MONDAY MORNING

Ranch heir

Stephen J. 'Tio' Kleberg of the King Ranch near Kingsville patterned himself after his heroes, the men who taught him how to ride and rope./1B

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Kickoff Classic

The No. 4 Florida State Seminoles are favored by two touchdowns against No. 14 Texas A&M at Giants Stadium Monday night./5C

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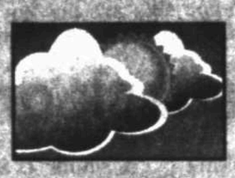

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Diana anniversary

A man puts candles at the makeshift monument for Diana, Princess of Wales, in Paris Sunday on the eve of the anniversary of Diana's death. Diana died last August 31 along with her boyfriend Dodi Fayed and driver Henri Paul when their car crashed at high speed inside the Pont de l'Alma tunnel.

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Clinton probe

WASHINGTON — Despite November's elections, the House's third-ranked Republican wants Congress to stay in session until it completes action on Kenneth Starr's report expected soon about President Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

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U.S. West strike

DENVER (AP) — An agreement was near in the strike against U S West, a spokesman for the striking union workers said late Sunday. "We put a message on our Web site to take their pickets and put them in storage," said Lew Ellingson, spokesman for the Communications Workers of America. "There is not a tentative agreement yet but it's very close," he added as negotiators continued to talk late Sunday. U S West spokesman David Beigie, however, said the company had nothing to announce.

Singer charged

SABINAL — Country singer Johnny Rodriguez was charged with murder in the shooting death at his home early Saturday of an acquaintance he mistook for a burglar, his lawyer said. Rodriguez had his first Top Ten hit in 1972 with "Pass Me By (If You're Only Passing Through)."

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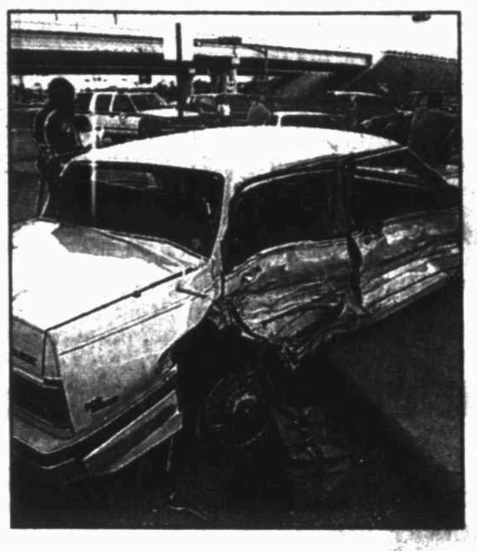

Midland policeman Adrian Gentry works the scene of an accident at Midland Drive and Loop 250 Sunday.

Brian Adamcik Reporter-Telegram

Woman dies after five-car pileup

By Rick López
Staff Writer

Just weeks after authorities launched their "Red for a Reason" campaign, a Venezuela woman died Sunday night after the driver of a pickup ran a red light and slammed into her sister's car.

The victim's sister and niece were injured in the crash, as well as the pickup's three passengers. The accident, which affected seven vehicles, occurred just north from the intersection of Loop 250 and Midland Drive at about 6 p.m.

Officer Pat Mayers, an accident reconstruction expert, said the pickup was westbound on the north Loop 250 service road when it reportedly disregarded a stop light and broadsided the passenger's side of beige Buick Park Avenue, occupied by three women.

With force of impact, the Buick, which was northbound on Midland Drive, spun around several times — ejecting Clemencia Lago, 59, of Venezuela, from the backseat of the car onto the street.

Ms. Lago landed a few feet from the vehicle she was in. Her body was lodged between the two front tires of a maroon Ford Explorer in the opposite lane. She was not wearing a seat belt.

Mayers said police didn't immediately know if the Explorer was stopped or moving when the woman landed under it. Ms. Lago sustained a cracked skull and other injuries, paramedics said. She died about three hours later at Memorial Medical Center and Hospital.

Meanwhile, Midlander Cecilia Leonard, 43, the front seat passenger, sustained head and shoulder injuries after the passenger side door was crushed

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Communists say nyet to Yeltsin's new government

■ Communist leader says agreement was rejected because there was no guarantee Yeltsin would abide by its provisions.

By Sergei Shagorodsky
Associated Press

MOSCOW — A tentative agreement to approve a new government under Boris Yeltsin to tackle Russia's economic crisis appeared to collapse within hours Sunday after the Communists said they would not accept the deal.

The Communist turnabout came just after the government and the opposition said they had reached a deal following days of tough behind-the-scenes bargaining to call a political truce to win quick confirmation of Yeltsin's choice for prime minister.

Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov said the proposed pact was rejected by a meeting of his party leadership because there was no firm guarantee Yeltsin would abide by its provisions. He did not rule out further talks.

"So far, the document is not guaranteeing anybody anything," he said, adding that the party would vote Monday against the confirmation of acting Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin in parliamentary hearings.

The proposed three-page agreement would have given the State Duma, parliament's lower house, more say in Cabinet appointments, but leave Yeltsin with substantial power, despite earlier opposition calls for his removal.

In particular, the president would have retained control of the security forces with the right to fill three key posts — the defense, foreign and interior ministries. In exchange, Yeltsin would have agreed to Duma approval of most Cabinet appointments for the first time, according to lawmakers and media reports.

The Communists' surprise rejection of the deal could be a prelude to more bargaining as the opposition seeks further concessions. Russia may face weeks of political uncertainty if the opposition blocks Chernomyrdin's confirmation and Yeltsin refuses to withdraw it.

Chernomyrdin said earlier that swift formation of a new government was vital to tackle the nation's economic crisis.

"We must resolve financial problems. The ruble is hanging by a thread," he said.

In Washington, White House national security spokesman P.J. Crowley declined to comment on Yeltsin's troubles reaching a deal with the opposition, on the eve of President Clinton's visit.

"This is a matter for the government of Russia and the people of Russia," Crowley said. "We look forward to working with the new government. We hope they'll be put into place as quickly as possible."

Clinton arrives in Moscow on Tuesday for a summit with Russia's troubled leaders.

Russia was plunged into political and economic crisis when financial markets and the currency collapsed as the government defaulted on its debts and the country was hit by the global furor in developing markets. Ordinary Russians fear they face yet more hardships after years of upheaval, but there have been few signs of panic on the streets of Moscow and other cities.

The ruble appeared to gain Sunday and exchange points across Moscow were buying U.S. dollars at an average 8 rubles to the dollar, down from an average of 8 1/2 rubles to the dollar the day before. The rate had been 6 rubles to the dol-

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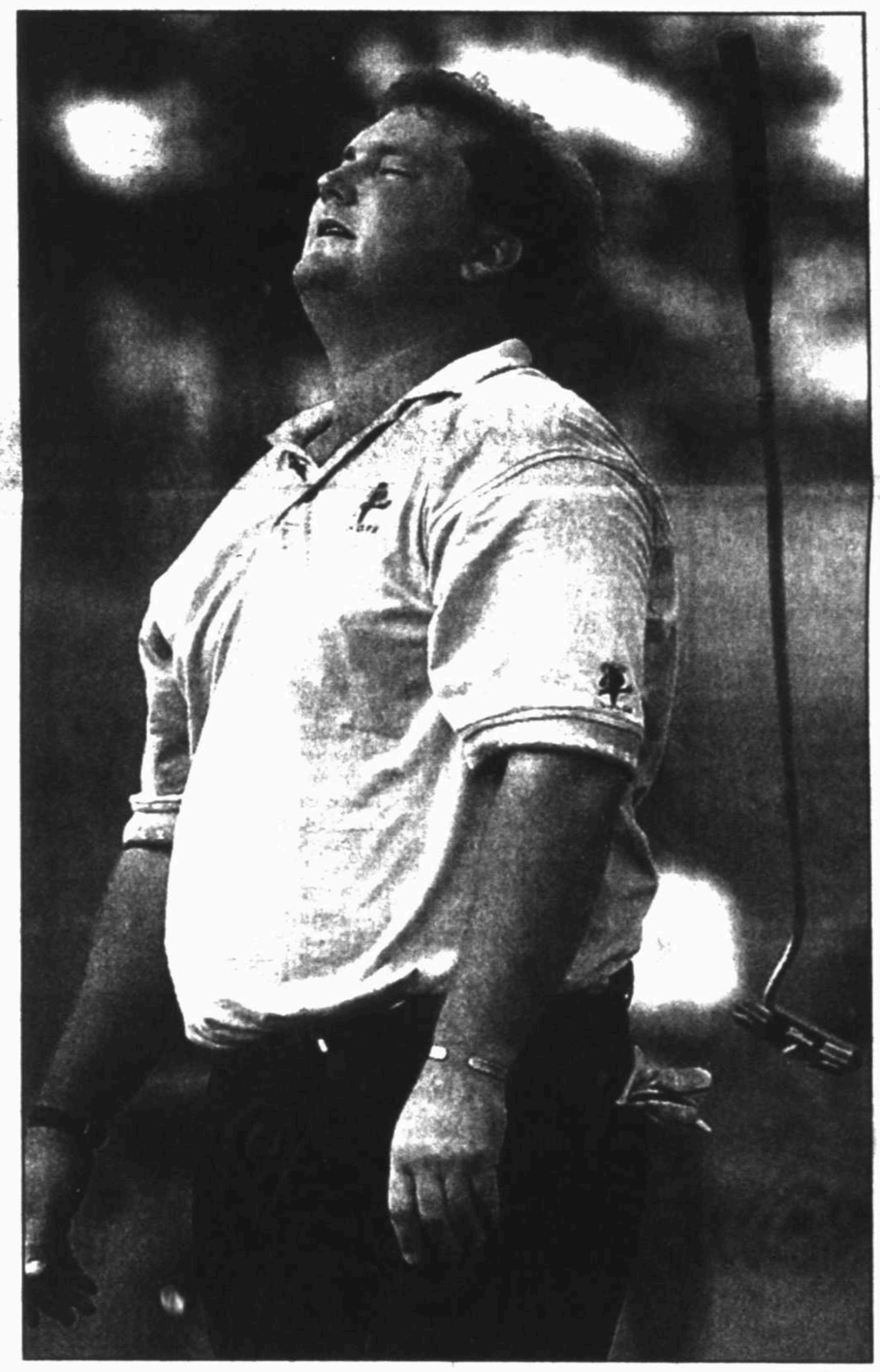
Sweet shot at last



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Stiles Mitchell winces after missing a putt Sunday on the 18th hole of the last round of the Nike Permian Basin Open golf tournament. Mitchell would have won the tournament ouright had he made the putt. The miss set up a three-man playoff that Mitchell eventually won.

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Survey says young more likely to mess with Texas

Drivers pass litter along Northwest Highway in Dallas Saturday. A recent survey conducted for the Texas Department of Transportation finds those most likely to litter are young, single and enjoy fast food and bars. Texas will begin a new anti-litter campaign Monday.

AP Photo

By Peggy Fikac
Associated Press

AUSTIN — It's messy and illegal, and a new survey shows more than one-third of Texans has done it in the past three years.

Tossing cigarettes out of cars on the highway, leaving beer cans at the lake, discarding crumpled lottery tickets in convenience store parking lots — they're the new, not-necessarily-Bubba breed of Texas litterers.

The extent of their dirty deeds is tallied in a survey being released Monday along with a new Texas anti-litter campaign.

It found nearly 22 percent of adult Texans had littered in the past three months. Another 16 percent — known as reformed litterers — had trashed Texas in the past three years, though not the last three months.

Factors that make it more likely people will litter, the survey found, include being 24 or younger, smoking cigarettes, eating fast food at least two nights weekly, going out for nighttime entertainment at least once a week, driving a lot and never having married.

The poll was conducted June 3-July 11 by Tuerff-Davis EnviroMedia Inc. and NuStats International of Austin for the Texas Department of Transportation. EnviroMedia this year took over the department's "Don't Mess with Texas" anti-littering campaign.

A total of 1,201 Texas residents over age 16 were included in the poll. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points

"Most of the research in the past had focused on attitudes about the campaign and attitudes about littering. We wanted to go one step further by looking at behaviors and asking Texans to be frank with us," EnviroMedia president Kevin Tuerff said of the survey.

"By looking at those behaviors, we're able to target our message ... and

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China's destructive floods have silver lining for environment

HARBIN, China (AP) — Their homes drowned by muddy, fetid floodwaters, refugees huddle with their pigs, cows and dogs under cramped lean-tos on high ground.

Furniture, wet clothes and whatever other belongings people managed to salvage are piled nearby. In the filthy, hot and humid conditions, diarrhea, skin diseases and stress thrive. Drinking water is short, discomfort plentiful.

Such is the misery wrought by floods that have ravaged China for more than two months, inundating towns and villages, washing away roads, railways and bridges. The human toll: at least 3,000 dead, millions more homeless. By government count, 223 million people — nearly the population of the United States — have been affected.

But in the upended lives and wrecked communities, there may be some good for China's embattled environment.

Facing mounting criticism from outcast dissidents as well as senior legislators, officials have acknowledged an unpalatable truth: Misuse of land and other human mistakes — not just persistent, torrential rains — played a role in the worst flooding in 44 years.

Criticism has focused on unrestrained logging that increased water runoff. Critics also have said flood controls were neglected and vital lakes that could have absorbed increased flow along the Yangtze, the world's third-longest river, were destroyed.

The response: a new government ban on logging on the Yangtze's upper reaches, plans to reverse the damaging human invasion of its lakes and calls for more investment in flood control.

AP Photo

Soldiers fight floodwaters to rebuild a collapsed section of a dike located in central China's Hunan Province Thursday, Aug. 27. Floods have ravaged China for more than two months, but there may be some good for China's embattled environment.

"We have asked a lot of nature. Now we are going to give back to nature," Zhao Qizheng, the top government spokesman, told reporters last week.

Each year, the summer rainy season brings floods to China. But this year's storms were earlier, heavier and more widespread than normal, in part due to El Nino, the global weather phenomenon.

Deadly flooding deluged the usually arid northwest. Mudslides and flash floods engulfed villages. In Wuhan, an industrial city of 7 million, people waded through waist-deep water; ducks paddled down flooded streets.

The rains caused rivers, including the 3,900 mile Yangtze, to rise to warning levels, then to record levels, and then beyond.

In Hubei and Hunan, badly-hit provinces crisscrossed by the Yangtze and its tributaries, floodwaters only had to rise a few feet in some areas to overwhelm dikes and inundate the countryside.

The flatness of the surrounding farmland allowed floodwaters to spread for miles in some places, forming placid lakes broken only by dikes and the raised beds of train tracks.

The government already has the mammoth Three Gorges Dam under construction in the middle reaches of the Yangtze in Hubei, and officials say one of its main purposes is to prevent such flooding.

Critics, however, say the dam will not be big enough to hold back the Yangtze and its tributaries at flood times. They also question whether dam operators will discharge water to prevent flooding upriver instead of keeping reservoir levels high for generating electricity.

In the northeast, a region bordering Russia where winters are bitterly cold, 1 million people are homeless. Already, evacuees in makeshift lean-tos are shivering through nights as temperatures drop to around 50 degrees.

Because flood fighting efforts focused on saving cities, farmers have often been among the worst affected. Some rural areas were inundated deliberately to relieve pressure on levees safeguarding urban areas.

"It's disastrous. We couldn't get our possessions out," said Shi Baohuai, whose village near the northeastern industrial center of Harbin was flooded by the bloated Songhua River. "We can't start over again; we haven't got any money."

Government leaders hope rebuilding after floodwaters recede will boost the weakening economy, pushing them closer to their goal of 8 percent economic growth this year.

But the environmental message from the flooding may be the most far-reaching.

"This flooding should be a very important, pivotal moment, giving them a very big lesson," said Dai Qing, an author and persistent critic of government policies.

The new logging ban taking effect on the Yangtze's upper reaches on Sept. 1 will be accompanied by loggers planting and protecting trees, state news media said.

Deforestation has denuded hills, making them unable to absorb rain. Water rushes down, triggering mudslides and washing soil into rivers. There, it silts up channels and raises water levels, worsening floods.

Silting also has combined with human encroachment to shrink Yangtze basin lakes, reducing their effectiveness as sponges to soak up floods. Hubei province had 1,066 lakes in the 1950s. Now it has 325, and three-quarters of those have gotten smaller.

"For so many years, by blindly following the concept that 'man can conquer nature,' we have built up vast, evil debts to the Yangtze River," 309 dissidents said last week in the largest petition since the military crushed the Tiananmen Square democracy movement nine years ago. "We are now swallowing the bitter fruit of nature's revenge."

Albright sets meeting with NATO commander to discuss possible attack on Serbs

BIJELJINA, Bosnia (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will meet on Monday with the NATO commander Gen. Wesley Clark to accelerate contingency plans for an attack on Serb forces in the embattled Yugoslav province of Kosovo, she said Sunday.

Renewing an old warning, Albright said " there is beginning to be identification of the forces" that would be used in an attempt to halt a Serb offensive that has claimed a high civilian toll and left tens of thousands of people homeless refugees.

"Neither the United States nor the European allies can tolerate this much longer," she said on a busy day in the Balkans that was marked also by positive signs.

Here, in Bosnia's Serb republic, Albright met with leaders who are credited with trying to implement the 1995 Dayton Peace Accords that ended 3 1/2 years of ethnic warfare in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

She visited a rebuilt feeder station that supplies electricity to 100,000 people and three industrial zones, a project completed just three days ago Using $1.6 million in U.S. aid, clean water will also be provided to the area.

"You should be very proud. It's a great message to run on," she told Biljana Plavsic, the president of the Serb republic, who broke from war crimes suspect Radovan Karadzic and will seek election in nationwide elections in two weeks.

By the end of the year, Albright said, the United States will have provided $100 million in aid to the Bosnian republic and $240 million to all of Bosnia. "The election will be a chance to tell us what kind of country Bosnia will be," she said.

'Neither the United States nor the European allies can tolerate this much longer.'
— Secretary of State Madeleine Albright

She then went to Sarajevo, the capital, by helicopter, stopping first at Stup, a suburb. There, in a speech to hundreds of returned refugees, she made it clear the United States would offer assistance only to areas that promote tolerance.

"We have no interest in subsidizing intolerance," Albright said. "Whatever the outcome of the vote, we will provide support only to those communities that meet their responsibility to implement Dayton by welcoming refugees, making joint institutions work, by upholding justice and the law."

Albright also took an indirect slap at Germany and Austria, which are eager to have Bosnian refugees depart.

"I hope our European allies will recognize," she said, "that it is also irresponsible to force them to return where there is no security, no housing and no jobs."

Albright has been criticized in some quarters for leveling threats — against the Serbs in Kosovo and against Iraq for defying U.N. weapons inspectors — without implementing them. But she renewed her warning to the Serbs Sunday while also stressing that the top U.S. priority in Kosovo was finding a diplomatic solution to the struggle between the Serbs and ethnic Albanians who are seeking independence.

U.S. aid to refugees in the province will be boosted from $10 million to $30 million, she said.

Earlier, in Croatia, she lectured President Franjo Tudjman on the pace of return of ethnic Serb refugees, for a press that is still partly under government control and for Croatia's close ties to ethnic Croats in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

"Bosnian Croats have to be able to act independently," Albright said, referring to the uphill U.S.-led effort to establish a diversified, peaceful state from often clashing communities in Bosnia.

Tudjman resisted. At a joint news conference, he said Croats in Bosnia should not be denied their "mark of identity," thereby conjuring up the notion of a "greater Croatia" at Bosnia's expense.

A senior U.S. official, briefing reporters later in Sarajevo, said Albright had called for an overhaul of election laws in Croatia and for an easing of restrictions on the news media.

Specifically, the official said the state-approved television network was seriously distorting the positions of Kresimir Zubak, the moderate Bosnian Croat who serves on Bosnia's tripartite presidency, with voicer-overs and other unfair tactics.

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Ecuadoran airport officials investigate cause of crash

QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — Investigators sifted through the charred remains of a Cuban airliner that plowed into a soccer field, searching Sunday for clues to the disaster that killed 79 people, including five children playing on the ground.

The Tupolev 154 aircraft owned by Cubana de Aviacion burst into flames Saturday during takeoff, clipping through two homes and an auto mechanic's shop before slamming into the field 200 yards from a runway at Quito's Mariscal Sucre International Airport.

The plane, en route first to the coastal city of Guayaquil before continuing on to Havana, was carrying 76 passengers and 14 crew members, said Gen. Osvaldo Dominguez, director of the Civil Aviation Office. At least 21 passengers reportedly survived the crash.

Rescue workers found another charred body Sunday, bringing the death toll to 79. At least 10 people on the ground were killed.

Survivors said they heard loud noises before the crash, and Dominguez said it appeared that one of the engines stalled before the crash.

Police cordoned off the crash site while investigators searched for the plane's black box and a local resident missing since the crash. It was not immediately clear if the body found Sunday was that of the missing neighbor.

Firefighters sprayed jets of water onto the smoldering ruins, hoping to prevent further explosions. Though part of the fuselage remained intact, the plane's nose and front section were destroyed.

The jet barely missed a heavily traveled avenue at the end of the airport runway in a middle-class residential neighborhood high in the Andes.

"There was a great deal of noise, the plane started to shake, we all went forward and the plane split in half," said Eduardo Rivadeneira, 21, a crash survivor who was traveling with his aunt. "I then saw ... people on fire and shouting madly. I managed to get out of the plane before it burst into fire.

"My aunt did not make it."

None of the crew members survived the crash. Two stewardesses helped passengers escape from the burning plane, only to be consumed by the fire, survivors told local newspapers.

President Jamil Mahuad visited the crash site and said he would insist on a study to move the airport.

"I deeply lament the tragedy," Mahuad said. "This is one more reason to relocate the airport as soon as possible."

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Rebels flee last stronghold in southwest Congo

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — Government-allied troops chased rebels from their last stronghold in southwest Congo, officials said Sunday, dealing a major setback to an insurgency aimed at ousting President Laurent Kabila.

Parts of Matadi were reportedly in flames as Angolan troops fighting on behalf of Kabila marched into the Congo River port over the weekend, after insurgent fighters reportedly airlifted their troops out in a hasty retreat.

Kabila's cabinet director, Abdoulaye Yerodia, said the rebels set fire to the port — the only major shipping facility serving inland southwestern Congo.

"This is a signal of what would come if their plan to take Kinshasa succeeds," Yerodia told reporters.

Congolese rebels on Sunday acknowledged the loss of the port and air base at Matadi and the nearby Inga power plant, 210 miles southwest of the capital, Kinshasa.

"We have tactically withdrawn from Matadi and Inga so our forces can concentrate on Kinshasa," the rebel leader Ernest Wamba dia Wamba said.

He said the retreat was necessary for the rebel force to avoid being cut in two by the Angolan troops advancing at Songololo.

He said after the withdrawal late Saturday, the rebels controlled the 140-mile stretch of land from Songololo to Kinshasa, where, he said, the fighting continued.

'This is one of the worst floods I have ever seen. It's like Victoria Falls was coming through here.'

— Rebel leader Ernest Wamba dia Wamba

Wamba denied reports that either Matadi or the Inga installations were damaged in the withdrawal. The rebels have denied that the city was on fire when they left.

"We left the town intact. There was no fighting. If any damage occurred, it was the Angolans who did it," he said.

Matadi was the last major town in Congo's southwest controlled by a rebel coalition that won a string of stunning successes early in the monthold uprising against Kabila. The rebels accuse Kabila of corruption and tribalism.

With the help of allied Angolan, Zimbabwean and Namibian forces, Kabila's loyalist troops have regained ground nearly as quickly as it was lost. The rebels are widely believed to be backed by neighboring Rwanda and Uganda, although both countries have denied involvement.

Kinshasa was quiet Sunday after days of pitched combat in its western and eastern suburbs left bodies scattered through the streets and triggered a vicious spree of lynching and summary executions.

Responding to complaints from foreign ambassadors in Kinshasa, Yerodia defended his military's conduct.

"The reality of this situation is that the front is everywhere," he said. "The aggressors are hiding in houses and back alleys in all quarters. If there are fronts everywhere in Kinshasa, there is war everywhere."

The charred corpses of suspected rebels lay along some streets in downtown Kinshasa.

Officials say hundreds and perhaps thousands of rebel fighters have surrendered or been killed in the past few days of fighting.

The rebels, however, say they are not finished.

The insurgent coalition force of ethnic Tutsis and former Congolese soldiers still controls key cities in the country's east, including Goma, Bukavu and Kisangani.

Yerodia said a key power dam at the town of Inga, southwest of Kinshasa, had been recaptured by Congo's allies, although electricity to the capital had not yet been restored.

Rebel leader Jean-Pierre Ondekane remained defiant.

"They say the war is over but I say the war is not finished," he said. "We're in Kinshasa fighting! The situation is going well."

Rebel troops slipped past government defenses in various parts of Kinshasa last week and launched an attack on the airport and the city's eastern outskirts.

Government, Angolan and Zimbabwean troops searched door-to-door Sunday in search of insurgent forces hiding amid the population, Yerodia said.

Kabila, meanwhile, flew to Zimbabwe, where he was expected to thank the country for sending troops.

Kabila won the support of several neighboring countries after insisting the Congolese rebellion was, in fact, an invasion by Rwanda and Uganda.

Meanwhile, Congo and Rwanda were exchanging accusations at a summit of the Nonaligned Movement summit in South Africa.

Rwanda reiterated claims that Congo had trained about 10,000 rebel soldiers in a bid to unseat Rwanda's government. Congo was expected later to repeat its charges that Rwanda was aiding insurgents inside Congo.

Rwanda and Uganda helped Kabila oust longtime Zairian dictator Mobutu Sese Seko a year ago, but have turned on Kabila recently because of his inability to stem cross-border rebel attacks.

Palestinian Authority carries out death sentences for first time

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — A firing squad in black hoods executed two former Palestinian policemen in the courtyard of a Gaza prison Sunday, the first time the Palestinian Authority has carried out death sentences.

The executions, carried out by 10 policemen with AK-47s, were intended to send a strong signal from Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat that police abuse of power will not be tolerated.

The policemen were brothers convicted of killing two other policemen brothers at a wedding as part of a longstanding blood feud.

Mohammed Abu Sultan, 25, and Raed Abu Sultan, 24, had served in the Gaza Strip police force. A military court sentenced them to death Saturday for gunning down Majdi al-Khaldi, 32, and Mohammed al-Khaldi, 30.

Arafat, who in the past has issued direct orders that death sentences be commuted to life in prison, approved the sentences Sunday.

Hassan Asfour, a lawmaker from Gaza and a confidant of Arafat, said the Palestinian leader wants to make sure the 40,000 Palestinians in uniform do not exploit their positions.

"No one is above the law," Asfour told The Associated Press.

Incidents of Palestinian forces using the power of their uniforms to settle personal scores have increased over the past year. Dozens of Palestinian police have been found guilty of illegally bursting into homes, making unauthorized arrests of personal enemies, jailing members of rival clans and taking part in wide corruption schemes and theft.

Israel has also accused Palestinian police of involvement in a series of violent attacks against Israeli civilians.

A minister in Arafat's Cabinet, Abu Ali Shaheen, said Sunday it was time to send a message that such behavior will no longer be tolerated.

"Today is an example for all those who disgrace their profession and take lightly the weapon they carry," Shaheen said.

Palestinian human rights activist Bassam Eid condemned the death penalty and said Arafat had "no right to confiscate the life of any Palestinian."

Gaza police chief Ghazi Jabali told a news conference that the two men had asked to pray before the execution and made a last-minute plea for clemency.

Russian nuclear capability makes America nervous, but sanctions may not help

MOSCOW (AP) — If the White House thought imposing sanctions on Russian technology firms would scare them away from deals with Iran, Gennady Khromov wants to set the record straight: No way.

"The sanctions mean nothing to us," he said.

Khromov is export controls expert at Glavkosmos, one of seven Russian companies and institutes the Clinton administration sanctioned last month. Effective immediately, they will no longer be able to do business with U.S. firms.

The problem is — they don't do business with America in the first place. "The sanctions are groundless and pointless," Khromov said.

The White House action, and Khromov's reaction, illustrate one of the deep divides in U.S.-Russian relations as President Clinton leaves Washington on Monday for this week's summit conference.

On arms control, the United States tends to focus on the safety of nuclear weapons, especially the spread of weapons and technology from Russia to what Washington considers "rogue" states like Iran and Libya.

The Russians tend to focus on more traditional arms-control issues, including conventional weapons and control of strategic arms.

"They basically have the same priorities, but the accent is on different things," said Alexander Pikayev, a military analyst at the Moscow branch of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a U.S. think tank.

This means that when Clinton and President Boris Yeltsin sit down to talk about arms control at the summit Tuesday through Thursday, there may be some friction.

On Sunday, Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., told ABC's "This Week With Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts" that the summit may yield "agreements or tentative agreements" to reduce by 50 tons the amount of plutonium each country has for nuclear weapons. It is uncertain whether that agreement would be enforceable in light of other issues, including Russia's financial problems.

"This is a rather big announcement with reference to our relationship regarding nuclear weapons," said Domenici, who will accompany Clinton on the trip.

A White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Sunday that Clinton and Yeltsin would work toward an agreement but details have yet to be worked out.

The Russians see the greatest threat to their security in NATO's overwhelming superiority in conventional weapons and would like to even the balance. They also want to negotiate deeper cuts in nuclear missiles in a START III treaty.

Asking Clinton to reduce NATO's war-fighting capability would be a nonstarter. And as for START III, the main obstacle is the Russian parliament. Angry over Russia's declining superpower status, lawmakers have refused to ratify the previous treaty, START II, despite pleas and prods from Yeltsin.

With START III on hold, nuclear nonproliferation is likely to take top priority on the American side of the summit agenda. In particular, Clinton probably will press U.S. demands for tougher action to keep missile technology and nuclear materials out of Iranian hands.

The U.S. emphasis on Iran is irritating to more than a few Russians, who consider the country a neighbor and longtime ally.

"Your relations with Iran are your affair," Khromov says. "For our part, we are categorically against condemning all forms of cooperation with Iran."

One reason is that nuclear technology is one of Russia's few exports, and the government is desperate for cash. The Russians are helping Iran build a nuclear power plant at Bushehr in a deal said to be worth about $800 million. The United States fears the plant could help Iran develop its potential to make nuclear weapons, a worry the Russians say is groundless.

The Glavkosmos case is different. The company is a state-owned firm that negotiates sales of Russian space technology such as solar batteries and rockets. Based on reports from the Russian government, the United States suspects Glavkosmos arranges deals to sell missile technology to Iran.

Anxiety about such sales deepened recently when Iran successfully tested a missile capable of carrying a nuclear warhead as far as Israel. Analysts agree the technology was supplied by North Korea, but the incident heightened fears that Iran will increasingly seek such technology from Russia.

Russia has tight export controls on the books, and Glavkosmos says its contracts with Iran have been reviewed and approved by the Russian government.

While he won't give details, Khromov insists, "You can't use the word 'missile' in connection with any of our contracts with Iran."

Even simple items can be turned to military uses, however, and it often can be extremely difficult to determine if a given purchase is purely civilian in intent.

Khromov gives an example. Glavkosmos sold desalinization equipment to Iran, presumably to help them produce drinking water in desert communities.

"Is it possible that soldiers at a missile site could drink this water? It's possible," Khromov says. "Is that a violation? Often you can't find hard boundaries between what's permitted and what's forbidden."

Analysts say U.S. sanctions are unlikely to have much effect on Russia, although they may be a deterrent to the many European companies eager to deal with the Iranians.

"It won't stop the trade, and I don't think the administration thought for a moment that it would," said Terry Taylor of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. "But it does send a warning to companies in Britain, Germany, France and elsewhere."

Kosovo Albanians dispute Serb accusations

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — A pro-Albanian group on Sunday disputed allegations that Albanian guerrillas in Kosovo had killed and incinerated the bodies of 22 Serb civilians in the embattled province.

The Board for Protection of Human Rights and Freedoms, based in Kosovo's capital, Pristina, demanded an independent investigation to determine if recently found human remains were those of Kosovo Serbs.

Serbian police said Saturday they had discovered a crematory in the southern village of Klecka, where ethnic Albanians allegedly had burned the bodies of at least 22 Serbs.

"The monstrous crime was blamed on members of the Kosovo Liberation Army without first determining the truth first by unbiased, competent experts," the human rights group said.

It hinted that the remains might have been those of Kosovo Albanians killed elsewhere and left in Klecka to cast the rebels in a bad light.

The Serb allegations were the latest in a series of claims of brutality and atrocities by both sides since ethnic Albanians began fighting for an independent Kosovo six months ago.

Serbian police and the Yugoslav army have been trying to crush the independence effort. Albanians outnumber Serbs 9-to-1 in the volatile province in Serbia, the dominant Yugoslav republic.

Hundreds of people have been killed on both sides, and more than 260,000 have been rendered homeless by the fighting.

Western government have threatened to use force against the Serbs to stop the offensive, but have yet to follow through.

On Sunday, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright warned the Serbs again during a visit to Bijeljina, Bosnia, saying "there is the potential use of force." She said she would meet in Sarajevo on Monday with Gen. Wesley Clark, the NATO commander.

"Neither the United States nor the European allies can tolerate much longer" what is going on in Kosovo, she said.

The bloodshed continued Sunday. Both Serb and Albanian sources reported a clash in the village of Susica, northwestern Kosovo, where eight ethnic Albanians were killed a day earlier.

The pro-Albanian Kosovo Information Center said Serbian police in armored vehicles on Saturday battled members of the Salihaj family, killing eight men.

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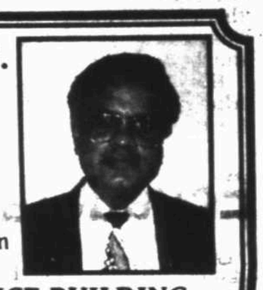

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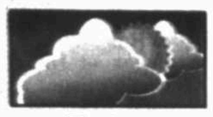
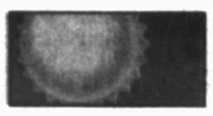
WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 95
Low 67



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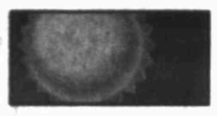
High 93
Low 66



Wednesday
Sunny
High 91
Low 65

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies becoming mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs are expected to be near 95 with southeast winds at 5-15 mph, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

Tonight's forecast calls for fair skies with a low between 65 and 70.

Tuesday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high between 90 to 95.

After an overnight low of 67, Sunday's high reached 94, compared to the record high for the date of 105 set in 1964. Record low for this date was 61, set in 1987.

Yesterday's precipitation
Rainfall Sunday ..... 0.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday ..... 0.00 in.
Total for month ..... 0.92 in.
Total for year ..... 3.05 in.

Yesterday's temperatures
High 94
Low 67
Normal high 91
Normal low 65

Pollen count
Trees: n/a **Weeds:** n/a
Grass: n/a **Molds:** n/a
Dust: n/a
Courtesy: Allergy Alliance of the Permian Basin

Sunrise ... 7:23 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:14 p.m.

UV reading
M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Skin Cancer Prevention Project
UV readings for August 30:
11 a.m. - 5, moderate risk
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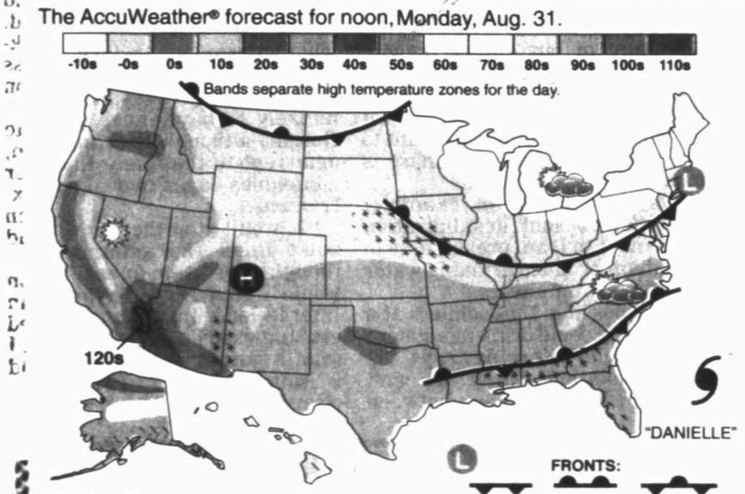
3 p.m. - 6, moderate risk

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, Aug. 31.



Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8:32 p.m. EDT.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Atlanta	93	71	cdy	
Atlantic City	91	66	clr	
Baton Rouge	94	74	cdy	
Birmingham	93	73	cdy	
Bismarck	86	53	cdy	
Boise	88	61	clr	
Boston	85	64	.02	m
Casper	93	52	cdy	
Charlotte,N.C.	92	72	cdy	
Chattanooga	93	72	clr	
Cheyenne	89	57	cdy	
Chicago	81	63	clr	
Cincinnati	87	61	clr	
Cleveland	85	62	clr	
Colorado Springs	85	57	cdy	
Columbia,S.C.	97	73	cdy	
Columbus,Ga.	100	76	cdy	
Denver	95	63	cdy	
Des Moines	85	63	cdy	
Detroit	80	64	clr	
Fairbanks	62	34	rn	
Fargo	85	51	cdy	
Flint	81	55	clr	
Honolulu	88	77	clr	
Indianapolis	88	65	clr	
Jackson,Miss.	95	73	.04	cdy
Kansas City	91	65	cdy	
Knoxville	92	69	clr	
Las Vegas	105	88	cdy	
Little Rock	96	74	cdy	
Los Angeles	101	71	clr	
Memphis	92	73	clr	
Miami Beach	92	78	cdy	
Milwaukee	78	61	clr	
Mpls-St Paul	80	52	cdy	
Nashville	92	71	clr	
New Orleans	92	78	cdy	
New York City	88	74	cdy	
Oklahoma City	101	69	clr	
Omaha	87	61	cdy	
Orlando	95	72	1.11	cdy
Philadelphia	90	69	clr	
Phoenix	108	87	clr	
Pittsburgh	84	63	cdy	
Portland,Maine	82	64	cdy	
Portland,Ore.	88	60	clr	
Providence	86	67	.04	m
Reno	98	62	clr	
Richmond	91	72	clr	
Sacramento	99	62	clr	
St Louis	92	69	cdy	
St Thomas	88	81	cdy	
Salem,Ore.	88	58	clr	
Salt Lake City	94	62	cdy	
San Diego	87	73	clr	
San Francisco	64	54	cdy	
San Jose	81	56	clr	
Santa Fe	85	55	cdy	
St Ste Marie	73	50	cdy	
Savannah	96	75	clr	
Seattle	82	56	clr	
Shreveport	96	75	.01	cdy
Sioux City	85	56	.01	cdy
South Bend	80	62	clr	
Spokane	91	59	clr	
Springfield,Mo.	92	60	cdy	
Syracuse	79	66	cdy	
Tallahassee	96	75	cdy	
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	92	78	cdy	
Toledo	84	59	clr	
Topeka	96	64	cdy	
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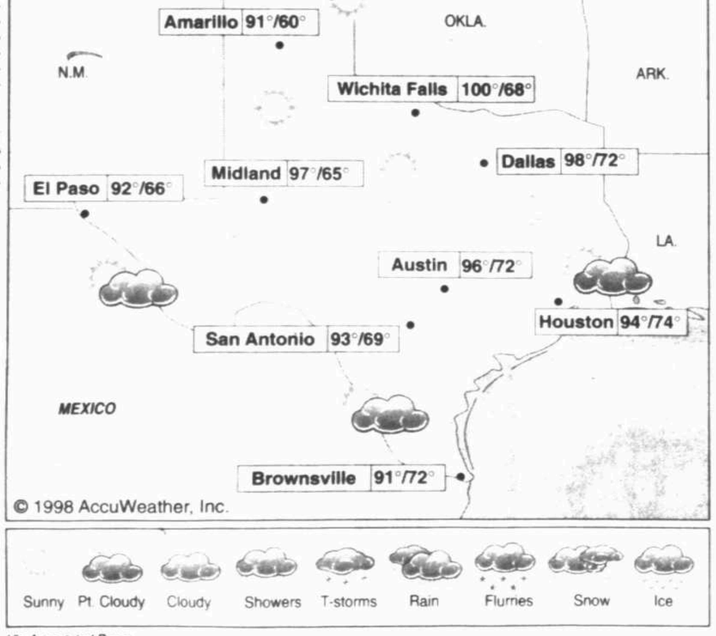
Washington,D.C.	91	72	clr	

State forecast



Via Associated Press

Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. CDT:

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	95	68	0.06
Amarillo	92	60	
Arlington	98	77	
Austin Bergstrom	96	68	0.69
Beaumont	94	74	
Brownsville	86	76	0.34
Burnet	94	72	
Childress	97	64	
College Station	97	75	
Corpus Christi	85	76	0.03
Dallas	99	78	
Del Rio	95	71	
Denton	101	75	
El Paso	92	63	
Fort Stockton	92	66	
Fort Worth	100	74	
Galveston	89	81	
Harlingen	83	73	0.53
Houston Intrctnl	93	73	
Huntsville	96	75	0.12
Junction	89	67	0.23
Kingsville	89	76	0.12
Laredo	91	77	
Lubbock	88	58	
McAllen	86	76	0.04
McKinney	101	72	
Mineral Wells	102	69	
Navy Corpus	84	77	
New Braunfels	92	69	0.01
Paris	99	75	
San Angelo	91	71	0.04
San Antonio	92	71	
Tyler	99	75	
Waco	98	71	0.04
Wichita Falls	101	68	
Wink	92	63	

DEAL: Soviet-style economic controls part of agreement

(From 1A)

lar before the collapse.

