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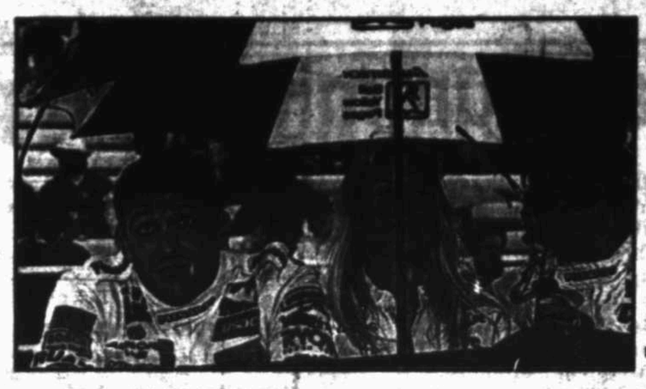
Day in the Life

Saul Herrera starts work at 8 a.m. "I love my job," said Herrera, the RSVP project director for Community and Senior Services./1B



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Indianapolis 500

The rain that postponed the race Monday, delaying it still another day, was enough to frustrate everyone involved./1C

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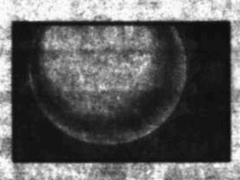

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Congo aftermath

Few of the children showed up for school and the headmaster claims many are still hesitant to begin resuming living their lives as usual again under the new regime, which Monday barred political parties from meeting

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Afghani attack

MAZAR-E-SHARIF, Afghanistan — The former military chief of Afghanistan's ousted government launched a surprise attack Monday on Taliban forces moving through a mountain pass toward newly conquered territory. The assault was a minor setback for the Taliban religious army, which claimed control of 90 percent of Afghanistan with the capture of a northern region over the weekend.

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State budget

AUSTIN — Legislative budget-writers approved a state budget of $86.2 billion Monday to fund education, criminal justice, welfare and other government services over the next two fiscal years. The measure won unanimous approval from a legislative conference committee and next goes to the full House and Senate for consideration.

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Midlanders pay tribute to veterans

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Jerry Wall, a U.S. Army combat veteran of the Vietnam War, salutes as the colors are presented during the Memorial Day ceremony Monday evening at Resthaven Memorial Park.

■ Ceremonies at Permian Basin Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Resthaven Memorial Park commemorate war dead.

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer

Residents paid tribute to the nation's war dead in ceremonies across the Permian Basin in observance of Memorial Day.

Members of the American Legion put out flags at graves in local cemeteries Monday morning and hosted a ceremony in the evening; another ceremony was presented Monday morning at the Permian Basin Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

At Midland Park Mall, representatives of the Buffalo Trails Council of the Boy Scouts conducted a flag ceremony and the shopping center participated in "A Moment to Remember" sponsored by No Greater Love, an organization promoting a more informed and meaningful participation in the observance of Memorial Day.

Judge John Hyde, guest speaker at the American Legion ceremony, told the gathering that the ceremony was "a fitting tribute we give the men and women who, for many years and in many wars, have died for this country."

He told of watching his father return home on a troop train after serving in World War II and of the welcome-home parade soon after. And he recalled how, as a boy, he enjoyed hearing his father and uncles tell their war stories.

In listening to their stories, he said he realized that "they weren't complaining about anything except the food. They didn't complain about giving their life or fighting in the war. They just did it."

Pointing out the graves of those killed in the various wars, Hyde said, "If we could bring them back to life for a few minutes, I wonder what they would say to us about the U.S. as it was and as it is. If we could bring back those gallant men, I would say thank you because I can go to the grocery store without fear; I can attend the church of my choice without fear.

"I think of the places they fought — the cold mountains of Korea; the forests of Europe; the rice paddies of Vietnam; the deserts of the Middle East. Many of us gave of our time to serve; they gave their lives so we can enjoy freedom without the interference of governments, domestic or foreign."

If those killed in war could come back, Hyde said, "they might remind us to nev-

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Memorial Day observances held across nation

By Madeline Baro
Associated Press

PLANO — When the band started playing for Monday's Memorial Day service and the American flag was lowered to half-staff, Navy veteran J.W. "Jim" Harper was overwhelmed.

"You just feel goosebumpy all over," he said.

Harper, who served on an ammunition ship during the Korean War, joined 200 or so people for the ceremony in Plano, one of thousands of observations across the nation.

"Don't think for one minute that we, as Americans, were given prosperity, peace and freedom as a gift from our benevolent Uncle Sam," Army Brig. Gen. Kathryn G. Carlson told the crowd at Plano. "The lives of these we memorialize today remind us that it was hard fought and bloodily won."

Some 3,000 people gathered at Arlington National Cemetery as President Clinton placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, saying he was venerating "those who gave everything on behalf of our common good."

The president said the holiday "reminds us of our obligation to take care of those who have taken care of us and those who take care of us today."

Elsewhere, a more recent

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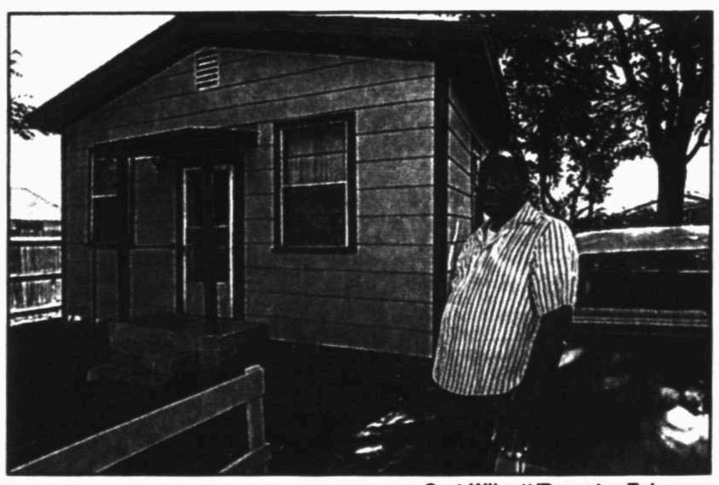
Active duty military personnel and veterans unfurl a giant American flag on the deck of the aircraft carrier Intrepid Monday. The carrier is now a floating air and space museum on the New York City waterfront.

Christmas in April celebrates 25th anniversary

National program began as Sunday School idea



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

The home of Curtis Davis, 210 N. Jackson St., was refurbished last month by Christmas in April volunteers.

By Dana Bartholomew
Staff Writer

For Curtis Davis, days once ran in drips and drafts.

His roof spit rain above his couch. His panes breathed frost about his bath. His plumbing balked. And underfoot, his kitchen slowly rotted.

Until last month, when handymen turned his ramshackle home from peeling pink to "Christmas-in-April" gray, from ruin to blessed retreat.

"It look real good, REAL good," Davis, a 56-year-old disabled homeowner, said while admiring the work of the Christmas in April volunteers who renovated his house.

"Yeah man, this place is lookin' totally new inside and out — I don't mind no one comin' out and look(ing) at it, even you. I'm so satisfied with what they done, I'm just kind of rejoicing still.

"It's a miracle."

Miracle indeed. For Christmas in April, which began with a Sunday School idea in Midland 25 years ago this year, has since become a national movement — freely rehabilitating or repairing the homes of 26,800 disabled, elderly and needy residents.

And Bobby Trimble, the man who led more than 30,000 volunteers to fix up some 4,000 Midland homes, couldn't be happier.

"If it hadn't been for Christmas in April, a lot of elderly people wouldn't have a place to live," he said.

His story is worth retelling.

In 1972, Trimble explained to a Sunday school

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Celebration to be held Saturday

The 25th anniversary of Christmas in April will be celebrated from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Chaparral Center.

"A Night of Entertainment" for the locally founded charity will include a barbecue dinner and guest appearance by Trevor Armbrister, the Reader's Digest editor who helped turn Christmas In April into a national movement.

Tickets are $5, and must be purchased in advance at any Midland American Bank location or the Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana Ave.

For information, call 683-4177.

Sponsor says parental notification bill appears dead

By Chip Brown
Associated Press

AUSTIN — In a sudden turn of events, anti-abortion activists went from preparing to celebrate the passage of a parental notification abortion bill to pronouncing the measure's death Monday night.

The Texas House postponed consideration of a bill that would require parents or guardians to be notified before girls under 18 could receive an abortion. The postponement came after a technical error involving the bill was raised.

Lawmakers weren't immediately clear who raised the technicality, known as a "point of order," but Rep. Kenny Marchant, R-Carrollton, the House sponsor of the bill, said there "is a slim chance" the bill will survive.

With Gov. George W. Bush, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and House Speaker Pete Laney in support of the bill, only a technicality appeared able to derail the bill.

A point of order is a procedural tactic often used by lawmakers to kill a bill. It's an objection under House rules to any error in the way the bill moves through the committee process to the full House.

It stops debate on a bill and, at this late in the legislative session, would push the bill's consideration by the full House past a Tuesday night deadline for the measure to be heard.

Marchant said the technical error stemmed from a report on the bill put out by the House State Affairs Committee. He didn't immediately know any more specifics.

"I live by the rules. If it's a rule violation, I will live by it," said Marchant, who vowed to stay up all night studying to see if the point of order was valid. "But I think we should have had a chance to debate and vote on this issue."

The State Affairs Committee received the bill after Senate approval nearly two months ago and finally approved an amended version of it last week.

Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, the Senate sponsor of the bill, accused the committee's chairman, Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, of "holding the bill hostage." She said there were more than enough votes in the House to pass the bill as it came out of the Senate.

Bill Price, president of Texans United for Life, accused Wolens of purposely putting out a flawed committee report on the bill so that someone could raise the technicality and kill the bill.

"He's a pro-abortion Democrat and it appears that he planted a mine to kill this bill," Price said.

"We had the votes," Price added. "We could have passed this bill easily. I think the bill is dead now. It's a tremendous loss for Texans who have to wait two more years to know what their children are doing."

Wolens said he knew nothing about the point of order and added, "I'm hopeful a point of order didn't happen in our committee. We were very careful in moving the bill through the committee process."

Wolens said his committee shouldn't be blamed for taking 55 days before approving the bill and putting it in jeopardy of failing to meet House deadlines. The ses-

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Israeli-Egyptian summit could put peace process back on track

■ The talks have the potential to break the impasse between Israel and the Palestinians.

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel and the Palestinians played down expectations Monday that a summit between Benjamin Netanyahu and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak would break an impasse over Israeli settlement construction.

Palestinian Planning Minister Nabil Shaath said the meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, could succeed only if the prime minister "does what needs to be done to put the peace process back on track — and that is to freeze all settlement activities."

Israel-Palestinian talks have been deadlocked since Israel broke ground in mid-March for a housing project for Jews on disputed land in Jerusalem. The Palestinians demand a halt to the construction before talks resume, but Israel insists it has the right to build anywhere in the city.

"I am not going to change any policy, nor will the government, nor will this city," Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, a member of parliament from Netanyahu's Likud Party, said Monday. "We will build 6,500 units that will be occupied by Jewish residents."

David Bar-Illan, a top adviser to Netanyahu, said he did not expect a dramatic breakthrough when the two leaders meet at the Egyptian Red Sea resort Sharm el-Sheik.

But Bar-Illan said he does expect "an inching forward toward closing the gap," and that Israel-Palestinian talks should resume "within weeks."

Bar-Illan said talks Sunday with Mubarak envoy Osama el-Baz were encouraging, but he gave no details. He said neither Egypt nor Israel had set preconditions for the meeting.

"The very fact of the summit is encouraging," Bar-Illan said. "We know that the Egyptian influence on the Palestinians is great."

As Palestinian and Israeli officials cautioned against excessive optimism about the talks, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat headed to Cairo on Monday to consult with Mubarak before the summit.

> **'The very fact of this summit is encouraging ..... We know that the Egyptian influence on the Palestinians is great.'**
> — David Bar-Illan, advisor to Prime Minister Netanyahu

A report in The Sunday Times of London said the summit was called after the head of Israel's Shin Bet security agency sent Netanyahu a classified document warning that continued expansion of Jewish settlements would lead to an escalation of violence and possibly war.

Bar-Illan called the Times report "totally baseless," and denied the document existed.

Despite skepticism over the summit's prospects, Palestinian Information Minister Yasser Abed Rabbo said the Palestinians were pleased that Egypt was playing a greater role in the Mideast peace process. American efforts to bring the two sides back to the negotiating table have failed.

"The Egyptians can tell the Israelis what the Americans cannot, and the Egyptians can tell the Palestinians what others won't," he said.

U.S. Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk said the Americans were "happy to watch and wish them success" in Tuesday's summit, "and are ready to back them."

Asked when special U.S. envoy Dennis Ross or Secretary of State Madeleine Albright might visit the region, Indyk said, "Washington is assessing the situation."

But, Indyk added: "We can help put the process back on track, but not without both sides' actions."

Abed Rabbo said the Palestinians were not feeling pressure to change their position that talks cannot resume unless Israeli settlement building stops.

"There is no room for compromise," he said.

Palestinians charge that the Jerusalem housing project, known as Har Homa in Hebrew and Jabal Abu Ghneim in Arabic, cuts off Arab neighborhoods of Jerusalem from the West Bank and thwarts Palestinian hopes for establishing a future capital in the eastern part of the city, which Israel captured in 1967.

The March ground-breaking was followed by weeks of Palestinian rioting in the West Bank and a suicide bombing by Islamic militants in a Tel Aviv cafe that killed three Israelis.

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Australian premier apologizes for adoption policy

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — A policy that sought to "save" Aborigine children by forcibly taking them from their parents spawned lasting trauma and resulted in a "stolen generation," Australia's premier said Monday in an apology.

John Howard offered his regrets personally, not on behalf of the government, for the policy that removed an estimated 100,000 children from their parents between 1910 and the early 1970s in the misguided belief that Australia's indigenous Aborigines were a doomed race.

Light-skinned Aborigine children were handed out to white families for adoption. Dark-skinned children were put in orphanages.

"Personally, I feel deep sorrow for those of my fellow Australians who suffered injustices under the practices of past generations towards indigenous people," Howard told a national convention on reconciliation.

"Equally, I am sorry for the hurt and trauma many people here today may continue to feel as a consequence of those practices."

Howard's apology was the first by any elected leader for the policy, but it likely will leave critics wanting more. Aborigine leaders have pressed Howard to go before Parliament to apologize in the name of the government.

Howard's apology initially drew strong applause from the nearly 2,000 convention delegates. But many booed and shouted when he added that "Australians of this generation shouldn't be required to accept guilt and blame for past actions and policy over which they had no control."

Australia's majority whites generally believe they have no reason to apologize for past wrongdoing. Others, however, say a heartfelt general apology is warranted, along with compensation.

A report issued by the government Monday recommends that Australia's federal, state and territory governments set up a joint national fund to compensate victims of the adoption policy. The federal government already has said it will reject the idea.

The government also rejects the reports' assertion that the forced adoptions could be considered a form of genocide as defined by a 1946 U.N. resolution.

"The policy of forcible removal of children from indigenous Australians to other groups for the purpose of raising them separately from — and ignorant of — their culture and people could properly be labeled genocidal," the report said.

The Australian Reconciliation Convention is meant to continue the process of giving Aborigines greater control of their lives.

Australia's 303,000 Aborigines make up 1 percent of its population. They long have complained of discrimination, and lag behind other Australians in access to jobs, education and health services.

Only 30 years ago, Aborigines in some parts of Australia had to ask for official permission to marry, accept a job or move to a new home. Aborigines were not counted in the census and were subject to laws that applied exclusively to them and which changed from state to state.

In May 1967, Australians voted nine-to-one to give Aborigines full citizenship in their own country.

Junta arrests pro-democracy party members

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Burma's pro-democracy opposition said Monday that the military junta had arrested 316 of its senior members in an effort to stop party leader Aun San Suu Kyi from holding a congress.

The National League for Democracy is to meet Tuesday at the Rangoon home of Suu Kyi, winner of the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize for her efforts to bring democracy to Burma.

Tuesday marks the seventh anniversary of parliamentary elections in which the opposition won 82 percent of the vote. The military government dissolved the parliament before it could convene.

Party Vice Chairman Tin Oo said by telephone from Rangoon that between 50 and 60 of the party members held by military authorities were elected to that parliament.

The detainees, all from outside the capital, did not include party members who heeded official requests not to travel to Rangoon for the congress, he said.

Relatives of party members also were arrested. A party official in Lemeyethna, 90 miles northwest of Rangoon, reached the capital only to find that authorities had seized his wife and daughter, Tin Oo said.

Party leaders announced last week that a roundup of NLD officials had begun, a claim corroborated by Burmese intelligence officials speaking on condition of anonymity.

While not publicly confirming the arrests, the military regime said recently that governments must sometimes detain "individuals who threaten actions to create chaos and cause social disruption."

Authorities arrested 262 people last year to prevent Suu Kyi holding a similar congress. Most were freed after a few weeks, but about two dozen were held and sentenced to long jail terms.

The military regime, led by Senior Gen. Than Shwe, has accused Suu Kyi's party of exaggerating its claims of government persecution for "propaganda purposes."

Tin Oo said Monday the party was prepared to provide a list of detainees in reply.

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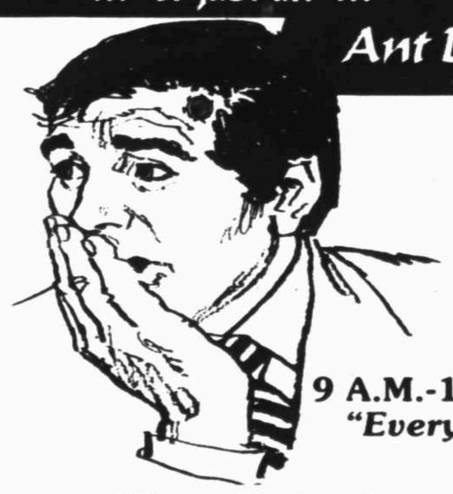
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Afghan forces launch surprise attack

MAZAR-E-SHARIF, Afghanistan (AP) — The former military chief of Afghanistan's ousted government launched a surprise attack Monday on Taliban forces moving through a mountain pass toward newly conquered territory.

The assault was a minor setback for the Taliban religious army, which claimed control of 90 percent of Afghanistan with the capture of a northern region over the weekend.

Fighters loyal to ousted Gen. Ahmed Shah Masood fired rockets and machine guns on hundreds of Taliban soldiers attempting to drive tanks and jeeps on the Salang Highway, the gateway through the rugged Hindu Kush mountain range.

The troops were stalled at the mouth of the range, 55 miles north of the Afghan capital, Kabul. The Taliban were seen moving several wounded soldiers in jeeps down the road toward Kabul.

Meanwhile, CARE International said Monday it was suspending an aid program for widows in Kabul because the Taliban religious police dragged five of its local female employees off a bus and beat them.

The Taliban, which already has imposed its strict version of Islamic law on two-thirds of Afghanistan, bans women from working outside the home or interacting with men who are not their relatives.

A CARE report said that on Saturday, police with the Department of Virtue and Suppression of Vice stopped a bus carrying the Afghani aid workers and beat the women with leather and metal whips.

One officer shouting through a loudspeaker denounced foreign aid programs and said Afghans should depend on God for food and money instead, the report said. He called the women "prostitutes" because they worked for foreigners.

"The women were bruised all over, but no bones were broken," said Paul Barker, CARE's country director for Afghanistan.

