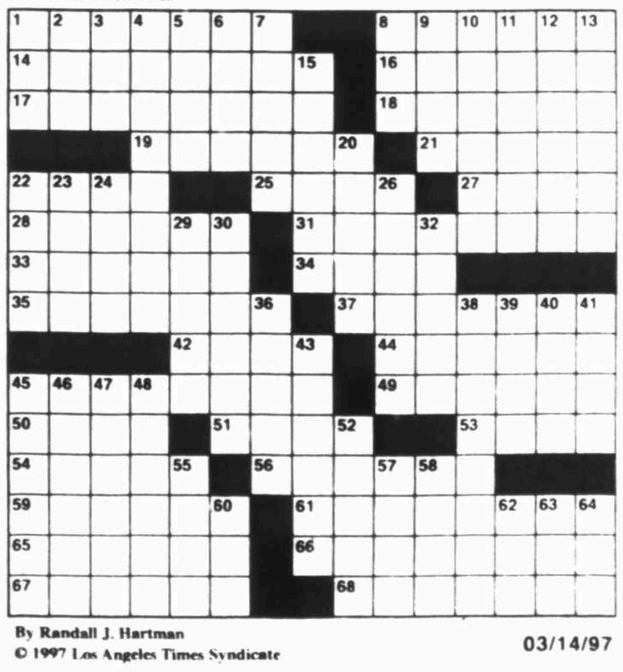
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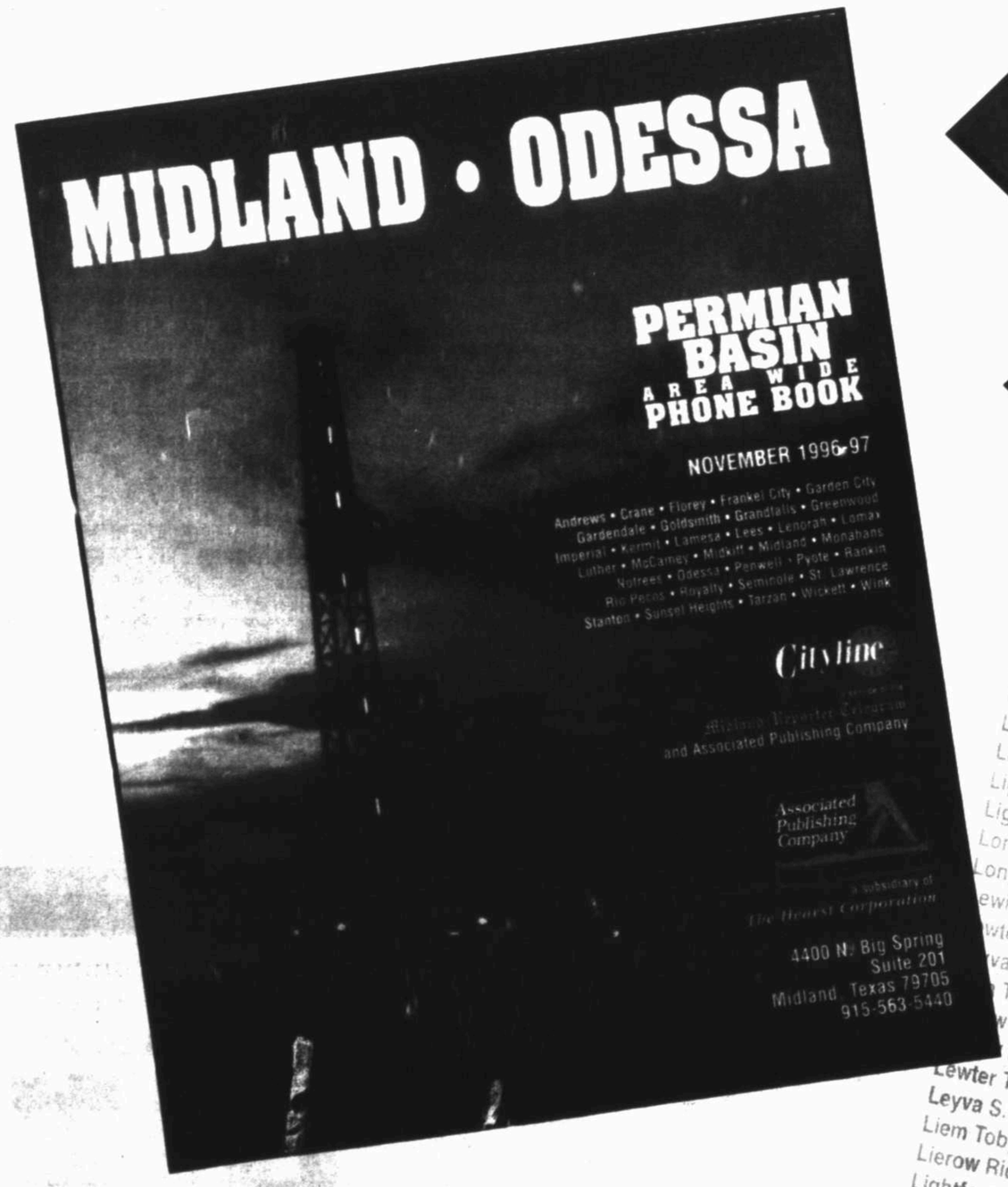
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Houston Astros' second baseman Craig Biggio tags out Lance Johnson of the New York Mets, who was trying to steal second in the first inning of a spring training game Thursday in Kissimmee, Fla. The game was rained out after three innings were played.

Biggio switches to leadoff role for Houston without complaint

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — It can be dangerous to tinker with success, but that's what manager Larry Dierker is doing with his batting order.

Craig Biggio has been entrenched as the Houston Astros' No. 2 hitter for the past three years, working hand-in-glove with No. 3 hitter Jeff Bagwell to get on base and create problems for opposing pitchers.

The problem Dierker faced was replacing last year's leadoff man, Brian Hunter, who was traded to Detroit in the off-season.

Dierker surveyed his talent pool and decided Biggio offered the best leadoff solution, while new shortstop Pat Listach would be plugged into the No. 2 hole.

"To me, Craig's better than a No. 2 hitter," Dierker said. "He's sort of wasted in the No. 2 hole where he has to give up his power. How many times over the years has he spent taking pitches?"

Biggio, the NL's starting All-Star second baseman the past two seasons, has prospered as a No. 2 hitter. He hit .288 last season with a .386 on-base percentage, stole 25 bases. He was also hit by pitches 27 times and led the NL in that category.

He's the only Astros player to score 100-plus runs in consecutive years with 113 last season and a club record 123 in 1995.

Dierker thinks Biggio will be just as productive as the leadoff man, too.

"In my estimation, he's a great hitter," Dierker said. "I felt it was a no-brainer to move him up a slot."

Dierker had to convince Biggio it was the right move, but he knew Biggio would accept the change.

"We talked about it and he wanted to know my feelings," Biggio said. "I said I'd do whatever was best for the team. Brian was young but he was the ideal leadoff hitter. But now he's gone, so fine. I have no problems."

Biggio has never been a problem for the Astros. He's the only Astros player ever selected as an All-Star starter twice. He won his third straight Gold Glove last season after committing only 10 errors in 811 chances.

Biggio, who has had early-season hitting slumps in the past, suffered a late-season slump last year. He had the worst September of his career, going 16-for-93 (.172) over the final 25 games as the Astros faded from playoff contention.

The off-season maneuvers that elevated Dierker from the broadcast booth to the manager's chair have Biggio excited.

"Larry doesn't want robots out there, he wants us to go play hard and aggressive and I like that," Biggio said. "He wants us to think on our feet. I figure that's a good way to be. When it comes time to make decisions, he can do that."

Like picking a new leadoff hitter?

"Leading off or batting second is still all about getting on base," Biggio said. "You just go about it a different way."

Henderson trade put on hold

Associated Press

The proposed trade of Rickey Henderson from the Padres to the Angels for reliever Chuck McElroy has stalled, and the Atlanta Braves said they might not be able to trade Fred McGriff or David Justice.

San Diego is trying to get rid of Henderson, who doesn't want to be backup to Greg Vaughn in left.

"It's kind of on hold now, not that it's off or dead, and it has nothing to do with Rickey," Padres general manager Kevin Towers said Thursday at Peoria, Ariz. "It's some things the Angels are doing. They have some kind of injury."

Towers said he couldn't be more specific. But several other baseball sources said Troy Percival, who converted 36 of 39 save opportunities last season, is having discomfort in his back, and the Angels want to see how that situation develops before giving up McElroy.

Braves: Atlanta general manager John Schuerholz expects both Justice and McGriff to be on the Braves' opening-day roster.

Going into spring training, speculation was rampant that at least one of them would be traded, allowing the Braves to move Ryan Klesko from left to first base and start young outfielders Andruw Jones and Jermaine Dye while reducing the payroll substantially.

But there currently is no market for players in the salary range of

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McGriff, who will be paid $7 million this year, and Justice, who makes $6 million.

"Everybody is in the same boat — maybe not to the extent that we and the Yankees are — but all teams have a level they're comfortable with, and everybody is sort of bumped up against that," Schuerholz said.

Indians: Kevin Mitchell still isn't 100 percent after hurting a middle finger on a swing. He grips the bat way down by the handle and somehow injured his middle finger on a follow-through.

"The other day he told me he was just starting to get comfortable when that happened," manager Mike Hargrove said.

Several other players are banged up. Of utmost concern is shortstop Omar Vizquel's shoulder. Vizquel, who had surgery during the offseason, developed tendinitis in the rotator cuff from throwing too hard, too soon this spring.

Hargrove said Tony Fernandez could play shortstop if Vizquel can't start the regular season. Enrique Wilson has also played well there.

Marlins: Florida optioned the contracts of top prospects Livan Hernandez and Andy Larkin to Triple-A Charlotte. Hernandez and Larkin, both 22, are believed to at least a year away from starting in the major leagues.

Pirates: Steve Parris, who pitched in 23 games for Pittsburgh over the past two seasons, was given his unconditional release.

The Pirates also reassigned right-handers Jose Pett and Scott Taylor to the minor-league camp. That left the Pirates with 44 players, including 22 pitchers.

Parris, 29, made his major-league debut with the Pirates in 1995, going 6-6 with a 5.38 ERA in 15 starts. Last season, Parris underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right shoulder March 6 and didn't return to the active roster until July 11. He went 0-3 with a 7.18 ERA in eight games, including four starts, then was sidelined for the remainder of the season after straining a muscle in his left side Aug. 17.

Blue Jays: Toronto's lack of hitting doesn't worry manager Cito Gaston.

"Some guys are .900 hitters in the spring and hit about a hundred and fifty in the regular season," he said after Thursday's 3-1 loss to the New York Yankees. The Blue Jays had just five hits in the game.

Newcomers Orlando Merced and Carlos Garcia are among the strugglers. Merced has just three hits in 14 at-bats and Garcia is 5-for-28. Both ex-Pittsburgh Pirates will have to adjust to AL pitching.

Devereaux powers Rangers to 8-5 victory against Twins

Associated Press

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Mike Devereaux had three hits and drove in two runs Thursday, leading the Texas Rangers over the Minnesota Twins 8-5.

Scott Stahoviak hit a three-run homer off Roger Pavlik in a four-run third inning as Minnesota took a 4-2 lead.

Texas came back with three runs in the bottom half off Frank Rodriguez. Warren Newson hit a two-run single and Devereaux added his second RBI single.

Damon Buford hit a solo homer in the seventh, and Eric Anthony homered in the ninth for Minnesota.

Pavlik allowed four runs and six hits in four innings, and Ed Vosberg pitched three hitless innings.

Cardinals 4, Indians 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Ron Gant hit a two-run homer off Orel Hershiser, giving him 10 RBIs this spring, and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Cleveland Indians.

Gant's fifth-inning homer was his second this spring. Brian Jordan had an RBI single in the third, and Tom Lampkin added an RBI single off the side of pitcher Alan Embree.

Hershiser gave up four runs and seven hits in 4 2-3 innings and hit an RBI single.

Dodgers 5, Phillies 2

VERO BEACH, Fla. — Eric Karros homered twice and drove in three runs.

Danny Tartabull and Desi Relaford homered for the Phillies, who fell behind 5-0.

Ramon Martinez retired his first his first nine batters and allowed one hit in five innings.

Pirates 12, Red Sox 2

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Tony

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Womack, who won the Pirates' second base job, had five hits and Pittsburgh took advantage of four errors.

Womack is 13-for-21 in his past five games, earning him the starting job over Lou Collier and Brandon Cromer, who were sent to the minor-league camp. Emil Brown had four RBIs for the Pirates, including a bases-loaded triple.

The Red Sox played their starting infield for the first time this spring, but shortstop Nomar Garciaparra and third baseman Tim Naehring each committed an error for the second consecutive game.

Yankees 3, Blue Jays 1

DUNEDIN, Fla. — Darryl Strawberry homered and Andy Pettitte allowed one hit in five shutout innings.

Strawberry connected in the second off Erik Hanson, who gave up one run and four hits in four innings and struck out three.

Royals 5, Reds 3

HAINES CITY, Fla. — Joe Vitiello hit his fourth home run in 19 at-bats, connecting off John Smiley in the third. Chili Davis doubled twice for the Royals and drove in a run.

Deion Sanders went 3-for-3 and drove in a run for the Reds.

White Sox 4, Tigers 1

SARASOTA, Fla. — Wilson Alvarez pitched six shutout innings and Chris Snopek hit a two-run homer. Alvarez, who has won three of four starts, struck out four and walked two.