There had been no immediate confirmation that Yeltsin would accept the deal, even though it left him with a firm grip on power. But he appeared reluctant to accept many of the provisions, according to Russian media.

There was no word on an economic plan that had been discussed with the opposition to handle the crisis. It called for imposing some Soviet-style economic controls, but Chernomyrdin said Saturday there was no question of restoring the Soviet system.

While Yeltsin would have lost some power under the deal, it had appeared to represent a major step down by the hard-line opposition, which had been calling for the president's removal and formal power sharing. Yeltsin said last week he would never resign.

Zyuganov called for unspecified changes to the International Monetary Fund's terms for extending a $22.6 billion loan to Russia. The Communists also called for formation of a Constitutional Assembly, a new body that would take over "if the situation gets out of control" and tighter controls on Yeltsin's powers to nominate a prime minister.

Yeltsin brought Chernomyrdin back as prime minister a week ago because he hoped the familiar figure would restore confidence in the government, badly damaged by the ruble's sharp decline.

AP Photo
Some 200 Russian miners hold a demonstration on Red Square in the heart of Moscow Sunday to demand the removal of President Boris Yeltsin.

'Titanic' video set to cruise into stores at midnight

By Michael Fleeman
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Has all the "Titanic" hype sunk from sight? Guess again, shipmates.

On Tuesday — just after the stroke of midnight Monday — the oceangoing Academy Award winner launches its North America video release, with many stores staying open to handle shoppers.

With 20 million copies of the James Cameron blockbuster shipped over the weekend, it's expected to easily become the biggest-selling live-action video of all time, crushing "Jurassic Park," which has sold 17 million copies.

The only question is whether it also will surpass the 30 million sales of Disney's animated feature "The Lion King."

"Inarguably, 'Titanic' is the biggest video event in years," said Bruce Apar, editor in chief of Video Business magazine. "This is the kind of marquee title that gets people into the stores to buy other titles as well."

For this reason, many stores are willing to accept minimal profits — or even take a loss — on the 3-hour, 14-minute double-tape set priced for an average of about $25.

The online video store, www.Reel.com, whose whimsical ads say, "We brought it in under budget," is selling the tape for $9.99, plus shipping and handling, well below wholesale cost, which is a trade secret but believed to be about $16.

"We opted to take the loss," said Julie Wainwright, the company's chief executive. "We did it to introduce people to shopping at our site. We figured if they had a good experience, there's a good chance they're coming back."

Through late last week, Reel.com had processed 150,000 orders, with the requests coming in at a dizzying rate of three-a-second during the peak Internet hours of lunchtime and evening, Wainwright said.

At Tower Video on Sunset Boulevard, where "Titanic" star Leonardo DiCaprio occasionally shops, managers will deck out the store like a ship in anticipation of the midnight sale.

"I'm sick of all the hoopla," clerk Tony Sinclair said. "It's nonstop. They want to decorate this place like a giant ship, with portholes and sand. I said, 'There was no sand on the Titanic. We need lifeboats.'"

Shoppers gobble up anything and everything "Titanic" — particularly if it has DiCaprio on it, said Sinclair, who has been offered up to $100 for a picture of the movie heartthrob hanging near a "Titanic" display.

Video retail giant Blockbuster said the pre-sale of "Titanic" surpassed that of its previous record-holder, "The Lion King," though the chain refused to disclose sale figures. It is charging $24.99, with a $5 gift certificate to pre-sale customers.

Many of Blockbuster's 4,000 American stores will reopen at midnight, spokeswoman Stephanie Cota said. Exceptions include some in indoor shopping malls and in cities with ordinances prohibiting the late hours.

"We want to be able let the customers have the movie the minute it is available," Cota said.

Best Buy consumer electronics stores will open 276 of 289 outlets at midnight, offering the video for $19.99 — plus a free "Titanic" 1999 calendar, spokeswoman Laurie Bauer said.

"We'll just open the front section so we don't have to staff the entire store," she said.

The only other times Best Buy opened at midnight were to sell "The Beatles Anthology" CD and Windows 95 software.

The video release follows the phenomenal $1.8-billion box office run of the movie, starring DiCaprio and Kate Winslet as star-crossed lovers aboard the doomed oceanliner.

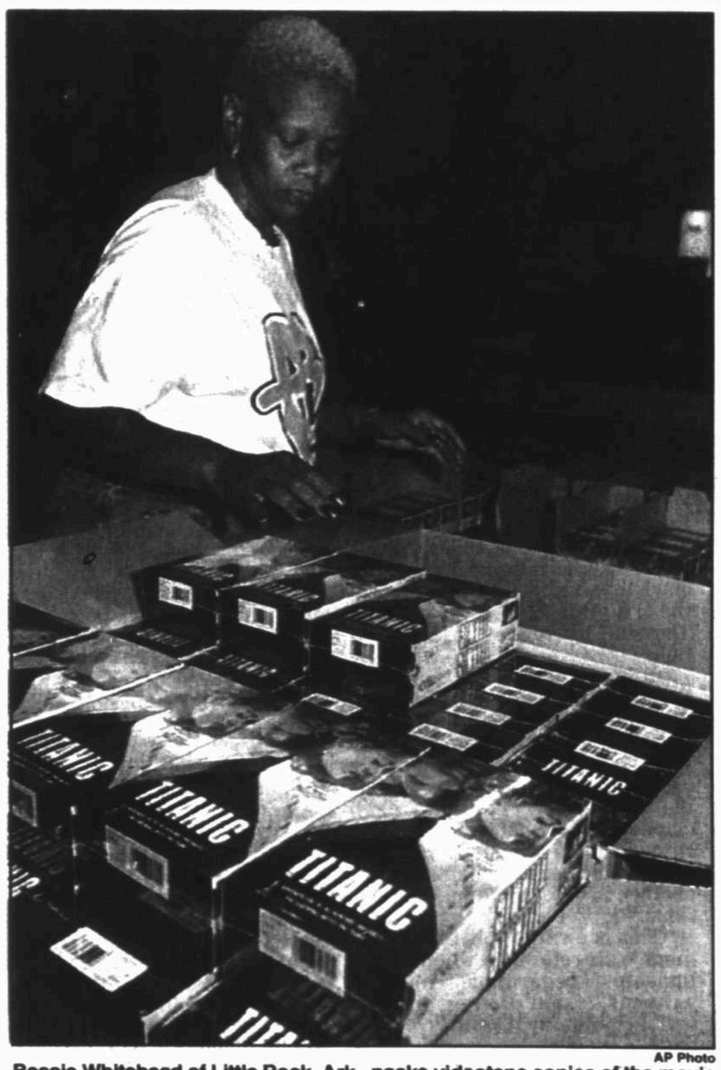
It has brought in $600 million domestically — making it the all-time box-office champ — and nearly $1.2 billion overseas. The winner of 11 Oscars, including best picture, "Titanic" was co-produced by 20th Century Fox and Paramount, and is being released domestically by Paramount. The two studios share in the revenues.

Typically, video is a monster moneymaker for the studios, with about 55 percent of the studio's domestic film revenue coming from video rentals and sales, according to the Video Software Dealers Association.

Only about 23 percent comes from the theatrical run (with TV and pay-per-view making up the rest), though the success of the movie in theaters fuels the success in the video stores.

And even as stores were receiving their "Titanic" video shipments, 502 movie theaters in the United States and Canada were still showing the film, and the theatrical run could continue for months.

"With 'Titanic,' it's just one of those movies that captured the imagination of the movie-going public," said Dorrit Ragosine, Paramount home video spokeswoman. "It's one of those films we want to see over and over again."



AP Photo
Bessie Whitehead of Little Rock, Ark., packs videotape copies of the movie "Titanic" on Thursday at Deluxe Video Service Inc. in North Little Rock to be delivered across the country.

WRECK: Collision heard two blocks away

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inward — pinning her against the dashboard. Hospital officials said Ms. Leonard's injuries were critical, but she was in stable condition late Sunday.

Odessan Luisa Searles, 63, driver of the Buick and Ms. Leonard's mother, was treated and released from the hospital, where she was treated for minor injuries. She had just picked up Ms. Lago, who is her sister, from the Midland International Airport after she had just arrived from South America, said MPD spokeswoman Tina Sanders-Jauz.

The Buick came to a rest after its front wheels were stuck on the Midland Drive road median. However, its bumper still managed to hit a silver Chevrolet Corsica that was on the southbound Midland Drive lane.

The truck, which continued west after hitting the Buick, struck a late-model Suburban and then rammed into an older-model green Chevrolet pickup before it came to a rest.

A white Chevrolet Cavalier was surrounded in the wreckage, but was not struck, Mayers said. Only the occupants of the black truck and the Buick were immediately hospitalized, he said.

The truck's occupants include Midlanders Catalina Huerda, 41, Lucy Lopez, 39, a 10-year-old girl and the driver, Pablo Lopez, 21. The three females sustained minor injuries and were taken to the hospital. Lopez stayed at the scene until he was taken to the hospital, where blood sample was taken from him.

That is a normal procedure for officers investigating a car accident in which someone is critically injured or killed, Ms. Sanders-Jauz said. Charges will be filed once the investigation is completed, she said.

Though no citations were immediately issued, Lopez could eventually be charged with anything ranging from disregarding a stop sign, a misdemeanor offense, to criminally negligent manslaughter, a felony crime, Mayers said.

One of dozens of onlookers at the Wal-Mart parking lot said they heard the collision from the Sonic Drive-In two blocks away from the accident site.

"It sounded like thunder," said Cindy Castillo, an employee at Hollywood Video, which is located near the intersection. "When I came out, I could see (Ms. Lago's) legs sticking out from under the Explorer."

Kristi West, a video clerk, crossed the road - now littered with broken glass and wreck debris - to see what was going on. She met with a woman who she thought was a passenger in the Cavalier.

" She was hysterical," Ms. West said. She ran back to the store and brought paper towels and a bottle of cold water. She also called 911 and made a report, though police arrived while she was still on the phone.

Another store employee, Brandon Hill, reiterated the officer's report that the black pickup struck the Buick, causing it to spin several times and eject a passenger from the back of vehicle.

"Then the rest of the cars collided against each other. It was like a domino effect," Hill said.

In early August, law enforcement officials in Midland-Odessa announced the "Red for a Reason" public awareness campaign. They said the area is not immune to the nationwide pattern of drivers running red lights, which is responsible for 22 percent of all fatalities.

On a local level, officers asked for the public to cooperate by obeying red lights, which could reduce the number of traffic accidents and injuries. Midland-Odessa authorities vowed to monitor some of the city's heaviest intersections and issue citations to drivers that ignored red lights.

LITTER: 21 percent didn't know purpose of campaign

(From 1A)

really educate people about the true litter prevention meaning of 'Don't Mess with Texas'."

That's apparently necessary.

Even though 96 percent of Texans were aware of the slogan, the survey found 21 percent didn't know it targeted litter prevention. Many thought it had something to do with Texas pride or being macho.

In the effort to obtain a true picture of Texas' littering problem, Tuerff said the survey used non-threatening questions to get respondents to reveal their actual behavior.

"If you ask somebody, 'Do you litter?' the politically correct answer would be no. If we had asked that question, we probably would have seen that 90 percent would have said no," Tuerff said.

Instead, he said, the survey included questions such as, "Rather than keep an alcohol container in the car, you or someone in a vehicle you were in threw out a can or bottle."

Seven percent said they had done so in the past three months.

Doris Howdeshall, travel division director for the Transportation Department, said she was surprised that similar numbers of men and women littered. She said the first research for the campaign in 1986 identified litterers as primarily men between 18 and 34.

"Gender is not as important now," she said. "We are going to refocus. Our target audience has now shifted a bit. It's a little younger. The new target is teens 16 to 24."

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Clinton, Yeltsin might find breather from respective crises in summit

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton and Boris Yeltsin may find brief but welcome respite from political crisis when they meet in Moscow this week. But with both presidents facing problems at home, and no major agreements expected, accomplishments from the Sept. 1-3 summit are likely to be slight.

Clinton heads for Moscow the day after his vacation in Martha's Vineyard — a vacation already interrupted by his return to Washington after ordering air strikes on suspected terrorist operations in Sudan and Afghanistan.

The international fallout from those attacks — sharply criticized by Yeltsin — will be on the agenda. But the two-day session will be dominated by Russia's worsening economic crisis.

Both Yeltsin and Clinton are struggling to regain their presidential footing — Clinton in showing he can function as chief executive despite a politically debilitating sex investigation, and Yeltsin to shore up his uneasy hold on power in the midst of this country's economic upheaval.

"Clinton and Yeltsin have lots to talk about. It is interesting, even ironic, that both men have tarnished reputations in their own countries and uncertain grips over their own government," said Stephen J. Cimbala, professor of political science at Pennsylvania State University.

Clinton's trip has garnered support from Democrats and Republicans. He'll be accompanied by Sens. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., and Reps. Steny Hoyer, D-Md. and Peter King, R-N.Y.

A blunt House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who has opposed the summit in the current context, said Saturday it was too late to cancel the Moscow trip but that he was "very concerned" it was a summit in search of an agenda

"I have questions about why you'd have a summit without having something worked out in advance," Gingrich said on a break from a tour of Prudhoe Bay oil fields during a tour of Alaska. "I am very concerned that weakened presidents getting together may be tempted to promise each other things they can't deliver on."

Just as demands for Clinton's resignation have come from some Republican critics, Yeltsin's political foes in the Duma, Russia's parliament, have called for his resignation — or impeachment. On Friday, Yeltsin declared that he would serve out his term and then not run for re-election in 2000.

What Russia may want most now — more international financial aid — Clinton is not in a good position to provide.

Even before his grand jury appearance and address to the nation on the Monica Lewinsky matter, Clinton was having a hard time getting the Republican-led Congress to go along with his request for $18 billion to help the International Monetary Fund replenish its resources after big loans to Russia and Asia.

Now, Clinton's clout is further eroded.

Even if funds were available, additional influxes of international money alone may not be the solution for Russia.

The summit comes in the midst of Russian economic and political turmoil, which persists despite the IMF's $22.6 billion assistance package in mid-July. The crisis underscores the fact that the United States and its rich allies are rapidly running out of solutions to halt the deepening global economic crisis.

"Russia's a basket case right now," said Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., chairman of a House International Relations subcommittee and one who has labored to foster a closer working relationship between Congress and the Duma.

Weldon, who is proficient in Russian, said in an interview that U.S.-Russian relations have been "too heavily reliant on a president-to-president relationship," and that formula may no longer work.

Long gone are the days when Yeltsin's image among Russians could be bolstered by visits from a U.S. president, many analysts say. In fact, there is growing anti-American sentiment as a result of the economic crisis, and Yeltsin remains deeply unpopular, said Joan Barth Urban, a political scientist at Catholic University who specializes in Russia.

The administration asserts Clinton will do what he can to find ways to ease the crisis.

"The international community has a big stake in seeing that Russia gets their economy moving in the right direction," said White House spokesman Mike McCurry in previewing the upcoming U.S.-Russian meeting.

Clinton also is expected to raise two topics of long-term concern to the United States: the spread of Russian missile technology to Iran and Russia's long-stalled ratification of the START II arms reduction treaty.

He also will press for Yeltsin to do more to help end Serb attacks in Kosovo and may reiterate U.S. opposition to Russia's mid-June deal with India to build power plants for two nuclear reactors, U.S. officials said. It is their first meeting since the Indian and Pakistani nuclear tests last spring.

START II, the next nuclear-arms-cutting agreement, has been long-stalled by the Communist-dominated Russian parliament. The treaty was ratified by the U.S. Senate in 1996, but the Russian lower house has balked. It seems unlikely that Clinton's visit will do much to speed up a vote.

The trip will provide Clinton with a chance to get away from the Lewinsky investigation, which hasn't generated much attention in Russia. Mark Katz, a professor of government at George Mason University, said Russians generally have a hard time understanding why the revelation that a powerful politician has a mistress should be viewed as particularly scandalous.

Holocaust survivor recalls slave labor; attorneys plan lawsuits seeking back wages

AP Photo

Adolf Hitler speaks at the opening ceremony of the Volkswagen car factory in Fallersleben, Lower Saxony May 26, 1938. A class-action lawsuit expected to be filed today demands compensation for the work of slave laborers.

NEW YORK (AP) — As a teenager, Elly Gross was waiting her turn to die at the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland when she was instead sent to work as slave labor for German automaker Volkswagen.

While fortunate to have escaped the Nazi camp where her mother and 5-year-old brother were gassed to death, Mrs. Gross was forced to work long hours with no pay and still has trouble breathing from the paint she inhaled as a youngster.

A class-action lawsuit expected to be filed today on behalf of Mrs. Gross and others like her demands compensation for the work of slave laborers, alleging that Volkswagen not only exploited slave labor, but worked with the Nazis to ensure its steady supply.

"Nobody can give me back my mother and brother. But they can make right what they did to me," Mrs. Gross, of New York City, said Sunday.

Historians believe more than 7 million people were coerced to work in Germany under Hitler's regime.

The government has so far turned down survivors' demands for back wages, but Volkswagen said in July it would establish a fund to pay back wages. Lawyer Mel Weiss, who said he will file the lawsuit Monday in federal court in Newark, N.J., said the company's proposal was not acceptable.

Volkswagen did not immediately return telephone calls seeking comment to its offices in Germany and the United States.

'The industrial companies of Germany played an integral role in the Holocaust. They masterminded and implemented ... (a) conspiracy to ... profit from the Holocaust.'
— Attorney Ed Fagan

"Germany has apologized for the Holocaust. This lawsuit is a test of whether it will put justice where its mouth is," Weiss said.

In a similar action, attorney Ed Fagan said he will soon file a federal lawsuit in New York City against several German and Austrian companies — including Volkswagen — over use of slave labor.

"The industrial companies of Germany played an integral role in the Holocaust," Fagan said. "They masterminded and implemented with the Nazi regime a ... conspiracy to purposely enslave and exploit Holocaust victims and to profit from the Holocaust."

The lawsuits against Volkswagen and other companies follow the agreement by Swiss banks to settle outstanding Holocaust claims for $1.25 billion that were negotiated in part by Fagan and Weiss.

But it's about more than money for Mrs. Gross.

In April 1944, 15-year-old Elly Gross, her mother and brother were loaded on a railroad boxcar from their native Romania for a six-day trip to Auschwitz.

"When we arrived, people were screaming. Dogs were barking. Everybody was yelling," she said.

She was told the family would be reunited in several days. It never happened. After several months she was shipped to a Volkswagen factory near Hannover, Germany, were she spent nearly a year painting machinery parts.

"You have to understand, after what I had been through at Auschwitz — sleeping in the mud, eating sand to fill my belly, watching people die — the factory was like heaven. We had food and blankets," she said.

But the 12-hour work days under the supervision of Nazi guards, who beat those who made a mistake, took its toll on her health.

"I coughed up the paint," said Gross, a 69-year-old retired bookkeeper who came to the United States in 1966.

In the waning days of the war, the factory workers were shipped to another concentration camp, where she was eventually liberated by American soldiers. When she returned to Romania, she found strangers living in her home and learned that her family was dead.

While her battle against Volkswagen has just begun, Mrs. Gross earlier this year closed a door on another part of her past.

In April 1998, she returned to Auschwitz. At a camp museum, she found a picture of her mother and brother standing next to a boxcar. She believes it was taken shortly after their arrival and hours before their death.

"I had my family reunion ... on Friday, April 23, 1998 in Auschwitz," she said. "I promised that day, I would tell everybody. I promised them everything would be made right."

Singer Johnny Rodriguez charged with murder

SABINAL (AP) — Country singer Johnny Rodriguez was charged with murder in the shooting death at his home early Saturday of an acquaintance he mistook for a burglar, his lawyer said.

He was being held Saturday night in the county jail in lieu of $250,000 bond.

Rodriguez, 47, is charged in the shooting death of Israel Borrego, 26, an unemployed laborer he met a few months ago. Borrego died at a hospital after being shot once in the abdomen.

Alan Brown, Rodriguez's attorney, called the shooting "very defensible" and said the singer thought Borrego was a burglar.

Police would not discuss a motive.

"Johnny was across the street at his brother's house," Brown told the San Antonio Express-News. "He heard noise, they had had problems with burglars."

Rodriguez entered his home through the front door and drew a gun from a shelf, Brown said. "It was dark," Brown said. "An intruder came toward him. He surprised Johnny."

Brown said Rodriguez realized whom the intruder was only after the single shot was fired.

"(Borrego) had been coming uninvited. He had been told not to be in the house," Brown said.

Rodriguez had his first Top Ten hit in 1972 with "Pass Me By (If You're Only Passing Through)." He moved to the top of Billboard's Country Hit List with "You Always Come Back (to Hurting Me)" and again when he wrote and recorded "Ridin' My Thumb to Mexico."

More than a dozen of the singer's albums and singles landed in the Top 10. But his career suffered when he began to abuse drugs and alcohol, Rodriguez has said.

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Campaign finance probe on track after Reno move

At long last, Attorney General Janet Reno has "seen the light" — in a manner of speaking — and decided to take another look at whether an independent counsel is needed to scrutinize the fund-raising calls made by Vice President Al Gore two years ago.

It took her long enough to come to that decision and her reluctance to get back into the sticky campaign fund-raising mess was evident from her handling of numerous calls for her office to probe the 1996 fund-raising scandal. Reno was in no hurry to do so and only gave in under extreme pressure by congressional Republicans.

The simple fact, however, is that this inquiry should be conducted and it should go deeper than the allegations concerning Gore's 1996 fund-raising practices.

There are still many allegations concerning foreign funds being allowed into the 1996 campaign. Whether those allegations are true remains to be determined, of course.

But at its heart is the need of the American public to know whether illegal campaign funds were flowing into this nation and, if so, who was buying influence here. The investigation should not focus only on Gore's activities, but the activities of Democrats and Republicans alike.

This inquiry is not a shot in the dark. Charles LaBella, the former head of Reno's own campaign finance task force, and FBI Director Louis Freeh, had both recommended appointment of an independent counsel to probe campaign finance. For two years Reno dragged her feet.

It's time now. The American people need answers.

The simple fact, however, is that this inquiry should be conducted and it should go deeper than the allegations concerning Gore's 1996 fund-raising practices.

Today in History

Today is Monday, Aug. 31, the 243rd day of 1998. There are 122 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 31, 1887, inventor Thomas A. Edison received a patent for his "Kinetoscope," a device which produced moving pictures.

On this date:

In 1886, an earthquake rocked Charleston, S.C., killing up to 110 people.

In 1935, President Roosevelt signed an act prohibiting the export of U.S. arms to belligerents.

In 1941, the radio program "The Great Gildersleeve" made its debut on NBC.

In 1954, Hurricane Carol hit the northeastern United States, resulting in nearly 70 deaths and millions of dollars in damage.

In 1962, the Caribbean nation of Trinidad and Tobago became independent within the British Commonwealth.

In 1969, boxer Rocky Marciano died in a light airplane crash in Iowa, the day before his 46th birthday.

In 1980, Poland's Solidarity labor movement was born with an agreement signed in Gdansk that ended a 17-day-old strike.

In 1985, Richard Ramirez, later convicted of California's "Night Stalker" killings, was captured by residents of an East Los Angeles neighborhood.

In 1986, 82 people were killed when an Aeromexico jetliner and a small private plane collided over Cerritos, Calif.

Ten years ago: Fourteen people were killed when a Delta Boeing 727 crashed during takeoff from Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

Five years ago: Mideast peace talks resumed in Washington amid hopes that a historic agreement to establish Palestinian autonomous areas would be concluded within days. Hurricane Emily hit North Carolina's Outer Banks, killing three people. Russia withdrew its last soldier from Lithuania, the first Baltic nation to eject all former Soviet troops.

One year ago: Prince Charles brought Princess Diana home for the last time, escorting the body of his former wife to a Britain that was shocked, grief-stricken and angered by her death in a Paris traffic accident.

Today's Birthdays: Broadcast journalist Daniel Schorr is 82. Comedian Buddy Hackett is 74. Actor James Coburn is 70. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Frank Robinson is 63. Actor Warren Berlinger is 61. Rock musician Jerry Allison (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 59. Actor Jack Thompson is 58.

JACK ANDERSON

Is Gerhard Schroeder the German Clinton?

BERLIN — Two large "Re-elect Helmut Kohl" billboards posted outside an apartment building in East Berlin lasted less than an hour in a neighborhood made up mainly of current and former Communist Party members.

One billboard was knocked over, and the other was unceremoniously defaced. The rotund, fatherly Kohl was soon sprouting large horns, blackened eyes and a Hitleresque mustache under his nose. Scribbled under his visage were the words: "Thank you for 14 million unemployed" in place of his party's slogan, "World class for Germany."

Anderson

It's the homestretch before Germany's national elections, which will take place the last weekend of September. And few of Kohl's billboards and placards have been spared the handiwork of vandals and graffiti artists.

This doesn't mean that Kohl can be counted out in his bid for a fifth term. It simply means the German reaction to political campaigning is slightly different than that of the United States. Just ask the mayoral candidate of the Berlin suburb of Potsdam. Every picture of him is marred with a big red ball covering his nose.

In every other regard, though, German elections have taken on a distinctly American look. And Kohl, called an elephant by his party and a dinosaur by his opponents, is trying to win with an old-school campaign, using the same message that's served him well in four previous campaigns.

Leading Kohl in the polls is an upstart liberal named Gerhard Schroeder, an admitted political animal whose campaign is borrowing heavily from the tactics used by two other challengers — Britain's Tony Blair and our own President Bill Clinton. "A vote for me is a vote for change," says Schroeder, and it's hitting home with millions of Germans.

As Blair was trying to wrest the British prime minister's job from John Major two years ago, George Stephanopoulos reportedly flew to London several times to lend advice on the American art of spin-doctoring. This time it's Blair's chief spinner, Peter Mandelson, who's made several secret advisory visits to Schroeder's campaign.

Michael Naumann, tapped to be Schroeder's minister of culture, told our associate Kathryn Wallace that the challenger's campaign closely studied Clinton's and Blair's techniques and tapped their advisers for campaign strategies.

"Campaigns have changed dramatically in Germany just in the last few years," Naumann said. "And I don't think that is a bad change. The media serve a purpose to get the message out there."

Not that the Schroeder candidacy could pass muster in the United States. While Clinton's presidency is gravely imperiled by intern troubles, Schroeder is currently on his fourth marriage, the latest one to a reporter he met while married to wife No. 3.

Nevertheless, the Schroeder campaign has mastered the American art of media manipulation. Every day brings a new announcement, keeping the candidate's name in the headlines. The aging, portly Kohl is no match. Always uncomfortable in the media spotlight, Kohl recently hired an inexperienced press secretary to help him recover.

In one of his first public announcements, Kohl press aide Otto Hauser implied that if his boss were to lose the election, his party would vote in Parliament to freeze all financial aid to the East. He further alienated the East Germans — seen by many as the voters who will swing the election outcome — by comparing the former East German government with the Nazis. Not surprisingly, Hauser kept his mouth shut for several weeks after those opening blunders.

Andre Shahood, another Kohl spokesman, seems to view Schroeder in much the same way Clinton's critics view the president: as a German version of "slick Willie."

"He has no program," Shahood told our associate Wallace. "People will ask him what he plans to do and he won't have an answer."

Actually, he does have a platform: a sugarcoated version of Kohl's. But while Schroeder is pushing his points via headlines, Kohl is running the same campaign he always has — heavy on personal appearances; light on media attention.

Just like Americans did with Clinton, some Germans are starting to bemoan Schroeder's lack of substance; they want to know what's beneath the slick packaging. Schroeder has even begun to adopt some Clinton mannerisms — the twinkling grin, the scorched-earth campaign tactics and the "let's roll up our sleeves" energy that helped the former Arkansas governor beat George Bush in 1992.

The net result: Germans may not fully trust Schroeder, but many find him quite charming. Whether that charm will do anything to alleviate the plight of Germany's ailing economy is anybody's guess.

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CHARLEY REESE

Americans have taken low road to materialism

A better gage of the mood of the country than a public opinion poll or the Dow Jones average is the food court test.

You can take the food court test by visiting any shopping mall that has one, buying a cup of coffee or a Coke and observing the faces of the people around you.

Reese

If the sea of faces is darkened with fear, anger, wariness, anxiety or sadness, then you know that regardless of what the experts or the statistical indexes say, all is not right in Camelot. If Americans, of all people, cannot be happy in the midst of an opulent market while they eat, then something is seriously wrong. The last few times I checked the food court, the sea was definitely troubled.

It's a common saying now that America has a crisis of the spirit, and like a lot of common sayings, that's true. The four main ideas of the 20th century that were offered in lieu of religious faith were materialism, skepticism, the cult of the will and subjectivism. All fell on their face.

Materialism, which is the pursuit of stuff, turns out to be empty. After one has gotten stuff, stored it, moved it, maintained it, insured it, one gets to the final stuff, a cemetery lot and headstone, where all the stuff has to be abandoned. I don't remember the declensions of nouns or the conjugation of verbs from my Latin classes, but I do remember what a Roman said about stuff: A man becomes a slave to his possessions.

Americans bought into the industrial model, which is based on the myth of perpetual growth. Inevitably that led to the idea of disposable stuff, such as cheap furniture and appliances that one buys, uses for a while and then dumps in order to buy more. It has led to the drug culture. It's no wonder Americans consume drugs because the whole idea of health care in America is fundamentally created by the pharmaceutical industry.

Americans are bombarded with drug advertisements. Got a headache? Take a pill. A muscle ache? Take a pill. Whatever, take a pill — preferably one that the manufacturers have marked up 1,200 percent. As one observer once put it, if a doctor can't drug it or cut it, he doesn't know what in the heck to do.

It's odd that we Americans, blessed with the ample and fertile country that our ancestors were politically incorrect enough to take from the people who lived in it, blessed with wealth beyond the dream of ancient kings, nevertheless seem to be increasingly neurotic, grumpy, irritable and unhappy.

I agree with C.S. Lewis that when you find you've taken the wrong road, going ahead isn't progress. Progress is going back until you find the right road that takes you where you want to go.

We took the wrong road when we abandoned property-based capitalism built around self-sufficient farms and small towns and took the road toward giant industrialism and finance capitalism. We took another wrong turn away from a life grounded in faith toward a false utopia run by science.

We took still yet another wrong turn when we left the belief in mysteries for the belief in something even more preposterous: reason. We got further lost when we abandoned a federal republic of sovereign states and chose instead the European model of the centralized state.

Seems to me it's time to do what the postmodern pointy-heads say can't be done -- turn back the clock and retrace our steps. If we stay on the present path we will end up in a hell of our own creation. Instead of a shining city on a hill, it will be nightmarish Gotham run by Big Brother and his goon squads.

A good society is where people smile, not smirk, and laugh with joy rather than with mockery and embarrassment. A good society values people more than stuff, honor more than fame, beauty more than luxury, morality more than wealth.

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DAN RATHER

Jerry Clower: A true America success story

Jerry Clower made people laugh so hard they cried. And they loved him for it.

The heartland American humorist died Aug. 24 in his native Mississippi. He was 71.

"I don't tell funny stories," he liked to say. "I tell stories funny."

That's the truth. Jerry Clower's stories could wind on like a country road, and you'd enjoy the scenery so much — the crazy characters and outrageous situations — that you'd quit caring whether you ever got to the punch line.

Rather

But the punch lines were good, too. There are places where you don't have to tell the whole story — a hunting story too long to repeat here — all you have to do is say, "One of us has got to get some RELIEF!" — and you'll make friends.

If Jerry Clower had never done anything but tell that story, he'd have been a legend.

Clower used to insist that most of his stories really happened. Maybe so, maybe not. They were always HONEST. Clower got his start selling fertilizer, and he quickly learned that audiences can tell the difference between honesty and ... fertilizer.

Clower grew up in grinding rural poverty in Amite County, Miss. But he was smart, and wanted an education. Clower put himself through Mississippi State University playing football.

Working for a chemical company, he learned that a funny story can make a sale. So he worked up an informal routine and wound up the most welcome fertilizer salesman in Mississippi.

Somebody passed a tape of Jerry along to a fancy recording company out in Hollywood. They immediately spotted Jerry as a major talent. But the story goes that Jerry didn't want to sign — until they mentioned that, in addition to Elton John, they also handled Ernest Tubb.

Thirty days later, Jerry had his first gold album. He became a fixture on the stage of the Grand Ol' Opry. And a genuine American success story.

Clower stuck to his roots. When he was still poor, he married his childhood sweetheart, Homerline. They stayed married.

He preferred bright red or yellow suits. He pronounced his first name "JAY-ree" in an accent so purely Mississippi, it seemed to have its own delta. And his voice rolled like an old coon hound's.

Nowadays, comedians are a dime a dozen. Most are fakes. They use dirty words whenever they can't think of a real joke, which is most of the time.

A devout Baptist, Clower never told a story that couldn't be repeated in the presence of clergy.

Today people study Clower's humor. They compare him to Mark Twain. They say the trouble with that other Mississippian, William Faulkner, was he was too serious and not enough like Jerry Clower.

As Faulkner wrote of the Compson family, so Clower told of the Ledbetter clan: Uncle Versie, Aunt Pet, and their children Arnell, Burnell, Raynell, Lanell, W.L., Odell, Udell, Marcel, Claude, Newgene and Clovis.

Clower claimed the Ledbetters were his neighbors, and Marcel his best friend growing up. As always, the stories were HONEST even when they weren't precisely ACCURATE.

His comedy albums sound better on cassette tapes — eight-track, if you can find 'em — in the cab of a pickup or an 18-wheeler late at night.

I am convinced that Clower's stories have done as much for highway safety as seat belts and speed limits in some parts of the country.

As of this writing, The New York Times still has not published Clower's obituary. City slickers. What do they know?

In truck stops and trailer parks, on front porches and in feed stores, they're hanging their heads. Jerry Clower is gone. He was the genuine article. Maybe the last.

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Brooks, Leachman among Emmy creative arts winners

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Veteran actors Mel Brooks and Cloris Leachman were honored Saturday with Emmys in a non-televised prelude to the Sept. 13 awards ceremony.

Awards in the creative arts categories also went to actors Emma Thompson and John Larroquette and to "The Simpsons," which was named outstanding animated program.

In the second year of the Emmy Award for best commercial, Apple Computer Inc. received the trophy for its "Think Different" spot.

NBC received a leading 12 awards, followed by ABC and cable's HBO with eight each. Fox picked up six honors, while CBS and PBS received four each.

Brooks was honored as outstanding guest actor in a comedy series for his role as Uncle Phil on NBC's "Mad About You," while Ms. Thompson received the Emmy for best guest actress in the category for "Ellen."

Ms. Leachman was recognized as best guest actress in a drama series for CBS' "Promised Land;" Larroquette was named for his guest appearance on "The Practice."

Emmys in 28 major categories will be presented in two weeks at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. The four-hour, 50th anniversary Emmy Awards ceremony will be broadcast at 7 p.m. EDT on NBC.

Saturday's ceremony will be shown in a one-hour edited version at 8 p.m. EDT Friday, Sept. 11 on cable's TV Land.

Here is a partial list of winners in the creative arts categories for the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences annual primetime Emmy Awards:

ART DIRECTION FOR A SERIES: "The X-Files," Fox.

ART DIRECTION FOR A MINISERIES OR A MOVIE: "Merlin," NBC.

CLASSICAL MUSIC-DANCE PROGRAM: "Yo-Yo Ma Inspired by Bach," PBS.

GUEST ACTOR IN A COMEDY SERIES: Mel Brooks, "Mad About You," NBC.

GUEST ACTOR IN A DRAMA SERIES: John Larroquette, "The Practice," ABC.

GUEST ACTRESS IN A COMEDY SERIES: Emma Thompson, "Ellen," ABC.

GUEST ACTRESS IN A DRAMA SERIES: Cloris Leachman, "Promised Land," CBS.

COMMERCIAL: Apple Computer, "Think Different."

CASTING FOR A SERIES: "Homicide: Life on the Street," NBC.

CASTING FOR A MINISERIES OR A MOVIE: "From the Earth to the Moon," HBO.

CHOREOGRAPHY: "Fame L.A.," syndicated.

MUSIC COMPOSITION FOR A SERIES (DRAMATIC UNDERSCORE) — "Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Becoming, Part 1," WB.

MUSIC COMPOSITION FOR A MINISERIES OR A MOVIE (DRAMATIC UNDERSCORE): "Glory & Honor," TNT.

MUSIC DIRECTION — "The 70th Annual Academy Awards," ABC.

MUSIC AND LYRICS: "The Simpsons," Fox, song title: "You're Checkin' In (A Musical Tribute to the Betty Ford Center)."

NON-FICTION SPECIAL (Possibility of one or more than one award): "Discovery Sunday - Vietnam POWs: Stories of Survival," Discovery Channel.

NON-FICTION SERIES (Possibility of one or more than one award): "The American Experience," PBS.

SPECIAL VISUAL EFFECTS FOR A SERIES: "Yo-Yo Ma Inspired By Bach: The Sound of the Carceri," PBS.

SPECIAL VISUAL EFFECTS FOR A MINISERIES OR MOVIE: "Merlin," NBC.

ANIMATED PROGRAM (For programming one hour or less): "The Simpsons," Fox.

VOICEOVER PERFORMANCE: Hank Azaria, "The Simpsons," Fox.

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT IN ANIMATION: Eric Radomski, "Spawn," HBO.

CINEMATOGRAPHY FOR A SERIES: "Law & Order," NBC.

CINEMATOGRAPHY FOR A MINISERIES OR A MOVIE: "What the Deaf Man Heard," CBS.

COSTUMING FOR A SERIES: "NewsRadio," NBC.

COSTUMING FOR A MINISERIES, MOVIE OR A SPECIAL: (Possibility of one or no award.) "The Pentagon Wars," HBO.

COSTUME DESIGN FOR A SERIES: "The Magnificent Seven," CBS.

COSTUME DESIGN FOR A MINISERIES OR A MOVIE: "Merlin," NBC.

COSTUME DESIGN FOR A VARIETY OR MUSIC PROGRAM: "Tracey Takes On ...," HBO.

MAKEUP FOR A SERIES: "Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Surprise/Innocence," WB.

MAKEUP FOR A MINISERIES, MOVIE OR A SPECIAL: "Merlin," NBC.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM (Possibility of one or more than one award.): "Muppets Tonight," Disney Channel. "Nick News Special Edition: What Are You Staring At?" Nickelodeon.

ACHIEVEMENT IN NON-FICTION PROGRAMMING (Possibility of one or more than one award):

— Cinematography: "National Geographic Special: America's Endangered Species: Don't Say Good-bye," NBC; "Wolves at Our Door," Discovery Channel.

— Sound Editing: "National Geographic Explorer," TBS Superstation.

— Sound Mixing: "Wolves at Our Door," Discovery Channel.

Metal detectors, police greet more returning students

WASHINGTON (AP) — Going to class will be a little more like boarding an airliner for many U.S. pupils this year as educators try to prevent another year of bloodshed in America's schools.