The women, who had been dressed in the Taliban-mandated full-length veil, were monitoring a food program for 10,000 widows in Kabul and had written authorization from the Taliban to do their work, Barker said.

AP Laserphoto

Heavily armed Taliban soldiers drive in front of Mazar-e-Sharif's historical shrine of Hazrat Ali, Monday. The Taliban entered Mazar-e-Sharif Sunday after ousting former occupant, northern warlord General Rashid Dostum on Saturday.

CARE said it was suspending the program until the Taliban guarantees that its workers will be protected.

The Taliban seized Kabul in September and had been fighting a coalition led by Masood and warlord Rashid Dostum, who surrendered his stronghold of Mazar-e-Sharif to pro-Taliban mutineers Saturday and fled to Turkey.

The fall of Dostum's northern provinces put all but two or three of Afghanistan's 29 provinces under the white flag of the Taliban. Still, he vowed to carry on the fight: "I have fought for Afghanistan for the last 20 years," Dostum said in Turkey. "I will carry on with my struggle. The war continues."

Masood launched his surprise attack on the Taliban after one of senior commanders, Gen. Bashir Salangi, defected to the Islamic side and gave Taliban troops permission to move up the mountain road.

Masood, who is fighting the Islamic militia from northeastern strongholds in Takhar and Badakshan provinces, apparently had moved reinforcements into the area late Sunday night.

"These skirmishes are led by Masood," Taliban Gen. Mullah Eudallah Ahkund said as bullets and rockets rained down around him.

The militia had been trying to move troops through the mountains to Mazar-e-Sharif, a desert city 125 miles north of Kabul. On Monday, the Taliban issued its first edicts in the city to bring the more liberal north in line with its version of Islamic law.

Russia, NATO intend to sign historic agreement

PARIS (AP) — President Clinton and his NATO allies are set to clinch a historic deal with the Russians: an accord that will draw them closer together even as the Western alliance expands onto Moscow's former turf.

The agreement to be signed here Tuesday concluded 4 1/2 months of tough bargaining by NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana and Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov.

The Founding Act on Mutual Relations, Cooperation and Security between NATO and the Russian Federation gives Moscow a consultative voice in NATO affairs, but no vote, and sets out new areas of cooperation and the West's future military intentions.

Yet as Russian President Boris Yeltsin, Clinton and leaders of the other 15 allies gather in Elysee Palace to formally approve the accord, interpretations of its meaning vary.

Russia continues to call NATO expansion plans "a strategic mistake," and Moscow has asserted that any attempt to expand into former Soviet republics, such as the Baltic states, is unacceptable.

Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic, all former Warsaw Pact nations, are likely to be invited to join NATO when the alliance meets July 8-9 in Madrid, Spain. Romania and Slovenia also have been mentioned frequently as candidates.

New members must be approved by the parliaments of all 16 current members. The process is expected to take about two years. Further expansion may come later.

The NATO-Russia agreement is aimed at easing Moscow's fears about the Western alliance's growth toward Russian borders. From the NATO point of view, the allies say the European security structure of the future has to include Russia.

"What we're trying to do is to create a world where the barking dogs of the 20th century don't yelp in the 21st," Clinton said about the agreement.

"We all have to define our greatness in the future in ways that do not entail the necessity of dominating our neighbors."

Yeltsin, under pressure from nationalists at home, has insisted to his Parliament and public that NATO made major concessions, giving a clear promise it would not move nuclear weapons onto the territory of new members nor station new troops there.

The document, however, only repeats earlier NATO statements that it has "no intention, no reason and no plan" to change its current nuclear strategy.

French premier quits to save party

PARIS (AP) — Alain Juppe announced today that he will resign as premier — a move aimed at bolstering the chances of the governing right in the June 1 runoff legislative elections.

"A new team led by a new prime minister is needed," Juppe said in a brief statement after meeting with President Jacques Chirac.

"I'll fight the right fight to the end," Juppe said. "After that, I'll consider that my job is done."

The announcement came after the governing center-right coalition suffered major losses in first-round legislative elections Sunday. The opposition Socialist Party made broad gain.

Chirac had no public comment.

The conservative president need not formally accept Juppe's resignation because he dissolved the National Assembly and the Cabinet on April 21 in order to call legislative elections.

Juppe has been in office since Chirac won the presidency in 1995. His economic reforms and France's record 12.8 percent unemployment rate have alienated him from a large part of the electorate.

Earlier in the day, Juppe had suggested that he was willing to be the fall guy to save the right.

"The only question that concerns me is that of June 1, not of my modest self ...," he said, "and above all of France. That is what is at stake. France, not Alain Juppe."

Sunday's vote was a surprise setback for Chirac, who had gambled that his conservatives stood a better chance of winning re-election now than if he waited for the scheduled election next year.

Many of France's 39 million voters were readier to endorse Socialist leader Lionel Jospin's priorities: putting a fight against the country's record 12.8 percent unemployment rate ahead of deficit-cutting reforms.

The race "is still very tight," former Socialist Prime Minister Laurent Fabius said on radio Europe 1. "What's essential is the notion of change."

Government spokesman and Budget Minister Alain Lamassoure told television network France 2 the vote was a "warning," adding: "The game isn't over, and we're counting on winning the second round."

The Socialists and their allies won 40.6 percent of the popular vote Sunday, with 23.7 percent for the Socialists, 10 percent for the Communists and 6.9 percent for ecologist parties.

Chirac's coalition won 29.9 percent, with 6.5 percent taken by independent rightist parties.

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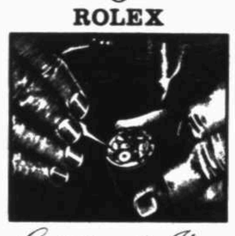
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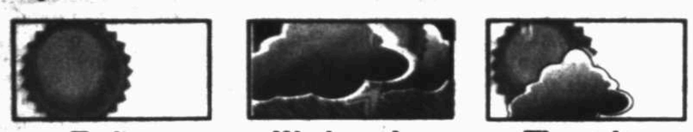
WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Wednesday	Thursday
Sunny	Scattered T-storms	Partly cloudy
High 85	High 85	High 86
Low 35	Low 56	Low 58

Today is expected to be mostly sunny with a high in the mid-80s, according to the National Weather Service. Winds should be out of the northeast at 5-15 mph.

Tonight will be partly cloudy with a low in the upper 50s.

Wednesday's skies are expected to be partly cloudy with a high in the mid-80s.

Monday's high was 95, compared to a record of 100 set in 1991. The low was 60, compared with a record low of 48 set in 1950.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Sunday	.00 in.
Rainfall Monday	trace
Total for month	.70 in.
Total for year	4.88 in.

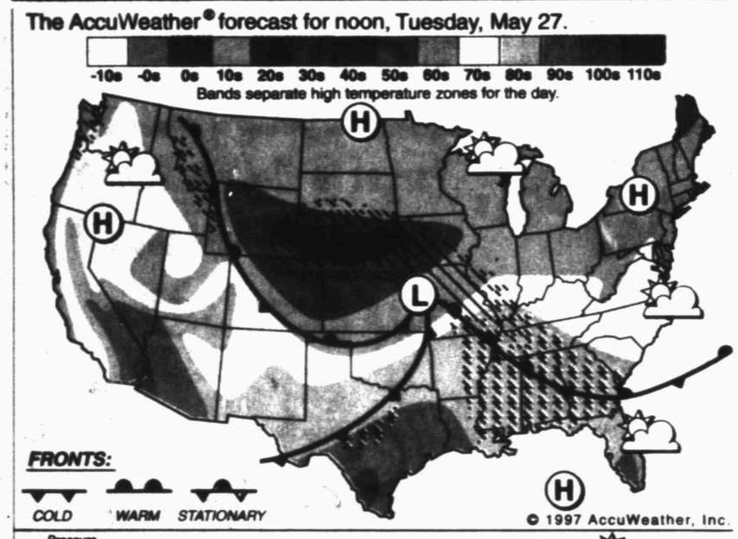
Yesterday's temperatures

High	95
low	60
Normal high	90
Normal low	61

Sunrise 6:45 a.m. Sunset 8:47 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, May 27.



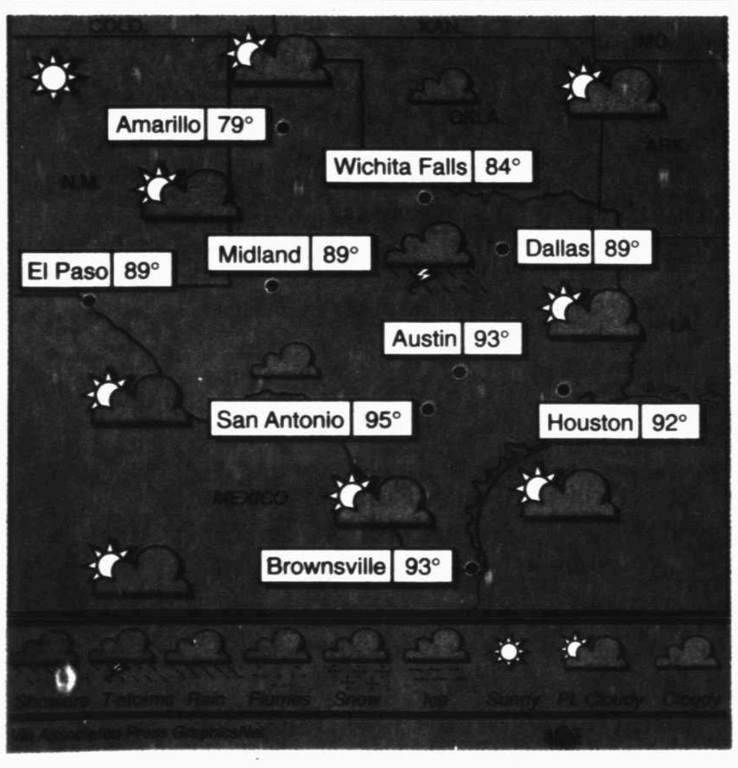
Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8:33 p.m. EDT.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	65	48	clr	
Albuquerque	74	57	clr	
Anchorage	69	42	cdy	
Asheville	81	59	.08	cdy
Atlanta	83	67	cdy	
Atlantic City	69	58	1.33	clr
Baltimore	73	57	.82	clr
Billings	59	47	.01	rn
Birmingham	86	70	rn	
Bismarck	68	41	cdy	
Boise	70	46	cdy	
Boston	69	56	.01	clr
Brownsville	90	77	clr	
Buffalo	62	37	clr	
Burlington,Vt.	55	45	clr	
Casper	52	42	.96	rn
Charleston,S.C.	88	69	cdy	
Charleston,W.Va.	66	60	.57	cdy
Charlotte,N.C.	89	68	.11	cdy
Cheyenne	47	39	.36	rn
Chicago	55	45	cdy	
Cincinnati	65	53	.56	cdy
Cleveland	58	46	clr	
Columbia,S.C.	91	69	cdy	
Columbus,Ohio	68	52	.02	clr
Concord,N.H.	65	51	clr	
Dayton	63	50	.19	cdy
Denver	57	46	.23	cdy
Des Moines	53	47	.69	rn
Detroit	63	42	clr	
Duluth	56	37	clr	
Evansville	67	60	.14	rn
Fairbanks	68	41	clr	
Fargo	70	43	cdy	
Flagstaff	69	29	cdy	
Grand Rapids	62	41	clr	
Great Falls	61	38	.01	cdy
Greensboro,N.C.	76	67	.13	cdy
Hartford Spgfld	71	53	clr	
Helena	64	39	cdy	
Honolulu	84	70	clr	
Indianapolis	60	52	.50	cdy
Jackson,Miss.	89	71	cdy	
Jacksonville	89	67	cdy	
Juneau	61	48	cdy	
Kansas City	60	58	.47	rn
Las Vegas	84	59	clr	
Little Rock	89	72	.22	cdy
Los Angeles	82	63	clr	
Louisville	64	58	.04	cdy
Memphis	85	70	rn	
Miami Beach	86	77	cdy	
Milwaukee	51	41	cdy	
Mpls-St Paul	67	45	cdy	
Nashville	77	68	.59	rn
New Orleans	89	76	.01	cdy
New York City	72	58	.08	clr
Norfolk,Va.	73	70	.45	cdy
North Platte	58	52	.15	rn
Oklahoma City	88	68	cdy	
Omaha	68	54	.06	rn
Orlando	92	70	.25	cdy
Philadelphia	72	57	.15	clr
Phoenix	94	71	clr	
Pittsburgh	67	49	.01	clr
Portland,Maine	65	48	clr	
Portland,Ore.	74	49	cdy	
Providence	71	56	clr	
Raleigh-Durham	80	68	.15	cdy
Rapid City	49	48	.95	rn
Reno	71	39	cdy	
Richmond	61	61	.25	cdy
Sacramento	81	54	cdy	
St Louis	64	62	1.20	cdy
Salt Lake City	66	42	.34	cdy
San Diego	74	64	clr	
San Francisco	73	56	clr	
San Juan,P.R.	89	75	rn	
Santa Fe	69	45	cdy	
St Ste Marie	62	42	clr	
Seattle	66	52	cdy	
Shreveport	89	72	cdy	
Sioux Falls	49	49	.01	rn
Spokane	61	49	.45	cdy
Syracuse	60	40	clr	
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	89	75	cdy	
Topeka	64	63	.55	rn
Tucson	90	61	clr	
Tulsa	90	67	.01	cdy
Washington,D.C.	73	58	2.15	clr
Wichita	78	60	.02	rn
Wilkes-Barre	65	48	cdy	
Wilmington,Del.	71	56	.08	clr

State forecast



Texas temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	95	66	
Alice	96	75	
Amarillo	82	52	
Austin	89	74	
Beaumont	88	71	
Brownsville	90	77	
Childress	91	58	
College Station	90	73	
Corpus Christi	90	76	
Corsicana	88	74	
Cotulla	95	76	
Dalhart	83	55	
Dallas	95	79	
Del Rio	98	72	
Denton	95	76	
El Paso	88	71	
Fort Stockton	93	66	
Fort Worth	93	76	
Galveston	84	77	
Houston Hobby	89	73	
Houston Intrctnl	92	71	
Junction	95	71	
Kingsville	94	76	
Laredo	99	77	
Lubbock	87	57	
Lufkin	91	71	
Marfa	84	54	
McAllen	95	78	
Midland	95	60	
Mineral Wells	97	71	
Navy Corpus	87	79	
Palacios	85	77	
Paris	90	73	
San Angelo	96	69	
San Antonio	91	75	0.01
Shreveport	89	72	
Terrell	89	75	
Texarkana	89	75	
Victoria	90	75	
Waco	90	76	
Wichita Falls	94	69	
Wink	96	60	

TRIBUTE: Speakers remember those who fought

(From 1A)

er turn our back on God. For many years we've placed our trust in God. They would say that our U.S. military officer corps and the enlisted ranks have the highest call to duty and to observe morality; all branches of the service are held to the highest moral integrity. And they would say we don't have to divide ourselves into so many groups. We are already members of one of the most exclusive groups in the world — we are Americans. We divided ourselves once before with disastrous results and we shouldn't do it again."

Also at the American Legion ceremony, the Rev. Jack Duncan, pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Gardendale, told the crowd that the integrity and the stamina of this nation's military and civilian populace rest on three words: protect, defend and God.

"I feel our country is so important and it is so important to maintain our freedom that I feel everyone should serve. For the nation to remain free, we need people who want to keep it free," Duncan said.

He said that God is taken out of so much of the world today, but that "without a real belief in God, the men and women in the service couldn't have taken their oath of service and meant it."

Those who took the oath to protect and defend the Constitution, ending it with "So help me God" — whether they are lying in their graves or are in the service today or are members of the American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars, have been keeping it all along, he said.

At the Permian Basin Vietnam Veterans Memorial, "We stand here for those who can't stand with us," John Philbeck, president of the Permian Basin Vietnam Veterans Memorial Association, told dozens of participants, including veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam and families of veterans.

"What is it we really want to remember when we visit this monument," wondered keynote speaker Mike Barker, himself a Vietnam veteran. "Is it the hate, the anger and resentment, all those emotions those of us who lived through Vietnam felt? Those feelings are a destructive luxury in which we can't let ourselves indulge. We owe better than that to our brothers in the service, to our families."

Memorial Day, he said, is a time to reflect on those who died because they wanted to preserve a way of life and also to express love for those men "with whom we shared the best and worst times of our youth, who didn't come home.

"Many of us have spent years coming to terms with why men had to die, why we had to fight this war, questions only God has the answer to," Barker said of the war, which he said was intended to be a pinprick in the Communists' side and instead "was the stone that almost slew Goliath, becoming the most divisive event in our history since the Civil War."

America, he told the gathering, is the greatest country in the world. But it's not infallible or incorruptible.

"We are a country founded on the most lofty of principles, yet governed by men who can fall far short of those principles. We must preserve this wonderful thing called democracy and save it from those who would subvert it for their own selfish ends.

"We will remind this country that those who died in Vietnam gave everything, not for the politicians but for our way of life," he concluded. "Those of us here today honor those men with the undying promise that we will never let anyone forget who they are or what they did."

NATION: Flooding damage prevents observance

(From 1A)

hard-fought battle stood in the way of Monday's memorial.

At Grand Forks, N.D., where the Red River forced some 45,000 people from their homes last month, no visitors or observances were allowed Monday at Calvary Cemetery because of flood damage. Some graves had collapsed and the force of the water toppled some large stone memorials.

"We want to repair this damage before we allow visitors into the cemetery for fear someone may be injured," said Bob Norman, secretary of the Calvary Cemetery Association.

In Kansas City, Mo., veterans fired a rifle salute during a ceremony at the city's Liberty Memorial.

"It brings back memories of the things you went through, the people you knew, wondering what became of them," said 76-year-old Leo Beeson, who watched the Kansas City ceremony and remembered his two years in the South Pacific during World War II.

Beeson recalled through tears the first night he spent on a dark beach during combat:

"You heard moaning and crying and shelling, but you were in a foxhole and there was nothing you could do."

Navy veterans rode a small boat out into Chesapeake Bay, off Annapolis, Md., to drop a wreath of red and white carnations onto the water in tribute to those who died at sea.

"We experienced the loss of friends. Going through the service, I'm inclined to think of those friends I lost," John Quesenberry, 79, a retired radio man, said on the Chesapeake voyage. "You can't blame the younger generation (for not remembering). You either live through it or you don't."

A ceremony Monday at Dearborn, Mich., honored a Vietnam veteran who had been missing since he was shot down on July 12, 1972. The remains of Air Force Capt. James Huard were returned earlier this year.

"It's hard every time," said Neil Huard, Huard's brother. "Every one of these ceremonies is a difficult experience."

Sacrifice of a different sort was honored Monday in Lubbock, Texas, where the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center paid its annual tribute to people who have donated their bodies to the medical school.

"These are people who have given considerable forethought to what they want to do at their death," Tech spokesman Jim Bob Jones said. "These are our neighbors. These are people next door."

PROGRAM: Christmas in April workshop set

(From 1A)

at Alamo Heights Baptist Church that faith without works is dead.

"If you see somebody who is hungry and naked and tell him, 'Good luck, God bless you, I'll pray for you,' and send him on his way, what good has it done?" he told the class, paraphrasing the Epistle of James.

The following summer, church volunteers fanned out of Alamo Heights to repair gates, fix furnaces and make small repairs on 17 homes.

