SPORTS

Pacers win

Indiana Pacers beat the Los Angeles Lakers 100-91 in Game 3 of the NBA finals, cutting the Lakers' series lead to 2-1./**1C**

MONDAY MORNING

Person to Person

Gypsy Riddel, who was attendance clerk at Midland High School for four years in the 1960s, said she and the kids got along fine./**1B**

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Third victim dies from injuries suffered in van-train accident

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

Danny Martinez is being remembered by friends and family as a devoted husband, caring father, and dedicated employee.

Martinez was driving a van that was struck by a locomotive at 2:40 p.m. Saturday at the railway crossing at Midkiff Road and Industrial Avenue.

The 44-year-old father and his 11-year-old son, Matthew, were declared dead at the scene of the accident. In spite of emergency surgery performed Saturday night, Danny Martinez's wife, Debbie, 37, was pronounced dead early Sunday morning at Midland Memorial Hospital. The sole surviving member of the Martinez family — which made its home in a modest brown frame house in the 900 block of North Terrell Street — is 13-year-old Zachary who also had been a passenger in the van. Zachary Martinez is said to have suffered cuts and bruises but escaped serious harm in the accident. A fifth passenger in the van, family friend Jesse Pena, 13, of Odessa is also expected to make a full recovery from injuries suffered in the accident.

Mrs. Martinez had been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis eight years ago and her disease had been growing progressively worse, family members said. She was confined to a wheelchair and required daily in-home assistance.

Her husband is said to have been the rock of the family.

"She was his cross and he was going to carry her until the day he died," said Ginny Martinez, younger sister of Danny Martinez.

Ginny Martinez helped care for her ailing sister-in-law on an almost daily basis and witnessed the delicate interaction of the family. Her brother bridged the gap between the

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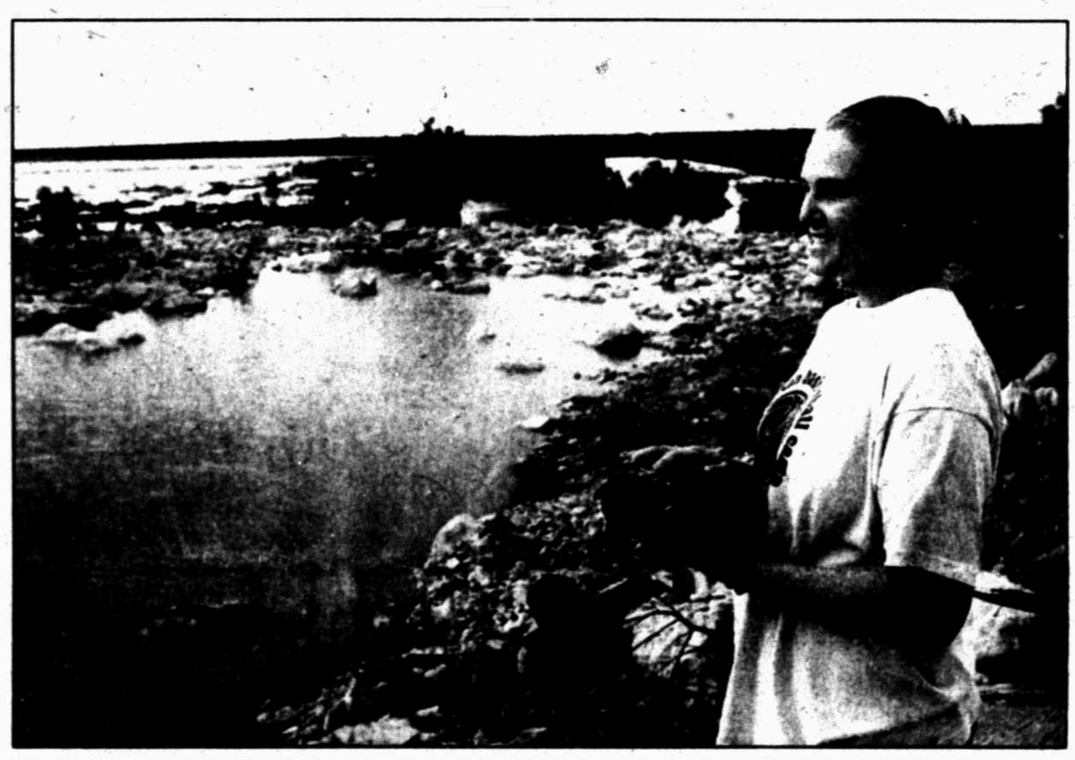
Photos Courtesy of Martinez family

Midlander Debbie Martinez, right in right photo, died early Sunday morning from injuries she suffered in a van-train accident Saturday afternoon. Her husband, Danny, left, and their son, Matthew, 11, far left, died at the scene.

Blessed with rain

Callers, gawkers flood town after lake is refilled



ABOVE: Kimberly Collins, 14, of Big Lake, took Dogee, a 4-week-old border collie/blue heeler mix, to the refilled lake Saturday night.

LEFT: Robin Collins, captain of the volunteer fire department, joined her daughter, Kimberly, looking at the lake Saturday night.

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Story by Johnnye Montgomery

Photos by Brian Adamcik

BIG LAKE — It was déjà vu all over again for Big Lake residents this past weekend when the mega-cloudburst that dropped enough rain to add up to 3 feet of water in the lake had Big Lake leaders fielding calls right and left.

Judy White, director of economic development in Big Lake, said she's not surprised to be getting calls again in the wake of the lake's refilling.

"Before all this happened, we had already begun to get calls. I got calls last week (after the news conference that was called to announce community leaders' intention to seek funding for wells to fill the lake) from Orange County, Calif., from Baltimore, Md., and one from Morocco. They were all developers wanting to let us know they were interested in developing the lake if we got it filled again."

The expansive lake bed has been dry for more than two decades, but the heavy rain Friday deposited various depths of water on the formerly parched earth.

Ms. White said she also had received a number of calls from Texas developers, but so far, none from anyone offering funding or ideas for grants.

The Friday night rainstorm also whipped up activity among the town's emergency response crews, said Big Lake Mayor J.R. Dunn.

"We had to have the Sheriff's Department and the volunteer fire department out to help people who were stranded in their cars," he said.

Robin Collins, captain of the Big Lake Volunteer Fire Department, who was out looking at the lake Saturday night, said she had spent the previous night on duty, mostly helping to pull vehicles out of the mud and high water.

"We had an unusually high number of cars on the road," she said. "We were having the Reagan County All-Star Little League tournament in Big Lake and they were having a rodeo in Rankin."

The only medical situation that Big Lake emergency personnel had to contend with was a boy's asthma attack on a family's return trip from the Rankin rodeo.

"They have an asthmatic son who had started having breathing problems and they were caught in the line of traffic that was stopped because of the weather. They called us and we went to his grandmother's house in Big Lake and got his medicine, and took it out to them."

Ms. Collins said the roads going into Big Lake from the north, the south and the west had been closed.

"The first call came in between 7:30 and 8 (p.m.)," Ms. Collins said. "There was a transport truck stuck in the mud in a draw on the Rocker B Ranch north of town, and water had come up into the cab before it started to recede. We called the DPS in Midland and they sent a helicopter out to rescue the two men, but by the time it got here, the water had gone down enough that they were able to get out, although they waded water up to their chests."

By Saturday evening, the water pouring into the lake at its extreme south end had

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MISD board firming up time line for referendum

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

The Midland Independent School District will discuss at Tuesday's meeting the time line for the multi-million dollar referendum to renovate Lee High School and build a new Midland High School.

The schedule calls for various planning and design phases between now and October and for the election to be held Oct. 7.

"The school district wanted to be sure the current board is comfortable with it (the schedule)," said Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr. "The new board members, I think, are feeling rushed."

The dwindling amount of time to prepare a campaign, work out strategy and gauge the mood of the voters has some board members apprehensive.

"I'm not really sure I agree Oct. 7 is appropriate," Linda Foster said. "Right now, it seems a little premature to me."

She added that the district might need to take its time in ensuring that voters know what they are getting and have a chance to see why the bond is needed.

Baressi and at least two other board members believe renovations at the secondary level have been delayed enough. Baressi pointed out the number of years the project has been discussed. He also referred to Vision 2000's assessment of MISD's secondary school needs.

"I do think we are going to have to have a good case to present to the voters," Baressi said.

Board members George Lara and James Fuller are in agreement with Baressi and believe sooner is better than later.

"I think it's about time, we as a community say, 'We value kids and we want them to have the best education,'" he said.

MISD's rough schedule for the bond issue calls for archi-

School bond time line

- **June 8 - July 13:** Conceptual design period and production of renderings completed.
- **July 14:** Final designs and renderings presented to MISD.
- **Aug. 8:** MISD board calls for the bond election.
- **Aug. 9-Oct. 6:** Bond promotion period.
- **Oct. 7:** Election day.

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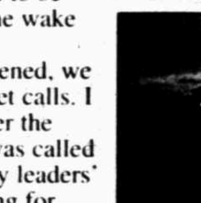

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Council likely to name Wood mayor pro tem

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

The Midland City Council on Tuesday will open a new chapter as four of its seven members begin deciding city issues for the first time.

The meeting is at 10 a.m. in City Council chambers.

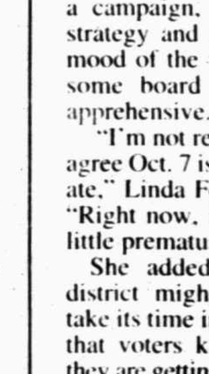
On June 5, new City Council members Mike Canon, Bill Dingus, LuAnn Morgan and James M. Bradford took the oath of office.

The next step in establishing the new council will be to select a mayor pro tem. Councilman Berry Simpson has served as mayor pro tem for one year.

According to the city charter, the mayor pro tem is selected by fellow council members and shall perform the duties of the mayor in his absence or disability.

Simpson and Mayor Bobby Burns said that District 3 Councilman Lee Wood is the leading contender for the mayor pro tem job.

Simpson said the position is held by a council member for one year and then handed down to the member with the next greatest seniority, which he said would be Wood.



Wood

"That's what I expect to happen here," Simpson said. "It's been tradition for a long time and what I expect will happen next Tuesday is we'll nominate Lee Wood, who would do it for one year. And then after that I don't know what we'll do then since everyone will have the same seniority."

"Normally, in a situation like this, we follow tradition," Burns said. "We rotate the mayor pro tem position to the next councilman who has the most seniority. That's been the standard for a long time."

Wood said he would be honored to be mayor pro tem but said it's a title that doesn't require much more effort on his part as a councilman.

"It's a great title but there are no major responsibilites bestowed upon the position," Wood said.

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In other business, the council will consider items that will lead to the eventual development of Beal Park, a 100-acre area on the northwest corner of the Loop 250-Highway 80 intersection.

At first, only 55 acres of the park will be developed. Before any construction begins, the city will begin accepting bids to clear asbestos-infested materials that sit on roughly half an acre.

Director of Community Services Chuck Swallow said old roof tiles, flooring and vent pipes from a farmhouse have proven to be laden with asbestos. He said there are no estimates on what the project could cost.

The council also will consider advertising bids for irrigation materials at the park.

Swallow said the 55 acres of Beal Park should be ready for use by January 2001.

WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today
Partly cloudy
High mid-80s
Low upper 60s

Tuesday
Mostly cloudy
High lower 90s
Low mid-60s

Wednesday
Partly cloudy
High lower 90s
Low mid-60s

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, a high around 85-90 and a southeast wind at 10-20 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with 20 percent chance of thunderstorms and a low in the upper 60s.

Tuesday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms and a high around 90.

Tuesday night's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies, a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms and a low in the upper 60s.

Wednesday through Thursday call for partly cloudy skies, a chance of thunderstorms, lows in the 60s and highs in the lower 90s.

After an overnight low of 72, Sunday's high reached 87, compared to a record high of 104 set in 1947. The record low of 55 was set in 1979.

Yesterday's precipitation		Yesterday's temperatures	
Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.	High	87
Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.	Low	72
Total for month	0.81 in.	Normal high	93
Total for year	3.42 in.	Normal low	65
Normal total (year to date)	5.01 in.		

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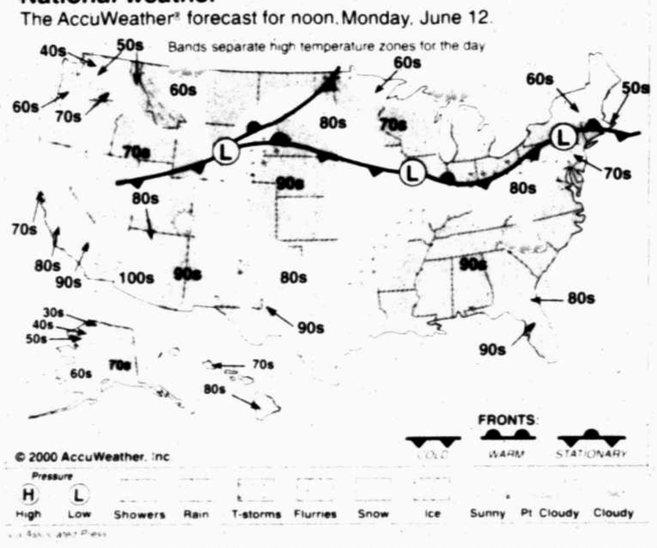
National forecast

National weather
The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, June 12



United States temperatures

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Akron Ohio	85	69	cdy	
Albany N Y	83	59	45	cdy
Albuquerque	88	60	03	cdy
Anchorage	65	42	cdy	
Atlanta	91	66	cdy	
Atlantic City	94	73	cdy	
Baltimore	95	70	cdy	
Baton Rouge	93	66	cdy	
Billings	75	51	rn	
Birmingham	93	66	cdy	
Bismarck	87	51	01	rn
Boise	72	44	rn	
Boston	61	54	cdy	
Bridgeport	86	68	01	cdy
Buffalo	74	70	50	cdy
Burlington Vt	52	48	32	cdy
Caribou Maine	58	41	cdy	
Casper	87	42	cdy	
Charleston S C	88	63	clr	
Charleston W Va	92	64	cdy	
Charlotte N C	91	62	cdy	
Chattanooga	93	65	clr	
Cheyenne	82	53	clr	
Chicago	83	70	30	cdy
Cincinnati	88	67	cdy	
Cleveland	87	74	cdy	
Colorado Springs	78	51	07	cdy
Columbia S C	93	64	clr	
Columbus Ga	94	66	cdy	
Columbus Ohio	91	71	rn	
Concord N H	64	48	cdy	
Dayton	89	69	07	rn
Daytona Beach	84	67	55	cdy
Denver	85	52	04	clr
Des Moines	78	70	27	cdy
Detroit	85	73	rn	
Duluth	52	38	cdy	
Elkins	85	55	cdy	
Erie	84	75	cdy	
Eugene	59	45	09	rn
Evansville	92	71	cdy	
Kansas City	79	72	01	cdy
Knoxville	90	66	clr	
Lansing	79	74	37	cdy
Las Vegas	97	73	cdy	
Lexington	92	69	cdy	
Lincoln	89	66	cdy	
Little Rock	88	72	15	cdy
Los Angeles	78	59	clr	
Louisville	92	72	cdy	
Macon	94	62	cdy	
Madison	84	72	cdy	
Medford	62	42	rn	
Memphis	95	71	clr	
Miami Beach	83	72	1.24	cdy
Milwaukee	83	72	04	cdy
Mpls-St Paul	78	54	cdy	
Mobile	91	67	cdy	
Montgomery	95	65	cdy	
Nashville	90	69	cdy	
New Orleans	90	71	cdy	
New York City	95	78	cdy	
Newark	96	73	cdy	
Norfolk Va	91	68	cdy	
North Platte	93	53	clr	
Oklahoma City	84	66	34	cdy
Omaha	86	68	02	cdy
Orlando	87	69	cdy	
Paducah	94	71	cdy	
Pendleton	65	48	rn	
Philadelphia	94	71	cdy	
Phoenix	100	73	clr	
Pittsburgh	86	72	rn	
Pocatello	75	47	cdy	
Portland Maine	57	47	02	cdy
Providence	84	57	58	cdy
Pueblo	92	58	cdy	
Raleigh-Durham	92	63	clr	
Rapid City	87	49	21	clr
Reno	82	46	cdy	
Richmond	91	67	cdy	
Roanoke	90	67	cdy	
Rochester	77	71	64	cdy
Rockford	83	70	47	cdy
Sacramento	83	54	cdy	
St Louis	85	72	02	cdy
Salem Ore	57	49	09	rn
San Diego	70	63	clr	
San Francisco	67	51	clr	
San Jose	75	50	clr	
Santa Fe	87	47	cdy	
Ste Marie	52	47	35	cdy
Savannah	88	62	cdy	
Seattle	55	47	23	rn
Shreveport	88	72	1.63	cdy
Sioux City	88	61	cdy	
Sioux Falls	87	53	04	cdy
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Tallahassee	90	63	cdy	
Tampa St Ptrsbg	88	70	25	cdy
Toledo	84	71	02	cdy
Topeka	82	73	03	cdy
Tucson	98	66	clr	
Tulsa	81	rn	34	cdy
Tupelo	94	65	clr	
Washington D C	94	72	cdy	
W Palm Beach	83	71	81	cdy
Wichita	90	71	07	cdy
Wilkes-Barre	89	64	30	cdy
Wilmington Del	92	71	cdy	
Yakima	60	42	rn	
Youngstown	87	71	cdy	
Yuma	96	70	clr	

State forecast

Texas temperatures

	High	Low	Pcp
Abilene	86	71	t
Alice	90	74	
Amarillo	80	62	0.04
Arlington	85	72	0.04
Austin Bergstrom	88	72	0.16
Beaumont	90	76	
Brownsville	91	76	0.01
Burnet	86	71	0.06
Childress	85	65	0.03
College Station	84	71	0.54
Conroe	85	76	0.49
Corpus Christi	88	75	t
Corsicana	82	71	1.22
Cotulla	93	73	0.11
Dalhart	90	61	
Del Rio	93	74	0.01
Denton	80	71	rn
DFW Airport	85	73	0.18
Dryden	86	72	
El Paso	96	70	
Fort Stockton	89	71	
Fort Worth Meacham	84	71	0.65
Galveston	89	81	
Georgetown	88	72	0.02
Guadalupe Pass	93	69	0.01
Harlingen	89	75	0.01
Hondo	85	72	0.56
Houston Intrctnl	87	73	0.45
Huntsville	85	75	t
Junction	82	72	t
Kingsville	m	m	m
Laredo	88	77	
Longview	83	72	t
Lubbock	86	60	1.44
Lufkin	87	73	0.69
Marfa	88	57	
McAllen	88	73	0.60
McKinney	79	71	1.19
Mineral Wells	87	71	t
New Braunfels	86	72	0.15
Palacios	89	76	0.77
Paris	79	72	0.14
Rockport	89	78	0.01
San Angelo	89	73	t
San Antonio	83	72	0.69
San Marcos	91	73	0.43
Terrell	82	71	0.94
Tyler	82	72	0.28
Victoria	89	75	0.80
Waco	87	73	0.38
Wichita Falls	88	72	0.03

Council reschedules weekend retreat

■ Midland High School reunion poses conflict for two members.

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

At the request of a few council members, the City Council's strategic planning session will be held on June 22 and 23, pushing up the date a day early from the original planned weekend retreat of June 23 and 24.

The retreat was changed to accommodate the weekend schedules of council members Lee Wood and Mike Canon, who plan to attend the Midland High School reunion that weekend.

And now that the two-day planning session will be held on a Thursday and Friday at Midland International Airport, council members are confident that work and other commitments that usually bog down a person during the week won't interfere.

"I should be able to attend most of it," Canon said. "I don't think I'm going to have anything I can't put off or get out of (at work)."

Mayor Bobby Burns added that it can be difficult for a council member to sidetrack his professional obligations for two days devoted to city business. "But at this stage, I feel very good about the situation," Burns said. "I volunteered to have the retreat on the weekend or weekday, whatever fits council best."

And other council members, with the exception of Berry Simpson, said they foresee no scheduling conflicts. Simpson said he may miss part of the Thursday meeting because of prior commitments with his job.

"I had Friday and Saturday blocked for months," Simpson said. "But I could[illegible]t rearrange my schedule. You've got lots of busy people involved. It's too important to miss, but I'm going to have to miss part of it."

Simpson said there also could be occasional interruptions throughout the day because it is a weekday and because the retreat is going to be held in Midland. In previous years the council retreats were held out of town.

This will be the first planning session held within city limits since 1991.

Last year, the retreat was held in Bandera. Council members and staff stayed at the Flying L. Guest Ranch for a total cost in excess of $10,000.

Since the last planning session, Attorney General John Cornyn said planning sessions by local governments should be held within a reasonable distance of the city limits to afford residents of that city the chance to attend the meetings. Bandera is more than 300 miles from Midland.

"I was never really favor in going out of town," Wood said. "But with four council members I kind of see the need this time. There's no big deal."

Simpson said the beauty of having the retreat out of town was the bonding and familiarity that could develop between council members. For those reasons Simpson said this year might have been especially beneficial to have a retreat out of town with four council members beginning their very first terms.

"This would've been the ideal situation to go out of town," Simpson said. "Go to dinner and meet the people. I think next year if we just go to Lubbock and check into a hotel that would be better. Going out of town really helps us focus."

In light of that, and his being absent for part of the retreat, Simpson still believes the two-day planning period will be a productive one.

"It will be very different, but I think it will be productive. Sometimes change works to our advantage," Simpson said.

The schedule for the two-day planning session has not yet been determined. But, Assistant City Manager Tommy Hudson said the Thursday meeting will last roughly eight hours and the Friday session should end by noon.

New school board members say they find harmony

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

With a few meetings under their belts, new members of the Midland Independent School District board of trustees report that things are going quite smoothly.

"From my vantage point, the board members are working hard at being cordial and working together," said Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr.

That unified spirit was demonstrated May 30 with a unanimous vote on what had been a very drawn-out decision process over Midland High School site selection. The unanimous vote provided one of Dale Strauss' first surprises as a board member.

"I was surprised that we were able to reach a consensus on a new Midland High School site selection and that was a pleasant surprise," Strauss said.

All the new board members have been pleased with the board's cooperative spirit.

"I believe we've got a good start at having a board that can work together. And even when there are disagreements to handle, we handle those disagreements in a professional way and still keep the focus on trying to do our job of having the best school district we can," said newly elected board member Charles Tighe.

The teamwork is in direct contrast to years of bickering and name calling on the school board. One meeting even erupted with chairs and profanity flying.

"It's been relatively smooth so far," Strauss said. "I think everybody has been very generous with us and we've reached some consensus votes on some things and that's been good."

He added that the staff and senior board members have been very accommodating in bringing new board members up to speed on the issues. The administration has held several orientation meetings with new board members and the three rookies report that they will be attending additional training at a Texas Association of School Board meeting later in the week.

"I've learned a lot ... a lot about the process, a lot about the system and a lot about the people," said Linda Foster, who represents the western portion of the city on the school board.

She added that she sees the board continuing to work closely together in the interest of children. "I think it's going to be one of the most rewarding things I've done," said Ms. Foster who ran unopposed in the May school board election. "Everyone here is interested in children and improving education."

George Lara also seemed pleased with the changes in the school board. As president of the board, he also is serving in a new capacity.

"I believe the past two meetings have gone fairly smoothly," Lara said. "I think our board meetings have been more of a team-building in regard to our votes and we've been becoming more unified."

The board will get another chance to cement that unity Tuesday. The board meets at 4 p.m. Tuesday at 615 W. Missouri Ave. in the administration building.

BOND: Executive session on agenda

(From 1A)

tects to deliver final designs and renderings to MISD by July 14. On Aug. 8, the board would call the bond election, followed by a promotion period to explain the details. Election day would be Oct. 7.

Also on Tuesday's agenda, is an executive session item to discuss Midland High School Principal Neil Richmond with attorneys. Dale Strauss has requested a report on previous executive session board meetings about Richmond's behavior.

The board will meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the administration building at 615 W. Missouri.

VAN: Man dedicated to family, sister says

(From 1A)

needs of his MS-stricken wife and his often-rambunctious sons.

"My brother was very dedicated to his boys and his wife."

Despite his wife's illness, Danny Martinez tried to make the boys' home life as normal as possible and he was extremely attentive to their needs, family members said.

Ginny Martinez recalled growing up in a family of seven brothers and sisters in Fort Stockton and fondly remembered that her older brother had always looked out for her.

"He was like my father," said Ginny Martinez. "He did everything for everybody. I'm lost without him. He was my God."

Danny's mother, Clara Martinez, spoke of how everybody looked up to and depended on him.

"I just know what a great son I had," the mother said.

Family members gathered at the Martinez home in east Midland on Sunday, embracing frequently, sharing memories and trying to make sense of the tragedy. Many of the members of the extended family reside in the Fort Stockton area. A brother-in-law said he learned of the tragic accident when he was flagged down by a member of the highway patrol who had been put on alert to look for license plate numbers of next of kin to the Martinez family.

Matthew Martinez attended Scharbauer Elementary this past school year and was to be enrolled in DeZavala Elementary this fall. He had been attending summer school classes at Crockett Elementary. Zachary Martinez is a student at Alamo Junior High School. The family worshipped at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church.

Neighbors said Danny Martinez routinely was seen carefully wheeling his wife down the handicap access ramp attached to the wooden front porch of their home and gently lifting her into the family's van.

Rebecca Porras, Danny Martinez's supervisor at Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center in Midland, described him as an "excellent employee."

Danny had been a rehabilitation technician for eight years and was popular among those he served, Ms. Porras said.

"He was very dedicated to working with our clientele," Ms. Porras said. "The whole company is very upset about it. We informed most of our clientele about the death. They were pretty devastated. He was a very dedicated father. He was also a very dedicated husband. He worked very hard to accommodate his wife's needs and to make sure she was cared for."

The Martinez family and Jesse Pena were said to have been en route to a family gathering in McCamey on Saturday afternoon when the collision occurred at the railway intersection. Eyewitnesses to the accident said the train's engineer blew the horn, but Danny Martinez evidently didn't hear it and didn't see the oncoming train.

Authorities said the van was westbound on Industrial Avenue, running parallel to the train, which also was westbound. The van then turned to cross the tracks at Midkiff Road.

The train struck the front part of the van, spinning it around and over. The older-model van came to rest after striking a telephone pole. The train was not able to stop for about a quarter of a mile.

Funeral arrangements for Danny, Debbie and Matthew Martinez are pending at Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home in Midland.

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LAKE: Some residents hesitant to endorse plan

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stopped, but Big Lake residents were still driving out to take a look. Over the roar of frogs, they reminisced about the last time the lake had been full — from 1974 through 1977, when there were times that the water ran over Highway 137 and the local service stations sold fishing gear and bait to the tourists.

But without good rains in the 10- to 15-mile watershed that feeds the lake, it began a steady decline in the late 1970s. By 1979 the lake had dwindled to a depth of less than 2 feet in most places with scavenging birds perched on the wire fencing that bisected the lake. By 1980, the Big Lake lake was dry.

It's this "now you see it, now you don't" aspect that has many Big Lake residents hesitant about endorsing a plan to promote the lake.

Ms. Collins said that among the townspeople she thinks there are probably as many dissenters as there are enthusiasts about drilling wells and trying to keep the lake full.

"I would love to see the lake full and stock it with fish again," she said. "But I guess we just have to wait and see. It would help a whole lot if we got some more rain in the right place and the lake kept filling up by itself. But then, we'd have to keep it full, or we'd go through the whole cycle again."

Meanwhile, though, Big Lake is celebrating — not just the replenishment of the lake, but the grass that will surely grow again, and the possible return of cattle to the surrounding country. That could translate to good times for the cattlemen, and in turn, good times for Big Lake merchants.

"Big Lake has a lot more going for it than just that lake," said Oral Turner, a welder and longtime resident of Reagan County. "We have the best people in the world and I'm just thankful the Lord has blessed us."

Candidates shake hands, pose for pictures with police, campaign volunteers

SAN DIEGO (AP) — After talking about Social Security and raising gobs of money for the Republican Party, George W. Bush had one more task before leaving California.

The GOP presidential contender had to rub "Bullet" behind the ears.

The panting police dog stood with his handler at Lindbergh Field, and Bush walked over to pet him. Just another part of an enduring campaign routine: shaking hands and posing for pictures with the police and other people who help politicians pull off their events.

Like Bush, Vice President Al Gore uses just about every airport arrival and departure to press the flesh with local officials, campaign volunteers and their relatives.

Every motorcycle officer helping with his motorcade is invited to line up on the tarmac for a handshake and souvenir photo with Air Force Two as a backdrop. The Democratic presidential candidate also ducks under the plane's nose to say hi to members of the ground crew.

For the police and campaign workers, the pictures provide a souvenir image with a possible president. For the candidates, the favors ingratiate them with loyalists and voters they want to reach.

Because of security concerns, the routine is different when President Clinton flies into town. Mostly just invited guests get close enough to Air Force One for a presidential handshake.

But Clinton, too, was a tarmac wizard when he first ran for office.

Spending a moment with a candidate was nothing new for Denver police officer Steven Palka.

Shortly after Bush shook his hand and posed for a picture, Palka said, "His dad (former President Bush) was just like this. So was his mom."

"I did motorcades with his dad, and he'd walk a city block just to say hi to me," Palka recalled.

Syrian officials opt for smooth transition with son's nomination

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Bashar Assad, son of the late Syrian leader, was appointed commander of the armed forces Sunday, another indication he will succeed his father as president in a country where most people have known no other ruler.

President Hafez Assad, who died Saturday, was the previous commander. The ruling Baath Party also unanimously nominated Bashar Assad as the only candidate for president.

In anointing Bashar Assad, the hierarchy is opting for a smooth, stable transition — instead of the uncertainty and violence that characterized power changes in Syria before Hafez Assad took over in a bloodless coup in 1970. Hafez Assad's strong-willed, strong-arm stewardship ended a series of coups that followed independence from France in 1946.

It remains to be seen whether Bashar Assad, who has held no major political office, will be tough and canny enough to hold onto the power he is inheriting. But the British-educated eye doctor was a favorite with ordinary Syrians, many of whom seemed incapable of imagining their country without an Assad at the helm.

Abdel-Halim Khaddam, one of two vice presidents, declared as law Sunday a constitutional change that parliament made Saturday, lowering the minimum age for president from 40 to 34. Bashar is 34.

It had long been clear Hafez Assad was grooming his son to rule after him. The political apparatus the autocratic Assad, 69, left behind began preparing to carry out those wishes soon after he died.

All that is left is for the rubber-stamp parliament, which is scheduled to meet June 25, to approve the nomination and for elections to be held. Hafez Assad routinely ran as the only candidate in presidential elections, and just as routinely recorded "yes" votes of close to 100 percent.

"We have full confidence in Bashar because he's the only one who can carry his father's torch, and the Syrian people don't want anyone else," said Kawkab Fares, a 24-year-old civil servant who joined crowds Sunday at the Damascus hospital where Assad's body was believed being kept until his funeral Tuesday.

"Bashar, we are with you!" the crowd chanted.

Arab analysts are closely watching Syria, hoping for stability in the wake of Assad's death.

In Sunday's Kuwaiti daily Al-Watan, columnist Fouad al-Hashem wrote, "The struggle for power between the old guard and the new will not be a picnic or a walk in the park. The price will be dear, very dear. May God protect Syria and its people from all evil."