Expos 5, Braves 4

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Sherman Obando hit a two-run triple in a four-run eighth.

Greg Maddux allowed three hits in four shutout innings for the Braves and struck out three.

Henry Rodriguez hit a two-run homer in the eighth for the Expos, who trailed 4-0 until Mark Grudzielank's RBI single in the seventh. Ray King gave up all four runs in the eighth.

Marlins 4, Orioles 1

MELBOURNE, Fla. — Mark Hutton pitched four shutout innings and strengthened his claim for a starting job with Florida, which improved to 15-1.

Hutton gave up three hits and struck out four. The 6-foot-6 Australian has not given up a run this spring in 11 innings over four games. He has allowed nine hits and four walks while striking out eight.

Athletics 6, Cubs 5

PHOENIX — Scott Brosius hit a one-out homer in the ninth inning off Mel Rojas as Oakland rebounded after wasting a two-run lead.

The Cubs scored twice in the ninth, pulling into a tie on Rey Sanchez's bases-loaded walk and Doug Glanville's single.

Rockies 8, Brewers 4

CHANDLER, Ariz. — Harvey Pulliam's two-run homer capped a six-run third inning, as Colorado beat Milwaukee.

Pulliam's homer off Tim VanEgmond came after consecutive two-run singles by Jeff Reed and John Vander Wal.

Rockies starter Bill Swift beat Milwaukee for the second time this spring. The right-hander gave up a two-run homer to Jeromy Burnitz in the second inning and a solo shot to Jose Valentin in the third.

Executive council approves labor deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's ruling executive council approved the text of the sport's new collective bargaining agreement on Thursday, the final step needed before the labor deal can be signed.

Owners voted 26-4 on Nov. 27 to approve the outline of the agreement, which runs through the 2000 season with a union option to extend it through 2001. They gave the council authority to approve the final terms based on the outline.

The executive board of the players' association approved the terms on Dec. 5. Union head Donald Fehr and management negotiator Randy Levine signed a memorandum of agreement four days later. Since then, lawyers on both sides have worked to draft the agreement, which replaces the contract reopened by owners on Dec. 7, 1992.

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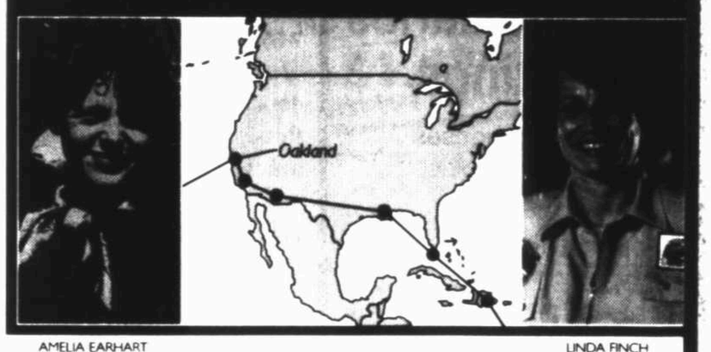
The two met in 1928. Putnam was looking for a woman to cross the Atlantic in a plane owned by a client. Earhart accepted. As the first woman to fly the ocean, she was feted. But she hadn't piloted the plane. Eager to prove herself, Earhart became the first person to fly solo from Hawaii to California, cross the Atlantic twice and fly both oceans alone. An advocate of women's rights, she said, "Women must try to do things as men have tried. When they fail, their failure must be but a challenge to others." She was a fearless flyer.

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Aikman gets to give input on prospects

■ Cowboys' quarterback to work out with wide receivers which Dallas may take in NFL draft.

By Scott Newman
Bloomberg News

DALLAS — Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman might work out with receivers that the team is considering taking in April's NFL draft, a move that likely would make him the only player with direct input on draft decisions.

Cowboys head coach Barry Switzer unveiled the plan yesterday at the National Football League's winter meetings in Palm Desert, California. Switzer wants Aikman to travel to colleges and work out the team's potential receivers.

The decision to include Aikman on draft decisions comes as the team is faced with possibly revamping its offense. A back injury forced tight end Jay Novacek to miss the 1996 season and might keep him out next year. Fullback Daryl Johnston and receiver Kevin Williams are both free agents this year and are talking to other teams.

"Troy needs help," Switzer told the Dallas Morning-News. "He needs receivers, tight ends, a supporting cast. The fact that we would ask him to be part of that selection process is so important. He needs to be a part of it."

Switzer said Aikman has agreed to the proposal.

"We've talked to him about going around and working these players out, actually throwing to them. He'd like to do that."

Switzer said Aikman's expertise would be especially useful after the draft's first two rounds where seeing a player's strengths and weaknesses first-hand would give the Cowboys a better chance at selecting a productive player.

"The key is making the right decision in the third and fourth rounds, like San Francisco did last year," Switzer said.

The 49ers selected Terrell Owens of the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga in the third round. Owens became a productive starter after receiver J.J. Stokes injured his wrist in mid November and never returned last season.

The Cowboys ranked 11th offensively among NFC teams last year. They finished 10-6 and lost to the Carolina Panthers in the first round of the playoffs.

NFL considers rookie salaries at meetings

■ Tagliabue proposes way to reward rookies who perform well.

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

PALM DESERT, Calif. — The NFL is pondering ways to provide bonuses for rookies who perform well rather than just slot them in the current rookie salary scale.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue disclosed the new plan Thursday as the NFL meetings ended. But he stressed that what he was discussing was a concept and that it faces the rather formidable hurdle of getting approval from the NFL Players Association.

"We want to reward players like Curtis Martin, Errict Rhett and Terrell Davis, who perform," Tagliabue said, referring to three running backs taken in lower rounds. "We don't like to see teams saddled with contracts like the Redskins were with Heath Shuler's $19 million."

Shuler, the third pick in the 1994 draft, was beaten out at quarterback in Washington by Gus Frerotte, a seventh-round pick the same season. He is currently shopping his services.

Rhett by contrast, held out in Tampa for half of last season, seeking to renegotiate his $336,000 salary. Davis, who led the AFC in rushing last season for Denver, already has renegotiated his after being a low-paid sixth-round pick in 1995.

Tagliabue emphasized that the plan is still in its formative stages.

The union didn't seem very enthusiastic about changing the current system, under which teams are allocated money for rookies — depending on the draft position and number of choices. That means high draft picks make big money, lower picks make the minimum.

"They have indicated that they have some concerns (with the current system)," said Doug Allen, the NFLPA's assistant executive director.

"The players association has not agreed to anything. At this point, we're listening and considering what they're saying. But there's some real distance between us in the way we view these issues."

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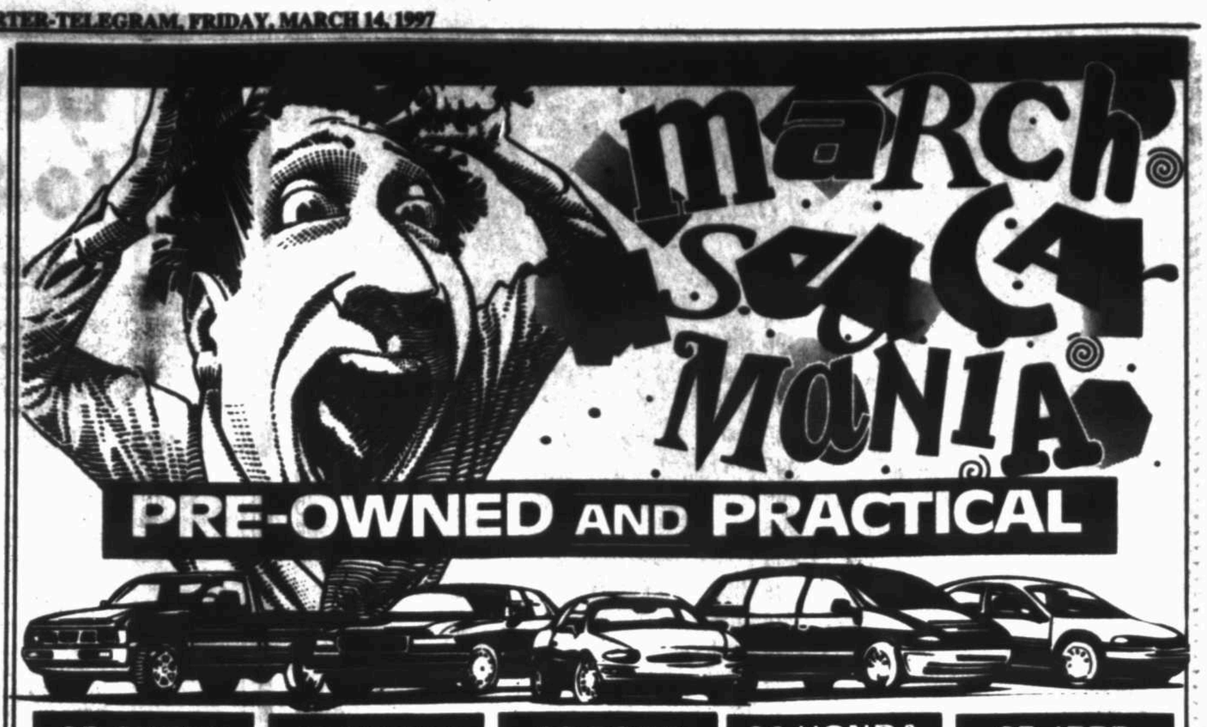
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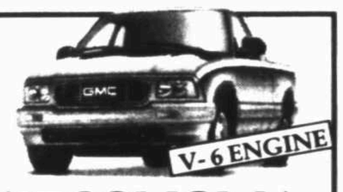
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14 FT GLASSTRON. 33 HP Evinrude with trailer. $900. Call 697-0451.

16 FT BASSMASTER with 35 HP Mercury Outboard motor, trolling motor. Like new. Call 694-7979.

SEA RAY 19' Deep Hull. 350 V8 engine, inboard /outboard. 458-3367 or 458-3269- Stanton.

19 FT. TAYLOR Jet boat for sale. 455 Olds motor. Over $4,000 invested in motor, has Berkley jet pump, reworked 1 1/2 years ago. Runs great. Must sell 520-8066, after 6.

YAMAHA 1991 Wave Runner III. 2 Person sit down, low hnours, runs great with new trailer. $3,000 o. b. o. 3 Wheeler $400 o. b. o. 520-5912, leave message.

1982 GLASTRON HPV. 115 HP Johnson. All extras, great condition. $5,000 or best offer. 687-6550, After 5 pm.

MUST SELL! 1993 SeaDoo SP with trailer. Excellent condition. Low hours. Stored indoors. Must see! $3,500. 699-3297.

15 FT GLASTRON Tri-hull walk-thru, 115 HP Evinrude. Good condition. $2,000. 570-6457.

17 FT Open Bow Boat. 135 HP. Recently new interior. Runs good. Lake ready! $2,500 or best offer. 520-0839.

270 Airplanes

50% PARTNER for 1978 Mooney 201. IFR Certified with altitude hold. 3100 TT 1500 SFOH0 STOH. Experienced able pilots only. 570-6124.

310 General Help Wanted

DRIVERS WANTED

Pump Truck, Vacuum Truck and Transport. Top wages. Life and medical insurance. Profit sharing program, excellent day off program, paid vacations. Class A CDL with endorsements. Apply in person Monday thru Friday 8 am to 5 pm.

Trey Trucks
3700 E. Hwy. 158
570-8739.

EVENING SALES LEADER
Age 18 and up

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has openings for outgoing people with a neat appearance and an insured vehicle. You will be involved in subscription marketing with probable weekly commissions of $225 to $450 for approximately 25 hours. You will not be delivering newspapers. Evenings and Saturday mornings are best times to visit homes signing up new readers for our newspaper. We offer you a start-up guaranteed income with proven training to help you be successful.

Call Mr. Irvin,
687-9011.
(Call anytime, 24 hrs.)

PART- TIME LIMOUSINE CHAUFFEUR

*Ideal for retired person
*Good driving record
*Testing required

Contact: Bill Stella
522-3115

STUDENTS, YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 14 & UP, AND OTHERS-

You can earn $50- $150 per week plus prizes and fun outings. We will train you to visit homes signing up new readers for the Midland Reporter- Telegram. No newspaper delivery involved. We provide transportation from your home and return. Evenings and Saturday mornings.

Call Mr. Irvin, 687-9011
(Call anytime, 24 hrs.)

TELEPHONE COLLECTOR

Collection agency has opening for trainee. Must have data entry experience. Good communication skills. Self starter. Available to start immediately. Must be available to work some evenings and some Saturdays. Base salary plus commission. Please call for an appointment 684-0579, Monday . thru Friday, 8am-5pm.

DRIVERS NEEDED. Must have Class A CDL. Call Greer Transports, 682-7032.

*HOTEL

Best Western Midland

Is now accepting applications for full or part -time front desk personnel. Previous hotel/ motel experience is essential.

Please respond in person to:

3100 West Wall.

EOE

REPRESENTATIVES Needed- sell Avon part time- full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520-0119, Independent Rep.

APARTMENT- EXPERIENCED Make Ready person needed. Must have own tools. Inquire at 2438 Whitmire.

APARTMENTS- NATIONAL PROPERTY Management Company seeking experienced Leasing Consultants and Make Ready person. Excellent pay and benefits. References required. Call 915-682-8678.