They'll walk through metal detectors and past police or other guards. A stray word about violence could mean trouble if someone overhears and reports it — perhaps anonymously.

"What we're trying to do is parallel what airports are doing with their security so we don't have people even making jokes about violence," said George Freeman, spokesman for Springfield, Mo., schools. There, any pupil from kindergarten through high school who even utters a threat will be turned over to juvenile authorities and kept out of school until evaluated by a counselor.

Elsewhere, kids will be wearing photo ID badges and toting book bags made of see-through materials, if they're allowed to carry book bags at all. They're being given hot-line numbers to report, anonymously, signs that a schoolmate could turn violent, and some will face punishment if they don't.

Many more will be exposed to workshops, classes and counseling on keeping violence out of arguments.

These are the harsh realities for many of the record 52.7 million pupils entering American schools after a year in which 14 shootings claimed lives of students and teachers: politicians and school officials spent a big part of the summer studying ways to avoid a repeat of killings in Jonesboro, Ark.; Paducah, Ky.; Springfield, Ore.; and Pearl, Miss.

Despite unease about security, schools remain safe places, everyone insists from President Clinton down, with less than 1 percent of violent deaths of children occurring on school grounds. Still, it seems few schools are taking any chances.

Principals in places like Evansville, Ind., are getting handheld metal detectors for frisking students suspected of being armed. Each Evansville high school is getting a breath machine to test if students have been drinking.

What's more, Evansville students can be punished if they don't report information on threats or plans by fellow students to do harm.

"Students can say, 'Well, this is a school rule. This is what I'm supposed to do,'" said Randy Heidorn, school security chief. Toll-free hotlines are springing up all over to make the job easier.

Police, long a fixture in big-city schools, are showing up in suburban and small-town schools. And security found in high schools is showing up in middle schools.

Although backpacks have long replaced satchels in this country, junior high and high school students in Marshall County, Ky., the next county from Paducah, must find other ways to tote their books. Backpacks and large book bags are forbidden to keep out of schools convenient hiding places for weapons.

"There's no way for us to know what they're bringing into the schools, and we don't want to have to search every bag," said Superintendent Kenneth Shadowen.

Pupils in first through fifth grades will be allowed only mesh or clear bags approved by principals — and no stickers are allowed on bags.

In Lowell, Mass., and elsewhere, students will be sporting photo ID badges so people can tell students from intruders. In Miami, officials are studying whether badges work and should be required in the 300 or more schools.

And if all this fails, there are drills and crisis plans for dealing with outbreaks of violence and their aftermath.

"It's designed for a shooting, or a possible bomb explosion," said Jerry Gusaas, director of buildings, grounds and transportation for Bismarck, N.D., schools. He's been working with area police agencies on a plan. "This is a thing for if someone is still armed and dangerous, like has been happening around the country ... in communities similar to ours."

Still, officials know that metal detectors, police officers and crisis plans have limits.

Wayne Beatty, in charge of school safety for the Natrona County School District No. 1 in Casper, Wyo., ticked off "campus supervisors, campus resources offices, crisis management plans."

But, he said, "our investment in regard to increased security is increased communication."

Just like a year ago — Diana coverage dominates the airwaves

NEW YORK (AP) — Princess Diana's death a year ago Monday must seem like only yesterday to a television viewer.

Her face is everywhere again. Networks are flooding the airwaves with Diana tributes, rehashes and reviews — proof they remember not only the accident that killed her but the huge ratings that coverage of her death brought for a week last summer.

The blanket coverage by news divisions raises questions about whether they're seeking to entertain instead of inform, governed too strictly by the goal of drawing as big an audience as possible, said Alex Jones, host and executive editor of "Media Matters" on PBS.

"In the definition of pandering that I use, this is it," Jones said.

The Diana programs have spread across the dial. A&E Network's "Biography" series premiered a two-hour Diana profile Sunday night, and E! Entertainment Network ran "Princess Diana: The E! True Hollywood story." A&E presents the BBC-produced "Diana's Last Day" Monday night, when The History Channel also has a one-hour special.

Fox News Channel was in full Diana mode over the weekend, twice re-running Catherine Crier's interview with Earl Charles Spencer, twice running a two-hour special on her funeral and three times repeating an hour special on Diana's wedding to Charles.

CBS's "48 Hours" runs an update on the investigation of Diana's accident Monday, the same night NBC runs a Diana documentary produced by Richard Attenborough. CNN's "NewsStand" ran a one-hour Diana special Sunday night and repeats it Monday.

The morning shows also weigh in Monday: NBC's "Today" will interview Attenborough, ABC's "Good Morning America" sends co-host Lisa McRee to London and the menu of Diana stories on CBS's "This Morning" includes an update on Diana's sons, a report on Prince Charles' relationship with Camilla Parker Bowles and an interview with an author who wrote about Diana's brother.

NBC's weekend "Today" show sent Jodi Applegate to London, where she also anchored special coverage of Diana on MSNBC Sunday night. "Dateline NBC" is doing five separate stories on Diana this week.

The investigation into Diana's death has still left many questions unanswered that are worthy of being followed, CBS spokeswoman Sandra Genelius said.

But Jones said there's no real news to the Diana story. "This is all pure rehash," he said, done because it brings in advertising money.

"It's purely a matter of people being attracted by Diana's pretty face and the tragedy," he said.

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■ Septuplets continue to improve

CARLISLE, Iowa — The small army of volunteers that has been helping parents Kenny and Bobbi McCaughey maintain round-the-clock care of their septuplets is starting to get nights and Sundays off.

Helpers still work during the day with feedings, diaper changes and other chores, but the late jobs are more manageable now that a few of the babies sleep through the night. Up to five dozen volunteers had worked shifts to ensure 24-hour-a-day care.

"Bobbi and Kenny are handling overnight and all day Sunday all by themselves now," family spokesman Wes Yoder said. "The volunteers are still helping out, but Bobbi and Kenny are really excited about being able to do the overnight on their own. They just decided they could do it."

The septuplets, born to the central Iowa couple on Nov. 19, 1997, are starting to roll over on their own and Yoder suspects it won't be long before Alexis, Brandon, Joel, Kelsey, Kenneth, Natalie and Nathan are on the move.

"I think Joel is going to be the first one to crawl," Yoder said of the baby once dubbed "the underdog" because he slipped into critical condition in the hours after his birth. ' He really is a big boy. All the babies are healthy and doing fine."

■ Bidding climbs for Lewinsky story

NEW YORK — Bidding for the Monica Lewinsky story could turn her saga into the highest-priced sex story in history, according to the New Yorker magazine.

The magazine reports in its Sept. 7 issue that the Star tabloid sent Lewinsky a one-sentence offer promising "one million dollars for exclusive rights to her story — if and when she should decide to talk publicly."

That bid was topped by publisher HarperCollins, which offered $2 million for a book, the magazine said, citing a source familiar with the offer.

Star editor-in-chief Phil Bunton said the price is being pushed up because the market for sex stories is getting crowded.

"When the (Gennifer) Flowers story first broke, the mainstream press dumped all over us," Bunton said. "Now they're every bit as aggressive as we are in chasing the sex details."

■ Van Gogh exhibit draws hundreds

WASHINGTON — More than 600 people queued up for passes Sunday to a show of 70 paintings by Vincent van Gogh that will open Oct. 4, more than a month away.

Some had been standing in line since 6:20 a.m. by the time the National Gallery of Art opened at 11 a.m. The line stretched around the huge gallery and back almost to the main entrance.

Museum spokeswoman Deborah Ziska said such lines had not been seen since the gallery featured a unique collection of paintings by another Dutch master, Johannes Vermeer. Those paintings had never been exhibited simultaneously in one place.

Passes issued at the gallery are free. They are available through the Ticketmaster system for $4.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

DeLay wants Congress to deal with Lewinsky matter this year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite November's elections, the House's third-ranked Republican wants Congress to stay in session until it completes action on Kenneth Starr's report expected soon about President Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky.

Meanwhile, a Democratic House member who spent time with Clinton in Massachusetts said Sunday the president regretted the way he explained the affair to the American people and wished he'd had more time to reflect before making his nationally televised speech.

House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said the House should take up the Lewinsky matter as soon as Starr submits a report and should not go home for the year until it has reached a conclusion on impeachment.

"If the president is going to put us through this trauma, then we need to get it over with as soon as possible," DeLay said on "Fox News Sunday." "We need to stay in session for as long as it takes to get this behind us."

DeLay, a leading conservative, repeated his position that Clinton should resign. "This president no longer has the moral authority to lead either here at home or in the world," the Texan said.

Bill Richardson, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, rejected that idea. On NBC's "Meet the Press," Richardson said Clinton, who leaves Monday for a trip to Russia, remains an effective world leader, "an enormously strong president internationally and in his own country."

The House returns from summer vacation after Labor Day and plans to be in session for only a month before going home for the midterm elections. Other Republican leaders, including House Speaker Newt Gingrich, have shown little enthusiasm for initiating contentious impeachment hearings before the elections.

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Another senior House Republican, Rep. Christopher Cox of California, said on CBS' "Face the Nation" that DeLay was saying if Starr's report contains significant evidence of wrongdoing, it "ought to be attended to rather than let it drag on and on and on. In the national interest, that might make sense."

Starr has not indicated when he will submit his report or whether it will go beyond the president's admitted sexual relationship with the former White House intern and associated allegations of obstruction of justice, perjury or subborning perjury.

Once the report goes to Congress, the House Judiciary Committee must decide whether it contains sufficient evidence to bring impeachment proceedings before the full House. Once there, the House would have to vote on whether to impeach, turning the matter over to the Senate for final judgment on the president's expulsion from office.

On Sunday's news shows, Democrats promised not to allow Judiciary hearings to become a simple indictment of the president. On Fox, Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., said Starr and his staff should be questioned about their conduct of the investigation. Rep. Marty Meehan, D-Mass., said on ABC's "This Week with Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts" that a minority viewpoint should go forward with the report "so that the president has an opportunity to present the other side."

Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y., said on the same program that if Starr comes up with nothing beyond the Lewinsky affair, "It will be forgotten and it will be dropped like a bad memory."

Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Mass., who joined Clinton at political rallies in Massachusetts last week, said he and Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., urged the president to come forth with more about his relationship with Ms. Lewinsky. Clinton's Aug. 17 speech to the nation was criticized by lawmakers of both parties for being insufficiently contrite and spending too much time attacking Starr.

"The president admitted to us that the timing of his speech was probably not the best and that he wished he had more time to reflect and get his emotions together before he addressed the American people," McGovern said on NBC.

DeLay and Dingell agreed that Starr's report and parts of the grand jury testimony on the case should be made public. "I would like to see the executive summary of the report minus any pornography revealed to the American people immediately," DeLay said.

Dingell said that while the grand jury testimony should be reviewed, for the Starr report "synopsis is not sufficient. The whole of his report must be made public."

Weakened Hurricane Danielle follows path of least resistance

MIAMI (AP) — Weakened Hurricane Danielle crawled across the Atlantic on Sunday, following a path that forecasters said would take it away from land.

Danielle's top sustained wind blew at 75 mph — the minimum for a hurricane is 74 mph — and it was moving toward the northwest at only about 9 mph, the National Hurricane Center said.

It was expected to keep turning toward the north and come no closer than 500 miles from the coast of Florida, said center meteorologist Bill Frederick.

"It looks like it's going to go on up and go on out," Frederick said.

Although not expected to threaten the Bahamas or the mainland United States, high waves were likely to batter the southern Atlantic Coast, forecasters said.

"You could have some rip currents and large waves probably anywhere from 4 to 8 feet," center research scientist James Free said.

At 5 p.m. EDT Sunday, Danielle was centered near 27.9 north latitude and 74.2 west longitude, about 195 miles east-northeast of the Great Abaco island in the northern Bahamas.

Although following a course similar to the one taken by Hurricane Bonnie, Danielle was farther out to sea, forecasters said.

In addition, Frederick said, "it got over cooler water that was churned out from Bonnie so it did not intensify as much."

Bonnie, which grew up to 400 miles wide, came ashore Wednesday with 115 mph wind, dumping as much as 20 inches of rain before heading off to the northern Atlantic.

Danielle is the fourth tropical storm of the Atlantic hurricane season, which began June 1 and ends Nov. 30.

"We still have several months left," Frederick said. "There's still a lot left in the season. Be prepared and watch."

The Gulf of Mexico should be closely watched because most of the storms that form there come alive in October, said Gerry Bell, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center.

Also, Bell said he expects the last half of the season to produce more storms than normal because of favorable Atlantic conditions with high-level wind blowing from the east and warm water temperatures.

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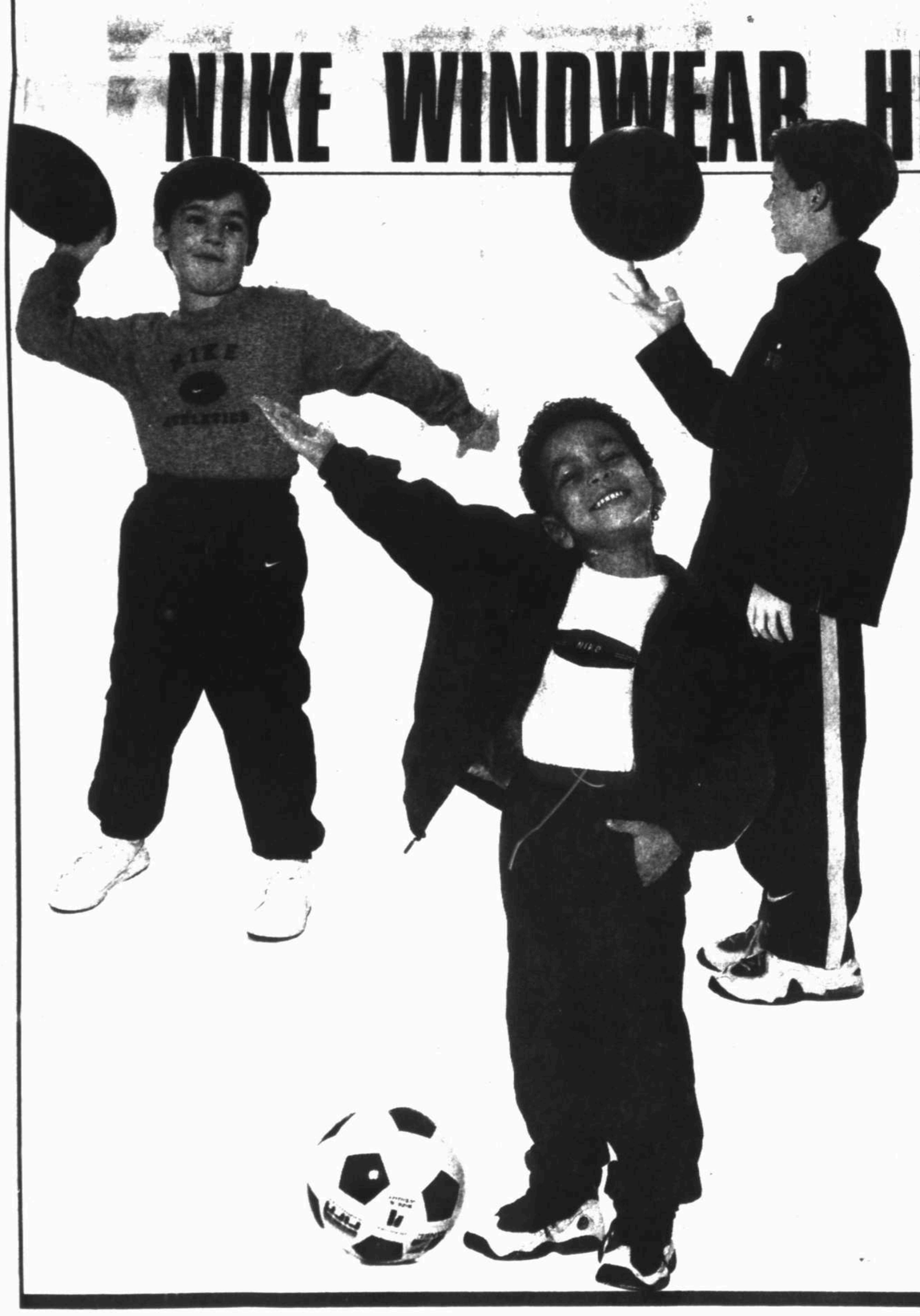

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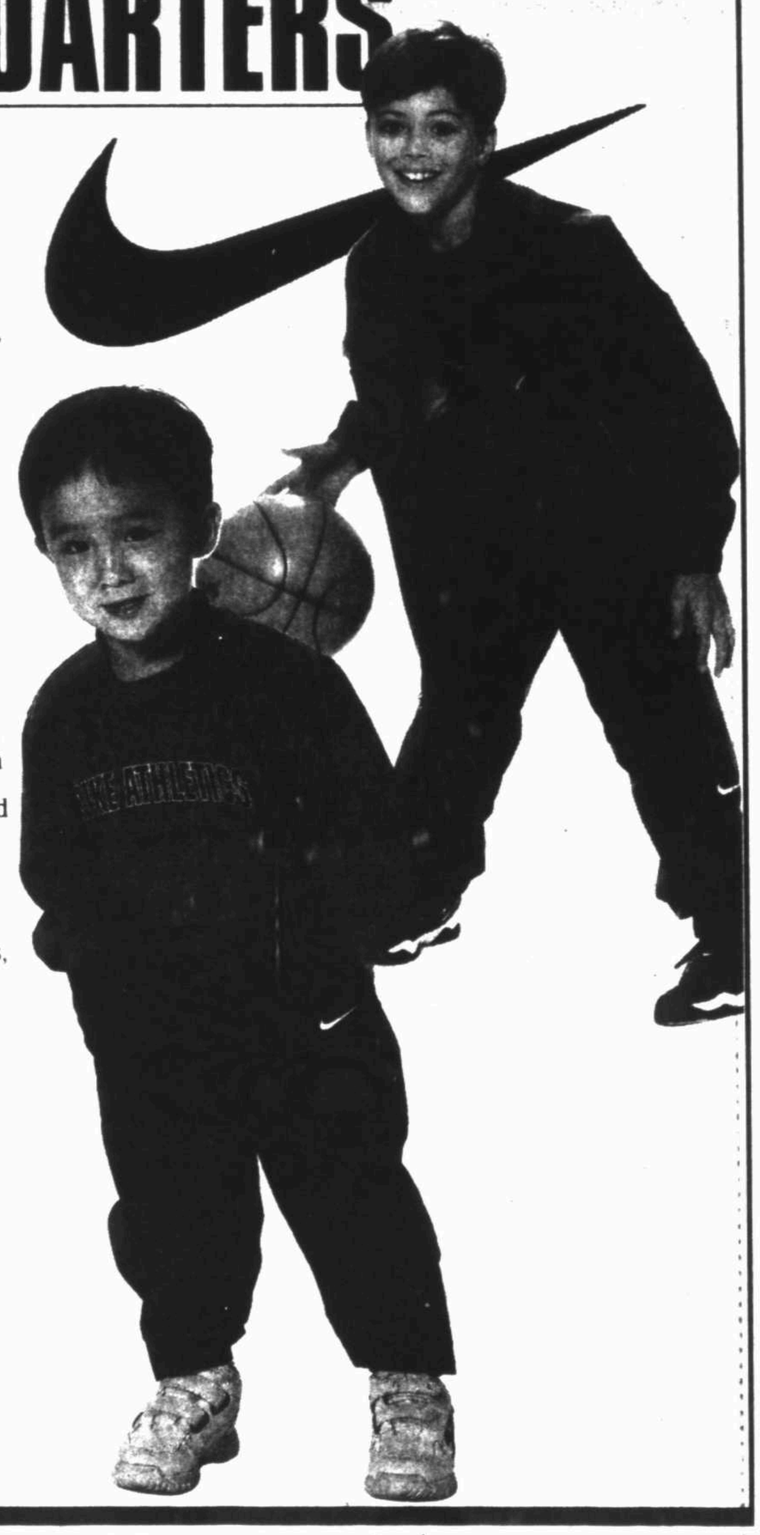

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Things to think about

Two wrongs don't make a right, but two Wrights made an airplane.

It's not the pace of life that concerns me, it's the sudden stop at the end.

The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.

It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun.

The only time the world beats a path to your door is if you're in the bathroom.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.

Never knock on Death's door; ring the doorbell and run (he hates that).

When you're finally holding all the cards, why does everyone else decide to play chess?

The mind is like a parachute; it works much better when it's open.

Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive, anyway.

A closed mouth gathers no feet.

Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

Jury: Twelve people who determine which client has the better attorney.

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

Memo to a conductor

A managed health-care company president was given a ticket for a performance of Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony." Since he was unable to go, he passed the invitation to one of his managed care reviewers. The next morning, the president asked the reviewer how he had enjoyed it, and he was handed a memorandum, which reads as follows:

MEMORANDUM

1. For a considerable period, the oboe players had nothing to do. Their number should be reduced, and their work spread over the whole orchestra, thus avoiding peaks of inactivity.

2. All twelve violins were playing identical notes. This seems unnecessary duplication, and the staff in this section should be drastically cut. If a large volume of sound is required, this could be obtained through use of an amplifier.

3. Much effort was involved in playing the 16th notes. This seems an excessive refinement, and it is recommended that all notes should be rounded up to the nearest 8th note. If this were done, it would be possible to use paraprofessionals instead of experienced musicians.

4. No useful purpose is served by repeating with horns the passage that has already been handled by the strings. If all such redundant passages were eliminated, the concert could be reduced from two hours to twentyminutes.

5. This symphony has two movements. If Schubert did not achieve his musical goals by the end of the first movement, then he should have stopped there. The second movement is unnecessary and should be cut.

In light of the above, one can only conclude that had Schubert given attention to these matters, his symphony would probably have been finished by now.

Thank You Note

The Midland Chamber of Commerce and the Education Combination Teacher Support Committee wishes to thank all the sponsors and volunteers who helped make this year's new teacher picnic a success. Thank you!

— Linda Jose
Midland Chamber

MONDAY MORNING EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

Why King Ranch heir handed over the reins

Tio Kleberg — AP Laserphoto

By Mary Lee Grant
Associated Press

KINGSVILLE — Stephen J. "Tio" Kleberg patterned himself after his heroes, the men who taught him to ride and rope.

"All I ever dreamed about was being a cowboy," Kleberg said. For most little boys, it would have been a far-fetched fantasy. For Kleberg, heir to what was then the world's largest ranch and the fortune in minerals that lay beneath it, it was a modest ambition.

He learned to ride a horse at age 4. At 10 he was roping cattle. He learned how to treat rattlesnake bites, work leather and mend fences. At 31, he was running the largest ranch in the world.

Tio Kleberg grew up to be just what he dreamed of — a cowboy. "He is brave. Once we were roping wild steers and a steer came straight at him," King Ranch cowboy Alberto "Lolo" Trevino remembered. "He was on a good mare, so he was able to sidestep, and he just roped that steer."

Kleberg also became a businessman in the modern sense. He has been known to track commodity prices on his computer and carry a cellular phone on horseback. He invested millions of dollars to bring the latest technological advances in genetics and agriculture to the King Ranch.

Stephen J. "Tio" Kleberg and his wife, Janell, are shown under an old Mesquite tree behind their home on the King Ranch near Kingsville in Kleberg County. (AP Laserphoto)

While his knowledge and technical skills are cutting edge, they did not equip him to sidestep trouble inside a climate-

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Is Clinton's 'ooze zone' at an end?

By Diane White
N.Y. Times News Service

■ Humor

Here's a bulletin from a recent meeting of the American Psychological Society in San Francisco, a story in a British newspaper The Daily Telegraph headlined "Men ooze happiness to women." It seems researchers at the University of Chicago have found that women are happier if they inhale "an odorless substance derived from the male hormone testosterone."

It's unclear from the story whether all men ooze happiness, or only some of them, and whether they ooze it all the time, or only intermittently. My own research, admittedly anecdotal, leads me to think that male happiness oozing must be a sometime thing. I think, obviously, of our president, who has oozed more than his share of happiness in the past. Lately his oozone layer appears to have thinned, on the home front especially, if we can believe all the "informed" analyses of the Clinton marriage that keep popping up.

It's human nature to speculate, I suppose, but who really knows what's going on there? Every marriage is different. Some have less to do with sex, or sexual fidelity, than they do with sharing experiences, goals, values, finances, and other elements and personal quirks beyond our knowing or comprehending. It's difficult enough to understand your own marriage, let alone anybody else's. The Clintons' union is really none of our business, but everything about the president's personal life is our business now, whether we like it or not, or whether we feel torn. One part of me doesn't like it a bit, another wants more details.

In an interesting interview with Maria Henson of the Charlotte Observer, Ronald A. Heifetz, an authority on leadership who teaches at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government, suggests that President Clinton could heal the country by admitting he's a sex addict and getting some help. "I think it would be extraordinarily enlightening for the nation to see their president go to a 12-step meeting each week," Heifetz said. "I think it would be a great move forward in giving permission to millions of Americans to face up to their own problems that are still in the closet."

It might be extraordinarily enlightening, but it's difficult to imagine. "Hi, I'm Bill and I'm a sex addict."

One of the traditional 12 steps involves apologizing to everyone you've ever hurt or

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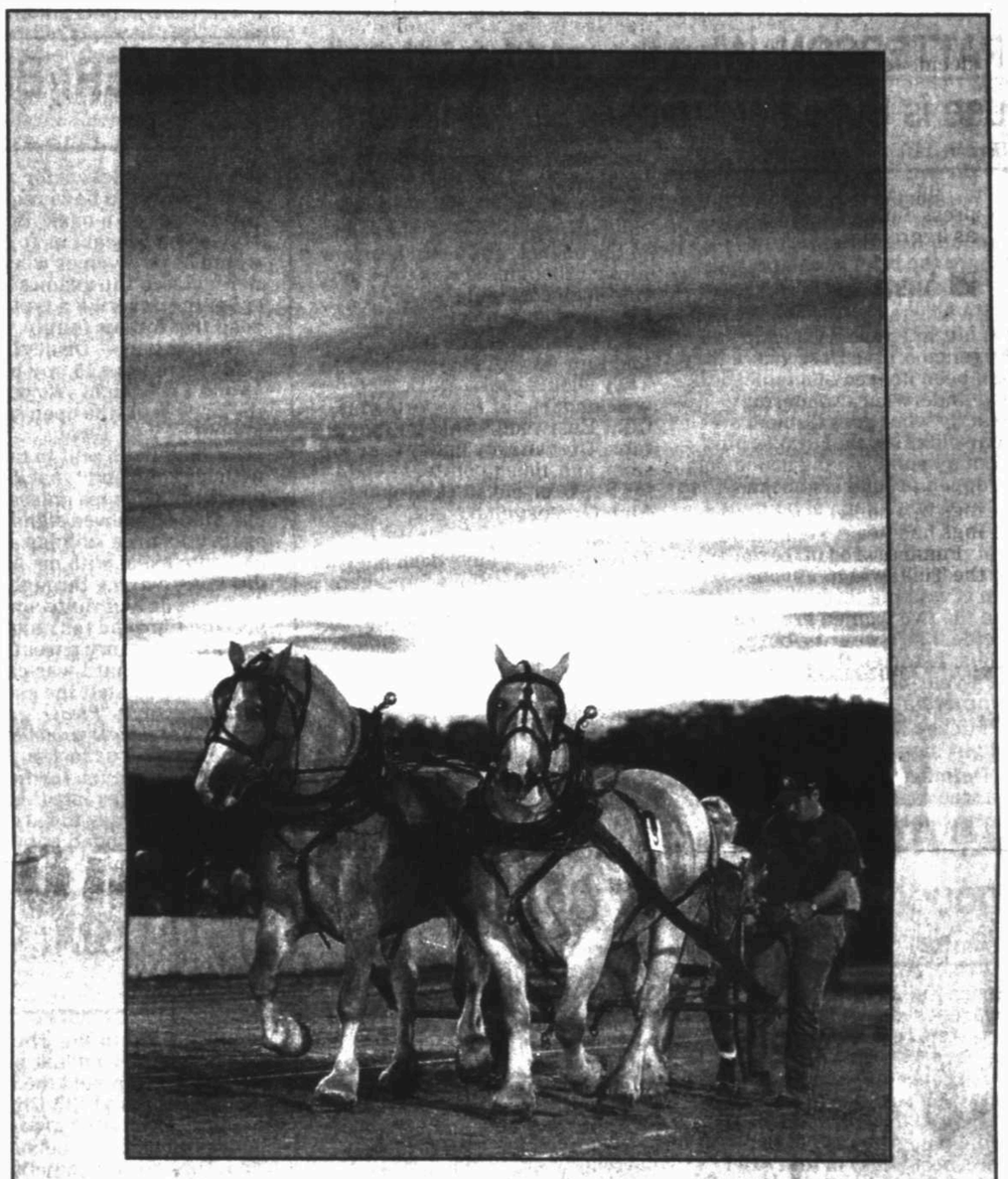

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Saddle Up

Nick and Rick, a team of horses competing in the Clarke County, Va., Fair's annual horse pulling contest, return from a pull with a colorful sunset as a backdrop Aug. 20, in Berryville, Va. The horses belong to Marlin Grimes of New Oxford, Pa.

We can turn this car around right now!

By Cy DeBoer

"If you kids can't behave, we can turn this car around RIGHT NOW!"

This was the idle threat my parents made every 50 miles on every vacation we ever took in our station wagon. I say idle because after all, we weren't imbecilic enough to think they would actually turn the car around after dad had labored over the Rand McNally for two weeks prior to departure, custom designing our route to Anywhere, USA. Besides, he had been boasting of "making good time" since leaving our house.

I recall wishfully thinking to myself, "Turn the car around? Really? Can I get that in writing?" Was this weak parental edict suppose to turn us into the docile passengers they longed for? They should have promised they would turn the car around if we behaved ourselves — then they would have had some serious leverage.

My guess is they were unaware of their reluctant cargo. Every kid wants to go to Disneyland, don't they? Ever hear of United Airlines, Mom and Dad? In fairness, my family travel days took place in the '50's and '60's

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Remembering the first time: From the telephone to kids on computers

By Berry Simpson

I was thinking the other afternoon, as I watched my niece type on my computer keyboard, about generational markers. By that I mean the events or inventions that shape the way a particular generation thinks about life and the world. There are many ways to define a generation: music, government, presidents, war, sports ... things like that. People are usually influenced most by what happens when they're young and just beginning to form their own opinions and ideas. My parents generation might be defined by the Korean conflict, the Cold War, rock & roll, John F. Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson. My generation was influenced by Vietnam, Woodstock, Richard Nixon, the Cold War, and the Apollo moon explorations.

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JIMMY PATTERSON

Let's be brief: Dads should buy son's underwear

There are some givens in family life. For instance, a wife should never expect her husband to buy her panty hose. Too many things can go way wrong. Another rule is that a mom should always take her daughters to the store to buy frilly things. This is *not* a dad's job.

Patterson

However, dads should always take their sons to the store to buy underwear. This should not be left up to mom. There's too much of a chance that moms will bring back cutesy underwear. Four year olds don't need or want cutesy underwear. Four-year-old boys need underwear with action figures on them.

Don't get me wrong. It's OK for the mom to buy the first pair of underwear for the male child once he graduates from Pull-Ups into his first pair of Big Boy Underwear. Just venturing a guess, I'd say that nine times out of 10, moms will come home with Winnie the Pooh or Tigger underwear for their son's first pair.

No, let's go ahead and make that 10 out of 10. In fact, I'll go out on a Hundred Acre limb here and say there are more baby butts tattooed with Tigger in this town than there are kids wearing Michael Jordan jerseys. Which is odd, because Tigger has never been able to hit the turnaround J like Michael.

(A sidenote here: A father should never *ever* refer to underwear on a boy as "panties" or even "undies." Boys do not wear panties or undies. Boys wear underwear. This is a particularly difficult lesson to remember if you and your wife have already raised multiple daughters. Using that same line of thinking, boys never ever need to "go tinkle" or "go wee-wee.")

As I was saying, it's really important for the dad to make the trip to the store to buy underwear with his son. It's a dad-son bonding thing, a lot like playing catch, collecting Hot Wheels and watching the Weather Channel together.

Just the other day, The Boy and I went out to hunt for underwear. The elastic on his Tigger drawers was starting to bind on him and, frankly, Piglet was starting to ride up a little on him in the back. Boys have a big problem with wedgies and sure enough, about half of Piglet was regularly not visible, but that's a personal problem that's better left untouched. I'm not goin' down that road any further.

The Boy was riding shotgun in the department store shopping cart and we were headed to the really fun part of the store. Some dads prefer the hunting and fishing aisle. But for us, on this day, the underwear/sock/tie/T-shirt section was the next best thing to Frontier Land at Disney World.

I tossed a pair of argyle socks in the cart for myself and we headed off to the starter underwear section. The Boy's eyes lit up like Michael Irvin's in a fur coat store.

"Mickey!!" The Boy said, pointing to a rack near the bottom. But, before I could reach the Mickey Mouse underwear, he had spotted a pair with the characters from "Rug Rats." I wasn't too crazy about The Boy wearing a bunch of snotty-nosed kids around his rear-end, but he was pretty serious about taking them home. Didn't even want to pay for them. He'd have put them on in the middle of Aisle 14 if he'd had the opportunity. The Boy was coveting Chuckie and Angelica.

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DAVE BARRY

Backpacks, protractors and other must-have supplies

It's back-to-school time, parents, and you know what that means! It's time to get the kids off the TV-room sofa, using logging equipment if necessary, and take them to the mall for back-to-school supplies.

Barry

Getting the right school supplies is crucial to your child's chances for success in life. We all remember the tragic story of young Abraham Lincoln, whose family could not afford school supplies, so he had to write on a shovel blade with a piece of coal. This meant that if young Abe saw a cute girl and wanted to pass her a note in class, he had to hand her this big gross filthy digging implement, sometimes with worm parts stuck to it, and she'd go, "Ewwww!" and all the other kids would laugh at Abe. (It did not help that he was the only boy in the fifth grade who had a beard.) As a result, Abe had low self-esteem and was so desperate for popularity that he became president.

Unless you want that kind of thing to happen to your child, you had better get the right kind of back-to-school supplies.

What are the "right kind" of supplies? According to the American Association Of School Teachers Who Get The Whole Summer Off And You Don't Ha Ha Ha, to meet federal educational standards, "every item your child takes to school, including dental braces, must be festooned with a licensed cartoon character such as The Little Mermaid or Leonardo DiCaprio."

Your child also needs a backpack or — if you wish to have a truly modern, state-of-the-art schoolchild — an actual airline-style suitcase with a handle and wheels. In my neighborhood, I see elementary-school students hauling these things around, and I say to myself, "They're in SECOND grade! What are they CARRYING in there? Fifty-pound Twinkies?" But that is not the point. The point is, American students may not have the best educational test scores when compared to foreign students, or even certain species of foreign plants, but by gosh our kids lead the world in cubic feet of academic carrying capacity.

Also it goes without saying that you cannot send your child back to school without a compass and a protractor. A compass is a thing with a sharp metal point and a little mutant pencil that is always falling out. A protractor is a thing that you always get when you get a compass. It is a centuries-old tradition for children to go back to school with these two devices, even though nobody has the faintest idea what their educational purpose is, other than using the metal point to carve bad words into desks. A spokesperson for the American Compass and Protractor Manufacturers Association told us, "We sell 23 million of these things every September, and we lie awake at night asking ourselves, WHY?"

Another traditional item you should have on your back-to-school list is some kind of notebook. I know there are many kinds of new-fangled "high-tech" notebooks on the market today, but for my money, the old-fashioned three-ring binder that I used as a schoolboy remains, as an educational tool, one of the most useless things ever invented. I spent basically all of my classroom time from 1955 through 1963 trying to repair torn notebook paper with those stupid "reinforcing rings" that were always gumming themselves together into a little defensive clot. It cannot be coincidence that during these same years, the Soviet Union surged way ahead in the Space Race. So whatever you do, do NOT get your child one of these. Your child would be better off with a shovel.

Finally, while you're in the school-supplies department, see if they have any of that heavy white paste that we used in first grade to make art projects. Kids don't need it for school anymore, but you should pick up a pound anyway, because it's delicious.

OK! Now that you've got the educational supplies, it's time to shop for back-to-school clothes. What kinds of outfits do today's kids want? That's easy! They want outfits that you really hate. For example, if you have a daughter, you would prefer for her to go to school dressed, basically, as a nun; whereas she wants to look as if she has been rejected for employment by a house of prostitution on the grounds of looking too slutty. How do you, as a parent, resolve this dispute? According to the American Association of Child Psychologists, the secret is to, "discuss your differences with your daughter, openly and non-judgmentally, until the two of you are screaming at each other and she stomps away shouting at the top of her lungs that she hates you and is going to join a motorcycle gang." Don't worry about attracting attention: There will be at least 50 other sets of parents and daughters in the Junior Department doing the same thing. It's a back-to-school tradition!

Buying clothes for boys is much easier. What boys want to wear is — write this down — big pants. A good rule of thumb is, if the pants do not contain enough material to make all the sails needed to equip a full-sized 19th-century whaling vessel, then those pants are too small for your modern American boy.

OK! You're all done with your back-to-school shopping! Now it's time to send the kids off to school. Even if school doesn't technically start for several more days, shove the little rascals out the door and lock it. Because you've had a long, noisy summer, and you deserve a chance to just lie quietly on the sofa and relax. Maybe fix yourself a bowl of paste.

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PATTERSON: What the world could really use is Superhero underwear for fathers

(From 1B)

We started to head toward the check out stand when all of a sudden, Rug Rats were no longer the brief of choice.

"SCOOBY DOO!!!"

He insisted on the Scooby Doo brand, so I picked Chuckie and Angelica off the floor where they had been heaved and fetched the dog underwear, wondering exactly what goes through a 4-year-old mind that makes him want a crime-solving hound dog wrapped around his backside instead of a bunch of animated cable TV stars.

My mind drifted off to the commercial where Michael Jordan is walking through the park and the two women are trying to decide if he's wearing boxers or briefs. I started thinking about the 4-year-old version of such a commercial.

"Mickey Mouse," one 4-year-old girl says to her friend.

"Definitely Scooby," the other girl would argue back as they watched The Boy walk by.

The Boy would look at the two girls, and say, "They're Scooby."

We threw the dog underwear in the basket, and I told him how lucky I thought he was to be getting such cool underwear.

"I wish dads had underwear with Superheroes on them," I told him. My mind went crazy. They should make Mark McGwire underwear for sports fans. Clint Eastwood briefs for movie fans. Drew Carey underwear for slobs and couch potatoes. And for bankers and stock brokers, Alan Greenspan boxers.

With the exception of the Three Stooges, guys don't have a really good, fictitious Superhero they can looked forward to climbing into every morning after a shower. Unless ... they invented ... VIAGRA MAN!

But I'm not goin' down that road either.

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DEBOER: Biggest challenge during trips was to retain seat authority

(From 1B)

when airline tickets for a family of five would have required my dad to rob a bank. Besides "If God had meant us to fly, He would have given us wings" (or deregulated the airlines).

Let me describe a typical road trip for our family.

Destination — DisneyLand:

My sister was 15, my brother 13 and I was eight. We occupied the back seat, the open space behind us was always crammed from seat to tailgate with luggage and "snacks." (No unscheduled stops unless someone died or showed signs of scurvy.) Three siblings abreast on a vinyl seat with no air-conditioning driving through the desert in July is quite simply a breeding ground for mutiny. Did I mention my parents smoked? Or that I was car sick before our car left the end of our driveway? *"Please, go ahead, turn the car around!"*

The three of us took turns asking "How much further?" about 45 minutes into this three-day journey toward our destination. My dad humored each of us once with an approximate estimate of miles to go based on the slow-rolling odometer — after which we were given the impression that to ask again might not be wise. Of course, we took our chances. We knew revenge would soon be ours because the portion of his left arm resting on the open car window was already bright pink and promised to be magenta by sundown. Talk about learning your lesson, would this man ever be without the middle section of his arm looking like raw meat during vacation? I can hear my mom's tongue clucking now.