With help from the YMCA and Human Relations Council, volunteering to fix the homes of disabled or elderly residents had become a springtime ritual.

Christmas in April.

Ten years later, Reader's Digest Editor Trevor Armbrister was stunned to witness 3,000 volunteers spritzing up 84 houses on a single Saturday.

"It was a religious experience for me," said Armbrister, who was skeptical about the program, and why President Reagan had bestowed upon it a volunteer award.

"I had gone to church all my life. And there was love in action."

Armbrister was so moved that he returned to Washington and rallied Christmas in April volunteers. By 1988, a national movement now involving 525 cities, was born.

Midland is to host a workshop, sponsored by Christmas in April USA, Sept. 25 through Sept. 28.

And Trimble, president of Christmas in April, Midland, is today as proud of his southside warehouse as he is of the volunteers and donors who year after year provide living comfort to homeowners like Davis.

"Everything's my special case," says the 67-year-old quartermaster, leading a Labrador puppy through miles of nails, lumber, hardware and cans of "Trimble white," "Midland charcoal" and "CIA gray" paint.

Nothing — not the top-quality doorknobs, not the steel-wrought bathtubs nor the hundreds of rollers — is an inch out of order.

"There's been a lot of love that went into that operation," said Patty Johnson, Christmas in April USA president. "I've been to Midland and seen (Trimble's) warehouse, and was blown out of the water by the sophistication of his operation."

Trimble, she said, deserves credit as a one-man band.

"I think Bobby's dogged determination and willingness to work hard has allowed (Christmas in April) to go."

But Trimble, who works 12 hours a day, six days a week to make his "baby" go, credits "houses, volunteers and money."

"It's one of the things that once you get involved in, you're hooked," said Rick Ricketts, 48, a program "house captain," or superintendent, who has volunteered each April for 21 years.

"I guess it's the idea you're helping people who can't help themselves, and it's something you can see gets results."

Davis, a former cook who bought his home for $3,500 four years ago, was too disabled by diabetes and a bout with meningitis to even begin repairs.

And on an income of $643 a month, he was too poor to afford materials. Though he can drive a golf ball 280 yards two times out of five, he has never been able to afford a lesson, nor a nine-hole round.

Seeing the state of his home, one Christmas in April volunteer asked, "How come we don't just tear this down and buy a new one?"

So in a matter of evenings they had gutted his kitchen, installed new carpet, replaced his roof, tacked on a back porch and finished it off in several shades of shiny gray.

"To see it change from one way to the other, it was mesmerizing," said Dorcas Weatherspoon, 33, who grew up across the street from Davis's southside home. "'Cause every day there was something new — windows, cabinets, bathroom, roof.

"I'm glad to see it gray and not pink," she said. "It looks like him now."

For Davis, the handymen came like angels from heaven.

"(It) has everything to do with the Lord," says the man who attends church each day behind his newly renovated home. "Yes, indeed, it certainly do.

"You isn't even functioning without the Lord."

Christmas in April Chronology

1972 — Midland resident Bobby Trimble leads Sunday school class at Alamo Heights Baptist Church to repair homes of single women.

1973 — Park Center YMCA and Human Relations Council join in to repair the homes of 17 elderly Midland residents.

1974 — Program dubbed "Christmas in April" on account of springtime repairs.

1980 — Christmas in April receives its charter and warehouse.

1981-82 — Trimble, president of CIA, receives the Governor's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service and the President's Volunteer in Action Award.

1983 — A Reader's Digest editor, impressed with the Midland charity, founds a Christmas in April program in Washington, D.C. In Midland, Christmas in April builds Langtry Village, with 85 apartments for low-income residents.

1988 — A national headquarters, Christmas in April USA, was founded in Washington, D.C., with 13 cities participating.

1997 — Volunteers lend a hand for Christmas in April clients in 525 cities and towns. Between 1988 and 1997, 705,000 volunteers rehabilitate 26,800 homes, an estimated value of $162 million.

In Midland, 2,400 volunteers rehabilitate or repair 290 homes. Since 1972, more than 30,000 volunteers have spruce up 3,986 homes of the elderly and disabled, an estimated $500,000 value each year.

Source: Christmas in April, Midland and USA.

Christmas in April will do repairs for homeowners who are:

— elderly, 60 years and older;

— disabled if younger than 60;

— financially unable to make repairs; i.e, receiving Social Security or veterans benefits.

BILL: Point of order could be ruled upon Tuesday

(From 1A)

sion ends June 2.

He said Ms. Shapiro and anti-abortion activists had written a bill filled with inconsistencies and then refused to budge when it came to amending the measure to help it move out of committee.

"You have to look at the Senate sponsor (Shapiro) who was wagging her tongue and pointing her finger and saying the bill had to be passed as is," Wolens said. "The bill, as it came over to the House, was grossly incompetent."

The bill could come up again for consideration in the House Tuesday. At that time, the point of order would be ruled upon by the House parliamentarian. If the point of order is valid, the bill would be dead. If it's not, debate on the bill would begin.

"I think the chances are slim" for the bill, Marchant said.

The bill would require a doctor to notify, but not obtain consent from, a parent or guardian of a girl under 18 before performing an abortion.

The bill would allow a girl to get judicial or physician approval to bypass notification of her parents.

The judge or physician would have to find that a bypass was in the girl's best interest and that she was capable of making the decision on her own. The physician could not be the doctor performing the abortion and could not work in the same office with the doctor performing the abortion.

If parental notice were given, the abortion could proceed after 48 hours, or sooner if parents consented to the abortion in person or by a notarized letter.

The parental notification bill is SB86.

Abortion bill move kills 100 pieces of legislation

AUSTIN (AP) — A vendetta by a conservative lawmaker upset about the apparent death of a parental notification abortion bill killed more than 100 Senate bills pending in the state House late Monday.

Rep. Arlene Wohlgemuth, R-Burleson, raised an objection under House rules known as a "point of order" that nullified further consideration of Senate legislation pending in the House.

Outraged lawmakers looked at Ms. Wohlgemuth in awe, as the realization sank in that thousands of hours spent writing, debating and voting on bills had been wasted.

"This has become a place where people don't respect differing opinions," said Rep. Jessica Farrar, D-Houston, who had just worked out a compromise on a now-dead bill regulating architects. "I'm just damn angry because we worked long and hard on some legislation that was coming up. I feel like Ms. Wohlgemuth feels like her one issue is more important than everyone else's."

The Senate bill backed by Ms. Wohlgemuth remains eligible for debate Tuesday, but a point-of-order free-for-all was expected to kill the bill at that time.

Ms. Wohlgemuth's action killed several key bills, including several initiatives backed by fellow Republican George W. Bush. His push for more charter schools and welfare services provided by faith-based organizations were among them.

Tuesday is the last day for Senate bills to be debated for the first time in the House. The session ends June 2.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

■ Solzhenitsyn leaves hospital

MOSCOW — Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn suffered a minor heart attack, a spokeswoman disclosed Monday after the 78-year-old Nobel laureate left a Moscow hospital.

"Alexander Isayevich is now feeling better and doctors considered his condition stable enough to let him recuperate at home," said Munira Razova of Solzhenitsyn's Russian Public Foundation, a charity that helps former Soviet political prisoners.

She said Solzhenitsyn suffered a minor heart attack but his life wasn't in danger.

Solzhenitsyn entered the cardiac intensive care unit of the Moscow's Central Clinical Hospital with heart trouble on May 12 and was discharged during the weekend, Razova said.

The hospital, reserved for communist leaders during the Soviet era and now catering to top government officials and rich businessmen, has a tradition of secrecy. It has refused to release any information about Solzhenitsyn's condition.

Solzhenitsyn spent eight years in Soviet prisons and camps under Josef Stalin and chronicled the cruel system in his novels and historical works, including "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich," "The First Circle" and "The Gulag Archipelago."

He won the 1970 Nobel Prize in literature. Four years later he was forced into exile, returning to Russia in 1994.

■ Canada seizes U.S. fishing boats

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — The Canadian coast guard has seized three American fishing boats as part of a get-tough policy adopted after salmon treaty talks collapsed.

One boat was seized Monday and two were seized Sunday. The vessels allegedly failed to obey regulations requiring that they report their presence to Canadian authorities and haul in their fishing gear when entering Canadian waters.

Those regulations have been in effect since last year, but had not been enforced until talks broke down last week on how to divide the Pacific salmon catch between the United States and Canada.

Bud Graham of Canada's Fisheries Department said the Janet G. and the Nautilus were apprehended Sunday, and the Four Daughters was taken into custody Monday. The vessels' skippers will appear in court Tuesday.

■ Court rejects WWII compensation

TOKYO — A Japanese court on Monday rejected a South Korean's demand for compensation and an apology from Japan's leading steel maker for forced labor and torture during World War II.

Kim Kyong-sok, 71, had demanded compensation of $86,000, claiming that he was forcibly brought to Japan to work and tortured by company officials and military police at the NKK Corp. plant in 1943.

A Tokyo District Court official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, declined to discuss details of the ruling.

Kyodo News reported that presiding Judge Yomatsu Hinagata concluded that Kim was not forcibly brought to NKK's Kawasaki steel plant in 1942 from Korea, then ruled by Japan.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Congo's new leader bans opposition parties

■ In a move similar to that of Mobutu Sese Seko, rebel leader Laurent Kabila has banned political groups from meeting.

Associated Press

KINSHASA, Congo — The government of President Laurent Kabila on Monday barred political parties from meeting, further undermining confidence in his promises to liberate the country from years of dictatorship.

The move is reminiscent of those imposed by Mobutu Sese Seko, the dictator Kabila ousted eight days ago, and is likely to anger Western nations that had pressed him to introduce democracy.

The announcement, made on national radio, did not say how long the ban on political activity would last or exactly what it entailed.

Kabila had introduced similar bans in other parts of Congo during his seven-month sweep across the country, which culminated in his declaring himself president on May 17. But this is the first peacetime, countrywide ban on opposition party activity.

In the same broadcast, the government announced that soldiers of the ruling Alliance were prohibited from appearing in the streets of Kinshasa without written orders — a response to complaints by some Kinshasans of petty harassment by Alliance soldiers.

The broadcast also repeated earlier bans on public meetings and protest, and called on people holding unregistered weapons to surrender them immediately.

"Any violators will be considered enemies of the liberation of the Congolese people and will be punished to the fullest extent of the law," the radio announcement said.

Earlier, opposition leaders had promised to press ahead with a planned protest.

Dominique Kankonde, a spokesman for the opposition Democratic Union for Social Progress, said a march against Kabila would go ahead Wednesday.

"We weren't afraid of Mobutu, and we're not afraid of Kabila," he said.

There had been speculation that supporters of Democratic Union leader Etienne Tshisekedi — passed over by Kabila in the government he announced Friday — would call a "dead city" strike, which in the past have completely shut down Kinshasa.

'Any violators will be considered enemies of the liberation of the Congolese people and will be punished to the fullest extent of the law.'

— Radio announcement of political crackdown by Congo's new government

But students drifted back to schools and workers returned to their jobs in the capital on Monday, the first work day since the formation of the new government.

A warning broadcast on state television Sunday night said absent workers would be severely punished. It advised government officials and employers to compile lists of employees who appeared at work and those who did not. Few complied.

The restrictions placed on Kabila's soldiers are a response to complaints from Mobutu-era officers who said they have been summarily kicked out of their quarters in military camps. The government announcement Monday said those soldiers should return to their homes and even provided a telephone number to call if they encountered resistance.

Kabila has kept out of sight since taking power. His only public appearance so far was a staged visit Saturday to a hospital where he said for the first time that elections would have to wait until after a two-year transition period.

While Tshisekedi has been denied a spot in Kabila's administration, the opposition leader argues that his movement deserves some of the credit for felling Mobutu with a series of strikes and mostly nonviolent protests.

Kabila has invited two of Tshisekedi's supporters to join his administration. One of them, Justine M'Poyo Kasa-Vubu, said Monday she would accept the post of civil service minister despite Tshisekedi's objections.

Kasa-Vubu's father, Joseph Kasa-Vubu, became Congo's first president after the country's independence from Belgium in 1960. He was deposed by Mobutu five years later. Living in exile in Belgium, his daughter has acted as foreign relations spokesman for Tshisekedi's movement.

Kasa-Vubu said she still considered herself a party member and called Tshisekedi her leader, saying there was still a chance that Tshisekedi would join Kabila's government.

"The government is only partially formed. There will be openings," she said. "Anything is possible."

While Kasa-Vubu made plans to travel to Kinshasa, Finance Minister Mwana Nanga Mawapenga — also a member of Tshisekedi's party — moved into his predecessor's office and met with the top members of the previous ministry.

He said he told them that the corruption that was a hallmark of Mobutu's government would no longer be tolerated. Some officials from the former regime will be fired, he said.

"I have to clean house," Mawapenga said. "It's tough."

Mobutu, meanwhile, who is currently in Morocco, is believed to be planning a move to his villa in southern France, where he has convalesced from prostate cancer.

But French Ambassador Michel Rougagnou circulated a letter among his countrymen living in Congo asking their president, Jacques Chirac, not to grant asylum to Mobutu, his family or generals.

Some French fear reprisals if Mobutu is granted permission to live in France. Two French nationals living in Congo were killed last week by unknown assailants.

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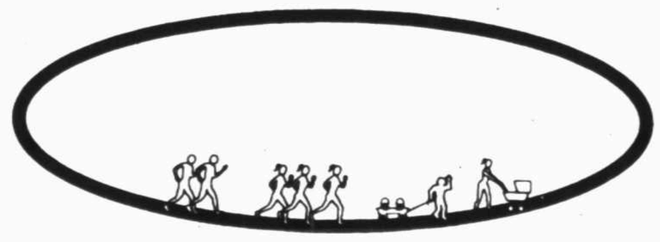

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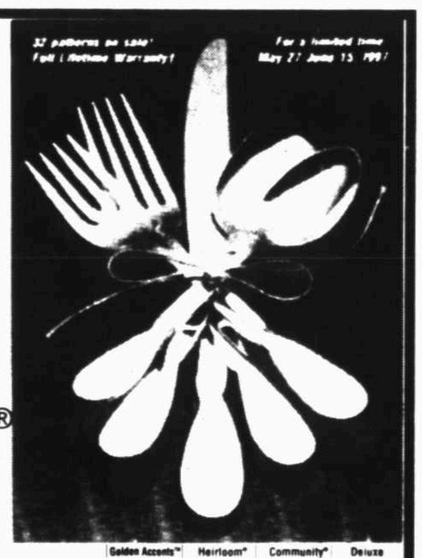

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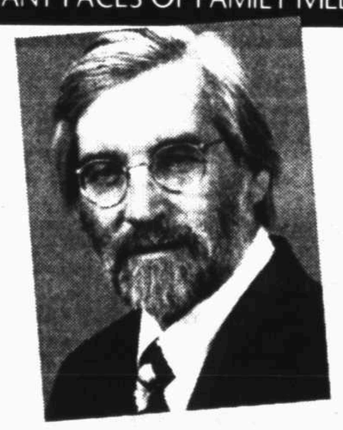

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Iranian election may hold change

The election Saturday of Mohammad Khatami, a moderate cleric, as Iran's next president likely won't mean any drastic change is forthcoming in that country's Islamic fundamentalist bent, say knowledgeable analysts.

But for a country that has been drowning under a tidal wave of fundamentalist fervor since the Islamic revolution of 1979, it represents at least a step away from the stifling control exerted by the ruling mullahs. That has to be viewed as a favorable development.

"This is a protest vote and a referendum," noted Ibrahim Yazdi, head of the outlawed Freedom Movement that wants the ruling mullahs to grant Iranians basic freedoms.

Yazdi said many Iranians are "fed up with the situation."

Their despair was evident in Saturday's voting. Khatami, who had broad support among Iran's youth, won almost three times as many votes as his challenger, Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri in balloting that drew nearly 30 million Iranians.

Although Khatami is not expected to take any drastic steps such as canceling or dramatically relaxing the current restrictions which range from bans on dating and satellite dishes to a strict public dress code for women, he is expected to apply the restrictions with less fervor.

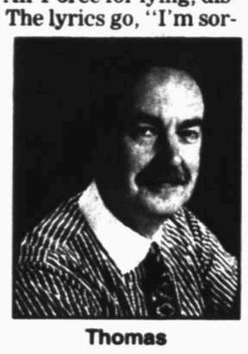
If he does — and if he is able to impress the need for such a relaxation upon others in the Iran Parliament — it could spill over onto that country's relations with other nations, such as the United States.

That could only be positive for this nation and all the others that have sadly watched the long suffering of the Iranian people.

CAL THOMAS

Military last holdout of impeccable standards

Connie Francis should have been called upon to sing her golden oldie hit, "I'm Sorry," for the Lt. Kelly Flinn saga that will end in a few days when Flinn is given a general discharge from the Air Force for lying, disobedience and adultery. The lyrics go, "I'm sorry, so sorry, please accept my apology. But I was unwise, and I was too blind to see....oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh-yeah..."



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Flinn and her lawyer, the appropriately named Frank Spinner, managed to divert attention to Flinn and away from military rules and regulations designed for the benefit of all and the achievement of a mission. In the style of a self-obsessed culture, the public was asked to focus on how Flinn "feels" and on her emotions. The feelings and rights of the wife of the man with whom she had an adulterous relationship are not important. Those who believe the military is the last impediment to their restructuring of society are treating Airman Gayla Zigo the way some treat Paula Jones. Zigo has become the Air Force equivalent of trailer trash, whose rights and expectations of fair treatment mean nothing when there are greater goals to pursue.

Book and movie deals and even a possible commercial airline job for Flinn (United?) are in the works. In the Nineties, commerce has replaced duty, honor, country.

Flinn said she made "mistakes" and "errors in judgment" and that she only wished "that someone in my chain of command would have asked what was happening in my life." Times have changed since I was in the military. My Army drill sergeant once told me that if I was looking for sympathy I wasn't going to find it there. "We don't even have it in the dictionary," he said. He was right. I found a dictionary on base, looked up the word "sympathy" and saw that someone had cut it out.

A New York Times editorial said Flinn should have been offered counseling. The feminization of the military apparently means that fainting couches will need to be supplied along with more traditional gear. The military might eventually be forced to do away with weapons because someone will assert that "war is icky."

Flinn didn't formally apologize, preferring the increasingly popular (and profitable) victim-martyr approach. She was "led down the path of self-destruction and career destruction" by the man she "loved." Gayla Zigo was more to the point. Zigo said when Flinn indicated she wanted to settle down, she didn't think it would be with her husband. There will be no book contract for Zigo and no new career opportunities.

Some definitions are helpful in understanding the attorney-client prose submitted to the Secretary of the Air Force in an attempt to save Flinn's pilot seat. Apology is defined as "a formal justification: defense; excuse; an admission of a formal error or discourtesy accompanied by an expression of regret; a poor substitute." That's not very compelling. It could indicate regret for getting caught.

Contrast the definition of "apology" with the morally purifying definition of "repent": "To turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the amendment of one's life; to feel regret and contrition...." If Kelly Flinn had repented instead of half-heartedly apologizing in a manner that spoke more about herself and her career than about the military and moral laws she violated, there's the possibility she might have fared better. But few in her situation repent today, because no one sins any more. If anyone does anything "'bad" (a relative term), it is because they are "'dysfunctional," or because their parents refused them the dog they wanted as a child.