ASST. MAINTENANCE /Make Ready. Must be experienced! Neat in appearance, able to pass criminal background/ drug test. Must have verifiable references. Benefits. Country Crest Townhomes. 6500 Eastridge- Odessa.

BODY WORK. 2 Immediate openings. Auto Body Tech & Auto Body and Paint Tech Trainee. Requirements are: full set of necessary tools; ASE or I-car certified; full frame and unibody experience; references from of past work history. We offer commission based wages; uniform compensation; on going training and continuous update; paid holidays and vacations; health care and accident policy available; production bonuses. Applications may be picked up Monday thru Friday 8 -5:30 pm at 2800 W. Francis. 682-9722.

CAB DRIVER for nights. Courteous, Dependable, Good Driving Record. Retirees & others welcome. 685-7070.

CAREGIVER- M & J Sitter Service has openings for in home care for the elderly. Need experience, reliable transportation and telephone. Must be able to work any shift. 4500 W. Illinois, 580-6523.

CASHIERS with experience to work part time. Apply in person at 2210 N. Big Springs, Midland, Texas.

RESTAURANT- THE OLIVE GARDEN- is currently accepting applications for servers, host/ hostess, dishwashers, cashiers and experienced line cooks. Please pickup applications 2705 W. Loop 250, between 2 and 5, Monday thru Friday. No phone calls. Equal opportunity employer.

CONVENIENCE Store Clerk needed evenings and weekends. Apply in person 3301 Andrews Hwy.

COUNTER & SERVICE Agents needed. Must be outgoing, good with public, dependable, own transportation, flexible hours. Apply in person- No Phone Calls- Budget Rent -A-Car, 2700 LaForce Ave.

DETAILERS NEEDED for fast paced detail shop. Heavy lifting required. Apply in person Shammy Shack, 500 W. Front.

DRIVER- LOCAL FUEL And Lubricants distributor is in need of a full- time driver. Responsibilities include deliveries and warehouse duties. Must have a CDL with all endorsements.

11501 Co. Rd. 125 West
Midland, TX
563-0848

DRIVERS

PINOCCHIOS

Now interviewing Delivery Drivers. Our business is booming & we need great people to keep up with the pace. We guarantee $5.50/hour + tips. Uniform furnished, flexible hours & earn $8-$13 per hour once trained. At least 18 years old with proof of insurance. Pinocchios Pizza, 3303 N. Midkiff, San Miguel Shopping Center

DRIVERS- NEED 2 O. T. R. Drivers. New Peterbilt walk ins. Call 682-7811.

DRIVERS- Staying busy! Line haul, flatbed. Benefits available, guaranteed earnings. (800) - 749-1181, 563-0464.

FOR RESUMES that get results call 699-1919. Also, Cover letters. Professional, quick service, affordable.

FURNITURE MOVERS with experience. Heavy lifting & class C drivers license required. Leave name and number 567-7911.

GENERAL- The Midland Angels are accepting applications for seasonal employment at Christensen Stadium. Apply at the stadium Monday through Friday 8 am-5:30 pm.

GENERAL. ALL Seasons Dry Cleaners hiring for Front Counter. Will train. Apply at 905 Andrews Hwy., 7 am- 4 pm.

GREENHOUSE Employee, Tree Production/ Greenhouse Production assistant. Will train right applicant. Salary DOE. Apply in person 3300 Fairgrounds. EOE.

HAIR STATIONS for lease. Great location, good atmosphere. Clientele preferred. Call Debbie, 694-2579 or Evenings, 694-9729, .

HAIR STYLIST- Bilingual needed. $40.00 per week. Lots of walk -ins! 683-3215- ask for Amy.

HOUSEKEEPER needed for apartment cleaning. Apply in person- Canyon Creek Apartments, 5244 W. Loop 250. No Phone Calls!!

We're now recruiting hourly employees for both day and night time positions. Rosa's Cafe is one of the premiere Mexican food concepts based in West Texas. We offer flexible hours to help with your school scheduling, along with these are other great benefits:

- Health/Dental/Life Insurance
- Prescription Drug Card
- Paid Vacation
- Credit Union
- Special Employee Discounts

Applicants must be costumer-oriented, and self-motivated
Drug Screening Required!!
Apply in person between 2 pm and 5 pm daily at4945 E. 42nd or any Rosa's location in Odessa.

*GENERAL

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS....

Manufacturing Company is accepting applications for individuals willing to work as:

ENTRY LEVEL INJECTION MOLDING MACHINE OPERATORS

- Starting Salary $6.65/hr. After 1 year $8.02/hr.
- Be willing to work 2nd (4 pm - 12 am) or 3rd (12 am - 8 am)
- No experience required - training provided
- Excellent benefits package after 30 days of employment (Medical, Dental, Life Ins., 401K, (Stock Purchase)
- Opportunity for advancement (tuition reimbursement)
- High School Diploma or GED

Lear Corporation
South Industrial Loop
(Corner of Gist & S. Industrial Loop)
Midland, Texas 79701

310 General Help Wanted

INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYEES Needed! Come join our busy team for quick bucks! Applications taken at 2:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. V.I.P. Employment Services, 4305 North Garfield, Suite 200A. Never a fee!

La Bodega

now hiring
Exp. Part Time Cook
Part Time Cashier
Waitstaff
Apply in person:
2700 N. Big Spring

LABORERS

Need 15 people for 1 day job on Sunday March 16th. Apply:

Kelly Services
6 Desta Drive
Never An Applicant Fee!
An Equal Opportunity Employer

LOGGERS /GEOLOGIST with experience for the Permian Basin area. Well established company is looking for addition to its staff. All logging units are computerized. Please send resume to: P.O. Box 5274, Midland, TX 79704.

LOUNGE- Cactus Moon now hiring Bartenders, Door People and Bar Backs. Must be TABC Certified. Apply in person between 12- 2 pm Wednesday through Friday, 1006 S. Midkiff.

MAINTENANCE- Now accepting applications for experienced maintenance person. National Truck Stop, Loop 250 & I-20. No phone calls please.

MAKE READY Person needed for 300 unit complex. Apply in person 5244 W. Loop 250 North. No phone calls please.

RESTAURANT- Now taking applications for all positions Monday thrguh Thursday, 3-4:30 pm only. No phone calls please. Golden Corral, 4709 N. Midkiff

OFFICE- A few office positions available for dedicated people. To find out more call 620-1525.

OILFIELD SERVICE Company. Workers needed for sandblasting and pipe coating. Full time plus some benefits. Call 563-1472, 10 am to 2 pm, Monday thru Friday.

PART-TIME. Nights and weekends. $5 hourly, 25- 30 hours weekly. Call 580-5800, Terrell Employment Service.

PLUGGING company needs equipment operators. Oil field experience in cementing and/ or well servicing preferred. Class A CDL, physical and drug testing is a must. Wages vary on experience. Good benefits. Midland. 570--0029.

KENT KWIK
24 Hour * Job Hotline
520-4053 ext. 371

RESTAURANT

PIZZA HUT

Now hiring Delivery drivers. Must be 18 years of age or older, own vehicle, proof of liability insurance. We offer: flexible work schedules, free meals, free uniforms, Pizza Hut discount cards, twice a year merit reviews, discount shopping network, credit union membership, paid vacation, medical insurance and Pepsico stock. If these benefits are important to you, please talk to one of our mangers at: 427 Andrews Hwy., 4320 Andrews Hwy., 2200 W. Wadley and 4400 N. Midland Drive.

RESTAURANT- Cafe China, now hiring wait staff & host/ hostess. Pick up applications after 1:30, 2800 N. Big Spring.

RESTAURANT- EXPERIENCED cook needed. Apply in person Tuesday thru Friday, before 2 pm, Ranchland Hills Country Club, 1600 E. Wadley.

RESTAURANT- Kitchen help wanted. Kuo's Chinese Restaurant, call 697-8888 ask for Peter or Pamela.

310 General Help Wanted

RESTAURANT- Now accepting applications for all positions. Apply at Luby's Cafeteria between 8- 10 am only.

RESTAURANT- TAKING APPLICATIONs night position Monday- Saturday. Greenwood area. Great possibilities on income.686-1986.

RESTAURANT. General help wanted- all shifts. Drug screen required. Please apply at: Texas Burger, 3215 W. Wadley between 2 & 5 pm.

SALES ASSOCIATE /Delivery needed part -time: evenings and weekends. Sales experience required. Must be 21. Texas drivers license, clean driving record. Non -smoking environment. Flowerama, 907 Andrews Hwy. Midland.

SALES- Daytime Bingo. Floor Salespeople needed for Bingo Hall. Must be 18 or older. Please Apply in person. 3303 W. Illinois (west end of Kingsway Mall).

TAKE A GREAT resume to the Job Fair or a prospective employer! Be Ready. 699-1919.

TELEMARKETERS needed. No experience, will train. Start today! Flexible hours. 684-6399.

TELEPHONE Sales for industry. Environmental products. Income compensation package $18,000 -$24,000. Relaxed atmosphere, fun. Call 697-1134 ask for Mr. Michael.

WAITSTAFF wanted for downtown area. Apply in person: The Bar, 606 W. Missouri. Monday- Thursday, 2- 4 pm. Best tips in town!

311 Medical Help Wanted

POSITIONS AVAILABLE
2-RN's-Full-Time

Emergency Room
Experience Preferred
Excellent Benefits

Please Contact:

Margaret Kruse, RN,DON
Pecos County General Hospital
P.O. Box 665
Iraan, TX 79744

1-800-753-5335

CERTIFIED NURSING Assistant- must be certified in the state of Texas. Good benefits. Make application to Manor Park, 2208 N. Loop 250 W., Midland, TX 79707 Attention: Donna Parker. EOE M/F

CONTRACT PHLEBOTOMIST needed. Please call 634-8507 and leave message.

DENTAL HYGIENIST needed for busy 2 doctor family practice. Must be ethical, caring and personable. Send resume to: 1897 Pecos, San Angelo, TX 76901.

LVN's &Certified Nurses Aides needed for home health. Medicare experience helpful. Call In Home Care 570-4475 or come by 808 W. Indiana, Midland.

MESSAGE THERAPISTS needed. Flexible hours. Call for appointment- The Fitness Professionals, 570-1309.

SPEECH THERAPIST Wanted to work in home with brain injured young adult. Flexible hours, good pay. List experience or send resume to PO Box 7443, Midland, TX 79708.

THERAPISTS NEEDED- PT, OT & ST, FAX RESUME TO 702-849-1290 OR CALL 800-869-0869.

TRANSCRIPTIONIST needed for internal medicine position. Mail resume to: Box E-01012, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

312 Professional Help Wanted

OIL FIELD- TDS, Inc. seeking Loggers & Geologist for TX, NM and LA. 888-380-9090.

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST POSITIONS

Scenic Mountain Medical Center, a 153 bed JCAHO Accredited facility located in a quiet West Texas Town has immediate openings for Medical Technologist (ASCP, CLS, AMT or HHS) Monday through Friday, Day Shift, Full Time. Generalist with Micro experience. Also, need Generalist with Micro experience for 16 hour shifts on weekends, part time or full time.

Qualified applicants must have good general skills and be willing to perform other duties as required.

We offer a complete benefits package to include 401(k) retirement. To apply, send resume to:

Department of Human Services
Attn: Cheryl New
1601 West 11th Place
Big Spring, Texas 79720
or Fax to: (915)263-6454

Equal Opportunity Employer

312 Professional Help Wanted

● LAND ●

We are gearing up for a special project utilizing several very experienced Land persons. Good computer skills required. Could be at least a year long assignment. $$ DOE. No fee. Please bring your resume ASAP! References will be checked.

Temporary Resources
1601 W. Texas

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR for nonprofit organization. Prefer degree in Human Service or related field. Interested applicants send resume to: E. D. Search, P.O. Box 13023, Odessa, TX 79768-3023.

C/C ++ PROGRAMMER for development of engineering software. Computer Science degree preferred. Echometer Company. Phone (817)767-4334. Fax (817)723-7507. E-mail echometer@aol.com

CONTROLLER- Computer company seeking a controller. Must have an accounting degree and inventory mangement experience. Send resume to: Box T-05014, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

ENGINEERING TECHNICAL ASSISTANT

Applicant must have experience gathering data from subsurface library and computer skills. Must be motivated and organized. Submit resume to: P.O. Box 10552, Midland, Texas 79702.

ENGINEERING/PRODUCTION Tech needed ASAP! RRC filings, BLM filings, NM reporting. Computer literate, Excel, Word, Ogre, self motivated and team player. Good pay and benefits. Fax resume to: (915) 684-0829 or mail to:Box E-01013, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

JUNIOR MAP Drafter. Knowledge of land maps and well spotting helpful. Good small free hand lettering essentia Would consider trainable aptitude. For appointment call 683-2777 ext. 18.

LANDMAN POSITIONS
Temp Assignments
Salary DOE
Experience A Must
DP Personnel
682-0033
NEVER A FEE!!

ASSISTANT SUPPORT Counselor. Full time position effective on/ about March 24, 1997. Primary function is to provide transportation for Center residents. Secondary function is to assist in presenting classes and to maintain a small caseload of residents. Must have high school diploma and good driving record. Knowledge of alcohol/ drug abuse field helpful. Position starts $1,282/ month. apply between 8 am- 5 pm Monday- Friday at Court Residential Treatment Center, 215 W. Industrial Ave., Midland, TX 79701. Cut- off 4 pm, March 19, 1997.