The most significant challenge during all trips was to keep my third of the seat totally under my authority. My cootie-infested brother was under strict orders not to let any part of his body come into contact with mine. He was given the "turn the car around" ultimatum numerous times because he was "old enough to know better" than to touch me or try to communicate with me in any way. My assignment was to "just ignore him." An impossible task if he insisted on breathing. My glamorous older sister, who had just bleached her hair blonde prior to the trip, rolled her eyes so many times, I was sure they would get stuck looking up at her eyebrows, and she'd miss everything at Disneyland that was on ground level. I had heard the cross-eyed sticking story enough to believe eye rolling could result in the same disastrous outcome. I'm positive she would have given her entire collection of Ricky Nelson 45s if our parents would make good on the "turn this car around" threat. I'd heard her complain to her friends on her princess phone before we left regarding the incredible embarrassment she would soon be facing at the hands of her family by being forced to spend two weeks with them. Last I heard, she "wished she were dead!"

A low point for me were the photo opportunities. Once my mom suggested I go sit on the wooden Indian's lap at an Arizona gas station while my dad was guarding the attendant to make sure he "filled her up with Ethyl." My mom grabbed the Kodak and hustled me off to the Indian's lap, which had a surface temperature of 200 degrees due to consistent exposure to the sun.

"Smile, honey — it's not that hot! Hurry, Daddy's waiting!" This particular Kodak Moment robbed me of my bathroom break time, so I knew I would have to use the empty "just in case" 2 lb. Sanka coffee can if I couldn't make it to the next stop. "I beg of you, do it! Turn the car around right now!"

After ten days, a trip to Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, the beach and Hollywood, we finally did point the Fun Mobile back from whence it came.

The behavior modification threat was now *"Just wait until we get home."* This warning had far more foreboding consequences than turning the car around — "Home" was really going to happen. As we pulled into our driveway, I remember thinking "I wish we could turn this car around right now!"

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CLINTON: Our own marriages difficult enough to figure, much less Clintons'

(From 1B)

offended in any way. Given the apparent scope of his transgressions, this requirement could interfere with his presidential duties, since he would have to make amends to everyone who ever voted for him. As we've seen, apologizing isn't the president's best trick. In that brief, angry speech, he couldn't say he was sorry to the other woman, besides his wife and daughter, who deserved an apology, Monica Lewinsky.

I feel sorry for Lewinsky, maybe because I remember all too vividly what it was like to be young and stupid and nuts about a married man. According to some reports, Lewinsky thought she and the president had a future together. It's pathetic and all too plausible. The poor foolish girl. She may be sexually sophisticated but she is (or she was, at least) emotionally naive.

The Clinton marriage may defy analysis, but it's easy to imagine the whole icky arrangement with Lewinsky. It's as old as time. "My wife and I have an understanding. ... We lead very separate lives. ... When you walked through that door I knew it was the real thing. ... You're the woman I should have married. ... No, I don't think you're fat. ..." He done her wrong. She has every right to throw a hussy-fit, as a friend of mine put it. She meant to say "hissy-fit," but her sub-conscious knew better. Usually it does.

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NOSTALGIA: Communication technology has shaped several generations

(From 1B)

My kids? Hard to say what they will look back on, but probably Desert Storm, and the fall of Communism, and Bill Clinton.

Of course, one of the greatest influences on us all is technology, and it was technology that I thought of while I watched Mier type.

Can a generation be defined, or maybe a better word is described, by what piece of technology they remember using for the first time?

I remember my first time to use a computer. Not only do I remember the first time I used one, but I remember the first time a computer solved a problem for me. It became a tool rather than a requirement. However, neither of my kids remember their first use of a computer because we have had a computer in our house since they were born. The computer is no more modern to them than a television. E-mail and the Internet is new to them, though, and they may remember that they witnessed the change in computers from calculating tools to communication tools.

But my parents? They remember the first time they watched a television.

Not me. Television has been around as long as dirt as far as my memory goes. But my parents actually remember life before TV.

My grandparents remember using a telephone for the first time. They remember how different life was before telephones were common. People wrote more letters and lived a slower-paced life.

I suppose the generations before them remember when a telegraph was new.

All these particular inventions I've mentioned are about communication, and they have all influenced the way we relate to one another and to the rest of the world. My vision of the future is different than my grandparents because TV and telephones and computers come naturally to me.

And that brings my back to my niece, Mier. She is my brother's daughter, she lives in Austin, and she started the first grade this fall.

She was visiting us and wanted to send an e-mail message to her mother in Austin. Well, I have gotten used to the idea of e-mail, but I wasn't ready to see a kindergarten graduate typing on my keyboard. Granted, she used only one finger and it took her an hour to type one sentence, and what she was doing could hardly be called typing ... But what does that indicate about our future when pre-schoolers use computer keyboard as tools rather than toys. What will be next? What will she remember using for the first time?

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KING: Tio Kleberg the last of the great South Texas patrons

(From 1B)

controlled corporate high-rise as readily as he did the advancing steer.

Friends call Tio Kleberg the last of the great South Texas patrons — in many ways little different from his father or great-great-grandfather. That proved his undoing in a corporate world that now can count the King Ranch among its assets.

Since 1853, when his great-great-grandfather Richard King carved a kingdom out of some of the most unpromising land in the American West, the King Ranch's ranching operations had been run by a family member.

From 1977 until April, that family member was Tio Kleberg. Now, two corporate officials are overseeing ranch operation — Paul Jenho, an outside executive brought in to head the livestock and ranch operations in Kingsville, and Robert J. Underbrink, a Riviera native who was formerly manager of King Ranch-Florida's citrus operations, heads the farming operations in Belle Glade, Fla.

They were appointed by Jack Hunt, president of King Ranch Inc., the Houston executive who demanded and obtained Kleberg's resignation.

"I was completely surprised," Kleberg, 52, said. "I never thought this could have happened."

For generations, it couldn't have.

The bold, colorful characters who have controlled the 825,000 acres south of the Nueces River are as much a part of Tio Kleberg's heritage as the land. When Richard King needed cowboys to work the ranch, he brought the entire population of a Mexican village, Cruillas, to the ranch. They have stayed for generations and their descendants, called Kinenos — King's Men - still live on the ranch.

When King's widow and Tio's great-great-grandmother Henrietta wanted to create a town, she carved Kingsville out of her ranch.

When his uncle Bob Kleberg Jr. wanted a breed of cattle to survive the harsh conditions of South Texas, he studied genetics and created a new breed, the Santa Gertrudis.

In a family where audacity is second nature, Tio Kleberg was true to his heritage. He took control of the King Ranch's domestic ranching operations at age 31 and soon became legendary in his own right. With his bushy handlebar moustache, piercing blue eyes and his trademark unlit Henry Clay cigar which he jabs in the air emphatically when making a point, he makes an unforgettable impression.

He made a reputation as an accomplished cattleman and judge of horses. He developed the ranch's quarterhorses, breeding the famed cutting horses Mr. San Peppy and Little San Peppy. He started a 60,000-acre farming operation — a startling break with tradition.

He opened the ranch to hunters and developed a wildlife conservation program. He created a new breed of cattle, the Santa Cruz. He started a tourism program for the ranch. But as he pursued the improvement and perpetuation of the ranch with an independent spirit that would do a cowboy proud, a corporate culture was developing within the organization.

As he grew older, the ranch's leadership became less and less a family matter. In the 1970s and 1980s the ranch corporation was run by a committee of family members headed by Jim Clement, a Princeton-educated businessman who had married into the family. In the late 1980s, the family made perhaps its most significant break with the past, voting to bring in executives outside the family to lead the company and to serve on the board.

By the late 1980s, Tio Kleberg was the only family member living on the ranch. His cousins, B.K. Johnson and Bobby Shelton, had made bids to take over the ranch in 1974 after Bob Kleberg died, but Clement was chosen instead. Johnson sold out for $90 million and Shelton sold out for a combination of land and other assets.

Now the chairman of the board of directors is Abraham Zaleznik, a professor emeritus at Harvard Business School and a psychoanalyst. The president of the company is Jack Hunt, trained at Harvard Business School, who works out of the King Ranch corporate headquarters in Houston. Hunt had been head of a ranching operation in California and had studied agribusiness in business school.

The qualities in Tio Kleberg that the Kinenos revered may have led to his downfall with Hunt.

"I am very direct," he said. "I don't have difficulty making a decision. I can be very strong-willed and very demanding. In this business you have to make some decisions knowing they will probably be wrong.

"But someone has to call the shots. You have to go forward. You have to, by God, make a decision and do something." He said he understood better than Hunt what it is like to ranch in South Texas.

"I know what it is like to work in 110 degree weather when the cattle are tired and it is hot as hell and you can't get it done," Kleberg said. "If I come up and see men sitting under a tree at 4 p.m., I don't ask them what the hell they are doing. There are some things you can't learn from a book."

His differences with Hunt finally came to a head over an incident that seems minor in retrospect. Hunt asked Kleberg to look into whether the farming and ranching operations should be separated and that he head only the ranching operations, Kleberg said. Kleberg went to Florida to talk with the man who would head the farming operations and decided the time wasn't right.

"He was raising a young family and he would have to be traveling a lot," Kleberg said. " I came back to Hunt and told him I didn't think it was a good idea. I didn't realize he was giving me a directive. I thought he wanted my opinion.

"It would have been a lot easier to just say yes," Kleberg said. " But probably we would have disagreed at some point. We had had some conflicts. I'm a firm believer that when you work for someone, you should follow what they want you to do. If you don't agree with the way things are going, you need to be somewhere else."

Shortly after that, Hunt called him to a meeting in Houston and asked for his resignation.

"I told him 'OK,' " Kleberg said.

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"I told him 'OK,' " Kleberg said.

"I told him he needed to get his rear-end out of bed," Kleberg recounted with a chuckle. "I told him this was a ranch, and he didn't need to be sleeping late."

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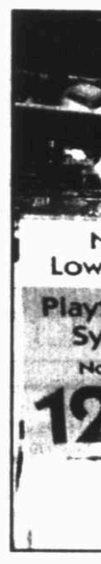

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Laptops: Why they're not all they're cracked up to be

By Hiawatha Bray
N.Y. Times News Service

Since it's the season for confessions, here's mine: I, Hiawatha Bray, technology reporter, don't own a laptop. Never have, and with luck, never will.

Nothing against laptops, you understand. They're pretty cool — until you switch one on and the red-hot Pentium chip inside sets your lap on fire. And then there's the misery of running through airports with 10 pounds of dead weight slung over your shoulder, and the bother of turning it on under the suspicious eye of the ladies at the metal detector.

And heaven help you if you put the computer down for a moment and turn your back. According to Safeware, a Columbus, Ohio, insurer, thieves made off with over a billion dollars' worth of laptops last year. That's not as remarkable a number as it sounds. Laptops generally cost two or three times as much as an equivalent desktop machine.

I've been known to borrow a laptop from the Globe for a road trip. Frankly, it's one reason I avoid road trips. And when I do ship out, I look for excuses not to take a computer.

I wish more of my guests would do the same. Several times a month, computer executives drop into the Globe, laptops in tow, to inflict a uniquely modern method of torture — the PowerPoint slide show. PowerPoint is a presentation graphics program that comes along with the more useful parts of the Microsoft Office software suite.

Seeing that they're stuck with it anyway, some people can't bear to let PowerPoint sit idle. Instead they waste hours of their time whipping up a couple dozen tedious slides, and a half-hour of mine showing them off.

PowerPoint shows have their uses — they're helpful when addressing large groups, for instance. But more often than not, they're a waste of good electrons. Next time you go to pitch a client, print out your notes and charts on a few sheets of paper, and leave the laptop behind.

A computer also makes a handy way to carry around your address book and appointment list, if you don't mind booting up every time you have to check. Better to tote one of those pocket-sized digital assistants for that purpose. There's the 3Com PalmPilot for around $300, or the Franklin Rex, for as little as $129.

Then again, you don't have to carry your contact information at all. Store it on the Internet, and it'll be available to you from any Web site. The Cambridge-based PlanetAll Internet community offers just such a service free of charge. It'll accept data from Microsoft's Outlook information manager, or a PalmPilot, and links to other information managers are under development.

Of course, to use your PlanetAll contact data, you need access to the Web. But that's a mighty strange reason to haul a $4,000 gadget around. If you need a computer, use somebody else's. It's taking long enough, but public Internet access points are gradually popping up throughout the country. Alas, they're not always easy to find. That's a good excuse to bookmark an impressive Internet site, the Internet Cafe Guide at http://www.netcafeguide.com. Here you can find listings of 1,700 Internet cafes in 98 countries, and Internet kiosks in hotels and airports.

Cybercafes come and go, and you might not want to bet your livelihood on one of them. The business services firm Kinko's is another matter. There are 900 Kinko's shops in the United States, with Internet-linked computers in every one. Expect to pay about $12 an hour to use them, with extra charges for printouts.

Once you're on line, you shouldn't have any trouble getting your e-mail, as long as your company's mail server uses the standard POP3 protocol. You can hardly visit a Web site without seeing an offer for free e-mail service. Say you sign up for a free account at Microsoft's HotMail site. You get yet another e-mail address to play with. But you can also set it up to act as a mailbox for any POP3 account you may have. Now you can get your e-mail wherever there's a Web browser.

None of this matters to some of you — the engineers and such who have to lug their high-tech firepower wherever they go. But amateur gearheads like me can do without. And very likely, so can you.

(You can send Hiawatha Bray electronic mail at bray@globe.com)

AP Laserphoto

PlayStation

New PlayStation(R) pricing prepares retail for Holiday sales surge. Purchasing a PlayStation game console at its new price of $129 are shoppers Tessa Winslow (age 12), Meg Winslow and Mary Beth Winslow (age 17)

CATTLE: Web-based deals only a tiny part of industry

(From 4B)

'Our sense is that farmers are using the Net now mostly to get breaking news. I don't think there's a heckuva lot of commerce going on yet. But we're just on the verge of seeing things start to happen'

— John Walter, editor of @griculture Online (www.agriculture.com).

the $31 billion annual beef-cattle and $23 billion dairy-farming industries. But the number of Web-based commercial cattle resources is estimated at 1,000 and growing, with the leaders including Cattle Offerings Worldwide — or COW, for short.

Earlier this year, when Reynolds was in the market for top-of-the-line Holstein embryos, he logged onto COW (www.cattleofferings.com) and clicked his way through an auction, pulling up snapshots of the donor cows and reading their vital statistics and ancestry — all the while watching bids stream from around the world. Within an hour, his own bid of $520 each for four embryos from a Virginia breeder had been accepted.

Before he even had time to arrange for delivery, though, Reynolds received a call from someone else who had been participating in the auction and wanted to know if he would be willing to resell the Holsteins-in-waiting at a higher price to a breeder in Italy. "So I resold them and made a $600 profit in 15 minutes," Reynolds recalled. "The eggs were top quality and from one of the best cow families in the United States. But I'm not averse to making a profit."

The Internet is still finding its place among the more established methods that farmers use to buy and sell cattle, like live auctions, advertisements in agricultural publications, and business relationships nurtured by generations of farming families.

"Our sense is that farmers are using the Net now mostly to get breaking news," said John Walter, editor of @griculture Online (www.agriculture.com), an electronic offshoot of Meredith Publishing's Successful Farming magazine. "I don't think there's a heck of a lot of commerce going on yet," Walter said. "But we're just on the verge of seeing things start to happen."

Indeed, a whole host of livestock professionals have gone to the Web, most offering some form of classified advertising. Online Livestock Corner (www.onlinelivestockcorner.com), for example, posts ads not only for cattle, but also for horses, sheep, bison and dogs. Other Web sites, though, deal only with specific breeds of cattle, like www.beefalobeef.com, whose offerings range from "O Bar R's Semen" to "Big Sky Beefalo Meat Products."

But the lifeblood of the cattle trade is still the traditional auction. That is why many industry experts believe that online auctions could eventually make the Internet as vital a farming tool as branding irons and milking machines.

Ben Zaitz, founder and president of privately held COW, is one of the pioneers of the Internet cattle industry. He started his ad-supported site three years ago primarily as a meeting place for buyers and sellers. But it was not until the advent of the Java programing language for Web applications that he was able to perfect a way for all auction players — sellers, auctioneers and buyers — to conduct business in real time in cyberspace.

"We needed a system where everyone who was logged on would get instant feedback," said Zaitz, a former cattle dealer who is based in Chapel Hill, N.C. "If you had the bid you would know instantly, and if you were cut you would know instantly," he said. "Java allowed us to proceed."

Since COW's auction system went operational last year, Zaitz said, about $300,000 worth of cattle, embryos and bull semen have been traded. COW earns commissions ranging from 2 percent to 15 percent on each transaction.

Another leading player in the field, Cyber Stockyard (www.cyberstockyard.com), based in Starkville, Miss., takes a slightly different approach. Scott Sanders, Cyber Stockyard's president, sends representatives to real auctions who provide live chat-room coverage via the Web. Customers can log on, view a catalog of the offerings, and submit their bids electronically to the Cyber Stockyard representatives, who call them out as the auctioneer is also hearing bids from those in attendance.

Sanders, whose family has been in cattle trading for decades, also offers a placement service that electronically searches for cattle based on a buyer's or seller's specific needs.

How have ranchers and dairymen reacted to all this new technology?

"Some think it's the best thing since sliced bread," Sanders said. "Some think it's the stupidest thing they've ever seen."

But the converts tend to be optimistic.

Bob Yackley, customer relations and marketing manager for Express Ranches in Yukon, Okla., concedes that his company's cattle sales through Cyber Stockyard have been minimal so far — only seven head among hundreds sold in one recent auction, for example.

But "the real advantage for us is that it opens up a worldwide market," Yackley said. "People from, say, Brazil or Australia can bid, and people in the U.S. who might not be able to afford to travel from point A to point B can come to the auctions, as well."

Not to mention less wear and tear on the livestock. "When you put cows on trucks and haul them to auctions, they lose weight," Zaitz said. "When they get chased around and jostled, they get nervous — they make manure and urine, and that causes weight loss." This "shrink," as it is known in the industry, typically knocks a few percent off a cow's value.

Then there are the health issues. "Taking a cow to auction is much like putting a child in day care," said James Henderson, a market analyst at CattleFax, an information service based in Englewood, Colo. (www.cattle-fax.com). "Just as a child can get sick from being around other children, when cattle from different places get together and one herd's health program is not so good, all the cattle might get sick. When you sell straight off the farm, you eliminate the problem of commingling."

For all these benefits, though, neither COW's or Cyber Stockyards' auctions are profitable yet. "I'm just as good at losing money as Amazon.com," Zaitz joked.

Changing traditional ways of farming and ranching will take time, Zaitz predicted, because cattlemen "just don't have time to make something new work when they've got to make a living."

And simply getting on the Net can often be a challenge in rural areas. "Reasonably priced Internet access is not as good as it is in the city," said Walter, the online editor. "But it's improving."

And so, evidently, is the interest. According to Gallup's 1998 "Trends in Agriculture" survey (www.agpub.org/gallup/index.htm), while only 22 percent of beef producers currently use the Internet, an additional 55 percent say they intend to start within the next three years. Among dairy producers, only 16 percent use the Internet now, but another 62 percent expect to log on within three years.

Zaitz's goal is to reach those cattle buyers by providing auction-house owners with the technology they need to make a Web presence a standard part of their business.

"Do you need the Internet to sell a couple of oddball steers in Kentucky?" he said. "Maybe not. But why should people have to travel from stockyard to stockyard buying herds of cattle when they can use the Internet?"

Football season: Time to live in a fantasy world

N.Y. Times News Service

Online versions of NFL fantasy leagues have become so esoteric that it's never too early to sort things out.

(That's a hint: Get yourself in gear if you want to play one of these things before the Sept. 6 opening kickoff.)

There are several methods of compiling fantasy teams, then competing with other cybersaps and monitoring the whole thing on the Web. Some sites offer as many as three ways to play the league.

Just be careful out there. Not all states allow playing these games for prizes (in California it's OK). And because new government regulations aimed at eliminating gambling on the Internet might soon go into effect, all leagues must charge a fee if they are to give out prizes.

A sample of the range that's available:

✔ **Yahoo!:**
Address: http://fantasy.yahoo.com/nfl/start
Cost: Free.
Prizes: None (that's why it's free)
Deadline: Sept. 3, 8 a.m.
Summary: Touts its game as one with "no petty entry fees, annoying transaction charges or hidden registration costs." Which translates to no prizes.

✔ **CNN/SI:**
Address: http://www.cnnsi.com/fantasyfootball/
Cost: $19.95 (includes eight "free" issues of Sports Illustrated).
Prizes: $3,000 ski trip to Salt Lake City, personal computers, autographed collectibles.
Deadline: Sept. 2, 9 a.m.
Summary: Can also play by mail.

✔ **CBS SportsLine:**
Address: http://fantasyfootball.commissioner.com/
Cost: $19.95 (also $99.95 for private leagues)
Prizes: $3,000 home-entertainment center (grand prize), Joe Namath autographed footballs.
Deadline: Sept. 5, 11:59 p.m.
Summary: Players seem to appreciate what they get on this site as far as information to help make roster moves.

✔ **ESPN SportsZone:**
Address: http://games-espn.sportszone.com/
Cost: $29.95 for first-timers, discounts apply in some cases. No transaction fees.
Prizes: $3,000 home-entertainment center (grand prize), ESPN jackets.
Deadline: Sept. 3, noon.
Summary: Also offers late-season franchises (by Oct. 2).

✔ **The Sporting News:**
Address: http://games.sportingnews.com/nfl/
Cost: $59.95, with fees for roster moves ($2.50), adding new players ($7.50) and adding new taxi squad players ($5).
Prizes: $25,000 grand prize, $5,000 trip to the Super Bowl, $4,000 trip to the Pro Bowl, $1,000 big-screen TV.
Deadline: Sept. 4, 9 p.m.
Summary: Are you serious? No novices allowed. The stakes are higher and the draft picks are assigned salaries that go against a salary cap. Can also be played by mail or America Online.

HYSTERIA: Will comet hit before Y2K becomes problem?

(From 4B)

graphics, this site can be a little slow. If you'd like a faster text page, simply press the icon for the letter "A" on that same control panel.

Microsoft also has a slide show that's the heart of an online seminar called Solving the Year 2000 Problem. You'll find the show at www.microsoft.com/seminar/98/Y2KStrategy714/portal.htm. By Microsoft's estimate you'll be able to cover the material — presented on 17 slides — in little over 20 minutes.

Chances are, especially for PC users, a lot of the software in your computer comes from Microsoft. The giant software company has done a good job explaining the problem and offering help.

If you're still hungry for more information from Microsoft, there's an entire collection of links that deals with almost every aspect of the Year 2000 problem. You'll find this general purpose collection at www.microsoft.com/year2000/?RLD53. Once there, you can follow the links to pages that offer information at various degrees of technical complexity. You'll also find a link to a section that lets you find out just what problems Microsoft's own software has with the Year 2000 bug.

While at the Microsoft site, make sure you visit the FAQ (frequently asked questions) section devoted to the problem at www.microsoft.com/ithome/topics/year2k/2kfaq/2kfaq01.htm. You'll have to search hard to find a place that does a better job explaining almost any facet of the problem. And since it's organized by question, you can jump right to the part that interested you most.

This is all serious stuff. And by now, if you've followed all the links, you may be a bit depressed. So save this link for last. It's called 12 Reasons to Ignore the Y2K Problem at www.ecl.udel.edu/~hague/ignore.htm.

Among the reasons cited: "4. Nostradamus never mentioned this problem. 5. You believe a comet is due to hit the Earth in 2000 — why bother?"

eBLAST: Quick Search gives fast access to entire suite of online references

(From 4B)

Search, a toolbar that gives access to the entire suite of online reference: eBLAST, Sample Search from the online encyclopedia, and the Merriam-Webster dictionary and thesaurus. After a one-click download, the EB button resides in a corner of the computer screen. All the user has to do is click on it, type in a search term and indicate the reference desired.

Encyclopaedia Britannica Inc. is based in Chicago. For more information, call 1-800-747-8503.

New mouse a mighty mite

A lack of available space can be just as much of a problem on a desktop as it is on a hard drive.

Suncom Technologies is trying to remedy that with its Atom Mouse.

The mouse measures just 3 1/2-by-3 1/2 inches. To control the cursor position on the screen, it uses an optical code bar that moves in a small arc on a stationary pad that takes up no more space than a trackball. The mouse never leaves the pad.

The company is targeting users of laptop, notebook and portable computers, and "road warriors" who use computers in cars, trains or planes.

Suncom, the Wheeling, Ill.-based subsidiary of a Hong Kong firm, is best known for its F-15 Strike Fighter series of joysticks for air-combat software. For more information, check out the company's Web site at http://www.suncominc.com.

The Atom Mouse retails for $40.

Bringing fine art home

Images of staggering beauty reside within the walls of museums. But many of us never get to visit the great repositories of art in our own country, much less the Prado in Madrid, Spain, or the Hermitage in St. Petersburg, Russia, or the Louvre in Paris.

Software maker Broderbund is trying to bring some of the museums' offerings to the rest of us with FineArt, the latest in its ClickArt family of products.

FineArt includes more than 8,500 images, divided into categories such as scenic watercolors, fine art oil paintings and elegant landscapes, as well as 36 fonts and four decorative alphabets. The software is intended for use in cards, invitations, address labels, advertisements or just about anything that could use an elegant splash of color to dress it up.

Not all the images are lifted from museum walls, but the company says each was hand-picked based on its beauty and artistry.

The software includes a full-featured image browser/viewer/converter and works with dozens of desktop publishing programs. It requires Windows 3.1 or Windows 95 running on at least a 486 computer with 4 to 8 megabytes of RAM, a 256-color display and a 2X or faster CD-ROM drive.

FineArt retails for $30. Broderbund's other offerings in the ClickArt series can be seen at the company's Web site: http://www.broderbund.com.

Bat makers step up to plate

Two baseball bat manufacturers have sued the NCAA over changes to bat specifications and performance scheduled to take effect Aug. 1, 1999.

The NCAA rules change — which included reducing the diameter of the bats and decreasing the allowable speed of a ball coming off a bat — was a response to concerns that high-tech bats could lead to serious injury.

Easton Sports Inc., maker of the Z-Core scandium-alloy aluminum bat, filed a restraint-of-trade lawsuit this month against the NCAA in U.S. District Court in Kansas City, Kan., and is seeking $267 million in damages.

Baum Research and Development, which makes wood composite bats, also sued for unspecified damages, accusing the NCAA of conspiracy to monopolize the bat industry.

NEWS: Future of online news looks bright

(From 4B)

"It is building as more and more people get online," said Adam Clayton Powell III, vice president for technology at the Freedom Forum, a free-speech advocacy group based in Arlington, Va. He foresees a day when the primary sources of news will be online.

"Each time we have one of these big events, it's another big boost up," he said, "and each time the peak is a little higher. The thing that's hard to predict is where it all starts to plateau."

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Ask the doctor

Time to go back to swear one

By Dr. Emilio Bombay
N.Y. Times News Service

DEAR DR. BOMBAY: Not long after I installed Win95 on my PC this spring (after a memory upgrade), it refused to start up correctly. About halfway through the startup cycle, I get a recurring message, "Unable to read Drive C: Abort, Retry, Ignore." Is this catastrophic?
— Breakdown

DEAR BREAK: You are, to use a technical term, hosed.

There are a lot of reasons you may be getting that error message. Most of them are pretty grim, but don't give up. The first thing you should do is dig back into the computer's innards to make sure everything is hooked up correctly. Doublecheck the big flat cable that hooks the drive to your motherboard or drive controller card. Some have special tabs that will only allow a correct connection and keep you from being a dunce; some don't. If you have one that doesn't, look for a red stripe on one side of the cable and make sure it goes to the same number pin on either end.

There may be more than one place to plug the cable in, so dig through the trash until you find the instruction manual, which should have a motherboard diagram. Now, make sure the four-wire power connector is tightly in its socket on the drive.

Also check the drive for a little jumper that should be set to the "master" position instead of "slave." Do you think the guy who dreamed that up was feeling lonely?

Assuming everything's hooked up right and that you didn't at some point spill your tropical drink into the computer so that the little paper umbrella is jamming the works, try booting again. Didn't work? Ha ha ha ha ha! Sorry. Just my cruel little joke. I didn't think all that would work, but you never know.

As long as you've got the case open, take out the memory you added. I don't think that will work either, but we need to try and get things back to the way they were before the trouble started.

Now try starting your computer's built-in setup program. It's possible a bad battery caused the PC to forget what sort of hard drive it had. You'll have to dig out the books to figure out all the gibberish it's asking for, but if it indicates that you currently have no hard drive, there's your problem. Of course, if that really were the case, it should also be forgetting things like the correct time or whether you have a floppy drive.

Most likely, you have a physically corrupted hard drive. No, that's not Freudian. It just means something's goobered up on your disk. Make yourself a boot floppy disk (oh, just find a geek at work who knows how to do it) with Scandisk.exe on it. Start things up, then run Scandisk on your hard drive to repair things. Didn't work? I'm not surprised.

There are about a hundred other things you can try, but stop making yourself crazy. Nuke the drive. Reformat it and start over. It's not doing you any good like it is. And get your geek buddy to help. That way you can blame him if anything else goes wrong.

If things still aren't working, then the drive is probably cratered. New ones are cheap and not that hard to install, but have the store do the work anyway. If the real culprit is a bad motherboard, you won't have to mess with returning the drive. All you'll have to do is figure out how to pay for a new computer. And this time, don't buy the cheapest one in the store.

OK, OK, you can try replacing the motherboard first. I was just trying to save you some frustration. And, no, I don't get a kickback from the store. We're still negotiating that.

(Noted computerologist Dr. Emilio Bombay offers occasionally accurate advice about most things electronic. He can be reached on Internet at drbombay@star-telegram.com.)

Local User Groups

- The Macintosh Permian User Group meets the 4th Thursday of every month (excent Nov. & Dec.). MacPUG has it's ov n web domain at **http://www.macpug.org**.
- The Permian Basin User Group, an open platform user group, meets the 4th Tuesday of every month at Barnes & Noble.
- The MMUA meets the third Tuesday of every month, 7:30 p.m., at the Permian Basin Graduate Center, 221 No. Main, in Midland.

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Surfing for leads in a blockbuster news week

By Lisa Napoli
N.Y. Times News Service

Traffic to news sites on the World Wide Web soared last week, suggesting that more people than ever turn to the Web to follow breaking news stories — particularly from the workplace, where television sets can be scarce. Indeed, on both Monday afternoon, while President Clinton was testifying, and Thursday afternoon, when he was announcing military strikes on terrorist targets, record numbers on news sites were reported.

"There's no doubt that our busiest times are during the U.S. business day," said Kerrin Roberts, a spokesman for CNN Interactive. For Monday, the site reported a 31 percent increase over its previous busiest day, which occurred in April.

Relevant Knowledge, a measurement firm in Atlanta, reported an increase of nearly 43 percent to 11 news sites — including MSNBC, ABCnews.com and The New York Times on the Web, as well as the Drudge Report, which was included because of its role in reporting on the brewing Monica Lewinsky matter in January.

While the quest for the latest information is part of the attraction of the Web, many of those who went online did so to do what the Web allows for best: the expression of personal opinion. Opinion was something that was not in short supply during the week's news events.

"The promise and the expectation of the Internet is the ability to reach out and touch everyone," said Jim Schulte, editor of the online edition of USA Today. "That's the whole strength. Everyone gets their 2 cents in."

More people posted messages to bulletin boards on America Online about the Clinton-Lewinsky relationship than in the aftermath of the death a year earlier of Diana, princess of Wales. That could be as much a reflection of the growth of the online medium as it is the nature of the news reports involved, experts said.

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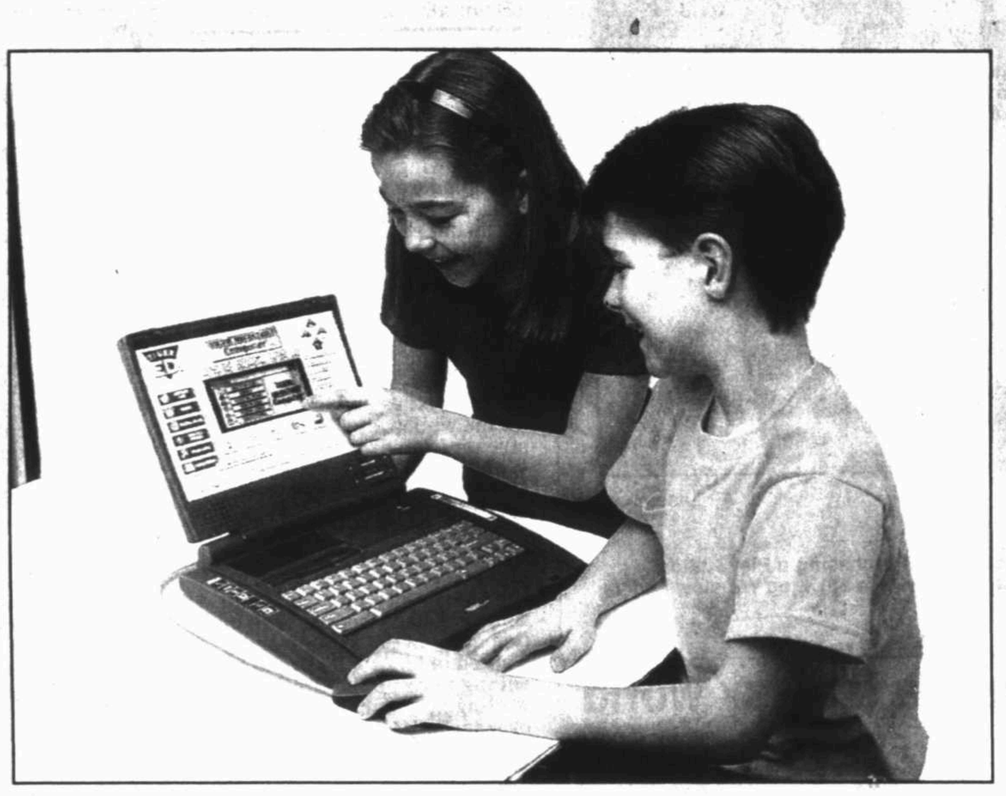

Kid friendly

Kids can get easily connected to the Internet with the Tiger Web Start Computer. Tiger features kid-friendly. Learning Aids produced include the WorldBook Learning Center for ages 6 and up and a selection of games for kids 9 and up. Tiger's product site is still in it's developmental stage, but can be accessed by entering Tiger Electronics on your favorite search engine.

It's eBLAST searching the Internet thanks to Encylopaedia Britannica

By John Ghirardini
N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — The Encyclopaedia Britannica has been published since 1768, and in the 230 years since its founding in Edinburgh, Scotland, the venerable reference work has saved countless numbers of students who waited until the night before an essay was due to start writing.

The entire 32-volume set has been available on the World Wide Web since 1994 at **http://www.eb.com**, and as a two-disc CD-ROM for Windows and Macintosh computers.

In July the company opened another chapter in its long history by launching eBLAST, a free Web navigation service featuring a searchable and browsable directory of more than 125,000 sites chosen by a team of 25 Britannica editors for their quality and usefulness.

The site also offers an editorial forum for some of the world's leading thinkers and writers. Early contributors have included novelist Scott Turow, Slate editor Michael Kinsley, artificial-intelligence expert Marvin Minsky and civil rights activist Lani Guinier.

There are two ways to search on eBLAST. Users can enter a word, name or phrase in a window on the opening screen, or browse an outline of 17 major subjects, clicking anywhere in the outline to find subtopics that will lead to a Web site. eBLAST uses AltaVista technology for its searches.

One of the best features is the Britannica Quick

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Fixing the Y2K problem: Government

How some of the largest agencies of the federal government are responding to the Year 2000 problem, commonly known as Y2K.

DEFENSE
The Defense Department has been widely criticized for its lack of progress fixing its Year 2000 problems. A report in April from the General Accounting Office complained that defense doesn't yet have a good idea how susceptible its systems are or how expensive they will be to fix, and that it's spending valuable time and money fixing non-critical systems. President Clinton's Y2K czar, John Koskinen says that if not fixed in time, Y2K problems could cause some weapons systems to turn themselves off. A congressional report earlier this year estimated the Defense Department will have only 46 percent of its most important computers fixed by March 1999, and won't have all of its most important computers fixed until 2002.

SOCIAL SECURITY
A silver lining to the Year 2000 cloud, the Social Security Administration is so far ahead of the rest of the government that it's "a model for all agencies," said Rep. Stephen Horn, R-Calif., who periodically issues a report card for federal agencies on their Y2K progress. His last report, in mid-May, gave Social Security the only "A+" grade in government. But Horn warned that Social Security checks may still be delayed, because the checks actually are issued by the Treasury Department's Financial Management Service, which Horn criticized for "a dismal performance." And the GAO complained earlier this year that "FMS is falling seriously behind schedule in converting some of its systems." FMS Commissioner Dick Gregg maintains that benefit checks will "absolutely not" be interrupted.

MEDICARE/HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION
Medicare/Health Care Financing Administration: The GAO warned earlier this year that HCFA, the agency that runs Medicare, didn't require its many contractors to show how they're solving Year 2000 problems or prove that they will fix problems as they arise. The government said Medicare pays 1 billion claims annually worth $288 billion. "The consequences, then, of its systems not being Year 2000 compliant could be enormous," the GAO said. Horn gave the Department of Health and Human Services a grade of "F."

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
The government called the IRS challenge to fix its Year 2000 problems the most important facing the agency this year and next. Many of its computers are more than 25 years old and particularly susceptible to trouble, which even the agency said "could result in generating millions of erroneous tax notices, refunds and bills." IRS wants its computers fixed by Jan. 31, 1999; congressional investigators applauded the early deadline it imposed on itself. But they warned earlier this year that the agency runs the risk of failing to meet it given the status of its work.

Year 2000 exchanges magic for hysteria

By Bill Husted
N.Y. Times News Service

For those who are middle-aged or older, the Year 2000 had a magical sort of feeling. Back in the '60s and '70s, the new millennium was seen as almost impossibly far away. And, if folks thought about a Year 2000 problem at all back then, the problem was in living that long.

The Year 2000 is almost here now. It's no longer magical. And, for the governments and businesses of the world, it is a multi-billion dollar problem.

By now, unless you live in a cave somewhere around Katmandu, you have read all about the Y2K bug that plagues many computers. The stories have taken on an almost hysterical tone, with serious (and perhaps credible) predictions of e ry-thing from a paralyzed air traffic control system, to the failure of the government to be able to handle Social Security payments, to a nuclear war triggered by faulty software r n-ning the missile system in some relatively underdeveloped country.

Since even the experts have trouble agreeing and since — for people who aren't computer programmers — the problem itself is so difficult to understand, let's start today's trek through the World Wide Web at a site that provides a very basic look at the problem, what causes it, and what makes fixing the problem so difficult.

The site is called What is the Y2K Millennium Problem and it's located at **www-de.ksc.nasa.gov/specsintact/sib1096/year2000/sld003.htm**. As you'll notice, this is a NASA site. The information is presented in slide show fashion. Instead of clicking on links, use the VCR-like control buttons at the bottom of the page to move ahead or backwards on the site.

Despite the lack of fancy

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Cattlemen in search of stock turning to the Web

By Arelene Weintraub
N.Y. Times News Service

What with working his day job as a technician for a company that sells artificial insemination gear to the cattle industry, and then running his own side business breeding and selling Holstein dairy cows, David Reynolds does not have much time to attend the cattle auctions that are a crucial part of his vocation.

"I work seven days a week, so it's hard for me to travel to an auction yard and sit in a tent and bid," said Reynolds, whose small business, Higher Plain Genetics, is in Cooperstown, N.Y.

Luckily for Reynolds, animal husbandry — like so many other commercial endeavors these days — has gone online.

"It's great," Reynolds said. "You just get up in the morning, log on, see where the prices are and place your bid."

Web-based transactions still represent but a tiny fraction of

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JUST DOO IT!
Humans have long revered the great animals that walk the earth, but many of us turn our noses up to their droppings. Gardeners and horticulturists, however, have long known the benefits of animal dung. Thanks to ZooDoo, manure is now being transformed into an effective compost for plants. ZooDoo's Web site explains how composting breaks down organic matter, such as manure, into basic elements, such as potassium and nitrogen. Just follow your nose to http://www.zoodoo.com and meet the elephants, giraffes and rhinos whose droppings are helping gardeners all over the country. Once here, you can share your dung story with an online audience or send a greeting card to a friend or foe.