Virtually every other institution in America has been damaged by members of the self-indulgent baby boom generation, from marriage to the presidency, even Disney. The military has been the final holdout. If the military goes down, what will be left? Oh well, someone can always say they're sorry, issue an apology and make us feel better.

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WILLIAM MURCHISION

Who will decide how much discrimination is OK?

In Texas, the backlash against the backlash against affirmative action is ginning up. Hands are wrung in high places; "progressive" social thinkers View with Alarm.

The hand-wringers imply that the civil rights laws mean, or should mean, the opposite of what they say. In other words, the University of Texas Law School *shouldn't* be forced by the federal courts to disregard race when offering admission. Not when racial neutrality achieves the admission of too few blacks and Hispanics.

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How many is too few? Apparently a number like that which shocked Texas last week: 11 blacks and 33 Hispanics invited at that point, on a racially neutral basis, to join a class of 500. Many more minorities have been admitted in the recent past.

"It's tragic," says UT Law School Dean Mike Sharlot. Not that the old policy of measuring white and minority applicants by different yardsticks was without tragic elements.

The objective of the policy was to produce a more "diverse" student body. To this aspiration, the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, in the Hopwood case, said no; the Supreme Court let that determination stand without comment.

What the law school wanted, and apparently still would relish, was to keep racial discrimination but fine-tune it: twirl some knobs and come out with just the right, socially progressive mix of races. Right according to whom? To the fine-tuners, the experts: whom we can trust — y'know? Who have at heart our best interests, on account of their academic pedigrees and enlarged social consciences.

Alas, the civil rights laws aren't written that way. The laws don't say, let the experts decide for mystical reasons revealed to them alone. The laws say no racial discrimination.

Bless their bleeding hearts, the experts have identified at least half a social problem: the lagging credentials of black and Hispanic applicants. But turning race from a neutral factor into a scale-tipping one won't cut it. Not in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas anyway — the states where, so far, Hopwood exclusively applies.

How we get beyond all this is anyone's guess. Government-decreed "affirmative action" is widely recognized as unjust, and not merely by Ku Kluxers. Look at California's vote last November to shut down state-sponsored discrimination.

The general sense is that a thumb on the scales, benefiting one kind of customer over another, is un-American. As Shelby Steele, the black lawyer-scholar, has written, "Racial preferences, like segregation, are conveniences that have created an ancestral entitlement right in the middle of a democracy and are fundamentally an assault on democratic principles."

Can subjective racial criteria truly be kept out of play? It's hard. A new Texas law intended to address Hopwood's effects requires state colleges to admit all graduates in the top 10 percent of their high school classes. This may work better as a legal defense than as public policy. The valedictorian from an educational wasteland may fare worse in college than the goof-off from a rigorous high school. How kindly is Texas really treating the former?

Well, you see, the experts are taking the bull by the tail, instead of the horns. Infinitely more useful than tinkering with admissions requirements would be a general upgrading of pre-college education — for everybody. How about, for starters, school vouchers?

No less urgently required are social measures (e.g., the phasing out of welfare dependency) that would help rebuild the two-parent family, membership in which continues to predict and underwrite academic success.

Then there's a thing called religion, whereunder the moral equality of God's creatures is firmly premised. Most knob-twirlers prefer the non-spiritual approach: not, let's pray; rather, let's legislate. Well, we legislated, and the legislation recoils on those who misuse it. Maybe some renewed interest in the design of a kingdom grander than Chief Justice Rehnquist's would not, in the end, come amiss.

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ANOTHER VIEW

TV's rating system isn't guiding parents

When even cartoon character Daffy Duck is too violent for America's grade schoolers, it's time to do something about TV, a Peoria woman told a congressional subcommittee at Bradley University May 19.

Like many in the hand-picked crowd, she came not to praise TV, but to bury it — or at least to bury what passes for programming these days. Most are TV watchers and want TV not to vanish, but to do a better job of guiding them through the child-rearing land mines that exist there. The TV ratings system is a start, not a finish.

They get no argument from us.

Much of what's on TV, even during prime time — the so-called "family hour" — is violent, profane and rife with sexual innuendo, if not quite pornography. It's bad for kids. It's bad for American culture. It is not unreasonable to demand that television be, if not quite an ally, then certainly not the enemy, in helping parents raise healthy children. The ratings system, pertaining to some 2,000 hours of programming a day, falls short of giving parents the direction they need.

— Journal Star
Peoria, Ill.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, May 27, the 147th day of 1997. There are 218 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Sixty years ago, on May 27, 1937, the newly completed Golden Gate Bridge connecting San Francisco and Marin County, Calif., was opened to the public.

On this date:

In 1647, the first recorded American execution of a "witch" took place in Massachusetts.

In 1896, 255 people were killed when a tornado struck St. Louis, Mo., and East St. Louis, Ill.

In 1933, Walt Disney's Academy Award-winning animated short "The Three Little Pigs" was released.

In 1935, the Supreme Court struck down the National Industrial Recovery Act.

In 1936, the Cunard liner Queen Mary left England on its maiden voyage.

In 1941, amid rising world tensions, President Roosevelt proclaimed an "unlimited national emergency."

In 1941, the German battleship Bismarck sank off France, with a loss of 2,300 lives.

In 1964, independent India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, died.

In 1977, New York City fined "human fly" George H. Willig $1.10 — one penny for each of the 110 stories of the World Trade Center he scaled the day before.

In 1985, in a brief ceremony in Beijing, representatives of Britain and China exchanged instruments of ratification on the pact returning Hong Kong to the Chinese in 1997.

Ten years ago: The Rev. Jerry Falwell, responding to comments by Jim Bakker, denied hoodwinking Bakker into giving up control of the PTL ministry.

Five years ago: The 12-nation European Community imposed trade sanctions on Serbia to stop its interference in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

One year ago: Russian President Boris Yeltsin negotiated a cease-fire to the war in Chechnya in his first meeting with the rebels' leader.

Today's Birthdays: Novelist Herman Wouk is 82. Actor Christopher Lee is 75. Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is 74. Actress Lee Meriwether is 62. Musician Ramsey Lewis is 62. Actor Louis Gossett Jr. is 61. Country singer Don Williams is 58. Actor Bruce Weitz is 54. Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., is 53. Singer Bruce Cockburn is 52. Singer Siouxsie Sioux (Siouxsie and the Banshees) is 40. Rock musician Eddie Harsch (The Black Crowes) is 40. Rock singer-musician Neil Finn (The Finn Brothers) is 39. Actress Cathy Silvers is 36. Actor Todd Bridges is 32. Rock musician Sean Kinney (Alice In Chains) is 31. Rhythm-and-blues singer Left Eye (TLC) is 26. Rapper Andre (Outkast) is 23.

ANTOHONY LEWIS

Arafat's tight control of region costs him respect

Imagine an American president having the head of C-Span thrown in jail because he broadcast sessions of Congress in which the president was criticized. That is a rough translation of what has just happened in Yasser Arafat's Palestine.

The victim of Arafat's displeasure is Daoud Kuttab, a leading Palestinian journalist. He is being held incommunicado in a prison in Ramallah, in the West Bank.

I have known Kuttab for years, and like other foreign reporters and diplomats I respect him for his courage and honesty. The first concern has to be for his safety. Others imprisoned by the Palestinian Authority have been brutalized, and killed.

But the broader issue is the nature of the Palestinian polity. As President of the Authority, Arafat is intolerant of criticism and intemperate in his disregard for basic standards of freedom. His performance is blighting Palestinian hopes, and the Kuttab case is a telling example.

Kuttab has written unflinchingly about abuses of power by Israeli occupation authorities and by the new Palestinian regime. He was a columnist for Al Quds, an Arabic paper in Jerusalem, until the publisher gave in to an Arafat demand in 1994 and fired him. Last year the Committee to Protect Journalists gave him its International Press Freedom Award for his bravery.

He has been running a project very much like C-Span at an independent broadcasting station, Al Quds Educational Television. It carries live, uncut broadcasts of the Palestinian Legislative Council. The U.S. Agency for International Development provided a $25,000 pilot grant, and it has European support.

The Legislative Council, in its short life, has been remarkably independent of Arafat. Its members frequently criticize corruption in the Authority and abuses of human rights.

The Palestinian on the street could not read about that criticism because Palestinian newspapers were afraid to anger Arafat by printing it. When the verbatim broadcasts started, they attracted a wide audience. People watched through four hours of often prolix sessions.

Soon a curious thing happened. When Al Quds television broadcast a council session where Arafat was criticized, another signal covered the screen with a black rectangle.

The jamming came from the Authority's official Palestinian Broadcasting Company. So Kuttab found when he was invited to check in the PBC control room. He was warned not to say anything.

Last Tuesday, May 21, The Washington Post carried a story about the jamming. That night Kuttab was telephoned by the Ramallah police chief, Col. Firas Ameleh, and asked to come in. He lives in Jerusalem, outside the control of the Authority, but he went anyway — and was arrested.

The next day Kuttab's family tried to find out where he was. So did U.S. consular officers, who inquired because Kuttab is an American citizen. Colonel Ameleh and other Palestinian officials denied for hours that he was under arrest. Finally they admitted he was.

Kuttab's lawyer and the U.S. consul general, Edward Abington, were able to visit him on Wednesday. But the next day his wife and three children were turned away. Ameleh said he had orders from Arafat's office to let no one visit him. Kuttab started a hunger strike in protest.

On what charge was he held? After two days of silence, officials said he would be charged with violating the "journalism law." No one is sure what that means.

The whole affair, with its arbitrariness and mendacity, reeks of the view that it is lese majeste to challenge Arafat. Palestinians deserve better than that. They want democracy. The Legislative Council's spirited criticism of corruption shows that, and so does the public response to Kuttab's legislative broadcasts.

But more is at stake. Such action costs Arafat dearly in the respect he needs to negotiate a viable Palestinian homeland — respect in the world, and in Israel. It is essential for him, as for Palestinian hopes, to release Daoud Kuttab.

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Finance overhaul unlikely before July 4

WASHINGTON (AP) — The most prominent campaign finance bill just got an overhaul, but chances are bleak that Congress will change the way elections are funded by the July 4th deadline proposed by President Clinton.

Prospects after Independence Day are only marginally better for reformers — who may win limited revisions, but not broad changes in the loophole that permits unlimited donations by corporations, unions and wealthy individuals.

Sen. Don Nickles, the assistant majority leader, said his GOP task force on the issue is "trying to put together a bill that we can get passed."

"No one's near to a consensus on anything," said Nickles, R-Okla.

On this the Democrats agree.

"I don't see any real movement that ought to give us any cause for optimism," said Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota.

Nickles said there's no time in the Senate schedule to consider campaign finance changes in June, although minor legislation could be considered.

"Maybe if we take a bite of it and pass a bill that says you can't contribute to campaigns unless you're eligible to vote, that would solve part of the problem," eliminating donations from non-citizens and children, Nickles said.

Clinton said in his State of the Union address in February that he wanted a bill named for its two Senate sponsors — Republican John McCain of Arizona and Democrat Russell Feingold of Wisconsin — on his desk by July 4.

In the House, Democrats tried to force Republican leaders to schedule debate on campaign finance legislation. The effort failed, partly because Republican reformers wouldn't lend support, said Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., co-author of the House version of the McCain-Feingold bill.

"If our side doesn't promise to bring out a bill, there will be enough of us on our side to force a bill to the floor, like we did with the minimum wage," Shays said.

Despite a steady barrage of news stories on campaign fundraising misdeeds, Congress is feeling little public pressure to change the rules.

"It's at the bottom of concerns of almost all constituents, which is why you get such a slow reaction," said Laura Nichols, spokeswoman for House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo.

A key Republican aim is barring unions from using dues for partisan purposes without each member's approval.

"It's inconceivable to me that a Republican Congress would pass any bill that didn't have that provision in it," said Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the most outspoken opponent of limiting campaign spending.

The McCain-Feingold bill, with last week's revisions, would:

- Provide free and reduced-cost television ads and cheaper postage for candidates who abide by voluntary spending limits.
- Ban "soft money," dollars that political parties raise outside the limits imposed on candidates and use to assist candidates in indirect ways, such as get-out-the-vote drives. Soft money includes labor union, wealthy donor and corporate contributions that would be illegal if paid directly to candidates.

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Oklahoma bombing trial stirs memories for witnesses

Associated Press

DENVER — Witnesses describe the horrifying sounds of the federal building crashing down, the screams of co-workers and friends in pain, and the gruesome drip of blood through layers of rubble.

That testimony in Timothy McVeigh's Oklahoma City bombing trial is forcing some survivors and victims' relatives to revisit events they would rather forget.

Rudy Guzman listened to one witness describe how he discovered the body of Guzman's Marine brother, Randy, by seeing the red stripe on his uniform trousers.

"I just got that picture in my mind of Randy's legs sticking out of the rubble," Guzman said from Oklahoma City. "That makes me relive it, think about what Randy went through. I hope to God he didn't go through pain."

As the prosecution wrapped up its case last week, a firefighter testified about the gruesome process of searching for victims after the April 19, 1995, blast. "We were wiping body fluids off our helmets and uniforms," Area Chief Mike Shannon said.

"I think the most difficult thing this morning for me was to listen to the fire chief and, you know, describing the body fluids," said Bud Welch, whose daughter, Julie, was killed in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building's Social Security office.

"This is a real tough thing, as a family member, to listen to," said Welch, who is attending McVeigh's trial. "I know it's important that the jury hear this. But then when the medical examiner was talking about identification, and it's almost like it's counting animals."

For Roy Sells, the testimony evoked thoughts of his wife, Lee, killed in an office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"It was tough to sit through that because I know that my wife was hurt real bad," said Sells, who is also at the trial.

Attendance has been sparser than expected at a 325-seat auditorium in Oklahoma City where survivors and victims may watch the trial on closed-circuit television.

Bombing victims and several Oklahoma congressmen lobbied for the closed-circuit feed because of the costs of traveling to Denver from Oklahoma City. Cameras are generally banned from federal trials, but the special telecast was approved swiftly by Congress and President Clinton.

Survivor Nancy Ingram planned to watch the trial there, but a few visits gave her disturbing dreams.

"I've been quite surprised that the trial would bother me as much as it had," she said.

Many left the auditorium during the first day of testimony, which featured wrenching testimony by Helena Garrett, whose 16-month-old son was killed in the building's day-care center.

"People just left, they didn't want to hear anymore. As soon as they got an opportunity, they got up and walked out," said Connie Schlittler, the head of Project Heartland in Oklahoma City, a federally funded outreach program for bombing survivors.

And some didn't get that far.

"I haven't been going to the closed circuit here," Dan McKinney said in Oklahoma City. His wife, Linda, died in the Secret Service office. "I just can't go. It's just like it happened yesterday to me."

Survivors and family members who have come to Denver to attend the trial in person appear just as fragile.

"There was a lot of tears being shed," Sells said on the day the prosecution rested its case with a morning of hard-to-take testimony.

When court resumes Tuesday after the Memorial Day weekend, McVeigh's attorneys will resume trying to convince jurors that others were involved in the crime, that their client was a dreamer who talked about taking action but never followed through.

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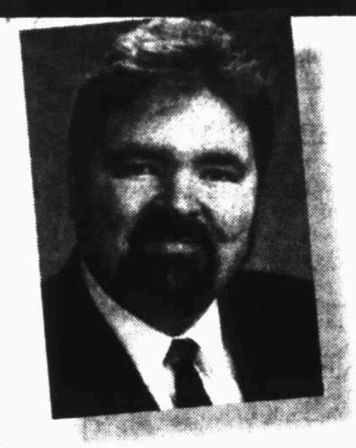

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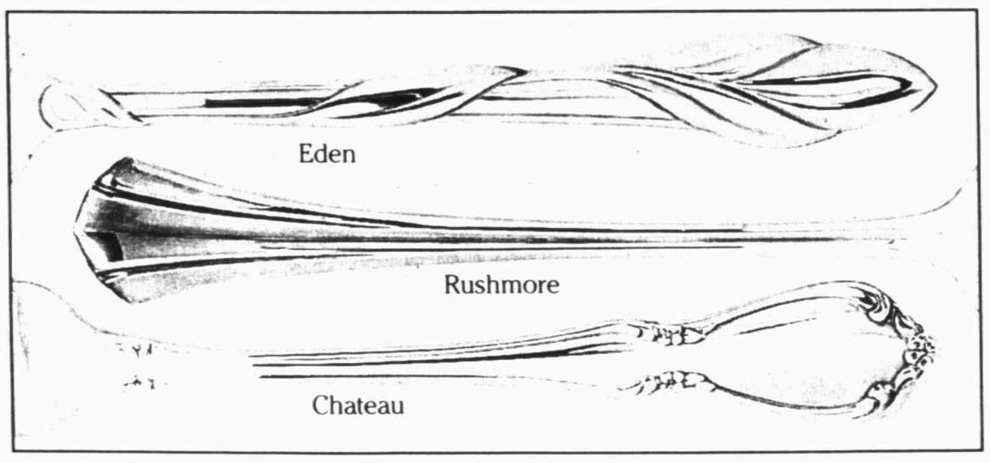

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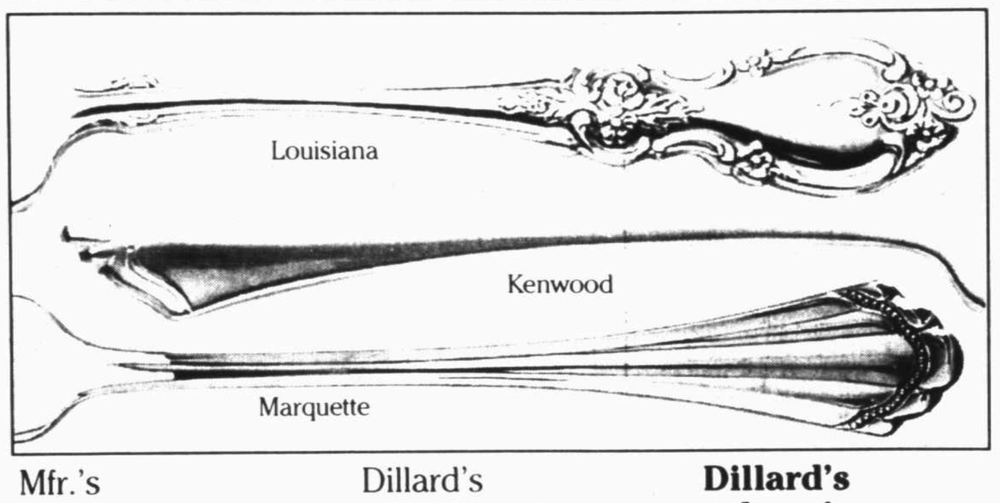

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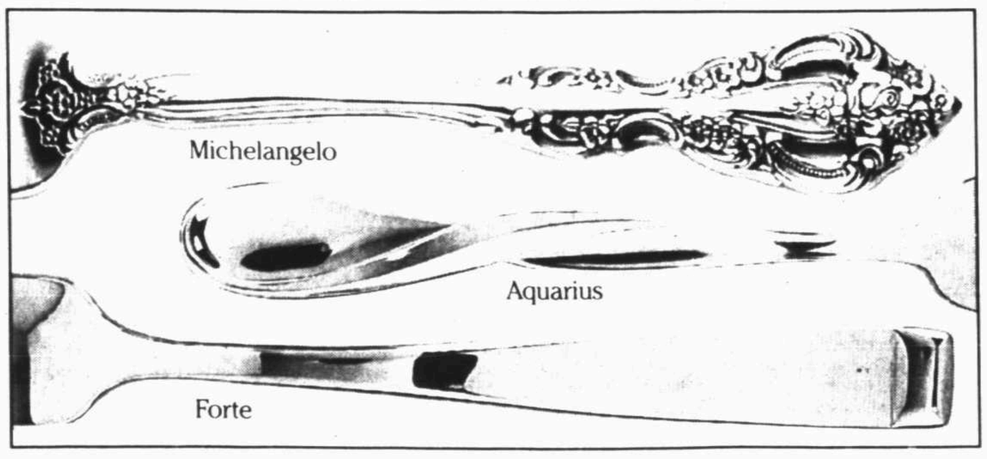

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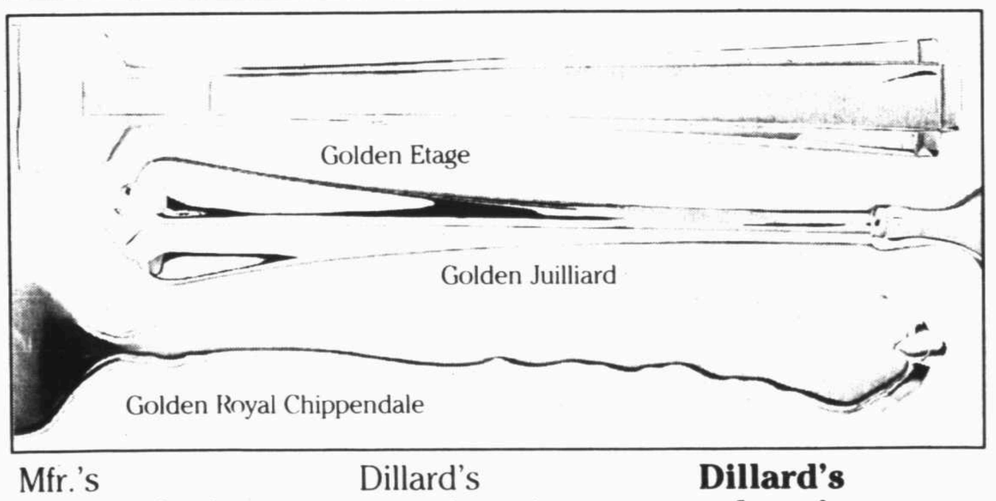

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Changes along route upset many

Green Tree Boulevard residents oppose speeding measures

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Some residents along Green Tree Boulevard are voicing displeasure over a recent move by city officials to reduce the speed limit along that street from 30 mph to 25 mph.