The Jordan Times, an Amman-based English-language newspaper, said that whoever assumes the Syrian presidency also will have domestic concerns.

"Hafez Assad's successor will inherit a country with the diseases that are almost typical in this region: Corruption, a struggling economy in need of modernization and liberalization, and the challenges of democratization lying ahead," it said.

The "Lion of Damascus" — Assad means lion in Arabic — was one of the region's longest-serving leaders and seen as key to a comprehensive Israeli-Arab peace settlement. He tried to rally his fellow Arabs to counter what he saw as Israeli influence in the Middle East, only to see them one by one enter peace negotiations or sign treaties with the Jewish state.

Assad's death could slow already stalled Israeli-Syrian peace talks. Though Assad resumed talks with the Israelis last year after a hiatus of nearly four years, the talks were suspended in January when Syria insisted Israel commit to returning to prewar 1967 borders.

Assad's funeral ceremonies will stretch from the capital, Damascus, to his home village of Qardaha, 125 miles northwest.

Lebanese officials President Emile Lahoud, Prime Minister Salim Hoss and Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri — three leaders who needed Assad's crucial backing to run Lebanon — arrived here Sunday, the first of a long list of dignitaries to travel to Syria to pay respects.

Among the world leaders expected to attend the funeral is U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Rwanda halts Ugandan troops allowing U.N. to take control

KISANGANI, Congo (AP) — Rwandan troops drove Ugandan forces from Kisangani Sunday in a fierce seven-hour battle that ended a week of terrifying, indiscriminate shelling and enabled the United Nations to deploy between the two armies and prepare for their withdrawal.

The bullet-riddled bodies of Ugandan soldiers lay strewn along the gravel road that leads up to the bridge where Rwandan troops halted the Ugandan push into the city. But a handful of unarmed U.N. observers were in place to monitor the cease-fire and for Kisangani, the worst appeared to be over.

At the bridge, the observers raised the blue U.N. flag and declared that any further fighting would be considered an act of aggression against the international community.

This round of fighting, which began on June 5, was the third in Kisangani between the two armies, who both support rebels trying to oust Congolese President Laurent Kabila. The city has become a strategic logistics base for both armies, and disagreements about the conduct of the 22-month war have increased, as has personal animosity between senior army commanders on both sides.

"I am not proud of this. But we were fired at. We won because our soldiers know what they are fighting for," Rwandan commander Col. Karenzi Karake said. "We are now leaving Kisangani regardless of Ugandan intentions."

In the Ugandan capital, Kampala, a senior government official confirmed that Ugandan forces had withdrawn to Kapalata training camp, seven miles north of the bridge.

"We covered ourselves and withdrew because life was becoming impossible for residents in Kisangani," said James Wapakabulo.

Uganda's decision to withdraw demonstrated that Uganda had not been planning an offensive against Rwanda, he said.

The battle ended early Sunday, when Ugandan army chief of staff Brig. James Kazini called Karake on a satellite telephone and requested a cease-fire in order to withdraw, Karake said.

Top army officials from both sides were to meet Monday in Kampala to work out a speedy withdrawal of both armies from Kisangani, said Lt. Col. Danilo Paiva, head of the U.N. observer team.

As an eerie calm settled over the steamy city of 200,000, trembling residents who live near the site where Rwandan troops halted the Ugandans ventured out for the first time in a week.

Marcel Thambwe, 30, was dumbfounded at the extent of the destruction. Not a single dwelling, neither houses nor apartment buildings, escaped damage.

"Why? This has no purpose," Thambwe said. "We just want them out of here. Both Rwandans and Ugandans. Bring over the United Nations and stop this destruction. Please."

U.N. observers said at least 6,000 shells had rained down on Kisangani since fighting broke out last Monday. The Red Cross had put the civilian death toll at 150 with 700 injured. It was obvious the number would rise as people were discovered in the rubble of their homes and bodies were collected from the streets.

Women in one house wailed over their five dead children killed by a mortar that exploded at the entrance of a school. Church bells pealed from the twin spires of the 101-year-old Roman Catholic cathedral, which sustained heavy damage from shelling. Congolese priests said Mass to a few dozen faithful who prayed with neither altar nor pews.

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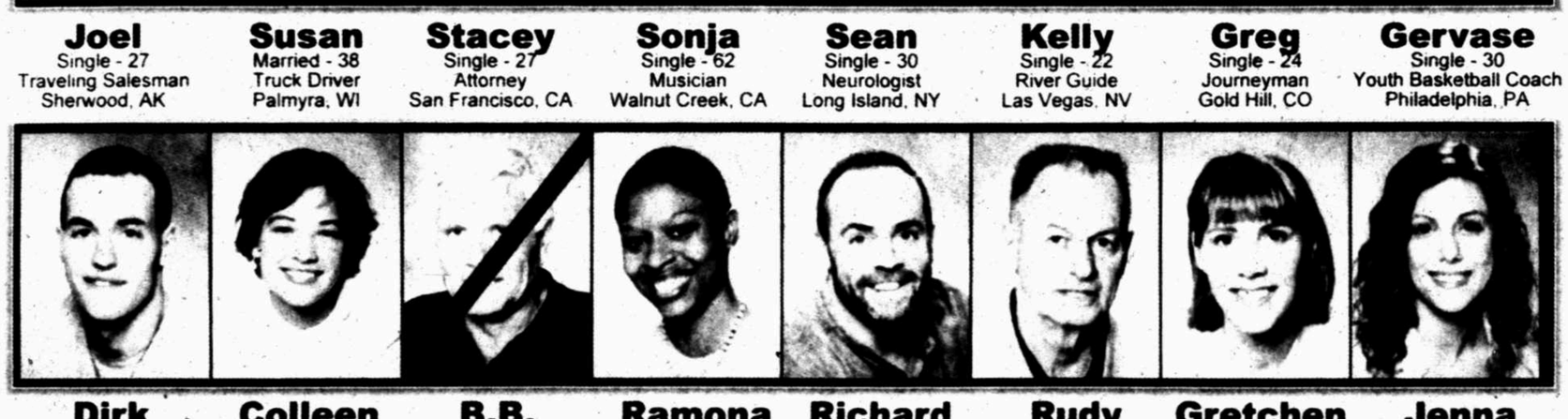

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Kosovo residents see many changes since NATO's arrival

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — For Kosovo's Albanians, they came as saviors. Most Serbs saw them as the enemy. But both sides agree that since NATO-led peacekeepers arrived one year ago, their province has not been the same.

For the Albanians, the entry of NATO-led peacekeepers on June 12, 1999, signaled a new beginning — self-determination after decades of Serb oppression; peace after more than a year of war against a powerful enemy, and a chance for democracy and prosperity.

For Serbs, NATO's arrival meant the end of Serbian control of the cradle of their culture. It also meant the end of the good life as a privileged minority with all the state jobs, and most other perks.

A year later, the big guns are silent. Serb-led Yugoslav forces are gone and the ethnic Albanian Kosovo Liberation Army has been disbanded, officially at least.

But small arms continue dealing out death in near daily killings motivated by ethnic hatreds. Most Albanians are no longer targeted because of their ethnicity. But Serbs now are, in a slew of revenge killings and other crimes meant to make them pay for the earlier crimes Serbs committed against them.

Although Serb communities suffered little damage during the war, Serbs who did not flee earlier are doing so now because of continued threats.

"There are many wrong things that happened during this year," says Besa Kabashi, a 23-year-old Albanian. "But the most important thing is that the Serb forces are out of Kosovo once and forever, and we have the NATO troops to protect us here."

To the north, on the Serb side of the divided city of Kosovska Mitrovica, Rade Zivic curses the day the first NATO peacekeeper trod on Kosovo's soil.

"I hated them before and I hate them now," says the 44-year-old laborer. "I will live in fear as long as NATO is here."

Most Albanians unable to flee the province stayed in hiding after months of Serb rule. Considering the battle for Kosovo lost, many Serbs fled ahead of the peacekeepers. Others barricaded themselves in their homes.

"Mostly the streets were empty," recalls Maj. John Spiszer, of the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, who was part of the first wave to arrive from Macedonia.

Spiszer, 38, of Diamond Bar, Calif., remembers the chaos that met the growing number of NATO-led troops as they spread out across the province.

"There was shooting; there was arson, there was just something every night," he says. The Maxharrajs have different memories — reaching back to the nightmare months during the NATO bombing that started March 24.

"We were standing there in front of the window, just waiting, then we heard the first detonations," recalls Remzije Maxharraj, serving steaming Turkish coffee. "We had a surge of happiness — we thought it would last only three or four days."

Days stretched into weeks, then months. Remzije, 50, stayed inside, along with her two children Edmond and Albana, fearful of marauding Serbs. Her husband, Syla, ventured outside every few days to gather necessities.

Attempts to flee to Macedonia were foiled. Three times they reached the border — only to be turned back by Macedonian guards. Once, Serb border police separated their 20-year-old son and their daughter, 22 and demanded $100 for their return.

"We paid," says Remzije. "Happily."

Even more harrowing was a police raid on the apartment in late May.

"They screamed at us, 'where are your weapons, where did you hide your money?'" recalls Syla, 56. Then they separated Edmond.

"I said, where are you taking my Edi?" Remzije says, her eyes moist with memories. "They said, 'We are taking him as a human shield against NATO.' Edmond, 20, came home unharmed about five hours later. He had been released following questioning, after a police officer who lived in a neighboring apartment intervened. Edmond's sister, Albana, saw the U.S. Apache helicopters sweeping low over Pristina's airport. They were followed by potbellied transport choppers. It was June 12, 1999.

For Kosovo Albanians like the Maxharrajs, the euphoria that accompanied NATO's arrival is history. The United Nations now runs a province kept alive on foreign aid — and foreign guns. Most Kosovo Albanians continue to insist on independence, but the United Nations considers their province part of Serbia, and there are no international plans to change that.

Still, Syla, a county judge, has hope.

"Every beginning is hard and the main thing is that Albanians are free," he says. We want a democracy like in the United States. Maybe I won't live to see the day, but my kids will."

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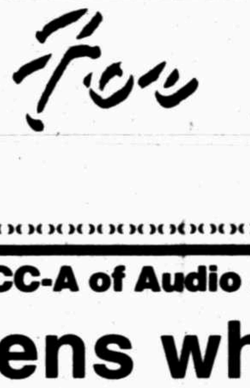

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Commitment key to recycling effort in Midland

There are few who would not agree that recycling is a positive thing.Through recycling we conserve landfill space, protect the earth and teach our children good habits.

But in the city of Midland, recycling has dropped off to embarrassingly low levels.

There are a number of contributing factors when you consider that recycling levels in Midland have fallen below 10 percent. First of all, the market for certain recycled products, in particular paper and glass, isn't as strong or as profitable as it once was. But more importantly, there hasn't been a strong, easy-to-follow program on which city residents could rely on and adapt to, thereby learning the practical habits of sorting and recycling certain items.

There are those who have tried through schools and other means to teach the public about the value of recycling. But the bottom line is that everyday families leading busy lives are going to find it difficult to load up recyclables in the trunk of their cars and drive them to a dropoff location for deposit. There are those who would advocate a curbside pickup program, yet such programs are expensive and homeowners react negatively to just about anything that drives up their utility bills.

Those in City Hall over the past year have struggled with the recycling situation. The city had to sever its relationship with a vendor that had been running the recycling program because the program was sinking deep into red ink and growing more costly virtually every month.

So what can we do?

It would be wise if our city fathers called together a number of citizens — including those from churches and schools, Keep Midland Beautiful and the business community — to discuss the future of recycling in our community. A panel of citizens charged with the responsibility of reinvigorating our recycling efforts needs to understand the basics of any such program: It must be easy for families to participate in on a regular basis, it must be cost effective, and it ought to make people feel good about the community in which they live. It's a tall order, but Midland has many bright and creative people who could accomplish this task.

And if we want recycling to work, each and every one of us must assume personal responsibility to commit to a program, because we all know that a program can only be as strong as the commitment of its participants. We need to think about how we can incorporate the daily routine steps of recycling in our homes, schools and workplaces.

Recycling is valuable to our community. But as members of this community, we must be ready to shoulder the responsibility if we want to make recycling work.

Today in History

Today is Monday, June 12, the 164th day of 2000. There are 202 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 12, 1987, President Reagan visiting divided Berlin, publicly challenged Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to "tear down this wall."

On this date:

In 1665, England installed a municipal government in New York, formerly the Dutch settlement of New Amsterdam.

In 1776, Virginia's colonial legislature became the first to adopt a Bill of Rights.

In 1838, the Iowa Territory was organized.

In 1898, Philippine nationalists declared independence from Spain.

In 1937, the Soviet Union executed eight army leaders in a purge under Josef Stalin.

In 1939, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was dedicated in Cooperstown, N.Y.

In 1963, civil rights leader Medgar Evers was fatally shot in front of his home in Jackson, Miss.

In 1967, the Supreme Court struck down state laws prohibiting interracial marriages.

In 1978, David Berkowitz was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison for each of the six "Son of Sam" killings that had terrified New Yorkers.

In 1979, 26-year-old cyclist Bryan Allen flew the man-powered Gossamer Albatross across the English Channel.

Ten years ago: In a speech to the Supreme Soviet legislature, President Mikhail S. Gorbachev eased his objection to a reunified Germany holding membership in NATO.

Five years ago: The Supreme Court dealt a potentially crippling blow to federal affirmative action programs, ruling Congress was limited by the same strict standards as states in offering special help to minorities. Air Force Capt. Scott O'Grady, rescued after being shot down over Bosnia, was treated to lunch at the White House and a hero's welcome at the Pentagon.

One year ago: Thousands of NATO peacekeeping troops poured into Kosovo by air and by land; but in a surprising move, a Russian armored column entered Pristina before dawn to a hero's welcome from Serb residents.

Today's Birthdays: Banker David Rockefeller is 85. Movie producer Samuel Z. Arkoff is 82. Actress Uta Hagen is 81. Former President Bush is 76. Singer Vic Damone is 72. Actor-singer Jim Nabors is 70. Jazz musician Chick Corea is 59. Sportscaster Marv Albert is 59. Rock singer Reg Presley (The Troggs) is 57.

DAVE MCNEELY

Writing off 2000, Democrats look to 2002

FORT WORTH — Garry Mauro stood at the base of the escalator in the Radisson Plaza Hotel last week as Democratic state convention delegates rode down from a state executive committee meeting.

"I've got a rhetorical question," said one delegate to Mauro, who was the Democrat stomped by Republican Gov. George W. Bush in 1998.

"Are we going to have a credible candidate for governor in 2002?"

"Sure," Mauro said, grinning. "You can count on it."

A woman delegate walked up to Mauro. "I hope you have a great future," she said.

So does he. Don't look now, but Mauro is running — for something.

Probably governor. Maybe something else. The man who was his party's executive director in the late 1970s, and who spent 16 years as Texas' land commissioner, still has that glint in his eye.

He's not alone. Former state Comptroller John Sharp, who lost the race for lieutenant governor in 1998 to Republican Rick Perry, hosted a grip-and-grin hospitality session Friday night. Like Mauro, he bought a full-page ad in the party's convention program.

The Democrats have put statewide dreams on hold for election year 2000. Bush is the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, and he's considered so likely to carry Texas that the Democratic nominee, Vice President Al Gore, sent his speech on videotape.

Because the Republicans in 1998 finally gained complete control of every statewide elective office, the Democrats have chosen this year to concentrate on holding onto their contingent in the Legislature and Congress.

They'll keep their statewide powder dry for two years from now, when Bush won't be on the ballot. The Democrats didn't even field candidates for two seats on the Texas Railroad Commission — a body they completely controlled until 1987.

Don't worry, says state Democratic Chair Molly Beth Malcolm.

They'll run a full slate in 2002, when most major statewide offices are up. And as Mauro and Sharp demonstrate, the jockeying is already in progress.

There's talk of the Mayors Kirk being on the ticket — Austin Mayor Kirk Watson and Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk — even though both passed up the convention. Watson was in Seattle for a national mayors' conference, and Kirk was occupied with private business matters, his office said.

Watson, a lawyer and former Travis County Democratic chairman, is considered an attractive candidate for attorney general or something higher.

Kirk, an African American who was Texas secretary of state under former Gov. Ann Richards before winning election easily as Dallas mayor, is considered a possible candidate for a variety of posts, from comptroller up.

There's even talk of former San Antonio mayor and former HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros moving back to Texas from his job as president of Univision in Los Angeles, despite an extramarital scandal a few years ago.

Paul Hobby, the Democratic nominee who lost a squeaker to Republican Carole Keeton Rylander for comptroller in 1998, stayed in Houston.

Hobby, whose father was Texas' lieutenant governor for 18 years, said it's unlikely he'll run in 2002.

Houston City Council Member Carroll (pronounced kuh-ROLE) Robinson, a large African American with an ego to match, was working the crowd here.

He'd like to run for something in 2002 — possibly comptroller.

Several Democrats think Malcolm, the party's current chair from Texarkana, and predecessor Bill White of Houston wouldn't mind being on the ballot for some office in 2002, though neither one talks openly about it.

There's even speculation that if Republicans succeed in eliminating safe Democratic seats in redistricting in 2001, some Democratic members of Congress might seek new opportunities.

Those could include Ken Bentsen of Houston, the nephew of former U.S. Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, who could be forced to decide whether 2002 is the time to try to move up; East Texas Reps. Max Sandlin and Jim Turner; and even Martin Frost of Dallas, who has managed through creative redistricting help from Democrats in the Texas Legislature to hang onto his congressional seat for 22 years.

Five months before the 2000 election, some Democratic sights are already trained two years down the road.

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COKIE & STEVE ROBERTS

Lesson of Stanislaus is political, personal

TURLOCK, Calif. —We have seen the future, in Turlock of all places.

This farming town in the vast Central Valley is home to a lot of almond trees, grape vineyards and the Stanislaus campus of California State University. Anyone who despairs over the drive or direction of America's young people should spend a weekend here like we did — we delivered the commencement address — hearing the stories of the 1,600 graduates who earned their diplomas. And we mean earned.

The student body here is almost two-thirds female and half nonwhite. Many are in their mid-twenties or older, work close to full-time and support a family. The student speaker, Linda Stubbs, is a thirty-something mother of three who gets up at 2 a.m. to supplement her income with a newspaper route. She closed her address by turning to her husband and shouting, "I love you big time, baby!"

Says Carolyn Ratto, the vice mayor of Turlock: "If you want a perfect picture of the American Dream, here it is."

Cokie & Steve Roberts

The lesson of Cal State Stanislaus is political as well as personal. The student body reflects the changing face of the nation's largest and most important state. Gary Condit, the local Congressman and a graduate of the school, puts it bluntly: "People who won't work with diversity in politics won't be in politics any more."

Republicans lost the governorship here in 1998 for the first time in 16 years, and a key factor was the approach of former Gov. Pete Wilson, who drove many minorities into Democratic ranks by demonizing immigrants and opposing affirmative action. No statewide candidate — for governor or president or any other office — can ever afford to do that again.

In fact, the whole idea of "minorities" seems outdated in California. Latinos make up 13 percent of the statewide vote in the last election, but almost a quarter of the graduating class here. As the students walked across the stage to receive their diplomas, names like Ruiz and Rodriguez far outnumbered the Smiths and Johnsons.

Government does so many things badly that it's heartening to see a success story like the California state college system. Its 23 campuses teach 360,000 students, who pay about $1,800 a year. Laurence K. Gould Jr., the chairman of the board of trustees, calls it the "best bargain" in higher education and he's right. In fact, fees have actually dropped for three straight years.

Stanislaus proves that the old adage still works: education is the gateway to the American promise. And that is particularly true here in the Central Valley.

Classes start at 7 in the morning and run until 10 at night. Weekend courses, summer sessions, distance learning programs — everything is done to accommodate working parents. If you really want an education, you can get it here.

And does it matter that the president is a black woman, Marvalene Hughes? Does she provide a positive role model for the many women of color on this campus? Stand next to Hughes on the platform as she hands out the diplomas, watch dozens of graduates embrace her with tears in their eyes, and you'll have your answer.

Colette Charles, an African-American who won a service award named for Dr. Hughes' parents, cares for four children and an invalid mother-in-law, but also volunteers at her church and coaches a girls' softball team.

Makeu Vang is part of the latest group of immigrants to reach the valley, refugees from the wars in Southeast Asia. Vang is the first Hmong, a largely illiterate hill tribe back in Laos, to receive a master's degree, and 500 members of her church in Stockton held a celebration in her honor.

Frank Lopez, whose parents were farmworkers, says that he pushed himself to graduate for one reason: his grandchildren would not be first in the family to get a college degree.

The Stanislaus story has little to do with Washington. This state and this community are providing this education for their own people. But Washington better pay attention to what's happening here. If things always happen first in California, then the future is folks like Connie Costa, Colette Charles, Makeu Vang and Frank Lopez.

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WILLIAM SAFIRE

We lay waste our power to be by ourselves

WASHINGTON — Greta Garbo, playing the depressed ballerina Grusinskaya in the 1932 movie "Grand Hotel," discovered a jewel thief in her room and delivered what became her signature line: "I vant to be alone."

I'm with Garbo. What with cell phones and palm pilots and satellite-controlled pagers and messagers, the world is too much with us. In our lust to be in constant hand-held communication, we fritter away our long-held value of personal freedom.

Yes, if you are lost on a rainy night, a car phone is a blessing. If you are trying to file copy from remote Chechnya, a link in hand via satellite offers an escape hatch for truth. And if you are stuck in traffic and late for a family party or a crucial meeting, the wireless gizmos enable you to signal, as did General Sherman atop Kenesaw Mountain: "Hold the fort! I am coming!"

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But use in emergencies does not account for the cellumania that has fastened itself to our ears and belts. Something more troubling is at its root. Too many of us are gripped by the fear of being alone. If we are not in demand round the clock, goes this worry, we don't count.

That mass separation anxiety is driven by a curious culture that demands we all form a circle and hold hands. If you are out of pocket, you are considered to be somewhat out to lunch. If you are off the scope, society thinks you must be off your rocker. Detachment is suspect.

The individual's normal desire to stay in touch has, with a shove from technology, led to society's relentless pressure never to be out of touch. As a result, the world is too much with us; we lay waste our power to be by ourselves.

Is the tintinnabulation of bells at restaurants and in theaters suddenly turning me into some kind of hermit? No; three decades ago I rejected the earliest electronic pager. At a Moscow summit meeting, President Nixon's aides were issued this invention by which the chief executive could reach his entire staff at all times and in all places.

The chief of staff, H.R. Haldeman, demanded to know why I was the only one to refuse to wear the new pager. I replied that I did not want to feel like a dog on a leash. He shook his head, but made a beckoning motion with his fingers, as if to say: Couldn't I come up with a better reason than privacy?

So I lied. The sound and vibration of the pager on my belt, I offered, would give me an urgent desire to urinate. He nodded and took back the pager: "You have a medical excuse."

Now that wirelessness is next to godliness, what excuses can we come up with to slip today's electronic leashes?

Forget courtesy, civility, concern for others around you; those old-fashioned reasons are blown away by the new info-age necessity for constant contact.

Rather, consider the cell phone's destruction of the wall between work and leisure.

When a friend is late for an appointment, what do cellumaniacs do? They call to see what's the delay, or scroll furiously through their palm organizers to fill the unforgiving minutes. Not me; I stare at the wall, see beautiful shapes in memory, have a conversation with myself, maybe dream up a column. Ten unexpected minutes for contemplation is not an insult; it can be a gift.

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Doonesbury — BY GARRY TRUDEAU

U.S. seeks immunity for troops for war crimes court

WASHINGTON (AP) — For U.S. policy-makers, the implications are chilling: U.S. forces are sent to a distant hot spot, hostilities occur, innocent civilians die, and Americans are held responsible. Some are even arrested and sent for trial.

That scenario may not seem far-fetched now that the United Nations is in the process of establishing a permanent international criminal court aimed at holding accountable those responsible for actions deemed to be war crimes or crimes against humanity.

While offering millions to track down war crimes suspects in the Balkans, the United States is trying to carve out a blanket exemption protecting American soldiers from being hunted down and prosecuted by the new U.N. court.

State Department lawyers are beginning the effort today at the United Nations. Human rights experts fear the U.S. example will encourage other countries, like Iraq, to follow suit and undercut the United Nations' campaign against war crimes.

"If an Iraqi military commander committed crimes against humanity against Iraqi citizens, Iraq as a nonparty state could deny the court the authority to prosecute. That is in essence what is wrong with the U.S. effort," Richard Dicker of Human Rights Watch said.

David Scheffer, the State Department's ambassador at large for war crimes, insists immunity for U.S. troops is crucial, given the numbers of American soldiers deployed overseas.

"It is a very inhibiting risk to put on the table every time you decide whether or not to intervene," Scheffer, head of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations this week, said in an interview.

Over Clinton administration objections, agreement was reached at a U.N. conference in 1998 to establish an international criminal court, known informally as the ICC. Washington feared U.S. troops could become targets of politically motivated charges.

Only 10 countries have ratified the proposal; five dozen are needed to create the court.

At present, U.N. war crimes tribunals are dealing with atrocities committed in the Balkans and in Rwanda.

The State Department has offered a reward of up to $5 million for information leading to the apprehension of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic; Radovan Karadzic, the top Bosnian Serb leader during Bosnia's civil war; Karadzic's military commander, Ratko Mladic; and any others indicted by the Balkans tribunal on war crimes charges.

Advocates say a permanent global tribunal is needed so suspected war criminals can be pursued regardless of where their crimes are committed.

Nothing would prevent the court from going after Americans even if the United States is not a member, or "nonparty state." Scheffer's mission in New York is to change that.

"We do not believe our armed forces should be subject to surrender to the court because we are a nonparty to the court," Scheffer said.

He also points out that the United States has its own military justice system designed to punish to U.S. troops suspected of war crimes.

Dicker said it is unrealistic for the United States to carve out an exemption for itself, because other nonparty states will demand the same treatment. Those countries include Iraq and Libya, both listed by the State Department as terrorist states.

In 1998, Iraq, Libya and the United States were among seven countries that voted against a treaty to create the court. Voting in favor were 120 countries.

One proposal the Clinton administration is pushing would prevent the court from pursuing citizens of nonparty states unless the U.N. Security Council authorizes it, or if such states have been condemned by the council "for whatever reason."

The U.S. veto in the council would shield U.S. service members, but Iraqis and Libyans would be fair game.

The United States faced broad opposition when it fought for a similar exemption two years ago.

"Through the back door, the State Department is trying to obtain the concession that it could not obtain in negotiations in Rome two years ago," Dicker said.

"What makes it all so tragic is that it's all so unnecessary," said Dicker. He contends safeguards prevent politically motivated prosecutions.

Records: Oklahoma school shooter influenced by Columbine

MUSKOGEE, Okla. (AP) — A 13-year-old boy who opened fire on his classmates, wounding five of them, was deeply influenced by the Columbine High School shooting, according to the boy's case file and testimony at a court hearing.

Seth Trickey also took numerous prescription medications, had been receiving psychological counseling and was obsessed by military tactics, according to the records obtained by the Tulsa World.

Authorities said at least 15 shots were fired during the Dec. 6 attack on the grounds of Fort Gibson Middle School, hitting four students directly. A fifth student was hit by a ricochet and another boy found a bullet embedded in a book inside his backpack.

Trickey didn't fit the anti-social mold of Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, who killed 13 people and then themselves at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. But he was strongly influenced by media accounts of their April 20, 1999, rampage, said Dr. Shreekumar Vinekar, a psychiatrist who testified in the boy's defense at a March 29 hearing.

"He started wondering what he would do if he were placed in the role of the perpetrators that were previously depicted on the TV and media," Vinekar said.

Trickey was taking the prescription drug Inderal for severe migraine headaches and had been referred to a psychologist for stress management and biofeedback training, the World reported.

Inderal can cause depression, Vinekar said, although that was never diagnosed in Trickey.

And three weeks before the shooting, Trickey was given a large injection of the prescription poison ivy drug Kenalog, said Dr. William Banner, a toxicologist and medical director of the Oklahoma Poison Center.

Kenalog is a steroid alleged to have psychotic effects on some users, according to the three medical experts who testified at the hearing.

"Even in routine doses, these drugs can produce a psychotic break," Banner said.

Several psychologists who interviewed Trickey said that what pushed him to act was his obsession with military tactics and his identification with World War II Gen. George Patton.

Vinekar said the shooting may have been his way of testing himself under fire.

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Poll: Internet attracting key segments of news audience

WASHINGTON (AP) — Key segments of the nation's news audience, particularly younger and better-educated Americans, and those seeking financial information, are turning increasingly to the Internet, says a new poll on media trends.

The Web's rapid growth as a source for news continues a splintering of that audience among the Internet, cable and broadcast television, and print publications.

"People have so many different ways of communicating with one another and learning about the outside world that the environment in which the news is put out and received is very different from five years ago," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, which conducted the survey.

A third of the public now goes online for news at least once a week, compared to a fifth two years ago, according to the Pew poll. Fifteen percent get daily reports from the Internet, almost three times the number two years ago.

The credibility of Internet news sources varies widely, with the highest ratings given to Web sites run by network or cable TV outlets or national newspapers. Well-known Internet names like America Online, Netscape and Yahoo ranked higher on credibility than lesser-known sites.

For active financial investors, the Internet largely has supplanted traditional media as the leading source for stock quotes and investment advice, the poll suggested. Almost half of active traders, 45 percent, said the Internet was their main source for stock market updates.

Slightly more than half of those polled, 54 percent, said they go online sometimes to access the Internet or use e-mail. That number has more than doubled from 23 percent in July 1996.

Some find the wealth of information overwhelming.

Almost a third, 30 percent, said they feel overloaded — up slightly from 23 percent five years ago — while twice as many, or 62 percent, said they liked having the information available.

The poll of 3,142 people, taken from April 20 through May 13, has an error margin of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points, slightly higher for subgroups.

Newspapers went through a difficult period in the 1970s and 1980s due to increasing options on television and other changes in American lifestyles. Newspaper readership has held relatively steady since then, with almost two-thirds saying they read a paper regularly, according to the poll.

Now, it is the television industry — particularly broadcast — that is feeling pinched by the fast growth of the Web and cable TV as optional sources of information, Kohut said.

"I think what we're seeing more and more is a news consumer wanting news on his or her schedule, and not on someone else's schedule," said Barbara Cochran, president of the Radio-Television News Directors Association.

The news industry as a whole is feeling a pressure more troubling than competition between outlets. The appetite for news is slipping — from 53 percent in 1994 who closely followed the news to 45 percent. Fewer than a third of young adults said they enjoy keeping up with the news.

The percentage of people who say they regularly watch network evening news programs has dropped from almost four-in-10 in February 1997 to three-in-10 in the Pew survey — a trend also relected in the Nielsen ratings. Another 30 percent said they watch these programs sometimes.

Growth of interest in Internet news, however, is not coming quickly enough for some journalists. Salon Magazine last week announced layoffs and budget cuts, and APBNews.com, which reports on crime and the justice system, shut down and fired all 140 staffers.