REACH THE BEACH
If ever a military battle captured the imaginations of war buffs worldwide, it would be the Invasion of Normandy. As the landing phase of Operation Overlord during World War II, it was the scene of great strategy, honor and sacrifice. Join the Allied victory in progress at Britannica Online's Normandy Web site, which chronicles the battle from the earlier European hostilities to the liberation of the French. Get ready to storm the beach at http://normandy.eb.com/ and immerse yourself in international politics, airborne attacks and military conspiracies. The comprehensive site has audio clips of speeches, films of the fighting inland, and biographies of leaders like Eisenhower and Churchill. Plus, you'll have the chance to decipher secret code messages and inspect battle documents. CHARGE!!!

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While old-time astronauts support John Glenn, question science of mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Wally Schirra couldn't wait to try out his new three-liner on his old buddy, John Glenn, when the two got together a few weeks ago.

Back in the spotlight because of Glenn's fall space shuttle ride, Schirra — the only astronaut to fly in Mercury, Gemini and Apollo — needed a quick, witty response to The Question: Wish it were you?

"One, I'm not that old. Two, I don't need the flight time. And three, I, too, would do anything to get out of that U.S. Senate," the 75-year-old Schirra says, laughing.

"I told those to John," he adds, laughing harder.

Schirra also passed on an acquaintance's observation.

"I said to John, 'One of our local club members came up to me and said, 'If they want to send an old guy, why don't they send up Strom Thurmond?' John laughed like mad and said, 'That's not as funny as you might think.' He said the very next day after the announcement, Strom Thurmond had a note on John's desk: 'I'll be your backup or replace you if required.' John's already framed it."

The way NASA's old-time astronauts see it, the 95-year-old Thurmond would have a better shot at a space shuttle flight than they would.

Thurmond, after all, is a U.S. senator just like the 77-year-old Glenn, an Ohio Democrat who's retiring from politics in January.

Without his political punch — not to mention his name and fame — Glenn wouldn't be returning to orbit, many retired astronauts contend. Yet most are quick to add an attaboy.

Glenn, after all, came up with the ingenious idea two years ago of launching a senior citizen to better understand the disorders shared by the elderly on Earth as well as astronauts in space: flabby muscles, brittle bones, weakened immune systems, dizzy spells, fitful sleep.

"If I can pass a physical," Glenn figured, "why not me?"

After months of stewing over Glenn's proposal, NASA finally agreed, setting the stage for one of the most eagerly anticipated launches since the Apollo moon shots.

America's first man in orbit will become the oldest man in orbit ever when space shuttle Discovery lifts off Oct. 29 atop a blaze of publicity, 36 1/2 years after his first rocket ride.

Mercury astronauts Schirra, Gordon Cooper and Scott Carpenter will be among the tens of thousands jamming Kennedy Space Center for Glenn's send-off, providing color commentary for network TV.

Alan Shepard, the first of the original Mercury seven to fly, hoped to join them, but died July 21 following a battle with leukemia. Deke Slayton died of a brain tumor in 1993. Gus Grissom perished in the Apollo 1 fire in 1967.

'Geriatric study, give me a break! If I had ... the political clout that John Glenn had, I'd probably be bugging NASA to go, too.'

— Apollo 15 astronaut Al Worden

The survivors, drawn closer because of their dwindling numbers, wouldn't miss this late-in-life hurrah for anything.

"I'm glad to see him getting a chance," says Cooper, who at age 71 is the pup of the Mercury bunch.

Carpenter, 73, who followed Glenn into orbit in 1962, says he has already informed Glenn, "I'd be glad to be his backup again, but this time I'd sabotage him for sure."

Seriously, though, says Carpenter: "I'm four years younger and I don't have a senator's clout. Sure, that means something. That was helpful, certainly helpful, and being the first to fly, the first orbiting American. Everything helps."

Apollo 15 astronaut Al Worden isn't as subtle, or charitable.

"Geriatric study, give me a break!" Worden, 66, grumbles, roaring with laughter. "If I had been in the Senate for 24 years and had the political clout that John Glenn had, I'd probably be bugging NASA to go, too."

Grissom's widow sees Glenn's flight as a political reward and publicity stunt, nothing more.

"He's getting payback for whatever it is, the Senate campaign, whatever it is," fumes Betty Grissom. "He's just going to go. He likes the press to follow him around and he likes to separate himself."

"They're spending taxpayers' money, and I think they should be more frugal with it," she adds. "I just can't see it at all."

NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin says the medical tests to be conducted on Glenn during the nine-day shuttle flight will benefit both astronauts and the aged.

Designated a payload specialist — a bottom-of-the-totem-pole shuttle passenger specializing in science — Glenn will collect urine, blood and saliva in orbit. He'll also have his heart rate, breathing and other body functions monitored by the doctors on the seven-person crew.

What makes Glenn so valuable as a test subject, NASA says, is that his entire medical history is on file, dating all the way back to his days as a Marine combat pilot during World War II.

Goldin and Glenn insist the White House had nothing to do with the decision, nor did Glenn's prominence in Washington.

"The fact that I'm a senator didn't have anything to do with pushing him (Goldin) into it," Glenn says. "It was done on a scientific basis, and I passed the physical."

Adds Glenn: "We're up there to learn new things. That's the purpose of the whole NASA program is to learn the new."

Despite such assertions, many of Glenn's space peers question the scientific relevance of a single test subject. Indeed, NASA says it has no intention of flying more seniors in the foreseeable future.

The scientific bonanza will be slim at best, Schirra says — "not of the magnitude that we'd expect." He notes that Glenn's Feb. 20, 1962, flight lasted a mere five hours, offering little in the way of comparison.

Six-time space shuttle flier Story Musgrave, a doctor who became the world's oldest spaceman in 1996 at age 61, would be a better choice, says Schirra.

"Now there's a man you'd want to check on for osteoporosis," Schirra says. "He's a real good data bank."

Musgrave quit the astronaut corps last year after NASA told him he'd never fly again. The reason? Too old.

NASA also has reams of medical data on the nine men who flew on Skylab in the early 1970s. Their space station missions lasted between one and three months, and emphasized medical research. But they weren't asked to go up again, either.

Skylab astronaut Ed Gibson will be watching Glenn's aging studies "real close." That's because when he grows up, he'd like to go back into space, too.

It will be a while. He's only 61.

Rains from Tropical Storm Charley gives boost to wildlife, reservoirs, agriculture

HARLINGEN (AP) — At the Chaparral Wildlife Management Area, it feels like spring all over again.

The grass is green and the rabbits and quail are pairing off on the state land used for hunting, biological research and nature-watching southwest of Cotulla. Part of it is thanks to Tropical Storm Charley.

The storm made landfall last week near Port Aransas area and quickly turned into a depression, but still managed to dump several inches of rain across South Texas before parking itself over Del Rio.

Remnants of the storm, which caused rains that flooded southwest Texas and killed at least 19 people in Texas and Mexico, also replenished Texas reservoirs and promoted vegetation growth that will provide food and shelter for animals.

"For some of us, Charley was a good thing," said Jim Gallagher, assistant area manager for the Chaparral management area, which doubled its rainfall total for the year in August, including almost an inch from remnants of Charley.

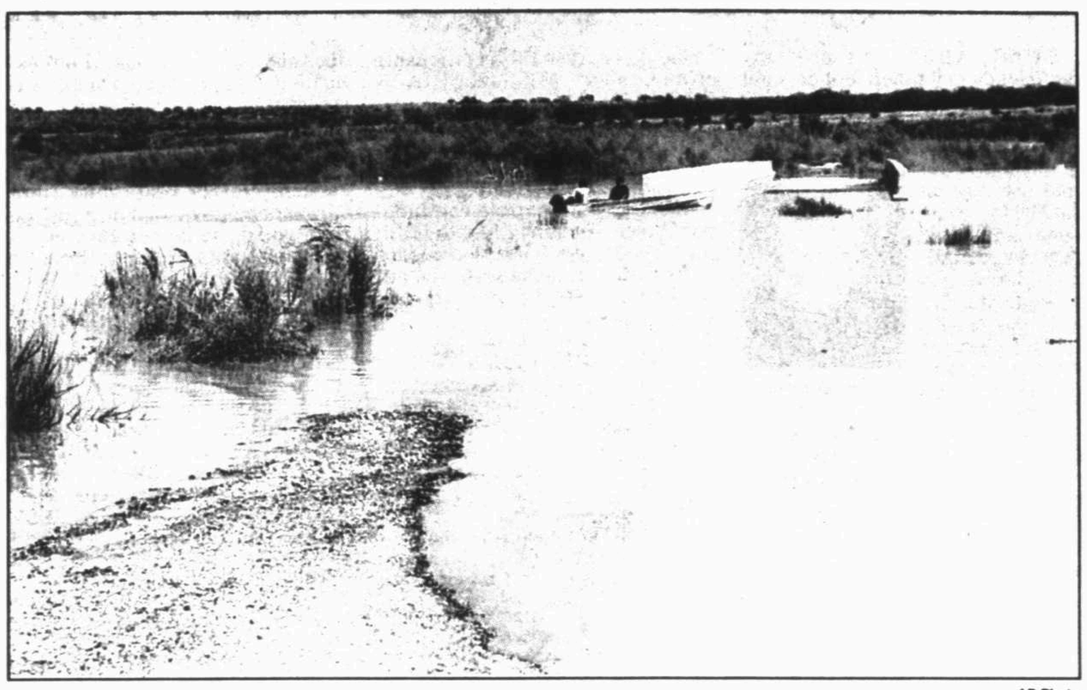
Heavy rains also answered many drought-stricken farmers' prayers. The water filled the Amistad and Falcon reservoirs, which the United States and Mexico share.

Showers poured water into Lake Amistad near Del Rio and caused a surge in the Rio Grande that eventually ended up in Falcon Lake in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Since Aug. 21, Lake Amistad has risen by 14 feet, or 350,000 acre feet of water. Falcon Lake reached its peak Sunday, rising 10 feet after filling over the weekend.

The United States' share of the Amistad and Falcon reservoirs has been around 19 percent capacity for several weeks. The new levels will be unknown until later this week.

"We're hoping to be between 25 and 30 percent, maybe even higher," said Julian Perales, river operations manager for the Rio Grande Valley Watermaster's office, whose jurisdiction extends from 70 miles south of El Paso to the Gulf of Mexico.



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Two fisherman in a boat cross over old Texas Highway 83 near Zapata. The rising waters from Tropical Storm Charley washed over the road where a bridge was recently constructed for local residents who had been using the road to cross over the arroyo during the drought. While the rising waters may inconvenience drivers accustomed to the shortcut, nobody in Zapata was complaining about the reservoir's much-needed boost from Charley.

The last time the reservoirs were at 25 percent was in May and the last time they reached 30 percent was in January, Perales said. Last year around this time, reservoir levels were around 35 percent.

"It's not great," Perales said of the forecasted rise. "By no means are we out of this drought."

Another Charley beneficiary was the San Antonio area, which was under strict water use rules until rains boosted the water level in the Edwards Aquifer, allowing authorities to ease restrictions.

In the flooded Del Rio area, it's too early to tell how the rains will affect agriculture, but there is potential for erosion or pasture degradation, said Jason Johnson, an extension economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Weslaco.

Johnson said the water supply increase, however, will be a boon to agriculture in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

"You'd hate to see anyone have to suffer, but at least the losses that we see up north will be partially offset by the benefits the Lower Valley sees from additional water supplies," he said.

Sugar cane and citrus will be the main crops to benefit, Johnson said. Both are water-intensive crops that will not be harvested until at least October.

With many irrigation districts out of water since June, some farmers have needed to drill wells and irrigate crops with groundwater, which is an added expense.

"In a lot of cases the water quality is also suspect," Johnson said.

Without water, sugar cane growth is stunted and produces less sugar. For citrus, the lack of water means smaller fruit and less of it.

Several farmers have delayed decisions on planting vegetables this fall because of the drought and the uncertainty of water availability. Before Charley's rains, the extension service conservatively predicted a 50 percent reduction in vegetable planting this fall.

"We'll likely see those initial fears lighten a bit," Johnson said.

Valley farmers are not out of the woods yet. Johnson stressed increased reservoir levels are no indication the drought is over said it's unknown what impact the drought has had on sugar cane and citrus.

"We won't know the true extent of those yield losses on those crops until they do the crop estimates," Johnson said. "We were in a very, very precarious position prior to this event. That has been lessened to some extent but it hasn't been completely removed."

In South Texas, lighter rains from Charley's remnants have been a relief during a time of year when wildlife usually suffers from the lack of water and dried vegetation.

"This will set us up for an excellent fall and winter," said Joe Herrera, a wildlife biologist and district leader for the South Texas Wildlife District. "It's just kind of a turnaround. Mother Nature is playing tricks on us."

Chaparral has received a series of moderate rainfalls throughout the month, breaking a hot spell of 72 days of triple-digit-temperatures through the end of July.

Chaparral had received no significant rain since March. Some animals' attempts to reproduce were unsuccessful because they had little nourishment for themselves and their offspring, Gallagher said.

Rain and floods should not hamper hunting in South Texas, Herrera and Gallagher said. Hunters might have to contend with smaller, younger quail in the winter, however, and some animals might be less eager to take food bait if they have plenty to eat in their habitat.

Normally, when vegetation is scarce, deer and other animals forage, making themselves more vulnerable to hunters, Herrera explained.

"The animals that survived to this point will benefit from the food and the cover from this flush of vegetation," Herrera said.

Flood waters also will give plant life a boost by dispersing seeds along the U.S.-Mexico border, Gallagher said.

"It's like going down the Rio Grande corridor and throwing fertilizer on the bank," he said.

Survivors pray after devastating Rio Grande floods

DEL RIO (AP) — The congregation at St. Joseph's Catholic Church had been praying for weeks that rain would come.

Their prayers were answered when a pitter patter was heard last week throughout the South Texas border town. The sound then grew into a roar.

The never-ending rain caused the Rio Grande and other creeks cutting through the area to swell above their banks, sending flood waters raging through the town, destroying hundreds of houses and killing at least nine people.

It was part of God's plan, Father Roberto Pena told his congregation Sunday morning from the pulpit at St. Joseph's.

The faces starring back at him understood what he meant, but he said he knew they were feeling down.

"There was a different feeling, a different kind of silence among them," he said. "They were not bubbling with joy. It was a serious mood, a pensive mood, a prayerful mood."

The flooding damaged nearly 1,000 homes and businesses in Del Rio. Of those, 625 were destroyed, city officials said. Hundreds of people remained at a Red Cross shelter at the Del Rio Civic Center on Sunday.

Despite the damage, Pena said the community has come together.

"There's a saying in our faith that from something bad always comes thing good," he told the people. "And that was all the love you have shown each other."

Pastor Eddie Eskew said the same thing is going on at Grace Community Church, which is helping distribute food and supplies to Del Rio residents.

"It's unreal what's been happening," he said. "It really has brought peace to the city, but it's amazing that it has taken something like this to make that happen."

Texas National Guard helicopters started removing overturned vehicles and sifting through giant piles of debris near the San Felipe Creek over the weekend. Neighborhoods near the creek had the most damage, city officials said.

Twenty-eight people remain missing, but the number keeps changing as friends and relatives notify authorities of loved ones who have been found or additional people who have disappeared.

"The national guardsmen are out there and the cadaver dogs are out there," said U.S. Border Patrol spokeswoman Paty Mancha. "So if there are any more flood victims we should be coming up with them in the next couple of days. But we're optimistic we don't find any more."

Authorities have allowed Del Rio residents to return to their homes, but many people can't because their homes have been destroyed by the flooding.

Federal Emergency Management Agency officials have set up shop outside the Del Rio Civic Center to help residents get back on their feet. The agency has established a toll-free number through which flood victims may apply for housing loans and grant money.

As of last night, FEMA had received 1,044 applications for the federal aid.

FEMA spokeswoman Pam Johnson said she expects more requests to pour in over the next few weeks.

The amount residents receive will depend on their case, Ms. Johnson said.

"It really depends on individual needs. There is no magic number," she said. "An inspector will call and make an appointment and look at the damage."

Officials said the damage is widespread, with 10-foot heaps of debris strewn across the city. Clean up teams are expected to be in Del Rio at least another week.

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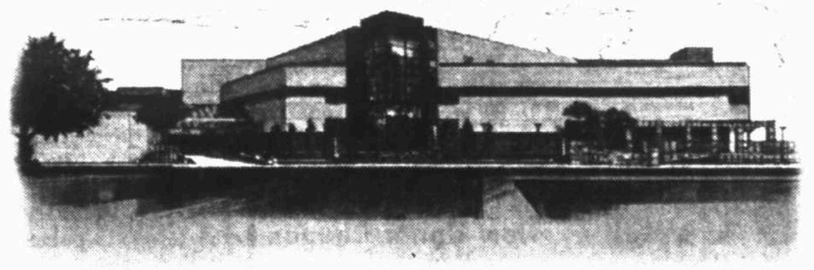

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POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department
Saturday

Assault: An assault occurred at the intersection of Carter and Connelly Streets. Alfred Garcia made a report at 4:15 p.m.

Criminal mischief: A vandalism was reported from 401 W. Hamby Ave. Samuel Martinez made a report at noon.

Sunday

Assault: An assault occurred at 425 W. Dormand Ave. Anthony Swearingen made a report at 2:45 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Saturday

Theft: A vehicle was taken from 2112 Warehouse Road. Gail Davidson made a report at 7:12 p.m.

Burglary: A business was at 2111 S. Midland Dr. was burglarized. Linda Vos reported it at 7:51 p.m.

Assault: An assault occurred at 4100 N. County Road 1127. Mark Miller reported it at 8:19 p.m.

Sunday

Burglary: A wallet was taken from Valda Wood at 125 American Dr. It was reported at 10:12 a.m.

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

Paul Hobby benefiting from leftover funds in father's campaign chest, state records show

FORT WORTH (AP) — Paul Hobby, the Democratic nominee for state comptroller, has received nearly $100,000 from a political action committee that funded donations almost 10 years ago to his father, former Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby, state records show.

The contributions reflect a growing trend of retiring officeholders forming political action committees to distribute leftover campaign funds.

State ethics officials say it's legal, but critics contend it highlights their concern that powerful elected officials can continue wielding political influence long after they leave office by controlling big campaign war chests.

State law mandates that officeholders dispose of campaign funds within six years of leaving office. However, an official with the Texas Ethics Commission told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram officeholders can keep campaign war chests active for as long as they file required semiannual reports.

"That's an outrage," said Suzy Woodford of Common Cause, a government watchdog group. "That's not the intent of the law. It was designed to force officeholders to get rid of their money when they leave."

Tom "Smitty" Smith of Public Citizen said, "We believe that at the end of an officeholder's term, all contributions should be returned or donated to a political party so that officeholders don't become the kingmakers of the next generation."

Margaret Justus, a spokeswoman for Paul Hobby, said all the arrangement shows is a father supports his son's bid for office.

"Like President Bush, former Lieutenant Governor Hobby wholeheartedly supports his son's candidacy," Ms. Justus said, referring to the former president's support for Gov. George W. Bush.

However, campaign records show the former president has contributed no money to his son's campaign this year, the Star-Telegram reported Sunday.

In 1996, five years after leaving office, Bill Hobby transferred more than $800,000 from two officeholder accounts to a general political action committee called the Hobby Texas Fund.

Since then, his PAC has given $118,973 to more than two dozen politicians or charitable organizations, Texas Ethics Commission records show.

Paul Hobby, who is making his first bid for statewide office, has received $97,500 of that total, records show. Democrat John Sharp, a candidate for lieutenant governor, received the second-largest amount with $6,000 in donations.

OBITUARIES

Robert Senning

Robert C. Senning died Thursday, Aug. 20, at his Midland residence.

Memorial services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 31 at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

He was born Dec. 23, 1918, in San Antonio.

He was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, American Association of Petroleum Geologists and the West Texas Geological Association.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Sally Pederson.

Survivors include his wife, Bebe Senning of Midland; a son, Robert C. Senning Jr. of Vancouver, Wash.; one granddaughter, Karen Dillinger, and grandson, John Pederson, and five great-granddaughters.

DEATH NOTICES

Caron Freshour

BIG SPRING — Caron "Beth" Freshour, 52, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Aug. 30, 1998 at a Big Spring hospital.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, September 1 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Rosewood Chapel with Rick Foster officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

She was born April 29, 1946 in Stamford. She lived in Big Spring for 23 years and retired from the Big Spring State Hospital, where she worked as a purchasing agent for 16 years. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her father, Otho Nanny.

Survivors include her husband, Jim Freshour of Big Spring; three sons, David Freshour and Daniel Freshour, both of Big Spring, and Jerry Freshour of Sweetwater; mother Jenelle Nanny of Haskell; three brothers, Joel Nanny and W.O. Nanny, both of Haskell, and Ben Nanny of Abilene, and four grandchildren.

The family suggests that memorials be directed to the Big Spring State Hospital, P.O. Box 231, Big Spring, Texas, 79721.

Manuel G. Rodriguez

Manuel G. Rodriguez, 74, died at his Midland home Friday, Aug., 28, 1998.

Funeral services will be held Wed., September 2 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

A rosary prayer will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, August 31 and Tuesday, September 1 at the Thomas Funeral Home Chapel.

He was born June 19, 1924 in Colorado City. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army. He moved to Midland in 1946 and worked as a concrete finisher all his life.

His wife, Maria Marmolejo and two sons, Pete M. Rodriguez and Adam Rodriguez, preceded him in death.

Survivors include a son, Manuel Rodriguez Jr., of Midland; five daughters Ester Garza of Tooele, Utah, Anita Kauaman of San Antonio, Rosa Bean of Stepehnville, Mont., Eva Crim of Everette, Wash., and Ida Rodriguez of Tooele, Utah; three sisters, Francis Sanchez of Hereford, Perfecta Cabrea of Odessa, and Casimira Benavides of Miami, Fla.; three brothers, Jose Angel Losolla, Ramon Losolla and Mike Losolla, all of Hereford; 19 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Johnnye Glaspie

Johnnye Evelyn Glaspie, 78, died Sunday, Aug., 30, at a Midland nursing home.

Services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

DEAR ABBY

Girlfriend ponders letting go of man who won't hold hands

DEAR ABBY: I love my boyfriend very much, but he's not affectionate in any way. When I ask him if he loves me, he gets angry. He told me that he said he loved me once, and after that, he shouldn't have to repeat it. He says he wants an independent woman who makes no demands.

Van Buren

Abby, I enjoy his company. He takes me out every weekend and calls me every day. But he never holds my hand or kisses me. I need some affection and reassurance of his love, but he refuses to give it to me.

Should I stay in this relationship or move on? — MISS GLORIA IN GEORGIA

DEAR MISS GLORIA: Metaphorically speaking, you are fire and your boyfriend is ice — a decidedly incompatible combination. Since he is unwilling to fulfill your needs, you should consider ending this relationship so you can be free to find a man who is a better match.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 49-year-old divorced woman. My children are adults and live 2,500 miles away. I own my own home and am self-supporting.

I have been dating a gentleman 10 years my junior for the last five years. I love him, but I do not want to get married again. He is very insistent about wanting marriage. He is controlling and jealous and does not like to be alone. (I am not thrilled with this aspect of his personality.)

Abby, I made it clear from the beginning that I have no interest in marriage. I was married to an alcoholic for 19 years, and I am very independent. Should I end the relationship so he can find someone who wants to marry him, or continue the relationship? Your input would be appreciated. — WONDERING IN OHIO

DEAR WONDERING: Since you are adamant about not wanting to remarry, you would be doing this man a kindness to set him free. A man who is controlling, jealous and doesn't like to be alone would be a poor marriage prospect even if you decided to relent. End the relationship now!

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

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Through team's 136th game
Mark McGwire: 55 homers.
Roger Maris: 53 homers.

Through team's 137th game
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Roger Maris: 53 homers.

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Sosa homered at Colorado

MARIS' 1961 PACE
Number, team's game number, date, opponent and pitcher in parentheses:
52 (135) — Sept. 2, Detroit (Lary)
53 (135) — Sept. 2, Detroit (Aguirre)
54 (140) — Sept. 6, Washington (Cheney)
55 (141) — Sept. 7, Cleveland (Stigman)
56 (143) — Sept. 9, Cleveland (Grant)
57 (151) — Sept. 16, at Detroit (Lary)

TV Sports

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Waldbaum's Hamlet Cup, finals, 7 p.m., FSN.

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Texas Scores

BASEBALL — Houston Astros 11, Pittsburgh Pirates 4.

Chicago White Sox 5, Texas Rangers 3.

Coming

This week the Reporter-Telegram is taking a look at some of the Midland area college players.

Sunday we featured Texas A&M linemen Rex Tucker and Toby McCarthy, both Midland Lee grads.

Today, brothers Fred and Corry Pertile, are featured and both play for North Texas after high school careers at Lee.

On Tuesday, Tennessee punter David Leaverton, a Midland High grad, will be featured while Big Spring's Daniel Franks, a tight end at Miami, will be showcased on Wednesday.

Coming Thursday will be a look at the Texas Tech defensive secondary tandem of John Norman and Antwan Alexander, both Lee graduates. And Tech punter Jeremy Hernandez, an MHS grad, will end the feature series on Friday.

Jordan's popularity

CARY, N.C. — The masses chased after him, basketballs, posters, cards and ink pens in hand, their little feet unable to keep up with his long strides or golf cart.

Whether they saw him in the movie "Space Jam" or simply overheard their dads call him the greatest basketball player ever, thousands of children wanted a glimpse of Michael Jordan on Sunday at the Jimmy V Celebrity Golf Classic.

"Mighty Mouse and Superman and all those people, they are not as promoted anymore," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said when asked to analyze Jordan's appeal to children. "They are all alive and well in one person — Michael Jordan."

Thousands of spectators lined Jordan's first hole an hour before his scheduled 9:30 a.m. tee time, jockeying for position to see his first shot of the day and first-ever in the 5-year-old event. The rest of Prestonwood Country Club's 53 holes were virtually empty.

Every other person seemed to have a camera or camcorder, and many held their children high on their shoulders to see Jordan approach the first tee. Kids, some dressed in Chicago Bulls or North Carolina Tar Heels uniforms, poked their parents saying, "There he is, there he is."

"Michael said to me, 'This is awesome,'" said Pam Valvano, Jim Valvano's widow. "He never expected it to be this big."

Skip Away wins

OCEANPORT, N.J. — Skip Away lost the lead in the stretch and then came back in the final strides to edge Stormin Fever in the $500,000 Iselin Handicap on Sunday, avoiding one of the biggest upsets in thoroughbred racing history.

The victory was the eighth straight for Skip Away and it moved the gray colt within $793,455 of breaking Cigar's career earning's mark of $9,999,815.

Stormin Fever, ridden by Jose Santos, came close to shocking everyone at Monmouth Park, taking the lead by at least a neck between the eighth and sixteenth poles.

NIKE PERMIAN BASIN OPEN CROWNS 1998 CHAMPION

Nike PBO's big prize goes to 'Big Daddy' after 3-man playoff

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

ODESSA — Sunday, the phenomenon that is Stiles Mitchell got bigger.

The 6-foot-2 inch, 270-pound, larger than life, character came into the seventh Nike Permian Basin Open as the longest driver of the golf ball on any professional tour.

"Big Daddy," as he has been so properly nicknamed, left the Permian Basin as maybe the most popular champion in tournament history.

Mitchell won a three-man playoff, defeating Woody Austin and Jeff Barlow on the first playoff hole. The three golfers finished the regulation 72 holes at 12-under-par 276, a score which is the lowest since the tournament changed to its current 72-hole format. The 12-under total ties Taylor Smith's score in 1992 when the tournament was 54 holes.

However, the story was "Big Daddy," who came into the PBO ranked 149th on the tour's official money list. His $40,500 winnings at the PBO moves him up 101 positions to 48th with $45,171 earned.

"Money is a big problem. I've got sponsors and things like that and we weren't making money this year," Mitchell said. "This will put me in overdrive, I hope.

"It (the win) is huge, and the money is huge. Money is the main thing. It pays my year off."

The win also means he will have exempt status for next year's Nike Tour if he doesn't qualify for PGA Tour first. This year is Mitchell's first of the Nike Tour after three seasons on Hooters Tour.

"It will give me a heck of a week off next week," said Mitchell in his captivating Southern drawl. "It also gives me a place to play next year. Your biggest fear is playing on the mini-tour again. This will give me a year to prepare myself if second or third stages (of PGA Tour Qualifying School) don't go well.

It has also lifted a burden for Mitchell, who came into the tournament having made just five of 18 cuts and having earned just $4,671. Mitchell had suffered a lull in his game in this, his first year on the Nike Tour, but that stopped when his coach paid him a visit recently. The dividends weren't seen until this week.

"I told coach to come in and get my swing ready for tour school, and now there will be no more first stage, thank God," said Mitchell, whose win at the PBO automatically moves him into the second stage.

"I might win every tournament. I know my game can do it. It is a matter if I can keep my mental composure and realize it," Mitchell said.

He was tested Sunday. Mitchell came into the round in the tournament's top five in birdies made. However, he made only two in the final round, although the opportunities were numerous.

The birdie chances read like this: 4-foot birdie putt on No. 10; 25 footer on No. 12; 12 footer on No. 13; 10-12 feet on No. 14; 18 footer on No. 16, 12-15 footer on No. 17, and 20 footer on No. 18. They all ended with Mitchell writing par numbers on his card. His 20-foot putt for eagle on No. 11 also resulted in a par.

"I really should have put this thing away," Mitchell said. "I had a lot of opportunities. I'm sure everyone did too, but I had nine opportunities on the back nine.

"I know everyone else would say the same thing, but this was definitely my tournament to win or lose."

It turned out that Mitchell needed a little longer to win his first Nike Tour event.

Austin, a former winner on the PGA Tour, eagled No. 15 and birdied 16 to finish off a round of 68 and secure his spot.

"The eagle got me fired up," Austin said. "I started thinking that I have a chance to make a few more birdies."

Barlow was at 13-under going into 18, but a drive into the thick rough meant the worst. Barlow bogeyed the hole and lost the lead.

It set up a re-encounter with the 18th, a par 4 hole that measures 465 yards.

"I liked my side of it when the wind was blowing in their face, period," Mitchell said. "I knew I was hitting a six to an eight-iron and they would hit long irons.

"The way I looked at it was it was my biggest pay check, regardless. I couldn't lose."

In the playoff, all three players were around or on the green with none facing a sure birdie and none facing a major up-and-down test.

Austin was the farthest away. He chipped from the front edge of the green to about 10-feet away. He missed the ensuing par attempt.

Barlow, putting from the right side fringe, had 25 feet between him and the flag, but his first putt came up three-feet short. Mitchell then rolled his uphill 20-foot birdie putt three feet past the hole. Mitchell made his putt for par. Barlow didn't.

"When I made it, I wasn't thinking for the win. I was thinking to go to the next hole. I was damn glad I saw it go in," Mitchell said. "I wasn't pulling for that guy (Barlow) to miss that putt. I made

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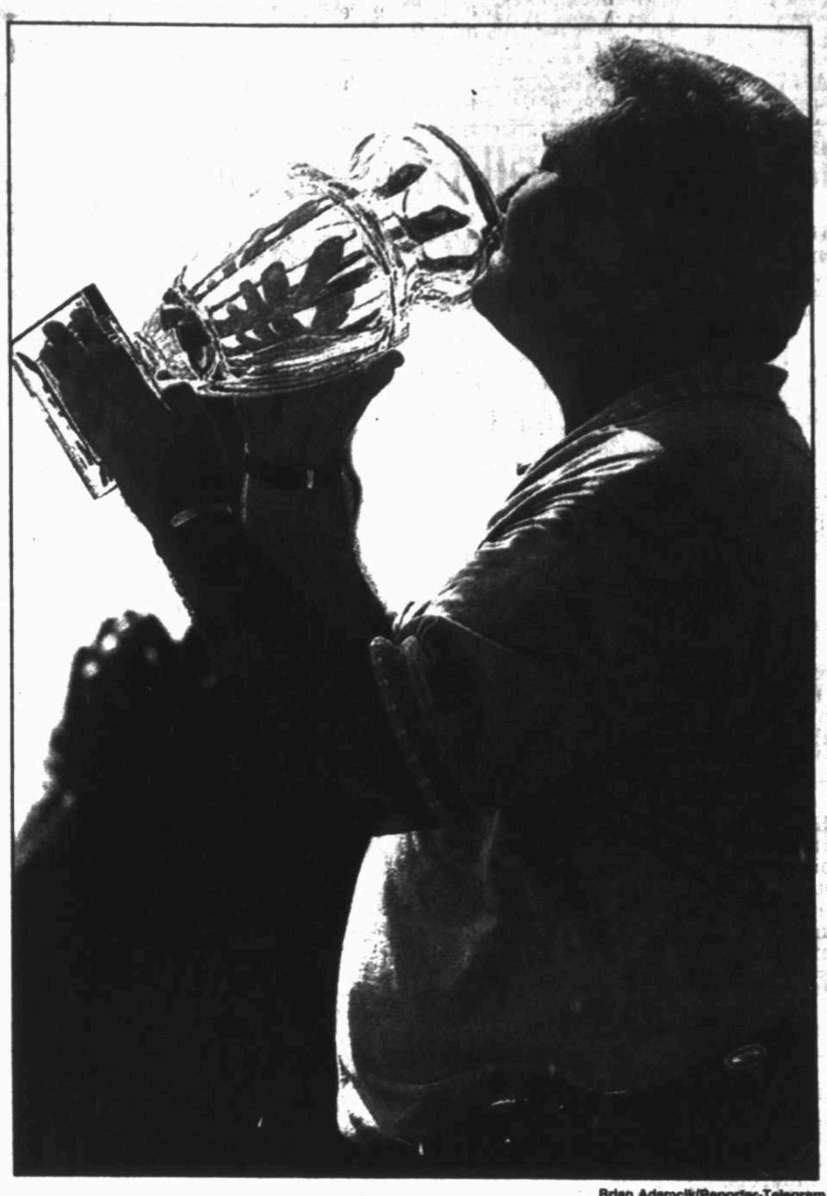

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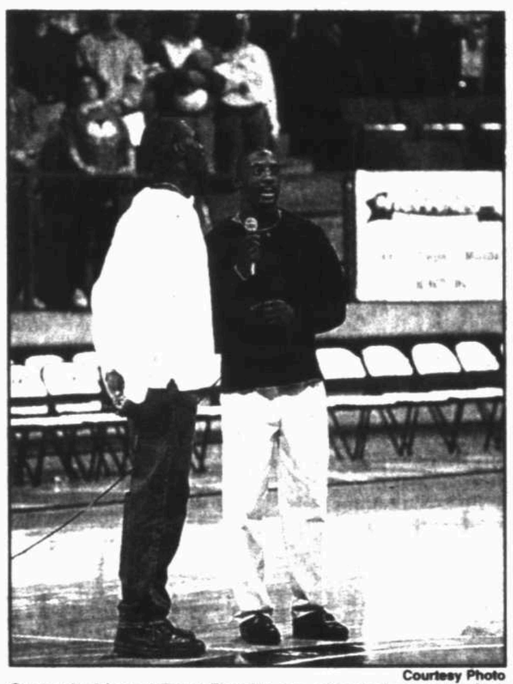
Stiles Mitchell kisses the trophy he won at the Nike Permian Basin Open on Sunday at The Club at Mission Dorado. Mitchell won the tournament in a playoff against Woody Austin and Jeff Barlow.



Courtesy Photo

Corry (left) and Fred Pertile are shown here singing the national anthem prior to a North Texas basketball game last year. Both are vocal performance majors at UNT.

Pertile brothers hope to lead North Texas through difficult schedule

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

DENTON — Looking at North Texas' schedule this year, one might think if the Eagles can get past their non-conference opponents, they should have no problem winning the Big West title.

UNT faces Oklahoma, Texas Tech, Texas A&M, Houston and Kansas outside of their conference.

Playing big games and formidable opponents is nothing new to two North Texas sophomores. Fred and Corry Pertile have seen some battles back in the days at Midland Lee, and know what it takes to win the big games.

"You have to beat the best to be the best," Fred said. "We (Eagles) know we can play with the big teams. I'm looking forward to it, but I'm taking each game one at a time."

"We don't see any opponent as someone who can simply just show up and beat us," Corry said. "The main thing we want to do is win our conference. If we can compete against the Big 12 schools, then we feel we should have no problem winning the Big West."

The university will also be collecting some big checks to go along with the big games. UNT will earn $1.28 million this year for playing these "money games."

The Pertiles, just two years removed from wearing Rebel uniforms, are hoping to start side by side on the Mean Green linebacker unit this season after gaining valuable experience as true freshmen in '97. Fred secured his starting spot last season, while Corry is in a tight battle to gain a starting position.

Either way, like they did during their high school days, the Pertile brothers are sure to contribute because of their competitive nature and desire to win. Both are everything the North Texas coaches thought they would be when they were recruited.

"They're both great kids and always do what you ask them to do," said fourth-year UNT linebackers coach Chuck Mills. "They're young and they're only going to get better and better."

Bringing in a new attitude to the Mean Green this season is new head coach Darrell Dickey replacing Matt Simon, who was reassigned within the UNT athletic department. Dickey, whose previous coaching jobs were as offensive coordinator for UTEP and SMU, was brought in to revive the North Texas offense. For a couple of defensive guys like the Pertiles, they like the work ethic that Dickey has brought with him.

"The transition hasn't been as hard as I thought it would be," said Corry about adjusting to a new head coach. "Coach Dickey has brought conditioning to the team. Last

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JAY PEDEN

Wildcats could finally overtake Nebraska in Big 12

Boy, that Frank Solich sure can coach!

The No. 4 Nebraska Cornhuskers handled Louisiana Tech as expected, beating the outmatched Bulldogs 56-27 in the Eddie Robinson Classic Saturday.

Peden

It was the first game played this year by a Big 12 team — by any college team, in fact — and Solich proved he could beat the patsies on the Nebraska schedule as easily as Tom Osborne could. But nevermind the eye-popping 405 receiving yards by Tech's Troy Edwards; Solich will be able to beat the good teams on the schedule, too.

But will he be able to beat all of them?

This is almost impossible to imagine, but here it goes: Kansas State could beat Nebraska.

That suggestion goes against everything we've learned about college football in the last 30 years. That happens to be the length of Nebraska's winning streak against K-State. Considering what's wrong in Nebraska and what's right in Manhattan, Kan., that streak just might end Nov. 14.

They don't rebuild in Lincoln, Neb., they reload. But more ammunition than usual lost its eligibilty... or retired.

There's that coaching change, but that won't hurt the program in the short run. The Osborne imprint is still on the 'Huskers; they've still got the same system, most of the same coaches, and all those athletes.

But Nebraska has some big holes to fill. Gone are the two best defensive linemen, Grant Wistrom and Jason Peter. Gone are sparkplug quarterback Scott Frost, running back Ahman Green and a whopping four starting offensive linemen. Sure, Nebraska has 300-pound behemoths hidden in every closet at Memorial Stadium, but can they replace four?

On the other hand, Kansas State has lots of checks in the plus column: great linebackers, big offensive line, an elusive quarterback in Michael Bishop and the Big 12's best kicker in Martin Gramatica. They've got 18 starters back from last year's 11-1 team, and they're ranked sixth to start the season.

One problem is running back, which the Wildcats expected to solve with junior college stud Frank Murphy, but he was suspended for four games after boosters lent him money to buy a car — which is still against NCAA rules, by the way. Let's hope that even without Murphy, Kansas State can get past its Murderer's Row of first four opponents: Indiana State, Northern Illinois, Texas and Northeast Louisiana.

Texas is the one challenge on that list, but not much of one. Mack Brown seems to be starting a Burnt Orange Renaissance down there in Austin, but he won't turn it around in one season. Last year the Longhorns lost to UCLA, 66-3. That was in Austin; this season they go to Los Angeles. And UCLA, ranked No. 7, may be better this year.

Furthermore, the unlucky Longhorns are the only Big 12 South team which plays both Kansas State and Nebraska, and both of those are on the road. So unless Ricky Williams stays near the front of the Heisman race, it's going to be a long season in Austin.

Texas Tech? Who knows? The Red Raiders don't play either Nebraska or Kansas State. There's a road game against Texas A&M, but they seem to have the Aggies figured out, with a three-game winning streak in the series. Coach Spike Dykes and his Montae Reagor-led defense could be in the hunt.