The Midland City Council voted recently to reduce the speed limit on Green Tree between Midland Drive and Holiday Hill Road.

More than a year ago, ceramic plates designed to rattle automobile wheels, called "jiggle bars," were installed along the road in an attempt to slow drivers there, explained Gary Saunders, traffic coordinator for the city of Midland.

It is against state law to place actual, asphalt/macadam speed bumps along city streets, Saunders explained. The jiggle bars are supposedly designed to provide only limited distress to drivers traveling at 30 mph or slower, he said.

"They're used to get the attention of the driver," Saunders said.

There are numerous lines of these ceramic bumps crossing the street along its length.

Between the jiggle bars and the new, strictly enforced speed limit the city is going too far in slowing traffic along this stretch of road, said resident Sharon Petty.

Mrs. Petty and her husband must travel a slow-speed gauntlet of jiggle bars and possible radar traps each time they leave their home. Some regard this as unnecessary and unfair, since none of this existed when they moved to their Green Tree home, she explained.

Saunders has received other complaints from neighbors in the area, won-

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BASIN BRIEFING

You Can Soar! World Wide Flight '97 Update

Pilot Linda Finch and navigator, Peter Cousins, are expected to depart Honolulu today for Oakland, Calif. Her anticipated arrival time in Oakland is between 7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. (CDT) on Wednesday; however, winds and weather can cause delays. Student groups have been reserving space for the arrival. Officials expect more than 5,000 people to be at the Oakland International Airport to see Ms. Finch as she completes her historic re-creation of Amelia Earhart's around-the-world flight.

Early voting

Early voting ends today for the MISD District 3 runoff election, set for Saturday, between Glen Butler and Karen Linebarger. Early voting is scheduled for 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Elections Administration Office, 709 W. Washington Ave. The Midland Independent School District runoff is for all eligible voters in District 3 and not just those who voted in the May 3 election, according to Elections Administrator Pat Eastup. Polls on Saturday are to be at Henderson Elementary School for precincts 101, 101A, 106, 106A and 108 and at Alamo Junior High School for precincts 102 and 103. For more information call 688-1222.

Attention workshop

Skills for Parenting the Attention Deficit Child is to be the topic of a workshop set for 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday at Centers for Children and Families, 1031 Andrews Highway. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 699-4262 by noon Thursday.

TODAY'S AGENDA

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

Sack Lunch/Parent Education Mtg, for answers and information, Alamo library, 12-1 p.m.

Midland Chess Club, 7 p.m., Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital.

Batterers Anonymous Support Group, 6:30-8 p.m., 689-8428.

Battered Women's support group, 6:45 p.m., 683-1300 or 1-800-967-8928.

Tx TOPS Morning Chapter, 8:30 a.m., Grace Presbyterian Church.

Morning Lions Club, 6:45 a.m., Carrows Restaurant, 2201 W. Wall St.

Pop-Up Toasters, 6:30 a.m., Kay Sutton Realtors, 702 Andrews Highway, 694-4271 or 694-3716.

Midland West Rotary Club, noon, Furrs Cafeteria.

Midland Chapter No. 253, OES, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Auxiliary, 8 p.m., at the Aerie Home, behind Rogers Ford, 697-3131.

Licensed Vocational Nurses Assoc., 7:30 a.m., Trinity Towers.

Ranchland Hills Ladies Association, 7 p.m., Couples Bridge, RHCC.

Toastmistress Club 7:30 p.m., Memorial Christian Church.

Golden Park Independent Retirement Community, 3100 W. Kansas Ave., 699-0914; Senior Citizens Brunch, 10:30 a.m.

Midland County Young Democrats, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 3802 Avondale Dr., 684-5548 or 694-4152.

Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Guadalupe, #9215, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall, Cherry Lane & Tyler St.

welfare meeting, 4th tues. only

Midland County Child Welfare Board meeting, 4:30 p.m., Department of Human Services, 2301 N. Big Spring St., 683-5411.

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A Day in the Life of Saul Herrera

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Saul Herrera talks to prospective volunteers at a RSVP meeting in his office Thursday afternoon.

RSVP project director keeps up with volunteers

By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

Saul Herrera's day starts at 6 a.m. Not at work but at home. An avid sports enthusiast, he begins his mornings reading the newspaper, especially the sports section, then tunes into Sport Center on ESPN.

"While all this is going on, I have the radio on — except when Sports Center is on, of course." Herrera smiled. "I wake up with music, and I go to sleep with music."

At 8 a.m., the RSVP project director for Community and Senior Services is at work.

"I love my job," said Herrera, emphasizing each word.

"My job is to recruit and place senior volunteers. We have about 400 volunteers, and we work with 62 local agencies in Midland. We have a job bank that has hundreds of jobs where we have choices for each volunteer. They can come in and look through our job bank and find something that they are qualified for or are interested in doing.

"All the volunteer work that we have is extremely flexible in time and days. A volunteer may choose to work one day a month, one day a week, an hour a month. Whatever he or she chooses is pretty much OK. There are some guidelines, some routines that have to be done at a certain time, but the majority of the volunteer opportunities are very flexible."

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program — RSVP —

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$86.2 billion approved for state budget

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Legislative budget-writers approved a state budget of $86.2 billion Monday to fund education, criminal justice, welfare and other government services over the next two fiscal years.

The measure won unanimous approval from a legislative conference committee and next goes to the full House and Senate for consideration.

A 6.8 percent increase over the previous two-year budget period, it would leave $1 billion on the table to pay for local school property tax relief as called for by Gov. George W. Bush after a more ambitious tax revamp was declared dead.

It includes $32 million for Bush's proposed reading initiative for youngsters, less than half of what he originally sought. It also includes a new higher-education funding formula designed in part to encourage professors to teach undergraduate courses, instead of less-experienced instructors.

The proposed budget would provide a $100 monthly pay raise for state government employees. It would pay for an increase of more than $1,000 a month for the governor, attorney general, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner, comptroller and the three railroad commissioners — all officials elected statewide.

Bush's salary would go from $99,122 to $115,345 annually, although he has said he won't accept the increase. The other officials' salary would go from $79,247 to $92,217.

The lieutenant governor also is elected statewide but is paid the same as state lawmakers, $7,200 annually. That would stay the same under the budget.

Looking at all funds that would pay for the budget, including state and federal money, public education through the high-school level would get an increase of $1.7 billion over the next two fiscal years, or 7.1 percent.

That includes money for increased enrollment, school facilities and the Bush-backed reading program.

Higher education would get $806 million more, a 7.3 percent increase. In a proposal developed with input from university offi-

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Man restores largest Big Spring Hotel

By Johnnye Montgomery

BIG SPRING — What the people of Big Spring once described as Tommy Churchwell's crazy, impossible dream is now looking more and more like a work in progress — the restoration of Big Spring's blighted downtown area.

It started with Big Spring's largest and most devastated structure, the Settles Hotel.

Churchwell, 37, took the first step the day after Thanksgiving last year when he paid his friends Bill and Ronnie Hipp, owners of Quality Glass and Mirror, to put two new windows into the tower of the Settles.

"Bill and Ronnie have been friends of mine for years," said Churchwell, "and I went down to their office on Second Street, where they see the Settles everyday. I said, 'Bill, I've got this idea and I want you to help me. I want you to build me two windows to put in the Settles Hotel.' He really thought I was crazy in the beginning, but I said, 'Look, I really feel that if people could see the difference, they'd be willing to put in $150 (the cost of a window).'"

They began at the top, where the windows would be most visible. With the help of an electric hoist on the outside, a crew from one of Big Spring's incarceration facilities made their way up the tortuous narrow staircase to carry the windows and a collapsible cage to hold them as they worked.

Hipp said once they got the cage design worked out, the rest was relatively easy.

"The installation, once we get the rigging set up, doesn't take but 30 minutes or less. The old wooden sashes themselves are still good. We're making the windows so that they will completely cover the exposed wood and go from brick to brick, for a much nicer appearance.

"It really makes a difference. There have been times when the wind would blow the broken glass down and throw it onto the street. It was a potentially dangerous situation."

Hipp said the installation attracted the attention of passersby, even on the light traffic day they chose.

"We had people coming around, taking pictures."

With the first windows in and a visible statement made, Churchwell swung into action with phase 2 of his plan. He began to solicit sponsorship of other windows.

To date, more than 65 windows have been purchased, and there are more pledges coming in every

Please see **REPAIR**/3B

Man taken into custody after chase with officers

Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

A Midland man was in custody at the Midland County Detention Center Monday evening after a traffic pursuit early Sunday morning.

Juan Dominguez Hernandez has been charged with attempted capital murder of a peace officer. Justice of the Peace David Cobos set his bond at $125,000.

Sgt. Terry Lowe, supervisor of the Midland County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Unit, said the incident began about 3:40 a.m. as a sheriff's deputy was driving home on south Midkiff Road. Hernandez failed to dim the headlights of the vehicle he was driving, the deputy turned around to stop him "and the chase was on," Lowe said.

A trooper from the Texas Department of Public Safety joined the pursuit at County Road 140 and the three ended up stuck in the soft dirt of a plowed cotton field, Lowe said. He said the driver remained in his car with the windows

Please see **RUN**/2B

GARY OTT

Few things more fun than cutting up in back of bus

Ott

The school bus — not the traditional yellow kind, mind you, but rather one of those fancy multi-colored jobs used for transporting high school athletic teams — passed me on the left and almost immediately I could tell many of the riders, especially those huddled together in the rear of the vehicle, were ... well, shall we say, misbehaving.

Thank goodness, some things never change.

Anyone who has ever been a passenger on one of those school-sponsored bus rides knows what I'm talking about.

There is something special about traveling on a team bus, especially when going from one small West Texas town to another late at night, that brings out the juvenile delinquent in all of us.

Suddenly, any common courtesy we were ever taught as children goes flying out the window. It is as though a demon magically seizes control of our actions. We are overcome with a peculiar desire to tell dirty jokes, to pick at — also known as "goosing" — less popular classmates and to make obscene bodily noises (such as placing the right hand in the left armpit and then flapping the left arm like a chicken).

And after visiting with several friends of various ages and backgrounds, it has become increasingly obvious to me that the high school bus trip has remained basically unchanged for the past 50 years. It is a phenomenon that transcends time, place or size of school.

Let me show you what I'm talking about.

The first thing to remember, of course, is that the ride to the event is quite different from the return trip. That's because on the way to the game site the typical young student-athlete is much too busy putting on his "game face" to act naughty. He puts himself in a trance and spends most of the trip staring out the window and saying nothing to his teammates

But on that ride home ... watch out. All hell is about to break loose.

And it is always the same.

The bus's interior lights are off, the driver has set the speed at 55 mph, the coach — crewcut and all — is seated on the front row, the nerdy-type guys — mostly underclassmen who bring their homework with them — take up most of the seats near the front of the bus and the really "cool" players — guys like you and me — are all situated in the back three or four rows.

So the stage is set.

But there is one thing that must be noted here ... the outcome of the game. If your team lost the coach will be in a terribly foul mood, meaning you will have to be sneaky and attempt to disguise your antics.

But, if you won the game ... then, hey anything goes. Let the party begin.

But for the sake of this column, let's focus on the former ... misbehaving after losing a big game and not get-

Please see **OTT**/2B

Police Reports

Midland Police Department Monday

Burglary of a business: Five candy and gum dispensers were taken from Lamesa Cafe, 1109 E. Front St. It was reported at 4:58 a.m. Entry was made by breaking out a plexiglass door.

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Burglary of a residence: Pamela Shelton, 408 S. Adams St., reported at 3:40 a.m. her home was broken into by someone known to her. Nothing was taken; entry was made through a rear window.

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Burglary of a vehicle: A cellular phone was taken from a vehicle at 3500 W. Wadley Ave. It was reported by John Koonce at 2:59 a.m.

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Burglary of a vehicle: Royce Gibson reported a cellular phone was taken from a vehicle at 3100 Caldera Blvd. It was reported at 1:41 p.m.

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

RUN: Man charged with attempted capital murder of a peace officer

(From 1B)

up and doors locked. At one point the trooper kicked in the driver's side window and attempted to remove the keys.

Lowe said that "once he (Hernandez) got some traction, he headed for the trooper and deputy."

The trooper fired his gun at the car, deflating three tires but Hernandez continued to drive on for about 100 feet and then fled on foot.

A DPS helicopter and the K-9 unit from the Midland Police Department were called to the scene to search for the driver.

Lowe said Hernandez came to the office later Sunday afternoon to talk about the incident and officers then obtained a warrant for his arrest.

OTT: Onboard antics more likely to succeed when team wins game

(From 1B)

ting caught by your angry coach who is just looking for an excuse to beat the living daylights out of you little spineless wimps who embarrassed him on the field of ... well, you get the idea.

The man is furious and in no mood to put up with any foolishness.

So the cat-and-mouse games begin. It is you against the coach.

The one thing you've got going for you, though, is the darkness. The coach can HEAR the ruckus coming from the back of the bus, but he can't SEE who is causing it.

So he can't PROVE who the culprit is.

But that won't stop him from trying.

And like you, he can be sneaky.

Out of the clear blue, he will order the driver to flip on the lights.

But you're too quick for that. By the time his eyes adjust to the light, you are back in your seat looking like an innocent choir boy.

And once the lights go off, you quickly launch into your traditional "right hand in the left armpit" trick. The resulting noise, of course, causes laughter to erupt throughout the bus.

The lights come back on.

You are caught giggling.

The coach confronts you and demands to know who the instigator is.

You bow your head slightly, take a deep breath and ... point to the guy in the third row.

Hey, that's what nerdy underclassmen are for.

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Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

DRIVE: Jiggle bars, 25 mph limit draw fire from boulevard dwellers

(From 1B)

dering why the 25 mph limit was established on a four-lane road with a divided median and an extra-wide right lane on both sides to protect the many walkers, golf carts and joggers in the neighborhood.

"That's just crazy; there's no justification for that," Mrs. Petty said.

"I think it's really overkill," she said.

Both Saunders and City Manager Mike McGregor said residents in the neighborhood provided much of the impetus behind the speed-limit reduction, with many more complaints received about speeding vehicles than about the reduced limit.

Off-duty police officers working at the Green Tree Country Club also alerted city officials to the speeding problem along the boulevard, resulting in a traffic study being initiated.

In one day in May 1995, speed detectors were laid out along Green Tree Boulevard for a 24-hour period.

Along the main stretch of the road, the speed of 2,067 passing cars were logged.

Most vehicles — 1,827 — were being driven below 40 mph through the area.

During the testing, 180 vehicles passed at between 40 and 45 mph, and 22 drivers were going between 45 and 50 mph, according to the study.

Twenty-nine drivers went through the area at 50-55 mph. Five vehicles were driven between 60 and 65 mph along the street.

One driver motored through the area at 70-75 mph and a final lead-footed motorist was found to be driving between 75 and 80 mph on that day, the study showed.

The jiggle bars were put in some time later, but residents continued to complain about the speeds of some drivers, Saunders said.

The Pettys, and others along the street complain that dealing with this speeding problem does not warrant the reduced speed limit.

"Why didn't they just enforce the 30 mile-per-hour speed limit?" Mrs. Petty said. "We don't even have a school over here," she pointed out.

This 25 mph limit has been established in other problem areas in the city, Saunders said. Among these are Ventura Avenue near Windlands Park, in the Polo Park area and along Crestgate Avenue near Midland Drive, he said.

STATE: Budget moves on for final Senate, House approval

(From 1B)

cials, it would reduce the number of funding formulas and use them to promote certain priorities.

For example, backers have said, a university now loses money if it puts a professor in the classroom because funding formulas are based on an average salary of graduate students and professors. The budget proposal would give universities a bonus if they have a professor teaching.

Among other areas, the proposal provides for an increase of $1 billion, or 4.2 percent for health and human services; an additional $58 million for the judiciary, or 21.4 percent; $353 million more for public safety and criminal justice, or 5.3 percent; and $505.3 million, or 5.2 percent, for business and economic development.

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The budget bill is HB1.

OBITUARIES

Valente Ochoa

Services for Valente A. Ochoa, will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Born May 21, 1928, in San Elisario, he had lived in Midland for the past 35 years.

He died Sunday morning at his home after a lengthy illness.

Survivors include his wife, Victoria Ochoa; four sons, Raul, Alfonso, Sergio and Joel Ochoa all of Midland; six daughters, Enedia Ruiz of Arizona, Elva Gonzalez of Odessa, Cruz Nieto, Andrea Ochoa, Mary Esquivel and Angela "Chela" Barela, all of Midland; five brothers; one sister; 25 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Junior Gonzales, Johnny Esquivel, Don Barela III, Marcus Dominguez, Edward Ochoa, Miguel Nieto Jr. and Raul Ruiz.