PART TIME Support Counselor position effective on / about March 24, 1997. Minimum 20 hours/ week plus fills in for holidays, staff vacation, etc. Pays $7/ hour. Primary function is to provide transportation for Center residents. Secondary function is to assist in presenting classes and to maintain a small caseload of residents. Must have high school diploma and good driving record. Knowledge of alcohol/ drug abuse field helpful. apply between 8 am- 5 pm Monday- Friday at Court Residential Treatment Center, 215 W. Industrial Ave., Midland, TX 79701. Cut-off 4 pm, March 19, 1997.

THERAPIST-
IMMEDIATE OPENING for a licensed occupational therapist at The Permian Basin Rehabilitation Center. Competitive salary and excellent benefits. Contact Cherie Hensley, 620 N. Alleghaney, Odessa TX 79761. 915-580-4304.

TRAVEL AGENT needed for full time position minimum five years Sabre experience. $7.00 to $8.50 per hour, plus monthly commission bonus depending on experience. Send resume, in confidence, to: Amera Travel, Attn: Personnel, P.O. Box 9484, Midland, Texas 79708.

PRODUCTION ASSISTANT- Must have experience in regulatory & production reporting, spreadsheets, word processing. Send resumes to: P.O. Box 51467, Midland, TX 79710.

312 Professional Help Wanted

PRODUCTION ANALYST

Aggressive Permian Basin independent oil & gas exploration and production company is seeking to fill a Production Analyst position. Production reporting and regulatory experience required. Responsibilities include preparation of BLM, New Mexico and Texas regulatory forms, processing gauge sheets, run tickets, well allocations, downtime, internal production reports and other related duties. Excellent computer and organizational skills required. Individual must be capable of handling multiple tasks simultaneously. Please note salary requirements and names of production accounting systems experience. Competitive salary and excellent benefits. For confidential consideration qualified applicants should send resume and salary requirements to: Box E-01010, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

CLERICAL- Openings for exp. Oil & Gas office personnel. Call OLSTEN today, 683-5677.

DP PERSONNEL
Temp & Permanent
positions available
682--0033

CLERICAL- EXPERIENCED Oil & Gas Revenue Clerk. Must be familiar with computerized revenue system, Enertech, a plus. Position involves filing, data entry and regulatory reporting. Applicants should mail resume to: P. O. Box 10629, Midland, Texas 79702.

V.I.P. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES- Clencal and Industrial jobs available. Never a fee. Benefits. (915) 686--9722.

DATA ENTRY CLERK

Small company is seeking a well organized person experienced in both data entry and heavy phone usage. Minimum of 40 wpm and 10 key by touch required. Non-smoking environment. For consideration please send resume with salary history to Box T-05013, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

GENERAL CLERICAL available, part time, $5 per hour. Apply 602 N. Baird, Suite 200, Midland.

Global Personnel Network
Temp & Perm positions. Locally & around the globe! 686--8360.

INSURANCE AGENT needs full- time Secretary/ Receptionist for one person office. Honesty and dependability a must. Entry level salary while in training. 8:30- 5:30, Monday through Friday. Please send resume to: PO Box 5074, Midland, TX 79704.

LAND ASSISTANT- Small independent oil and gas company is looking for a land assistant with experience in secretarial work and handling of all phases of land operations. Send resumes to: LAND DEPARTMENT, P.O. BOX 2840, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79702. All resumes will held in confidence.

RECEPTIONIST at Plaza Club Part Time. Must possess great people skills, computer knowledge and versatility a must. Please apply in person only, Tuesday- Friday, 10 am- 2 pm, #6 Desta Drive, Suite 6600.

SECRETARIAL- 1- 5 pm weekdays, WP 6.0, Windows and Quickbooks. Switchboard relief. Minimum 1 year office experience. Non smoking environment. Apply directly to TWC, 501 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas. Job #7831572. Ad paid for by employer. EEOC

SECRETARY/ Bookeeping help needed- weekends, possibly evenings. Must be computer literate Quicken. Call 684--1102.

SECRETARY/ BOOKKEEPER for small office. WordPerfect, Spreadsheet, Quicken. $1,700. Send resume to: PO Box 5461, Midland, TX 79704.



316 Sales Help Wanted

TELEPHONE Sales for industry. Environmental products. Income compensation package $18,000 -$24,000. Relaxed atmosphere, fun. Call 697-1134 ask for Mr. Michael.

CONTROLLER

Rapidly growing oil field service company is seeking an individual with experience in accounting, administration and management for their Midland office to work closely with Operations and Accounting. Individual with experience and ability to help the company grow during acquisitions and expansion. Requires Bachelor's Degree in Accounting or Finance with 7-10 years experience, supervisory experience, self-starter, good communication and interaction skills. Please send resume to:

Box E-01009
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

320 Skilled Trades

PLUMBERS
PIPEFITTERS
WELDERS

Skilhi Enterprises, Inc. is currently seeking 25 Plumbers, 25 Pipefitters, Single Hand Welders and Rig Welders for projects located in Big Springs. Experience required. Welders must have certification. Offering $12.50 to $14.00. Physical/ Drug Screen required.

Applications will be accepted March 17 and 18 at
Best Western Motel Lodge Room #114
(915) 267-1601

SERVICE TECHNICIAN NEEDED

Currently interviewing for 3 construction machinery and metal handling equipment mechanics. Five years experience needed. Automotive experience possibly acceptable. Stable past employment record required. Top pay, Hospitalization, Life Insurance, Factory Training, 401K Plan, Profit Sharing, Uniforms, Paid Vacation, and Holidays. If you're a dedicated qualified technician, apply in person.

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-DRAFTING

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We have the following positions available...

Mechanical Detail Draftsman
2 -3 Years of AutoCad Experience

Call 362-4336 or
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8035 West County Road - Odessa
Equal Opportunity Employer

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Earn up to $70K + bonus cruise for 2, selling swimming pools. Must be able to start immediately. 1 Call closers with in-home sales experience! We provide professional training, pre set credit & qualified appointments. Come join a national industry leader since 1982 with future opportunities for management positions. Call now! 1-800-788-1832, ext 3102.

SALES PERSON
HEAVY TRUCK DEALERSHIP

Local truck dealership has an immediate opening in the truck sales dept. applicants possessing heavy truck knowledge or related background preferred. Other applicants possessing the right combination of experience, background motivation, and people skills will be considered. To be successful, this position requires dedication, self motivation, and the ability to work independently. Resumes to:

Truck Sales- Rich
P.O. Box 10427
Lubbock, TX 79406

SALES REPS-
Four needed. Highest commission paid in Permian Basin. Vacation and fee insurance. Experience preferred, but not necessary. Apply in person at: Village Lincoln Mercury Dodge Hyundai, 3915 West Wall, Midland, Texas.

CONSULTANT- Dependable person to help children and adults with a serious problem, Enuresis. Appointments set by us. Hard work/ travel required. $40K to $50K commission. 800-477-2233

INSTALLERS

EARN TO PAY

Growing National Above Ground Pool Dealer Seeks installers in your area. Earn Top Pay And Bonus. Experience a plus but will train. Landscapers, Contractors or similiar **ENCOURAGED** to call! Truck and tools required. 1-800-788-1832, Ext. 3104, Mr. Brown.

SALES REPRESENTATIVE for oil field environmental company. Must have experience calling on company personnel. Should be self motivated, aggressive and well organized, good driving record with no more than 2 violations. Company vehicle furnished. Successful applicant will be required to pass physical and drug tests. We offer competitive salary, 401K plan, medical and dental insurance. Send resume with references and salary requirements to: Box P-06011, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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See how this ad caught your eye with its effective use of a black border as a frame? Ask Elsa, Tami, Brandi, Pam, or Jennika about framing your ad today!

682-6222

ELECTRICIANS, EXPERIENCED. No phone calls. Please apply at 206 S. Lee, Odessa, Texas.

FRAMING and Cornice Crews needed for multi- family housing project in Lubbock. (808)794-1260.

FULL TIME Maintenance person. Only AC Certified need apply. No phone calls. Apply in person 3212 W. Wadley.

ENGINE MECHANIC

wanted. Must have experience in Engine Repairs and Engine rebuilding. Gasoline Engines a must, diesels a plus.

Very competitive pay scale, insurance provided, Bonus plan, Paid vacations.

Contact Jim Connell
Village Lincoln Mercury
3915 W. Wall, 522-3115

LICENSED PLUMBER and water softener/ RO installer. Pay up to $18.00 per hour. Excellent benefits. Send resume to: S & W SERVICES, P. O. box 1484, San Angelo, TX 76902.

OIL FIELD Service Truck Driver wanted. Minimum 2 years experience moving & setting pumping units and pumping unit repair. Must have class A CDL and pass drug test. Experienced only need apply. Call 682-2217.

MAINTENANCE/ MECHANIC Position includes plant maintenance, general knowledge of building electrical, plumbing, machinery repair. Also includes equipment repair. Must have general knowledge of gasoline and diesel engines, charging systems, tune-ups, brakes and hydraulics. Must have own hand tools. Contact Dan, 563-0300, 9 am- 5 pm.

OIL FIELD- Immediate opening seeking highly motivated individuals with knowledge of oil field well plugging procedures to work the West Texas and Eastern New Mexico areas. Will be buying wells for the salvage. Need to have knowledge of oil field equipment and tubulars. Must have contacts. Office space available in Midland. 915-691-1085 ask for Randy.

OIL REFINERY to relocate overseas. Refine medium crude for Petrol. (601) 324-7015 after hours.

PAINTERS- must be experienced. New construction. Call 520-6033 after 5:30 pm or leave message.

PUMPING UNITS Repair- light welding and winch truck experience. Minimum 2 years. Call 682-3132.

PUSHER. Skilled Roustabout with experience. Apply at Clover Oilfield, 2302 Garden City Hwy, Midland. 682--2217.

SKILLED- Wanted Experienced Sheet Metal mechanics and installers. Layout experience a plus. To start work immediately. Call 686-0002 or 570-0232.

SLICK LINE OPERATOR with experience needed in Brenham, Texas. $40,000 +* Send resume to: P.O. Box 826, Brenham, 77834.

SLICKLINE OPERATOR needed with experience. Send resume or call Precision Pressure Data Inc., P.O. Box 8571, Midland, TX 79708 682-4658.

SMALL ENGINE MECHANIC needed, 1 year experience required. Must have tools. Call 685-1271.

SURVEY CREWS CHIEF. Accepting applications for this position at Basin Surveys in Hobbs, NM. Have immediate opening. Would like two years experience in oil field surveys. Fax resume to 505-392-3074.

TECHNICIAN- NOW ACCEPTING applications for Telephone/ Computer Technicians. Must have 1 year minimum experience in telephone installation and repair. Please forward resume to:Box E-01011, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

318 Management Help Wanted

FOOD SERVICE. If you are looking for a career with unlimited potential, this ad is for you! Domino's Pizza is accepting quality resumes for it's manager training program. Domino's is building new stores throughout Southern New Mexico & and West Texas, and training their future store managers here in Midland! Upon completion of training & promotion to Manager, you can earn $21,000- $40,000 annually with advancement opportunities available in multi -unit supervision and franchising. Domino's is looking for applicants with high energy, the ability to relocate, and a good driving record. Experience is helpful but not necessary. Send your resume to: Area Supervisor, 4214 Waverly, Odessa, TX 79762. Domino's Pizza is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

TELEPHONE Sales Manager. Environmental products. Must be able to sell as well as teach others how. Income compensation package $22,000 -$28,000. Relaxed atmosphere, fun. Call 697-1134 ask for Mr. Michael.

320 Skilled Trades

ASSEMBLERS /Fabricators. Local manufacturing company needs several employees experienced in fabrication, assembly, and finish work. If you have good work ethics and appreciate an opportunity for quick advancement, you can build your future as you build trailers. There is no shift work and we provide a benefit package. Only serious need to call for an appointment. Positions available immediately. Call (915)563-0300 for interview. EOE.

CARPENTERS, Painters, Air Conditioning Technicians, Plumbers, electricians wanted. Part /full- time. Terms, incenitives, bonuses available. 682--3542.

CONSTRUCTION- LOCAL COMPANY needs good construction licensed plumbers. Excellent benefits. Salary D. O. E. Call D & K Mechanical, 915-684-7212.

CONSTRUCTION- Reese Albert Inc.taking applications for Finished Maintainer Operator. Call 570-0481, 8 to 5, after hours call 563-3927.

DIESEL TRUCK MECHANIC with at least 10 years experience, on drive train and general maintenance. Must have own tools. Send resume and salary history to: P.O. Drawer 220, Carlsbad, NM 88220.

DOZER & Maintainer Operator needed. Must be experienced. Call (915)682-7548.

335 Adult Care Needed

CAREGIVER NEEDED- For man & wife. Be part of a team. Live- in, room & board plus salary. Permian Basin area. Send responses to: Box P-06014, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

336 Adult Care Providers

LIVE IN or OUT- Full time /part time. Good transportation. References provided. Call 689-0598.

IS YOUR Loved one getting the care they deserve? If not, call me. I have 3 beds to fill at my private & loving home. Several years experience in caring for the sick & elderly. 3 Home cooked meals & snacks. Transportation to stores, doctors, etc. Comparable rates. 520-7639.

PRIVATE HOME for elderly care. Couple welcome. Call (915) 523-4690.

DON'T WANT to leave your home or need just a little help around the house? Let In Home Care help you, just ask for Jackie- she will take care of all your needs! Call 570-4475.

341 Child Care Providers

I WILL WATCH your children in my home, all ages welcome, meals & snacks provided. 7:30 am- 5:30 pm Monday through Friday. 550-4657.