The Aggies, though, are favorites to repeat as South champs, and they'll do so if they beat Tech and Oklahoma State back-to-back in late October. Branndon Stewart is back at quarterback, along with a stable of great running backs and linebacker Dat Nguyen.

A&M opens its season tonight in the Kickoff Classic, pitting the No. 15 Aggies against second-ranked Florida State. A&M has fallen into the habit of losing to the elite teams, and they need to figure out how to turn it around before they can beat the 'Huskers on Oct. 10. Or Kansas State on Dec. 5.

Tonight would be a good start.

Jay Peden is a sports writer for the Reporter-Telegram

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NIKE PBO SCORES

ODESSA (AP) — Final scores and money winnings Sunday of the $225,000 Nike Permian Basin Open on the 7,221-yard, par-72 Club at Mission Dorado course (a-won playoff):

x-Stiles Mitchell, $40,500	71—276	Jeff Gove, $2,194	67—281	Ty Armstrong, $745	70—284
Woody Austin, $22,050	68—276	Jon Levitt, $2,194	70—281	Brian Gay, $745	71—284
Jeff Barlow, $22,050	69—276	Charles Raulerson, $2,194	70—281	Joey Snyder, $745	71—284
Robin Freeman, $14,063	67—277	Sam Randolph, $2,194	71—281	Craig Bowden, $745	72—284
Carl Paulson, $9,113	68—278	Gene Sauers, $2,194	71—281	Tom R. Shaw, $745	72—284
Brian Bateman, $9,113	69—278	Rod Butcher, $2,194	72—281	Adam Spring, $745	73—284
Notah Begay, $9,113	70—278	Greg Towne, $2,194	72—281	Bruce Vaughan, $745	73—284
Rocky Walcher, $9,113	71—278	Steve Lamontagne, $2,194	73—281	Ron Whitaker, $745	75—284
Dave Wednik, $9,113	71—278	Brian Hull, $2,194	75—281	Kevin Johnson, $563	71—285
Mark Hensby, $6,444	69—279	Jaime Gomez, $2,194	73—281	Craig Perks, $563	72—285
Tod Oh, $6,444	71—279	Jimmy Green, $1,451	69—282	Patrick Boyd, $563	72—285
David Berganio, $6,444	72—279	Matthew Lane, $1,451	71—282	Shane Tait, $563	72—285
Marco Gortana, $6,444	74—279	Michael Clark, $1,451	72—282	Greg Eisher, $563	73—285
Bob Burns, $3,123	67—280	Chad Campbell, $1,451	73—282	Brad Elder, $484	70—286
John Kerschau, $3,123	68—280	Steve Hart, $1,125	70—283	Billy Downes, $484	71—286
Jay Williamson, $3,123	68—280	Kevin Riley, $1,125	70—283	Chris Hanncocker, $450	73—287
Nick O'Hern, $3,123	70—280	Matt Peterson, $1,125	71—283	Dennis Zinkon, $416	73—288
Rick Cramer, $3,123	72—280	JC Anderson, $1,125	71—283	Joey Gullion, $416	78—288
		David Seawell, $1,125	71—283	Sean Murphy, $371	74—291
		Sean McCarty, $1,125	74—283	Chris Stutts, $371	76—291
		John V. Roberson, $1,125	77—283	Miguel Guzman, $326	74—293
		Matt Gogel, $1,125	78—283	Billy Tuten, $326	77—293
		Brent Schwarzrock, $1,125	78—283	Mac Spikes, $293	88—306
		Joe Ogilvie, $745	69—284		

NIKE: Mitchell misses putt on 18 which forces playoff

(From 1C)

it, thinking it was for a tie."

Whether the playoff was the golfing gods smiling on this new hero, Mitchell doesn't know. He has played under 100 professional tournaments, and, "has learned a lot, quickly."

He also says he doesn't believe in destiny, but on this day, it just might have been.

LONG DRIVES: Austin and Barlow earned $22,050 each for their efforts. Austin moved from seventh to second on the Nike Tour money list with $128,751 earned... Sunday's low rounds (67) belonged to Robin Freeman and Jeff Gove... The playoff was the second in tournament history and the first since the tournament was expanded to 72 holes in 1994... The win was Mitchell's first top-10 finish on the Nike Tour this year. Before Sunday, Mitchell's best finish was tie for 27th at the Nike Fort Smith Classic... Mitchell becomes the 23rd winner in 24 Nike tour events... The hardest hole in Round 4 was the 14th which played to a stroke average of 4.354. The par 4, which was one of the Tour's 50 hardest holes in 1997, was the toughest overall during four rounds, playing to a stroke average of 4.251... The easiest hole was the seventh, which played to a stroke average of 4.492. On Sunday, the par 5 allowed 29 birdies, three eagles and just two bogeys. No. 7 played to a stroke average of 4.653 over the four days, making it the easiest for the week.... Sunday, the stroke average for the field was 71.969...

Nike PBO draws record crowd of 16,000 over four-day period

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

ODESSA — If you are going to disturb Nike Permian Basin Open tournament director Bob Glast while he's busy at work, you better make it worthwhile.

Sunday during the last round, one tournament official did.

"I spend a lot of my time in the trailer and don't get to see a lot of the tournament, but one of the tour officials said, 'You need to see how many people are walking behind the last few groups,' " Glast said. "I jumped into my cart, rode out there and was as thrilled as I could be."

The crowds at the PBO were bigger than ever. Glast said he estimates that a record 16,000 golf fans came out to Mission, and that number may be on the low side. Judging by the numbers which flocked around the last groups of the day, he is probably right.

The tournament was run better than in year's past, giving those in attendance more bang for the buck.

"The best part of it is that the people responded to the improvements and the better field. They are coming out to see better golf," Glast said. "We are trying to accommodate the public. We think the more we do, the bigger it will get."

The efforts of the new PBO regime are a far cry from those in prior years, but there is no denying that golfers like the 1998 PBO champion Stiles Mitchell also helped the cause.

"It is a big bonus to have a champion like that," Glast said. "It was great to see him sign autographs for all the kids. After tournament, he called up a young man who carried the standard for his group, autographed his glove and gave it to him. I thought that was pretty classy."

Mitchell's following was the biggest in the PBO's history. At times, walking down the fairway, Mitchell, who stands tall at 6-foot-2 and 270 pounds, drowned in the waves of those cheering him on.

"This is why I play golf," Mitchell said. "They (the fans) are the ones who buy the tickets and buy the (golf) clubs. I love people.

"This is more like a job to me. I don't get a thrill like a lot of other guys do by playing golf, but when I get a chance for a kid's eyes to get this big around, I'll take it. Like yesterday after I birdied (No.) 15, and I had about five kids come up to me on a tee and say, 'good birdie Stiles,' that made my week.

"As long as I can give somebody what they ask for that is when it means something."

SMU senior beats veteran to win U.S. Amateur; Duval takes World Series

Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Winning the U.S. Amateur golf championship means less to Hank Kuehne than staying sober.

"This is the second greatest victory in my life — sobriety is definitely No. 1," the 22-year-old Texan said Sunday after overcoming one-time pro Tom McKnight of Galax, Va., by 2 and 1 in a dramatic match-play duel.

McKnight, 44, who runs a chain of 17 convenience stores and gasoline stations in rural southwestern Virginia, stemmed an early runaway in the 36-hole final but his heroics around the green failed him down the straight at Oak Hill.

"I really can't put it into words for anybody — it's an unbelievable feeling," said Kuehne, a recovering alcoholic from McKinney, Texas, who is entering his senior year at Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

He joked, "I got to get back to school, I'm a week behind."

The Kuehnes have been the most notable family in amateur golf of late. Kuehne's elder brother and caddy, Trip, lost 2-down to Woods, an 18-year-old phenom in 1994; his sister, Kelli, won the U.S. Women's Amateur in 1995 and 1996 before turning pro.

"It tops off a long journey," Trip Kuehne said. "Henry (Hank) had won before he even got here."

Hooked on alcohol in his teens, Kuehne survived a scary car crash in Oklahoma in February 1995 when he ran a stop sign while drunk. He survived with broken ribs, entered a clinic and has been sober ever since.

"I didn't want to live like that anymore," he said, calling his family "the pillar in my recovery, to say the least."

McKnight joined the pro circuit out of college in 1976 but never qualified for the PGA Tour and quit trying when he dislocated his elbow playing basketball in 1980.

During his year-long recovery, he took on his father's business, started a family — he has three teen-age children — and regained his amateur status in 1984.

To reach the final, McKnight knocked out Spanish sensation Sergio Garcia, the 18-year-old British Amateur champion who had toppled defending champion Matt Kuchar in Friday's quarterfinal.

Kuehne was 3-up after the morning round and might have been further ahead but for some drama around the greens.

McKnight grabbed the lead on the 2nd hole when he sank a 35-foot birdie putt and Kuehne missed from 3 feet. He bogeyed the next two holes to fall 1-down, drew level with a par on the 5th, then drove into a creek on the 7th and into the trees on the 8th to drop 2-down.

Kuehne bolted further ahead on the 10th with a 15-foot birdie putt. Although McKnight clawed back on the par-3 11th by chipping in from a front bunker, Kuehne soared to 4-up with birdies on Nos. 14 and 16.

McKnight holed a crucial 20-foot par putt to tie the 17th and closed the gap on the 18th when Kuehne's drive was hemmed in by trees.

Momentum swung right around in the early afternoon. McKnight dropped an 8-foot birdie putt on the 2nd, then drew level when Kuehne got jammed in a fairway bunker on the 4th and drove into a 5th-hole creek.

But after recovering the lead on the 6th, where he sank an 11-foot birdie putt, McKnight missed four short putts from 5 feet on both the 8th and 10th, 2 feet on the 11th and 7 feet on the 12th to again fall 3-down.

He benefited from a Kuehne bogey on the 14th, then sank a 30-footer on the 15th to get back to 1-down. On the par-4 17th, however, with Kuehne safely on the green in two, he lipped a 20-foot par putt and conceded the match.

Patience pays: Duval holds off challengers to win World Series

AKRON, Ohio — With no one making a serious charge at him, David Duval maintained his lead and his composure and then nailed back-to-back birdies coming down the stretch to win the NEC World Series of Golf on Sunday.

Duval's final-round 2-under-par 68 left him at 11-under 269 and two shots ahead of 1996 World Series winner Phil Mickelson.

The victory was Duval's sixth in a remarkable 11-month span in which he has pocketed more than $3.3 million. It was his third win this year — more than anyone else on tour.

The $405,000 first-place check also put him atop the money list with more than $2 million this year.

Duval, who started the day with a one-shot lead over local favorite John Cook, eagled the second hole and bogeyed the next but still retained a two-shot lead on Mickelson.

Duval parred the next seven holes — while holding on to the same two-shot edge — but bogeyed the par-4 11th when his chip from just off the back of the green rolled 25 feet past the hole.

Mickelson was within a shot but was in the midst of a string of 14 straight pars.

Duval then put it out of reach by rolling in a 12-foot birdie putt at the 13th hole and following that with a 15-footer for birdie at No. 14 to expand his lead to three shots.

After birdies on the 17th and 18th holes in the third round gave him the one-shot lead, Duval said he expected to occasionally make mistakes in the final round and was hoping to remain patient until he was faced with birdie opportunities.

That was precisely what happened as he saved par three times with pinpoint bunker shots and kept the challengers at bay with his two birdies and an eagle.

Meanwhile, everyone else within reach was just muddling through.

Tiger Woods began the day four shots back but never seriously threatened, falling by the wayside with back-to-back bogeys at Nos. 14 and 15 on the way to an even-par 70 and 5-under 275.

Masters and British Open champion Mark O'Meara drew as close as two shots after a birdie at the 13th, but followed that up with a bogey at 14 and a double-bogey at the 16th when he hit his sand wedge approach into the pond in front of the green. His 72 left him at 4-under 276.

It was another major disappointment for Cook, who grew up in Akron and learned to play on the Firestone Country Club course. He had led the tournament — which is managed by his father, Jim — a year ago through three rounds only to shoot a closing 74 that dropped him into a tie for third, five shots back of winner Greg Norman.

Cook said he was depressed for weeks after that loss.

This time he birdied the second hole to crawl within a shot but never made a run. He ended up with a 71 and was four shots back at 273 after parring the last 12 holes.

Mickelson was the only player to keep Duval in his sights. While shooting a 68 that left him alone in second at 271, he almost cut the gap to a shot on the final hole when his bladed sand wedge from the fringe stopped on the lip and he had to settle for par.

Davis Love III had the lowest round of the day, a 65, to get to 272 for sole possession of third place.

Irwin wins another senior tournament

CONCORD, Mass. — Hale Irwin didn't let a strong challenge from Jay Sigel keep him from winning the BankBoston Classic for the second straight year.

Irwin shot a 4-under-par 68 Sunday for a 15-under 201 total and a two-stroke victory over Sigel, who had a 6-under 30 on the front nine only to fade to a 66 with bogeys on two of the last three holes.

The victory at Nashawtuc Country Club was Irwin's sixth in his last 13 starts, the most on the Senior PGA Tour this season, and the 19th since he turned 50 in 1995.

Irwin has finished in the top five in each of the 16 tournaments he has played this season and in the top three in 42 of the 74 senior tour events he has played.

The $150,000 first-place check put his 1998 earnings at $2,251,750 and brought his total senior tour earnings to $7,110,058. He's the fifth senior tour player to top the $7 million mark.

Chamblee win first PGA event

SURREY, British Columbia — Brandel Chamblee made a 36-foot birdie putt on the final hole of the $2 million Greater Vancouver Open on Sunday to cap a 5-under-par 66 that gave him his first PGA Tour victory.

Chamblee had a 19-under 265 total, three strokes better than third-round leader Payne Stewart, who closed with a 70 on the 6,893-yard Northview Golf & Country Club course.

Chamblee, 36, who earned $360,000 for the win, had won $301,846 this year in 20 events.

For Stewart, who had a one-stroke lead after 54 holes, it was the 23rd time in his career that the former U.S. Open and PGA champion finished second.

Lee Porter closed with a 66 and was alone in third at 271, one stroke ahead of Brian Claar, who had a 67.

Stewart, who also led the tournament after an opening-round 64, started strong Sunday, making birdies on the first two holes then making a great sand save for par on No. 3.

Chamblee, a co-leader after the second round, birdied No. 12 to move into a tie with Stewart, then took the lead on 14 when Stewart missed a par putt.

It was another disappointing finish at the GVO for Stewart, who hasn't won a tournament since the 1995 Houston Open. He started the final round last year one shot off the lead but finished tied for sixth.

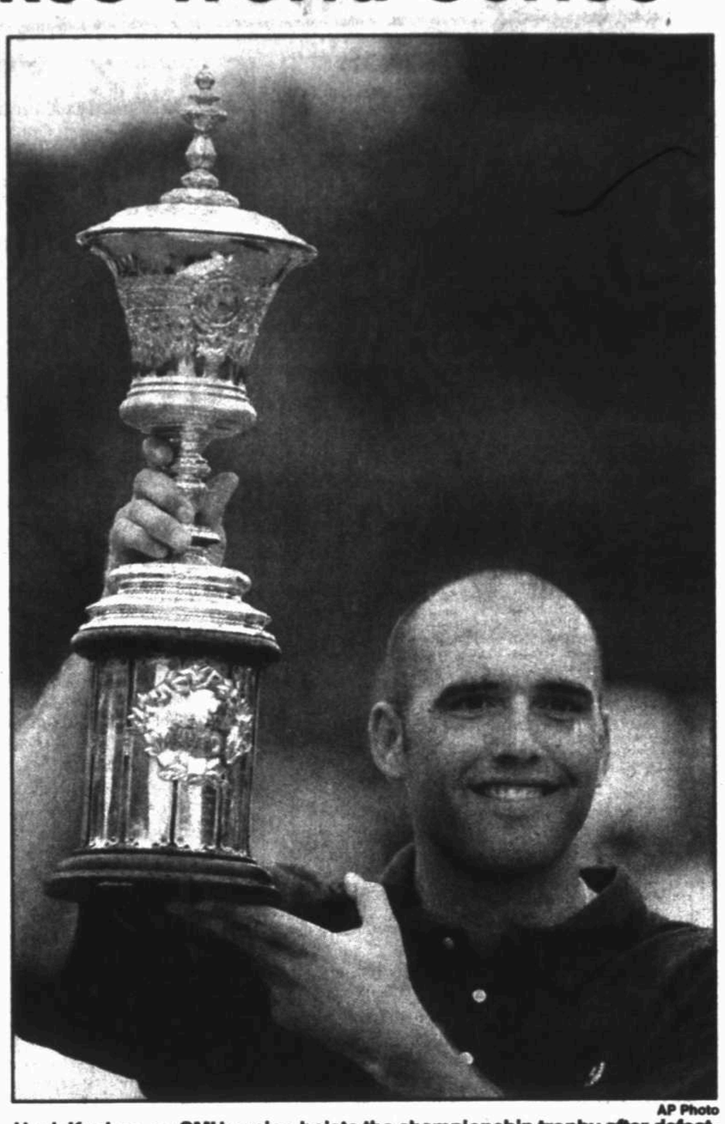
Sinn gets first LPGA victory

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Pearl Sinn had a 7-under-par 65 Sunday to beat Michelle Redman by a stroke and win the $700,000 Rail Classic for her first LPGA tour victory.

Sinn birdied the last two holes after Redman opened the door by pulling her second shot into the water and bogeying the par-5 15th.

Redman got within a stroke of Sinn with a birdie from long range on 16, but her 25-foot putt to tie from the back fringe on 18 slid by the right side of the hole.

"It was very sweet," said the Korean-born Sinn, 31.



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Hank Kuehne, an SMU senior, hoists the championship trophy after defeating Tom McKnight on the 35th hole of play in the final round of the 98th U.S. Amateur Championship on Sunday.

LOCAL SPORTS

Williams, Castillo win Senior title

Joe Williams and John Castillo combined for a 66 Sunday and then won a sudden death playoff over Don Pyle and Bob Reimers to win the Ranchland Hills Country Club's Senior Classic golf tournament Sunday.

Pyle and Reimers, who took the first day lead with a tournament best round of 60 on Saturday, balooned to 70 on Sunday as the two teams ended up tied at 130.

The first round was a scramble and the second round was a low ball event.

Sunday's final Senior Classic results held at Ranchland Hills Country Club.

Championship Flight: 1. Joe Williams-John Castillo, 66-130 (Won Sudden Death Playoff), 2. Don Pyle-Bob Reimers, 70-130, 3. (Tie) Bobby Sharp-Tommy Hale, 70-134, Bill King-Larry Digby, 69-134, 5. Ted Covington-Tommy Davis, 72-135, 6. (Tie) Boog Childers-Charley Dishman, 71-136, Rod Phares-Jerry Reese, 71-136, 8. John Young-Charles Ray, 71-137.

President's Flight: 1. Sam Wood-Brian Gilley, 62-132, 2. Bryan Labeff-Doug Conner, 66-135, 3. Al Boudreaux-Larry Snyder, 70-136.

First Flight: 1. Gary Golightly-John Gandy, 69-134, 2. (Tie) Ken Sewell-David Griffin, 71-135, Frank Swofford-Tom Newman, 71-135.

Second Flight: 1. Jack Sharrock-John Logi, 74-139, 2. Bill Johnson-Bob Edwards, 70-141, 3. (Tie) Gene Thomas-Wayne Jackson, 73-142, Don O'Bannon-Richard Williams, 74-142.

Third Flight: 1. Gary Laughlin-Don James, 74-140, 2. Bill Burt-Charles Burdette, 72-143, 3. Jim Mack-Art Schmidt, 77-146.

Fourth Flight: 1. Jack Hunnicutt-Jack Lieber, 74-143, 2. Ron Easter-Keath Redmon, 74-144, 3. Gerald Hertel-Gene Duke, 76-147.

Fifth Flight: 1. Melvin McEwen-Raymond Casey, 75-147, 2. Lupe Onarecker-Nate Rodrequiz, 75-150, 3. Dicky Gatlin-Harold Shannon, 81-152.

Sixth Flight: 1. Mike Miller, 74-146, 2. (Tie) Joe Belden-Mel Young, 79-150, Boyce Holder-Milt Brumley, 77-150.

Super Senior (Net Scoring): 1. John Carey-Buddy Redden, 61-123, 2. Sam Terry-Ray O'Neal, 62-127, 3. Dewayne Wells-W. C. Walker, 61-127.

Noah becomes GTCC champion

Doug Noah reigns as the 1998 club golf champion at Green Tree Country Club after winning the GTCC Men's Club Championship title Sunday.

Noah posted a score of 71 Sunday for a three-round total of 212 to win the title by a comfortable four strokes over Bob Dedro, who finished with a 216 after a 74 on Sunday.

Michael Guss and Trey Womack tied for third place at 217. Womack had the final day's best round with a 68 while Womack had a 71.

With the victory, Noah also earns the right to join the Midland Mayor's Cup team, which will play against Odessa during next year's Permian Basin Nike Open.

The top winners from the Green Tree Country Club 1998 Men's Club Championship golf tournament that ended Sunday

Championship Flight: 1. Doug Noah, 71-212, 2. Bob Fedro, 74-216, 3. (Tie) Michael Guss, 68-217, Trey Womack, 71-217, 5. (Tie) Jeff Moses, 71-221, Doyce Haney, 71-221, 7. Bobby Welborn, 74-223, 8. (Tie) Dub Huckabee, 74-224, Bill McEntire, 73-224, Bill Baker, 75-224, 11. Jim Cauthen, 77-226, 12. Wayne Youngs, 80-231.

President's Flight: 1. Dennis Collins, 74-226, 2. (Tie) Teary Blasingame, 75-232, Dan Pender, 77-232, 4. (Tie) Jim Nash, 79-233, Burl Fuller, 73-233.

First Flight: 1. Mike Wallace, 78-156, 2. Andy Bell, 83-159, 3. Bob Dimit, 82-162, 4. (Tie) Tim Morgan, 80-164, Ron Ainsworth, 85-164.

Third Flight: 1. Tommy Hill, 73-153, 2. Bill Scott, 70-157, 3. Mike Feagan, 75-158, 4. Mike Harrison, 81-159.

Fourth Flight: 1. Roost McConaughey, 71-147, 2. (Tie) Frank Gray, 74-151, Les Opperman, 74-151, 4. Stephen Branton, 72-153.

Fifth Flight: 1. William Collins, 73-154, 2. Gary Peckham, 79-158, 3. Chuck Sledge, 78-160, 4. (Tie) Mitch Malouf, 79-162, Clint Richardson, 78-162.

Sixth Flight: 1. Ralph Green, 73-158, 2. Brian Fultz, 78-162, 3. (Tie) Oren Albright III, 80-166, Davie Griffiths, 80-166.

Seventh Flight: 1. Gary Baily, 79-163, 2. Gary Lang, 82-165, 3. Jim Hightower, 81-169, 4. (Tie) Ross Reineke, 77-171, Brian Lucas, 84-171.

Eighth Flight: 1. Jeff Gotcher, 81-170, 2. Trampas Poldrack, 84-171, 3. (Tie) Mickey Cohlmia, 85-174, Noel Villanueva, 81-174.

MHS JV wins tourney

BROWNFIELD — The Midland High junior varsity volleyball team won the Brownfield tournament on Sunday by defeating Odessa High 16-14, 15-8 in the finals.

Earlier in the day, the Lady Bulldogs defeated Lubbock Monterey 15-4, 15-3 and also beat Odessa Permian 15-11, 15-3.

Top servers for MHS JV were Katie Gilmour with 29 service points and Susie Caraveo with 13 points. Lauren Potter and Nikki Lara both had 14 kills with Gilmour having all the set assists.

Jeff Gordon wins yet again — this time at CMT 300

By Dick Brinster
AP Sports Writer

LOUDON, N.H. — Although the leaderboard said he was running fifth, Jeff Gordon had no reason to believe he could do any better. The idea of beating Mark Martin never entered his mind.

Then came a badly needed caution, and Gordon had a notion of what to expect next. He was going to be asked by crew chief Ray Evernham to be better on two new tires than the other leaders were on four.

And he was, for an astounding 133 laps. And the CMT 300 was added to the other near-miracles of 1998.

"I didn't say a word, and that usually means I'm not too crazy about it, but I know Ray, and that's what I figured we were going to do," Gordon said after winning Sunday. "He doesn't mind making gutsy calls.

"It was just like Michigan. My car seemed to come to life with those two tires at the end."

He could also have mentioned the nowhere-to-victory runs he also made at Rockingham, N.C., and Watkins Glen, N.Y., but explanations for those victories might have taken him until Monday.

But the point is that 90,000 spectators at New Hampshire International Speedway simply witnessed the latest example of greatness by the 27-year-old driver who is the unchallenged king of stock car racing. And it doesn't end with him.

Backed by Evernham and a pit crew known as the Rainbow Warriors, he is part of what arguably is the best package in NASCAR history. So, when it appears that they're out of contention, they aren't.

"We need to show those guys what we're made of," Gordon said. "We never give up."

The victory was reminiscent of the way Gordon won three years ago at NHIS. And it enabled him to maintain his 67-point lead over Martin in the Winston Cup standings.

It wasn't easy, however. On the 81st lap, Gordon was caught on the outside and lost 15 positions to fall all the way to 17th.

"Once you got caught on the outside, you were in trouble," Gordon said. "I got caught once early, but my teammate, Terry Labonte let me back in line.

"The next time, I was going backward so fast even he couldn't help me."

But Martin, who led 193 of the 300 laps, made a crucial mistake with 67 remaining. He got sideways while attempting to pass a lapped car, made contact and sent Rich Bickle into the fourth-turn wall.

That brought out a caution, and gave Evernham a chance to prove he's the smartest crew chief in the business. While Martin and Dale Jarrett took four tires each, Gordon got just two and moved from fifth to first.

"Jeff Gordon hung with us," Evernham said. "We knew we had a good car if the race stayed green. We just needed to pick up track position."

Then, he needed a driver capable of topping an amazing 100-lap run that made him a winner at Loudon in 1995. He had just that.

"I just had to be easy on the tires," Gordon said. "I didn't think I could keep him back there, but I knew I had to be smooth and not make any mistakes."

He got one bad break, a caution that enabled Martin to close within two car-lengths with 36 laps left. But Martin soon scraped the wall, and never was a factor in the closing laps.

"The 24 car was just too fast for us," Martin said. "I tried to catch him, but I just couldn't do it."

Earlier, Gordon wondered if he were fast enough to finish any better than fifth.

"There were several times when I thought we were out of it, but Ray Evernham and the Rainbows Warriors won the race today," he said. "They just have that refuse-to-lose attitude."

The victory enabled Gordon to he regain momentum against Martin, who ended The Kid's four-race winning streak six days earlier in Bristol, Tenn. It also made Gordon the first three-time winner in the six years of racing at NHIS.

Gordon got $205,400 from a purse of $2.3 million for his 38th career victory and series-leading ninth this year.

His Chevrolet beat Martin's Ford to the finish line by 0.644 seconds, John Andretti was third in a Pontiac, followed by the Ford of Jarrett and that of Jeff Burton, who had dominated the Jiffy Lube 300 seven weeks ago at NHIS.

The track, which after two days of giving the drivers fits and trashing cars in practice and qualifying, was no problem in the race. Most of the drivers had predicted that a liquid and sand-based compound applied to the low-banked turns would wear off and create safe racing grooves.

There were only four caution flags covering 25 laps. Last year, the event was interrupted eight times for 49 laps. The Jiffy Lube 300 on July 12 was slowed for 40 laps by six yellow flags.

Gordon, who led 68 first laps, was one of nine drivers who exchanged the lead 11 times. His average speed was 112.078 mph.

Kenny Wallace finished sixth in a Ford, followed by the Pontiac of Bobby Labonte, Rusty Wallace's Ford, the Chevrolet of Dale Earnhardt and the Ford of Ricky Rudd.

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American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Recalled RHP Carlos Castillo from Calgary of the PCL. Optioned RHP Mike Heathcott and LHP Tom Fordham to Calgary.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Placed C Sal Fasano on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled C Hector Ortiz from Omaha. Transferred RHP Hipolito Pichardo from the 15-day to the 60-day disabled list.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Recalled RHP David Holdridge and OF Charles Gipson from Tacoma of the PCL. Optioned RHP Bob Wells to Peoria of the Arizona League and RHP Ken Cloude to Everett of the Northwest League.

TEXAS RANGERS—Optioned LHP Al Levine to Savannah of the South Atlantic League. Purchased the contract of LHP Tony Fossas from Oklahoma City of the PCL.

National League

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Promoted 1B-OF Steve Carver from Reading of the Eastern League to Scranton-Wilkes-Barre of the International League.

Western Baseball League

SONOMA COUNTY CRUSHERS—Released OF Bobby Bonds Jr.

BASKETBALL

NBA

MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Named George Karl coach and signed him to a four-year contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Placed WR Anthony Edwards and DE Brad Ottis on injured reserve. Released LB Lyron Cobbins, DE Jomo Cousins, WR Kevin Drake, CB Deil McGee and OL Joe Wolfe.

ATLANTA FALCONS—Released DT Ben Huff, LB Eddie Sutter, WR Keith Crawford and CB Lenny McGill. Placed RB Byron Hanspard, OT Nate Miller and T Corey Louchiey on injured reserve.

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Released P Greg Montgomery, TE A.J. Ofodile, OL Alex Bernstein, DL Chris Ward, DL Chartric Darby and LB Sylvester Wright. Reached injury settlement with DB Rondell Jones. Placed OL Sammy Williams on injured reserve.

BUFFALO BILLS—Released WR Fred Coleman, LB Joe Cummings, LB Dwayne Sabb, DT James Grier, CB Ray Hill, OT David Mudge and C Dan Williams.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed OL Jason Peter to a four-year contract. Released QB Dameyune Craig, LB Ernest Dixon, DT Viliami Maumau, C Mark Rodenhauser and OT David Sutton. Placed OL Bucky Greeley, OL Jamie Wilson, DL Chuck Wiley and WR Jim Turner on injured reserve. Reached an injury settlement with DB Dedrick Dodge.

CHICAGO BEARS—Released G Mike Zandofsky, DE Martin Harrison, QB Rick Mirer, DT Carl Simpson, TE Hayward Clay, CB Clyde Johnson, WR Eric Smith, FB Tremayne Allen, LB Chris Draft and S Greg Williams. Signed LB Jim Schwantz.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed G Scott Brumfield on injured reserve. Waived QB Eric Kresser, LB Canute Curtis, RB Brandon Bennett, DL Harry Deligianis, T Mike Doughty and TE Damian Vaughn.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Released LB James Bates, DE Denny Fortney, QB Daniel Gonzalez, CB Zebbie Lethridge, FB David McCann, CB Terrell Sutton and DE Brett Williams.

DENVER BRONCOS—Sent WR Patrick Jeffers to Dallas and acquired LB Seth Joyner from the Green Bay Packers, for past considerations.

DETROIT LIONS—Released G Kerlin Blaise, TE Werner Hippler, TE Keith Jennings, WR Deon Maddox, FB Travis Reece, S Kywin Superwaw and LB Phillip Ward.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed RB Dorsey Levens to a one-year contract. Traded RB Glyn Milburn to the Chicago Bears for an undisclosed draft choice. Released DB Terry McDaniel, OT Bruce Wilkerson, DE Eric Curry, WR Ronnie Anderson, DB Anthony Fogle and TE Anthony McKinney. Reached injury settlement with FB Emory Smith.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Released WR Willie Jackson, LB Eddie Robinson, S Ricky Parker, DT Ed Philion, G Mark Nori, TE Mark Thomas, OT Steve Zahursky, OT Jason Baker and DE Lamanzer Williams.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Released G Rob Selby, RB Greg Robinson, LB Terry Wooden. Placed WR Reggie Jones, WR Marcus Dowdell and RB James Bostic on injured reserve.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Released G Jim Bundren, TE Chris Fontenot, RB Ray Nealy, FB Jamie Reader, WR Nate Jacquet, WR Brian Manning and WR Phil Savoy. Terminated the contract of G Anthony Redmon.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Released CB Larry Brown, CB Antonio Banks, WR Tony Bland, LB Chester Burnett, TE Ryan Collins, QB Jay Fiedler, RB Scottie Graham, DT Ben Williams and C Cory Withrow.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Traded DE Mike Jones to St. Louis for a 2000 fifth-round draft pick.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Released DE Rob Lurtsema, WR Andy McCullough, WR Alonzo Johnson, T Ricky Siglar and TE Nicky Savoie. Placed WR Gunnar Twyner on injured reserve and TE John Farquhar on the reserve-physically-unable-to-perform list. Traded LB Andre Royal to Indianapolis for TE Scott Slutzker.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Released S Rodney Young, OL Bryan Stoltenberg, TE Grant Baynham, LB Jason Nevadomsky and T Jason Whittle. Placed OL Rob Zatechka on injured reserve. Announced the retirement of CB Robert Massey who will remain as a coach.

NEW YORK JETS—Waived S Ray Austin, WR Chris Brazzell, K Brett Conway, RB Robert Farmer, LB Matt Finkes, TE Lawrence Hart and WR Brian Musso.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Released QB Mike Quinn, NT Aaron DeLaTorre, DE Matt Harper, LB Eric Ravoth and WR Corey Holliday. Traded LB Steve Conley to Indianapolis for an undisclosed draft pick. Placed TE Troy Sadowski on injured reserve. Reached injury settlement with WR Curtis Marsh.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Released DT Jeff Zgonina, DT Chris Maumalanga, DE Bryan Robinson, WR Malcolm Floyd, OT Jeremy McKinney, TE Mitch Jacoby and LB Jason Chorak.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Placed DE Cedric Harden on injured reserve. Re-signed S Greg Jackson. Released QB Casey Weldon, TE Wendell Davis, LB Jon Haskins, CB Clifford Ivory, S Lloyd Lee, WR Tyrone Taylor and DE Van Tuinei.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Released RB Brock Olivo, DT Albert Reese, DB Tyrone Smith, LB Vernon Strickland and DE Troy Wilson. Placed C Harris Barton on injured reserve. Reached an injury settlement with P Tommy Thompson.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Released WR Bobby Shaw, G Chris Brymer, DE Reggie Lowe, DT Carl Hansen, CB Joey Eloms, LB Michael Barber, C Greg Bloedorn and RB Michael Black.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Waived WR Horace Copeland, CB Al Harris, DE Ralph Hughes, T Stephen Ingram, FB Steve Lee, T Jason Mathews and G Donald Willis.

TENNESSEE OILERS—Released QB James Ritchey, RB Spencer George, DL Mike Halapin, DB Rayna Stewart, DL Bryant Mix, TE Josh Bradley, OL T.J. Washington and OL Evan Pilgrim.

Canadian Football League

SASKETCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS—Signed WR Ousmane Tounkara.

HOCKEY

International Hockey League

KANSAS CITY BLADES—Signed C Brendan Yarema and D Eric Rud.

United States Hockey League

DUBUQUE FIGHTING SAINTS—Announced D Mitch Vig has signed a contract with Utah of the IHL.

COLLEGE

BRIDGEPORT—Named Jim Ferraro women's basketball coach.

MARS HILL—Named David Riggins interim athletic director.

TENNESSEE—Named Randy Mazey assistant baseball coach.

UTAH STATE—Named Randy Rahe, Tony Fuller and Don Verlin men's assistant basketball coaches.

Major League Boxes, Standings

NL Boxes

ASTROS 11, PIRATES 4

PITTSBURGH	ab	r	hbi	HOUSTON	ab	r	hbi
Wmack 2b	4	1	1	0 Biggio 2b	5	0	0
ABrwn cf	3	0	0	0 Gtierrez ss	5	1	1
Kendall c	4	1	0	0 DeBell rf	5	3	3
TWard rf	4	1	2	3 Alou lf	4	1	1
Loiselle p	0	0	0	0 Hidalgo cf	5	2	2
AMrtin lf	3	0	0	0 Berry 3b	2	0	2
Rincon p	0	0	0	0 Spiers 3b	2	0	0
MiWms p	0	0	0	0 Esebio c	3	0	1
JGllen rf	1	0	0	0 Rynlds p	3	1	1
Strange 3b	4	1	1	0 Melusky ph	0	0	0
Plcvich ss	3	0	1	0 DHenry p	0	0	0
Lawmce p	1	0	0	0 Phillips ph	1	0	0
Tabaka p	0	0	0	0 BWgnr p	0	0	0
FGrcia ph	0	0	0	1			
McCrry p	0	0	0	0			
MaMtz lf	2	0	0	0			
Totals	33	4	7	4 Totals	39	11	11
Pittsburgh				300 010 000			— 4
Houston				010 323 02x			— 11

E—Polcovich (19). LOB—Pittsburgh 5, Houston 10. 2B—KYoung (37), Strange (7), Gutierrez (20), DeBell (35), Bagwell 2 (26), Berry 2 (15). HR—TWard (6), Bagwell (28), Hidalgo 2 (5). SF—FGarcia.

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lawrnce	3 1-3	4	4	4	2	2
Tabaka	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
McCurry L,1-3	1	2	2	2	1	1
Rincon	1-3	4	3	3	0	0
MiWilliams	1 2-3	1	0	0	1	1
Loiselle	1	3	2	2	1	0
Houston						
Reynolds W,17-8	7	6	4	4	1	11
DHenry	1	1	0	0	0	2
BWagner	1	0	0	0	1	2

T—3:12. A—25,342 (54,370).

CARDINALS 8, BRAVES 7

ATLANTA	ab	r	hbi	ST. LOUIS	ab	r	hbi
GerWm lf	3	1	2	0 Dshds 2b	4	2	2
Klesko ph	1	0	0	0 BJrdan rf	4	1	1
Clbrnn rf	4	0	0	0 McGwr 1b	3	3	3
Tucker rf	1	0	1	0 RLnkfd cf	4	1	2
ChJnes 3b	4	1	1	0 Gant lf	4	0	0
Glrrga 1b	4	2	2	4 FTatis 3b	4	1	2
JLopez c	4	2	3	1 Ordaz ss	4	0	0
AJones cf	4	1	2	2 Osbrne p	1	0	0
Grffnno 2b	4	0	0	0 PKelly ph	1	0	0
Chrlton p	0	0	0	0 Frsctre p	0	0	0
OGllen ss	4	0	0	0 Planco ph	1	0	1
Mllwod p	3	0	1	0 Ptkvsk p	0	0	0
DeMrtz p	0	0	0	0 Mrrero ph	0	0	0
Lckhrt 2b	1	0	0	0 Acvedo p	0	0	0
				Lmpkin c	4	0	0
Totals	37	7	11	7 Totals	34	8	11
Atlanta				033 010 000			— 7
St. Louis				000 221 30x			— 8

E—BJordan (8). DP—Atlanta 1, St. Louis 1. LOB—Atlanta 5, St. Louis 5. 2B—GerWilliams (15), Millwood (1), McGwire (19), RLankford (31). 3B—FTatis (2). HR—Galarraga 2 (42), JLopez (30), AJones (24), McGwire (55).

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Millwood	5	8	5	5	1	5
DeMrtz L,3-6	2	3	3	3	1	1
Charlton	1	0	0	0	1	0
St. Louis						
Osborne	4	7	6	6	1	3
Frascatore	2	2	1	1	1	0
Petkovsek W,7-4	2	1	0	0	0	0
Acevedo S,4	1	1	0	0	0	0

Millwood pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. WP—Millwood. T—2:45. A—44,051 (49,676).

CUBS 4, ROCKIES 3

CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi	COLORADO	ab	r	hbi
BBrwn cf	4	1	1	0 CGdwin cf	3	0	0
Mrndni 2b	4	0	1	0 Shmprt ph	1	1	1
Sosa rf	3	1	1	2 Veres p	0	0	0
MaGce 1b	4	0	1	0 JReed ph	1	0	0
GHill lf	4	0	1	0 NPerez ss	4	0	1
LJhnsn cf	0	0	0	0 LWlker rf	4	1	1
Huston c	4	0	1	0 Bchette lf	4	0	1
JHrndz ss	4	1	2	1 Castilla 3b	4	0	1
Gaetti 3b	4	1	2	1 Helton 1b	4	0	0
FHrdia p	0	0	0	0 Lnsing 2b	3	0	1
Beck p	0	0	0	0 Mnwrn c	3	0	2
Tapani p	3	0	0	0 DHmtn ph	0	0	0
Mihlind p	0	0	0	0 Kile p	0	0	0
Krchnr p	0	0	0	0 Vn Wal rf	2	1	1
Alxndr ss	0	0	0	0			
Totals	34	4	10	4 Totals	33	3	9
Chicago				210 100 000			— 4
Colorado				000 100 020			— 3

DP—Chicago 1, Colorado 2. LOB—Chicago 4, Colorado 7. 2B—Vander Wal (10). HR—Sosa (54), JHernandez (21), Gaetti (13), LWalker (20). SB—Lansing (8). CS—Sosa (9), JHernandez (6). S—Kile 2.