Cleo Lucas

Cleo Lucas was born Dec. 30, 1916, in Runnels County to Charles Edgar Branham and Annie Laura Hill. On Nov. 26, 1931, she married Jimmy Travis Lucas. They farmed in Runnels County until 1946 when they moved to Greenwood. They continued farming and livestock ranching for about 30 years. Mrs. Lucas was employed several years at the livestock auction. She was a homemaker and a member of the Greenwood Baptist Church where she taught the beginners and primary Sunday school classes and worked in the nursery. In the past, she was a talented seamstress and used her skills to help needy families.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Jo Johnson; a granddaughter, Deborah Ewen Barnes and a brother, Weldon "Jiggs" Branham.

Survivors include two daughters, Peggy Howard and her husband, Bobby, and Pat McMurry and her husband, Dale; one son, Jimmy Lucas and his wife Joyce, all of Midland; two brothers, Bob Branham of Moran and Dan Branham of Monahans; 10 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Lucas died Sunday, May 25, 1997, at a Midland hospital, following a brief illness.

Funeral services are set for 11 a.m. Tuesday at Greenwood Baptist Church with Rev. Wayman Swopes officiating. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to Greenwood Baptist Church Building Fund or Greenwood Cemetery Association, 10908 FM 307 Midland 79706.

Pallbearers are her grandsons: Travis Burrow, Dwain Howard, Danny Howard, David Lucas and Teddy McMurry.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

Death Notices

Juan Sanchez

Juan Angel Sanchez, infant son of Midlanders Hector and Francis Sanchez, died Sunday, May 25, at an Odessa hospital.

Graveside services are to be 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 28, at Fairview Cemetery with Tom Burke officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Juan was born May 16, in Odessa.

Other survivors include two brothers, Hector M. Sanchez and Marco A. Sanchez, both of Midland; his maternal grandparents, Chris and Vickie Ybarra of Midland; his paternal grandparents, Antonio and Rosa Mata of Midland; and his two great-grandmothers, Rosina Martinez of Juarez, Mexico, and Dominga Ybarra of Midland.

Joseph Downs

ANDREWS — Joseph "Buddy" Downs, 82, of Andrews died at an Andrews nursing home Sunday, May 25.

Graveside services are to be 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 28, at Andrews Old Cemetery with the Rev. Lance Baker officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of McNett Funeral Home in Andrews.

Downs was born in Gillette, Ark., Oct. 9, 1914.

He married Jewel Catherine Ellison on July 24, 1937, in Dewitt Ark. They moved to Andrews in 1956. He was a retired farmer.

He was preceded in death by his wife on April 18, 1972.

Survivors include three sons, Joe Downs of Samoa Calif., Robert Downs of Andrews and Robin Downs of Midland; three daughters, Margaret Stalnaker of Ridgecrest, Calif., Carol Ann Hamrick of Houston and Jeannie Hall of Spokane, Wash.; two sisters, Pearl Downs of Little Rock, Ark. and Florence Clem of Florida; 11 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Mary Smith

ARDMORE, Okla. — Mary L. Smith, 90, of Ardmore, Okla., mother of Midlander Earl C. Smith, died Friday, May 23, at her residence.

Services are to be 2:30 p.m. today, May 27, at Clement-Keel Funeral Home Chapel in Ardmore. Burial is to follow at New Rest Haven Cemetery under the direction of Clement-Keel Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 18, 1906, in Bower, Okla.

She married Clarence Monroe Smith on May 8, 1922, in Tulsa, Okla. She was a homemaker and a member of Calvary Baptist Church of Gainesville.

She was preceded in death by her husband; two daughters, Edna Trammell in July 1996 and Helen Garrett in November 1991; a brother, Olen Coley in July 1981; a sister, Della Tate in December 1996; two grandsons and a nephew.

Other survivors include a daughter, Sylvia J. Earhart; another son, Roy C. Smith of Goldsmith; one brother, Dock Young of Norman Okla.; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-great grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; 20 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Edith Taylor

Edith Irene "Renie" Duke Taylor died Monday, May 26, at a local hospital.

Services are to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 29, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Duane Permenter officiating. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born May 29, 1917, in in Leonard, Okla,

She married A.B. Taylor Dec. 22, 1935, in Haskell, Okla. They moved to Midland in 1936. She was a homemaker and a member of the Hughes Street Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Duke.

Survivors include her husband of Midland; four daughters, Betty McKinney and Sharon Baze, both of Midland, Patricia Todd of Springtown and Vickie Turner of The Woodlands; three sons, Harold Taylor, Edwin Taylor and Ricky Taylor, all of Midland, 32 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

John Martin

Services for John Hayden Martin, 23 months old, are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

John died Monday, May 26, at a local hospital.

DAY: Midlander gave up art for volunteer's life

(From 1B)

is, Herrera said, "A national program that's part of the Corporation for National Service, and it is designed to recruit and place persons 55 years of age and older in community needs."

Herrera finds the volunteers he works with to be "an incredibly great group of people.

"Each volunteer is completely different from another. Some come in because they have a lot of free time available; others because they have a need that they want to get fulfilled. It may be the fact that they want to be needed, or they want to be of service to their community."

Herrera chuckled as he recalled the reason one volunteer cited for his involvement in the program.

"One of my very first volunteers was interviewed by a local television station, and he was volunteering for the Recording Library for the Blind. They asked him the question, 'Why do you volunteer?' And we were expecting some answer like, 'I like to do this for my community.' 'I like to do this because I feel appreciated.'

"But his answer was 'Because my wife told me to get out of the house. I was getting in her way.'

"That volunteer ended up volunteering for three other agencies on top of that. So, it was more than that answer. He thoroughly enjoyed what he was doing."

Herrera also volunteers his time and serves on three boards — Casa de Amigos, Centers for Children and Families, and Olsten Health Services. In addition, Herrera is a telephone-reassurance volunteer for Community and Senior Services, which is a United Way agency.

Although Herrera claims he's not an avid reader and doesn't have a favorite book, he is a Need-to-Read volunteer.

"Isn't that strange?" He laughed.

Currently, Herrera is involved with RSVP's annual fund-raiser. Not surprisingly, the event has a sports theme.

"Right now, basically all my time is being devoted to RSVP Golf Classic — a golf tournament June 26 at Mission Dorado Country Club. It's our only fund-raiser of the year. The proceeds are going to the RSVP Program and to another program called the Southeast After School Program Partnership for Youth Development."

The program, which is sponsored by RSVP and Community and Senior Services and is offered after school Monday through Thursday, is "set up in southeast Midland," Herrera said. "It's a program to offer tutoring, mentoring, culture, classes to the youth in that area."

Herrera began with Community and Senior Services three years ago as a volunteer coordinator and was recently promoted to the position of director.

"I bound from one thing to another," Herrera said of an average day at work. "I don't really have one set thing I do. I may start working on golf, then get a volunteer to walk in, have a question about a job or change a job, or (the volunteer) just may want to visit. Things have to be altered for that.

"And, of course, reports. Volunteer hour reports. And I update files for volunteers, change of address, change of jobs." Herrera paused, then smiled. "I'm really into what I do here."

His career path isn't exactly the one he set out to achieve when he was in high school.

"I drew when I was in high school," Herrera said. "I was going to major in it in college. I went to (Texas) Tech. I was intimidated by the art students who were already there."

Herrera, who had attended Midland College but hadn't studied art since high school, made a trip to Lubbock to the art department at the university. He looked at the drawings and paintings there and decided, "'I will never reach this level. If I can't reach this level, what makes me think I can ever make a living at it.' So I kind of came back down to earth."

When he returned home and announced to his parents his change in plans, Herrera said they asked, "What happened to art?" He sidestepped the question by replying, "We're going to go into radio and TV."

Herrera said, "Nobody really knows" what fueled his decision to not major in art. "I guess that's the reason I haven't picked up a pad since then. I don't know if I can draw as good as I used to draw. What's that old saying — once you learn something, you don't ever forget it. Hopefully, this is true."

He selected communications, a field he was already studying, for his major.

"It was what I needed to be doing," Herrera said of majoring in communications at Texas Tech. "Basically I have a real interest in radio and television, and originally my goal was to be a sportscaster.

"Of course, that hasn't materialized either, but I still have not ruled that out. Someday, that I might achieve that. You're never too old to do something you truly want to do."

At a Glance: Saul Herrera

Birthplace: Midland, Nov. 4, 1959.

Hobbies: Hobbies, um, I guess working out is my hobby. You can call it a hobby. It's a hobby, isn't it? I used to draw, but I don't draw anymore. I kind of lost interest in it. I was real good at it, and I don't want to start something that I don't think I can do as good as I used to. Eventually, I'll do it again someday.

Favorite book: I'm not a reader. I don't think I have a favorite book. I really don't have a whole lot of time to read. That's bad because reading is important.

Favorite movie: Oh, "And Justice for All," Al Pacino. This is an old movie, probably late '60s early '70s. He's an attorney in this movie. It's really good.

Favorite Entertainer: Actor Al Pacino. That's my favorite. Clint Eastwood. There's a ton of others, but I can't name them all.

Favorite food: It's called cabrito. Barbecued goat. I don't get it very often, but it's my favorite food.

If I could go anywhere n the world I would: Go to Tokyo. Don't ask me why, I have no idea why. It's supposedly the largest city in the world — probably that.

Favorite vacation spot: That's easy. Las Vegas. My favorite. I'm there next month. I love to gamble. I like the excitement, the bright lights, the fact that you can go there and not worry about little problems that you may have back home. People are more carefree with the things that they are doing, their money or whatever. I always use this phrase, "I'm like a kid in a candy store" when I get to Vegas. I get all excited. It's my city.

If I could change anything about myself, I would: Change my size. I'd like to be about 6 (-foot-) 4, 250 pounds. I used that one time when I was doing a radio show at Tech. I had a call-in show. Kids calling in: 'What do you look like?' Oh, about 6 (-foot-) 4, 250. That's the neat thing about radio. You can be something that you're not.

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DEAR ABBY

Embassies are there to help troubled travelers

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I was very sorry to read of the tribulations of Judy Prince and her husband on their European vacation. I hope she and Mr. Prince have fully recovered from their ordeal, and that Mr. Prince's hip is now mended.

Van Buren

I would like to ask you to inform your readers that consular officers at U.S. embassies and consulates, and consular agents, are there to help Americans who encounter emergencies while they are out of the country. Consular officers provide assistance to Americans in need, such as those who have been robbed, are destitute or ill, have been arrested, or who are the victims of a disaster.

Consular officers overseas have lists of local doctors who speak English. In emergencies we can help locate family or friends in the United States who would be willing to send funds, or contact the traveler's bank to arrange for a transfer from their account. When necessary, we can assist in arranging the return of the ill or injured American to the United States by commercial carrier. However, payment of hospital and other expenses is the responsibility of the traveler.

Before going abroad, travelers should inquire what medical services their health insurance will cover outside the U.S. Although some companies will pay customary and reasonable hospital costs abroad, very few will pay for medical evacuation back to the United States, which can easily cost upward of $10,000. Travelers may want to consider obtaining special travel insurance for a minimal fee to cover such emergencies.

Travelers can find a complete set of Department of State, Bureau of Consular Affairs publications (including the flier "Medical Information for Americans Traveling Abroad") to help them plan a safe trip abroad on our Internet Web site at http://travel.state.gov/ or by automatic fax at 1-202-647-3000. Country-specific information is also available by voice recording at 1-202-647-5225. — RUTH A. DAVIS, PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, OFFICE OF OVERSEAS CITIZENS SERVICES, U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT

DEAR MS. DAVIS: I'm sure that many of my readers who will be traveling out of the country in the coming months will be grateful for this valuable information. Travelers can vacation with complete peace of mind if they plan in advance for possible emergencies by contacting the Office of Overseas Citizens Services and their insurance brokers before they go. Thank you for the reminder.

DEAR ABBY: I am a gynecologist. Recently one of my patients came to my office for a physical examination.

During the examination, I discovered a major blockage of the carotid artery in her neck. I convinced her to go to a vascular surgeon. She then had a successful surgery, which prevented the likelihood of a major stroke.

Before her surgery, someone on the evaluation team asked, "Who found your neck lesion?"

She replied, "My gynecologist."

Someone else asked, "What in the world was a gynecologist doing up there?" Everyone, including my patient, broke into laughter. — EUGENE R. ODOU, M.D.

DEAR DR. ODOU: That's such a good question, I decided to telephone an expert — you — to get an answer. I was intrigued when you told me that your mother had a similar carotid blockage, which made you aware of such problems.

As you put it, "I'm a good old-fashioned doctor, although semi-retired, and a good doctor is concerned with the entire patient, not just one part!"

I couldn't agree more.

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Senate approves equity lending

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposed constitutional amendment that would allow Texans to borrow against the equity in their homes has been approved 22-7 by the Senate.

The House, which earlier approved a version of the measure, will now review Senate changes. If both chambers agree, it will go before voters.

Texas is the only state that doesn't allow general home equity lending. The state Constitution allows home equity loans only to pay for taxes or home improvements, in a provision meant to protect Texans from losing their homes in bad economic times.

Under the measure, a homeowner's total debt — including original and second mortgages — couldn't be more than 80 percent of the home's value. First mortgages could continue to be as high as lenders are willing to put up. The percentage is 5 percent higher than the House-approved version.

REPAIR: Things looking up for Settles Hotel

(From 1B)

week. But the work is just beginning. With about 300 windows in place at the Settles, the cost for replacement will run to about $45,000.

Churchwell said serious consideration had been given to demolishing the Settles.

"We've had estimates to tear it down for about $1 million. Someone checked into imploding the building and that's not an option because the water and sewer lines downtown are really old, and that kind of jolt would destroy those. So given that scenario, they would have to tear it down with a wrecking ball, and take it down a brick at a time and haul it off. You might do it for a half million to a million, but then you'd have nothing but a parking lot.

"A million bucks for a parking lot is not an option. If you take that same $500,000 to $1 million and renovate the bottom floors, you have something you can use. There's a nice ballroom, and there could be meetings rooms, offices. Several people have expressed interest in being downtown.

"I have nothing to gain from this, except that I think image is important, and if you take the largest structure downtown and make it look better, then all the smaller projects around it have a chance.

"Everybody knows where the Settles Hotel is, and everybody would be able to find your business. I think you could renovate the bottom floor, and as time goes on, other options may become available. There may be opportunities to renovate the upstairs rooms for hotel rooms — certainly for apartment dwellings, and there would be a great place to put a restaurant in the top.

"It would be beautiful. All it needs is people with a little vision and money to make that happen.

"So putting in windows is just buying us some time, to stop the deterioration and to show people what can be done."

Churchwell has written letters to the editor of the Big Spring Herald, collared friends and business associates, and is not shy about a friendly solicitation of sponsorship from casual strangers.

"To me, 'no' means 'not right now.' Lots of people have said they would buy windows, but we just haven't gotten around to calling them and saying 'Write your check.' If someone says 'I would buy one, but I don't have $150,' then I suggest that they get together with their neighbors. It would make a great family or block project.

"Just about everyone 50 and over has a memory of some turning point in their life connected with the Settles. I'm not 50, but I remember when I was 11, and our Little League baseball team went to state. When we came home, the American Business Club (ABC Club) had our team meet with them in the Settles ballroom for a celebration.

"My dad came back from Japan after World War II and rode a bus three days to Big Spring, where he met my mother in the Settles Hotel, and they got married and spent the night there. Everybody has a memory.

"But I'm not living in the past. Big Spring is the oasis of West Texas. It's a unique place, with lakes in the city limits and lakes just outside the city limits, and a wonderful hilly golf course and a great state park with facilities on top that most people don't even know about. We have a lot of manufacturing. We have a symphony. We're a neat place. We're a progressive town, but sometimes people don't understand how important image is."

Or, maybe they do. The Big Spring Herald has espoused the project editorially, and two weeks ago Churchwell said the city, which owns the hotel, had announced plans to start work on renovating the bottom two floors for office space.

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This year, you are unusually alluring and attractive. You are highly sought after, and are in the social whirlwind. Your ability to discuss what you want is key to success. Sometimes you are overly serious. You need to spend time alone, working or studying. You gain professionally from this studiousness. An opportunity for travel is also likely. If you are single, a new relationship is possible. It could be a totally new experience for you. If attached, plan a special trip together. You bond even more when you let yourselves be vulnerable. AQUARIUS helps you see new insights.

BORN TODAY
Ambassador Henry Kissinger (1923), actress Lee Merriwether (1935), writer Herman Wouk (1915)

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You start the day out of kilter. If you concentrate on the goals at hand, you will go into cruise control and accomplish a lot. Before you know it, everything runs smoothly. Tonight: Make plans with friends.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You are overwhelmed by what is going on. A boss is putting additional pressure on you. You are out of whack this morning. A disagreement might have to do with you. Focus on work, and you'll be OK. Later on, your instincts are right on. Tonight: Go out with co-workers.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You are high-strung. Be direct, and know your limits. You overreact to morning news. Pursue long-term desires. You see many ways to make a reality possible. Return calls. Your charm eases all tension. Tonight: Go to the movies.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ One-to-one relating is key to understanding what ails a partner or friend. A boss may feel his hands are tied. You succeed because of your willingness to listen. Honor what is going on with another. Discussing your feelings further bonds the relationship. Tonight: Enjoy a little romance.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Defer to another. Recognize what is going on this morning with a difficult, demanding boss. Check out what is happening behind the scenes. Higher-ups might be hearing odd rumors. Your relating skills help bring greater happiness to you and another. Tonight: Be agreeable.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Get into tasks, despite morning problems. You will level out doing your work and relaxing. You see events with new perspective and insight. Carefully think through a decision that involves finances and an agreement. A boss smiles on you. Tonight: Work late.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ A money issue with a partner is a source of discomfort. Consider what is behind the demand. You understand a problem differently. Detach, and see the big picture. You are overwhelmed by what a partner spews. Be open and charming. Tonight: Make yourself feel good.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Pressure is intense. You are not in touch with what you need to do. You are out of sorts with a partner. Maintain a sense of humor with others. Your smile breeds goodwill by the end of the day. Stay mum. Tonight: Enjoy a quiet night at home.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Discussions are active and bring a new perspective. Make calls, and rearrange your schedule if you are on overload. Your attempt to take risks might be stymied. There is more than one way of looking at a situation. A partner is adoring. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Concern with funds is justified after this morning's news. Avoid risks, and stay centered on what works for you. Make building security your prime objective. Pace yourself, and get as much done as possible. Do not make a decision just yet. Tonight: Order in.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ A family member has another point of view. How you understand what is happening is different. A conversation is serious; you might not know what to say. But the twinkle in your eyes says a lot more. A relationship fills with newness. Tonight: Enjoy life.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★ Determination is key to resolving a misunderstanding. Change plans, and revamp your schedule. You might not feel you have much to offer. A family member helps you ease the pressure. Recognize your goals and long-term needs. Tonight: Vanish with a smile.

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WATCH THOSE SPOTS

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

	NORTH ♠ Q 5 ♡ A K Q 2 ◇ 10 9 2 ♣ 8 7 6 2	
WEST ♠ K 10 8 6 2 ♡ J 9 8 6 ◇ 8 7 ♣ A 5		EAST ♠ 9 7 4 ♡ 7 3 ◇ K J 5 3 ♣ K 10 9 3
	SOUTH ♠ A J 3 ♡ 10 5 4 ◇ A Q 6 4 ♣ Q J 4	

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	1♠	2♡	2♠
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Six of ♠

Study the diagram above. After the lead of a low spade, which nine tricks did South collect to bring home the three-no-trump contract?