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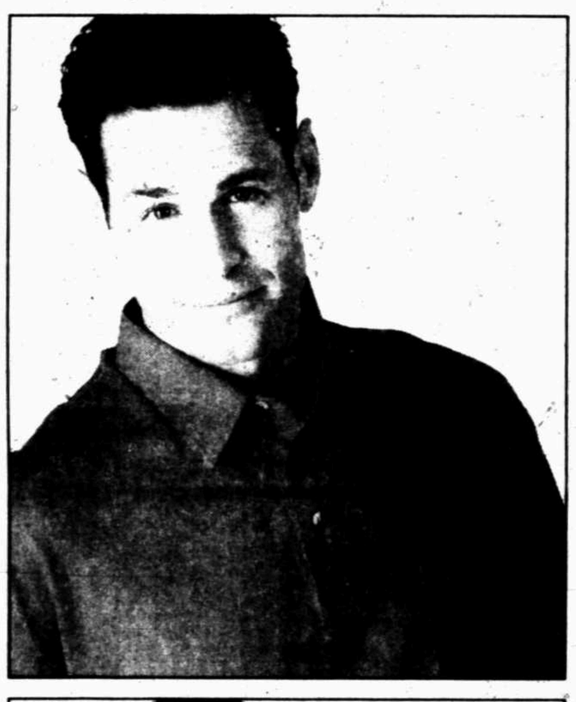

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DAVE BARRY

What Lone Ranger said to Silver is a complex question

Today's issue in the news is Social Security. Is Social Security safe? Experts tell us that unless we implement meaningful reform soon, the entire system will go bankrupt by the year 2050, plunging the nation into chaos and despair.

I, personally, plan to be dead. So we don't need to worry about it.

Instead, let's talk about the ongoing debate over what the Lone Ranger shouted to his horse, Silver, when he rode off into the sunset. As you may recall, in a recent column I stated that I had always believed the Lone Ranger shouted "Hi-ho, Silver! Away!" But then I got a letter from a reader who insisted that the Lone Ranger shouted "Hi-yo, Silver! Away!" So I checked with top language experts including William Safire and Stephen King, and they agreed that it was, in fact, "Hi-yo" and not "Hi-ho."

So I wrote a column endorsing the "Hi-yo" version, and I believed that the matter was settled. Little did I realize that I was opening a can of worms. Because it turns out that this issue is not so simple. There are many unanswered questions, including: Why did the Lone Ranger shout to a horse that was standing right under him?

Barry

In response to my column, I received many letters from people who claim to have inside information about the Lone Ranger. I cannot print all of their letters here, but if you were to combine them into one generic letter, it would sound like this:

"Dear Mr. Barry: I am 263 years old, and I never missed an episode of the Lone Ranger on the electric radio, on top of which my aunt's cousin's dentist's husband once rode a bus with a man who knew the barber of a close friend of one of the show's original sagebrush wranglers, and I can state with absolute certainty that you are (choose one:) (a) absolutely correct; (b) a moron, because the Lone Ranger *definitely* shouted (choose one:) (a) "Hi-yo, Silver!"; (b) "Hi-ho, Silver!"; (c) "Hi-o, Silver!"; (d) "Heil, Silver!"; (e) "It's Howdy Doody Time, Silver!""

To buttress their arguments, people sent in reams of information from various sources regarding the Lone Ranger and his faithful Indian companion, Tonto. I have been poring over this information, and have extracted the following salient facts (I am not making these up):

- The original Lone Ranger show was created at Detroit radio station WXYZ in 1933. This explains why Tonto called the Lone Ranger "Kemo Sabe," a phrase that is derived from the name of a boys' summer camp in Michigan owned by the director's uncle.
- So when the Lone Ranger frowned in that thoughtful, serious manner of his, he may have been thinking: "I don't care *how* faithful he is; if he calls me a boys' summer camp in Michigan one more time, I'm going to put a silver bullet in his leg.
- One of the actors who portrayed the Lone Ranger on the radio was named Brace Beemer.
- The letters in "Brace Beemer" can be rearranged to spell "Embrace Beer."
- According to the story line created by the radio writers, the Lone Ranger was the great-uncle of the Green Hornet, a masked superhero who battled the forces of evil, and whose secret identity was Britt Reed, newspaper publisher.
- The Green Hornet's faithful companion was named "Kato," whose namesake, Kato Kaelin, was house-sitter for O.J. Simpson.
- In 1974, O.J. Simpson was in the movie "The Towering Inferno," with Robert Wagner.
- In 1998, Robert Wagner was in "Wild Things," with Kevin Bacon.

When we put all these facts together, we see that the question of exactly what the Lone Ranger shouted to his horse is a great deal more complex than we thought it was early in this column, before we decided to brace ourselves with a couple of beemers, if you catch our drift. Clearly what we need is for the president to appoint a federal commission, headed by the late Earl Warren, to examine the evidence and issue a report.

Also, somebody needs to straighten out this Social Security mess. I've done all I can.

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Person to Person

With Johnnye Montgomery

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Gypsy Riddel was attendance clerk at Midland High School for four years in the late 1960s.

Former MHS attendance clerk

Gypsy Riddel

When Gypsy Riddel began working as attendance clerk at Midland High School in 1965, she brought a candy-filled jar from home. She then placed the jar in the right-hand drawer of her desk, just below the pull-out writing shelf where she wrote the names and a one- or two-word description of the teachers she had just met.

One of the coaches wore a blue sweater, so she wrote "blue sweater" after his name. One teacher had a prominent Jay Leno chin, so after her name, Gypsy wrote "chin."

Then one day, long after Gypsy had learned everybody's names, the teacher with the "chin" came into the office and helped herself to candy while Gypsy was using the pullout shelf.

"She put the candy into her mouth and then she leaned over and read those names and descriptions on that board," said Gypsy. "I was so embarrassed, but there was nothing I could say.

"The kids were always coming by my desk and getting candy," she said. "One of the teachers kept worrying that I was spending too much money buying candy, but then he would eat it, too."

Gypsy spent only four years as attendance clerk, yet she used that time to infuse herself into the community and to let it make a permanent imprint on her.

"I simply adored the kids, Mr. Sell, the principal, and Mr. Mashburn, the assistant principal, and all the teachers. I had so many good times and there were so many good kids there, but of course, I mainly remember the troublemakers, because they were the ones I saw the most," she said.

"I don't know how many times Floyd Carmine got sent home because his hair was too long. He was a real sweet kid, and he played in a rock band. He was killed in New York City."

Asked to tell tales about present-day prominent Midland citizens, Gypsy demurs.

"For the most part, I don't remember anything," she said. "As I said, I mostly saw the troublemakers. Shelton Viney was in school while I was there, but I wouldn't remember him, because he made good grades and was a really good kid. Shelton Viney couldn't get into trouble if he tried."

■ This is the second in a series of personality profiles on educators and graduates in anticipation of the Midland Independent School District's Ultimate Reunion scheduled for June 24.

Gypsy, her husband, Norman, and her son, Gregg, came to Midland from Abilene in 1964 when Norman was transferred with an oil-field service company. She said she had worked at a cotton-grading office in Abilene, which was seasonal work and allowed her to be at home when Gregg was out of school.

She soon grew restless staying at home in Midland and began to look for another part-time job. She applied at the school, thinking that she would substitute.

As it happened, the attendance clerk at Midland High was getting married and intended to leave mid-term. Gypsy substituted in her job for a few days and was offered the job full time.

She said there may not have been a written dress code, but there were rules for decorum.

"Mr. Mashburn, (who by now was) the principal, completely controlled the kids' appearance. He wouldn't let the kids wear their caps turned around backward, he wouldn't let them have beards and if their hair was too long, he'd send them home until they cut it."

Then there was discipline, also controlled by Mashburn.

"He had this big wooden paddle, and in those days when kids got sent to him that was one of the first things they saw. He would call them in and close the door and then hit the desk with that paddle and the kids waiting outside would think he was just killing the kid in the office. Of course, the word got around real fast every year, but he still was very respected. I adored him."

She said there were some aspects of her daily routine that were predictable year after year.

"As the attendance clerk, my job was to check attendance. After the kids were absent, they had to bring notes to school before they could get back into class. And if parents didn't call to let us know the kids were staying home, we'd call them. I was constantly getting calls — lots of them suspicious calls.

"The phone would ring and there would be this little voice on the other end saying, 'Ms. Riddel, this is Jeanine's mother. She's sick today. She may be able to come to school tomorrow; I'm not sure.' So I'd say OK and then hang up and call her mother."

Gypsy says regardless of the circumstances at school, the kids and she got along just fine —

Please see **GYPSY**/2B

Artist sets Guiness world record with a giant mural

By Kelli Levey
Associated Press

A single shingle on the farmhouse, coded for peach, instead was painted green. The state of Texas appears on the side of a Longhorn cow and a smile was added to the face of a calf.

COLLEGE STATION — With a little help from his friends and thousands of strangers, Jim Campbell achieved his goal of setting a Guinness world record for the most painters on one picture.

Campbell traveled around the state for 3 1/2 years to allow "regular people" to add to his 48-foot-long Texas Western scene titled "A Little Dab of Texas."

Campbell recently received a letter informing him of his acceptance. The certificate does not guarantee inclusion in the Guinness Book of World Records, but Campbell thinks it will be included because it is a new category this year.

The 25,297 contributing artists included 1,723 from Brazos County, 705 from the Brenham area and 628 from the Navasota area.

"Though my name is on it, it belongs to the public that did it," Campbell said. "They're really the stars. Every one of those people should be proud of this accomplishment. Now everybody else has to beat our record."

Campbell conceived the idea in 1994, then spent every day and night for four months drawing the outlines of the mural. He color-coded the sections so when participants approached the painting, they could see where to fill in with their own paint brushes.

"At the end of that I said, 'My work is done. I'll sit back and let everyone else work on it,'" he said.

"Three years and seven months later, it was done. I had no idea how much more work was involved or I might not have done it."

He spent every weekend traveling to towns around the state and setting up panels of the painting. At each stop, people would help fill in the sections. Those who helped fill between the lines included three blind people, a 14-day-old infant — with a little help from Dad — and a 92-year-old man. Cowboys came on horseback, others cleaned their brushes by dipping them in beer.

"I met a lot of people and made a lot of friends along the way," Campbell said. "One of the reasons I did this was because I spend all my time by myself, painting and doing my projects, and I wanted to get out and interact with other people. I also wanted to give other people a little bit of the feeling of creating something. It's neat to give other people that opportunity."

Some of the participants got a little sneaky, Campbell said. "I hide or camouflage images in my paintings, but lo and behold, they started hiding images from me," he said. "As people looked at it and as we talked about it, they would say, 'Here is somebody's initials,' or 'Here is a heart.'"

A single shingle on the farmhouse, coded for peach, instead was painted green. The state of Texas appears on the side of a Longhorn cow and a smile was added to the face of a calf.

"Once we started out, this thing took on a life of its own," Campbell said. "The final painting is nothing like what we had planned."

Once the project was completed, Campbell took it on a 13-city Texas tour. The mural also has been displayed in the Texas Capitol and in Washington, D.C.

Campbell said if he ever undertakes another large-scale, long-term project he will seek a sponsor. Though he stayed with "anybody and everybody that I could mooch off of," the costs of gasoline, hotel bills and tires for his truck to travel about 80,000 miles amounted to about $70,000.

For part of that time, the 49-year-old quit his job as publications manager with the Texas Engineering Extension Service to accompany the mural on its travels.

"It took a long time and a lot of miles to get here, but we did it," he said. "We all worked together and did it. That's what makes it special."

Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha

Humor to start your week ...

A lady asks the waiter if he has frog legs. The waiter replied, "Yes I do, and the cook has chicken wings."

— Contributed by Midlander Christopher Estrada

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Little Orphan Annie gets makeover, becomes 'cool'

By Judie Glave
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gone are the red dress and unruly curls. With her platform sneakers, jeans and slicked-back hair, the comic strip version of Little Orphan Annie is now, in the lexicon of her 11-year-old modern peers — mad sick.

Translation: Leapin' Lizards! America's favorite orphan has gotten a makeover and is suddenly cool.

Her new do and duds were introduced last week when artist Andrew Pepoy and writer Jay Maeder officially took over from longtime "Annie" cartoonist Leonard Starr, who retired in February.

Pepoy, a freelance cartoonist who has drawn for Mutant X, Sonic the Hedgehog, Scooby-Doo and Archie comics, said both he and Tribune Media Services, the Chicago-based company that syndicates the 75-year-old strip, thought Annie looked dated next to her new friend, the edgy Hispanic aviator Amelia Santiago. A few pencil strokes later, out went Annie's tired old red dress, black Maryjanes and ankle socks; in came jeans, a red T-shirt and platform sneakers.

Her hair is different, too, the mop of red curls sleeked down with gel and adorned with two mismatched barrettes.

But fans of America's favorite blank-eyed youngster — yes, she's still pupil-less — shouldn't worry.

Characters from the new "Annie" comic strip, from left, Amelia, Annie, Sandy, and Daddy Warbucks, have new looks since artist Andrew Pepoy and writer Jay Maeder officially took over the strip from longtime "Annie" cartoonist Leonard Starr, who retired in February.

AP Photo

"If there's some kind of feeling out there that Little Orphan Annie is now a typical 11-year-old who goes to rock concerts and has pictures of 'N Sync on her wall, no, this is not happening," said writer Maeder. "In fact, if you ask me what kind of music she'd listen to, I'd say Tommy Dorsey."

The 53-year-old Maeder, a journalist for the New York Daily News and a comic historian, downplayed the makeover.

"I haven't changed her fundamental character in any way. Anyone who ever loved Little Orphan Annie will not look at this and say this is a totally different person."

Maeder says he has no plans to turn Annie or any other character into a valley girl. She'll still exclaim, "Leapin' Lizards," and Sandy will still say, "Arf," he says.

Created by Harold Gray, the strip first appeared in the Daily News, Aug. 5, 1924. Annie is said to have been inspired by silent screen star Mary Pickford. During Gray's four-decade reign — he died in 1968 — Annie and her millionaire guardian Daddy Warbucks battled everything from big government during the Depression to Communism in the Cold War.

Starr took over the strip in 1979 — after interest in it was revived by the Broadway musical "Annie."

In the updated version, Even Warbucks has a new look. He has lost his perennial penguin suit and will be seen in stylish, tie-less suits, sweaters and (Yikes!) even shorts.

And what will become of Sandy, Annie's shaggy companion?

Not to worry, loyal readers. "The dog never goes away," says Maeder.

On the Net:
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DEAR ABBY

Car ads depicting aggressive motorists drive viewers crazy

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I was pleased to see the letter in your column referring to the commercial showing two "ladies" driving aggressively to get a parking space ahead of each other. The third time we saw it, my husband and I decided to disconnect the television cable.

Whatever happened to "let others go first" and "do unto others as you would have them do unto you"? How can I teach my grandchildren to be polite when selfishness is presented as "sport"?

Van Buren

I refuse to buy a vehicle from a company that uses such advertising, even if it means keeping my old car. -- ANN VANCE, GREENWOOD, MISS.

DEAR ANN: The writer of that letter was Valerie Rivard. Her letter struck a chord with many people. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I are professional freight truck drivers. When a new auto ad comes on the air, we know we will see that kind of driving within 24 to 48 hours. People seem to think that if the driver in an ad can drive that way, they can, too. Because it didn't happen in the commercial, they fail to take into account that their reckless driving could cause a crash! We see it all the time.

One ad showed a car pushing through three big rigs as it came on the highway, cutting off at least one of them and almost sideswiping another. The driver in the ad gets away with it! What kind of example does that set for teenagers and new drivers?

Please, everyone: Drive in a defensive, courteous, legal, professional manner. The result will be safe and happy roads for all. -- HENRY A. PASCOE, HARP TRANSPORT INC., SNOHOMISH, WASH.

DEAR HENRY: Hear, hear! Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Being a teenager myself, I can tell you that commercials for "fast" cars do not encourage me to drive fast. They are meant only to show the maneuverability of the vehicles. Some people actually drive off-road for a living and appreciate a car that can perform sharp turns.

I do not believe that these commercials send subliminal messages to make young drivers drive faster or recklessly. Anyone of any age can drive fast and irresponsibly. -- TIFFANY IN WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

DEAR TIFFANY: I agree that anyone of any age can have a lead foot and drive recklessly. Unfortunately, too many people do. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I see many SUV and car commercials portraying vehicles driving off-road, driving through streams and nature. This is an irresponsible message to send to people. Off-road driving is extremely destructive to our environment. Why can't car companies promote good citizenship while they market their cars? -- SICK OF SUVS IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR SICK: Good point; good question. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have also become angry while watching those ads. Driving is portrayed as a competitive blood sport. To even suggest that there is something "glamorous" about ignoring traffic regulations and common civility borders on the criminal.

What can we do to get auto manufacturers and their ad agencies to stop contributing to the anarchy and carnage on the roads? Would a letter-writing campaign to car companies and their ad agencies be of any use? How about a boycott of the most irresponsible manufacturers? -- MAD IN ATLANTA

DEAR MAD: I can think of no more effective way to communicate that message than by opening one's pen and closing one's checkbook.

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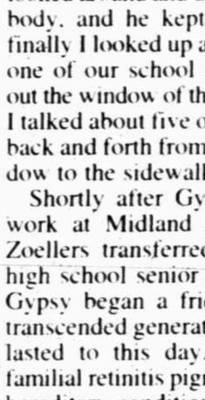
TALKIN' TEXAN

Being a dad is almost as great as being a granddad

By Tumbleweed Smith

I guess Dads will always be Dads. Their kids will always need some help only a Dad can provide. That's certainly the case with me.



Smith

My son and his family live in the Highland Park section of Dallas near a small attractive park that has a playground, baseball diamond and a big open area that is just perfect for throwing Frisbees or boomerangs.

My 9-year-old grandson was playing with his brand new boomerang when it got hung up in a tall tree. His daddy tried his best to retrieve it, but it remained tightly secured to that tall tree.

They tried throwing things up at it to get it down. They threw a baseball up into that tree and it was lost among the leaves and branches and never came back down. They threw a baseball bat up there and it, too, became lodged in the foliage.

They went home, got a rake and started throwing it up there to try to get back some of their stuff. The baseball bat came down, but the ball and boomerang stayed up there.

They gave up. That's when we came on the scene.

When we arrived at their house for a visit, my daughter-in-law said something about the ultimate challenge. I asked her what she was talking about and she told us about the things in the tree.

Susan and I changed into our grubbies and headed for the park with our grandson. We didn't take anything with us. We had nothing to throw into the tree to retrieve the boomerang. But I knew we could get it down.

When we got to the tree, I surveyed the situation. I looked up there and saw the red, triangle-shaped boomerang hanging on a small twig. I noticed the lowest branch on the tree was at the 10-foot level, too high to climb. The trunk was vertically straight and thick, no curves or notches or bumps for getting a good toe hold.

Nearby on the ground was a discarded pint-sized water bottle that had a little bit of water in it. I started throwing that up into the tree.

A man was playing catch with his son at the nearby baseball diamond. When they noticed us, they came over to se what in the world we were doing. The man started throwing his baseball up into tree, even after I told him about my son losing a baseball up there.

One of his throws went right through the center of the boomerang. Another throw dislodged it and it fell to another small twig and got hung up again. I continued to throw the water bottle, which would lose water every time it came back down and banged into the ground.

My grandson went over to the playground picked up a shirt-tail full of pea gravel. Brilliant! We put some into the water bottle to give it weight. After a couple of throws, I hit the boomerang and it came down. I hung it on the door for my son to see it when he came home from work. He was impressed. I was proud.

I love being a dad. It's almost as great as being a granddad.

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Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.

GYPSY: Local TV station honors her for good deed

(From 1B)

on campus and off.

"One day I was downtown, walking past the courthouse — that was when the jail was on the top floor — and I heard this voice yelling, 'Hey, Ms. Riddel!' I looked around and didn't see anybody, and he kept calling and finally I looked up and there was one of our school kids looking out the window of the jail. He and I talked about five or 10 minutes back and forth from the jail window to the sidewalk.

Shortly after Gypsy went to work at Midland High, Paula Zoellers transferred there as a high school senior and she and Gypsy began a friendship that transcended generations and has lasted to this day. Born with familial retinitis pigmentosa — a hereditary condition that causes blindness before adulthood — Paula had spent many years at the school for the blind in Austin.

"She was a brilliant student and would walk through the halls with Mr. Mashburn at her side and I don't think a lot of the students knew she was blind," Gypsy said. "At the graduation ceremony there were three students whose last names began with Z, and when Paula got to the east wing of the stage, Mr. Mashburn and two school board members formed a little bevy around her and walked with her to the center."

Since her graduation, Paula has gone on to distinguish herself nationally, mostly working to improve the lot of the disabled and the disadvantaged.

While George Bush was president, Paula was honored by the National Organization for the Disabled for her work in establishing 13 centers for the handicapped. She asked Gypsy to accompany her to Washington to receive the award and to be present when the Americans with Disabilities Act was signed into law in 1990.

A year or two later, when Gypsy was presented with a Red Plate Award from KOSA-TV, Paula accompanied her to the station in a limousine.

According to the information sent to Gypsy by KOSA, the Red Plate Award was an outgrowth of a tradition among pioneer families who served dinner on a red plate to someone who had done a deed worthy of special praise or recognition. What Gypsy had done was to come to the aid of a stranger.

"I was out at (the airport) with a friend and I noticed this young woman who was brought in by a deputy sheriff. She was barefoot and wearing a hospital gown. I went up and started a conversation with her and she told me that she was on her way home to New York because her boyfriend had assaulted her, tied her to the bed and stolen her car with all her belongings. She had no money, no shoes, no clothes. I asked her how long it would be before her plane left and she said a little over an hour. So my friend and I took her to Midland and bought her some shoes and clothes right quick and I gave her a little money and we put her on the plane.

"When KOSA found out about it, they sent fresh flowers to my house and sent a big limousine to pick me up and take me to dinner. Paula and her husband just happened to be there that day, so they took us all."

Some years after leaving Midland High, Gypsy worked at Midland College for awhile. Many of the friends she made at Midland High and MC still keep in touch.

The walls of her house bear evidence, with plaques and photos, dozens of replicas of single roses and a tall basket beside her front door containing at least a dozen canes — one with a mirror, one outfitted with golf bag and clubs, one with a klaxon and others with fancy carving.

"When I was 59 years old, about to turn 60, somebody said, 'Gypsy, what do you want for your birthday?' and I said, 'Well, I guess you might as well give me a walking cane.' So now, 13 years later, people are still giving me walking canes. I'd like for everyone to know that I don't need any more walking canes."

Gary Ott

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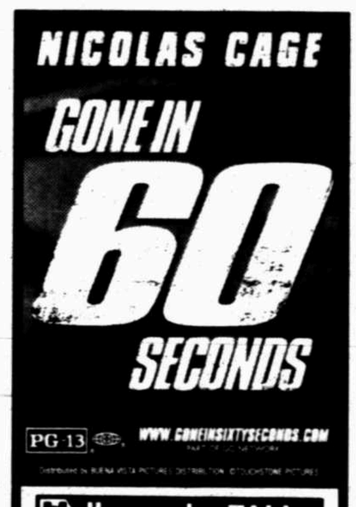

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Many death penalty appeals successful, researchers report

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two-thirds of death penalty cases that were appealed from 1973 through 1995 were successful, report researchers who contend the nation's capital punishment system is "collapsing under the weight of its own mistakes."

A study of 4,578 appeals during those years showed that most cases "are so seriously flawed that they have to be done over again," said Columbia University law professor James Liebman, the lead author.

"It's not one case, it's thousands of cases. It's not one state, it's almost all of the states," Liebman said in an interview. "You're creating a very high risk that some errors are going to get through the process."

The study comes at a time of increased debate over capital punishment.

Earlier this year, Republican Gov. George Ryan of Illinois imposed a moratorium on capital punishment in his state after 13 death row inmates were exonerated. Texas Gov. George W. Bush recently approved his first 30-day reprieve in a death penalty case — to allow time for DNA testing — after permitting 131 executions.

But public support for capital punishment remains high. A Gallup Poll in February showed 66 percent back the use of death sentences, down somewhat from Gallup polls during the 1990s that showed support ranging from 71 percent to 80 percent.

The Columbia study said only 5 percent of the 5,760 death sentences imposed from 1973 through 1995 were carried out.

The study, written with professor Jeffrey Fagan and graduate student Valerie West, examined 4,578 death penalty cases in which at least one round of appeals was completed. Of those cases, a state or federal court threw out the conviction or death sentence in 68 percent of the cases.

"Our 23 years worth of findings reveal a capital punishment system collapsing under the weight of its own mistakes," the study said.

Richard Dieter of the Death Penalty Information Center, a group critical of how capital punishment is administered, said, "It's amazing how many mistakes are being made. ... Those supporting the death penalty might look at it and say this isn't getting us anywhere."

Dudley Sharp of Justice for All, a Houston-based victims' rights organization, said, "We all know that these cases get the closest scrutiny imaginable. ... All systems can be improved and the death penalty is certainly one of those systems." But, he added, there has been no proof of an innocent person being executed in the past century.

The study said the rates of reversals varied widely from state to state and among federal appellate circuits.

Texas, which executed 104 people during the study period, showed 52 percent of its death penalty cases reversed on appeal. Florida, which executed 36 people, had a 73 percent reversal rate.

On the other hand, Virginia, which executed 29 people, had a reversal rate of only 18 percent. The study suggested that may be partly due to Virginia's strict limits on appeals in death penalty cases and the overall low reversal rate in the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which hears appeals from that state.

Liebman said the 68 percent reversal rate appears to have come down some since 1995. A second study to be released later this year is expected to look at those numbers, as well as the reasons why death penalty convictions are thrown out.

The main reasons appear to be incompetent defense lawyering and misconduct by prosecutors, the Columbia study said.

Capital punishment resumed in 1977 after a Supreme Court-imposed moratorium, and 313 people were executed by the end of 1995. In recent years, the Supreme Court and Congress have acted to speed up death penalty reviews in federal courts, and there have been 642 executions to date.

AP Photo

Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush, left, arrives for morning services with his father former President George Bush at the First Congregational Church in Kennebunkport, Maine, Sunday.

Death penalty probe raises questions; Bush expresses confidence in system

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine (AP) — George W. Bush says Texas has "adequately answered innocence or guilt" in its death penalty cases and disagreed with a newspaper report Sunday that dozens of inmates have been executed although their defenses were marred by unreliable evidence, disbarred or suspended defense attorneys and questionable psychiatric testimony.

The Republican presidential contender has expressed confidence in his state's system of capital punishment and has said he sees no need to institute a moratorium.

"I know there are some in the country who don't care for the death penalty, but I've said once and I've said a lot, that in every cases, we've adequately answered innocence or guilt," Bush, the Texas governor, said Sunday after attending church with his father near the family retreat.

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— George W. Bush

"If you're asking me whether or not as to the innocence or guilt or if people have had adequate access to the courts in Texas, I believe they have," Bush continued. "They've had full access to the courts. They've had full access to a fair trial."

A Chicago Tribune investigation of the 131 executions since Bush became governor in 1995 found that defense attorneys for 40 of the inmates presented just one witness or no evidence at all during the trials' sentencing phase.

Many also failed to present evidence of a defendant's brain damage, low IQ or childhood abuse, the Tribune reported. All are factors that officials in Illinois and many other states consider in pleas to halt an execution.

Defendants in about a third of the Texas cases were represented at trial or initial appeal by an attorney who had been or was later disbarred, suspended or otherwise sanctioned, the report said.

And testimony from fellow inmates also played a role during the guilt or sentencing phase of at least 23 cases in which a defendant was executed under Bush.

In one case, seven jailhouse informants testified against David Wayne Spence at his 1984 trial for his alleged role in a triple slaying in Lake Waco. Several later recanted, raising additional questions, but Spence was still executed in 1997.

Use of jailhouse informants in death penalty cases was one of the problems Gov. George Ryan cited when he declared the moratorium in January — after a Tribune investigation exposed flaws in the state's system. The governors of Indiana and Maryland have since ordered studies of their own systems, and measures have been proposed in Congress to reform or suspend the federal system.

The death penalty is likely to become part of the presidential campaign between Bush, a Republican, and Democratic Vice President Al Gore. Like Bush, Gore supports the death penalty but he has never held an office where he would authorize an execution or grant clemency.

As governor, Bush has the final say on whether a death sentence is carried out, even though most cases were tried long before he took office. By his own account, Bush is loath to second-guess jury verdicts, and he usually defers to reviewing courts to settle whether the trial was fair.

In individual cases, he can grant clemency — life in prison — upon the recommendation of the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles or grant a one-time, 30-day reprieve. Bush has exercised each power once. He issued his first reprieve, for Ricky McGinn, on June 1. Bush also can order an investigation.

Since reinstating the death penalty in 1976, Texas has executed 218 men and women, far more than any other state and about a third of the country's total. Seven condemned inmates have been exonerated. Bush signed a bill designed to speed the pace of executions in 1995.

Bush declined to be interviewed for the Tribune story. His criminal justice policy director, Johnny Sutton, said Bush views his role in the execution process as that of a "safety valve."

"We have a system in place that is very careful and that gives years and years of super due process to make sure that no innocent defendants are executed and that the defendant received a fair trial," Sutton told the Tribune. "We think we have a good criminal justice system in Texas. It's not perfect, but it's one of the best around."

The Tribune investigation also questioned the use of testimony from experts, including psychiatrists.

Among them was Dr. James Grigson, a Dallas psychiatrist who testified in 16 cases in which inmates were put to death during the Bush administration.

Grigson was reprimanded twice in the early 1980s by the American Psychiatric Association, then expelled from the group in 1995 because it found his testimony unethical and untrustworthy.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled this kind of psychiatric testimony admissible, but it has been repeatedly criticized by other courts.

In a separate Texas case last week, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the death sentence of a convicted murderer because the psychologist who recommended the sentence testified the man was a danger to society because of his Hispanic heritage.

DEATH NOTICES

Patsy Welcher

DENVER CITY—Patsy Joyce Welcher, 68, died Saturday, June 10, at a Lubbock hospital.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Bob Webb officiating. Burial will follow at Denver City Memorial Park under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home.

She was born Aug. 28, 1931 in Gomez.

She was a homemaker, and a member of the Baptist Church. She resided in Denver City for 36 years.

Survivors include her husband, Larry Welcher; a son, Mike Welcher of Denver City; two daughters, Brenda Terry and Pam Hunnicut, both of Midland; a sister, Norma Cabe of Brownfield; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

OBITUARIES

Johnnie Morgan

Johnnie Morgan, 88, of Rankin, died on Saturday, June 10, 2000, in a McCamey nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2000, at Evergreen Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Medley, of First Baptist Church in Rankin, officiating.

He was born on October 16, 1911 in Elm Mott, Texas and married Helen Petree on December 24, 1933 in Stanton, Texas.