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tapani W,16-7	7	7	2	2	0	1
Mulholland	2-3	1	1	1	0	0
Karchner	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
FHeredia	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Beck S,39	2-3	0	0	0	2	1
Colorado						
Kile L,10-15	8	9	4	4	1	12
Veres	1	1	0	0	0	1

Tapani pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. PB—Manwaring. T—2:46. A—48,255 (50,381).

REDS 14, MARLINS 7

FLORIDA	ab	r	hbi	CINCINNATI	ab	r	hbi
Cnglosi cf	4	1	2	0 RSndrs rf	3	2	1
Ldwick p	0	0	0	0 BLrkin ss	4	1	2
Pall p	0	0	0	0 Casey 1b	5	0	1
Dnwdy cf	1	0	0	0 DYng lf	3	3	2
Gnzlz ss	3	2	0	0 Gravés p	0	0	0
Wehner rf	3	1	1	1 Hmnds ct	3	2	2
Kotsay cf	2	0	0	0 BBoon 2b	3	2	2
Alfnsca p	0	0	0	0 Tbnsee c	5	1	1
DLee 1b	3	1	1	1 ABoon 3b	4	1	0
Floyd lf	3	1	2	3 DReyes p	2	1	1
Orie 3b	5	0	2	1 Nieves ph	1	0	0
Knorr c	3	0	0	0 Hudek p	0	0	0
Zaun c	1	0	0	0 Ptagine ph	1	0	1
LCstillo 2b	3	1	1	0 Wtkins lf	1	0	0
Medina p	2	0	0	0			
Speier p	0	0	0	0			
RJcksn rf	2	0	1	1			
Totals	35	7	10	7 Totals	35	14	13
Florida				201 030 010			— 7
Cincinnati				202 131 32x			— 14

E—One (11). LOB—Florida 8, Cincinnati 7. 2B—Cangelosi (8), Floyd (40), LCastillo (2), RJackson (13), Casey (17), DYoung (43), BBoone (38), DReyes (1). 3B—Hammonds (1). HR—BLarkin (14), BBoone (17), Taubensee (10). SB—Floyd 2 (27), RSanders 2 (16), BLarkin (22), ABoone (3), Petagine (1). S—Hammonds. SF—DLee, BBoone.

Florida	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Medina L,1-2	4 1-3	7	8	8	5	2
Speier	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Ludwick	1 2-3	4	4	4	3	1
Pall	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Alfonseca	1	2	2	2	0	1
Cincinnati						
DReyes W,3-4	5	7	6	6	4	4
Hudek	2	1	0	0	2	3
Graves	2	2	1	1	0	1

WP—DReyes 3. T—3:07. A—18,426 (52,953).

PHILLIES 5, GIANTS 4

PHILA	ab	r	hbi	SAN FRAN	ab	r	hbi
Ginville cf	5	0	0	0 Benard rf	4	0	0
Magee lf	5	1	2	2 Aurilia ss	4	0	0
Rolen 3b	4	1	1	1 Bonds lf	3	2	2
Brogna 1b	4	1	1	1 JKent 2b	4	1	1
Abreu rf	2	0	1	0 Hayes 1b	4	0	1
MLewis 2b	4	0	2	1 Dnston pr	0	0	0
Estllda c	4	0	0	0 Burks cf	4	1	1
AArias ss	4	1	3	0 Mueller 3b	3	0	1
Schling p	2	1	0	0 BJhnsn c	2	0	1
				Snow ph	1	0	0
				Ortiz p	0	0	0
				Tvarez p	0	0	0
				Javier ph	1	0	0
				Brock p	0	0	0
				Carter ph	1	0	1
				RRdrgz p	0	0	0
				Nen p	0	0	0
Totals	34	5	10	5 Totals	31	4	7
Philadelphia				000 004 100			— 5
San Francisco				000 100 300			— 4

DP—Philadelphia 1, San Francisco 2. TP—Philadelphia 1. LOB—Philadelphia 6, San Francisco 4. 2B—Magee 2 (2), Brogna (30). 3B—Burks (6). HR—Bonds 2 (30). SB—AArias (2), Burks (8). S—Schilling, Ortiz.

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Schilling W,13-12	9	7	4	4	2	5
San Francisco						
Ortiz L,2-4	5 2-3	4	4	4	3	4
Tavarez	1-3	1	0	0	0	1
Brock	1	2	1	1	0	0
RRodriguez	1 1-3	3	0	0	0	1
Nen	2-3	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Schilling (BJohnson). WP—Schilling 2. T—2:41. A—36,920 (62,000).

EXPOS 2, PADRES 1

MONTREAL	ab	r	hbi	SAN DIEGO	ab	r	hbi
WGrero 2b	4	1	1	0 QVeras 2b	4	1	1
TeJnes cf	3	0	1	0 SFinley cf	4	0	0
Sntnglo lf	4	0	0	0 Cmniti 3b	2	0	0
VGrero rf	3	0	0	0 GVghn lf	2	0	1
Fllmer 1b	3	0	0	0 MaSwy 1b	4	0	0
McGire 1b	0	0	0	0 RRivra rf	3	0	0
Henley c	2	0	0	0 GMyrs ph	1	0	0
Widger c	2	0	0	0 CHrndz c	4	0	0
Andrws 3b	4	0	2	0 Sheets ss	3	0	0
OCbrra ss	4	1	3	0 Leyritz ph	1	0	1
Thrmn p	2	0	0	0 Gomez pr	0	0	0
Bullinger p	0	0	0	0 KBrwn p	2	0	0
Lvngst ph	1	0	1	1 Joyner ph	1	0	0
Kline p	0	0	0	0			
Urbina p	1	0	0	0			
Totals	33	2	8	1 Totals	31	1	3
Montreal				100 000 100			— 2
San Diego				000 100 000			— 1

E—VGuerrero (14), Widger (13), MaSweeney (1). LOB—Montreal 7, San Diego 8. 2B—OCabrera (11). SB—GVaughn (9), Sheets (7). CS—Andrews (5), S—TeJones. SF—Caminiti.

Montreal	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Thurman	5	1	1	1	4	2
Bullinger W,1-0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kline	1 2-3	0	0	0	0	3
Urbina S,28	1 1-3	2	0	0	0	2
San Diego						
KBrown L,17-5	9	8	2	2	1	10

Thurman pitched to 2 batters in the 6th. HBP—by KBrown (VGuerrero). WP—Thurman, Urbina, KBrown. Balk—Bullinger. T—2:35. A—21,765 (59,772).

DODGERS 4, METS 2

NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi	LOS ANGELS	ab	r	hbi
Phillips lf	4	0	1	0 EcYng 2b	4	0	1
Alfonzo 3b	4	1	3	1 THbbrd lf	4	0	0
Olerud 1b	4	0	2	0 Shfield rf	4	0	1
Piazza c	1	0	0	0 Cedeno rf	0	0	0
Fbrgas c	3	0	0	0 Karros 1b	4	0	1
McRae cf	4	0	0	0 Mndesi cf	3	0	0
LHrns rf	4	0	0	0 Bonilla 3b	3	0	1
Baerga 2b	4	1	1	1 Beltre 3b	0	1	0
LLopez ss	3	0	1	0 Grdzln ss	3	2	3
Yoshii p	3	0	0	0 Prince c	3	1	2
Wndell p	0	0	0	0 Mlicki p	1	0	0
McMcl p	0	0	0	0			
Totals	34	2	8	2 Totals	29	4	9
New York				011 000 000			— 2
Los Angeles				000 020 20x			— 4

DP—New York 1, Los Angeles 1. LOB—New York 5, Los Angeles 4. 2B—LLopez (12), Grudzielanek (18), Prince 2 (5). HR—Alfonzo (13), Baerga (6). SB—Sheffield (22). CS—Alfonzo (3), Sheffield (8), Mondesi (10). S—Mlicki 2.

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Yoshii L,5-8	6	7	4	4	0	5
Wendell	1	1	0	0	0	2
McMichael	1	1	0	0	1	0
Los Angeles						
Mlicki W,8-6	9	8	2	2	0	9

Yoshii pitched to 2 batters in the 7th. WP—Mlicki. T—2:28. A—44,746 (56,000).

D'BACKS 7, BREWERS 3

MILWAUKEE	ab	r	hbi	ARIZONA	ab	r	hbi
Vina 2b	4	1	2	0 AFox rf	4	1	2
Grssom cf	4	0	1	0 Gilkey lf	4	1	0
Nilsson 1b	3	0	0	0 DWhite cf	3	3	2
los santos p	0	0	0	0 MWlms 3b	4	2	3
DrJksn ph	1	0	1	2 TLee 1b	4	0	0
Wckmn p	0	0	0	0 JBell ss	4	0	2
Cirillo 3b	4	1	1	0 TBtsta 2b	4	0	1
Burnitz rf	4	0	1	0 Olson p	0	0	0
JsVntin ss	4	0	1	1 Miller c	3	0	1
Jenkins lf	4	0	1	0 Sdwsky p	3	0	0
Mtheny c	2	0	0	0 Embre p	0	0	0
Karl p	1	0	0	0 WBnks p	0	0	0
Patnck p	0	0	0	0 KGrcia rf	0	0	0
Nwfield ph	0	0	0	0			
Hmelin 1b	1	1	0	0			
Totals	32	3	8	3 Totals	33	7	11
Milwaukee				000 000 120			— 3
Arizona				012 020 20x			— 7

E—AFox (7). DP—Milwaukee 2, Arizona 2. LOB—Milwaukee 4, Arizona 4. 2B—AFox 2 (16), Miller (9). HR—DWhite (21), MWilliams (18). SB—MWilliams 2 (5).

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Karl L,9-8	4 2-3	9	5	5	2	2
Patnck	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
De los santos	2	2	2	2	0	1
Wickman	1	0	0	0	0	1
Arizona						
Sodowsky W,3-5	7	6	2	2	2	3
Embree	1-3	1	1	0	0	0
WBanks	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Olson	1	0	0	0	0	1

Sodowsky pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. Balk—Sodowsky. T—2:33. A—40,508 (48,500).

AL Boxes

WHITE SOX 5, RANGERS 3

TEXAS	ab	r	hbi	CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi
McLmr 2b	5	0	0	0 Drham 2b	3	1	1
RKelly cf	4	0	1	0 Caruso ss	4	1	0
Greer lf	5	0	2	0 FThms dh	4	1	1
JuGnlz dh	4	0	1	0 Belle lf	3	1	2
WClark 1b	3	1	2	0 Norton 3b	4	0	1
IRdrgz c	3	1	0	0 Crdero 1b	3	1	1
Zeile 3b	3	0	0	0 Vntura 3b	0	0	0
Simms rf	2	0	0	0 JAbbott rf	3	0	1
TGdwin cf	1	0	0	0 Cmeron cf	3	0	1
Clayton ss	4	1	2	3 MOrdz rf	0	0	0
				Mchado c	4	0	0
Totals	34	3	8	3 Totals	31	5	8
Texas				000 300 000			— 3
Chicago				301 010 00x			— 5

E—Greer (2), IRodriguez (6). DP—Chicago 1. LOB—Texas 9, Chicago 7. 2B—WClark (32), Norton (16), JAbbott (10). HR—Clayton (3). SB—Durham (31). CS—Cameron (9). SF—JAbbott.

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sttlmyr L,3-3	6	6	5	3	4	7
Crabtree	2	2	0	0	0	1
Chicago						
Fordham	4 2-3	5	3	3	4	0
CCastillo W,6-4	2 1-3	1	0	0	0	2
Bradford	1	1	0	0	0	1
Howry S,2	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Fordham (WClark). WP—Howry. T—2:45. A—16,701 (44,321).

MARINERS 13, YANKEES 3

SEATTLE	ab	r	hbi	NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi
JCora 2b	5	2	2	1 Knblch 2b	4	1	1
ARdrgz ss	6	2	3	1 DJeter ss	3	0	1
Grfy Jr cf	5	2	2	5 Sojo ss	1	0	0
Gipson cf	0	0	0	0 O'Neill rf	3	0	2
EMrtnz dh	5	1	0	0 BWlms cf	4	0	0
Segui 1b	4	2	2	1 TMrtnz 1b	4	0	1
RDavis 3b	4	1	2	1 Strwbr dh	4	1	1
Ducey rf	1	2	1	1 Posada c	4	1	1
Mrzano c	3	1	1	0 Curtis lf	3	0	0
Mnhan lf	5	0	2	3 Brosius 3b	2	0	0
				Bush 3b	1	0	0
Totals	38	13	15	13 Totals	33	3	7
Seattle				430 120 030			— 13
New York				000 011 001			— 3

E—ARodriguez (16). DP—Seattle 2, New York 1. LOB—Seattle 9, New York 6. 2B—ARodriguez (28), RDavis (27), Monahan 2 (5), O'Neill (35). 3B—Knoblauch (2). HR—Griffey Jr 2 (47), Strawberry (24), Posada (16). SF—JCora, Griffey Jr, Ducey.

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Swift W,11-8	6 2-3	5	2	2	2	2
Paniagua	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	1
Timlin	1	1	1	1	0	2
New York						
Irabu L,11-7	3 1-3	10	8	8	2	2
Tessmer	2 1-3	2	2	2	3	1
Buddie	2	2	3	3	1	1
Lloyd	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Lloyd (Marzano), by Buddie (Ducey). by Paniagua (Brosius). WP—Irabu, Tessmer, Buddie. T—3:15. A—55,341 (57,545).

INDIANS 9, ATHLETICS 4

OAKLAND	ab	r	hbi	CLEVELAND	ab	r	hbi
Hndrsn lf	5	0	0	0 Lofton cf	5	3	3
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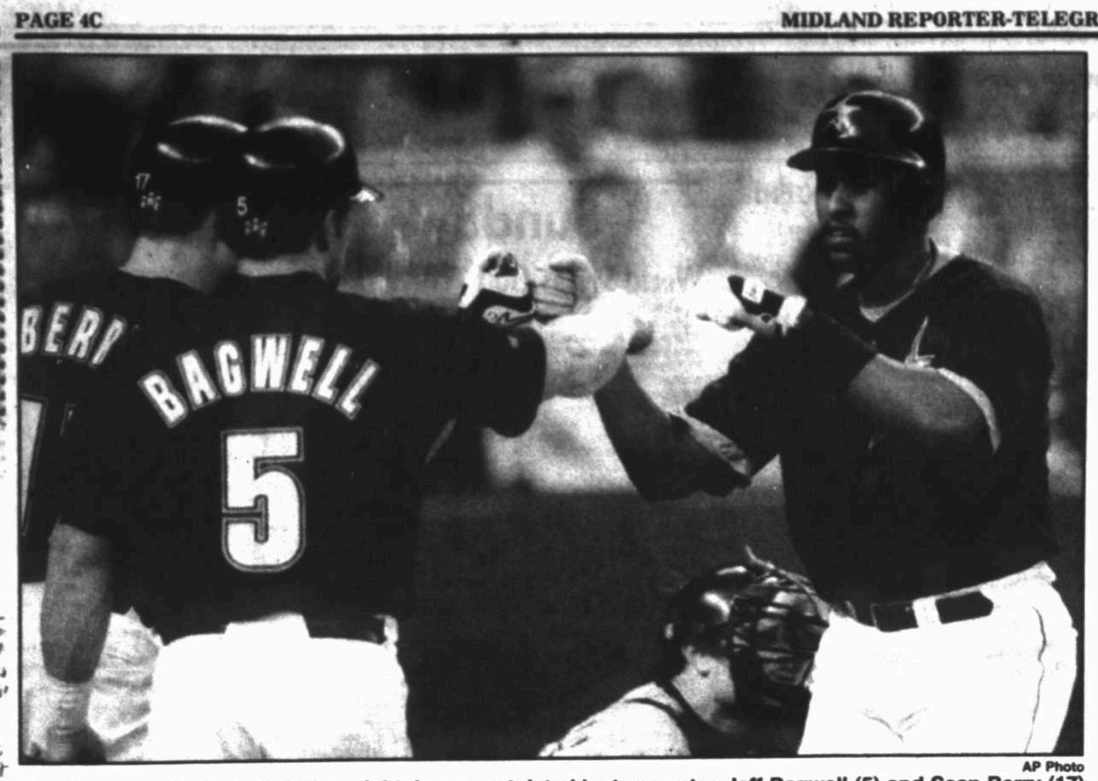

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Houston Astros' Richard Hidalgo, right, is congratulated by teammates Jeff Bagwell (5) and Sean Berry (17) after hitting a two-run home run during the fifth inning against the Pittsburgh Pirates on Sunday during the Astros' 11-4 win in Houston. It was Hidalgo's second home run of the game.

Astros romp Pittsburgh 11-4; Sosa, McGwire belt homers

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Rookie Richard Hidalgo homered twice and the Houston Astros recorded their 40th come-from-behind victory this season Sunday, defeating the Pittsburgh Pirates 11-4 Sunday.

Houston, which trailed 3-0 in the first inning, has won three straight games and 18 of 23.

Shane Reynolds (17-8) struck out a season-high 11 in seven innings. He allowed four runs and six hits in winning for the fifth time in his last six starts.

Jeff Bagwell hit two doubles and his 28th homer, a two-run shot in the eighth for Houston. Houston had six doubles and three home runs among its 14 hits.

Turner Ward hit a three-run homer in the first for the Pirates.

Hidalgo's second homer of the game and fifth this season came off reliever Jeff McCurry (1-3) in the fifth and gave Houston a 6-4 advantage. Hidalgo's two-run shot scored Jeff Bagwell who doubled.

The Astros made it 9-4 in the sixth when Reynolds singled and scored on a double by Ricky Gutierrez. Derek Bell drove in Gutierrez with a single, and Bell scored on Moises Alou's groundout.

Trailing 3-1, Houston scored three runs to take the lead in the fourth. The Astros loaded the bases on a double by Bell and walks to Bagwell and Alou. After Hidalgo struck out, Sean Berry drove in Bell and Bagwell with a double.

An intentional walk to Tony Eusebio loaded the bases for Reynolds who hit a grounder to second baseman Tony Womack. Shortstop Kevin Polcovich mishandled Womack's toss for an attempted force at second, allowing Alou to score from third.

The Pirates tied it 4-4 in the fifth on a sacrifice fly by pinch-hitter Freddy Garcia.

Pittsburgh took a 3-0 lead in the first on Ward's sixth homer.

Houston got a run back in the second on Hidalgo's fourth homer.

Cubs 4, Rockies 3

DENVER — Sammy Sosa hit his 54th homer to tie Mark McGwire for the major league lead and Kevin Tapani pitched seven strong innings as the Chicago Cubs beat the Colorado Rockies 4-3 Sunday.

Sosa remained ahead of Roger Maris' record 61-homer pace, putting the Cubs ahead 2-0 in the first with a towering, 482-foot homer off the Coca-Cola sign next to the scoreboard in left field.

The two-run shot off Darryl Kile (10-15) was the longest homer at Coors Field this season and the fifth-longest in ballpark history.

Jose Hernandez and Gary Gaetti also homered for the Cubs, who won three out of four in the series.

Tapani (16-7) equaled his career high for wins in a season, holding the Rockies to six hits and one run in seven innings. Rod Beck put the tying run on second in the ninth before getting two outs for his 39th save.

Cardinals 8, Braves 7

ST. LOUIS — Mark McGwire answered the challenge from Sammy Sosa again.

Hours after Sosa connected for his 54th home run, McGwire hit No. 55 to regain the major-league lead and lead the Cardinals.

For a little icing on the cake, McGwire's three-run, 501-foot shot in the seventh inning off Dennis Martinez capped the Cardinals' comeback from an early six-run deficit.

McGwire's homer came one day after he was ejected for arguing a called third strike in the first inning. The ejection, his first since joining the Cardinals last year, sparked a noisy game-long demonstration from usually placid Busch Stadium fans.

McGwire, who is within one of tying Hack Wilson's NL record, has 26 games remaining to break Roger Maris' record of 61 homers in 1961. Fifteen of those games are at Busch Stadium, where he has hit 29 homers to obliterate the previous record of 17.

The Braves hit four homers, including two by Andres Galarraga. Center fielder Ray Lankford robbed Atlanta of a fifth when he leaped high above the wall to snare Tony Graffanino's bid for a third homer in the second inning.

McGwire's first homer in four games came on 1-0 pitch from Martinez (3-6) and disappeared over the backdrop beyond the center-field wall. It was his fifth 500-foot-plus homer at Busch this season and the crowd of 44,051 demanded — and got — a curtain call.

McGwire has hit his last three homers on the same day Sosa has homered.

Mark Petkovsek (7-4) allowed one hit in two scoreless innings. Juan Acevedo pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

Dodgers 4, Mets 2

LOS ANGELES — Backup catcher Tom Prince hit a tie-breaking two-run double in the seventh inning and former Met Dave Mlicki struck out a season-high nine.

New York's loss, coupled with Chicago's 4-3 win at Colorado, left the Mets and Cubs tied for the NL wild-card lead.

Pitching in 101-degree heat with no breeze, Mlicki (8-6) went the distance, giving up two runs on eight hits. He walked none and retired the last 13 in a row.

The right-hander has beaten his former teammates twice since being traded on June 4.

Masato Yoshii (5-8) took the loss, giving up four runs and seven hits in six-plus innings.

Reds 14, Marlins 7

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds finished a perfect season against the Florida Marlins — winning all nine games — by coming from behind three times.

Bret Boone hit his fourth homer in four games, drove in four runs and extended his hitting streak to a career-high 13 games as the Reds completed a four-game sweep of the defending World Series champions.

It's the first time this century that the Reds have gone undefeated against another National League team in a season series. It's nothing new for the Marlins, who have been swept by three NL teams this year alone.

Expos 2, Padres 1

SAN DIEGO — Rookie Mike Thurman and three relievers held San Diego to three hits and former Padre Scott Livingstone had a pinch-hit RBI single in the seventh inning to give Montreal the victory.

The Expos handed Kevin Brown (17-5) just his second loss in his last 16 decisions. Brown was trying to become the Padres' first 18-game winner since Andy Hawkins in 1985.

After losing 12-8 Friday night in the opener of the four-game series, the Expos have won two straight from the NL West-leading Padres.

Phillies 5, Giants 4

SAN FRANCISCO — Curt Schilling pitched his major league-leading 13th complete game and the Philadelphia Phillies turned a triple play to beat the San Francisco Giants.

Schilling (13-12) allowed seven hits, including two homers by Barry Bonds, walked two and struck out five to boost his NL-leading strikeout total to 258.

The Giants had the tying run on second with two outs in the ninth, but Schilling retired pinch hitter J.T. Snow on a groundout to end the game.

Schilling escaped another jam in the eighth with the benefit of the Phillies' first triple play since Sept. 20, 1992, against Pittsburgh.

Clemens pitches two-hitter; Texas, Stottlemyre struggle

Associated Press

TORONTO — Roger Clemens pitched a two-hitter for his third straight shutout and extended his scoreless innings streak to 29 Sunday, leading the Toronto Blue Jays to a 6-0 win over the Minnesota Twins.

Clemens (17-6), who hasn't lost since May 29, pitched three-hit shutouts over Seattle and Kansas City in his previous two starts. The 36-year-old right-hander walked three and struck out seven in his fifth complete game this season.

Clemens, who reeled off 11 straight wins last season en route to winning his fourth Cy Young Award, is unbeaten in his last 17 starts. He was coming off an 18-strikeout performance against the Royals.

After allowing Alex Ochoa's one-out single in the first, Clemens didn't give up another hit until Todd Walker singled with two outs in the seventh.

White Sox 5, Rangers 3

CHICAGO — Jeff Abbott drove in two runs as the Chicago White Sox beat struggling Todd Stottlemyre and the Texas Rangers.

Abbott hit a sacrifice fly in the third inning and an RBI double in the fifth for the White Sox, who have won five of their last seven games. The loss, coupled with Anaheim's win over Boston, dropped Texas three games behind the first-place Angels in the AL West.

Carlos Castillo (6-4) pitched 2 1-3 innings of one-hit relief for the win, and Bob Howry pitched the ninth for his second save.

Stottlemyre (3-3) allowed five runs and six hits over six innings. Acquired July 31 from St. Louis, Stottlemyre has given up 23 runs (20 earned) in 24 2-3 innings over his last five starts. The right-hander's ERA has soared during that stretch from 3.18 to 7.30.

Mariners 13, Yankees 3

NEW YORK — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his AL-leading 46th and 47th homers, giving him five in eight games, as the Seattle Mariners routed the New York Yankees.

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Griffey drove in five runs with his 34th career multihomer game and a sacrifice fly to the warning track. Silent for the first half of August, he may be making a late bid to rejoin the home run race led by Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa with 54 each.

A day after the Yankees became the first team in major league history to clinch a postseason spot in August, they looked nothing like a playoff club. A crowd of 55,341 watched New York fall behind 10-0 in the fifth inning and saw its four-game winning streak stopped.

Griffey hit a three-run homer in the second and lined a leadoff shot in the eighth.

Royals 3, Orioles 2

BALTIMORE — The Kansas City Royals completed their first sweep of Baltimore since 1991 and stretched the Orioles' losing streak to seven games.

Mendy Lopez had two RBIs in a three-run fifth inning that lifted the Royals to their ninth win in 11 games. Kansas City turned three double plays and had eight in the three-game series.

The Royals third straight one-run victory gave them their first three-game sweep of Baltimore since June 1991, the year before the Orioles moved to Camden Yards.

Mike Bordick homered for Baltimore, which has endured three losing streaks of at least seven games this season.

Angels 8, Red Sox 6

BOSTON — Garret Anderson homered and drove in three runs as Anaheim won its second straight series against a possible playoff opponent.

The Angels, who took two of three games from the Red Sox after winning three of five in New York earlier in the week, built a 7-2 lead with two runs in the second, four in the third and one in the fourth.

Mo Vaughn hit a three-run homer, John Valentin had a two-run homer and Nomar Garciaparra added a solo shot for Boston.

Red Sox starter Tim Wakefield (15-6) had his worst start of the season, giving up seven runs and six hits in 3 2-3 innings.

Shigetoshi Hasegawa (7-3) pitched 3 1-3 innings of scoreless relief for the win, and Troy Percival pitched the ninth for his 38th save.

Devil Rays 10, Tigers 5

DETROIT — Rolando Arrojo pitched seven shutout innings for his first win since July 16 and Bobby Smith homered as Tampa Bay beat Detroit.

Aaron Ledesma had four RBIs for the Devil Rays, who won three of four from Detroit to move 1 1/2 games ahead of the Tigers in a race to avoid the AL's worst record.

Arrojo (12-11) allowed just three singles with four walks and five strikeouts. The 30-year-old rookie was 0-5 in his previous seven starts.

Arrojo left after seven innings with a 6-0 lead that the bullpen almost blew when the Tigers scored five runs in the eighth. Roberto Hernandez got Frank Catalanotto to hit into an inning-ending, bases-loaded double play and finished the game for his 23rd save.

Indians 9, Athletics 4

CLEVELAND — Rookie Richie Sexson hit his first grand slam as Cleveland beat Oakland for the first time in 10 games.

Sexson, batting .413 since replacing injured All-Star first baseman Jim Thome, hit a 1-1 pitch from reliever Tim Worrell into the left-field bleachers in the seventh inning for his third homer in two days and fifth this season.

Charles Nagy (12-9) had a season-high 10 strikeouts in seven innings. He allowed three earned runs and nine hits, and Mike Jackson pitched 1 1-3 innings for his 34th save.

It was Cleveland's first win over the Athletics since winning a suspended game on April 8 at Oakland. The Athletics lead the season series 9-2.

Little Boys of Summer come home to the simple things after winning World Series

By Wayne Parry
Associated Press Writer

TOMS RIVER, N.J. — They beat the toughest competition in the world, saw themselves on national television, have a date with Rosie O'Donnell, and put their New Jersey hometown on the map around the globe.

Yet the first thing they did when they got back home Sunday after winning the Little League World Series was gorge themselves on hot dogs, french fries and soda pop. That, and use the bathroom after the four-hour ride back from Williamsport, Pa.

After all, they're just little boys. But in beating Kashima, Japan, 12-9 in a thrilling showdown, they became, now and forever, The Little Boys of Summer.

"It was unbelievable coaching these boys," manager Mike Gaynor said. "Every day they worked hard. They have a passion for the game of baseball. They love it."

They also loved the welcome they got from 2,000 screaming fans at their home field. A plane circled overhead, trailing a banner reading, "Welcome Home Toms River East Champs — the Beasts From the East." A radio station broadcasting live from the field played Queen's "We Are The Champions" over and over again. Signs on businesses, homes and cars welcomed them back.

And perhaps coolest of all, they got to ride the last few miles on top of a fire truck. Perched atop the ladder truck from the East Dover Fire Company, the pre-teens-turned-conquering-heroes waved at the throngs massed below them, pointing their index fingers to the sky. The message was clear: We're No. 1!

Chris Cardone, who came off the bench Saturday to hit two home runs, including the game-winner, was one of the most popular players. Someone unfurled a huge banner across a sport utility vehicle reading, "Marry Me, Chris Cardone!" Move over, Derek Jeter.

Gaynor introduced Cardone as "our version of Bucky Dent," the diminutive Yankee shortstop whose unlikely homer against the Boston Red Sox launched New York into the playoffs in 1978.

Cardone's response: "What are you talking about, coach? I never heard of him." After all, Cardone wasn't even born until eight years after Dent hit his shot-heard-round-the-world 20 years ago.

Cardone lived out the dreams of little boys and grown men around the world: a reserve player throughout the tournament, he caught batting practice, shagged balls in the outfield and occasionally got into the game as a pinch-runner.

His mom, Lucy Cardone, prayed for him to get his chance.

"I'd say, you'll get your turn soon," she said. "He said, 'Mom, there's no turns in baseball.' I'd say, 'Yes there are.' I'd pray for him to just get his chance on the field. Every mom knows those prayers."

Cardone answered them with homers in both at-bats Sunday.

Chris, who had never been away from home before, was homesick during the tournament, most of which was played on the road. So his sister Jennifer took a pair of his old cleats, dyed them red and glued glitter to them so they resembled Dorothy's slippers from "The Wizard of Oz."

"He was getting a little upset," she said. "He missed home, so I said, Chris, tap your heels together three times and say, 'There's no place like home.' And today, he's home."

After a 25-minute rally in center field, the world champions were on their way home with moms and dads, brothers and sisters. Exuberance tempered by exhaustion, they set their sights on simple things.

"I'm looking forward to going home and changing my underwear," Gaynor said.

And right-fielder Eric Campesi added, "I think I'm going to take a shower."

Karl feels right at home with Milwaukee

By Arnie Stapleton
AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE — No, it's not his dream job, but new Milwaukee Bucks coach George Karl, with a $20 million deal in hand, figures this is a perfect fit.

"I can't deny that Sen. (Herb) Kohl has been very generous and bordered on an offer I couldn't refuse. And I have a lot of respect for that," said Karl, who was hired just three days after the Bucks dismissed Chris Ford.

Karl's arrival as the sixth Bucks coach in the last 11 seasons was as much about authority as it was about the almighty dollar.

"Over the summer, I had a lot of months to talk about what I wanted in my next opportunity, and Milwaukee gives me all of that," Karl said. "It gives me the respect, it gives me the opportunity to build a team and contend very quickly."

And, as important as all of the above, it gives Karl, 47, the chance to be heard, something he lacked in Seattle.

Kohl and general manager Bob Weinhauer promised this was a partnership. Pledged Weinhauer: "George and I will communicate on everything."

Karl said he's had more conversations in three days with Kohl than he had in seven years with SuperSonics owner Barry Ackerley.

"We're going to work as a team," Karl said. "And I think that's the way I want an organization to operate is together. And in Seattle we had broken apart a little bit, and probably some of that was my fault. But over the last couple of years, my staff did not feel part of the decision process."

AP Photo

George Karl was introduced as the new Bucks coach on Saturday

Karl had a shaky relationship with Ackerley and Sonics general manager Wally Walker, and was fired three months ago after his tempestuous 6 1/2-year stay in Seattle, where he was 384-150 in the regular season but just 40-40 in the playoffs.

Of course, over the last seven seasons the Bucks have been 0-0 in the playoffs.

"The depth of the team is very interesting to me. The versatility of the team is very interesting to me," Karl said. "And don't get me wrong, I'm sure there's some negatives that I'm going to learn about along the way."

But Karl said he saw a situation similar to the one seven years ago when he took over the Sonics midway through the 1991-92 season and quickly turned them into a contender.

And Milwaukee reminds Karl of something else, too.

"Milwaukee's a lot like where I grew up, I grew up in Pittsburgh, Pa., so I'm always proud of my Western Pennsylvania tradition and background, pride in working, pride in attitude," Karl said.

Karl said he was tempted to wait a year or two for a glamour position with the Los Angeles Lakers or San Antonio but thought better of it.

"I see a little bit of my Pittsburgh blood in Milwaukee," Karl said. "I've hung around Milwaukee a little bit. I like the brats and the beer. I think it's just a real good fit. I'm not an L.A. guy. Even though, I might be a San Antonio guy because I played in San Antonio and coached in San Antonio.

"But I think Milwaukee is more comfortable. I think it's exciting. I'm kind of a blue-collar, direct guy, I'm not going to dazzle them with suits and ties, I'm probably going to wear sweatsuits and T-shirts more than I'm going to wear suits and ties."

Karl didn't need much arm-twisting when Kohl called him Friday in Hong Kong, where he was conducting a coaching clinic.

This was the easiest deal Karl's agent, Bret Adams, has ever done.

"They made us an offer and we didn't even counter," Adams said. "It doesn't get any easier than that."

Williams seeks giant step to U.S. Open title

By Steve Wilstein
AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK — Venus Williams made more than a little noise with her beads, brashness and bump with Irina Spirlea at the U.S. Open a year ago.

Now she's back hoping to raise the level a notch by capturing her first Grand Slam title.

As the U.S. Open begins Monday, Williams returns more polished in every way, and has the confidence of several tournament titles behind her. Last year, she seemed to be learning on the run at the Open, assessing how to play big points in big matches, gauging when to rally, when to come in, when to go for hard shots, when to just keep the ball in play.

This time around, she's got most of that figured out.

"I think my serve is much better," Williams said. "I would say I'm much smarter. I think I play better shots. I make better selections. I know I win matches from my playing well or if I'm not supposed to win."

Williams has been bothered much of the summer by a strained knee, but says it is in pretty good shape right now with the help of rest and regular stretching.

At the start of the year, Williams boasted that she would be No. 1 by year's end. That's unlikely now, though her No. 5 seeding is not too shabby for someone playing less than two full years on the tour.

"I thought maybe I'd be higher up," she said. "But it's difficult when you're an athlete because you always want to be better. Sometimes you have to be happy where you're at."

The women's draw at the Open is perhaps stronger than ever. Steffi Graf showed in Saturday's final victory over Jana Novotna in New Haven that she's ready to challenge for a major title again after a year away from the game. Novotna, though, should not be discounted with her confidence still high after winning Wimbledon.

Defending champion Martina Hingis has been in a slump since winning the Australian Open to start the year, but doesn't seem too worried. She tuned up by playing three tournaments and taking a week off.

"It seems like I always get to the semis and finals and can't win the tournament," she said. "But this is a different one, the last Grand Slam of the year. I'll save my energy and go round by round.

"This year the players became much stronger. You have the younger players, who are more experienced. And the older ones, they started practicing again and they want it back. They won the last two Grand Slams. Right now it's a very big competition."

With Graf on the rise, Arantxa Sanchez Vicario still high from her French Open title, Novotna strong and Monica Seles reasserting herself, the "older ones" certainly are looking eager to take the game back from the teens like Hingis, Anna Kournikova, and the Williams sisters.

Then, too, there's the player in the middle who never has won a major, Lindsay Davenport. The 1996 Olympic champion is slimmer and quicker than ever, and the hard courts at the National Tennis Center suit her game perfectly.

In the men's draw, defending champion Patrick Rafter is perhaps the hottest player of the summer, followed closely by Andre Agassi. There are dangerous players scattered throughout the seeds, but the one who's No. 1, Pete Sampras, is still the man everyone fears the most.

"There's Pete, and then there's the rest of us," Rafter said. "I played well last year, and hopefully I can come in here and do it again if the draw opens up for me."

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By Richard Ros...
AP Football Writer

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Florida State Seminoles ready to face Texas A&M Aggies in Kickoff Classic

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Even though Chris Weinke starts for the first time in nearly nine years, the Florida State quarterback knows exactly what to expect in Monday night's Kickoff Classic.

"They will come after me. They know I have no game experience," said Weinke, the 26-year-old sophomore set to lead the No. 4 Seminoles against No. 14 Texas A&M at Giants Stadium (7 p.m. CDT).

Weinke, though, has a team loaded with stars such as wide receiver Peter Warrick and tailback Travis Minor, as well as the wisdom of Bobby Bowden, who begins his 23rd season as coach of the Seminoles.

"If they bring everyone and blitz us," Weinke said, "they're going to leave someone open. And we have a lot of big-play guys."

That's what worries Aggies coach R.C. Slocum.

"I think it's really going to test these young players of ours," Slocum said. "They don't have any idea about what they're fixing to get into."

The Aggies are coming off a 9-4 season that ended with losses to Nebraska in the Big 12 title game and UCLA in the Cotton Bowl. The Seminoles, ranked second behind Ohio State, were 11-1 last season and had a run at the national title until losing to Florida in the final game of the regular season. This is the 11th straight season Florida State starts the seaosn ranked among the top four teams.

Florida State is favored by two touchdowns, and even Slocum sounds resigned to an opening-season loss.

"I don't think anyone would be surprised if Florida State beats us because they beat just about everyone they've played in the last 10-11 years," Slocum said. "We can very well lose and come back and win the rest of them. We're going to make this a positive experience."

Whether they do depends on a defense led by linebacker Dat Nguyen and an offense featuring running backs Dante Hall and Sirr Parker, plus six other returning starters.

"I wish they didn't have him," Bowden said of Nguyen, a 6-1, 213-pound inside linebacker who had a record-setting 20 tackles against UCLA. "He runs good and he plays instinctively. If you put two out there like him, I don't know where you'd run the darn ball."

Minor, who ran for 623 yards and nine touchdowns in his freshman season, is sure to find a few cracks in the A&M defense. And Warrick, who caught 53 passes for 884 yards and eight TDs, poses big-play problems from anywhere on the field.

Weinke, 6-5 and 225 pounds, returned to Florida State last season after leaving school in 1990 to sign with the Toronto Blue Jays. He spent six years in the minors before deciding to come back to Tallahassee. He inherited the starting job at the end of spring practice when Dan Kendra was lost for the season with a knee injury.

Branndon Stewart is back for his final season at Texas A&M after reclaiming his starting job late in '97. Stewart threw for 1,360 yards and 10 TDs.

"He's a veteran, he's physical, he can run and he's got a good arm," Bowden said. "He showed last them last year he can win. The thing our quarterback doesn't have, their guy already has. We got him in age, though."

Both teams are making their second appearance in the Kickoff Classic: Texas A&M lost to Nebraska 23-14 in the 1988 game; the Seminoles beat Kansas 42-0 in '93 en route to their national title season.

As usual, the Seminoles are thinking national title again.

"We look at everything from a national championship standpoint," Bowden said. "If we lose the game, we will regroup with the open date and see how we can make a run."

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Florida State football coach Bobby Bowden talks with Texas A&M football coach R.C. Slocum on Sunday as they hold the trophy their two teams will play for in the Kickoff Classic XVI on Monday night at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

USC comes back to beat Purdue 27-17

By Ken Peters
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Freshman quarterback Carson Palmer came off the bench to guide Southern California to two second-half touchdowns and a field goal Sunday for a 27-17 victory over Purdue in Paul Hackett's Trojan coaching debut.