Modern bidders would employ a negative double with the North hand after West's one-spade overcall. However, the final contract and opening lead would probably have been the same. Go to the head of the class if you decided that South's nine tricks consisted of two spades, three hearts and four diamonds!

Declarer won the opening lead in dummy with the queen and immediately led the ten of diamonds, intending to run it if East followed with a low card. But East covered with the jack, declarer successfully finessed the queen and noted the fall of the seven from West.

The table was re-entered with a heart and the nine of diamonds was advanced. East again covered, and the ace captured the king as West followed with the eight. It was obvious to declarer that West would never have parted with those two cards holding another diamond, so the 6-4 of diamonds were poised over East's 5 3. The remaining high hearts were cashed in case the suit broke evenly but, when it did not, declarer led the board's two of diamonds and confidently finessed the four for the ninth trick.

Observe that the contract can be defeated if declarer goes after clubs. East can rise with the king of the first lead of the suit and return a spade, and the defenders will come to two club tricks and three spades if declarer perseveres with clubs.

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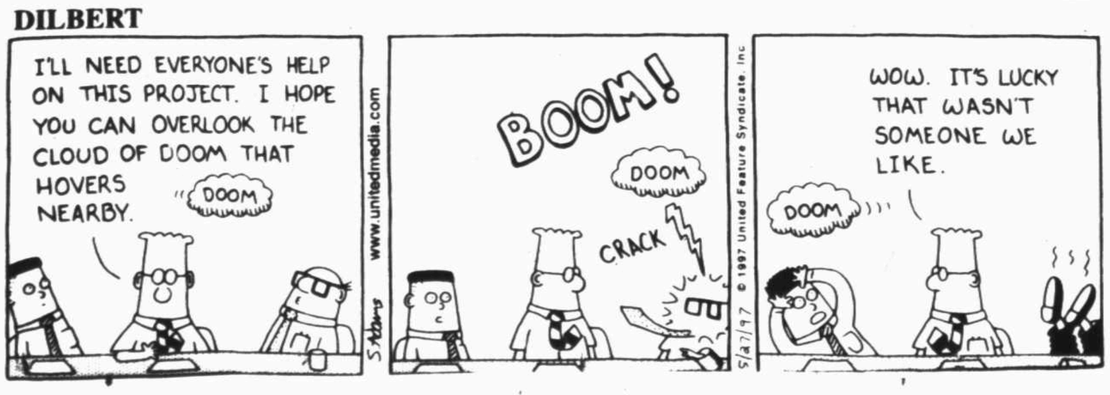

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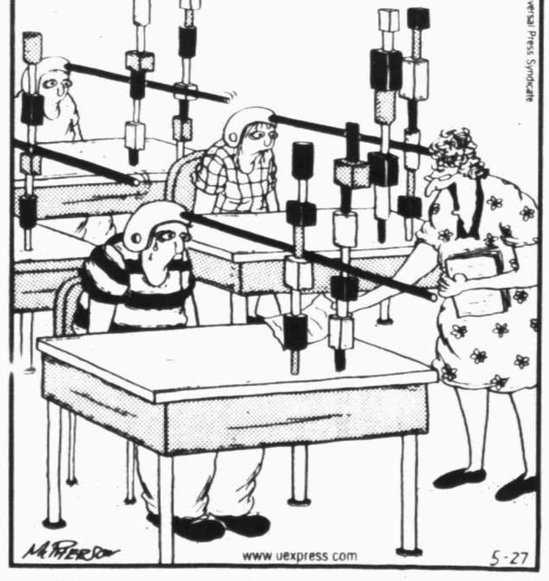

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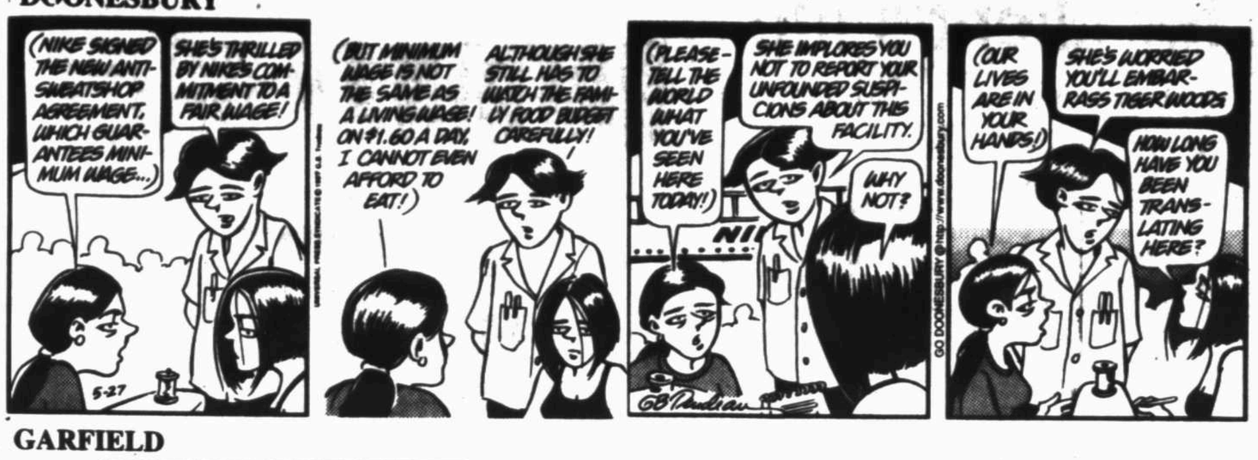

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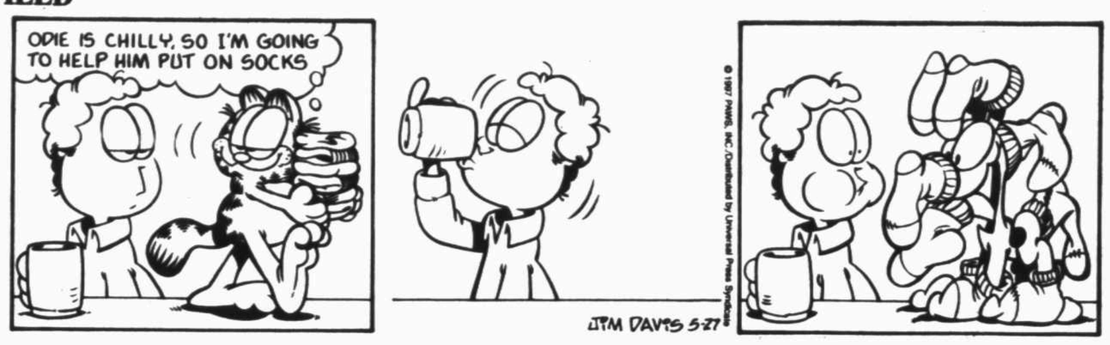

FAMILY CIRCUS

"I wish I had a clone. I'd send him to school and I'd stay home and play."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"IT'S NOT US...IT'S THESE POTATO CHIPS!"

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(10) WGN		10	Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh Pirates 801992						News 629224		Wiseguy: Dead Right 479701		In the Heat of the Night 910992	
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(20) BET		20	Hit List 197089		Planet Groove 574114				Comicview 660350		BET Talk	Sanford	Rap City 778319	
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PEOPLE

Ex-press secretary Dee Dee Myers marries Todd Purdum of N.Y. Times

CHICAGO — It's a media match: Former White House press secretary **Dee Dee Myers** got married to newsman **Todd Purdum** of The New York Times.

About 200 guests attended the ceremony Sunday at St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Ms. Myers, 35, wore a simple white wedding dress with a short train, a short-net veil and a white rose in her hair.

Dee Dee Myers makes media match with N.Y. Times' Purdum.

"It was very lovely. It went off without any kind of hitch," said the priest who wed them, the Rev. James Dunkerley. He added, though, that he nearly cut off the soloist as she was singing a Jerome Kern-Oscar Hammerstein II tune, "Don't Ever Leave Me," at the beginning of the ceremony.

Ms. Myers, a contributing editor of Vanity Fair magazine, was President Clinton's press secretary from 1993-1994. Until last month, she was a co-host of "Equal Time," a political discussion program on CNBC.

Purdum, 37, is Los Angeles bureau chief of the Times. He was a White House correspondent from 1994 until this year.

The couple planned a honeymoon in Italy, Dunkerley said.

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CINCINNATI — After a one-year banishment by players, **Elvis** has returned to the Cincinnati Reds broadcast booth.

Mired in their worst start in 47 years, players urged broadcaster **Marty Brennaman** to put his Elvis Presley bust and other memorabilia on display once again to try and change their luck.

He readily agreed. On Sunday, the WLW-AM booth was decorated with two Elvis busts, a framed Elvis photograph, an Elvis wall hanging and an Elvis painting on black velvet. The Reds beat the Chicago Cubs, 7-5.

"I just said, 'The king is back in the building,' " Brennaman said. "You should have seen all the people look up and say, 'Oh, my.' "

Brennaman started his personal tribute to Elvis last season as a lighthearted diversion while the team struggled to its worst start in 25 years.

Players didn't take to the on-air Elvis references and memorabilia then. Several tried to hit the bust with baseballs during batting practice, prompting Brennaman to complain about the "assassination attempt."

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WASHINGTON — To critics of U2's kitschy "PopMart" tour, lead singer **Bono** has only one thing to say: Change is good.

"Twenty years into being a band — I started at 16 — I'm amazed that we're still getting into trouble for the same thing, which some people might call overreaching. I think it's just curiosity, whether political or spiritual or musical," Bono told The Washington Post in Monday's editions.

Bono says new tour setup is to get fans in cheap seats involved.

The Irish rock group's show features music from their latest album, "Pop," and such spectacles as a 100-foot-high yellow arch, a huge olive stuck atop a toothpick and a lemon that transforms into a disco mirrored ball.

It seems a far cry from their beginnings as idealistic rockers who belted out such anthems as "New Year's Day" and "Sunday Bloody Sunday."

But Bono says the group's strange new road show is aimed at letting the guy in the cheap seats enjoy the show more.

"The '70s idea of playing in a muddy field where two-thirds of the people can't see or hear what's going on is a retarded idea of what big rock shows can be. ... We've found a way of being able to play in a large place and make it, dare I say, intimate, and the people at the back feel as connected with what's going on as the people at the front."

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NEW YORK — Back in 1970, **Freda Payne** hit the top of the charts with her soul hit "Band of Gold." Now, she's singing jazz and ballads, too.

"I'm not knocking it; having that hit gave me notoriety," Payne told the Daily News in an interview published Monday. "But when people see me live, they find out how much other material I do, like jazz and torch songs. 'Band of Gold' is just the appetizer that gets 'em in."

She's performing for two weeks at New York's Rainbow & Stars club with a tribute to her childhood idol, Ella Fitzgerald.

"The purity and clarity of her voice and her expertise in scatting are amazing: the energy, the intuitive way she came up with the extemporaneous melodies and sounds," Payne said.

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DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Edited by Trude Michel Jaffe

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'Aimless' defense team fights for client's life

By William Glaberson
N.Y. Times Service

TRENTON, N.J. — On a bathroom wall in the courthouse where Jesse Timmendequas is on trial for his life here, a bit of graffiti poses the most frequently asked question about the Megan Kanka murder case. "Why is there even a trial?" some commentator scrawled.

The suggestion arises, in part, because Timmendequas' lawyers have offered little more than conjecture to counter a mound of prosecution evidence tying Timmendequas to the sexual assault and murder of the 7-year-old Megan in July of 1994. The defense lawyers have often appeared to be groping their way through the trial, never settling on a theme. Sometimes they seemed to be cross-examining witnesses just to fill time. And they rested their case without calling a single witness.

But if Timmendequas' lawyers have sometimes seemed to be passing time pointlessly, that may be because they could not announce their real mission: not to win an acquittal but to try to save Timmendequas' life.

Lawyers not involved in the case say that what looks like a half-hearted defense may not be as aimless as it often seemed. The main explanation for the defense tactics, they say, can be found in the death penalty Timmendequas would face if convicted of intentional murder.

His lawyers appear to have settled on a two-part strategy. First, they are taking the slim chance that they can convince some jurors that Timmendequas did not intend to kill the child even though he tried to subdue her during a sexual assault. If the jury refused to convict Timmendequas of intentional murder, the defense lawyers would accomplish their main goal because he could not then be sentenced to death.

If that failed and Timmendequas was given a death sentence in the penalty phase of

■ News analysis

the trial, some lawyers say, the defense raised so many possible appeal issues that Timmendequas and his case could be kept alive for a decade or longer while the case moves through the appellate courts.

Russell Coombs, a professor of criminal law at Rutgers School of Law at Camden, said that it was now common for defense lawyers in death penalty cases to try to provoke errors by trial judges. New Jersey adopted a death penalty law in 1982 but has yet to stage an execution. "You bring up everything you can think of, hoping the judge will rule wrong on one of them and knowing the New Jersey Supreme Court is hostile to the death penalty," Coombs said.

With an eye apparently on the appeals courts, the defense lawyers said, for example, that forensic hair analysis that linked four hairs found on Megan's body to Timmendequas is "junk science" that should be barred in New Jersey courts.

The defense has also argued that the jurors have been prejudiced by the emotional testimony of Megan's mother, that there were flaws in the way the jury pool was selected and that pretrial publicity made it impossible for Timmendequas to receive a fair trial. They also said that any juror who had heard of "Megan's Law," intended to notify communities of the presence of sex offenders, would know that Timmendequas had a record of sex offenses, which was information that would usually be kept from them under the law.

Dale Jones, the assistant public defender in charge of death penalty cases, declined to comment on Timmendequas' case, but he denied that the public defender's office tries to lure judges into making legal errors. He acknowledged, though, that in death penalty cases, "The mission is to save the client's life at trial."

If Timmendequas is convicted of intentional murder, his lawyers are expected to present extensive evidence in the penalty phase. They have hinted that they might present evidence that he was psychologically or sexually abused and that he should be sentenced to life in prison, not to death.

NATION IN BRIEF

■ 3 children die in pickup truck

LOS ANGELES — Three children riding in the camper shell of the family's pickup truck died of carbon monoxide poisoning early Monday during an overnight trip from San Francisco.

An 18-month-old boy and his sisters, ages 2 and 6, arrived at hospitals without heartbeats, and doctors were unable to resuscitate them. Officials said at least one of the children may have been dead for hours.

"We work to save children and it's devastating when you can't," said Dr. Robin Kallas, who treated the two younger children at Children's Hospital.

■ Water main break floods Chicago

CHICAGO — Waters receded and subway service resumed Monday after a broken water main flooded stations, streets, tunnels and buildings downtown. No injuries were reported.

The 36-inch main ruptured early Sunday several feet below the street in the Loop, the heart of downtown. At least 6 inches of water poured into a basement of the Cook County building, damaging some birth, death and marriage records stored on the lower shelves. The bulk of the 4 million records were unharmed.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Bob Hope to receive Freedom Award

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bob Hope, feeling the weight of his years, marks his 94th birthday Thursday with yet another honor for a half-century of entertaining American troops around the world.

Hope will be accepting the Freedom Award of the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, but not with his customary cascade of one-liners. To anyone who's spent time in a grocery line recently, it should be no surprise that Hope's physical condition has declined in his 90s, forcing a permanent retirement from show business.

But despite tabloid headlines that blare BOB HOPE SAYS LAST GOODBYE, daughter Linda Hope reports her father had a recent medical exam and "the doctors marveled at what good shape he's in, very good physical shape for a man of 94."

Quips his wife,: "He can't see, he can't hear, he can't remember, but he looks great."

Ronald Reagan is in poor health himself and won't be able to attend his namesake ceremony at the Beverly Hilton. Nancy Reagan will represent the 86-year-old former president, who suffers from Alzheimer's disease and no longer attends public functions.

Hope is receiving the award for his "tireless efforts on the front lines of liberty." The award has been given only four times before: to Mikhail Gorbachev, Colin Powell, Yitzak Rabin and King Hussein of Jordan.

The comedian's military shows began May 6, 1941, when he broadcast his radio show from March Field at Riverside. He visited the European and Pacific war zones in World War II and repeated his efforts in the Berlin airlift and the Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf wars, often visiting at Christmastime.

His trip to the Persian Gulf in 1990 marked the end of his globe-trotting for the troops, and what was billed as his last television special was in late 1996.

But Hope's impaired vision, declining hearing and other problems don't prevent him from making public appearances. In March, he went to New Orleans, where Mrs. Hope christened the USS Bob Hope, a new sea-lifter class of Navy ship. In April, he was in Long Beach for the launching of The Spirit of Bob Hope, a C-17 cargo plane.

The comedian appeared at the recent unveiling of Mrs. Hope's star on Hollywood Boulevard's Walk of Fame, and he sat ringside when she opened a two-week singing date with Rosemary Clooney at the Rainbow and Stars in New York.

Hope also has appeared at signings for his new book about his relationships with U.S. presidents, "Dear Prez, I Wanna Tell Ya."

"My father works on different projects now and then," says daughter Linda, who produced her father's television shows. "They're trying to put together a book that would be a photo album of his life. He can't see the photos too well, but he has some recollections when they're described to him.

"We're working on the Bob Hope Museum, and we're getting out trophies and mementos, looking for ones that have special significance."

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Rain drowns Indy 500, again

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — First, there was a three-car crash. Broken cars rolled slowly to the pits, done for the day.

Then the Indianapolis 500 began.

And then it stopped, 15 laps and 19 minutes later.

The rain that postponed the race on Sunday, came again on Monday, delaying it still another day.

It was enough to frustrate everyone involved in the 81st running of the Memorial Day Weekend race, from fans to crews to the drivers themselves.

At least 300,000 people, perhaps 50,000 short of Sunday's rain-soaked crowd, turned out for Monday's rescheduled race. This time, there was sun in the morning and everything was right on time — until it was time to race.

And then things got weird.

As Arie Luyendyk and Tony Stewart were leading the 35-car field to the starting flag, rookie Kenny Brack, tangled with rookie Affonso Giaffone, who in turn struck Stephen Gregoire.

That left the entire fifth row in pieces scattered across fourth turn of Indy's 2 1/2-mile oval.

"I really don't know what happened," Brack said. "I got knocked out from behind. I would like to see a replay."

During the ensuing caution period — with laps still not counting — rookie Robbie Groff's engine stopped, leaving him stranded in the middle of the backstretch.

Then first-year Indy starter Sam Schmidt drove to the pits with black smoke belching from the rear of his car, the victim of the first engine failure of the day.

Finally, 14 minutes after the scheduled start, the leaders took the green, with Luyendyk beating Stewart to the first turn. But Stewart, last year's rookie of the year and pole-starter, retook the lead with a pass just before the finish line.

Within minutes, Schmidt's Blueprint Racing teammates Jim Guthrie and rookie Claude Bourbonnais were also in trouble.

Guthrie, who won the Indy Racing League's race at Phoenix in April, drove into the pits on lap six with an overheating problem that cost him seven laps. Bourbonnais then brought out the first official caution flag on lap 10 when his engine let go.

Alessandro Zampedri, who underwent surgery nine times following devastating leg injuries sustained in a last-lap crash here last year, was next. He went out with an oil leak.

While all this was going on, dark clouds scudded men-

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Heat avoid sweep, stop Bulls for first time in postseason

MIAMI (AP) — Whether Michael Jordan's passion for golf might have made him too pooped to shoot straight or whether the Chicago Bulls expected an easy sweep, none of that mattered to the Miami Heat.