He was a retired farmer, farming in the Greenwood Community of Midland County, and Upton, Gaines and Yoakum Counties. Mr. Morgan was a member of First Baptist Church in Rankin, where he served as a deacon and head usher. He also served his churches in other communities on pulpit, finance and building committees. As a resident of Midland County, he was a member of the Farm Bureau for many years and was also on the board of directors of the Midland Co-Op Market Association, Inc. and supported 4-H programs through the auction of the animals.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Morgan of the home; three sons, Robert Morgan and wife, Uvonne of Plains, Kenneth Morgan and wife, Glenda of Stillwell, Oklahoma, Don Morgan of Midland; one daughter, Patsy Northcott and husband, Darrel, of Rankin; one sister, Imogene Turner and husband, Alton, of Pleasanton; one brother, Joy C. Morgan of Stanton; ten grandchildren, Eddie Morgan and wife, Mary, of Yokosuka, Japan, Carrie Orel and husband, Ken, of Midland, Roger Morgan and wife, Teresa, of Midkiff, Kenna Fults and husband, Mike, of Joaquin, Craig Morgan of Teague, Michael Northcott and wife, Lori, of Sugar Land, Marcy Claxton and husband, Chuck, of Colorado City, Randall Morgan and wife, Shannon, of McKinney, Brian Morgan and wife, Jennifer, of McKinney, and Terry Morgan of Midland. His great-grandchildren include Vanessa and Robbie Morgan; Dustin and Ashley Truitt; Shane, Bradley and Jadon Morgan; Stephen and Stephanie Fults; Colton and M organ Claxton; Lane and Abby Morgan, Carter and Emma Morgan, and Bailey Morgan; numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

He was preceded in death in 1961 by one grandson, Gregory Lane Morgan.

His grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

The family suggests memorials be made to First Baptist Church Building Fund, 710 Upton, Rankin, Texas 79778.

Funeral services are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Bee Zinn

BIG SPRING—Bee Hickson Zinn, 85, died Sunday, June 11, in a Midland hospital.

A luncheon will be at noon Wednesday at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall, followed by memorial services in the church with the Rev. Dr. Ed Williamson officiating, under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. She donated her body to the Texas Tech University Medical School.

She was born April 17, 1915 in Baird.

She was a physical therapist and started at the VAMC in Albuquerque, N.M. in 1947, and moved to the Big Spring VAMC in 1950, retiring in 1975 after 28 years of service. She was a member of First United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Houston Jackson Zinn in February 1978.

Survivors include a sister, Betty Jean Hickman of Austin.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry, Big Spring, Tx. 79720.

Danny Martinez

Danny L. Martinez, 44, died Saturday, June 10, in an auto accident. Services are pending with Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home in Midland.

Matthew Martinez

Matthew L. Martinez, 11, died Saturday, June 10, in an auto accident. Services are pending with Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home in Midland.

Deborah Martinez

Deborah Martinez, 37, died Sunday, June 11, from injuries sustained in an auto accident. Services are pending with Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home in Midland.

Paula Baeza

Paula S. Baeza, 71, died Sunday, June 11, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 13, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with the Rev. Jermone Burnet officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home of Midland.

Rosary will be recited at Reyes-Garcia Chapel at 8 p.m., today.

She was born March 6, 1929 in Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico. She resided in Midland for more than 25 years. She helped several charitable organizations. She was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her brother Manuel Sanchez.

Survivors include her husband, Dulces Nombres Baeza of Midland; her daughters, Ubelia Baeza Sanchez, Lucy Baeza Tisdale and Armida Baeza Quiroz, all of Midland; her brothers Gilbert Sanchez, Reymundo Sanchez, Adan Sanchez, Juan Sanchez, Alberto Sanchez, and Hilario Sanchez, all of Midland, and Oscar Sanchez of Ojinaga, Chihuahua Mexico; her sisters, Enenedina Sanchez and Maria Elena Ramos, both of Midland, Aurora Sanchez of Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico, and Francisca S. Herrera of Pecos; four grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces.

Fidel Silva

Fidel Silva, 55, died Saturday, June 10, at Odessa Medical Center. Mass will be said at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 14, at San Juan Catholic Church in Midland with the Rev. Thomas C. Kelley officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home in Midland. A prayer service will be held at Reyes-Garcia Chapel at 7 p.m. today with the Rev. Felix Silva officiating. A vigil will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Reyes-Garcia Chapel.

He was born Aug. 21, 1944 in Midland.

Silva was a five-year Golden Glove Champion Boxer and enjoyed fishing and drawing. He collected and restored antique cars.

He moved to Odessa in 1999. He worked as an elevator grain operator in Adrian before retiring. He attended Our Lady of San Juan Catholic Church.

His mother, Maria Gonzales, and two stepfathers, Benancio Hernandez and Roberto Gonzales, preceded him in death.

Survivors include: his wife, Mary Lou Silva of Midland; his father, Catarino Silva of Colorado City; his sons, Ricky Silva of Dallas and Fidel Silva Jr. of Colorado City; his daughters, Gloria Davila of Loraine, Christina Del Hierro, and Elidia Hernandez, both of Midland; his brothers, Catarino Silva of Garden Grove, Calif., Raymond Silva, Benny Hernandez, and Mike Gonzales, all of Midland, Felix Silva, Joe Silva, and David Silva all of Colorado City; his sisters, Magdalena H. "Nena" Olivas, Cruz Hernandez, Mary Lou Hernandez and Irma Sanchez, all of Midland; 15 grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces.

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Questions loom as both sides of Waco siege prepare to face off

WACO (AP) — It's been seven years since 80 people died in the fiery conclusion to a standoff between the government and the Branch Davidian religious sect.

On June 19, the two sides will confront each other again — this time in a courtroom.

The goyernment is the defendant in a $675 million wrongful death lawsuit, which consolidates nine civil cases filed in 1994 by Branch Davidian family members and survivors.

The lawsuit alleges the government used excessive force in the initial raid on the Branch Davidian compound that started the 51-day standoff, may have caused at least two of the fires that destroyed the compound and improperly withheld firefighting assistance. The government denies the allegations.

Early on April 19, 1994, government tanks rammed holes in a wooden building in the compound, where more than 80 sect members lived with their leader David Koresh, to allow tear gas canisters to be thrown inside.

About six hours later, fire raced through the building and killed 80 people, at least 17 of them children.

The plaintiffs' lead attorney, Michael Caddell of Houston, said the lawsuit is not about money.

"It's about acknowledgment of shared responsibility and a commitment that this will never happen again," said Caddell.

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LHS students win annual essay contest

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the second in a five-part series of the essays written by Lee High School students that made it to the regional level in the Barbara Jordan Historical Essay contest. Each of the students was required to interview local business and community leaders.

Kwanzaa: A cultural holiday

By Laura Atkinson

A celebration born during the turbulent civil rights movement of the 1960s, specifically the Watts riots in California, officially became a Midland community event on Dec. 27, 1994, as members of the Midland Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs Inc. lit the first of seven candles symbolizing the seven principles of Kwanzaa (Poteet 1B). Kwanzaa is one of the cultural holidays to be celebrated, not only in Midland, but worldwide.

Dr. Maulana Karenga, chairman of black studies at California State University, Long Beach, established Kwanzaa in 1966 because he wanted blacks to recall their African roots, remember their contemporary struggles (Simpson 1), and commit themselves to a set of principles by which to rebuild (Petterson 2). Karenga decided to travel to different parts of Africa in order to "glean beneficial aspects of various communities and [combine] them into one celebration" (Simpson 1). This celebration lasts from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1, one day for each of the principles.

The word *Kwanzaa* translates to "first fruits of the harvest" from the language of Swahili, which was chosen because it was not associated with any particular tribe and is spoken in many parts of Africa. Kwanzaa celebrates life and creation, commemorates the past and promotes fundamental principles to guide people in their daily lives (Simpson 2).

The leading organizers in Midland's celebration of Kwanzaa are James E. Fuller and Robbyne Hocker Fuller. The couple started celebrating Kwanzaa after they moved to Midland, although they knew about it before. They found out about the holiday through reading material. CNN reports, "and then the Internet came on board, and boom! It exploded, all over the country!" (J. Fuller).

After the Internet joined the bandwagon, there were celebrations of Kwanzaa all over the world. According to Fuller, Midland had not celebrated Kwanzaa before eight years ago because it had not "made its way into the community via the media, via the African-American Network." The Fullers saw Kwanzaa as a very positive experience and a contribution to the African-American community and the Midland community in general. They believed it was a valuable way to "enhance the cultural diversity in Midland" (J. Fuller). It is believed that Kwanzaa is somewhat unknown to begin with, and with Christmas winding down, this special celebration is lost amid bows, trees, packages, and other trappings of the Christmas season.

Kwanzaa is not a religious celebration; however, there are parallels between the seven principles and the values stated in the Bible if one needs that connection. On the subject of replacing Christmas with Kwanzaa, Mrs. Fuller believes "that Christmas is for the birth of Christ...so [she feels] that the [community] can't ever not celebrate the birth of Christ, but we can move right into Kwanzaa afterward" (R. Fuller).

There is a bit of controversy about the timing of the holiday. Some believe that Kwanzaa is an "antidote to the commercialization of Christmas" (Petterson 2) and "an excellent transition from Christmas into the new year" (J. Fuller). Others believe that the timing is not correct. They say that the timing conflicts with the Christmas spirit, which tends to overshadow Kwanzaa (Coleman).

Some say that the messages of Kwanzaa are being lost "amid armfuls of costly presents" (Petterson 2) and commercialization. Fuller has an answer to those who are concerned about that loss:

"African-Americans in particular must have the courage and the commitment to keep the celebration pure. The business community out there, whenever they have the opportunity, will take a program, situation, or celebration whenever they see that they can make a dollar. They will capitalize on it and commence to, for example, produce replicas of the symbols for the purpose of making a buck only, without emphasizing the significance of the celebration. So yes, big business has a tendency to invade that cultural turf, and as a result, ignore the significance of the celebration in particular at the expense of jeopardizing what the celebration is all about. That's the responsibility of the African-American in particular to keep the celebration real and legitimate, and to refrain from being sucked in by the commercialization."

His wife states, "Of course, we do have a cooperative economics part of the celebration of Kwanzaa; the difference is that we are to give back to the community ... that we are profiting together. You must know what you're doing when you are out there selling the product" (R. Fuller).

Some business people just simply put items on the market in order to keep the profit for themselves. This practice is not what the Fullers like to watch happen. Customers have to learn to "give [their] dollars some sense and only give them to people who help develop [the] community" (R. Fuller).

FULLER IS a Midland College instructor, an Midland Independent School District school board member and a socially active member of the city's African-American community. Mrs. Fuller is chairman of the Midland Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs, second vice president of the Midland branch of the NAACP, and is a socially active member of the community as well. Together, they commit their time to gaining recognition of this holiday in Midland. They organize events, hold parts of the celebration in their own home, and continue to speak at programs. The Fullers actually had to start cutting back because they were trying to meet everyone's requests, and it became hectic. Yet among all of their activities, they still have time to celebrate family.

Kwanzaa stresses family values and basically is a family celebration, an extremely important thing to the Fullers. This is a concept that agrees with Dr. Karenga's decision to form a celebration which would uplift the family, a significant factor in African-American culture and in "[motivating] individuals in the family as well as single persons to enhance their person" (J. Fuller).

Kwanzaa focuses around family, values, and principles. Cedric McClester explains it well in his book: "The Nguzo Saba, or the seven principles, serve as the central focus of Kwanzaa in thought and practice. The seven principles are Umoja, Kujichagulia, Ujima, Ujamaa, Nia, Kuumba, and Imani. Umoja means unity and stresses the importance of togetherness for the family and the community, which is reflected in the African saying, 'I am We.' Kujichagulia is self-determination, which requires that one defines one's common interests and makes decisions that are in the best interest of one's family and community. Ujima, collective work and responsibility, reminds one of one's obligation to the past, present, and future, and that one has a role to play in the community, society and the world. Ujamaa is cooperative economics, and it emphasizes one's collective economic strength and encourages one to meet common needs through mutual support. Nia, meaning purpose, encourages one to look within oneself and to set personal goals that are beneficial to the community. Kuumba, which means creativity, makes use of one's creative energies to build and maintain a strong and vibrant community. Lastly, Imani is for faith. This principle focuses on honoring the best of the traditions, draws upon the best in oneself, and helps one to strive for a higher level of life for humankind, by affirming one's self-worth and confidence in one's ability to succeed and triumph in righteous struggle." (12)

These values are not only for the holiday, "the seven principles compliment the character traits that we are in the process of teaching the students in public schools; they are also universal in reality and are things which all cultures in society strive to realize" (J. Fuller). The Midland community greatly benefits from these examples of the character traits so greatly being enforced by MISD. Each of the seven days is devoted to remembering one of these principles and lighting the appropriate candle.

On the first day of Kwanzaa, the Kinara, a candle holder for seven candles with one black one in the middle, three green candles on the left, and three red candles on the right, starts to be lit — beginning with the center candle and alternating sides each day. Black stands for togetherness, green for the future, and red for the struggle for freedom (Copage 2). Family members recite the principle of the day while the candle is being lit. After lighting the candle, "families commemorate their ancestors and leaders by drinking out of the unity cup (the Kikome Cha Umoja). Each drinks from the cup , then raises it while saying, 'harambee,' meaning 'let's all pull together' " (Petterson 2).

One of the largest celebrations during the Kwanzaa season is the lavish feast, Karamu. The celebration of Karamu is when "the entire family and guests come together on New Year's Eve" (R. Fuller). There are several parts to this night of festivity. First is the Kukaribisha, or the welcoming. Here introductory remarks and the recognition of distinguished guests and elders are given. There is also cultural expression played out at this time through songs, music, dance, unity circles and the like. Next is the Kukumbuka, in which reflections are given by a man, woman, and child. After the rememberances, Kuchunguza tena na Kutoa ahadi tena, or reassessment and recommitment, takes place. Here, a distinguished guest lecturer is introduced and his/her talk follows. Next, Kushangilia, which means rejoicing, occurs. Within this part of the celebration, there are several things going on: Tamshi la Tambiko (libation statement, or rememberance of ancestors and the past), Kikombecha Umoja (unity cup), Kutoa Majina (calling of the names of family ancestors and black heroes), Ngoma (drums), and last the Karamu (feast). The last thing that happens that night is the Tamshi la Tutaonana, or the farewell statement (Copage 16).

The foods of the Karamu draw from the cuisines of the Caribbean, Africa, United States, South America, and anywhere else slaves were taken (Salcedo 8B). The Fullers plan to have a large Karamu feast at the Midland Community center next year if everything goes according to their plans (R. Fuller).

Harambeefest usually takes place sometime in November, in a place like a marketplace. Here, one can purchase cards, fashions, single gifts, and other items to introduce the Kwanzaa season. Different symbols and items which represent different aspects of Kwanzaa may be bought or made.

Kwanzaa cards may be sent with Christmas cards or sent separately, for they can be mailed until the first of the year. The Mishumaa Saba, or the seven candles, along with the Kinara are centerpieces in this celebration. A mkeka is a straw placemat which represents the reverence for tradition. One must also have a vibunzi, or an ear of corn, for each child in one's family; even those without children should put one ear of corn on their mat to symbolize the African concept of social parenting.

A Kikombe Cha Umoja is a unity cup, which also is a key part of the celebration. The fruit, or Mazao, represents the fruits and vegetables of the harvest. Wearing traditional clothing during the Kwanzaa merriment is encouraged, along with wearing traditional hairstyles. Lastly, Zawandi (simple gifts) are bought to give each day of Kwanzaa (R. Fuller).

The gifts are meant to encourage creativity, knowledge, and achievement. Many are homemade because "[those] are lasting gifts. Dr. Karenga wanted to make sure [African-Americans] got out of the commercialization of Christmas. [The Kwanzaa celebrators] do some productive things that will sustain [them] in terms of culture, in terms of history, and in terms of roots. [They] give gifts that are homemade or culturally educating" (J. Fuller). Some typical gifts are books by or about Africans, educational games, crafts, dolls, toys, art work, poetry, music and tickets to cultural events (Copage 2).

The Fullers, with help from many organizations and businesses, fill the Kwanzaa season with wonderful events. They coordinate choirs, dance troupes, art exhibits such as Larry Gilbert's, poetry readings, speakers and fashion shows. The Fullers themselves, along with other speakers travel to schools, churches, businesses, clubs and organizations to spread the word about Kwanzaa. Guest speakers may include entrepreneurs such as jazz artist Tom Braxton, poets, artists, dancers, singers, storytellers, community servants such as Doris Richardson, who founded Free Will Foster Home, children, adults or whoever else wishes to speak. During this celebration, "children speakers are considered just as important as adult ones" (J. Fuller).

Speakers come to "inspire people within [the] community to do some of the same things or simply say to them that this is what can be done with the proper planning and unified effort. Kwanzaa is an opportunity to teach and educate people about a celebration that's been in its earliest stages — andstill is in some places — misunderstood and misinterpreted" (J. Fuller).

Eric Strong of Lubbok is a perfect example. Strong was actually Fuller's student in 1966 when he started teaching in junior high school. He is now a graduate of Prairie View A&M University and Texas Tech University, a storyteller, poet and musician. He comes to speak in Midland often. Many high school students can remember his coming to their junior high school to talk to them and to play his African instruments. Because of him, and other speakers as well, most young students at least have heard of Kwanzaa.

Another thing that has helped the spread of Kwanzaa is the African-American publications. Through publications such as Essence, Ebony, Upscale, Emerge and Black Enterprise, the cultural holiday eventually reached Midland. African-American publications in which one can find the "history, cultural, political, religious, and seasonal events, plus the Internet, contributed to educating Midland" (J. Fuller).

Kwanzaa has really taken on a significant place among the important holidays. In 1997, the U.S. Postal Service dedicated a postage stamp to commemorate the festival (Todd 2B).

Kwanzaa will undoubtedly continue to grow. There are more requests every year for speakers to come and explain the celebration of Kwanzaa. It is a global celebration, which is a "tremendous testimony to the legitimacy of the celebration" (J. Fuller).

Mrs. Fuller believes that people all over the country, as well as the world, could benefit from this holiday: "Kwanzaa talks about the principles and who we are and what we need to do for the coming year. I think that we really need that as a people and as a country to be able to feel that we have some work going into the new year. That sets our goals and steps for the new year, and I'd love to see everyone celebrating Kwanzaa."

THE MOST IMPORTANT thing that has to be understood about the celebration is that although it is an African-American celebration, it is not by any means restricted to African-Americans. The Fullers once had newspeople from Channel 9 at their house filming part of the festivities. However, the Fullers would not let them leave without being part of their feast. If one studied the Kwanzaa celebration across the country, as well as the world, one would find that people of all ethnicities are celebrating Kwanzaa. People will discover that "all of the principles, which are emphasized during this specific season, are to be used throughout the year. Kwanzaa is in essence a reunion of sorts; it is a reunion of family, a reunion of community, and a renewed of positive values" (R. Fuller).

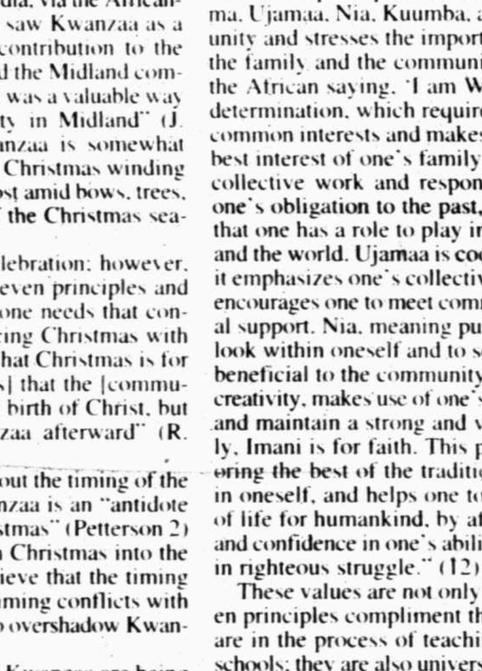
Fuller agrees that Kwanzaa is a reunion, even more so than it would appear to a casual observer: "It seems to me that the evolution of Kwanzaa simply validates the point that we have more in common and are definitely universal as a society because there is only one race. Contrary to how we talk about race, there is only one race, and that's the human race. There are numerous ethnicities, but Kwanzaa is able to bring the celebration together via multiplicity of ethnicities."

Kwanzaa is a time for the celebration of goodness, family, community, values, culture, friendship, wonder, freedom, the elders and the young. It is a ceremony, a commemoration and a noteworthy point in time: a time of honor, a time of praise and a time of rejoicing. It brings together both ancient and modern thoughts and traditions.

Kwanzaa is a celebration of uniting the old and the new in an ongoing and never-ending cycle of reverence for tradition, respect for culture and hope for the future.

Student leader stays 'in the swim'

By Matt Josefy



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Kathleen Coleman, a recent MHS graduate, is working as a lifeguard at Washington Pool this summer. In the fall, she will attend Xavier University.

Her summer job as a lifeguard may never require her to save a life, but that does not mean that Kathleen Coleman, 18, will not continue to change lives. "Hopefully my career will give me a chance to help some people better their lives. There's a lot of troubled people out there," said the recent Midland High School graduate.

Currently she is a lifeguard at Washington Pool, but as soon as the summer is over, Ms. Coleman plans to dive into a bright future. "I'm pretty set on pre-med. My grandmother is a doctor," Ms. Coleman said. "I worked with her one summer and just loved it."

Of course her plans to become a psychiatrist are not 100 percent directed toward benefiting the rest of humanity. "I like messing with people's minds — it's very interesting," she admitted.

Her goal may not be far out of reach after she takes advantage of a full academic scholarship to Xavier University in New Orleans, a private Catholic school for blacks.

Her grades and academic accomplishments fail to highlight the fact that, unlike many young people who choose to focus on either scholastics or sports, often to the neglect of service, Ms. Coleman successfully navigated her schedule to pass through all three.

"I've been playing soccer since I was 9," she said. "I'd been playing basketball since even younger than that, but one day they had soccer sign-ups and I told my mom I wanted to play. I loved it, so I kept doing it. You get to travel a lot and I've met some of my best friends playing soccer," the BLAST team member and MHS varsity team captain said.

One of her major academic accomplishments was being Midland's only National Achievement Scholarship winner, a prestigious award for black Americans. "As long as I've been alive, I've been categorized and stereotyped, but anybody who knows me knows I can hack it and that I myself keep the door open," she said. "There is a huge racial problem in Midland. A lot of closet racism stems from ignorance."

Her advice to overcoming this and other problems? "I just keep going no matter what. Everyone has struggles and things they have to overcome to enjoy life. We have so many blessings we get on a daily basis. Just don't try to be someone that you're not."

She set about following her advice last summer as a volunteer at a health care clinic and this year through her efforts as chairman of the Youth Advisory Council. She helped to host a forum on Teen Drug Abuse and Drinking as well as tutoring children at Casa de Amigos. "I love working with kids. They always ask 'are you going to come back tomorrow?'" Ms. Coleman laughed.

As for the forum, Ms. Coleman believes that Midland does indeed deal with a teen-age drug and drinking abuse problem. It is obvious, however, that she is not the type to sit around bemoaning the problem, but rather to get busy solving it.

"Last year, as a member of Midland's Promise, I helped plan a Youth Summit that was attended by 300 teenagers," she said. "There are a wide array of teen-agers dealing with the same problems and I think one of the biggest things we can do is talk. Parents are often running the show, but many of them have forgotten what it's like to be a teen-ager."

It is no wonder that she earned the distinction of the University Graduate Women's Outstanding Girl, National Ventures Scholar, and membership in the National Honor Society.

Despite the accumulation of accolades, Ms. Coleman still believes the key to enjoying life is rather simple. "I'm usually one of those people who's very set, but one thing I've learned my senior year is 'things happen.' I know that if I just live each day to the fullest, I will be successful."

EDITOR'S NOTE: The school year may be over, but this area still has plenty of outstanding students. This is the second in a series of Student Spotlights. To nominate a student for this recognition, send his or her name, telephone number and description to mattj@basinlink.com

MHS grads share memories...

Part IV of these poetic memories were written by members of Midland High School's Class of 2000:

SLOBBER
By Marissa Brown

Green Acres Elementary — proud home of the Longhorns.
Land of three playgrounds, a field of stickers, and a blacktop upon which to play hopscotch.
The backdrop of my first kiss.

Innocence had always encompassed our minds, but that day we were to learn something new.
How quickly that squeaky, rainbow-colored merry-go-round swirled outrageous thoughts into our young impressionable minds.

How could people enjoy kissing?
Wasn't it against the laws of society?
Weren't cooties an evil disease?

We soon found out the undeniable truth about lip locking.

Our discovery that afternoon was anything but planned.
In fact, it was provoked.

Naive eyes were plastered on Valerie and Larry.
Dropped jaws and flabbergasted expressions were a challenge to hide.

They had successfully managed to play tonsil-hockey for what seemed to be a lifetime.
When that eternity finally ended, a single string of saliva connected their wet faces, making my inner child desperate to escape.

The eyes of fate were upon us.

We tried to escape.
But they caught us.
Now it was our turn.

Fear took over our bodies as they interrogated us.
Wobbly knees, racing hearts, and sweaty palms became a bigger problem every second.

They were shocked Ryan and I had not kissed.

After all, everybody was doing it. Except us.

It was time to take the next step in or relationship.
We had to kiss.
No questions asked.
Cootie-free was no longer the way to be.

A secret place was critical.
We couldn't be seen.
After all, this was going to be our
FIRST KISS.

The bushes in front of the school offered protection from the curious eyes of the neighborhood.
A better place couldn't be found.

Now we just had to do it.

Ready?
Ready.
On the count of three.
Here we go-
oooooonnnnnneeeeee...
t t t t t w w w w w w w w -
wooooooooo..
WAIT!

Do we kiss on three or after three?
ummmmmmmm, after three.

OK...oooooonnnnneeeee...
t t t t w w w w w w w w -
wooooooo...

WAIT!

How are we gonna do it?
We don't really know how.

ummmmmmm...

Let's pretend that we're kissing our dogs. At least we'll know how that way.
OK.
Ready now?
Yeah, I'm ready.

oooooonnnnneeeee...
ttttttwwwwwwwww-
woooooo...
THREE!
{SSMMMHHHH!}

Did we do it?
Yeah, I guess so.

Well, I guess I'll see you tomorrow.
OK, see ya.

On my way home, I thought about how I'd rather kiss my dog.

Part V of poetic memories from MHS grads will be published nest week.

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NBA FINALS

Pacers close gap, 2-1

Indiana takes Game 3 by 9 behind Miller

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Back home in Indiana, the Pacers relaxed instead of panicking and allowed themselves to breathe easier in the NBA Finals.

Getting 33 points and one angry glance from Reggie Miller, 21 points from Jalen Rose and a number of timely shots from Travis Best, the Pacers looked like a different team as they defeated the Los Angeles Lakers 100-91 Sunday night in Game 3 of the best-of-seven series.

Playing brazenly, refusing to be pushovers and eager to get in the Lakers' faces, the Pacers certainly didn't act as inferior as they looked in Games 1 and 2 in Los Angeles.

Instead, they took a double-digit lead early, went ahead by as many as 18 points and held off the Lakers' rally in the fourth to cut their deficit to 2-1 in the series.

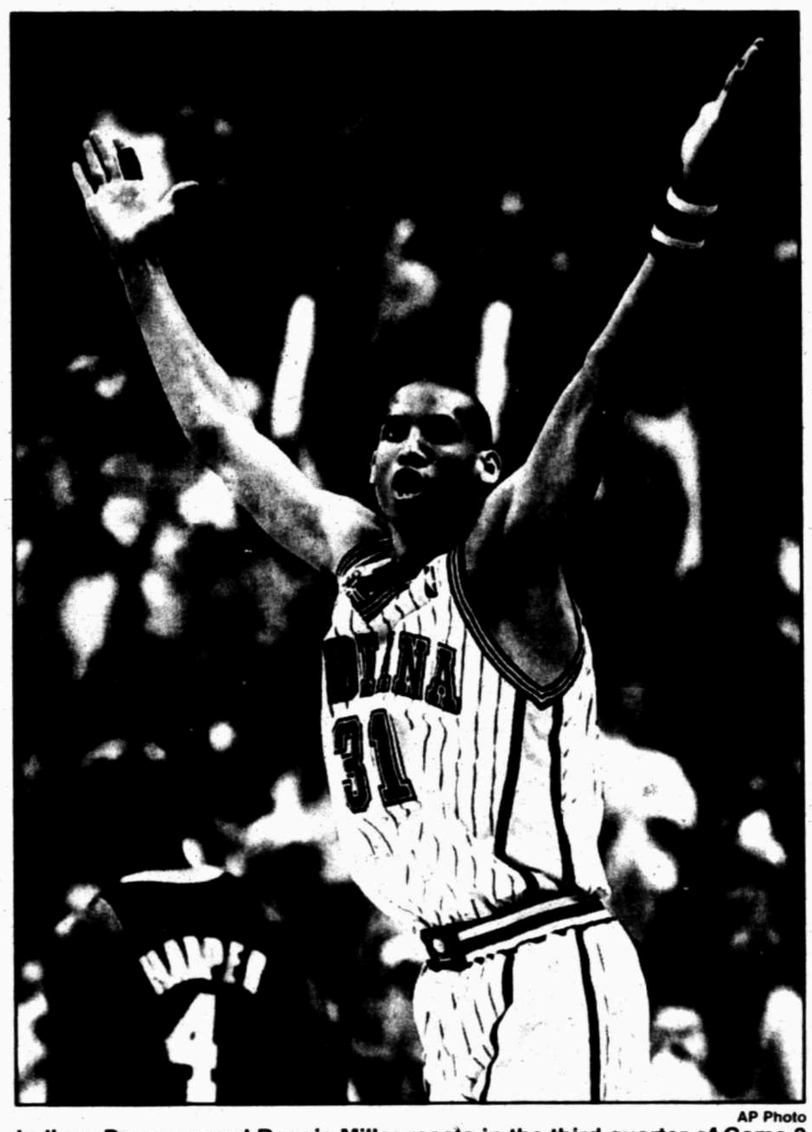
Miller all but sealed the victory by making two free throws with 2:02 left, casting an angry stare at Lakers coach Phil Jackson as he turned upcourt. After Ron Harper hit a 3-pointer to make it a three-point game with 14.8 seconds left, Miller calmly made two from the line — sans the stare this time, but with an emphatic side-to-side shake of his head — to make it 96-91.

"If we were down 3-0, you could pretty much have written us off," Miller said.

Best had 14 points and Austin Croshere added 12 for the Pacers, who were not afraid to confront the Lakers — whether it be with flagrant fouls, dirty looks or timely shots.

Despite not making a fourth-quarter field goal for the third straight game, Miller had his best game of the series as he shot 11-for-22 and played 46 of a possible 48 minutes.

"I'll rest when I'm dead," Miller said at halftime.



AP Photo
Indiana Pacers guard Reggie Miller reacts in the third quarter of Game 3 in the NBA Finals match up against the Los Angeles Lakers in Indianapolis on Sunday. Miller had 33 points as Indiana won 100-91.

Thanks to his energy, chutzpah and foul shooting, the Pacers are far from dead heading into Game 4 Wednesday night.

By then, the Lakers could have Kobe Bryant back in the lineup. He never showed his face, staying in the locker room for the entire game after testing his sprained left ankle and deciding it was too sore to play on.

The Lakers missed Bryant's offense, getting just six points from Brian Shaw, his replacement in the starting lineup.

"We knew they were shorthanded, and it wasn't the real Laker team because Kobe wasn't out there," Miller said. "We needed a gutty effort from everyone and we got it. I think the key to the game was we got into the game quickly and we did a good job of moving the basketball around

Please see **PACERS**/2C

Disappointed Stars expect to contend for Cup next year

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Ken Hitchcock figures he'll need a month to get over losing the Stanley Cup. Mike Modano thinks it might take a little longer.