TWO GRANDMOMMIES. Infants & toddlers, 2 immediate openings. Meals, snacks, love, learning. Monday- Friday, 694--9871.

WILL KEEP Your child in my home. 3 openings. References. CPR certified. Loving environment. 520--8137.

CHEAPEST Child Care in Town! 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. TLC. Snacks included. Call 559-6083.

Garage Sales

79701

YARD SALE- Saturday, March 15th, 1407 W. Tennessee, 8- 5. Microwave, clothes, dishes, hedge trimmer, miscellaneous items.

H. K. THOMAS ESTATE
1906 OAKLAWN DRIVE
Friday - Saturday 9 - 6
Sunday 1 - 5

American Fostoria, Coronation china, Carnival glass, over 100 pieces of hand painted china by Mrs. Thomas, Ruby glass, Cranberry flash, Imperial, crystal, Moss rose china, 1962 Bubble cut Barbie, 68 Zane Grey books, Butterfly quilt, Linens, Solid maple bedroom set, French Provincial bedroom set, king size bed, large desk, Keefe & Merritt stove, chrome & formica dining room set, formal dining room set, picnic table, kitchen misc., tools and whole household. Books by Mr. Thomas.

Services provided by
Cats Meow
Visa - MC - American Express Accepted
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1609 W MISSOURI. Sinks, toilets, draperies, size 6 womens clothes, childrens clothes, window A/C, miscellaneous!! Saturday only, 8- Noon.

FLEA MARKET
2900 W. FRONT
Grand Opening!
New Vendors!
New southwest & Gift Items, Arts-n-Crafts, much, much more!!
Rain or Shine- All Indoors
Heated & Air Conditioned
Ask About FREE RENT!
570-1156

MULTI FAMILY Yard Sale! Futon bunk bed, wedding gowns, furniture, appliances, Super Nintendo, puzzles, clothes including plus, lots more! Saturday, Sunday, 1211 W. Tennessee.

All Shoppers Welcome!
WINTER CLEARANCE
25¢ TO $1.00
Miscellaneous Easter items. Quality name brand Spring and Summer clothing arriving daily. Nice selection of large womens clothes, furniture, jewelry, knick knacks, linens.
St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store
701 N. Fort Worth
9am-1pm, Monday, Wednesday
Friday & Saturday. - All Year.

ESTATE SALE, 711 W. Kansas. One day Only, Saturday, 9 to 5. Furniture, refrigerator $250, Oriental screen and miscellaneous.

QUALITY NEW FURNITURE at garage sale prices! Rainbow Trade Center and Indoor Flea Market, 1503 W. Industrial Ave. Open 12 -6, Wednesday -Sunday. 570-4408.

79703

YARD SALE. 4302 Parkdale, Saturday only 8 -? Small size gas stove, something for everyone.

MOVING SALE. 4616 Laura. Everything must go! Saturday, 8- 5. Sunday, 9- 12. No early sales.

79703

YARD SALE
4620 Andrews Hwy.
Friday 8-6, Saturday, 8-5, Sunday 10-3
Antiques to include kitchen hutch, console radios, bicycles, miscellaneous. Household miscellaneous, appliances, washers and dryers, kitchen cabinets, doors, windows, lamps, tables, A/C units, miscellaneous electrical and plumbing hardware, small trailer, toys, tool box, huge amount too much to list. Cash Only Please.

RIDGE HEIGHTS Addition (off Rankin Hwy) 4113 S. County Rd 1185. Saturday, 9- 3. Recliner, sleeper sofa/ love seat, LP Gas hot water heater, books, clothes, Tupperware, dishes, miscellaneous.

SATURDAY 8 -3. Rocker recliner, answering machine, clothes, books, and much more. 4502 Parkdale.

FRIDAY, 9- 2. 4703 Cuthbert. Clothes, ceramics finished & bisque, toys, stuffed animals and other items!

FRIDAY 9 am, 3702 W. Michigan. Adult and baby clothes and lots more! Come See!

MOVING SALE! Furniture, books, baby items and misc! Friday 8 am- 5 pm, 3312 Mariana.

✿2 FAMILY SALE. 5104 W. Storey. Sat. 8- 2. Crib, matching changing table, baby carrier/ car seat, crib sheets /accessories, high chair, clothing: girls 0- 2T, womens 7- 22, shoes, mini blinds, curtains, ceiling fans, queen bed, Nintendo/ games, antique kitchen cabinet, rocking chair, swivel rocker recliner.

CASH REGISTER, Table & chairs, lots of miscellaneous. Saturday, 8- 4 only. 4203 Anetta.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 8- 4. 4104 Anetta. Baby items, baby clothes, work cloths, childrens clothes, more!

3 FAMILY Garage Sale! Lots of stuff! Odds n Ends, Decorations! Thursday-Friday. 7:30. 111 N Eisenhower

POWER WASHER, Doors, hutch & buffet, piano, microwave, TONS of miscellaneous!! Friday- Sunday. 8- 4. 5125 Reeves Circle

SATURDAY, 8:00 am. 201 N. Eisenhower. Plumbing tools, electric saw, water skis, baby items, clothes, stereo, electric oven, furniture, & 50% off Mary Kay products.

★HUGE TWO Family Garage Sale! Boys baby and toddler clothes, sweet female Dalmatian (12 weeks old), crib bedding, gorgeous wicker bassinet, car CD player, injet printer, Christian books and tapes, telephones, and lots of pretty knick knacks. 8 am- 12 noon Saturday. 4613 Erie.

HUGE GARAGE Sale! Friday- Saturday. 1109 E County Road 120- Corner of South Lamesa Rd.

4214 TANNER. Microwave, treadmill, weight set, wedding dress. Friday & Saturday 8 am- 5 pm.

PARKING LOT SALE! Saturday 8 -5. Furniture, kitchenware, camping equipment, clothing, books. 3415 Andrews Hwy.

4624 LEISURE. 8:30 Friday & Saturday 5 piece canopy bedroom suite, antique bed, dressing table, iron bed and sectional sofa.

79703

PLENTY OF Womens clothes and shoes 50¢- 75¢, books, waterbed, dresser, shelves, lots more! Saturday only! 607 Brooks.

BICYCLES, Exercise equipment, file cabinets, linens, silk flowers, building materials, landscape timbers. 4808 Harvard. Friday, Noon - 6. Saturday, 8am.

3403 W LOUISIANA. Saturday, 8. Moving Sale! Furniture, kitchen stuff, decorations, bedding, clothes, books.

79705

YARD SALE! 422 W. Shandon. Saturday- Sunday, 8- 12. Computer games & software, exercise equipment, womens & girls clothes, housewares, and much more!

1931 E. MORGAN WAY. Clothing, odds & ends. Thursday & Friday 9 -6.

3 FAMILIES! Saturday 8 -? Weight machine, treadmill, stationary bike, dining table, car seats, stroller, other baby items, clothes, dishes, and miscellaneous. 2604 North "N".

STOREWIDE CLEARANCE
Through March only! Knives, cutlery, cards, displays, showcases, signs, tables, you name it!
MB Sharp Shoppe
3328 N. Midkiff 699-6645

PRE-SEASON sale on in stock above ground pools. Several sizes to choose from- financing & installation available. 563-3108

SATURDAY ONLY, 8- 2. 2514 Goddard. Drop in cook top stove, coffee table, pictures, books, swing set, jewelry, lots of stuff.

GARAGE SALE! Saturday only, 8- 2. 2117 Butternut Lane. Clothing, kids & adults- all sizes, lots of shoes, dishes, miscellaneous!!

1908 N. "H" STREET. Friday, Saturday, Sunday. 8 am- ? Aquariums, apartment stove, freezer, good things.

ESTATE SALE
Friday & Saturday, 8-5
Antiques & Collectibles.. Brass Scales, Old Phones, Framed Paintings & Needlepoint, Pictures, Clocks, Oriental Rugs, Many Decor & Household Items, Furniture, Treadmill, Small Pool Table, Video Camera, DOT Matrix Printer, 2 Jam Boxes- One With TV and More
Dealers Welcome
2913 Northtown Place
520-6226

TWO FAMILY- Saturday 8am, 2511 Gulf, furniture, kids clothing, toys, misc! (Gayco, Little Tikes, more!)

☞FRIDAY 8 am- 6 pm, Saturday 8 am- 12 noon. 2604 N. "L". Sofas, recliners, lamps, daybed, stereo cabinet, coffee table, crystalware, glassware, brand new kids bike, home decor, kitchen items,some camping gear, Nintendo, toys,lots, lots more!

3 FAMILIES 103 W. SHANDON. Saturday only, 8- 4. Doors, pet carrier, bicycles, scooters, some furniture, lots of miscellaneous.

79705

2517 NEELY. For Easter- childrens books, puzzles, records. Stuffed animals, toys, electronic games, bed linens, lamps, drapes, fabrics, housewares, shoes, clothing. Friday-Saturday, 8:30.

LIVING ESTATE OF
GRACE ISBELL
2204 Whitney
by Joseph
12:00 Friday & 9:00 Saturday
Lots of wonderful collectibles. Majolica, Fenton, Oriental, Weller, Limoge, old Capodimonte, Carnival glass, Flintridge china, tapestries, pewter, brass & copper items.
Lots of Miscellaneous!
No Children Please.

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6 FAMILY SALE!!!!
2809 MAXWELL
7:30 AM - 2 PM
SATURDAY ONLY
Trampoline, 2 authentic Dooney Burke purses, gun cabinet, pool filter, porch swing, lounge cushions, Jeep fender extensions, '89 Suburban rims, crafters supplies, new & used painted clothes, clothes from Juniors to Plus sizes and mens sizes up to Big and Tall. New hair bows, guitar, cameras, watches and TONS more! Cash only. No early sales!
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GARAGE SALE! Clothes and miscellaneous! Friday- Saturday, 8am-5pm. 405 B W Spruce in rear.

BIG YARD Sale- Thursday & Friday, 422 E. Spruce. 8 til dark.

★HUGE GARAGE SALE- Miscellaneous, clothing, 2 twin beds, dresser, toys, bicycle, lawnmower, brown washer, lots more! 2302 Keswick Rd., Friday- Saturday, 8- ?

3 FAMILY SALE. Baby furniture, lots of miscellaneous clothing, shoes, knick knacks. Saturday only, 7- 1.2604 North A.

CLOTHES: Kids & Ladies, toys, furniture and home decorations. Friday & Saturday 9 am. 1725 E Oak.

79707

2 FAMILY Garage Sale! Greentree area. Saturday, 8 am- 1 pm. 4501 Hackberry. Sofa, oak desk, computer table, dresser and many household & childrens items!!

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 7:30 -12. 4304 Amistad. Lots of baby and toddler clothes, car seats, stroller, swing, toys and other items.

✪4302 Gulf. Saturday 8:30 am to noon. If you're in the market for very nice size 3, 5, 7 or 9 jr. petite clothing, don't miss this one. Ladies shoes size 6 to 8. Men's size large shirts, size 34 x 32 pants. Boys' clothing size 8 or 12. 2 CD players, boy's and ladies bikes, paperbacks, Oriental jade figurines, 7-pc place setting of Noritake "Midnight Mood" bone china with serving pieces and black stem crystal. $250 firm, lots of miscellaneous. Cash only.

EVERYTHING MUST GO! 4006 Norwood. Saturday 7 -12. Kids and adult clothes, furniture, appliances. Cash Only!

79707

SATURDAY, 8- 2, 3331 Cinnmaron. We have more furniture, books, clothes for all sizes, ages, sexes and seasons, most $1 or under. Craft supplies, fabric, office and school supplies, storage containers, lots more.

4 FAMILY SALE! 3325 Camarie. Opens 8:30, Friday. Furniture, dryer, lawnmowers, tiller, exercise bike, kitchen articles, some childrens articles, clothes and miscellaneous items!

RECLINER, new rug, some antiques, some junk. Friday only 9 -5. 3622 W. Shandon.

CARPORTS at Morgans. Several sizes to choose from- financing and installation available 563-3108.

GARDEN TOOLS, Grill, clothing, electric saw & drill. Saturday, 8- 4. 5002 Teakwood.

COVENTRY POINTER 3329 W. Wadley Apt. 40, (next to HEB), Ladies clothes and other miscellaneous items. Saturday, 7- ?

GARAGE SALE at 3506 Camarie, Saturday only 8:30 am- 4 pm. Twin bed, desk, coffee & end tables, highchair, carseat and other baby items. Tons of baby girl clothes up to 2T, maternity and lots of misc!

FAMILY GARAGE Sale! Books, clothes, furniture, miscellaneous! Friday, 8- 3. Saturday, 8- 1. 2913 Rebel Drive.

SATURDAY, 8 am- 6 pm. 3320 Fannin. Women/ childrens clothing, kitchen items, Futon sleeper, toys, many more items.

MOVING OUT of state. For sale: couch, Lay-Z-Boy recliners, stereo components, exercise bike, costume jewelry, miscellaneous. Call 697-7150.

MULTI FAMILY Garage Sale, patio furniture, refrigerator, microwave, TV, nice clothes, bedding sets, furniture. Saturday only 8 am to 2. 3612 Jordan.

✿SATURDAY 9 -3. Electric welder, 4000 generator, power washer, Sears Briggs & Stratton sump pump, twin waterbed, exercise bikes, weight bench with attachment and weights, vacuum, microwave, bicycles, guitar, crafts, clothes, etc. 4008 Livingston.