On a sweltering afternoon in the Coliseum, Chad Morton scored on a 98-yard kickoff return early in the game, then sealed the victory with a 13-yard touchdown run with 3:02 left in the season-opening Pigskin Classic matchup.

Temperatures on the Coliseum field reached 110-plus degrees and several USC band members, a cheerleader and a number of fans fainted from the heat. The crowd of 56,623 also thinned out considerably as the game wore on, with about a third of the fans remaining in their seats by the middle of the final quarter.

Palmer, who replaced starter Mike Van Raaphorst with the Trojans trailing 17-10 early in the third quarter, needed just two series to help put his team ahead as USC outscored Purdue 17-0 in the second half.

Palmer came in with the Trojans at their own 32-yard line, and, after overthrowing the receiver on his first college attempt, threw a 9-yard completion. Then Palmer hooked up with Larry Parker for a 42-yarder, down to the Purdue 8.

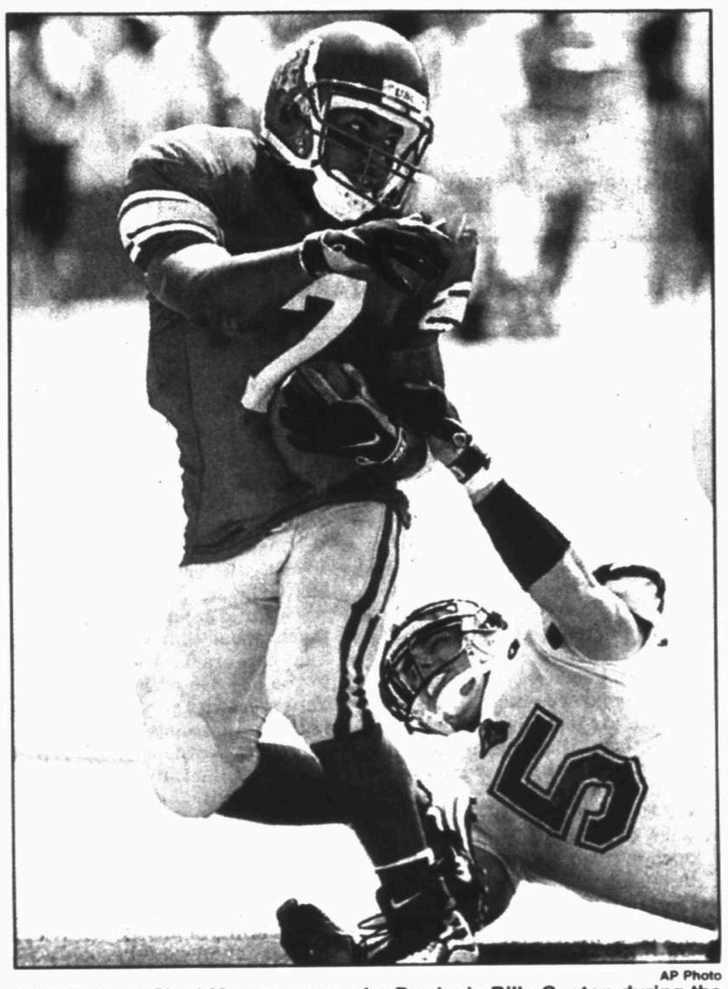
Shortly afterward, Petros Papadakis punched into the end zone from the 1-yard line to tie the game with 1:57 left in the quarter.

The Trojans went ahead for the first time on Adam Abrams' 45-yard field goal in the opening minute of the fourth quarter. The score was set up by linebacker Chris Claiborne's interception at the Purdue 31.

Cornerback Daylon McCutcheon slapped Brees' pass away from intended receiver Randall Lane, and Claiborne dove to grab the ball before it hit the ground.

With USC up by three, Van Raaphorst returned to replace Palmer for the next series, then Palmer came back with 3:54 left in the game and took the Trojans on a drive that ended with Morton's second touchdown of the day, set up by David Gibson's fumble recovery at the Purdue 44.

For the game, Palmer was 3-of-6 for 79 yards. Van Raaphorst, a sophomore, was 11-of-22 for 89 yards, with one interception.


AP Photo
USC tailback Chad Morton powers by Purdue's Billy Guston during the fourth quarter of the Pigskin Classic game for a touchdown on Sunday. Morton scored two touchdowns as USC defeated Purdue, 27-17.

Levens ends six-week holdout with Packers

By Arnie Stapleton
AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Pro Bowl halfback Dorsey Levens missed the entire offseason, but the only time he'll be a holdout now is when coach Mike Holmgren keeps him on the sideline.

Levens ended his six-week holdout Sunday by signing a one-year tender for $2.742 million, which allows him to report to the Green Bay Packers while the finishing touches are put on a five-year, $25 million package.

"My thoughts are he should have been here in May," general manager Ron Wolf said. "But I'm happy he's here now when we need him. I think what that does is that puts together the finest offensive unit in the NFC."

By signing him to the tender, Green Bay will be able to retain its franchise player designation and slap it on another player, such as wide receiver Antonio Freeman, who stood to cash in as a free agent after this season, providing a long-term deal with Levens is completed this season.

The Packers said Levens would report to the practice field Monday, but how much he will play in the season opener against Detroit won't be determined until the team sees how well-conditioned he is.

Although Travis Jervey or Raymont Harris will start, Levens could see significant playing time against the Lions.

"I don't expect him to gain over 200 yards, but I expect him to be effective," Wolf said.

Levens

Agent Hadley Engelhard has maintained his client is in tiptop shape, having worked out with a personal trainer and track coach in Atlanta during the protracted holdout.

The Packers planned an extra day of full-pads practice and also will put Levens through individual workouts in a crash-course preparation for the season.

Levens skipped all of the team's off-season workouts as Engelhard insisted his client would never play for the one-year tender.

As the Packers' franchise player, Levens was guaranteed the average salary of the top five players at his position last year. But that amount was rendered insufficient when other running backs cashed in on the NFL's infusion of broadcast revenue this season.

By showing up for work, Levens can collect $161,294 a week under the tender deal while Green Bay and Engelhard negotiate a five-year contract.

"I'm just glad he's signed right now. We can worry about all that stuff later," Wolf said.

Engelhard and Packers chief negotiator Mike Reinfeldt made significant progress after breaking through a stalemate about 10 days ago. Engelhard lowered his demands on a signing bonus and Green Bay increased its offer to a yearly average of $5 million, according to Engelhard.

Levens was in his fourth year out of Georgia Tech when he took over for injured Edgar Bennett in 1997. He scored five touchdowns on passes and seven more on carries, rushing for 1,475 yards, 39 short of Jim Taylor's team record.

The Packers named him a franchise player, effectively removing him from free agency because another team would have to part with two first-round draft picks to sign him.

A league rule now allows Green Bay to transfer the franchise designation to another player as long as Levens accepts a long-term extension before the end of the season.

Nebraska QB questionable for next week

By Tim Korte
Associated Press Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — What appeared to be a slight knee injury for heralded Nebraska quarterback Bobby Newcombe could be more serious than initially thought.

Nebraska quarterbacks coach Turner Gill said Sunday that Newcombe is listed as doubtful for next week's game against Alabama-Birmingham because of a slight tear to his posterior cruciate ligament.

Newcombe suffered the injury in the third quarter of Saturday's 56-27 victory over Louisiana Tech. At first, the injury was thought to be only a knee sprain and Newcombe continued to play.

Newcombe, a sophomore who played wingback and returned punts last season, was making his debut at quarterback against the Bulldogs. He was hurt on an option play after pitching to Dan Alexander, who scored on a 4-yard run.

"He said he got hit or fell on the knee," Gill said. "After that play, he came over to the sideline and said he had some pain or stiffness in the knee. He still played one or two more series."

Gill said the staff expects to know more by Monday about Newcombe's condition. He said the injury won't require surgery but if Newcombe's knee swells, next week's start will probably go to freshman Eric Crouch.

"We'll just see how it goes," Gili said. "We're saddened by it. Bobby had an outstanding ball game against Louisiana Tech."

Newcombe completed 9-of-10 passes for 168 yards, including a 46-yard touchdown strike to Sheldon Jackson on Nebraska's third play. Newcombe also carried 12 times for 12 yards.

Crouch, like Newcombe a Parade All-American as a high school quarterback, took over the offense midway through the fourth quarter Saturday. Gill said at the time, coaches just wanted Crouch to get some snaps.

PERTILES: Players like new head coach

(From 1C)

year, I thought we weren't as conditioned as we should have been. At Lee, I thought we did a lot more conditioning.

"Coach Dickey reminds me of (Lee) coach (John) Parchman a lot. He's always pushing you to go a little extra and go a little more. Just when you think practice is over, we do 10 more sprints."

Fred said, "I think he (Dickey) is a great coach. The rest of team members love him and I see a whole new attitude in the team."

At 6-foot and 190 pounds, Fred made the transition from playing defensive end in high school to the more suitable linebacker position in college. Fred said the transition at first proved to be hard because he didn't quite know the terminology of playing linebacker. Fred adjusted well, however, earning a starting position last year and recording 24 tackles and 2.5 quarterback sacks, including two sacks in the 30-27 win over Texas Tech.

"I feel comfortable about the upcoming season. I feel I'm ready to play and lead the team to a Big West championship," Fred said.

Fred has been asked to take on more of a leadership role this season, considering he's the veteran of a young linebacker corps. Being a leader is nothing new for the older brother.

"I really don't feel any pressure," said Fred, who also started as a sophomore at Lee. "I was raised to be a leader by my brothers."

Experienced gained last year, helped Fred mature into a better player this year.

"It was certainly valuable gaining experience as a true freshman, especially learning things from other linebackers such as Benny Cherry and Ron Boston," he said. "I've improved a great deal mentally. I know everyone's position and what I can do to put myself in the position of making plays."

Corry got off to a rough start during two-a-day practices because of asthma, which forced him to sit out a couple of practices. Those missed practiced have set him back a little in trying to earn starting berth. Corry is not discouraged, however, as he's looking to start alongside his brother.

"I was out for three days but I'm getting back on my feet," said the 6-3, 208-pound Corry, who registered 19 tackles and one sack last year. "The guy in front of me is doing a doing a good job. It's not going to be a cakewalk getting a starting job."

Corry also benefited from getting early playing time.

"I feel like a should be a better player because of that experience," Corry said. "Playing last year, taught me how to handle pressure situations. It would've been a lot harder this year without that experience."

The transition from high to school to college ball has been a little tougher for Corry than it was for Fred. Corry is learning more and more every day and should flourish into a solid college linebacker in the future.

"I just have to learn to be more consistent," Corry said. "In the past, I tended to lose focus on the field. I don't know why that was happening, I just did and would start thinking about other things. But I don't worry about the past, I try to make good decisions now in everything I do."

The Pertile brothers may be a little separated in their ability to adjust to the college game, but considering their talents and know-how to win, one can bet the brothers will be united in helping North Texas' future success.

Notice of Vote on Tax Rate

The Midland Independent School District

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on August 25, 1998 at 4:00 p.m.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Remain goal-oriented. You can accomplish a lot if you seek solutions. Others clearly admire you. A compliment is sincere; be receptive. Someone's ideas help you creatively open up. A meeting is a must, but make time to hook up with a friend as well. Tonight: Have dinner with a buddy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Accept your role at the office. Willingly share what you know. A boss appreciates your efforts and thanks you. You might need to cancel plans that revolve around friends. A methodical approach encourages you to complete your work. Tonight: Could be a late one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Options appear if you stay open-minded. If seeking answers, brainstorming works. Unlock your imaginative ideas. Make calls. Refuse to lock into your usual thinking patterns. Be the pioneer you are known to be, and blaze a new trail mentally. Tonight: Visit friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Listen to a partner's important financial news. After all, you have similar interests, namely security. Screen calls if you want to tackle a problem or complete a project. Many people seek you out; popularity is high. Good news delights you. Tonight: Get some exercise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Creative juices flow when chatting with someone who is at a distance. Evaluate office gossip. Don't jump the gun; stay even in dealings with a loved one who is only considering options. A financial investment has many implications. Investigate. Tonight: Find the fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Build security. Don't worry so much about someone else's ideas. Take care of a financial matter early in the day. Go within for answers. Your creativity surges. Listen carefully to an associate; his perceptions help you open new doors. Tonight: Accept a dinner invitation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Start up talks, and listen to what is being offered. You might have a set picture of what will work. Still, a friend's information could create another possibility, should you allow it. Work might overwhelm you. Plan on finishing a key project. Tonight: Catch up on errands.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Financial awareness ties into material success. Read up on investments; check out what is possible. Someone has different ideas about what can work. Sort through various options. A relationship blossoms, if you so desire. Let more caring into your life. Tonight: Nap first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your brightness and charisma draw others to you. Information comes forward. You need to sort through gossip and discover what is realistic. You can be extremely practical; use that gift. A loving exchange occurs if you can relax. Listen to the other side. Tonight: Just ask.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Assume a low profile. If you step back, a partner will start assuming more responsibility. Stay in contact with a friend who has important information. Screen calls, and remain focused. You know what works; now let someone else discover the same. Tonight: Keep the pace slow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Aim for what you want. Don't let associates distract you. How you see a situation is considerably different. Feedback is good, but this is ultimately your call. Remain in control by assuming responsibility. Use special caution with spending. Tonight: Laugh with buddies.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Be clear with those in charge. A brief answer might not satisfy them. Fully discuss the pros and cons of a situation. Understanding with co-workers is enhanced through an open exchange of ideas. Someone might be flirting with you! Tonight: Work impedes your plans.

PEANUTS

SHOE

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 10 5 ♡ J 10 8 4 ◇ K J 10 9 7 ♣ Q 6

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A - North's jump shift to three clubs is game-forcing, so you don't have to worry about your next bid being passed short of game. Under the circumstances, a rebid of three diamonds rates to give you the best shot to reach the optimum contract. Three no trump by you is rather unilateral, and tends to rule out a suit contract when spades or diamonds are worth considering.

Q 2 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 8 ♡ A 10 7 6 ◇ 9 8 7 6 3 ♣ A J 5

The bidding has proceeded:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♠	Dbl	4♠	?

What action do you take?

A - On this auction, a double by you would indicate high-card values, not a trump stack. That is not possible here. Alternatively, you could bid four no trump for takeout, of course, intending to correct five clubs to five diamonds to show length in the red suits. A third option is simply to bid five hearts, since partner's double shows length and strength in that suit. Take full credit or all these actions, but not for a pass.

Q 3 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ 7 ♡ K J 10 6 3 ◇ K J 4 ♣ J 9 5 2

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A - It is a choice between one no trump and two clubs. The problem with two clubs is that partner might take it simply as preference with a poor hand. Therefore, our nod goes to one no trump. That is the most encouraging move you can make on your 9-count..

Q 4 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ Q J 8 3 ♡ 8 3 ◇ Q 7 ♣ A 10 6 3 2

The bidding has proceeded:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♡	Dbl	Pass	?

What do you bid now?

A - With 9 high-card points, all potentially working, you have enough for a jump response to partner's takeout double. Since spades is the suit partner virtually guarantees, and since you are more likely to make game in the major than in the minor, issue an invitation by jumping to two spades. Think of it as supporting partner's suit rather than bidding your own.

Q 5 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 6 5 2 ♡ K J 10 5 ◇ 9 5 3 ♣ 10 9 2

The bidding has proceeded:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1◇	Dbl	Rdbl	?

What action do you take?

A - Odds are that you are going to be defending this hand. Therefore, it is important you tell partner where your strength lies. Bid one heart. Partner knows from the auction that you don't have much, and suggesting a lead could steer partner away from another salvo that might give declarer a trick.

Q 6 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 6 3 ♡ 7 6 2 ◇ K 5 ♣ K J 3 2

Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

A - If you play limit raises, this hand has been lifted straight out of a textbook — jump to three spades. If you don't, start with two clubs, then support spades at your next turn. That does not do justice to your four trumps but, with standard methods, what else can you do?.

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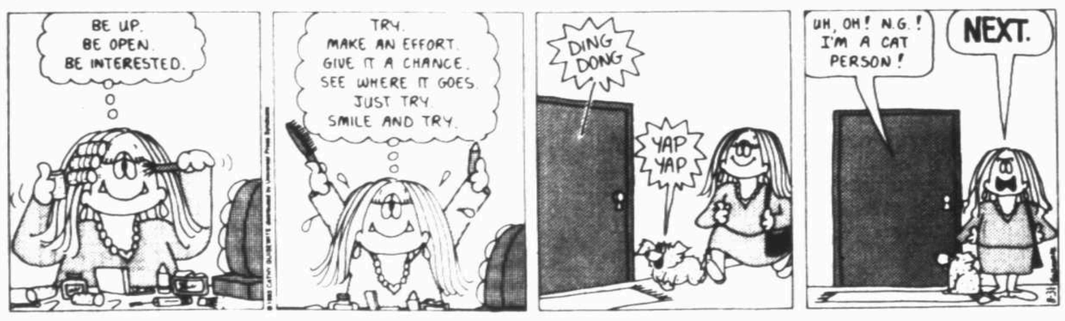
CATHY



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WIZARD OF ID

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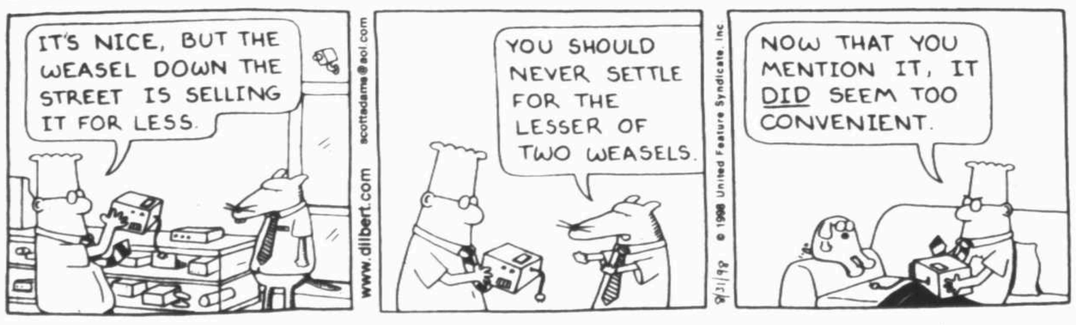

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Mmm! Just what I felt like! Chocolate-covered ice cream with sand sprinkles."

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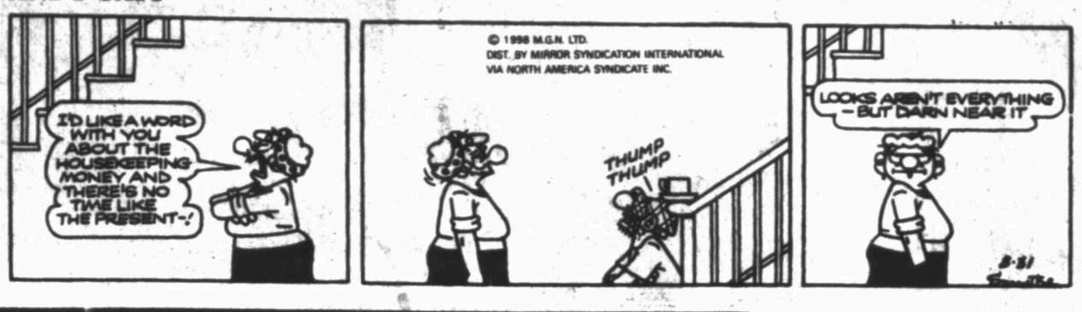

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"I NEED A CARD FOR MARGARET THAT SAYS, 'GET WELL', BUT DOESN'T SAY *WHEN!*"

PEOPLE TODAY

Marilyn Manson's going Hollywood

NEW YORK — Trading his death mask for oversized glam rock sunglasses, **Marilyn Manson** has gone Hollywood — in spirit and for real.

The outrageous rock star moved to Tinseltown's famed Laurel Canyon, home to the likes of Jimi Hendrix and Jim Morrison when they were outrageous rock stars.

"This whole past year, my house has become a real Hollywood Babylon, Studio 54 type of place," Manson says in the Sept. 17 issue of Rolling Stone, adding that he likes to invite semi-forgotten former stars over for karaoke performances.

"So at any given moment, you may have found Leif Garrett or Corey Feldman singing the theme from 'Grease,'" Manson says.

The singer-songwriter often criticized — and in some cases banned — for his unholy, explicit lyrics and walking corpse persona has traded his blackened-eye-sockets look for lighter makeup and colorful 1970s outfits featuring platform shoes and Elton John-style spectacles.

Manson's new album "Mechanical Animals" (due Sept. 15) is a big change too, swapping the teen Satanism and hissing, postindustrial buzzsaw sound from his 1996 album "Antichrist Superstar" for melodic guitar grooves and lyrics about spacey sci-fi romance fantasies.

WICHITA FALLS — **Merle Haggard** was feeling too poorly to treat country music fans this weekend to longtime favorites like "Okie from Muskogee."

A gum infection prevented Merle Haggard from performing.

Haggard was supposed to be the headliner at the Red River Music Festival on Sunday, but a gum infection forced organizers to postpone the entire show.

"He can't even talk right now," said organizer LoriAnn Bussey. "There's no sense in the festival going on without Merle."

Other acts agreed to perform at the rescheduled concert on Sept. 13. Ticket holders may use their tickets then or receive a refund.

Haggard, a country music staple, broke onto the charts 35 years ago. His hits include "Hungry Eyes," "If We Make It Through December," "Working Man Blues," "Old Man From the Mountain," and "Okie from Muskogee."

NEW YORK — At age 19, "Slums of Beverly Hills" star **Natasha Lyonne** has already realized her lifelong dream: a Manhattan apartment.

"The only thing I ever wanted is to own a home in New York," Lyonne says in the Sept. 7 People magazine.

Lyonne, who played Opal on "Pee-Wee's Playhouse" starting when she was 6 years old, went on to a role in the TV soap opera "As the World Turns" before making her screen debut in 1986, in "Heartburn."

Her breakout role came in 1996, portraying Woody Allen's daughter in "Everyone Says I Love You." In "Slums of Beverly Hills," she plays a girl blooming into womanhood whose family exists as postmodern nomads wandering the Los Angeles landscape.

Former Kentucky Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. wed a former beauty queen — again.

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Former Kentucky Gov. **John Y. Brown Jr.** married his second beauty queen over the weekend in an evening ceremony beneath a canopy of arching tree branches at his rural estate.

Brown, 64, who counts former Miss America Phyllis George among his two ex-wives, married former Mrs. Kentucky Jill Louise Roach, 38, on Saturday at his farm home, known as Cave Hill. Defense attorney F. Lee Bailey was among about 100 guests.

Kentucky's governor from 1979-83, Brown made a financial killing before he entered politics with the $2 million purchase of Kentucky Fried Chicken from Col. Harland Sanders in 1964. Seven years later, Heublein Inc. bought the company for $284 million.

Brown also co-founded Kenny Rogers Roasters restaurant chain with the country singer in 1991, then sold his stake two years ago. His current business plans include launching a Florida restaurant chain called Screwy Louie's.

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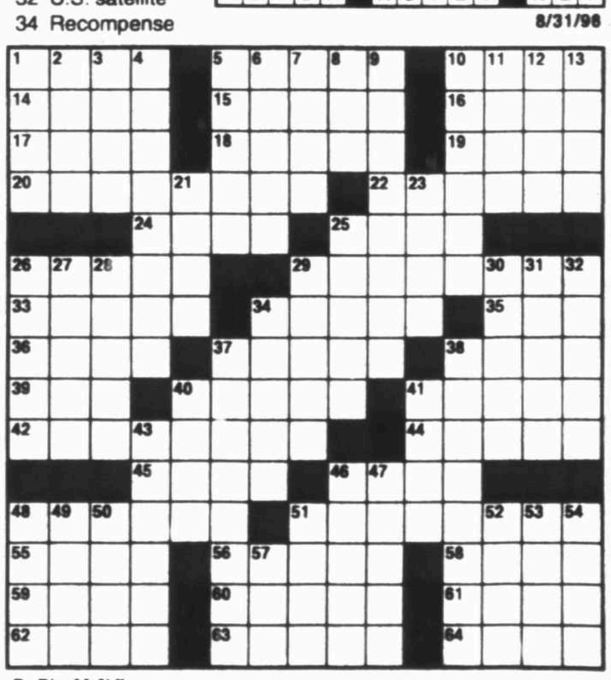

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TUESDAY

OSCAR LOPEZ
7:00 & 8:00 • *ACOUSTIC ROCK*

DON GODLEVSKI
12:00 • *PIANO/WWII ERA*

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7:00 • *PIANO/VARIETY*

WEDNESDAY

RICH LEE
6:00 & 7:00 & 8:00 • *PIANO/VARIETY*

THURSDAY

JOHN HANCOCK & TRUETT STANDIFER
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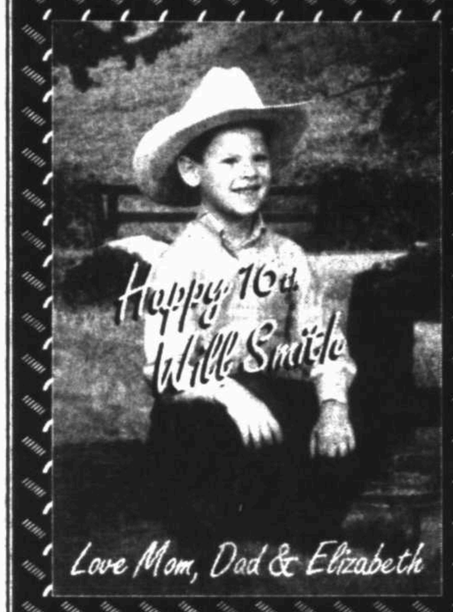

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D.D.G.M. Official Visit
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Al Talbot, Sec.

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LOST: 14 year old male cat, neutered, declawed, white with Tabby stripes, big blue eyes. Vicinity of Country Club/ Midland Drive. Call 520-5817 or cellular 638-0938.

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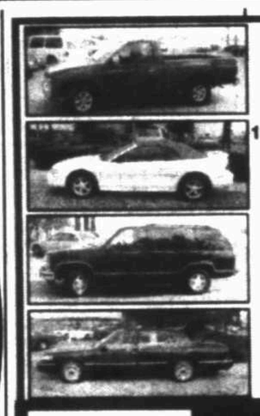

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310 General Help Wanted

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We do not open or screen any mail that has a blind box number on the envelope. The Midland Reporter-Telegram shall not be responsible for any disclosures of information, loss of responses or misdirection of responses.

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INSERTERS
$6 Per Hour
Wednesday only.
3:30 pm to 7:30 pm
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Dear Mark & Dale:
I was recently fired. The only reason given was that several sources had told the boss I was interviewing with other firms. Total bull. When I asked the office manager to ask the boss to meet with me, she did so, but he declined. Coward! I think the real reason is that the boss was no longer willing to pay my top salary. My question: Should I be truthful on my resume about the firing, or make it a layoff instead ?— Becky

DALE: One of the worst things about getting fired is that you have so much time to think about it, being out of work and all. The minute you're axed, the seven dwarfs of second-guessing start trying to move in: Angry, Resentful, Melancholy, Touchy, Guilty, Glum and Doubtful.

MARK: Sometimes you never know for sure why you got fired. What often happens is that the person who gets fired is not the real problem. There's an old saying, "It's a shame to shoot the piano player just because the piano is out of tune." But that often happens, especially with corporate financial crises.

DALE: Still, Becky has to drag the skeletons of the past along on her job search. She asked whether to put "fired" or "laid off" on her resume. Neither. To bring it up in the resume or cover letter would only draw attention to the issue.

MARK: It's best to postpone tough issues as long as possible. If "reason for leaving" comes up in a telephone screening, for instance, I'd say: "I'll be happy to discuss that at length in the interview." It may attract attention, but it's difficult to attach negative associations ... just curiosity. And when you get to your interview Becky, the key to your strategy lies with your old boss, "Mr. Coward." You don't want to lie, so you need to work out a departure statement with him. This keeps the stories consistent and allows you to answer with confidence.

DALE: At the least, he'll probably agree not to give references, just dates of employment. And he might even agree to write a letter praising your qualities.

MARK: That last suggestion may seem far- fetched, but I've seen it happen many times that employers gladly write glowing letters of recommendation for people they fired. And once you know what Mr. Coward will and won't say, then your strategy will be clear to you. And with that assurance, you can go to interviews feeling there's no need to dwell on your leaving. In other words, don't let those dwarfs of second guessing come along on interviews.

Dear Mark & Dale:
I have no children but do have two dogs that are like children to me. I recently had to put one to sleep, which was very traumatic. I asked at work if I could have bereavement time, but my request was refused. Is this fair? —Patricia

MARK: When companies try to be "fair," what they usually end up with are policies that specify equal treatment. So, if they let you have bereavement leave for your pet, then they would feel they had established a precedent and would have to do the same for everyone.

DALE: And for every type of pet. People with aquariums might be gone 10 to 15 days a year. Someone with a crisis at the ant farm might be out a solid month. And what about pet maternity leave? And maybe even gardening catastrophes....

MARK: We get the point. And I'm sure Patricia and all the other dog lovers appreciate your sympathy. But the other point is that company policies can lose touch with fairness, Patricia might approach her company about some modification in the bereavement policy to include traumatic events that make it difficult to function at work. If she gets no consideration, it may be a sign that the company is not committed to fairness, but to commandments.

DALE: The fact that we are debating pet bereavement is itself strong evidence in favor of "personal days," where vacation and sick time are combined and employees can use those days as they see fit. Doing so saves the company thousands of "judgment calls" and saves employees from resentments, lies or disappointments. THAT'S fair.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

DENTAL HYGIENIST needed for a temporary position. Three days a week starting in September through mid-December. Salary will commensurate with experience. Please submit resumes to David L. Ward, D.D.S, 1500 Scurry St, Big Spring, TX 79720. For information call 915-267-1677.

LVN. First LVN position available in over a year! Every 3rd weekend off, vacation every 6 months, health insurance + great prescription card! We're looking for the best! Rockwood Manor, 2000 N Main.

MDS COORDINATOR- Terrace West Nursing Center has an opening. Applicant must have a current RN/ LVN Texas license, knowledge in MDS information related to MCR/ MCD in Long Term Care and/ or Medicare setting, familiar with MCR regulations, and knowledge of Tile System. Please apply in person at 2800 N. Midland Dr., Midland Texas, 79707 or fax resume' to (915)689-0486.

MEDICAID/ Insurance Biller. Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring, is seeking an experienced Medicaid Biller for our business office. Ideal candidate is computer literate and proficient in TexMedNet software. Apply to: Human Resources at SMMC or call (915)263-1211 Ext 189 or fax your resume to (915)263-0151. EOE.

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RN NEEDED for home visits. Must have one year home health experience. Apply at 2817 JBS Parkway, Suite E7, Odessa or call 550-7593.

RN/ LVN wanted. Extensive Medicare knowledge needed for coordinator. Apply at Midland Skilled Nursing, 3201 Sage, Midland, TX 79705. EOE

312 Professional Help Wanted

SECURITY SPECIALIST is adding another Alarm Technician/ Installer. Experience preferred, but will train the right individual. Call Shannon, 520-0009 for appointment.

ASSISTANT Apartment Manager. 189 Units. 2 Years apartment experience + computer. To $10.0/ Hour + medical + bonus. Resume: 1907 Tarleton. Fax (915)689-7846.

312 Professional Help Wanted

COUNSELOR position available, 30 hours per week with benefits. Bachelor's degree in social service field required and Master's preferred, experience working with child and adult sexual assault survivors a plus. Criminal background check and drug testing. Submit resume to Counselor, P.O. Box 10081, Midland, Texas 79702.

LANDPERSON WANTED for independent Oil & Gas Company. Able to generate division/ transfer orders, assignments, farmouts, JOA's etc. Questa, MS Word, Excel and Access programs a plus. Please send resume to: 500 W. Texas Avenue, Ste. 1190, Midland, Texas 79701 or fax to: 686-9449.

MANAGER. If you are dependable, honest, work well with little supervision, have ideas, banking or cash handling experience a plus and willing to work from 9- 6 Monday- Friday, please mail or fax your resume including salary requirements to Dellwood Checks Cashed, 3303 W. Illinois, Suite 32, Midland, Texas 79703. 915-694-2274.

Construction/ Project Managers

Hirschfeld Steel is seeking project managers who have experience in the steel industry to include: estimating & project management, civil engineering or construction technical education, strong communication, computer, and organizational skills. Forward resume, salary expectations, and availability to:

Hirschfeld Steel Company Inc.
Attn: Human Resources
P.O. Box 3768
San Angelo, Texas 76902
E-mail:
personnel@hirschfeld.com

POLICE OFFICER: The City of Abernathy, Texas is now accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Applicants must be certified by TCLEOSE, and have a minimum of 2 years experience. Send Resumes to Chief H. W. Johnson, Abernathy Police Department, P.O. Box 310, Abernathy, TX 79311.

PRO SNIPS has immediate openings for Hairstylist. Starting pay $6.50 per hour. Apply in person at 1000 N Midkiff.

RESUMES DONE Right!- Professional recruiter will re-do/ create your resume! $25 up. Christine Kalmbach, CTS. 684-5726.

SALLY'S Beauty Supply is seeking a multi- unit supervisor for this area. Experience required. Please send resume to Sally's Beauty Supply, Attn: Victor Corral, 4706- 12 North Midkiff Road, Midland, TX., 79705. No phone calls please.

SALON. Immediate Opening: Nail Tech moving; stylist station also available. Lease/ Commission. Childers Hair Salon, 694-6966/ messages. 697-1074.

STAFF AUDITOR. Now accepting applications for staff auditor position in local public accounting firm. One to five years experience. CPA certificate preferred, please send resume to: Bolinger, Seegers, Gilbert & Moss, L.L.P., 1623 10th Street, Lubbock, TX 79401-2685.

SERIES 7 Registered Representative for local discount brokerage firm. Salaried position and benefits. Call for appointment, 682-1761 or fax resume to 682-2560.

TEACHING ASSISTANT for preschool, also applications being accepted for certified Montessori Teachers. Please call 687-4101.

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319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

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Midland, Texas 79701
Attn: Vicki Colbert

312 Professional Help Wanted

Senior Accountant

CE Mobile Equipment FKA Gregory Rig Service, has an opening at our Odessa facility for a Senior Accountant. An Accounting degree with a minimum of 3 to 5 years experience preferably a combination of public accounting & industry. Mandatory requirements for this position include a dependable individual with strong accounting and analytical skills combined with a positive attitude and good work ethic. Strong working knowledge of word and Excel required. Cost accounting experience is preferred, but not mandatory. Non- smoking office.

CE Mobile Equipment, a division of Continental Emsco, offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package, including 401K. Fax or mail your resume to: Controller, CE Mobile Equipment, P.O. Box 69208, Odessa, TX 79769-0208, Fax #915-381-4121. No phone calls please.

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316 Sales Help Wanted

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Odessa, TX 79761

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SALES. Motivated ambitious sales persons. Will train for inside or outside sales positions. Expanding manufacturing company. Please send resume to: P.O. Box 2636, Midland, TX 79702.

SALESPERSON needed with great etiquette, attention to detail and customer satisfaction. Inside Sales experience required. Good salary, bonuses, insurance and 401K are available to the right person. Please submit your resume to: Big Tex Trailers, 12400 W. I-20 East, Odessa, TX 79765, Attn: Sales Department.

318 Management Help Wanted

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Hollywood Theaters

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Please fax resume and salary history to Midland 915-699-0200 Odessa 915-362-9269

MANAGEMENT- Canyon Creek Apartments is now taking applications for a full time Manager or Assistant Manager. Come by 5244 W. Loop 250, Midland from 9 am- 5:30 pm or fax resume to: 699-7249.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

***SUPPLY STORE* MANAGER**

Position available for experienced oil field supply store manager with down hole sub surface pump knowledge in Permian Basin. Excellent benefits. Send resume and salary requirements to: Box T-05136, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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320 Skilled Trades

***STRUCTURAL* WELDER**

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HEAVY EQUIPMENT Mechanics needed. Detroit & Cummins experience. Good benefits. EOE. Call Vernon 915-332-5070 Day or 915-332-9745 Night.

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OASIS BUILDERS has job opening for Commercial Carpenter. Applicant must be skilled in all phases of commercial construction. Applications will be accepted on Monday, Wednesday & Fridays from 10:00 am till Noon at 1407 Garden City Hwy. Pre-employment drug screen will be required.

REFRIGERATION Technician. A safety minded individual with at least 4 years A/ C experience is needed by an established contractor offering 401K retirement plan with generous match, health insurance, uniforms with laundry service, safety incentives, paid holidays & vacations, and production incentives along with excellent wages. No pressure selling (it's not allowed). Applicant must have good communication skills, neat appearance, excellent refrigeration and electrical control understanding, be drug free, be H2S certifiable, have excellent safety & driving records. Apply in person at The Darville Company, 213 North Hancock, Odessa.

ROOFING help needed. Experienced in wood and comp. Call between 8:00- 6:00, 685-0607.

SECURITY SPECIALIST is adding another Alarm Technician/ Installer. Experience preferred, but will train the right individual. Call Shannon, 520-0009 for appointment.

TECHNICIANS. Now accepting applications for HVAC Service Technicians & Installers. Minimum 3 years experience. Also Master & Journeymen Plumbers. Apply at Glascow Services, 1607 S. Midkiff. 9- 4/ Monday- Friday.

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WANTED: Engine and Compressor Mechanical Foreman and Assistant Mechanic. Must have valid drivers license and be able to pass DOT drug test. Must accept out of town work. Pay DOE. Send resume to: PO Box 69239, Odessa, Texas 79769-0239.

336 Adult Care Providers

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340 Child Care Needed

NANNY/ HOUSEKEEPER, Monday through Friday, Noon to 6 pm. References required, must have own vehicle. 687-2046.

WANTED: A Nanny for two adorable children. If you want this choice position, have a cheery disposition, play games, (all sorts), and drive us around. Help with homework, cook meals practically perfect. Many thanks. Paige and Logan. Part time position. 683-3171.

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410 Misc. Sales

STEEL DRUMS, 55 gallon, lined "food quality", no chemicals, $10 each. Please call 682-0284.

EXTRA NICE, large metal children's swing set, $75. Please call 699-4284.

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COUCH- $50, Upright piano- $250, Upright freezer- $200, Health Rider- $75, Oriental lamps- $25, Unit bedroom suite, $500. 689-8893.

TRUNDLE BED with headboard $75. Dresser $30. Breast pump (used 4 weeks) $175. Call 697-6078.

MUST SELL! Used carpeting. Approximately 215 Sq Yds. Peach color. 620-0670, leave message.

410 Misc. Sales

WOODEN rocking chair, microwave, antique couch, designer pillows, antique telephone table, Hooked on Phonics, 78 records, andirons, super single waterbed, other miscellaneous. Please call 522-7261, after 12.

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SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

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432 Household Furniture

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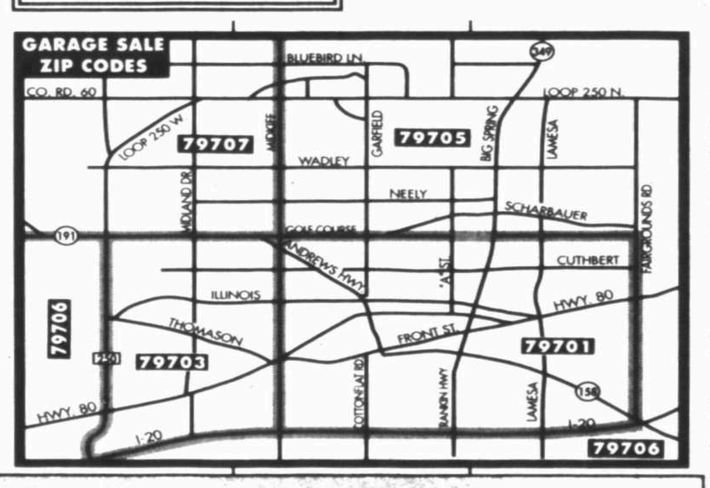

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Bdrm.	Bedroom
Ba.	Bath
Kit.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA.	Non-Qualifying
	Assumable
QA.	Qualifying
	Assumable
Ac.	Acre
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