STARS
Season Wrapup

Yet once the Dallas Stars come to grips with being dropped from champions to runners-up by the New Jersey Devils, they'll take solace in coming close to repeating and in knowing they're built to challenge again next season.

"We seem to be growing something here that's very rewarding," Modano said early Sunday following a 2-1, double-overtime loss that gave the Devils a 4-2 series victory. "We know we can get back to the playoffs and have a chance to win."

When the Stars are ready to reflect, they won't just look back at 2000. They'll crank their memories back to 1998, when they lost to eventual-champion Detroit in the conference finals, and replay their championship season in '99.

One title and two near misses isn't the legacy the players and coach want. Yet it's better than any other team in the NHL over the same span and, with the team's nucleus under contract, the Stars expect the streak to continue in 2001.

"Certainly in a month or two, we'll step back and really evaluate personnel, see if there are any changes to be made," Modano said. "But our core guys are here. That's really the bulk of our team — the six, seven guys who have been here three, four years."

Modano is signed for four more years, Joe Nieuwendyk for three and Brett Hull for one. Defensemen Derian Hatcher, Richard Matvichuk, Sergei Zubov and Darryl Sydor are all locked up for at least three seasons. Goaltender Ed Belfour has two years left.

The biggest question mark is whether 40-year-old Guy Carbonneau, the oldest player in the league, wants to return.

Plus, Dallas saw good things this season from rookies Brenden Morrow, Jon Sim and Roman Lyashenko, and there are several top players in the system.

"Our young guys developed great throughout the season," Modano said. "They came in and played great. They were pretty much the key players at different points in the season."

Dallas players and coaches wanted a second straight title to prove that last season wasn't a fluke and to establish themselves among the elite group of repeat winners.

"We might never get this close again — ever," coach Hitchcock said going into Game 6.

There's no shame in "only" getting back to the finals. Only four of the previous 17 champions did that. And, no team facing elimination had ever forced consecutive overtime games.

"We took them six periods in their building and five here — we weren't going to give up," said locker-room leader Mike Keane, who tied the finale 1-1 just 69 seconds after New Jersey had taken the lead on a shorthanded goal. "We were very confident and had a good chance to win. We just didn't get the bounce."

The 1998-99 Stars aren't doomed to be remembered as one-year wonders. After all, New Jersey's second championship underscores the Devils' title in '94-95.

What will be difficult for Dallas is enduring the short offseason and the grind of the early part of next season without wearing a new championship ring.

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Stewart wins rain-shortened Kmart 400

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

BROOKLYN, Mich. — With Dale Earnhardt's black No. 3 race car looming in his rearview mirror late in Sunday's Kmart 400, Tony Stewart was doing a mental rain dance.

"I was just praying for rain," Stewart said.

His prayers were answered as the race was cut short by just over five laps with his Pontiac out front.

It was the second straight victory for last year's top NASCAR rookie, who has overcome a difficult start this season.

Stewart, who won the previous Sunday in Dover, Del., charged past Robert Pressley to take the lead on lap 185 of the scheduled 200-lap event on Michigan's 2-mile, high-banked oval.

As he drove toward the finish, with one eye on his mirror and another on the darkening skies, a three-way battle raged behind him for second, with Earnhardt passing Dale Jarrett and then holding off Bobby Labonte to take the runner-up spot.

NASCAR, which earlier red-flagged the race for 94 minutes after rain began falling on lap 150, put out the fourth yellow flag of the day on lap 192 when rain began falling again.

They brought the cars onto pit road and stopped them just short of completing lap 195 in hopes of waiting out the rain. But, less than five minutes later, with what was left of the crowd of 170,000 getting soaked again, the race was ended.

"I was just praying for rain," said Stewart, who knew anything could happen in a four-lap shootout with Earnhardt, Labonte and Jarrett.

"That would be a nerve wracking experience, probably worse than childbirth for women — who knows?" Stewart said with a grin.

Asked who he would have worried about the most if the race had resumed, Stewart said, "I knew the (No.) 18 (Labonte) is not going to hurt me. He may go by me, but the 3 (Earnhardt) wouldn't have a problem roughing you up a little bit on the way by just to say hi, and he'd smile and laugh as he was doing it. I didn't really like seeing him back there at the end."

But Earnhardt, who barely held off Labonte in the battle for second — with the two bumping as they drove side-by-side through the fourth turn on the last green-flag lap, also seemed happy with the abbreviated finish.

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AP Photo
New Jersey Devils head coach Larry Robinson carries the Stanley Cup from the bus as the team arrives back at the Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford, N.J., on Sunday. The Devils won the Stanley Cup.

Devils return home to New Jersey with Cup

By Nina Rizzo
Associated Press Writer

TETERBORO, N.J. — The New Jersey Devils returned home as champions Sunday, hoisting the Stanley Cup high above their heads as they got off a plane that carried them home from an overtime triumph in Texas.

Jason Arnott held the cup aloft as about two dozen fans cheered in heat and humidity as stifling as the Devils' defense.

The temperature was in the mid-90s when the team's chartered jet touched down at about 3:45 p.m. at Teterboro Airport, a small airfield used by many business, entertainment and sports figures seeking an alternative to huge commercial airports.

Kevin Postolwski, a computer artist from Mahwah, N.J., came with a camera to get some snapshots.

"They showed a lot of heart to stick it in there when everyone was writing them off," he said. "It took a lot of guts and courage."

Eighteen-year-old Kevin Makely of Hasbrouck Heights had a simple goal.

"I just want to touch the cup," he said. He didn't get to touch it, but he stood and cheered at the exit of the Atlantic Aviation terminal as the team's bus pulled out, en route to the Continental Airlines Arena.

"It was a hard-fought series," said James Vera, 32. His aunt, Sonia Fuentes, 57, of Hackensack, raised both fists and said, "I'm here to root the team on."

Christine Maita, a 26-year-old nurse from Little Ferry, brought a Ken Daneyko jersey with her, but it was too hot to wear, so she sat on it.

"I'd just like to see them and get an autograph, but I don't think it will happen," Maita said.

A few lucky fans who gathered outside the arena did manage to get autographs as the players scampered off the team bus toward their cars.

Petr Sykora, who was hospitalized for observation Saturday night after taking a blow to the head from Stars captain Derian Hatcher in the first period, accompanied the team on the flight home, but went straight to his car, still suffering from a headache.

Others, however, were glad to oblige the fans.

"Words can't describe it," Daneyko said of his feeling after clinching the cup. "This one was something special. The guys were unbelievable."

"It feels great," Arnott added. "It's a dream come true. Every player dreams about this. The last couple of years, we had something to prove."

Devils general manager Lou Lamoriello said the team never lost its poise. He also said the team's second Stanley Cup was harder to get than the first one in 1995.

"Everyone says it's more difficult when you've never won it before," he said. "But in my mind, the second one is harder because you're expected to win it. And then if you don't, they suspect something's wrong.

"This is tremendous for hockey, and tremendous for the local market and the fans. This was a special feat because we dethroned last year's champions."

Kuerten beats Norman for French Open title

By Steven Wine
AP Sports Writer

PARIS — Ten times, Gustavo Kuerten was one point from the French Open title, only to have Magnus Norman find a way to stay in the match.

Finally, on the 11th championship point, Norman hit a forehand barely wide, and Kuerten won a sloppy but thrilling final Sunday, 6-2, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (8-6).

"Every time I thought I was going to win, and then it was one more, and one more, and one more," an exhausted Kuerten said.

It took the Brazilian 3 hours, 44 minutes to earn his second French Open title.

Norman faced the first championship point serving at 4-5 in the fourth set, and he hit a forehand that Kuerten thought landed wide. But umpire Francois Pareau climbed out of his chair, looked at the ball mark and ruled the shot good, making the score 30-40.

Kuerten argued briefly, but the drama was just beginning. Norman won the next point and a third championship point in the game as well.

Then another close call went against Kuerten: He hit a forehand that was first called good, but an overrule by Pareau gave Norman the point and the game, making the score 5-5.

As the tension built, Norman saved four more championship points serving at 5-6, finally winning the 24-point game when Kuerten dumped a backhand into the net.

That forced the tiebreaker. Kuerten took a quick 3-0 lead, Norman rallied to 3-3, and Kuerten went ahead 6-3.

That gave the Brazilian three more championship points, and each ended with a Kuerten error — a lunging forehand long, a wild backhand and then another forehand long.

At 6-6, Kuerten regrouped with a service winner for 7-6. Norman then slugged a forehand that landed just wide, giving Kuerten the victory. He also won the title at Roland Garros in 1997.

"Here I am again," the 23-year-old Kuerten (pronounced Keer-ten) told the crowd during the trophy ceremony. "I'm so happy to be here."

AP Photo
Fifth-seeded Gustavo Kuerten sprays champagne after he defeated third-seeded Magnus Norman 6-2, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (8-6), during their final at the French Open.

The scruffy, scrappy Brazilian overtook Norman atop this year's ATP rankings race and earned about $600,000. Norman received about $300,000).

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LOCAL SPORTS

Bulldogs blast Jaguars, 57-0

ODESSA — The Basin Bulldogs walloped the Vernon Jaguars, 57-0, at Ratliff Stadium on Saturday.

Dallas Metcalf led the Bulldogs with 141 yards on 8-for-12 passing and four touchdown passes in the fourth quarter. Brandon Swinney was also solid at quarterback with 116 yards on 5-of-9 passing and two TD passes.

Shemond Davis had 82 yards rushing on 10 carries and a 56-yard TD catch. Philip Mathews also had 80 yards rushing on 12 carries.

Leading the way on the receiving end was Tony Miller with 66 yards on five catches and a touchdown and Moo Jackson with two catches for 69 yards and a TD.

Defensively, Sean Holcomb had four tackles, one fumble recovery and two sacks; Eric James had three tackles, one interception and two sacks; and Anthony Pertile added two interceptions.

The Bulldogs ended the regular season at 8-2 and will start the first round of the playoffs against the Garland Wranglers (4-4) at 7 p.m. Saturday at Ratliff Stadium.

Making the playoffs from the North Division were Wichita Falls (division winner), Basin Bulldogs, and Garland. Playoff teams from the South Division were San Antonio (division winner), Houston and the Texas Sidewinders from Katy.

Basin Bulldogs 57, Vernon Jaguars

1st quarter
BB — Tony Miller 18 pass from Brandon Swinney
BB — Shemond Davis 56 pass from Swinney
3rd Quarter
BB — Davis 41 run
BB — Sam Powell 1 run
4th Quarter
BB — Chad Rood 4 pass from Dallas Metcalf
BB — Moo Jackson 57 pass from Metcalf
BB — David Lay 2 pass from Metcalf
BB — Lay 26 pass from Metcalf

Braves win city crown

The Goddard Braves won the Midland Junior High City Baseball Tournament Saturday night with a sweep of the previously unbeaten Alamo Orioles.

The Braves defeated the Orioles 12-9 and 4-0 to claim the title. In the first game, Issac Natividad went seven innings to pick up the win. In the second game, Steven Ellington threw a three-hit shutout.

Goddard and Alamo met earlier in the tournament Tuesday, and the Orioles won 9-5. The Braves earned the right to face the Orioles again bye defeating the Alamo Diamondbacks 4-2 Friday night. Matthew Stovall was the winning pitcher and also hit a three-run home run.

Braves Team Members: Cheyne Ausley, Jeff Barker, Adolfo Bejarano, Austin Brown, Steven Ellington, Jared Longbotham, Uriel Mendoza, Isaac Natavidad, Tyler Nettles, Matt Stovall, Jaylen Taylor, Kyle Thomas.

Results from Midessa races

Over 70 cars and drivers competed Saturday night at the Midessa Raceway in an entertaining evening of racing.

In the IMCA Modified category, Odessa's Mick Baughman won the trophy dash. In the Rookie Stock category, Odessa's Tommy Woodall won his first feature race, while in the Mini Rookie Stock division, Cody Gill of Odessa beat out Dustin McCarty of Hobbs, N.M., for the checkered flag.

Midland's Tim Ridgeway won his first race of the year in the Super Stock Main in only his third race after moving up from the Street Stock category.

In the Mini Stock, a pair of Odessans, Leslie Gill and Jimmy Breeding fought it out, with Gill barely coming out on top. Another Odessa driver, Brandon Blake, won the Street Stock.

In the IMCA Modified feature race, Neil Flowers of Hobbs won.

Melton aces at Hogan

Darrick Melton scored a hole-in-one Sunday at the No. 13 hole on Hogan Park's Quail course. Melton scored the ace at the 155-yard hole with a 9-iron.

The feat was witnessed by Tom Albrolet, Dobby Scrivner and Steve Havlock.

'Hounds rout Wranglers, 15-0

Staff Report

WICHITA, Kan. — Maybe it took a day for the Midland RockHounds to get used to their surroundings, but they found the road exactly to their liking Sunday.

One night after opening a road trip with a loss following their most successful homestand of the season, the 'Hounds scored their most convincing win of the season so far, dominating in every fashion to crush the Wichita Wranglers, 15-0, for their fifth win in their last six games.

The rout seemed almost gratuitous when the game was broken down into categories. The 'Hounds got all the runs they needed in the top of the second when Justin Bowles doubled and scored on single by the newest 'Hound, Miguel Olivo, to make it 1-0. But that didn't keep Midland from pouring it on.

In the fourth, the 'Hounds sent 10 men to the plate, scoring seven runs to go up 8-0. Gary Thomas drove in two runs with a single, while Eric Byrnes capped the outburst with a three-run home run.

Things got even uglier for Wichita in the seventh, as the 'Hounds took advantage of several walks, sending 11 men to the plate and scoring five more runs to end the rout.

So prodigious was the offense that it overshadowed the stingy pitching by the 'Hounds, who posted their sixth shutout of the season. Tim Manwiller (4-4) struck out seven in six innings to post the victory, although he was much sharper than he needed to be as it turned out.

The 'Hounds continued to swing the bats well, pounding out 13 hits.

NOTES: Olivo's hit was his first RBI at the Double A level, since he was called up from Modesto at the beginning of the road trip Saturday. Olivo, a catcher, is taking the roster spot of Cody McKay, who was called up to Triple A Sacramento (just up the road from Modesto) to fill a roster spot there due to injury... Jason Hart led the 'Hounds with four hits and drove in three runs, giving him the Texas League with 70.

Paulson beats Duval in four-hole playoff to take Buick Classic title

Associated Press

■ **Golf Roundup**

HARRISON, N.Y. — Dennis Paulson figures he's just getting started as a PGA Tour winner.

The 37-year-old Californian survived his second straight playoff in the Buick Classic, beating David Duval with a 4-foot par putt on the fourth extra hole Sunday.

"There's 50 guys who won one golf tournament and don't even play golf anymore," said Paulson, who lost to Duffy Waldorf on the first extra hole last year. "I don't want to be one of them.

"If you don't think you can win, you won't and you'll lose your card. I basically have the same attitude that Tiger Woods has when I'm playing well: I think I can win every golf tournament."

Paulson, who earned $540,000, holed the winning putt after Duval lipped out a 5-foot par attempt on the par-4 17th.

"It was a straight putt. I hit it firm. Any harder and it would have gone so far past that I probably would have three-putted," said Paulson, who set up the putt with a chip from the deep rough.

Duval's putt caught the left edge of the cup.

"I don't know if I pulled it, just hit a bad putt or if it broke more than I thought," said Duval, who quickly left the course to travel to Pebble Beach for the U.S. Open.

After the players parred the first two playoff holes, Nos. 18 and 17, they matched birdies on the 18th — with Duval holing a 40-foot uphill putt and Paulson making a 4-footer.

The tournament was decided in a playoff for the third straight year and the ninth time in the last 16 years. There have been 11 playoffs in the event's 34-year history.

Paulson closed with a 3-under-par 68 on the demanding Westchester Country Club course, holing a curling 25-foot birdie putt on the final hole for an 8-under 276 total. Duval, playing three holes behind Paulson, finished with a 69.

Sergio Garcia, the 20-year-old Spanish star who birdied his last hole Friday to make the cut, followed his third-round 65 with a 68 to finish a stroke back. Greg Norman shot a 67 to finish fourth at 278, his first top-10 finish since the British Open.

Paulson, the leader after the first two rounds, overcame a third-round 75. The former national long-driving champion had five birdies in a six-hole stretch beginning with No. 6, bogeyed No. 14, and tied Duval with the long birdie putt on No. 18.

"I love this golf course," he said. "I'll be back here until they won't have me."

Duval, winless since the Bell-South Classic early last season, took advantage of a fortunate bounce on No. 11 for his fourth birdie of the round. His tee shot strayed to the left, but struck a tree and bounced into the fairway. He then hit a 7-iron to about 8 feet. After a bogey on No. 12, he parred the next six holes.

Garcia had the lead at 10 under after 10 holes, but dropped two strokes on the par-4 11th after failing to pull off a high-risk shot from deep in the woods.

Instead of chipping to the fairway, Garcia attempted to hit a 5-iron under the trees and into the greenside bunker, but struck a branch on his backswing and left the ball in the deep rough well short of the green.

"I thought I could do it, but I hit a bad shot," said Garcia, who made an amazing recovery shot from between two roots last year in the final round of the PGA Championship.

Garcia backed off an eagle putt on No. 10 after he was distracted by a photographer. After missing the putt, he had a run-in with a spectator on his way to the 11th tee.

"He said, 'You're a loser,'" Garcia said. "That probably caused me to lose some concentration, but I still hit a bad shot."

Mallon vaults over Eggeling to win Rochester International

ROCHESTER, N.Y — Sidestepping puddles, Meg Mallon shot a 5-under-par 67 Sunday to pull two strokes clear of hard-charging Wendy Doolan and capture the Rochester International, her 12th victory in 14 years on the LPGA tour.

"I'm glad we had that squeegee," Mallon said with a grin after battling through torrential rain to end with an 8-under 280 total.

Doolan, a second-round co-leader who crashed with a 77 Saturday, bounced back to six under with a closing 66 to match the day's best score. The Australian had three straight birdies after the turn, then pitched in for an eagle from 118 yards on No. 13.

Dale Eggeling, aiming to become the second-oldest winner on tour at 46, shot a 73 to fade to four under, one ahead of Rosie Jones (69), who won here in 1991 and '98. Cristie Kerr had a 66 and finished at two under, tied with Cindy Figg-Currier (71).

RACE: Stewart gets 2nd straight win

(From 1C)

"We still weren't quite as good as the 18 or the 20 (Stewart) at the end," said Earnhardt, who moved past Ward Burton into second place in the season standings, trailing Labonte by 98 points after 14 of 34 races.

Burton, who finished sixth, right behind Pressley, fell to third, four points behind seven-time series champion Earnhardt.

Sunday's race was like three events in one.

Jeremy Mayfield was the class of the field as he led 85 of of the first 151 laps and held a lead of nearly seven seconds over Jarrett, who dominated this race in winning a year earlier.

His troubles began when all the leaders pitted under caution after the cars restarted. Mayfield was sent to the rear of the longest line for the green-flag restart as a penalty for having one of his worn tires bounce off a crewman onto pit road during his stop.

Mayfield's Ford, which restarted 13th, got all the way to sixth before his engine blew, bringing out another caution on lap 176.

"Something just broke," the disappointed Mayfield said. "We know who had the best car here again."

Meanwhile, Labonte, who won here last August, had taken charge after taking the lead from Jarrett on lap 157. He built a lead of more than two seconds over Stewart before Mayfield's engine blew.

The leaders pitted on lap 178, during the caution, and Labonte, Stewart's Joe Gibbs Racing teammate, fell to sixth after his crew had trouble removing a lug nut on the right rear tire.

"I felt like we had the best car before the caution came out when Mayfield's car blew up," Labonte said. "You can look at it two ways. I feel like we were lucky to get back to third."

After that, Stewart, 29, who has five career victories, took charge.

During the final caution period, crew chief Greg Zipadelli kept reminding Stewart to be patient, but the driver said, "I didn't think we had enough time to be patient."

On the restart, Pressley, who got the lead by taking only two tires on his final pit stop, stayed low on the track and Stewart zoomed past, pulling Jarrett and Earnhardt along.

Stewart, who had led only once earlier in the race for three laps, stayed out front to the end.

STARS: Dallas unsatisfied with play

(From 1C)

Whether it was the quick turnaround, injuries or problems getting used to a batch of new players, the Stars had a rough start this past season.

Dallas was below .500 at Thanksgiving and was just two games above on Dec. 27. The Stars recovered to win the division, then handled their first two playoff opponents in five games.

They took out Colorado in seven games in the conference finals for the second straight year. But this time, they weren't able to clear the final hurdle.

"We again had a real good run at it," said Belfour, whose steadiness throughout the season was a major reason why Dallas remained afloat. "It's going to make our team better for it."

PACERS: Miller matches O'Neal's 33

(From 1C)

our offense."

Shaquille O'Neal followed up his 43-point Game 1 and 40-point Game 2 with a 33-point, 13-rebound performance, but he went just 3-for-13 at the line, missing six of seven free throws in the fourth quarter.

Ron Harper added 14 points, and Robert Horry and Derek Fisher had 10 apiece for the Lakers, who shot just 8-for-19 at the foul line and were outrebounded badly in the first half when Indiana took control for good.

After the Lakers pulled within five points early in the third, Indiana used a 23-8 run to reassert command. And after the Lakers got their deficit back down to three late in the fourth, the Pacers nonchalantly closed them out.

It was quite a change of character for a Pacers team that looked meek and humble on the road. Mark Jackson took pleasure in baiting the Lakers and showboating, Rose and Croshere wore their tough-guy faces when needed and the entire Indiana mentality seemed to get under the skin of the Lakers, especially coach Phil Jackson.

If the Lakers want to do something about it, they'll have to avoid the kind of slow start that allowed their opponents to get into a comfort zone so early.

Shaw started in Bryant's place and wasn't shy about shooting the ball, taking five of the Lakers' first 12 attempts while O'Neal had just one.

"We did a lot of things, we wanted to get down on Shaq a little bit earlier and a little bit stronger, and we understand we're a better team at home," Rose said. "We got a lot of guys that feed off of this crowd and we get a lot more energy from that. We understood that today's game was going to be do or die and we made it happen."

Miller, after throwing the ball away and dribbling it off his foot and out of bounds in the first few minutes, hit a 3-pointer on the fast break for a 17-10 lead. A jump hook by Rik Smits gave Indiana its first double-digit lead, 23-12.

Miller kept going into the air trying to draw fouls, repeatedly getting upset when the refs wouldn't call them. He finally got a whistle going for a layup over O'Neal, and his free throw for a three-point play made it 30-19.

The Lakers started going more to O'Neal in the second quarter but never developed much of a rhythm, while Indiana used its superiority on the boards to widen its lead.

A tip-in by Dale Davis off Indiana's seventh offensive rebound made it 42-27 before Los Angeles had an 10-2 run to pull within seven. Best took the momentum right back by hitting two jumpers and making a steal that led to a layup by Miller, and Rose made it 53-39 with 4.9 seconds left before the half on a steal, layup and foul shot.

The Pacers committed five fouls in the first 2:55 of the third quarter and missed their first six shots, allowing the Lakers to pull to 55-50. But Rose hit a jumper, Miller hit a tough bank shot, Rose hit a jumper on the break and Jackson drilled a 3-pointer to quickly restore the 12-point lead.

Rather than rest after restoring that comfortable advantage, the Pacers kept pouring it on. Rose had a steal and dunk, and Sam Perkins hit a 3-pointer as the crowd yelled his nickname — "Smooth" — while the ball was in mid-flight.

The Lakers answered with four straight points before Miller slammed the door, hitting a jumper before coming up with another steal and then pulling up for a 3-pointer, thrusting both hands in the air and playing to the crowd, for a 76-58 lead.

Notes: Davis had two points and 12 rebounds before fouling out with 1:50 left. ... Toronto center Antonio Davis, traded from Indiana to the Raptors last summer, sat in a courtside seat and received a rousing ovation when introduced during a first-quarter timeout. ... After reviewing videotape of Game 2, the league rescinded the flagrant foul called on O'Neal midway through the fourth quarter.

Rain forces another day of cancellations

AUSTIN (AP) — Storms washed out yet another day at the state high school baseball tournament.

Staring at a band of rain on the weather radar, University Interscholastic League officials postponed Sunday's championship games until Monday. Yoakum (28-5) will play China Spring (25-6) at 11 a.m. in Class 3A. In Class 5A, Corpus Christi Moody (38-3-1) will play The Woodlands (29-6) at 2 p.m.

Both games will be at Disch-Falk Field at the University of Texas.

■ **UIL Baseball**

Originally scheduled for June 8-9, the state tournament has lost all or part of four days to a series of storms in the Austin area.

Three title games did get played Saturday. Evadale beat Cross Plains 11-10 for the 1A state championship and Weimar beat Colmesneil 7-1 in 2A. Corpus Christi Calallen won Class 4A 8-6 in nine innings over Port Neches-Groves but not before the game was halted twice because of showers.

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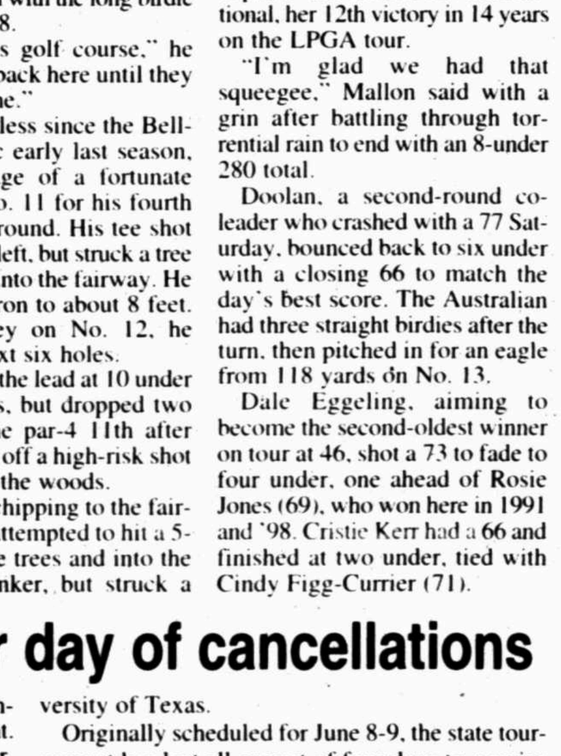

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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

French Open

Results

PARIS (AP) — Results Sunday of the $10.25 million French Open tennis championships at Roland Garros:

Men
Singles
Championship

Gustavo Kuerten (5), Brazil, def. Magnus Norman (3), Sweden, 6-2, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (6).

Women
Doubles
Championship

Martina Hingis, Switzerland, and Mary Pierce (3), France, def. Virginia Ruano Pascual, Spain, and Paola Suarez (10), Argentina, 6-2, 6-4.

Boys
Singles
Championship

Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, def. Tommy Robredo, Spain, 3-6, 7-6 (3), 6-2.

Girls
Singles
Championship

Virginie Razzano, France, def. Maria Emilia Salerni, Argentina, 5-7, 6-4, 8-6.

2000 Champions

PARIS (AP) — Champions of the 2000 French Open tennis championships at Roland Garros:

Men's singles — Gustavo Kuerten (5), Brazil.

Women's singles — Mary Pierce (6), France.

Men's doubles — Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde (2), Australia.

Women's doubles — Martina Hingis, Switzerland, and Mary Pierce (3), France.

Mixed doubles — Mariaan de Swardt and David Adams (12), South Africa.

Under 50 doubles — Guy Forget and Yannick Noah, France.

Over 50 doubles — Manuel Santana, Spain, and Stan Smith, United States.

Boy's singles — Paul-Henri Mathieu, France.

Girl's singles — Virginie Razzano, France.

Boy's doubles — Marc Lopez and Tommy Robredo, Spain.

Girl's doubles — Maria Jose Martinez and Anabel Medina, Spain.

NBA Finals

(Best-of-7)

Wednesday, June 7
L.A. Lakers 104, Indiana 87

Friday, June 9
L.A. Lakers 111, Indiana 104

Sunday, June 11
Indiana 100, L.A. Lakers 91, L.A. Lakers lead series 2-1

Wednesday, June 14
L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 8 p.m.

Friday, June 16
L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 8 p.m.

Monday, June 19
Indiana at L.A. Lakers, 8 p.m., if necessary

Wednesday, June 21
Indiana at L.A. Lakers, 8 p.m., if necessary

Pacers 100, Lakers 91

L.A. LAKERS (91) Rice 3-9 0-0 7, Green 1-2 2-2 4, O'Neal 15-24 3-13 33, Shaw 3-10 0-0 6, Harper 6-14 0-0 14, Horry 5-8 0-0 10, Knight 0-0 0-0 0, Fisher 3-5 2-2 10, Fox 2-4 1-2 7. Totals 38-76 8-19 91

INDIANA (100) Rose 9-18 3-3 21, Davis 1-5 0-0 2, Smits 3-11 0-0 6, Miller 11-22 9-9 33, M.Jackson 2-5 1-2 6, Perkins 1-4 0-0 3, Croshere 4-6 3-4 12, Best 5-7 2-2 14, McKey 0-0 3-4 3. Totals 36-78 21-24 100

L.A. Lakers	**15**	**27**	**24**	**25 — 91**
Indiana	**23**	**30**	**26**	**21 — 100**

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 7-17 (Fisher 2-3, Fox 2-3, Harper 2-3, Rice 1-3, Horry 0-2, Shaw 0-3), Indiana 7-18 (Best 2-2, Miller 2-7, M.Jackson 1-1, Croshere 1-1, Perkins 1-3, Rose 0-4). Fouled out—Davis. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 43 (O'Neal 13), Indiana 51 (Davis 12). Assists—L.A. Lakers 23 (Fisher 10), Indiana 14 (M.Jackson 6). Total fouls—L.A. Lakers 27, Indiana 19. Technicals—Harper, M.Jackson, Flagrant fouls—Croshere. A—18,345 (18,345).

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	4	1	800	—
Washington	3	2	600	1
Orlando	4	3	571	1
Detroit	2	2	500	1 1/2
New York	3	4	429	2
Indiana	2	3	400	2
Miami	1	4	200	3
Charlotte	0	5	000	4

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	6	1	857	—
Los Angeles	4	1	800	1
Minnesota	4	2	667	1 1/2
Phoenix	3	2	600	2
Utah	3	3	500	2 1/2
Sacramento	2	3	400	3
Portland	1	3	250	3 1/2
Seattle	1	5	167	4 1/2

Sunday's Game

Sacramento 75, Los Angeles 68

Monday's Games

Charlotte at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Utah at Houston, 7 p.m.

College Baseball

World Series
At Rosenblatt Stadium
Omaha, Neb.
Double Elimination

Friday, June 9

Clemson 10, San Jose State 6
Stanford 6, Louisiana-Lafayette 4

Saturday, June 10

Southern California 6, Florida State 4
LSU 13, Texas 5

Sunday, June 11

Stanford 10, Clemson 4
Louisiana-Lafayette 6, San Jose State 3, San Jose State eliminated

Monday, June 12

Game 7 — Southern California (44-18) vs. LSU (49-17), 2 p.m.
Game 8 — Florida State (51-18) vs. Texas (46-20), 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 13

Game 9 — Clemson (51-16) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (48-19), 2 p.m.
Game 10 — Game 7 loser vs. Game 8 winner, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 14

Game 11 — Stanford (49-15) vs. Game 9 winner, 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 15

Game 12 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 2 p.m.