GARAGE SALE- 4417 Gulf. Friday thru Saturday, 9 am. Barbie, Goosebumps and crayons comforter set, chain-circular- jigsaw, grinder, tools, dog crates and grooming supplies, weight, golf, fishing and bowling equipment, Indian pictures, dishes, Christmas, pipes, baby bed, baby thru adult clothing and Super Nintendo game.

QUALITY CLOTHES SALE. Mens, womens, petites, prom dresses, childrens. Friday- Saturday, 8- 5. 4606 Tanforan.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 8 am- 5 pm. 4505 Rosewood Drive. Power Wheels, race car bed, toys, clothes and lots of junk!

FRIDAY & Saturday 8 -5. 3 Families! Too much to list!! 2911 & 2913 McDonald.

★3 FAMILY- Saturday 8 am. 3607 Gulf. Piano, electric organ, 12 drawer king waterbed, sewing machine with desk, table/ 4 chairs, dishwasher (works great), treadmill, womens suits (12's), baby swing, playpen, kids clothes, toys, doll house, ladies golf clubs, assorted mens clubs & components, lots, lots more!

79707

FRIDAY- Little Tykes, kiddie pool, rocker, toys, housewares, bedding, clothes! 3401 Crestmont.

GARAGE SALE Saturday only 7- 12. Furniture, stereo, baby clothes, & more! 4407 Fairbanks Drive.

FRIDAY 7:30- 12, 3521 Imperial. Clothes, non- working refrigerator, antique buffet, chairs, toys, misc. treasures.

FRIDAY, 8 am. 4416 Humble. Antique bed, church bench, country collectibles, clothes, and toys.

✿SATURDAY ONLY, 8- 4. 4213 Merrill. Ping-pong table, toys, childrens, junior, mens, clothes & shoes, boys & womens bikes.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 8 -1. Baby items, toys, clothing, furniture. 5116 Canadian.

FIXTURES, Showcases, clothes racks, clothes, shoes, miscellaneous!! 4101 Crestridge. Thursday- Saturday, 8- 5.

AREA SALES

1ST ANNUAL Permian Bass Club Garage Sale! Saturday morning only March 15th, 7:30 am- 12 noon. Fishing and hunting equipment galore and more assorted items! American Legion Hall, E. 8th Street, Odessa..

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

DON'T MISS OUT!
The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon.
Please be sure to call 682-6222, before noon, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.
Elsa, Tami, Pam, Brandi, & Jennika are ready to help you!

$20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20

GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE $20
★7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)
★2 Days
★ ■/●♥ Stand Out Emblem
★Garage Sale Kit
(Includes Signs, Stakes, Marker, Balloons Helpful Hints $5 Value!)
★Package of Flavored Drink Mix
(for the Kids to Open a Drink Stand!)
★$3 Off Classified Coupon
(Place an ad to sell those left-over garage sale items & get $3 off!)
Or Get 3 Days for Only $24!
Call 682-6222 Today!
$20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20

➔DONATIONS TAKEN for Permian Basin Girl Scouts Garage Sale Fundraising for Washington D.C. Trip! Please call 685-3380 for pickup.

341 Child Care Providers

❤NANA'S HOME Day Care. Openings for ages 3- pre school 5. Meals provided. Pre school classes. Loving environment. Please call 520-2923.

MOTHER OF 2 will care for your children in my home. 0- 12 years. Close to Jane Long. 520-7974.

CHILD CARE. Ages 2 & up. 7 am- 9 pm. Open weekends. Call 694-6575.

350 Business Opportunities

INCOME PRODUCING
business involving periodicals, videos and tobacco. Good location, regular clientele. $80,000.
Ask for Business Brokers:
Lynn Cook or Anna Crawford
Dene Kelly Realtors 687-0595

GET REAL Estate License quickly. Short state course. Day, weekend or evening. Southwest College. 697-7277.

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SWIMMING POOL Dealership. No Franchise Fee. Low start-up cost. (817) 458-4455

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Attention Readers
Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract.
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HAIR & NAIL Salon with tanning beds. Serious inquires only. Respond to: Box P-06013, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

350 Business Opportunities

SOFT TOUCH INTERIORS- Remodeling franchise offers inhome structural remodeling from carpet, tile, painting, entertainment centers,etc. Excellent investment.$ 8,000. 915-520-8784.

MINI WAREHOUSE/ Storage Facility. New, fully occupied. 40 10 x 20 units at 608 W. Kentucky. $130,000 cash. Brian, 689-6723.

400 Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION Every Monday 7 PM. 601 S. Terrell. All consignments are welcomed. Mobile #553-9179. Toby Engle lic. #11918.

410 Misc. Sales

HERBALIFE & Natural efx. Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 689-HERB!

12 X 24 GARAGE/ SHOP- skid mounted- heavy duty floor- financing and delivery available 563-3108.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES Flight anywhere in U.S. $295. Call 687-5566.

STORAGE BUILDING 6x8, new, $450. Dog houses $35/ $45. Bookcases $35. Glider swing $65. 563-0452.

BBQ Pit /Smoker- large, homemake. Asking $250.00. 520-2952.

NEW WHITE wooden baby bed and mattress. Will include comforter, dust ruffle, pillow sheet and sheet. $150. Porta-crib, $55. 682-5870.

KANE Triple A Water Softner. Used $300. 697-7242.

LEATHER CRAFTS- handmade belts, billfolds, handbags, dream catchers and more! Call us today at 520-0661.

GAS HEATERS, mowers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, washers, dryers, furniture, couches, recliners, dining/ suites., TVs. 570–4851.

NEW LADIES clothing, sizes 4, 6, 8. Size 6 shoes, purses, new. Low prices. 697-9651.

TEJANO MUSIC Awards Jacket. Black satin, large. Beautiful, color embroidered logo. $50. 570-9325 or 683-9478.

FOR SALE: 20" Truecut front throw lawnmower. $250. 18" Front throw Trimmer lawnmower. $200. 682-9190.

410 Misc. Sales

ALLSTAR CELLULAR. Could you use some extra cash or some free air time minutes? Well, we will buy your new & used cellular phones! Call or come by Allstar Cellular, 2800 W. Francis, Midland, TX 79703. 1-800-214-1396. 1-915-682-9722.

KNIVES FOR Sale. Good selection for playing, working or collecting. 903 S. Midkiff. 520-6464.

SELF PROPELLED Generation 4 Kirby- Repo. 3 Year warranty. $495. Call 520-6464.

CANNON NP155- Large Copier- enlarges, reduces, color. Great condition, hardly used. $200. 697-0712.

NEW TO the area- all new weight loss product. 100% money back guarantee. Call 684-5616.

MOTOROLA FLIP Cellular phone with car adapter. $150. Call 520-5487.

INVENTORY CLEARANCE- Factory direct spa/ hot tub. All floor models - Must Sell! Financing and delivery available 563-3108.

BISSELL CARPET Cleaner, all attachments, good condition. $75. Call 683-2719.

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT- treadmill, Volt Rider, $100 each or best offer. 697-1781.

REFRIGERATOR, light green. $75. 4 x 6 trailer, $100. 570-4414, can be seen at 1620 E. Pine.

★BIBLE TALK. "Are We Saved by Faith Alone?" 520-0381. Free recorded message.

413 Jewelry & Furs

WOMENS 8 mm Gold band with 3/8 carat marquis diamond set with 18 (1/2 carat weight) side diamonds. Appraised $1,500. Selling $1,250. 683-3641.

415 Misc. Wanted

WANTED: Mother of the Bride dress. Long, size 16 to go with bride's chosen purple. Call 697-6431.

WANT TO BUY small postal jeep in running condition. 694-8220.

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687–5039.

420 Good Things To Eat

BARE ROOT PECAN TREES
Varieties Western Schley, Pawnee and Witchita. These trees are 6 to 8 tall. "First come, first serve. $19.95 each." Gardendale Pecan Processing, FM554, Gardendale, TX. 550-7609 or 366-9793.

GARDENDALE PECAN Processing. We buy and sell Pecans. Public shelling, thrashing poles, pecan picker-uppers and more! 9- 12 and 1- 6. Monday through Saturday. FM554 Gardendale, TX. 550–7609.

430 Household Goods

LARGE COUNTRY CHINA Cabinet. Displays beautifully! Very nice. $350. Call (915)694-3601.

2 SMALL Lane recliners. Mauve cover. $100 pair. 1 Lane rocker recliner, blue cover, like new. $250. Call 697-8089.

FRIGIDAIRE 20 Cu ft frost free side by side refrigerator/ freezer. Harvest gold. Good condition. $200. 684-4836.

MATCHING sofa and loveseat. $250. Call 689-7467, leave message.

WOODEN DOLL Cradle. Large 20 x 3 1/2 ft. Walnut color. $45. 683-9478 or 570-9325.

SMOKE GLASS dining table and 4 chairs. $150. Almond washer & dryer set- $300. Sofa $75. Call 520-2342.

DINING ROOM Table and 6 chairs. $600. 2 End table lamps. $100. Call 699-2089.

NICE SOFA. 3 Years old. Green leaf pattern with burgundy/ gold rope pattern design. Black background. 689-3619.

CHROMECRAFT Formal dining room suite. Table with 6 chairs and china cabinet, lots of new Tupperware at 1/2 Price! 697-8487 after 6 pm.

33" YAMAHA SPEAKERS $50, oak headboard & dresser $150, rower & stepper $125/ both, stereo cabinet $30. Call 699-0710.

EXCEPTIONALLY clean king size bedding $50, metal king size frame- $50. Pick up Saturday. 684-3994.

2- TWIN BED Frames with hardware. Need a good home! $15 each. 694-1527.

2- SUPER SINGLE Sized Waterbeds with 6 drawer pedestal. Complete with bedding. $50 each. 694-9501.

430 Household Goods

FOUR SECTION Sofa. Golden color, old style. Good condition. Please contact 697-6216 or 684-0791.

APPLIANCES reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall. 699–1224.

★A & B APPLIANCE. Washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves. Free Delivery. 90 Day Warranty. 550-6540.

★FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. Fast pickup. 567-5221.

DRYER. $50. Whirlpool electric. Call 683-5683.

BLUE GRAY Couch & loveseat, $300. Beige couch, $125. Taupe reclining chairs, $100 each. Coffee & end table, $40. All in good condition. 697-2978.

18 FOOT above ground pools starting at $895. Installation and financing available. 563-3108.

COUCH & LOVE SEAT- rust colored. Good condition. $150. Set. To see call 694-1527.

BRAND NEW, still in plastic, and size mattress and box set. Free frame or delivery. 550-5123.

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards- Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall. 699–1224.

QUALITY NEW FURNITURE at garage sale prices! Rainbow Trade Center and Indoor Flea Market, 1503 W. Industrial Ave. Open 12 -6, Wednesday - Sunday. 570-4408.

440 Firewood

FIREWOOD UNLIMITED. Pinon, Juniper, Mesquite, Oak. Apartment stack $70, 1/2 Cord $110, Cord $195. 550-7531.

GOOD FIREWOOD, oak or mesquite, you pick up or we deliver. Call Larry Tucker, 689–7151.

DICK'S FIREWOOD. Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453–2151, Fax 1-(915)-453-4322.

450 Sporting Goods

TRADE IN spa/ hot tub- must sell this week. 563-3108.

450 Sporting Goods

MASTER Gun Smith. Service, repair & engraving. By appointment only. Please call (915) 684–0809 1-800-327-0809.

NORDICTRAK Walk Fit. $350. Power Rider. $50. Both like new. Call 697-0304.

PROLINE Custom Fit Golf Clubs for short person. 3 -9 PW. $200. 686-7261.

LARGE GUN VAULT. 25 -30 guns plus storage. $1,400. 686-7261.

JIM'S GOLF Club Repair. Custom Clubs. Big Bertha Irons (Clone) $184. Regrip $3. 3115 Haynes. 694–1334.

TROLLING MOTOR. Battery and charger, other items. 2913 Northtown Place- entrance in alley. 520-6226.

D-P PRIME FIT Treadmill- motorized- soft step- gas inclined, electronic readout. $350. 684-4130. Also Wrought iron patio furniture with umbrella $200.

460 Antiques & Arts

THE CATS MEOW- 4000 sq ft of fine merchandise- we buy and sell antiques. 408 Andrews Highway. Mon - Sat. 10 - 6. (915) 687–2004.

ANTIQUE ROUND Table, 4 chairs. Fully restored. Solid Maple. $500 or best offer. 683-0961, 570-6370.

MIDLAND PARK Mall Antique Show and Sale. March 13th-16th. See Suzanne's for linens, chintz, china, jewelry and so forth!!!

ESTATE SALE SERVICES by Joseph. 24 Years Experience buying and selling. 687-3040, 687-2868, 694-5034.

139 PIECES old Coalport and Indian Tree china. Also paintings, furniture, glass, etc. Ten Square Gallery at Antiques Etc. (Corner Garfield & Wadley next to Furr's Food).

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MIDLAND ESTATE SALES AND AUCTION SERVICE. Call Judy Jackson 689-3536 or Dawna Keith 683-9234.

470 Musical Instruments

VOSE & SONS grand piano, mahogany, all original ivory, excellent condition, $2,800 or best offer. 682-9319.

470 Musical Instruments

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475 Crafts & Supplies

PROFESSIONAL Quilting Machine with table- 40 patterns, 50 bobbins, bobbin winder- $2,500. 399-4515- Big Spring.

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490 Computers/ Access.