Friday, June 16

Game 13 — Game 5 winner vs. Game 11 winner, 2 p.m., if necessary
Game 14 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 12 winner, 6 p.m., if necessary

Saturday, June 17

Game 15 — Game 11 or 13 winner vs. Game 12 or 14 winner, 1:30 p.m.

NOTE: Game 13 will be necessary if the winner of Game 9 also wins Game 11. Game 14 will be necessary if the winner of Game 10 also wins Game 12. If only one game on Friday, June 18, is necessary, it will start at 3:30 p.m. If the winners of Games 11 and 12 are undefeated, there will be no games on Friday and the national championship game will be Game 13.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Signed RHP Dustin McGowan, RHP Michael Smith and SS William Rivera.

Florida State League

FORT MYERS MIRACLE—Activated OF Brian McMillin and LHP Lester Victoria from the disabled list.

South Atlantic League

GREENSBORO BATS—Announced RHP Zach Day has been promoted by the New York Yankees to Tampa of the Florida State League. Added LHP Brian Buchanan to the roster.

Texas-Louisiana League

ALEXANDRIA ACES—Signed INF Buddy Proctor. Released RHP Russ Perkins. Announced the resignation of Chip Wade, coach.

Atlantic League

NASHUA PRIDE—Signed P Craig Mattson.

NEWARK BEARS—Signed INF Asbel Ortiz.

Major League Baseball

Interleague

ROCKIES 9, RANGERS 8

TEXAS	ab	r	h	bi	COLORADO	ab	r	h	bi
Alicea 2b	6	1	4	1	Godwin cf	5	0	3	3
Greer lf	5	2	1	1	Shmprt 2b	5	1	1	0
IRdrgz c	5	2	4	1	LWalkr lf	4	2	2	1
Segui 1b	4	0	2	3	Cirillo 3b	4	2	2	0
Curtis rf	4	1	1	0	Helton 1b	3	1	0	0
JRZmn p	0	0	0	0	Hmnds rf	3	2	3	4
Ctlnotto ph	1	0	1	0	Servais c	3	0	1	0
Vnafro p	0	0	0	0	Bragg ph	1	0	0	0
Crbtree p	0	0	0	0	JJimnz p	0	0	0	0
Kapler cf	4	0	1	0	NPerez ss	3	1	1	0
Lamb 3b	5	0	1	1	DeJean p	0	0	0	0
Clayton ss	4	1	1	1	Mayne c	0	0	0	0
RPlmo ph	1	0	0	0	Bhanon p	1	0	0	0
DOliver p	2	0	0	0	Tvarez p	0	0	0	0
DMrtnz rf	2	1	2	0	Lnsing 2b	2	0	0	0
Totals	**43**	**8**	**18**	**8**	**Totals**	**34**	**9**	**13**	**8**
Texas			**201**	**012**	**200**			**— 8**	
Colorado			**011**	**003**	**04x**			**— 9**	

E—Alicea (8), Kapler (3), Goodwin (1). DP—Colorado 2. LOB—Texas 11, Colorado 5. 2B—IRodriguez (18), Curtis (13), Goodwin (5), Cirillo (21), Hammonds 2 (8), NPerez (13). 3B—Greer (1), Shumpert (5). HR—Clayton (10). SB—IRodriguez (2), Catalanotto (1). DMartinez (2). CS—Goodwin (5). S—Bohanon. SF—Hammonds.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
DOliver	5	7	4	4	0	3
JRZimmermn	2	2	1	0	0	2
Venafro	0	2	3	3	1	0
Crabtree L,1-2	1	2	1	1	1	2
Colorado						
Bohanon	5 2-3	10	5	5	2	5
Tavarez	2-3	6	3	3	0	0
DeJean W,1-1	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	2
JJimenez S,11	1	1	0	0	0	1

DOliver pitched to 2 batters in the 6th, Venafro pitched to 3 batters in the 8th.

HBP—by Bohanon (DOliver). T—3:21. A—42,802 (50,381).

MARINERS 9, GIANTS 2

SEATTLE	ab	r	h	bi	SAN FRAN	ab	r	h	bi
Hndrsn lf	4	1	1	0	Benard cf	3	2	1	0
McIlmre 2b	5	3	2	2	REMtz ss	4	0	2	0
ARdrgz ss	5	1	3	3	Bonds lf	2	0	0	1
OLerud 1b	2	1	1	0	Kent 2b	3	0	0	1
Buhner rf	2	1	0	0	Grdner p	0	0	0	0
Rhodes p	0	0	0	0	Snow 1b	4	0	2	0
EMrtnz ph	0	0	0	1	Mueller 3b	4	0	0	0
Mesa p	0	0	0	0	Rios rf	3	0	0	0
Lmpkin c	3	0	1	3	FARigz p	0	0	0	0
DWilsn c	1	0	0	0	Fultz p	0	0	0	0
Cmeron cf	4	1	2	0	Crespo 2b	1	0	0	0
Mabry 3b	4	0	2	0	Estlella c	4	0	1	0
DaBell 3b	1	0	1	0	LHrndz p	2	0	1	0
Sele p	2	0	0	0	CMurry cf	1	0	0	0
Ibanez rf	1	1	0	0					
Totals	**34**	**9**	**13**	**9**	**Totals**	**31**	**2**	**7**	**2**
Seattle			**101**	**000**	**331**			**— 9**	
San Francisco			**101**	**000**	**000**			**— 2**	

DP—Seattle 1, San Francisco 2. LOB—Seattle 12, San Francisco 6. 2B—McLemore (7), ARodriguez 2 (13), REMartinez (5). 3B—Lampkin (1). S—Sele. SF—McLemore, EMartinez. Bonds, Kent.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
Sele W,7-2	6	6	2	2	2	3
Rhodes	1	0	0	0	0	2
Mesa	2	1	0	0	0	5
San Francisco						
LHrndz L,4-6	6 2-3	9	5	5	7	2
FARodriguez	2-3	1	3	3	2	2
Fultz	2-3	1	0	0	1	0
Gardner	1	2	1	1	1	0

PB—Estalella. T—3:17. A—40,930 (40,800).

ATHLETICS 6, DODGERS 0

OAKLAND	ab	r	h	bi	LOS ANGELES	ab	r	h	bi
Long cf	4	1	2	0	Sntnglo cf	4	0	1	0
Velarde 2b	4	1	0	0	Grdzln 2b	4	0	1	0
JaGmb 1b	2	2	1	0	Shffield lf	3	0	1	0
Stairs rf	4	1	0	1	Gibrt lf	0	0	0	0
Tejada ss	4	1	1	2	Green rf	4	0	1	0
Grieve lf	3	0	0	0	Karros 1b	4	0	0	0
Chrstns lf	0	0	0	0	Elster 3b	4	0	0	0
Fasano c	4	0	0	0	Loduca c	4	0	2	0
Chavez 3b	4	0	2	2	Cora ss	4	0	1	0
Appier p	4	0	1	0	Gagne p	1	0	0	0
					JVzcno ph	1	0	0	0
					Msaoka p	0	0	0	0
					DHnsn ph	1	0	0	0
					Herges p	0	0	0	0
					Shaw p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**33**	**6**	**7**	**5**	**Totals**	**34**	**0**	**7**	**0**
Oakland			**500**	**010**	**000**			**— 6**	
Los Angeles			**000**	**000**	**000**			**— 0**	

E—Chavez (10). DP—Oakland 1. LOB—Oakland 7, Los Angeles 8. 2B—JaGiambi (8), Tejada (10), Chavez (8), Green (23), Loduca (1). SB—JaGiambi (2), Grieve (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Appier W,6-3	9	7	0	0	1	6
Los Angeles						
Gagne L,1-4	5	6	6	6	4	6
Masaoka	2	1	0	0	2	4
Herges	1	0	0	0	0	1
Shaw	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Gagne (Stairs). WP—Gagne. T—2:51. A—38,733 (56,000).

DIAMONDBACKS 3, ANGELS 2

ANAHEIM	ab	r	h	bi	ARIZONA	ab	r	h	bi
Erstad lf	4	0	2	0	Wmack ss	4	1	2	0
Gil ss	4	0	1	0	JBell 2b	3	0	1	0
MVghn 1b	4	0	0	0	LGnzlz lf	3	0	0	0
Salmon rf	4	0	1	0	MtWms 3b	4	0	0	1
GAndsn cf	4	1	1	1	SFinley cf	2	0	0	0
Glaus 3b	4	0	1	0	Clbrnn 1b	4	1	1	1
BMolna c	4	1	1	0	TLee 1b	0	0	0	0
AKndy 2b	2	0	0	0	Butista rf	3	1	1	1
Schnws p	3	0	1	1	DMiller c	3	0	1	0
Levine p	0	0	0	0	Rynoso p	2	0	1	0
					Plesac p	0	0	0	0
					Gilkey ph	1	0	0	0
					BKim p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**33**	**2**	**8**	**2**	**Totals**	**29**	**3**	**6**	**3**
Anaheim			**010**	**000**	**100**			**— 2**	
Arizona			**000**	**100**	**20x**			**— 3**	

DP—Anaheim 1, Arizona 1. LOB—Anaheim 5, Arizona 6. 2B—Erstad (14), Gil (9), BMolina (8). HR—GAnderson (16), Colbrunn (4), Bautista (5). SB—Womack (12).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Anaheim						
Schnws L,5-4	7	6	3	3	3	4
Levine	1	0	0	0	1	0
Arizona						
Reynoso	6 2-3	8	2	2	1	2
Plesac W,1-0	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
BKim S,8	2	0	0	0	0	5

Schoeneweis pitched to 3 batters in the 8th.

T—2:29. A—36,349 (48,509).

PIRATES 10, ROYALS 6, 10 inn.

PITTSBURGH	ab	r	h	bi	KANSAS CITY	ab	r	h	bi
WMrrs 2b	6	2	4	2	Damon dh	6	2	3	1
ABrwn rf	6	4	4	1	RSnchz ss	5	2	2	1
WCrdro lf	6	1	1	1	MJSwy 1b	4	0	2	1
Giles cf	6	1	2	3	Dye rf	4	0	1	1
Vn Wal 1b	3	0	1	0	CBeltrn cf	5	0	1	1
KYong dh	6	0	2	1	Randa 3b	4	0	0	0
Sojo 3b	4	0	2	1	Dnwdy lf	4	1	1	1
ANunez ss	1	1	0	0	BJhnsn c	4	0	0	0
Bnjmin ss	3	1	0	0	Zaun ph	1	0	1	0
Osik c	4	0	1	0	Ordaz 2b	1	0	0	0
					Pose ph	1	1	0	0
					Holbert 2b	1	0	0	0
					McCrty ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	**45**	**10**	**18**	**9**	**Totals**	**41**	**6**	**11**	**6**
Pittsburgh			**310**	**000**	**001**			**5 —10**	
Kansas City			**200**	**000**	**300**			**1 — 6**	

E—WMorris (8), Randa (10), Dunwoody (1). DP—Pittsburgh 1, Kansas City 1. LOB—Pittsburgh 11, Kansas City 10. 2B—WMorris (11), ABrown (6), WCordero (14), Giles (17), Vander Wal (13), Damon (10), RSanchez (10), MJSweeney (19). HR—Giles (19), Dunwoody (1). SB—ABrown 2 (5), KYoung (3), Zaun (3). CS—Vander Wal (1). S—Benjamin, Osik.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh						
FCordova	6	7	5	4	3	1
Loiselle	1	1	0	0	0	0
Sauerbeck W,3-0	2	1	0	0	1	3
MkWilliams	1	2	1	1	0	1
Kansas City						
Witasick	6	1	1	1	1	4
D'Amico	2 1-3	3	1	1	1	1

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
New York	33	24	579	—	z-5-5	W-1	16-11	17-13	5-3
Boston	33	26	559	1	4-6	W-1	15-11	18-15	3-6
Toronto	33	31	516	3 1/2	5-5	W-1	17-17	16-14	5-4
Baltimore	26	34	433	8 1/2	3-7	W-2	16-10	10-24	3-6
Tampa Bay	23	38	377	12	z-6-4	W-1	11-17	12-21	5-4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Cleveland	37	24	607	—	z-8-2	L-1	17-10	20-14	7-2
Kansas City	34	25	576	2	7-3	L-1	15-12	19-13	7-2
Minnesota	32	29	525	5	z-6-4	L-1	19-8	13-21	5-4
Detroit	28	35	444	10	z-4-6	L-2	15-16	13-19	3-6
Chicago	23	35	397	12 1/2	5-5	L-1	13-15	10-20	5-4

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Oakland	34	28	548	—	z-8-2	W-1	15-17	19-11	7-2
Seattle	32	27	542	1/2	z-6-4	W-2	20-10	12-17	6-3
Anaheim	32	30	516	2	5-5	L-1	19-15	13-15	5-4
Texas	30	31	492	3 1/2	4-6	L-5	19-15	11-16	3-6

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Atlanta	39	22	639	—	z-4-6	L-1	23-10	16-12	4-5
New York	34	27	557	5	z-6-4	L-1	19-11	15-16	5-3
Montreal	32	27	542	6	z-6-4	L-1	22-11	10-16	5-4
Florida	28	35	444	12	4-6	L-1	18-17	10-18	4-5
Philadelphia	23	37	383	15 1/2	5-5	L-2	12-17	11-20	5-4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
St. Louis	34	28	548	—	4-6	W-1	19-14	15-14	4-5
Cincinnati	32	29	525	1 1/2	4-6	W-1	17-16	15-13	4-5
Pittsburgh	27	33	450	6	z-5-5	W-1	17-16	10-17	4-5
Chicago	26	37	413	8 1/2	z-6-4	W-1	16-19	10-18	2-4
Milwaukee	25	37	403	9	3-7	W-2	13-18	12-19	2-4
Houston	22	40	355	12	3-7	L-2	12-19	10-21	2-4

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Arizona	37	25	597	—	z-4-6	W-1	23-9	14-16	3-3
Colorado	34	25	576	1 1/2	z-7-3	W-4	22-6	12-19	4-2
Los Angeles	33	27	550	3	5-5	L-1	14-13	19-14	4-5
San Francisco	28	31	475	7 1/2	z-4-6	L-2	16-13	12-18	3-6
San Diego	27	34	443	9 1/2	z-4-6	W-2	16-12	11-22	1-5

z-first game was a win

INTERLEAGUE GAMES

Sunday's Games

St. Louis 7, Detroit 3
Toronto 8, Montreal 3
Boston 5, Atlanta 3
Tampa Bay 7, Florida 6
Baltimore 7, Philadelphia 2
Milwaukee 5, Minnesota 3
Chicago Cubs 6, Chicago White Sox 5
Cincinnati 7, Cleveland 5, 13 innings
Pittsburgh 10, Kansas City 6, 10 innings
Colorado 9, Texas 8
Seattle 9, San Francisco 2
Oakland 6, Los Angeles 0
Arizona 3, Anaheim 2
N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, ppd rain

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Monday's Games

Toronto (Castillo 1-5) at Detroit (Nomo 2-5), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Eldred 6-2) at Cleveland (Rigdon 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (Rose 3-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Hernandez 6-4), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 3-2) at Kansas City (Batista 2-5), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Heredia 8-3) at Minnesota (Milton 5-1), 7:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Sunday's Games

San Diego 4, Houston 1

Monday's Games

Atlanta (Millwood 4-5) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 4-3), 6:05 p.m.
Florida (Penny 3-6) at Philadelphia (Politte 0-0), 6:35 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 6-2) at Milwaukee (Bere 3-5), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (An Benes 5-3) at San Diego (Clement 5-5), 9:05 p.m.
Arizona at Los Angeles, 9:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Francisco, 9:15 p.m.
Only games scheduled

REDS 7, INDIANS 5, 13 Innings

CINCINNATI	ab	r	h	bi	CLEVELAND	ab	r	h	bi
Reese 2b	6	1	0	0	Lofton cf	4	0	3	1
Larkin dh	6	1	1	0	Vizquel ss	7	0	0	0
Grl Jr cf	5	2	2	3	Frymn 3b	5	1	1	0
Bchette rf	2	0	1	0	Justice rf	7	0	1	0
Tucker rf	4	1	2	0	Sexson 1b	6	2	2	1
DYong 1b	5	0	0	0	SAlomr c	5	2	2	0
ABoone 3b	5	1	2	2	Thome dh	5	0	1	1
Stynes lf	5	1	1	0	ARRmrz lf	4	0	2	0
BSntigo c	2	0	0	0	JolCbra lf	0	0	0	0
Tbnsee c	2	0	0	0	Brnyan ph	0	0	0	0
JCastro ss	3	0	1	0	RAlmr 2b	1	0	0	0
Casey ph	1	0	0	0	EWilsn 2b	4	0	2	1
Aybar p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	**46**	**7**	**9**	**6**	**Totals**	**48**	**5**	**14**	**4**
Cincinnati					**000000050000**			**2 — 7**	
Cleveland					**021001100000**			**0 — 5**	

E—ABoone (6), RAlomar (6). DP—Cincinnati 3, Cleveland 1. LOB—Cincinnati 8, Cleveland 14. 2B—ABoone (13), ARRamirez (3). HR—Griffey Jr. (18), Sexson (13). SB—EWilson (2). S—Stynes. EWilson. SF—JCastro. EWilson.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cincinnati						
Villone	6	8	4	4	5	3
Dessens	1	2	1	1	0	0
Graves	3	3	0	0	2	1
Williamson	1	0	0	0	0	1
Aybar W,1-2	2	1	0	0	1	2
Cleveland						
CFinley	7	3	3	3	2	2
SReed	2-3	1	1	1	0	0
Speier	1 1-3	1	1	1	0	0
Brwngtn	2	1	0	0	1	2
Kmnicki L,1-3	2	3	2	2	3	0

CFinley pitched to 3 batters in the 8th.

WP—Villone 2. CFinley. PB—SAlomar. T—4:38. A—43,036 (42,865).

BREWERS 5, TWINS 3

MILWAUKEE	ab	r	h	bi	MINNESOTA	ab	r	h	bi
Blliard 2b	5	1	1	0	JJones cf	5	0	1	0
Grssom cf	4	3	2	2	CGzmn ss	4	1	1	0
Burnitz rf	5	0	0	0	Lawton lf	2	0	2	1
Jenkins lf	5	1	3	2	Comer 1b	5	0	1	0
Hayes 1b	3	0	1	0	DOrtiz dh	5	0	1	0
MPSwy dh	4	0	2	1	Bchnan pr	0	0	0	0
JHrndz 3b	5	0	1	0	Cmngs rf	4	1	2	0
RCsnva c	4	0	2	0	Lecroy c	4	0	0	0
Perez ss	4	0	1	0	Koskie 3b	3	0	0	0
					Hcking 2b	4	1	2	1
Totals	**39**	**5**	**13**	**5**	**Totals**	**36**	**3**	**10**	**2**
Milwaukee			**200**	**020**	**100**			**— 5**	
Minnesota			**100**	**200**	**000**			**— 3**	

E—Hayes (2), CGuzman (7). DP—Milwaukee 1, Minnesota 3. LOB—Milwaukee 11, Minnesota 13. 2B—Jenkins (9), Perez (1), Cummings (5), Hocking (12). 3B—Lawton (2). HR—Grissom (3). SB—Grissom (11), Jenkins 2 (3), Perez (2). CS—Hayes (1), RCasanova (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Milwaukee						
Snyder W,1-2	5 2-3	8	3	3	4	4
Weathers	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Leskanic	1	0	0	0	1	0
Wickman S,7	1	2	0	0	1	0
Minnesota						
Radke L,3-8	6	10	5	4	2	3
Guardado	2-3	1	0	0	1	0
Hawkins	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	0
TEMiller	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
BWells	1-3	0	0	0	0	1

Radke pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.

HBP—by Snyder (Lecroy). T—3:25. A—11,715 (48,678).

CUBS 6, WHITE SOX 5

CHICAGO (N)	ab	r	h	bi	CHICAGO (A)	ab	r	h	bi
EOYng 2b	5	2	2	1	Drham 2b	4	1	2	1
BBrwn 1b	5	1	3	2	JAVltin ss	5	2	3	2
SSosa rf	4	0	1	2	Thmas dh	4	1	1	1
WGme 3b	4	0	0	0	MOdnz rf	4	1	1	1
Meyers 3b	1	0	0	1	Knerko 1b	4	0	1	0
GHill dh	5	0	0	0	Snglton cf	4	0	0	0
Rdrgez lf	4	0	1	0	CNLee lf	4	0	0	0
Grace 1b	0	0	0	0	Norton 3b	4	0	1	0
Buford cf	2	1	0	0	MLJsn c	4	0	1	0
Reed c	2	2	1	0					
Ojeda ss	3	0	0	0					
Totals	**35**	**6**	**8**	**6**	**Totals**	**37**	**5**	**10**	**5**
Chicago (N)			**002**	**000**	**301**			**— 6**	
Chicago (A)			**102**	**002**	**000**			**— 5**	

E—Norton (7). LOB—Chicago (N) 8,

FOR BETTER OR WORSE

FUNKY WINKERBEAN

BLONDIE

BEETLE BAILEY

PEANUTS

SHOE

GARFIELD

CATHY

WIZARD OF ID

DILBERT

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

LUANN

MARY WORTH

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, June 12, 2000:

You'll have unusual opportunities this year. Accept feedback from co-workers and those in your day-to-day life. Sometimes you might feel like people rain on your parade when they are simply trying to help you. Many of your dreams can be fulfilled. Be open to alternatives. If you are single, someone you meet could knock you off your feet. This person could be quite different from your normal choices, which adds to the excitement. If attached, planning a trip allows feelings to come out. Make this a second honeymoon. SCORPIO works well with you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Dig into your imagination for answers. Friends are unusually resourceful. One-on-one relating presents hurdles. Use caution. Just when you think you have cleared a problem, you could tumble. Deal with financial matters, leaving no questions unanswered. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Others mean well, but they don't always make their opinions clear. You can't change that, but you can certainly change your attitude. Confusion surrounds your decisions. A boss might not reveal the whole story yet. Tonight: Be agreeable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Make work a high priority. You might need to regroup because of news that comes your way. Understand that you might not have all the answers. Explore other ideas. Schedule an overdue doctor or dentist appointment. Tonight: Off to the gym.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Imagination carries you across the finish line. An associate means well, but he doesn't always agree with you. Take charge. Head in the direction you want. Make time for a child or a new friend. You might not be seeing someone realistically. Tonight: Get into the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You are on a merry-go-round as you try to decide what to do with a family member. Confusion comes from associates. You might not know where they are coming from. Make inquiries. Use self-discipline, even if you want to toss your hands in the air in pure frustration. Tonight: Head on home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Pace yourself carefully. Understand what others want. Continue asking questions; sleuth through work problems. What you think is perfect might not be. Be realistic. Take off your rose-colored glasses. Brainstorm with co-workers. Tonight: Run errands.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ What you think will work financially just might not. Be realistic about your needs and limits. Avoid risks. Do not assume the check is in the mail until it arrives at your door. Relax by pursuing a favorite hobby or pastime. Tonight: Pay bills.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Family members might mean well, but they unintentionally throw a monkey wrench into your plans. Stay sure of yourself. Understand your limits. Your smile and endurance win out against the odds. Remain confident and know what you are after. Stay focused. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★ Assume nothing, and you'll gain. Confirm plans; go over projects; recheck phone messages. You might not be as direct as you think you are. Misunderstandings happen easily. What you think you hear might not be what someone is trying to convey. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your sense of direction might be askew because of demands you are making on yourself. Be realistic about a money matter. Touch base with someone in the know. Understandings flourish because of your willingness to go that extra mile. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Try as you might, you aren't seeing the whole picture, emotionally or professionally. You could be vague, or you might be having a difficult time anchoring a problem in reality. Listen to a boss; confirm what you think you are hearing. Remain open to new information. Tonight: Work late.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your intuition has very little to do with reality right now. Take charge; do needed research; ask questions. Work with the empirical, not hunches. You'll land on your feet. Answer e-mail and browse the Net. Tonight: Keep the inquiries coming.

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BORN TODAY
Sportscaster Marv Albert (1943), actor Timothy Busfield (1957), former U.S. president George Bush (1924)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠J 4 ♡ K Q 9 8 6 2 ♢ A J 7 6 ♣ 5
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	1♠	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A — There is a textbook treatment for hands with 6-4 distribution. If your opening bid is minimum and the six-card suit is higher ranking, rebid your six-card suit rather than introduce the four-bagger. With a better than minimum opening, rebid in your four-card suit, planning to confirm an original six-card suit at your third turn. Since you are minimum, bid two hearts.

Q 2 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠Q 9 5 ♡ A K 4 ♢ 6 3 ♣ A K Q 8 3
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1♡	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A — An awkward hand. You opened one in a suit because it was a bit too good for one no-trump, but you are now faced with a rebid problem. A jump to three clubs should show a six-card suit, while a jump raise to three hearts promises a fourth trump. However, the latter is the lesser evil — jump to three hearts.

Q 3 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠8 4 ♡ A Q 10 9 2 ♢ A Q 7 ♣ A Q 9
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Pass	2♣	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A — Another awkward hand. Three clubs is a distinct underbid and four clubs bypasses three no-trump and suggests four-card support. The solution is a temporizing bid of two diamonds to see how partner reacts.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K 8 6 2 ♡ 7 ♢ A K Q J 3 ♣ A Q 9
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♢	Pass	1♠	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A — No spade raise does this hand justice. Start by jump shifting to three clubs, then insist on spades later in the auction.

Q 5 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠5 ♡ K 9 2 ♢ A K Q 6 5 ♣ J 9 4 3
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♢	Pass	1♠	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A — You surely want to pre-empt, and it is simply a question of to what level. Our choice is a full-blooded five diamonds. On a good day that could make when the opponents are cold for game their way.

Q 6 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠A 10 ♡ Q ♢ 10 9 8 6 5 4 ♣ 10 5 3 2
Partner's opening bid of one diamond is doubled for takeout. What action do you take?

A — You surely want to pre-empt, and it is simply a question of to what level. Our choice is a full-blooded five diamonds. On a good day that could make when the opponents are cold for game their way.

CLOSE TO HOME

M.C. Escher as a child.

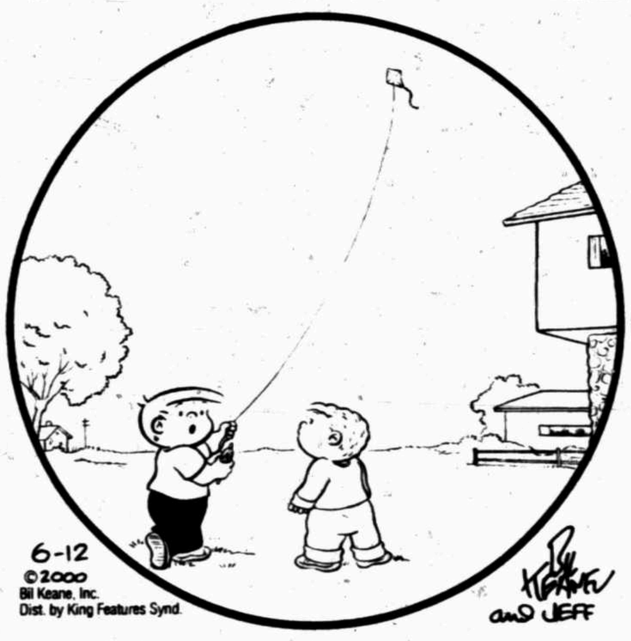
ZITS

BABY BLUES

DENNIS THE MENACE

"MOM'S GOT IT MADE. WHILE DAD GOES OFF TO WORK, SHE GETS TO STAY HOME."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"Daddy, how far up does our property go?"

TV TONIGHT

MONDAY EVENING — June 12, 2000

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	O	C	B	6PM	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	2	News 305	Wheel of Fortune 657	NHL Hockey: Dallas Stars at New Jersey Devils 687812						News 5640034	Nightline (10:35)	Politically Incorrect	Maury (11:35) 3081947
(5) KPEJ	24	5	3	Home Improvement	Judge Judy 74015	That '70s Show 47473	Titus 70299	Ally McBeal: Buried Pleasures 73473		Mad About You 32638	The Nanny 67909	Jerry Springer 63096		NewsRadio 37183	Unhappily Ever After
(7) KOSA	7	7	7	News 7913	Entertainment Tonight	The King of Queens	Becker 9137 (TVPG-DL)	Everybody/Raymond	Becker 9454 (TVPG-L)	48 Hours 46725		News 4953589	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35) 3133725		Late Late Show
(9) KWES	9	9		News 5909	Seinfeld 9589 (TVG)	Dateline NBC 91299		Law & Order: Fools for Love 38837 (TV14)		Third Watch: This Band of Brothers 80183 (TV14)		News 1557003	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35) 7035367		Late Night With Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	19	News 70873	John Hagee Today	The Light of the Southwest 64947				Richard Roberts 44909		News 21003	Joyce Meyer 10541	Duane Sheriff Ministries	Rebecca Baker 25560
(13) KOCV	36	13		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 707116		Antiques Roadshow (Part 2 of 2) 550473 (TVG)		The 1900 House: The Time Machine 536893 (TVG)		A Paralyzing Fear: The Story of Polio in America ('92) *** 820744			Charlie Rose 364265		Off the Air
(8) CNBC		8	27	Business Center (5:30)	Upfront Tonight	Hardball With Chris Matthews 2235589		Rivera Live 2211909		The News With Brian Williams 2224473		Hardball With Chris Matthews 2227560		Rivera Live 6308541	
(10) WGN		10		Full House 104251	Full House 128831	Paradise (PG-13, '91) ** (Melanie Griffith, Don Johnson) 189473				News 930763		MacGyver: The Walking Dead 900522 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night (Part 2 of 2) 184657 (TVPG-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	11	Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Pittsburgh Pirates 293270						The Enforcer (R, '76) *** (Clint Eastwood, Tyne Daly) 724098				The Dirty Dozen ('67) *** (Lee Marvin) 931928	
(14) FAM		14		Early Edition 809386		Innerspace (PG, '87) ** (Dennis Quaid) 329725				Early Edition 448299		The 700 Club 441386		Who's Boss?	Who's Boss?
(20) DISC		20	26	Wild Asia 621560 (TVG)		Skyscrapers: Going Up		Humans: Who Are We? 185183 (TVG)				Skyscrapers: Going Up		Humans: Who Are We?	
(21) AMC		21	26	A New Leaf (5) (G) 354386		Fashion	Funny Face ('57) *** 190638			Roustabout (PG, '64) ** (Elvis Presley, Barbara Stanwyck) 347270					Fashion
(22) TNN		22	31	The Waltons 739096 (TVG)		Rising Son ('90) ** (Brian Dennehy, Matt Damon) 567989				Jeff Foxworthy		Cagney & Lacey 954218		Bill Dance	In-Fisherman
(23) TNT		23	35	ER 755034 (TVPG-L)		WCW Monday Nitro Live! 540299 (TV14-DL)				Cobra (R, '86) * (Sylvester Stallone) 927184				WCW Monday Nitro Live!	
(24) BRAV		24		Moonlighting 373454		The Count of Monte Cristo (Part 1 of 4) 191947 (TVPG)				Undressed 910909 (TVPG)		The Count of Monte Cristo (Part 1 of 4) 206218 (TVPG)			
(26) BET		26	33	Hits From the Street		Sparks	Amen	Comicview 578947		Live From L.A. 558183		Tonight With Tavis Smiley		Midnight Love 735305	
(27) DISN		27	41	Don't Look Under the Bed ('99) (Erin Chambers, Eric "Ty" Hodges II) 3747473			Rip Girls (7:40) (Camille Belle, Dwier Brown) 58754270			Three Fugitives (9:15) (PG-13, '89) ** (Nick Nolte, Martin Short) 17430893				Zorro 289541 (TVG)	Mickey Mouse Club
(28) CNN		28	22	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today 741763		Larry King Live 727183		CNN NewsStand 747947		Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 783909	
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PEOPLE TODAY

Union urges officers to boycott Springsteen

Police union urges off-duty officers to boycott Bruce Springsteen's opening night concert because of his song about last year's killing of an unarmed African immigrant.

NEW YORK — There will be plenty of police on hand today for the opening night of **Bruce Springsteen**'s 10-concert stand at Madison Square Garden.

But officers not on duty are being urged by their union, the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, not to attend on their own.

A Springsteen song inspired by last year's police slaying of an unarmed West African immigrant in the Bronx has prompted the union to call for a boycott of his concerts.

Amadou Diallo, 22, was hit by 19 bullets and killed in the vestibule of his apartment building. The four officers involved in the shooting were acquitted of murder in February.

Springsteen's unrecorded and unreleased song, first performed in Atlanta a week ago, opens with the words "41 shots, 41 shots" — the number of bullets fired at Diallo.

It includes the line, "You can get killed just for living in your American skin."

"I happen to like Springsteen," Officer Orlando Vega told the Daily News. "But we're trying to work in this community, and him opening up old wounds just makes our jobs more difficult."

A Springsteen spokesman had no comment.

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LOS ANGELES — **Samuel L. Jackson** said he wouldn't cop out when there was conflict on the set of "Shaft."

Jackson and director **John Singleton** said the studio wanted to soften the lead character.

John Shaft, a hip New York detective known for his hot temper, cool style and womanizing ways was played by **Richard Roundtree** in the original movie. Roundtree reprises that role in the new version and Jackson plays his nephew in the lead role, also a hip New York detective named John Shaft.

But Jackson wanted no part of a kinder, gentler Shaft.

"I wanted to be faithful to what I think the 'Shaft' movie is, so I'm not going to get bullied or allow whoever else is being bullied into doing something that I don't want to do just to defuse (an argument,)" Jackson said in Sunday's Daily News of Los Angeles.

In the end, Singleton agreed to cut much of the sex from the movie, but kept the violent action sequences.

"We're living in an even more puritanical society than we were 30 years ago. So it's OK for Shaft to bash somebody's head in, but to show him (having sex), well, that would offend women, I guess," he said.

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RADNOR, Pa. — **Kelsey Grammer**, 45, who will play the title role in "Macbeth" this summer on Broadway, says he is returning to the stage partly because of a heightened sense of mortality.

The star of the sitcom "Frasier" says the untimely deaths of his father and sister made him more aware of how short life is.

"I will always be foolhardy because, to me, the best fruit of life is the idea that you don't always play it safe. If you don't reach beyond where you're comfortable, you will not grow," he says in the June 17 issue of TV Guide.

He also says he's expecting some tough reviews.

"I haven't had this much fun since I rolled my car," he says, referring to the 1996 wreck that nearly killed him and sent him into drug rehab.

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LONDON — **Prince Charles** and Saudi **Prince Khalid Al-Faisal** will bring a touch of royalty to the art world.

The princes, both amateur artists, will open a joint exhibition of their paintings in London, aides said Sunday.

"Painting and Patronage" features 30 recent watercolors by Charles and 26 oil paintings by the Saudi prince.

The exhibition will run June 16-21 at the Banqueting House in Whitehall, near the Houses of Parliament, and will be shown in Saudi Arabia next year.

Charles and Prince Khalid, son of the late **King Faisal bin Abdul Aziz**, have known each other for many years.

Charles, who periodically makes solitary painting trips to rural Britain or abroad, has completed more than 450 works since the early 1980s.

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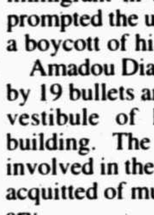

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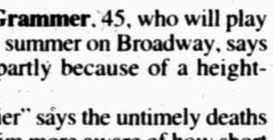

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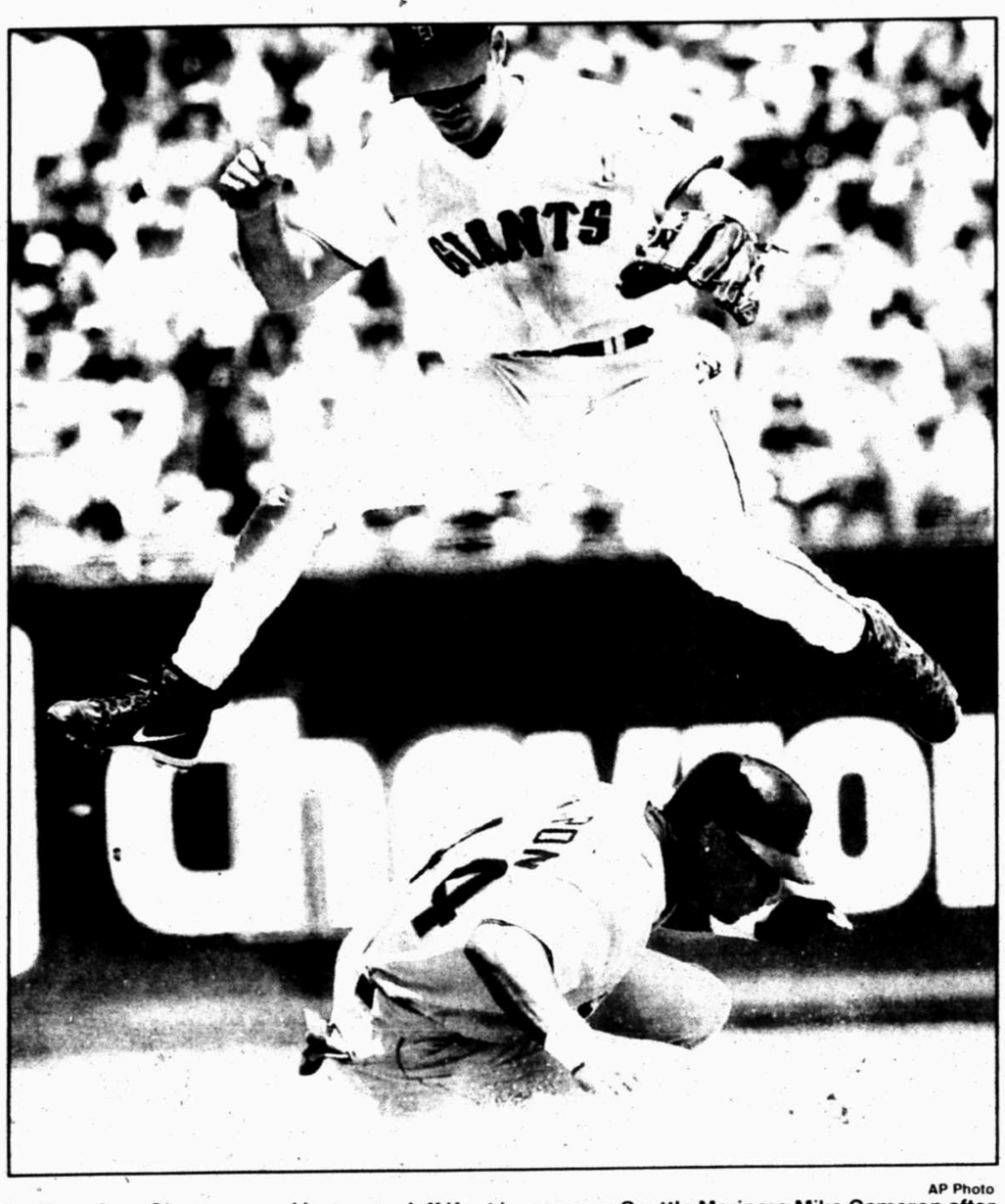

AP Photo
San Francisco Giants second baseman Jeff Kent jumps over Seattle Mariners Mike Cameron after forcing Cameron and throwing to first to put out John Mabry in the second inning Sunday in San Francisco. Seattle won the game 9-2.

Astros players involved in fight

By Bernie Wilson
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — In a season already gone bad, Houston Astros rookie catcher Mitch Meluskey punched teammate Matt Mieske during batting practice on Sunday.

Mieske was cut over his left eye. The fight happened about an hour before the Astros' latest defeat, a 4-1 loss to the San Diego Padres, with several hundred fans already in the stands. Some Astros veterans clearly were unhappy about the fight.

According to witnesses, Meluskey was late for his turn in the batting cage and he jumped in ahead of Mieske. The two exchanged words and Meluskey hit Mieske when the two were outside the cage. Meluskey was hustled away and Mieske was treated on the ground.

"It's something I feel bad about," Meluskey said after the game. "There's nothing I can do about it. I'm going to sit down and talk to him about it. It's between teammates."

Meluskey wouldn't discuss specifics of the fight other than to say: "It was not a cheap shot."

Mieske refused comment, telling reporters: "I don't think it's any of your business."

After winning three straight NL Central titles, the Astros have collapsed this year. Sunday's loss dropped them to 22-40, the worst record in the majors.

"It's a frustrating season to be sure," Meluskey said. "Because of that, it's even worse. It looks like we're rolling over and turning against each other."

Second baseman Craig Biggio was unhappy about the fight.

"To me, it has everything to do with respect," Biggio said, noting that Mieske is in his 11th year in pro ball. "You know, some people have it and some people don't. I'm going to leave it at that. There's no way in the world something like that should happen."

Pitcher Jose Lima agreed, saying he'd never seen anything like it in his 11 years in pro baseball.

"This is the time when we have to stick together as a family," said Lima, who lost his ninth straight decision. "I don't appreciate something like this happening."

Manager Larry Dierker said the fight probably had to do with frustration, "but it doesn't mean it's all right."

Dierker said he'd talk to general manager Gerry Hunsicker about the fight, but didn't have any other comment.

Meluskey, who's hitting .300, leads all NL rookies with seven homers, 33 RBIs, 12 doubles and 19 extra-base hits. Mieske is hitting .184.

Stanford sends Tigers to loser's bracket; Spartans' season ends

Associated Press

■ **College World Series**

OMAHA, Neb. — Justin Wayne gave Stanford another solid outing and another postseason win as the Cardinal beat Clemson 10-4 Sunday, sending the Tigers into the losers' bracket at the College World Series.

Wayne (15-3), the fifth overall pick in last week's amateur draft by the Montreal Expos, scattered eight hits over 7 2-3 innings. He retired seven of the final 10 batters he faced before giving way to Jeff Bruksch.

Bruksch pitched 1 1-3 innings, giving up two runs in the ninth.

Wayne earned his fifth straight win and third this postseason. His teammates gave him plenty of run support before and after a one-hour rain delay at Rosenblatt Stadium.

Joe Borchard went 3-for-4 with two RBIs and scored three times. Craig Thompson and John Gall added two hits apiece and Stanford had 12 hits, all singles.

With the victory, Stanford gets to rest until Wednesday. The Cardinal (49-15) will face whichever team comes out of the losers' side of the bracket. Clemson (51-17) plays the winner of Sunday night's elimination game between San Jose State and Louisiana-Lafayette on Tuesday.

Borchard got Stanford on the board with a two-run single in the third. Borchard scored two batters later on Chris O'Riordan's single up the middle.

After the rain delay, the Cardinal extended their lead to 4-0 with a run in the fourth. Kevin Lynn (5-2), making just his third start of the season, gave up two infield singles and a walk to load the bases before giving way to Mike Prato.

Lynn entered the game with a 3-0 record and 2.05 ERA over his last 22 innings. He had 18 strikeouts and just one walk in that span, but struggled with his control against Stanford.

He allowed six hits and four runs. He also walked two, struck out two, hit two batters and threw three wild pitches.

The Tigers' bullpen didn't fare much better.

Clemson used six more pitchers, combining to give up six hits and six runs.

Louisiana-Lafayette 6, San Jose St. 3

OMAHA, Neb. — Danny Massiatte hit a solo home run and Jarvis Larry had two RBIs as Louisiana-Lafayette beat San Jose State 6-3 Sunday night to end the Spartans' first trip to the College World Series.

The Ragin' Cajuns (48-19) extended their own CWS debut by at least two days and improved to 6-1 when facing elimination. Their only postseason loss was to Florida International in the Sun Belt Conference championship game.

Louisiana-Lafayette, which lost to Stanford 6-4 in the first round, will play an elimination game Tuesday against Clemson, a 10-4 loser to the Cardinal earlier Sunday. The winner of that game plays Stanford again on Wednesday.

Scott Dohmann (13-5) allowed five hits over 6 1-3 innings and reliever Gordon O'Brien got the Cajuns out of a late threat to earn his fourth save.

Rangers match longest skid of year in 9-8 defeat to Colorado

Associated Press

DENVER — Jeffrey Hammonds hit a two-run double and Tom Goodwin had a two-run single in the eighth inning, rallying the Colorado Rockies over Texas for their fourth straight win.

The Rangers lost their fifth straight game, matching their longest skid of the season.

Trailing 8-5, Colorado loaded the bases with no outs in the eighth on two singles and a walk off Mike Venafro.

Hammonds greeted Tim Crabtree (1-2) with a double down the left-field line. With two outs and the bases loaded again, Goodwin singled to short center.

Mike DeJean (1-1) pitched 1 2-3 innings, and Jose Jimenez pitched the ninth to earn his 11th save, starting a 1-6-3 double play to end the game.

Ivan Rodriguez and Luis Alicea each had four hits for Texas, and David Segui drove in three runs.

Padres 4, Astros 1

SAN DIEGO — Tony Gwynn singled home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning and the San Diego Padres beat the Houston Astros 4-1 Sunday, handing Jose Lima his ninth straight loss.

With the score tied at 1, Al Martin doubled with one out in the eighth to chase Lima (1-9) and start a three-run inning. Marc Valdes came on to face Gwynn, who hit a 1-1 pitch to right field.

Gwynn, bothered by a degenerative left knee, has driven in runs in the last four games in which he's played. Carlos Hernandez singled with two outs and the bases loaded to drive in two runs.

Kevin Walker (2-0) got the win and Trevor Hoffman pitched a perfect ninth for his 14th save in 15 opportunities.

Cardinals 7, Tigers 3

DETROIT — Pat Hentgen took a no-hit bid into the seventh inning Sunday and Mark McGwire and Jim Edmonds homered to give the St. Louis Cardinals over the Detroit Tigers 7-3.

Hentgen (5-6) allowed just two base runners until Bobby Higginson's one-out single in the seventh started a three-run burst.

McGwire's 22nd homer, and first since May 24, keyed a three-run first. The Cardinals picked up four more in the second to chase Dave Mlicki (2-8), who has lost his last three decisions.

Cubs 6, White Sox 5

CHICAGO — Sammy Sosa tied it with a two-run double in the seventh, and pinch-hitter Chad Meyers drove in the go-ahead run with a ninth-inning grounder as the Chicago Cubs beat the Chicago White Sox, avoiding a three-game sweep in the crosstown series.

The loss for the White Sox spoiled a two-homer day by Jose Valentin. The White Sox also got home runs from Ray Durham, Frank Thomas and Magglio Ordonez.

Todd Van Poppel (1-2) struck out three in 2 1-3 innings. Rick Aguilera got the last out for his 12th save in 16 chances.

Jesus Pena (1-1) gave up one run on two hits in 1 1-3 innings.

■ **Baseball Roundup**

He also walked one and struck out one.

Reds 7, Indians 5, 13 innings

CLEVELAND — Aaron Boone's two-run single in the 13th inning helped the Cincinnati Reds snap a five-game losing streak with a victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Boone's base hit off Scott Kamieniecki (1-3) was set up by second baseman Roberto Alomar's throwing error in the inning.

Ken Griffey Jr. hit a three-run homer in the eighth when Cincinnati scored five runs to tie it 5-5. Griffey also singled leading off the 13th.

Manny Aybar (1-2) worked two innings for the win.

Red Sox 5, Braves 3

ATLANTA — Jose Offerman led off the eighth inning with a double and kept on running when Gold Glove center fielder Andruw Jones kicked the ball against the wall, scoring the tiebreaking run as the Boston Red Sox defeated the Atlanta Braves.

Boston starter Ramon Martinez, doing a pretty good impression of younger brother Pedro, allowed only one hit through five innings.

Derek Lowe got the final six outs for his 14th save, while Rich Garces (2-0) got two outs for the win.

Rudy Seanez (3-3) failed to retire a batter in the eighth, giving up two hits, a walk and both runs.

Pirates 10, Royals 6, 10 innings

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Brian Giles hit a tying double in the ninth inning and homered during a five-run 10th as the Pittsburgh Pirates beat Kansas City.

The Royals, trying to finish off their first interleague sweep ever, took a 5-4 lead into the ninth before Giles doubled off rookie Jeff D'Amico.

Warren Morris, who was 4-for-6 after going 5-for-6 on Saturday, committed a fielding error at second base that helped the Royals score three times in the seventh.

Facing Jerry Spradlin (2-2) in the 10th, Morris hit a two-run double over the head of center fielder Carlos Beltran. Adrian Brown, who had a career-high four hits, singled home Morris and Giles followed with a two-run homer.

Winner Scott Sauerbeck (3-0) pitched two innings of one-hit relief.

Brewers 5, Twins 3

MINNEAPOLIS — John Snyder snapped a eight-game losing streak and Marquis Grissom homered and scored three times as the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Minnesota Twins.

Snyder (1-2) allowed three runs on eight hits and four walks, two of them intentional, in 5 2-3 innings.

Bob Wickman pitched the ninth for his seventh save. Minnesota starter Brad Radke (3-8) surrendered five runs on 10 hits in six-plus innings.

Devil Rays 7, Marlins 6

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Bubba Trammell hit a go-ahead two-run homer in the seventh inning as the Tampa Bay Devil Rays won back-to-back series for the first time this season with a victory over the Florida Marlins.

Trammell, making a rare start, hit his sixth homer of the season off Ricky Bones (1-2) to snap a 4-4 tie.

Jim Mecir (4-1), the fourth Tampa Bay pitcher, picked up the win. Roberto Hernandez got the final three outs for his eighth save in 13 opportunities.

Orioles 7, Phillies 2

BALTIMORE — Mike Mussina pitched a five-hit ball over eight innings and Will Clark hit his first homer since last July as the Baltimore Orioles beat the Philadelphia Phillies.

Mike Bordick and Jeff Conine also homered for the Orioles.

Rob Ducey homered for the Phillies.

Mussina (4-6) won his third straight decision. Andy Ashby (2-7) gave up all three Baltimore homers in losing his fourth consecutive decision.

Blue Jays 8, Expos 3

TORONTO — Tony Batista hit a grand slam and Carlos Delgado hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the eighth inning as the Toronto Blue Jays defeated the Montreal Expos.

Billy Koch (4-1) pitched two scoreless innings for the win.

Mariners 9, Giants 2

SAN FRANCISCO — Alex Rodriguez doubled twice, singled and drove in three runs, leading the Seattle Mariners over the San Francisco Giants.

Aaron Sele (7-2) won his fifth straight decision. He gave up two runs on six hits and two walks

Livan Hernandez (4-6) lost for the first time since May 14, six starts ago. He allowed five runs on nine hits and a career-high seven walks.

Athletics 6, Dodgers 0

LOS ANGELES — Kevin Appier pitched his 11th career shutout, ending a drought of 36 starts without a complete game, and Miguel Tejada highlighted a five-run first inning with a two-run double as the Oakland Athletics beat the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Appier (6-3) scattered seven hits, struck out six and walked one while improving his road record to 5-0. The shutout was his first in 75 starts since May 5, 1997, when he pitched Kansas City to a 2-0 victory at Boston with a five-hitter.

Rookie Eric Gagne (1-4) failed to retire any of the first five batters.

Diamondbacks 3, Angels 2

PHOENIX — In his second game since coming to Arizona, Danny Bautista hit the go-ahead home run in the seventh inning as the Diamondbacks beat the Anaheim Angels.

Greg Colbrunn had tied it at 2-2 with 409-foot homer onto the porch in left-center field.

Bautista followed with a homer to right field on a 2-0 pitch from Scott Schoeneweis (5-4).

Dan Plesac (1-0) was the winner.

Olson, Buchanan head Boxing Hall of Fame's Class of 2000 inductees

By John Kekis
AP Sports Writer

CANASTOTA, N.Y. — Carl Olson's blank stare couldn't mask the pride he felt inside upon being inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame Sunday.

Although the man nicknamed "Bobo" is in the final stages of Alzheimer's disease, he still is able to bring a crowd to its feet just as he did during the 1950s, the height of his championship middleweight career.

"God's time is never too late," Judy Olson, his wife and sparring partner for 52 years and his main care giver now, said Sunday. "We made him aware. I just thank God he was able to walk up there today. But he's still here. He made it. I know when he put on that (Hall of Fame) ring that he recognized it."

The 72-year-old Olson, the first Hawaiian boxer among the hall's 220 members, compiled a 98-16-2 record, with 48 knockouts, before retiring in 1966. In 1953, he won both the American and world middleweight titles. He fought Sugar Ray Robinson four times but never won. He did, however, record victories over Joey Maxim and Kid Gavilan, both Hall of Famers.

Olson, who was accompanied on stage by sons Carl and Grant, was announced to a standing ovation from an enthusiastic crowd of several hundred. Before he was given his ring, a commendation from the governor of Hawaii was read aloud.

"It's been very overwhelming for him," said his daughter, Dawn, one of 23 family members in attendance. "My father's always been such a humble, gracious champion. It brought tears to his eyes. Last night, when we came back to his room, it was like he snapped out of it. It was like he didn't have Alzheimer's."

Olson was one of four boxers chosen in the modern category. Also honored were bantamweight champion "Joltin Jeff" Chandler from Philadelphia; Ken Buchanan, the first living Scottish boxer to make it into the Hall of Fame; and lightweight champion Jimmy Carter (81-30-8, with 31 knockouts).

Buchanan turned professional in 1965, and within three years had claimed both the Scottish and British lightweight titles. He finished his career in 1983 with a record of 62-8, with 28 knockouts. Dressed on this special day in typical highland style, kilt and all, he was noticeably moved by the honor.

"I have traveled a good few miles to be here today," said Buchanan, 54, who lost a controversial fight in 1972 to Roberto Duran when a low blow after the bell sounded the end of the 13th round prevented him from continuing. "As I stand here, my thoughts drift back across the sea to all my family and friends back home. Scotland is a small nation, and it is my hope that this award will add something to its already glowing reputation abroad."

Afterward, Buchanan, who began boxing at age 8 when his father sneaked him into an Edinburgh boxing club, embraced his dad as both burst into tears on the dais.

"It's like winning the world championship," they said in unison.

Chandler, a slick boxer who turned professional after only two amateur bouts, won the WBA bantamweight title in 1980 and successfully defended it nine times. He finished with a record of 33-2-2, with 18 knockouts.

"This is my proudest moment," said Chandler, who was joined on the podium by his two young sons. "It doesn't get any better than this. This is where I was trying to get. This makes it my proudest moment — for my children to accept this award with me."

Buchanan, Chandler and Olson were joined as living inductees by Argentine promoter Tito Lectoure, who was enshrined in the non-participant category. Lectoure is regarded as South America's premier boxing promoter and matchmaker.

"I must have done something good in this sport to deserve this honor," said Lectoure, who worked with such ring stars as Gavilan, Carlos Monzon and Emile Griffith. "I've had moments of great happiness and deep sadness, victories and defeats. But today's feelings are unique. They cannot be compared with anything."

OPEN: Kuerten won tourney in 1997

(From 1C)

"You did a great job," Norman told Kuerten. "You really deserved to win."

After the match, a small group of Brazilian students playing percussion instruments celebrated the victory by leading several dozen fans in a victory procession through the crowd.

Frenchwoman Mary Pierce won her second French Open title in 24 hours Sunday, teaming with Martina Hingis to win the final in women's doubles. They swept the last six games and beat Virginia Ruano Pascual and Paola Suarez 6-2, 6-4.

The last woman to win both titles in the same year was Martina Navratilova in 1984.

The fifth-seeded Kuerten dominated the first 90 minutes but then began to tire, and the third-seeded Norman won six consecutive games to get back into the match.

Kuerten, bothered by a sore back and pushed to five sets in his previous two matches, received back and calf massages from a trainer and looked increasingly weary as the match tightened.

But then, down a service break in the fourth set, Kuerten caught his second wind. He broke back, then held serve for a 5-4 lead to set the stage for the wild finish.

The matchup of the hottest players on the men's tour was a mismatch at the start, with Norman erratic in his first Grand Slam final. The normally steady Swede, apparently unnerved by the occasion, trailed 4-0 after just 15 minutes.

Norman changed his racket, changed his shirt and finally changed his luck, winning the final five games of the third set.

A patient Kuerten rarely ventured inside the baseline at the outset. Instead he kept his groundstrokes deep, mixed in a few drop shots and waited for his opponent's mistakes to mount.

Norman uncharacteristically was called for two early foot faults, a sign of nerves. He shanked several forehands, including one that sailed 30 feet high to end the second set.

The capacity center court crowd was divided in its loyalty, chanting Kuerten's nickname of "Guga, Guga," but also rooting for the Norman comeback that finally came.

WebZone

More musicians come to aid of Napster

By Alec Foege
N.Y. Times News Service

As a rock star and actress, Courtney Love knows how to grab the spotlight. At a new-media conference last month in Manhattan's SoHo, she delivered her keynote address in '70s-style hip huggers and angrily shouted at paparazzi who were blinding her with their camera flashes.

Love's message was similarly striking. "Stealing an artist's music without paying for it is absolute piracy," she said. "And I'm talking about major-label recording contracts, not Napster."

In siding with Napster, the free Internet music-swapping service that has become the record labels' archenemy, Love demonstrated that the continuing power struggle between the labels and the musicians is taking a new turn.

"I'm leaving the major-label system and there are hundreds of artists watching my court case and wanting to follow me," Love declared. She and her band, Hole, are in a legal fight to end their recording deal with Geffen Records, which is owned by the Universal Music Group, itself part of the Seagram Co.

Love is among the musicians raising the revolutionary notion that the Internet may offer them a better shake than the labels, which they accuse of imposing burdensome contracts.

Though some prominent acts like Metallica and Dr. Dre side with the labels against the free download sites, a loose pro-Napster coalition is forming that includes rock bands like the Offspring and Limp Bizkit (which is touring with Napster sponsorship this summer), as well as rappers like Chuck D and the Beastie Boys.

At a Congressional hearing last month, Sheryl Crow, a singer and songwriter, criticized the labels' insistence on owning the copyrights to most songs. Aimee Mann and Jonathan Brooke, two mid-career artists, have found new careers marketing directly to fans via the Web, offering free downloads, CD sales and concert schedules. Some small labels are offering free music downloads as well as selling discs.

Could free downloads of music, whose rapid growth challenges existing copyright laws, give musicians the upper hand in dealing with the record companies? The five major labels, which start selling digital music downloads this summer, may not like the answer.

Label executives say they offer musicians marketing and promotion, to radio stations and audiences, that are invaluable in developing and sustaining their careers. These executives add that they can perform these services much better than musicians or their managers can on their own. "It makes better business sense to pool together resources, which is what a record label does," said Paul Vidich, an executive vice president at Warner Music, a unit of Time Warner.

Only a musician like Love, with proven marquee value, might be able to survive without a label deal, executives say — but probably not for long. "They don't have the clout as one artist to get the kind of broad-reaching breakthrough on the Internet on a worldwide basis," said Kevin Conroy, head of new technology at BMG Entertainment, which has stars like Whitney Houston and Santana.

Danny Goldberg, a former head of Mercury and Warner Music and now president of the independent Artemis Records, said the labels could afford far more marketing than the musicians. "An artist without marketing is at a disadvantage in a very cluttered world," he said. "Marketing costs money."

But some musicians, who complain about being charged high recording and manufacturing costs before they even see a royalty check, say they can market themselves with free online music.

"Being a gatekeeper is the most profitable place to be," Love said in her address. "But now we're in a world without gates."

Some analysts even say rapid technological advances could render copyright laws unenforceable, making battles against free music futile and forcing a decline of the record business. Musicians would pursue other income sources, including live performances and merchandising of T-shirts and other items.

Label executives say free online music will not be a threat. They point to recent courtroom victories in cases that would restrict the traffic in free music on Napster and MP3.com, another digital music site. "I believe that if we offer consumers an effective online alternative that is reasonably priced, we have every opportunity to build a legitimate market," Conroy said.

Goldberg was even blunter, saying, "I think it's equally as likely that land would be free than copyrights would be free."

But a report in April by Sanford C. Bernstein & Co., a research firm in New York, predicted that 16 percent, or $985 million, of the nation's music sales in 2002 would be lost to what it termed as Web piracy.

Efforts to squelch free music have had uncertain results. In recent weeks, the rock band Metallica and the rapper Dr. Dre pressured Napster to ban from its site hundreds of thousands of fans who had downloaded their music free. Many, however, simply re-registered with different names.

Surfer of the week

Ken Johnson

By Kristine Aleman
MRT Correspondent

It is mid-afternoon and 63-year-old Ken Johnson is working tediously at the computer in his office at Interim Personnel. He reads his e-mail, sends a few, and studies new information on the net. The catch? Johnson cannot see the monitor in front of him.

Johnson began losing his eyesight five years ago due to an illness called macular degeneration. The interior of the eye begins to deteriorate, as a result of the complex, and eventually leads to a total loss of eyesight. It usually occurs during old age, but can sometimes develop earlier.

Born and raised in West Texas, Johnson graduated from Texas A&M University in 1959 with a degree in economics. He moved to Odessa in 1975 where he worked at Northern Natural Gas Company. Two years later, Johnson and his wife Ruth were married, and began brainstorming ideas for their business.

On June 1, 1992 Ken and Ruth Johnson started Interim Personnel, an employment agency located in Odessa. Eight months ago they purchased another company, Norrell, and are now serving people world-wide.

"We knew it would grow," Johnson said, "but not this much."

Since the loss of his eyesight, Johnson has utilized two computer programs that allow him to continue running his business successfully.

The first is called JAWS, software that reads information off the computer using a voice synthesizer.

"It reads everything from my e-mail to the Net," Johnson said.

JAWS was established in the 80s and initially designed to work with the DOS format. Its function is to assist the visually impaired by reading the computer screen, according to Burns Taylor, Texas Commission for the Blind Employment Assistance Specialist.

"It's really a wonderful thing," Taylor said. "It allows people to have the screen read to them in a variety of voices and languages."

The program does not translate documents, but does read text written in different languages with the appropriate accent making it a world-wide adaptation.

JAWS is compatible with all PC computers and comes with an on-board software synthesizer. It must have a voice synthesizer to run either externally connected to the serial ports, or internally by a card installed inside the computer.

Specific keys strokes on the keyboard are equivalent to single or double mouse clicks allowing the user to reach areas inaccessible with the mouse alone.