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COMPUTER, monitor, keyboard and printer. Hunter Turbo with Epson FX850. $150. Call 697-7706.

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FREE 1/2 Australian Shepherd puppies. 7 weeks old. Located in Greenwood. 685-4045.

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1/2 RED NOSED Pit Bull, 1/2 white German Shepherd puppies. Shepherd is registered. Pit is not. Parents on premises. $40 each. 697-2452.

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WOULD LIKE to buy UV Box/ JEEP Box for well site work. Call Pat, 683-1475.

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TREE & Brush Problems? For sale- Tree Saw machine, hydrostatic driven 24" saw blade, cuts trees and brush at ground level. $24,000. Leave message for Steve or Justin, (800)346-9479.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Daniel Mark Burdett, Deceased, were issued on January 8, 1997, in Docket No. 11,677, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Phyllis Burdett, Independent Administrator.

The residence of the Independent Executor is Phyllis Burdett, P.O. Box 1, Midland, Midland County, Texas; please present claims to:

Ms. Phyllis Burdett
P.O. Box 1
Midland, Texas 79702

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 12th day of March, 1997.

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Midland, Texas 79702

By: Kristi Franklin Hyatt
State Bar No. 07376700
Robert H. Dawson
State Bar NO. 05605000
Jerry D. Zant
State Bar No. 22245460

ATTORNEYS FOR THE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR PHYLLIS BURDETT

ORDINANCE NO. 7593

An Ordinance amending Title XI, "Planning and Development", Chapter 1, "Zoning", Section 6, "Zoning District Classifications; Use and Development Regulations", Subsection (A), "Use Regulations; AE through MF-2 Districts", Paragraph 5, "MH, Mobile Home Dwelling District Regulations", Subparagraph b (a), (b), (c), (i) of the City Code of Midland, Texas, so as to Modify the zoning regulations to include manufactured homes; 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
Kaylah J. McCord
City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 7594

An Ordinance amending Title XI, "Planning and Development", Chapter 1, "Zoning", Section 10, "Specific Use Permits", Subsections 22, 23 and 24, of the City Code of Midland, Texas; Amending Title XI, "Planning and Development", Chapter 1, "Zoning", Section 17, "Definitions", Subsection 50, "Mobile Homes", and 50A, "Manufactured Homes", of the City Code of Midland, Texas, so as to modify the definitions and regulations of Mobile Homes and Manufactured Homes; 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
Kaylah J. McCord
City Secretary

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing, at **3:30 P.M., Monday, March 31, 1997**, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by **Stan Beard** for a **Residential Replat**, of Lot 9, Block 1; Club Estates, City and County of Midland, Texas. (Generally located on the north side of W. Cuthbert Avenue, between "B" and "D" Streets.) The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting David Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (915) 685-7250. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
Kaylah McCord
CITY SECRETARY

(Maintenance Project)

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK

Sealed proposals for the following projects: Mesquite Herbicide, Ector & Pecos Counties, Control No. 6001 30 001, Estimate $77,500, Bid Guaranty $1,600; Culvert Replacement, Pecos County, Control No. 6001 84 001, Estimate $22,000, No Bid Guaranty; Seeding Slope, Midland County, Estimate $51,000, Bid Guaranty $1,100; and Landscaping Pavers & Tree Planters, Reeves County, Estimate $99,200, Bid Guaranty; $2,000; in the Odessa District will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, until 2:00 P.M., April 15, 1997, then opened and publicly read. Bidding proposals, plans, and specifications will be available at the District Office of: Charles E. Martin, 3901 East Highway 80, Odessa, Texas, 79761, (915) 333-9140. Usual rights reserved.

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing, at **3:30 P.M., Monday, March 31, 1997**, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by **Mullins Construction Corporation** for a **Residential Replat**, of Lot 92 Block 6; Correction Plat of Green Tree North City and County of Midland, Texas. (Generally located on the south side of Island Drive, approximately 450 feet west of Midland Drive.) The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting David Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (915) 685-7250. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received until 3:00 pm, March 26, 1997, to be opened at 3:00 pm, in the office of the purchasing agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid #067-97 to purchase:
3 Backhoe Trailers for the Garage Division.

Bid #068-97 to purchase:
3 Heavy Duty Truck Cab & Chassis' for the Garage Division.

Bid #069-97 to purchase:
2 Refuse Collection Bodies for the Garage Division.

Information for Bidders, Proposal 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.

NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MIDLAND

IN COMPLIANCE WITH ARTICLE 2544, et seq. Revised civil Statutes of Texas, 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 savings bank ("bank") of said County for the depositing of the Public Funds of the County of Midland and the Trust Funds of the County and District Clerks of Midland County for the ensuing four years as prescribed by law.

A bank desiring to be designated as County Depository shall make and deliver to the office of the County Judge (County courthouse, 200 W. Well, Suite 006, Midland, Texas) on or before Friday, March 21, 1997 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 of said bank and 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 not less than one-half on one percent of the County's revenue for the preceding year as a guarantee of the 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. Sealed proposals will be opened at the regular meeting of the County Commissioners Court at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 24, 1997.

Inquires regarding qualifications and/or the procedure to apply to be designated as a depository should be addressed to Ms. Carole Wayland, Midland County Auditor's office, 200 W. Wall, Suite 107, Midland, TX 79701, 915-688-1823.

Dated at Midland, Texas, this 3rd day of March, 1997.

Jeff Norwood, County Judge

ORDINANCE NO. 7592

An Ordinance amending Title V, "Business Regulations", Chapter 5, "Mobile Homes and Vacation Travel Trailers", Section 1, "Definitions" of the City Code of Midland, Texas, by adding subsection (AA) to define a manufactured home; 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
Kaylah J. McCord
City Secretary

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bids will be accepted by the County Purchasing Agent, First Floor, Suite 101 of the Midland County Courthouse, 200 W. Wall, Midland, Texas 79701 until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 1997. The bids will be opened and read aloud in the Purchasing Agent's Office, Thursday, April 3, 1997 at 2:00 P.M.

It is the County's intention to award a bid within thirty (30) days of receipt of the bids at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Commissioners' Court. All interested parties are invited to attend the bid opening and the court meeting.

BID: 97MC0112-
JANITORIAL SUPPLIES, HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS, & PAPER PRODUCTS

Midland County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive all formalities.

Specifications and bid information may be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent's Office.

By: Paul M. Thompson
Purchasing Agent

ORDINANCE NO. 7596

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 7506, which granted a "Planned District" for a Transition District, by adopting a Site Plan subject to the following conditions; 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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Colonial Self Storage wishes to avail themselves of the Texas Provision of Chapter 59 Texas Property Code. They will conduct a public sale to the highest bidder for cash on their premises. This sale is being held to satisfy a landlord's lien on the following unit(s), which contain(s) household items, & business files.

The company reserves the right to reject any bid and withdraw any items from this sale.

LOCATION 5005 Andrews Hwy., Midland
TIME: 9 AM DATE: Tue. Mar. 18, 1997

Nancy Barton/Geomacs, Bobby Greer, Teresa D. Howery, Elton Sanders, Jr., Robert Carbajal, John Cavner, Molly L. Aragon, Glenda J. Maston, Raynldo Villa, and Paul D. Boothe.

LOCATION: 1904 W. Loop 250 North, Midland
TIME: 10 AM DATE: Tue., Mar. 18, 1997

Linda Kay Bowers, Shawn Craft, Cellular One, and Shericka McGrew.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing has been scheduled to be held before the City Council, City of Midland, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, at 11:00 AM, o'clock on the 25th of March, 1997. At this hearing the City Council will consider an Ordinance requiring the removal or demolition of the building(s) or structure(s) located on said property fails to comply with the minimum standards for the intended use and occupancy of the building, as provided in Title IV, Chapter 9 of the Midland City Code, at which hearing the owners, mortgagee or lienholder of the properties that appear below or persons interested are hereby notified to appear and testify as to the issue to be decided.

STREET ADDRESS
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
OWNER

707 S. Benton
Lot 13, Blk. 40
Greenwood Addition
Ernest F. Williams
601 S. Adams St.
Midland, TX 79701-7606

604 S. Jackson (two structures)
Lot 3, Blk. 61
Moody Addition
Midland County Trustee
P.O. Box 712
Midland, TX 79702

111 N. Carver
Lot 1, Blk. 28
Moody Addition
Evelyn Brook
Beullah Bradford
1407 E. Texas Ave.
Midland, TX 79701-4947

200 N. Madison St.
Lot 7, Blk. 21
Moody Addition
May Lee Green
200 N. Madison St.
Midland, TX 79701-4943

106 S. Carver
Lot 4, Blk. 49
Moody Addition
Margorie Green
Midland, TX 79705-5614

1405 E. Nobles Ave.
Lot 16, Blk. 4
Chestnut Addition
Henry F. Munoz
Midland, TX 79703-6343

409 S. Carver
Lot 8, Blk. 49
Moody Addition
Thelma Carroll
Audrine Davis
245 Ingraham St. NW
Washington, DC 20011-6625

603 N. Tilden
Lot 7, Blk. 9
Nueva La Jolla Addition
Antonio Hernandez
105 E. Louisiana Ave.
Midland, TX 79701-3481

601 S. Carver
(rear Structure)
Lot 12, Blk. 60
Moody Addition
Mary Smith Jones
601 S. Carver St.
Midland, TX 79701-8308

211 S. Baird St.
Lot s 9 & 10, Blk. 83
Original Town Addition
First American Bank
Atten: Evelyn Hulsey
2800 S. Texas Ave.
Bryan, TX 778802

311 N. Crestview Rd.
(house in rear)
Lots 1 thru 3, Blk. 1
Thorne Addition
Bobby E. Lee
3211 64th St.
Lubbock, TX 79413-5701

301 S. Benton
(front & rear structures)
Lot 12, Blk. 7
Greenwood Addition
Alfredo Gomez
209 Jesse St.
Midland, TX 79701-5426

702 S. Main St.
Lots 1 thru 3, Blk. 156
Southern Addition
Robert Reyna
Midland, TX 79701-1952

600 S. Benton
Lot 1, Blk. 30
Greenwood Addition
M. J. Van Hoose
Midland, TX 79701-1217

2110 N. Jackson St.
Lot 12, Blk. 13
Trueland Addition
Marshall Lee Walker
2110 N. Jackson St.
Midland, TX 79705-7825

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1 each Sewer Camera Upgrade for the Water & Wastewater Division.

Bid #065-97 to purchase:
2 Police Vehicle Light Bars, 15 Light Bar Conversion Kits, 20 Siren Speakers, 20 Push Bumpers, 20 Prisoner Cage Mounting Brackets Only and 20 Police Radio Consoles for the Garage Division.

Bid #066-97 to purchase:
1 Cyclone Flex Mower for the Garage Division.

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Attractive, slim, fun-loving, single professional female, long brown/ brown, seeks honest, strong, compassionate, financially stable white male, 39+, to experience life's joys and pleasures. ☎3920(exp5/4)

JUST A FRIEND
Single white female, 33, 5'8", 130 pounds, blonde/green, very outgoing, loves dancing C&W, dining out, working out, the country, animals. Seeking single male, with similar interests. ☎3870(exp 4/27)

SHY, QUIET LADY
Seeks gentleman, 46-50, who knows how to have fun and to share quality time. Race unimportant. ☎3863 (exp4/27)

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Single white female, 50, 5'5", 130lbs, compassionate, degreed, pretty. Seeking kind, honest, assertive, slim single white male, 48-58. ☎3862 (exp4/27)

NO HUM.
Boring redhead, 45, loves home, family, not into bars, but loves to dance, travel and golf. Non-smoker, light social drinker, seeks similar companion, sense of humor a must. ☎3658(exp4/20)

DOWN TO EARTH
Attractive, sweet, white female, seeks romantic down-to-earth, white male, 20-30, who has respect and morals, and enjoys the good things in life. ☎3559 (exp 4/13)

SOUL MATE
Single white female, 35, 5'5", 125lbs, seeks single white male, 32-42, for friendship first, possible long-term relationship. Serious replies only. ☎3556(exp4/13)

SPICE UP MY LIFE
Attractive single female, 18, college student, loves dancing, having fun, seeks spontaneous, respectful, exciting, educated male, for friendship. ☎3555(exp4/13)

I NEED YOUR REAL LOVE
Single Hispanic mom of one, 43, enjoys cooking, children, music and dancing. Seeking a strong and compassionate male, 40-45, for a serious relationship. Non-smoker, no drugs. ☎3553(exp4/13)

NO GAMES, PLEASE!
Divorced white female, 30, brown/ brown, loves dancing, romancing, movies, walks, sunsets, outdoors, some sports, and having fun. Seeking white male, 25-40, open, honest, with similar interests, and friendship first. ☎3357(exp4/6)

FUN AND EXCITING
Divorced white female 23, brown/ blue, one child, enjoys dancing, exercising, outdoor activities, seeking attractive, White/Hispanic male 21-30, who is romantic, thoughtful, honest, and with a good sense of humor. ☎3358(exp 4/6)

COUNTRY GIRL
Single white mom, 44, 5'7", enjoys dancing, country music, rodeos, fishing, lakes, mountains. Seeking cowboy, 30-50, for relationship or friendship. Must like children. ☎3356(exp4/6)

COWBOY WANTED
Single white female, 20, seeks romantic, tall single white male, 21-27, enjoys country-western dancing, movies, time together. Must be financially secure, with no kids, wonderful sense of humor. Friendship/possible relationship. ☎3253 (exp 3/30)