"It's a way of turning what's on the screen into output by moving the cursor," Taylor said. "The screen can be read by character, by word, by line, or by everything on the screen."

Updating of JAWS is constantly occurring with every new generation of Microsoft Windows. The design for Windows '95 and '98, for example, cannot be used for Windows NT.

Because JAWS has difficulty producing speech output for graphics and symbols, the introduction of Microsoft Windows to the world caused many problems for screen readers. According to Taylor, refining of the program is underway to develop special features for improving graphic and Internet usage.

"Every time there is a change in Windows, there is a change in screen readers," Taylor said. "It is a constant adjustment. There is always some kind of lag. It is a battle to keep up with the industry."

There are certain applications of the computer that interfere with the running of JAWS. Users are asked to not use a screen savers while working with the program.

"Sometimes I don't even turn on the monitor," Taylor said with a laugh. "All you need is a computer and a keyboard."

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Ken Johnson surfs the Internet and uses his computer daily in his job as president of Interim Personnel, an employment agency in Odessa. The catch? Johnson is blind. Shown here with his seeing-eye dog, Rajah, Johnson uses special software that allows him to work on his computer.

Interim Personnel posts jobs over the Internet so people interested can then send resumes through the computer, and Johnson can determine which job is appropriate for the applicant.

"It allows us to cover a huge area instantly," Johnson said. "You can just go anywhere right now and get a response just as fast."

JAWS works with another software tool in receiving commands from the user, and accessing the program.

The second software is called Naturally Speaking, which inputs the information that Johnson verbally tells it to by continued speech recognition. According to PC Magazine, the program achieved up to 99% accuracy in computer testing.

"The program I have, Naturally Speaking, allows me to check my e-mail and send it," Johnson said.

The voice recognition software learns a voice in just a few minutes, including accents and dialects. It allows Johnson to browse the Web using Internet Explorer 4.0 and above, open applications from the start menu, switch from one application to another, activate pull-down menus, format text in Word programs and edit text by just using his voice.

Naturally Speaking has a vocabulary of 250,000 words and more than 160,000 active words. It is fully integrated with Microsoft Word 97 and 2000, as well as Corel WordPerfect 8 and 9, allowing a person to navigate, edit, format and correct text in Word by just saying intuitive commands.

Although Johnson is usually the only person using his computer, a number of users can share the program by saving personal voice files on the same computer. The computer dictates at the normal pace of up to 160 words per minute, and can read back documents aloud.

"My computer has been my life line," Johnson said. "I can do almost everything I've done before."

Interim Personnel will change it's name to Spherion Workforce Architects on July 11.

Q&A

Many colleges require computers equipped with network capabilities

By J.D. Biersdorfer
N.Y. Times News Service

Q. Many students entering college are being warned that their personal computers must have ISA/PCI Ethernet adapters and that networked PC's must be equipped with 10Base-T Ethernet adapter cards, cables and communications software. What do these terms mean?

A. Many of those terms relate to networking — specifically, to getting the computer onto the university network.

Although standards vary, most major colleges and universities have Ethernet networks, which provide much faster connections to the Internet than does access through a typical dial-up Internet service provider.

Ethernet is a local area network protocol that was first developed in the 1970s and is now one of the most common networking methods used by corporations and colleges. Many types of computers can use it, including Windows PC's and Macintosh machines.

Ethernet can transmit data at up to 10 million bits per second, which is much faster than a 56K (56 kilobits per second) modem.

The term "10BaseT" refers to the specific type of Ethernet network and the cables it uses to connect the computer to that network. Newer versions, called Fast Ethernet, can transfer data at speeds up to 100 million bits per second and are also referred to as 100BaseT networks.

The ability to connect to Ethernet networks is not standard in some computers.

Most new Macs come with built-in Ethernet capability, but computers running Windows usually need an Ethernet adapter card installed. Some computer manufacturers will sell you a machine with the card already installed, or you can buy an adapter card from a computer store.

ISA/PCI refers to the slot on the computer's motherboard that the card snaps into.

Older computers usually have ISA slots, but the PCI standard has become the norm in newer machines. The Ethernet card should come with the software that will let the PC communicate with the network. You can also find the proper Ethernet cables at your local computer store. The cable packaging may refer to the cables as having "RJ-45" connectors, which is just a reference to the plug type on each end.

As far as the communications software requirements, these will probably vary even more depending on the particular college and the computing platform (Windows or Macintosh). Most colleges will provide on request the specific information for what they prefer.

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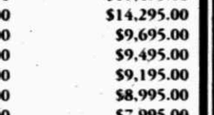

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CHEVROLET 1996 S10, for sale by owner. Forest green/ brown, five speed, 62K miles. Excellent condition. $8,000. 683-5116 days- Cliff. 520-3981 evenings.

FORD 1996 250. 4X2 Supercab. 32K miles, 7.5 liter 4.1 rear axle, 4 speed automatic, short bed, driver electric seat, tow package, power windows/ door locks, tilt steering, air, cruise, running boards, bed liner, cap. $17,000. 915-682-9928.

FORD 1999 F250 CREW CAB Powerstroke 4X4 XLT. Grill guard, goose neck hitch. $32,500. Call 570-5616.

FORD 1993 F150 Flare side, extended cab, white/ gray, garaged, non-smoker, 82K miles. Excellent condition. $10,800. 682-6782 or 694-6540.

DODGE 1997 1500 Magnum V8 Club, short bed, chrome rails, bed liner, 71K, am/ fm/ cassette, cruise, tilt, power windows, remote entry. Color- dark brown excellent condition, $14,000. 684-8866.

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220 Trucks

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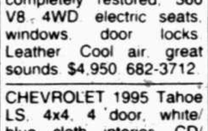

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222 Suburbans & Vans

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CHEVROLET 1995 SUBURBAN- 4X4. Red/ gray interior, excellent condition, custom wheels. New a/c, CD, and tow Package. $17,450. 570-5104/ 634-2277.

GMC 1997 Suburban. Excellent condition. Loaded, custom paint- rims and new tires. Cherry ice and burgundy. 35K miles. $24,000. 520-7182.

CHEVROLET 1991 Lumina mini- van. Excellent running condition. Very clean. Individual removable seats. New tires and battery. AM/ FM cassette. $4,000. 694-8599.

GMC 1992 Suburban SLE, custom conversion, 4X4, new GM motor with 3 year 50,000 warranty. New transmission and tires, fully loaded, green. $11,975. Call 366-9322.

GMC 1993 Suburban SLE. One owner, 102K, excellent condition, new Michelins, front and rear air, champagne, full loaded. $11,500. Call 694-6028 or 683-6033.

CHEVROLET 1999 EXPRESS. Regency conversion. 8 Months old, paid $31,000 will sell for $24,500 or best offer. 522-2644.

FORD 1994 E150 Conversion van. Excellent condition. 69K miles, captains chairs, rear air, towing package, cassette CD, white. $8,900. 699-7275.

225 4x4 Vehicles

FORD 1982 Bronco- 4x4, excellent condition. 78K, CD, cruise. $3,750. Call Chris, 570-5375.

FORD 1992 Bronco -XLT 4x4. One Owner. Black. Very good condition. $9,990. Call 694-1142.

DODGE 1997 DAKOTA- Extended cab, 4X4, V8, loaded, sport package, premium stereo, keyless security system. $16,500 negotiable. Call 638-3221.

NISSAN 1994 SE-V6 Extended Cab 4x4. Automatic. Power windows/ locks, cruise, cassette/ CD, sunroof, step rails, grill guard, bedliner, hitch. 51,300K. $12,800. 520-6677.

JEEP 1989 Wrangler Sahara. 4x4, 6 cylinder, a/c, hard top, lift kit, big tires, CD, new speakers. $7,000 obo. 570-4700.

FORD 1988 RANGER- 4X4, V6. Fuel injected. A/C. 5 speed, black, red interior, roll bar, lights. 127K. $3,450. 694-8426.

FORD 1983 Broncho- 351 V8 Windsor. 4x4, engine needs work. $1,500 or best offer. 689-8688.

FORD 1984 Bronco. New engine, new transmission, Holly carburetor, Edlebrock high rise, Headman headers, mags. $3,995. 689-2123 after 6 pm.

GMC 1990 SIERRA SLX, 4 X 4. Better Hurry! 62K miles. Loaded. New tires. Great truck. $6,500. Call 522-2439.

FORD 1985 F250 XLT- 460/ 4 speed, red and grey, extended cab, long bed. $4,200. Call 683-0957.

235 Vehicles $3,000 & under

CHEVROLET 1987 Celebrity Station Wagon. White, very clean. Runs good. 2 new tires. $850. 694-4525.

FORD 1980 1 TON truck, navy, engine/ transmission rebuilt. Needs some body work, new tires. $2,250. 3318 Maxwell. 697-3046.

MERCURY 1988 Grand Marquis LS. Super nice, low mileage. Special buy at $2,950. Call 694-1087 or 352-5424.

FORD 1990 Taurus. 91K miles, excellent condition, 4 door. $2,000. Call 687-8258, leave message.

LINCOLN 1991 TOWN Car, loaded, 23 miles per gallon, interior excellent. $2,995. Call 458-3568.

NISSAN 1984 MAXIMA wagon. Runs great. $1,050 or best offer. Call 686-7362 after 6 pm.

CADILLAC 1989 Brougham d'Elegance. Good air conditioning, white on white. Clean. $2,850. 520-8243.

MERCURY 1977 Cougar. Brown. For sale $450. Call 683-3689 or 687-1425.

PONTIAC 1991 SUNBIRD- Good condition, white, 4 door, tinted windows. $2,250. 620-0414.

VOLVO 1986 740 Turbo. 4 door, power windows, 164K miles, medium blue, tan interior, sunroof, turbo inoperative. $3,000. 520-5723.

CHEVROLET 1986 Astro Window Van. Good body, interior and tires. Seats 5. Needs motor. $700 or best offer. 522-1030.

NISSAN 1985 Stanza- $600. Good condition needs new engine. Please call 694-6652.

DODGE 1985 Ram 1500 Pickup. 318 engine, good condition. $2,000. New water pump, rebuilt radiator, new belts/ hoses. 694-6652.

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SUBARU 1988 4x4. Runs, needs work. 1989 Nissan Pickup, needs motor. Make offer. 682-4671.

240 Motorcycles

1988 HONDA GOLDWING 1500- Beige, garaged, 52K, CB, passenger intercom, audio system, progressive shocks, spoiler, chrome rails, brake flasher, new battery, trailer hitch. $7,200. 520-2848.

1996 DYNA WIDE Glide. 1998 883 Sportster. Lots of extras. Call 520-7541.

KAWASAKI 1998 BAYOU 220, four wheeler. Great Fathers Day gift. $2,400 o.b.o. 694-0328.

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HARLEY DAVIDSON 1982 FXR- Blue. Leather saddle bags and tool pouch. Good shape. $10,000. Call 694-1164.

1998 HARLEY DAVIDSON- Sportster, custom paint (black with flames) 10K miles, fully chromed, beautiful bike. $9,000 o.b.o. Call 689-3180.

245 Trailers Utility

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1979 28' CLASS-A MOTOR home. Good Onan. Good tires. Good condition. Consider trade for car or pickup. $6,800. 553-8581, 697-2514.

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1996 SKAMPER 22' Vacation travel trailer, like new. $6,500. Call 664-5109 or 550-2057.

1984 24' Winnebago, fully equipped, sleeps 6, excellent condition. $8,000. 694-2075.

AIRSTREAM 1974 30' vacation travel trailer. Good condition. $4,800. 550-2057 or 664-5109.

ROCKWOOD Popup Camper, size 1280. Air conditioning, refrigerator, awning. Good condition. $2,000. 694-4275.

1988 BARTH 28' Regal. Rear bath, fully equipped, good condition. $30,000. 694-8164.

ROCKWOOD 1997 Wildwood Queen size bed, 2 bunkbeds, fully loaded, refrigerator, microwave. New condition. $9,500 obo. 263-0033. After 6- 267-2941.

1991 ROAD RANGER "Espre" 29' Self contained travel trailer. Queen island bed- awning- microwave. Great floor plan. $8,500. 694-8498.

36.5' 1998 Jayco designer series triple slide. Towed less than 70 miles, superior condition. $25,900/ firm. 915-482-0663, email rancho@wcc.net.

JAYCO 1997 30' Class C motor home. V-10 Triton, none nicer, queen walk around, 19K, asking $36,500. 697-6447, 683-6432 nights.

1988 WINDCRUISER 33' loaded, jacks, ice maker, camera, air bags, new tires. Driver- passenger doors. 57K miles. $21,500 o.b.o. 689-4721.

260 Boats & Motors

14 FOOT FISHING Boat- 78 Steury, 25 hp, live well. $1,400. Call 694-5342.

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1995 HYDRA-SPROTS 175FS 18' fish/ ski combo, 150 horse Evinrude, Trolling motor, depth finder, very low hours. $9,500. 687-1315, 687-0320.

1995 20' SKEETER 200ZXD Bass Boat. 200 Mercury, tandem trailer. $14,000. 915-570-6281 days, 915/699-4928 evenings.

VIP 15' boat. Walk through windshield, 70 horse Evinrude motor. $2,000 obo. 682-0221, 8- 5 weekdays.

1998 LARSON 17' Edition. New condition, blue with white interior. $8,800 o.b.o. Call 915-263-0033, after 6 pm 915-267-2941.

1996 SPRINT BOAT- 50 HP Johnson, trolling motor, lowrange depth finder, 2 live wells & storage areas. $6,000. Firm. 699-4260.

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1977 INVADER 15' boat. Walk through windshield. 70 HP Mercury motor, new seats, tri- hull. $1,500. 697-2094.

1983 WELLCRAFT 18' Center console, 150 Evinrude, tilt & trim, kicker motor, fish finder, down riggers, canopy top & cover. 685-3168.

1974 16' CARAVEL walk through. Excellent condition, lake ready, 85 horse Johnson, easy load drive- on trailer. $1,800. Call 682-6615.

DELMAGIC SKI Boat- 16', 135 HP Johnson, new seats and carpet, skis, knee board. $2,500. OBO. 694-0545, (cell) 631-4728.

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BEWARE Of Anyone who tries to sell you information about Government & Postal Job Vacancies. This info is free. call 210-805-2402 (24 Hours) or 210-805-2406 (To request application forms). A public service message from the Midland Reporter-Telegram & the ETC.

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EXXON

Wall Street Exxon is looking for experienced candidates to join our team. The following positions are available

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Midland, Texas
EOE

Attention Readers:

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2 DRIVING TEAMS- must have CDL. OTR experience. 915-682-7811.

✔ MIDLAND Child Care Center now taking applications for teachers. Apply 3701 Andrews Highway.

AMIGO'S CONVENIENCE Store in looking for a night time clerk. Apply in person at 3301 Andrews Hwy.

AVON. CHOOSE Hours, income, rewards. For opportunity or products call Kippy Rogers. 687-5857. Independent Rep.

BARTENDER NEEDED. Experience preferred. Apply in person. Ranchland Hills Country Club. 1600 East Wadley, Midland.

BEST TIPS IN TOWN- The Bar, downtown Midland, accepting applications for Waitstaff, line cooks and dishwasher. Apply in person only. 606 W. Missouri between 8- 10 am/ 2- 4pm Monday thru Thursday. No phone calls please.

DELIVERY PERSON needed. Full Time. Must have good driving record, heavy lifting required, random drug screening. Apply Carter's Furniture, 501 E. Illinois. Between 1 and 6pm.

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STORE MANAGER TRAINEE

Town & Country.

- **RETAIL OR FAST-FOOD MANAGEMENT**
- **BACKGROUND PREFERRED**
- **STRONG LEADERSHIP SKILLS A MUST**
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MIDLAND, TX. 79706
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CASHIERS AND Maintenance Personnel needed for all shifts. Apply at Mobile, 10400 I-20 at FM 1788, Midland. 915-563-1373.

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CUSTOMER REP SUMMER WORK
Must fill 53 positions, ideal for college students/ 00' High school graduates/ and all others. $10.15 base- appointment. Customer service/ sales. Conditions apply. Call 915-522-2454.

DELIVERY DRIVER Needed. Must be able to lift heavy weights and have a good driving record. Call 687-1011 and ask for David.

EARN $100 AT Sera- Tec Plasma Center with four donations. Call or come by 570-6093 for more information.

EIGHT EXPERIENCED Painters/ Mud Hands needed for out of town job. 620-0159.

EXPERIENCED MAKE READY Person needed. Apply in person at 4400 North Holiday Hill Road, Midland.

EXPERIENCED PET Groomer needed for established grooming clientele. Call Charlie at 523-4355.

EXPERIENCED WAITSTAFF needed. Fill out application at Jorges, 3323 N. Midland Dr. Ste 100. Ask for Jesse or Janie.

→NEW TODAY←
La Bodega Restaurant is taking applications for a full time cook. Pay DOE. Apply in person 2700 North Big Spring.

❤ LET'S TALK AVON part time- full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520-0119. Independent Rep.

LOCAL MOVING Company needs experienced Furniture movers (915)553-1464.

LOOKING FOR Someone to clean houses 5 days a week. Call 520-3707.

NEEDED ROUTE Sales Person for established route with local company. Must be 21 years old and have a clean valid Texas CDL/ Class A drivers license. Please send resume to Employment, PO Box 2052, Midland, TX 79702.

NOW ACCEPTING applications for person with experience in shipping and receiving. Must have good driving record. Apply in person at No. 7 Industrial Loop.

NOW HIRING for Maintenance, Make Ready & part time Leasing Agent. Experience is a must. Apply at Canyon Creek Apartments, 5244 W. Loop 250 N. Please no phone calls.

OTR TRUCK Driver, pull dry box, hazmat verifiable. OTR 2 years experience, clean driving record. Call Lyle Kinsey, SLT Express, 831-320-7377 mobile, 915-699-0284 home. Out 14 days, home 5.

HIRING IMMEDIATELY

For 5 Full- time, permanent positions doing production and assembly. Training provided for the right person. Must have reliable transportation, heavy lifting required. Pay $6.50- $6.85/ hour plus benefits. To apply come by Manpower at 4000 N. Big Spring, Ste #113 in the EOG Resources Building. Take This Job & Love It!

★ NEW IN TOWN? For your FREE "New Resident" Welcome Packet, Call Newcomers Unlimited, 570-8045.

HOLIDAY Retirement Corporation is accepting applications for Working Chef and Dishwashers. Apply at Polo Park Estates, 2100 Castleford Road, Midland, TX. EOE.

IMMEDIATE OPENING for Experienced Asphalt Raker. Pay depends upon experience. Please call 915-570-0481. Reece Albert, Inc. 7600 North County Road 1150, Midland, TX. Experienced need only apply.

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- PRESCRIPTION DISCOUNTS
- DENTAL INSURANCE
- FREE LIFE INSURANCE
- TUITION REIMBURSEMENT
- PERSONAL LEAVE
- 401K
- MANAGER TRAINEE PROGRAM

WALK IN INTERVIEWS WILL BE DONE ON TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2000, AT 4508 N. BIG SPRING FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. APPLICATIONS CAN BE PICKED UP AT ANY LOCATION OR PICKED UP THE DAY OF INTERVIEWS AT THIS LOCATION. 95% OR MORE OF ALL SHIFTS HAVE TWO PEOPLE OR MORE ON DUTY.

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PART TIME- long term housekeeping position. Responsibilities include the upkeep of private Christian home in addition to limited childcare. Position requires a self-motivated flexible individual with a pleasant demeanor and a love for children. Hours 8:30- 3:30 Monday- Thursday. Nonsmoking environment. References required. Please respond to: Box J-5065 c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram P.O. Box 1650 Midland TX 79702

PART-TIME DELIVERY Helper. Approximately 28 hours a week. Ideal for college students. Occasional lifting of 75-100 lbs required. Apply Mattress Direct 3608 West Wall.

PERFECT HIDEAWAY- 227 AC very scenic great hunting. Just 10 miles North of San Angelo. Small with guest house 2 barns, pens, first class place!! Lee Lee & Puckitt Assoc. Inc 915-655-6989

Pro Snips has immediate openings for hair stylist in Midland. Great pay. Apply in person at 1000 N. Midkiff 520-9555 or 550-4696 ask for Betty.

Rapid Oil Change has opening for a experienced Assistant Manager. Full time plus benefits. Call for appointment 520-0079.

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520-4053 ext. 371

SECURITY OFFICER

Part Time Security Officer needed. 2 to 3 years security experience preferred. Must be able to work flexible shifts. Good verbal and written communications a must. Must be able to spend long hours on your feet and must have a good driving record. Opportunities for Full Time positions and advancements are available for the right candidates with Simon Properties. Apply in person at Midland Park Mall Management Office located next to JC Penneys at Midland Park Mall 4511 N. Midkiff Midland, Texas. No phone calls please. EEO

Britt
SERVICE ADVISOR

Britt Imports is seeking a highly professional individual for a position as a Service Advisor. Must have excellent skills to interact with Customers. Clean driving record a must. College degree preferred.

Please apply in person at
1004 S. Midkiff, Midland, TX 79703
or Fax resume to
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SHOP HAND Needed. Call 570-9995 to set up appointment for interview or e-mail personal info to acetecsrv@cs.com

TALL CITY Community Church of God needs nursery attendants for Sunday mornings 9:15 am until 12:00 Noon. Call 580-8510 leave name and number.

TALL CITY Community Church of God needs American Sign Language Interpreter for Sunday mornings 9:15 am until 12:00 Noon. Call 580-8510 leave name and number.

TWIN CITIES Communications Now hiring Telesecretaries for 3 pm to 11 pm shift. Excellent communication skills required along with typing skills. May apply at 2002 South County Road 1276. Located at Air Terminal (directly behind Big 2 News) Monday through Friday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

V.I.P. Employment Services 686-9722 Industrial Workers needed. Long, short term assignments.

VILLAGE CAR WASH & Village East now accepting applications for Lube Techs. Apply in person at 604 Andrews Hwy or 2300 Big Springs, Midland.

WAITSTAFF. Must be bilingual. Apply in person at Ajuua's Restaurant 3205 Cuthbert ask for Rene.

WANTED: Leasing Consultant- $6 hour plus commissions. must work weekends. Apply in person at 4400 North Holiday Hill Road, Midland.

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We're the largest hot dog chain in the world.
We currently have opportunities for cooks, cashiers, opener closers, team leaders
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CDL required with good driving record. Drug testing mandatory. 24 Hours call must have telephone. Benefits include: uniforms, 40 hours guaranteed, scheduled days off, health insurance and 401K.
Apply Mon. - Fri.
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311 Medical Help Wanted

Are You A Cheerful Dependable
CNA
or
Food Service Supervisor
Trinity Haven Healthcare
has a position for you!
We offer shift differential and a new benefit package.
Apply at:
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CNA'S & SITTERS needed in Midland Area. Contact Kelli at Nurses Unlimited at 580-2015 Monday- Friday 8:00am-5:00pm EOE.

Covenant Malone and Hogan Clinic has an immediate opening for an Office Nurse. Ideal candidate will be a LVN with 3 to 5 years clinical experience. Salary is commensurate with experience and a full benefit package is available. Only qualified applicants need apply to the Personnel Office of Covenant Malone and Hogan Clinic 1501 W. 11th Place Big Spring, Texas 79720 or fax resume to 915-264-7019.

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Our progressive dental practice is looking for a dental assistant with both clinical and front office experience. If you are energetic, outgoing, have good communication skills and want to help provide quality dental care, consider us. Please call or send resumes to: Dr. Courter 4305 N. Garfield Suite 221 Midland, 79705 (915) 682-0786 Monday through Thursday.

DENTAL RECEPTIONIST Experience required seeking smiling people oriented fun loving team player. 682-1614.

FULL TIME positions available for Physical Therapist and Occupational Therapist in a rehab facility. Rend resume to 3201 Sage, Midland, TX 79705.

JOIN THE Progressive career field of correctional nursing. Currently seeking LVNs for evening and night shifts. For information contact Ms. LeMaster, RN, D.O.N. at Mitchell County Hospital District Wallace Prison Medical Unit at (915)728-2162 extension 4265.

LVN 6- 2
1st 6:00 -2:00 position open in over a year! Vacation every 6 months. Every 3rd weekend off. Health insurance with prescription card. $13.75/hour.
Rockwood Manor
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MEDICAL Collection Specialist. Must have knowledge of insurance and patient collections. Prefer experience with Medical Manager Software. Please send resumes to P.O. Box 4186 Midland, TX 79704.

RADIOLOGY NUCLEAR Medicine Tech position open for outpatient clinic. Please send resumes to PO Box 4186 Midland, TX 79704.

RADIOLOGY Tech wanted benefits available with growing company. Please send resumes to PO Box 4186 Midland, TX 79704.

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SITTERS or Certified Nurses Aides to care for the elderly. Prefer at least one year's experience. we will train qualified applicants. Call 552-0746 for interview.

312 Professional Help Wanted

ACCOUNTANT
(Full Charge) Independent Oil & Gas Operator has accounting position available. Duties include: Revenue Distribution, JIB, Bank Reconciliations, Special Projects. Should have experience with Wolfepak and spreadsheets. Salary DOE. Resumes Only. Atlantic Operating, Inc. P.O. Box 3759 Midland, TX 79702

CORRECTION
SR. STAFF Geologist/ Engineer with 3- 5 years experience in environmental consulting and/ or remediation. Relocation may be required. Salary based on experience. Send resume to P.O. Box 4845 Midland, Texas 79704.

NOW HIRING Experienced Geologists/ Loggers for long established Permian Basin company. Competitive wages and medical benefits. All logging units equipped with Win 98 logging software and refrigerated air units. Call 694-3141.

SALARIED PLACEMENT Position. International Business School. Experience in placement and/ or temp agency preferred. Others considered. Send or fax resume to 3305 Andrews Hwy. Midland, TX 79703 or fax to 915/694-7592.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

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TEMPORARY RESOURCES
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ACCOUNTING CLERK
Needed for local concern. Accounts payable experience and knowledge of Microsoft Office a must. Some college and/or other accounting experience helpful. Nonsmoking office. Send resumes to CFO, PO Box 4096, Midland, TX 79704. No phone calls please.

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LAW FIRM Seeking legal Secretary/ bookkeeper. Proficient in Microsoft Word, Timeslips Deluxe and QuickBooks Pro. Send resume to Attn: Office Manager, P.O. Box 2890, Midland, TX 79702.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NURSING

Seeking RN, MDS, Medicare Coordinator for Parks Methodist Retirement Village, a non-profit, 90 bed Medicare/ Medicaid and private nursing facility. Successful candidate will have a minimum of 1 year LTC experience, be knowledgeable of MDS, Care Plans and Medicare SNF. Commitment to geriatric nursing, team work and the highest quality and life for residents is required. Salary DOE, paid health insurance, dental plan, 403 B plan, vacation, sick leave benefits. Send resume to Director of Nursing, PMRV, 111 Parks Village Drive Odessa, TX 79765 or fax to (915)563-0430. EOE.

Health Care Professionals

New Horizon Care Center has current openings for:
*Director of Nursing- Registered Nurse with long term care experience- $1,500 sign on bonus
*Assistant Director of Nursing- Registered Nurse- $1,000 sign on bonus
*Charge Nurse- Licensed Vocational Nurse- Several positions available- $500 sign on bonus

We have increased our salary scale for these positions. We also offer new shift differentials for the second and third shift positions. If you are a person dedicated to providing quality care please apply in person or contact:
Rebecca Lightfoot, Regional Nurse Consultant
New Horizon Care Center
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Odessa, TX 79763
Phone: (915)333-4511 Fax (915)333-6078

Medical Arts Hospital
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Must be willing to train in CT Scan & Ultrasound; some call required. This is a full time position with premium pay & extensive benefits, including sign- on bonus.
Send resume/ inquires to:
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Lamesa, Texas 79331
806-872-2183
806-872-3935 fax

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Seeking RN, DON for Parks Methodist Retirement Village, a non-profit 90- bed Medicare/ Medicaid and private nursing facility. Successful candidate will have a minimum of 3 years LTC experience, strong management and nursing systems organization skills. Commitment to geriatric nursing, team work and highest quality of care and life residents is required. Salary DOE, paid health insurance, dental plan, 403 B plan, vacation, sick leave benefits. Send resume to Administrator, PMRV, 111 Parks Village Drive Odessa, TX 79765 or fax to (915)563-0430. EOE.

NEEDED Qualified individual with experience in Excel, Access and MS Word typing 35 + wpm. Dispatch experience a plus but not required. Excellent phone etiquette is a MUST. Starting salary $20K per year. Monday- Friday 8- 5, with some weekend rotations. Previous applicants need not apply. Fax resume to 915-362-1487 or email to sheila@floco2.com

SMALL INDEPENDENT Oil and Gas Company seeks Part time Production Clerk. Texas and New Mexico production reporting and some receptionist duties required. Excel and Word, computer skills necessary. Land experience helpful. Non smoking environment. Please send resumes to Part Time, P.O. Box 993, Midland, Texas 79702.

316 Sales Help Wanted

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Seeking energetic, creative individual to develop and manage the social and activity programming for Parks Methodist Retirement Village. Successful candidate will be a certified AD, with strong leadership, volunteer recruitment, organizational skills, committed to serving needs of older adults, able to create a fun, active, and happy atmosphere, willing to be a team player. Salary DOE, paid health insurance, dental plan, 403 B plan, vacation, sick leave benefits. Send resume to Administrator, PMRV, 111 Parks Village Drive Odessa, TX 79765 or fax to (915)563-0430. EOE.

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ENVIRONMENTAL Company looking for Experienced Environmental Manager with 3+ years experience in Remediation Projects, Assessment Work and Environmental/ Government Clean- Up. Send resume to P.O. Box 5024, Midland, Texas 79704 or fax to 915-683-5046.

GAS PLANT Operator. Growing Company seeking gas plant operator. Must have high school diploma. Minimum 5 years operation experience. Instrumentation/ electrical helpful. Must be willing to relocate to Snyder, TX. Qualified persons send resume to Box P-6048 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702.

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EXPERIENCED OIL FIELD Mechanic. Must be capable of repairing all types and brands of oil field surface pumps (plunger, centrifugal and gear types). Able to troubleshoot and repair oil field gas pumping engines such as Ajax, Arrow and Fairbanks. Some machine experience helpful. Must work unsupervised in shop as well as field. Only experienced need apply. Salary depending on experience. Fax resume to (915)267-8155 or call (915)267-1626.

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320 Skilled Trades

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Odessa, TX 79765
(915)563-5707

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LARGE OIL Company looking for Automation Technician. Duties include trouble shooting, installing of pump off controllers and automated equipment and fluid levels. If qualified, please respond to Box J-5066, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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320 Skilled Trades

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660 Mobile Home Space for Rent
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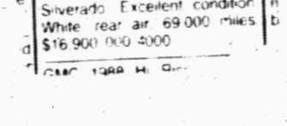

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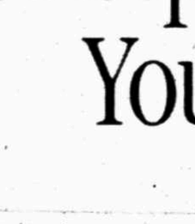

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USED OFFICE Furniture from Mobile Oil. Walnut desks, $150, Walnut 3 shelf bookcase, $60. Two drawer legal files, computer tables, chairs and much more. 201 West Washington, Midland. 570-9599. Monday- Friday 8:30- 6:00.

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