PROFESSIONAL
Divorced white female, 5'1", attractive, petite blonde, 43, family-oriented, seeks di-vorced white male, non-smoker, degreed professional, who enjoys family and social functions. ☎2625 (exp 3/21)

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Attractive divorced white fe-male, early 30s, brown hair, blue eyes, seeks ath-letic, attractive white male, 32-42, who enjoys socializing, working out, kids. Non-smoker preferred. ☎2624(exp3/21)

LOTS TO OFFER
Divorced black professional seeks male companionship; individual should possess vivid imagination, good sense of humor, directional goals, honesty and a sincere heart a plus. Optimistic about possibilities of a fun-filled relationship. Age/ race unimportant. ☎2479 (exp 3/21)

PURE COUNTRY
White cowgirl, 22, 5'8", enjoys horses, country music, rodeos, dancing, camping, sports, country living. Seeking similar interests, in tall, down-to-earth, secure white male, 20-32. ☎3252(exp3/30)

EX-MODEL, PART-TIME STUDENT
Full-time mother. Single white female, 35, seeks emotionally stable, financially solvent, older gentleman, 37-55, for dating, monogamous relationship. ☎3352 (exp4/6)

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Single black male, 37, is in search of open-minded white/ Hispanic female, 20-38, to share romance, possible relationship. ☎3912(exp 5/4)

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TIRED OF GAMES
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GOOD WOMAN WANTED
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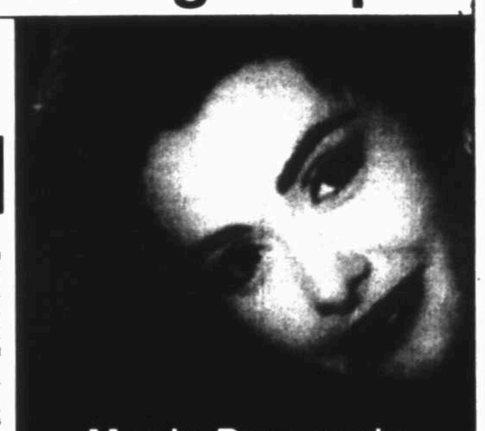
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KEY To Abbreviations

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Ba.	Bath
Kit.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
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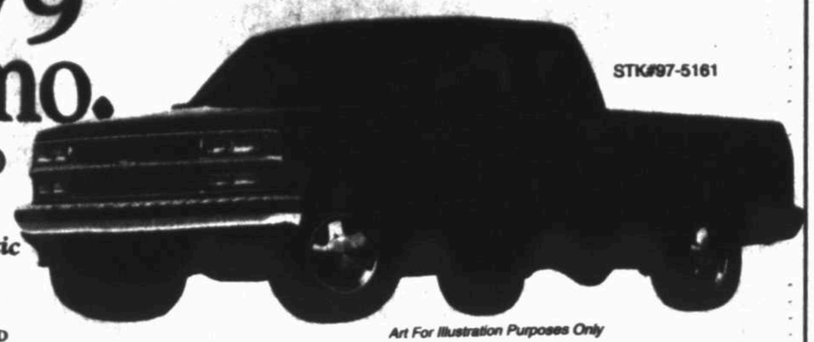
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EASTER BUNNY MONEY -mint condition . cul-de-sac, 4/3/2, 2-liv, frml. dining, over 2900 sqft. Call and ask for DENE Kelly 687-0595

NEW-TO-MARKET & FABULOUS! Immaculate 3/2/2, all new inside & out - won't last long - hurry to see. call LINDA Fiesler 687-0595, 694-2609

GAMEROOM OR 4TH BEDROOM LRS, new carpet, paint, wallpaper, tile, ac/heat. roof. Over 2300 sq. ft. Huge closets! $93,500 LISA 687-0595, 687-4419

THE "PRICE IS RIGHT" so is this 3/2 brick home Near schools & shopping - only $55,000! Call & ask for DENE Kelly 687-0595.

HAS IT ALL! New construction, (1 year old) country w/1-1/3 acres, workshop, Ridge Hts. jazuzzi tub, (or 4 bdrms, 2-ba, 2-gar. Call ANNA Crawford 687-0595.

"EASTER RABBITS" take notice - plenty of room to multiply here, spacious 4/3/2, 2-liv, 2-firpl. on golf course in Green Tree. Call DENE Kelly 687-0595

PUT ALL YOUR EGGS IN THIS BASKET Updated cutie in LHS, Abell, Bush area. 3(or 4) bdrms, -ba, 2-liv, really pretty! Call ANNA Crawford 687-0595

LHS/ABELL-3/2/2, 16x16 bonus room off master, sat. system, spa, formal dining. New berber, vinyl, paint, Over 2000 sq. ft....$89,900 LISA 687-0595, 687-4419

JUST IN TIME FOR SUMMER-Large heated pool, hot-tub divine blvd., 4/3/2, 2-liv, corner lot, beautiful landscaping. Call DENE Kelly 687-0595.

JUST A "LITTLE BLE COUNTRY DELIGHT" 3/2, attached gar, barn, stalls on 2.93 ac. Call and ask for LINDA Fiesler 687-0595, 694-2609

GET IN THE SWIM! 4/2/2 & above ground pool, Lot of replacements & updating - huge lot - established area, LHS, BONHAM, ALA. Call ANNA Crawford 687-0595

IN MUSEUM AREA-Nice brick home, 2-liv, frml. dining, block fence, 2-bdrm, 1-ba, ref. air DENE Kelly 687-0595.

CHURCH NEIGHBOR Call DAVID Carlson 687-0595.

BUSINESS? Build it here for exposure on Andrews Hwy. 1 block from Midkiff - approx. 1/2 ac. Call ANNA Crawford 687-0595.

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SOUTH SIDE-Very nice and large 4 bdrm, 2 bath brick home. Seller will help with closing costs. Call BEN Maxey 699-6685.

GREENWOOD-call LISA - 687-0595, 687-4419

NEW HOMES in GISD, 3-5BR, all sizes of lots available. Custom designs welcome. Starting at $76,000. Call LISA for free Home Warranty.

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MAY OWNER FINANCE-3br, 2ba. 2 gar, 2 living areas, 3 acres, 2 water wells, septic.....$89,000

BIR LOT 66 ac lot, 4 outbuildings/shops, water well, septic, pigeon racing team & homing coop.....$11,000

4074B SHOP with 2-bdrm. mobile home on 1/2 acre, access (in Odessa). Call LYNN Cook 687-0582.

****BUSINESSES FOR SALE****

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NEW 3 bedroom homes starting at $65,000. Midland-westside. J.C. Builders, 520-5096, 559-5479.

720 Homes for Sale

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REDUCED!
Super location, 3 or 4 bedroom, 2 nice baths, formal dining, all new kitchen- cabinets, appliances, countertops and flooring. Care free yard maintenance. Over 2,700 sq. ft. Priced $89,950. Call Lee Denny 694-4637 or Carriage Company Realtors 684-5881.

BY OWNER: 3 bedroom in Wydewood Estates, quiet culdesac, new paint, near schools and park. $69,000. Evenings 520-2978.

BY OWNER- Nice 3 or 4 bedroom, 2 bath, large living area, new carpet, remodeling almost completed, all on approximately 2 1/2 acres. $58,500. Days 683-4292, evenings 684-6801.

BRICK 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, nice neighborhood. 1-800-266-2305.

720 Homes for Sale

OVER 2,000 SQ FT. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living, fireplace, quiet street. 1104 Sparks. Owner may consider financing. $79,900. Call 694-2393.

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725 Condo Townhouses

NEW CONSTRUCTION! Great Location! 3612 Mission Court; quality built 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, all brick, low maintenance, quiet, established neighborhood. $79,500. 684-8756.

NEW TOWNHOMES for sale! Midland- northwest side. 2 & 3 bedrooms, 2 car garage, starting at $80,500. J.C. Builders, 520-5096, 559-5479.

CUTE! CUTE CONDO! 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, washer/ dryer, kitchen appliances, fireplace. $10,500. Will finance. Jody Smith 694-9426, Chaparral Realtors.

730 Suburban Property

GREENWOOD. 4 Bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 3 1/2 acres. Barn, fenced, underground sprinkler system. $25,000 below appraisal! $112,000 firm. Serious inquiries only. 685-3532.

✔GREENWOOD. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath. Totally redone. New furnace, carpet, etc. Will consider owner finance. $59,500. Call 685-3460.

✔GREENWOOD- Next to School. 3 bedroom, 2 bath 1994 doublewide. 10 x 12 storage building, large covered porch. 570-0770.

HALF ACRE LOT with mobile home- built on extra rooms, 2 baths, 2 bedrooms, den, basement, patio, carport, water well. All fenced. Nice yard, trees, front porch. Owner will finance. Down payment reduced. (915)685-3371.

CUSTOM BUILT off FM 1788. 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, workshop, 7 acres fenced/ cleared. Many improvements! 563-1814.

GREENWOOD School District; 2 bedroom, 1 bath, brick home. By owner, $29,900. (915)756-2497.

740 Out of Town Property

640 ACRES- Big Bend area between Terlingua & Lajitas. $100 Per acre. Jimmy, 915-520-6428.

740 Out of Town Property

FOR SALE By Owner: 48' x 24' cabin in The Tall Cool Pines of Cloud Croft. 2 Bedroom, 1 large master bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Pleasant living quarters. $78,000. Call (505)682-2864 or (505)682-2964.

FREE INFORMATION for those interested in owning spectacular 2 to 5 acres in the Hill Country near Wimberley, San Marcos, Canyon Lake & Guadalupe River. Call toll-free for information, 1-888-842-5263, ext 1853.

750 Lots & Acreage

FOR SALE: nice lot, located on in Green Tree Blvd. 100 x 120. Priced under $20K. Call 686-1968.

FOR SALE: 1/2 Acre lot with producing pecan trees, located in Buckingham Place Subdivision on East County Road 143. Zoned for mobile homes, some restrictions apply. Has electric, water, phone, septic & cable on lot. $5,500 cash. No terms. (915)580-4063 days/ weekdays. (915)570-9697 evenings/ weekends.

5 ACRES, 30 gallons per minute well, fenced, 2 sheds. 6215 E. County Road 55. $18,000 cash/ best cash offer. 683-1676.

760 Farms & Ranches

237+ ACRES between Midland and Odessa on FM 1788. Located 2 miles North of Hwy 191. All fenced, excellent water, 2 wells with 1 small tank. Super nice lighted roping arena. 200' x 300', 30 x 150' catch pens at rear of arena, 25 x 25 cabana with cement floor, attractive entrance lined with cedar stays and cattle guard. Asking $1,000 per acre. Will consider owner finance. Call (817)965-7670.

480 ACRES OF pasture land 7 miles north of Stanton, on 137. $275 an acre. (806) 872-8539.

100 + OR - ACRES Rock springs, electric, windmills, dirt tanks, deer turkey exotics. $2,000 down, terms. 100 + OR - minus acres. Carta Valley, rugged canyons, deer and turkey. $270 per acre. $1,000 down, terms. (210) 257-5626.

168 ACRES, West Texas, Sanderson. Mountain views. Easy access. Mule Deer. $1,100 down, $212.51 a month. Steve (210) 697-0168. Se Habla Espanol.

640 ACRES for sale by owner, in Garden City. $400 per acre with irrigation wells. (915)653-0693.

ESTATE SALE; 240 acres, 3 good water wells, 5.5 miles southwest of Midland. Consider owner finance, (806)798-1827.

235 ACRES AND A 16 x 80 mobile, 3 bedroom, 2 bath in Sprayberry. Ideal land for grazing livestock. Only $80,000. Robles Real Estate 682-0470.

760 Farms & Ranches

48 ACRES, Menard Co. borders large ranch, fenced, 2 sides electric. Deer & turkey. $1,000 down. terms. 35 ACRES. Rocksprings, water excellent. Deer & turkey. $1050 down. $224/ month. (210) 792-4953.

FOR SALE By Owner. North Brown county. Approximately 98 acres. Some in coastal and some wooded. Plenty of water. Deer and turkey country. Nice small house. All fronting on paved road. 20 miles from Brownwood. 915-646-9152.

770 Resort Property

LAKE HOME for sale. Lake Nasworthy, San Angelo, Texas. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, approximatley 1,500 sq. ft. Satillo tile, all new appliances, fireplace, boat dock with lift, sprinkler system and much more! Please call for appointment (915)944-7126 or (915)-651-6818.

LAKE BROWNWOOD, 2 bedroom, 1 bath with, guest house, 75' waterfront, additional lot. $99,500 (915)784-7230.

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SOUTHERN COLORADO. 35 Acres. $22,900! Big acreage, low price! Year- round access & power. Spectacular views and very close to National Forest. Great financing! Call today! A Bluegreen Property. 1-800-423-8055 ext 8695.

780 Business Prop.

5 ACRES zoned C-3, 3510 Bankhead Highway (located between Midkiff and Front Streets). 683-4295.

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790 Investment Property

W/ 2 OF SW/ 4 Section 29, block 58, Reeves County for sale. Minerals classified. $8,000. Boosie Weaver Real Estate, 915-263-3093.

FOR SALE By Owner. Handyman Special! Cash- as is. House and 2 lots. Former duplex. 1106 & 1108 E Dormard. 2 Large living areas, 2 bedrooms, den, double kitchen, 3 full baths. Call voice mail and leave message for Mrs. Whit, (813)816-5978.

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