All they cared about was that they remained alive in the Eastern Conference finals and showed the Bulls — and the world — that they deserve respect.

"People have called us overachievers, said we've got a team full of CBA players, never really gave us the credit," said Alonzo Mourning, who backed up his victory prediction with 18 points and 14 rebounds as Miami won 87-80 Monday. "We've managed to overcome all the obstacles."

The Heat finally won a playoff game against Chicago after losing their first nine, but still have three more obstacles to overcome if they want to reach the NBA Finals.

The Heat must win Game 5 Wednesday night in Chicago to bring the series back to Miami on Friday.

The defending champion Bulls, seeking their fifth title in seven years, are 10-2 in the playoffs. At this point last year they were 11-1 and heading to the Finals.

"We're not concerned. We know we can play better," said Jordan, who missed 20 of his first 22 shots after spending most of Sunday on the golf course but recovered to almost win the game for Chicago in the fourth quarter.

"We showed in the second half the intensity we can play at and how they can get rattled," he said. "We feel confident that if we play our game as we did in the second half, we'll be all right."

Asked if playing 46 holes of golf between Games 3 and 4 affected him, Jordan said: "It took my mind off the game yesterday. I don't think that had anything to do with how I played today. I can't say that bothered my energy level."

He certainly had plenty of energy late.

Jordan scored 20 of Chicago's 23 points in the fourth quarter as the Bulls nearly came all the way back from a 21-point deficit. He finished with 29 points on 9-for-35 shooting.

"When he started making them, they just came, came, came, came, came," said Tim Hardaway, who led the Heat with 25 points. "He's a scorer, he's the man."

Said Voshon Lenard: "I mean, if you take 35 shots, you have to hit some of them."

Jordan had 18 consecutive points for Chicago, the last two on a 20-foot jumper with 2:21 left that cut the Bulls' deficit to 79-78.

But Mourning, shooting just over 50 percent from the free-throw line during the playoffs, then made two foul shots. After Chicago's Scottie Pippen missed a 3-pointer, Lenard hit two free throws. Dennis Rodman's tip-in pulled the Bulls to 83-80 before Mourning made a dunk with 23 seconds left and Hardaway closed the scoring with two free throws.

Following Miami's embarrassing 98-74 loss in Game 3, Mourning guaranteed victory in the fourth game. He even said the Heat can be the first team ever to rally from a 3-0 series deficit, noting that

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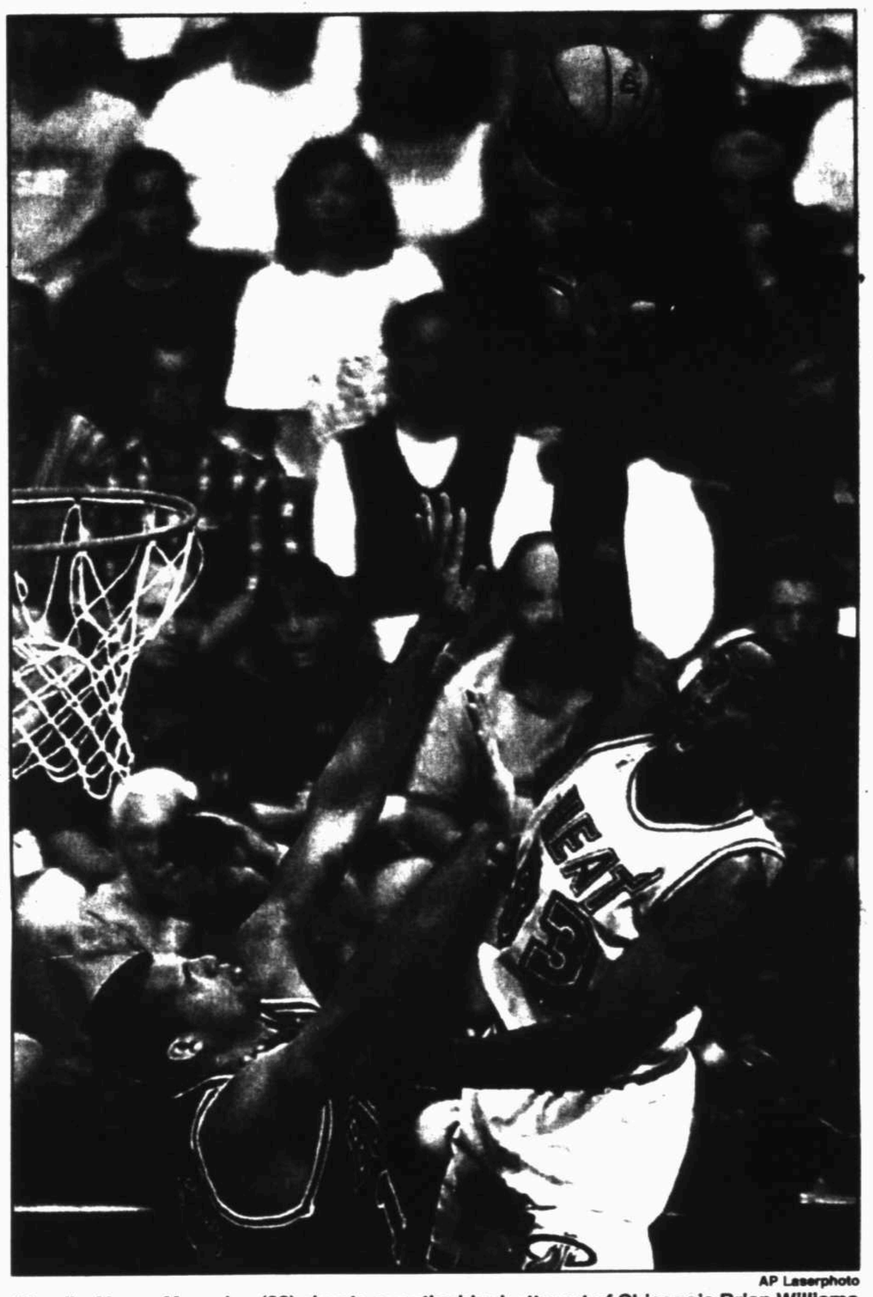

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Miami's Alonzo Mourning (33) shoots over the block attempt of Chicago's Brian Williams in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference Final in Miami Monday. The Heat won 87-80.

SPORTS BRIEFING

TV Sports

TENNIS — French Open, first round matches, 9 a.m., USA.

AUTO RACING — Indianapolis 500 (race resumes after 15 laps completed on Monday), 11 a.m., ABC.

BASEBALL — Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh Pirates, 6 p.m., WGN.

Texas Rangers at Toronto Blue Jays, 6:30 p.m., COX Cable Channel 52.

Cleveland Indians at Chicago White Sox, 7 p.m., TX.

Atlanta Braves at San Diego Padres, 9 p.m., TBS.

COLLEGE BASEBALL — NCAA Division III Championship, 6 p.m., FSS.

NBA PLAYOFFS — Western Conference Final, Game 5, Houston Rockets at Utah Jazz (series tied 2-2), 8 p.m., NBC.

Texas Scores

BASEBALL — San Francisco Giants 4, Houston Astros 3.

Toronto Blue Jays 8, Texas Rangers 1.

Sports Today

TEXAS LEAGUE — Midland Angels at San Antonio Missions, 7 p.m. RADIO: KCRS (AM 550).

CWS pairings

Defending national champion Louisiana State helps kick off the College World Series on Friday night when the Tigers play the Rice Owls in the second game of the opening session. In pairings announced Monday night by the NCAA, Alabama was made the top seed, and the Crimson Tide (52-12) begin play Saturday night against eighth-seeded Mississippi State (46-19).

LSU (53-13), which won the title last season on Warren Morris' dramatic homer in the ninth inning against Miami, returns to Omaha for the ninth time, while the Owls (47-14) are making their first trip to the CWS.

Indy on TV

INDIANAPOLIS — Rain interrupted the Indianapolis 500. Now the race is going to interrupt TV programming. After storms postponed the race Sunday and Monday, officials at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway decided to run it Tuesday. ABC Sports will air the race live from its noon EDT start until it ends, pre-empting regular programming for about three hours. That's prime time for daytime television in many cities. In New York, for example, local news is on at noon, followed by "All My Children," "One Life to Live" and "General Hospital." "All My Children" and "General Hospital" are two of the highest-rated daytime shows. In the past, TV stations have been flooded with phone calls when such programs are pre-empted.

Crowded Woods

FARMINGTON, Pa. — Tiger Woods gave a crowd estimated at 30,000 exactly what they paid for Monday at the third annual Mystic Rock Charity Pro-Am. Woods entertained a huge part of that crowd for 18 holes, shooting a 7-under-par 65 to win the event. No prize money was involved, but the pros were paid appearance fees and their expenses were covered. Woods, who finished in a tie for fourth Sunday at the Colonial as he tried for his third win in as many events, beat Michael Bradley and Senior PGA Tour player Jim Thorpe by one stroke. John Daly, who will come back to the PGA Tour later this week at The Memorial after a two-month layoff for alcohol rehabilitation, admitted to being rusty and shot a 1-over 73.

Woosnam wins

VIRGINIA WATER, England — Ian Woosnam won the Volvo PGA by two strokes Monday when expected challenges by Nick Faldo and Ernie Els never materialized.

Although all three shot final rounds of 70, that was enough for the Welshman to keep his lead. His 13-under total of 275 was two better than Faldo, Els and Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke, who shot a 71 for a share of second place.

Woosnam, who slipped a stroke behind Clarke at the turn after nine pars in a row, stayed in control as the others faltered on the back nine.

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VENUS RISING

American Williams wins debut

By Stephen Wilson
AP Sports Writer

■ French Open

PARIS — In her Grand Slam debut, Venus Williams didn't even bother to sit during changeovers. There's no slowing down this 16-year-old rising star.

With her braided hair studded with white beads, her gangly limbs in constant motion, and her fierce strokes punctuated by high-pitched grunts, a new American diva made her grand entrance Monday at the French Open.

Showing no signs of stage fright, Williams lasted 2 hours, 37 minutes in defeating Japan's Naoko Sawamatsu 6-2, 6-7 (7-2), 7-5 and underlining her status as one of the game's most promising talents.

After her first match outside the United States, Williams walked off Court One at Roland Garros to a standing ovation and cries of "Bravo, Vay-nus!"

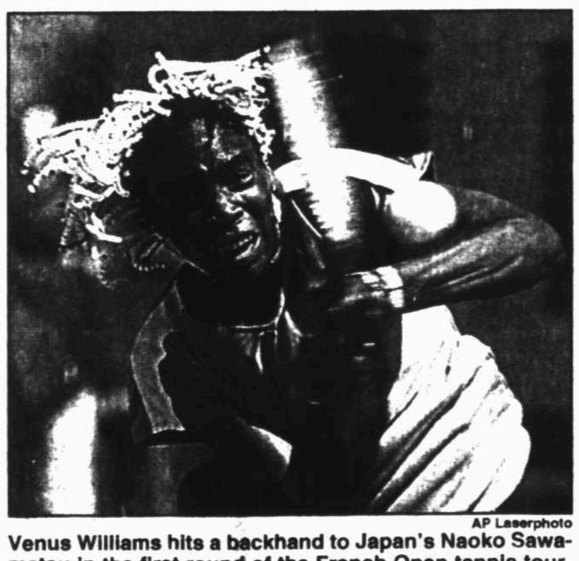
"Everyone during their career looks forward to playing their first Grand Slam," said Williams, who has playing sparingly since turning pro in 1994. "Everyone looks forward to playing them, competing in them, winning them. It's just what everyone expects in their career, and I feel the same way."

"In some ways, it's like any other tournament. Everyone wants to win. In other ways, it's not like any other tournament because everyone wants to win even more. You still have to play your match. You still sweat, still run. Then it's a Grand Slam, you're in Paris, and everyone is speaking French."

Pete Sampras, no stranger to Paris, looked sharp in beating France's Fabrice Santoro 6-3, 7-5, 6-1 to get off to a good start in his latest bid for the one Grand Slam tournament he has never won.

Sampras, seeded No. 1 despite being winless on clay this year and coming off a thigh muscle strain, was in command against a player who had beaten him in their two previous meetings on clay.

Sampras never lost serve and faced only one break point, which he saved with a forehand that wrong-footed Santoro in the eighth game of the second set.



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Venus Williams hits a backhand to Japan's Naoko Sawamatsu in the first round of the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros stadium in Paris Monday.

"The first match at a Slam, you just want to get through it, work your way into the tournament, and I've done that," said Sampras, whose attacking game benefited from the warm, sunny weather. "I'll do whatever I can ... to try to win here. It's the only thing left for me to achieve."

Thomas Muster, the 1995 champion and No. 5 seed who has struggled on his favorite surface this year, was down a break at 4-2 in the fifth set against Germany's Marc-Kevin Goellner. But he won four straight games to close out the match 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2, 6-7 (7-2), 6-4.

Defending champion Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the No. 3 seed, breezed to a 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 win over Martin Damm. It was his first win at a Grand Slam since winning the French last year.

The only seed to go out Monday was No. 12 Alberto Berasategui of Spain, the 1994 runner-up who retired with leg cramps while trailing 1-2 in the fifth set against Andrei Medvedev.

In women's play, No. 3 Monica Seles swept past Miho Saeki 6-0, 6-3 and No. 5 Lindsay Davenport was a 6-2, 6-3 winner over Joanette Kruger.

Mary Pierce, the No. 10 seed, was jeered again by French fans after an uneven performance in a 6-2, 4-6, 6-4 win over unheralded Tatiana Panova.

There were only cheers for Williams.

In a match with 19 breaks of serve, she dictated the play with her big windup ground strokes. She stood during most changeovers, sipping water, then hurrying back onto the court to resume her slugging.

Twice, Sawamatsu threw up high lobs, only for the 5-foot-11 Williams to reach them and put them away. Sawamatsu grimaced in amazement.

Williams was down a break at 3-1 in the third set, but forged back and served for the match at 5-4. But she double-faulted twice (her seventh and eighth of the match) and was broken for 5-5. She broke right back, then served out the match.

Williams' mother, Oracene, and her younger sister, Serena, watched from the stands. But her omnipresent coach and father, Richard, stayed at home in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

"He said he wasn't going to start a

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Double good

Gordon's consecutive titles at Charlotte Motor Speedway pays off in generous purses

By David Droschak
AP Sports Writer

CONCORD, N.C. — You may have a problem with simple addition if the last eight days at the Charlotte Motor Speedway didn't help solidify Jeff Gordon's position as the best driver in NASCAR.

Gordon won $207,000 in the May 17 all-star race at the 1 1/2-mile track, took the pole for the Coca-Cola 600 in mid-week, then won the grueling race Sunday and the record $224,900 paycheck that went with it.

In less than six years, Gordon has won more than $1.56 million at the Charlotte Motor Speedway.

"What are the odds of winning The Winston, winning the pole and winning the race?" Gordon said. "It takes so much, everything has got to go your way.

"(The team) wanted a clean sweep. We talked about it. We said it would be awesome to be able to do it and now it's a reality."

Gordon, who has 24 wins and 81 top 10 finishes in only 135 races, credited his entire crew after the win.

"It's always, 'Well, the car must be better than anything else out there.' I just don't believe that," Gordon said.

But Gordon proved his worth as a driver Sunday, testing numerous lines on the race track while still recovering from a near disastrous pit stop early in the race that pushed him to near the back of the 42-car field.

He then outdueled veteran Rusty Wallace over the final 20 laps of the rain-shortened race, including a final lap that included a caution flag that forced Gordon to weave through traffic back to the finish line.

"He doesn't get enough credit as a driver and I think I'm as good of an opinion on drivers as anybody because of my experience with IROC," Gordon crew chief Ray Evernham said.

"Yes, we've got a great race team, we've got a great group of guys — they are above average performers. But this guy is probably the greatest driver to come along in a long time. He won't

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Malone performs below standard

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Karl Malone hasn't yet received a congratulatory phone call from Michael Jordan. Nor has he earned one with his play in the Western Conference finals.

Malone has been performing a notch below his regular season standard, and his dropoff was extra notable over the weekend as the Utah Jazz lost two road games to the Houston Rockets to tie the series 2-2.

"I haven't played the kind of basketball I have to play. I'm due for one," Malone said. "Even though we've won, I haven't had the kind of games I need to have."

After grabbing only six rebounds in Game 3 and then complaining too few plays were called for him, Malone came out in Game 4 and took 28 shots, missing 18, and went to the foul line only two times.

Many of his misses were layups or 3-footers, and some said Malone looked timid.

"I wouldn't say he's tentative, I'd say he's trying to be as quick as he can be because (Hakeem) Olajuwon is back there and he knows that," coach Jerry Sloan said Monday. "Maybe he got a little more reserved. If anything, he's probably trying to be too quick."

Malone has scored 21, 24, 21 and 22 points in the four games, an average of 22.0. That's a considerable dropoff from his averages of 28.6 in the second round against the Lakers, 30.7 in the first round against the Clippers and 27.4 in the regular season.

Malone's many misses from close range contributed to 14 missed layups by Utah. Sloan was particularly upset about poor execution on Utah's final offensive play when the ball was swung to Bryon Russell instead of Malone.

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Houston's Eddie Johnson, the hero of Games 3 and 4, talks to reporters Monday as the Rockets prepare to play the Utah Jazz in Game 5 tonight.

Russell rushed a 3-pointer and missed, and Eddie Johnson won the game for Houston on the ensuing possession with a buzzer-beating 3-pointer.

Because Malone beat out Jordan for the MVP award — and because many people think Jordan should have won — Malone's game is being picked apart and scrutinized like never before.

"He's been picked at pretty good in the past. People have always said: 'He's never won a championship, he's never won a championship,'" Sloan said. "But he has nothing to apologize for. A lot of people said this is upsetting Michael Jordan. Well Karl didn't vote for himself, and nobody in our organization disrespected Michael Jordan."

Malone wasn't sharing any new thoughts after practice Monday — the first time in this series he has avoided the print media. He did so by bolting to his 4-wheel drive vehicle with more determination than he showed the previous day driving to the basket.

On Sunday, however, Malone acknowledged the ongoing debate over his MVP selection.

"Michael never said he had any problem with it," Malone said. "Some people didn't like it that I got it, but a lot of the great players acknowledged me when I got it. That's what's important to me.

"A lot of guys that are jealous, they have nothing to be jealous about. They're jealous about the way I play."

Malone said he hadn't heard from Jordan, but he didn't think it was a big deal. He said the two are not close friends, although they occasionally speak to each other when the Jazz play the Bulls during the season.

Jordan has been nothing but complimentary about Malone's selection, although many people suspect Jordan wants to play the Jazz in the finals so he can prove the voters wrong.

Malone simply wants to get to the finals because he's never been there before. And he hasn't lost any admiration for Jordan despite beating his out for the MVP award.

"What he does every night, everybody guns for him and he comes out and still raises him game, even after all these years. So I have a lot of respect for him."

If Malone can lead the Jazz past the Rockets — Game 5 is Tuesday, Game 6 is Thursday at Houston and Game 7, if necessary, is next Sunday back in Salt Lake City — it might finally bring closure to the MVP debate.

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Sampras gets by tricky first match

PARIS (AP) — Pete Sampras passed the first test.

At the only Grand Slam event he has never won, the world's No. 1 player cleared a potentially tricky first round at the French Open with a 6-3, 7-5, 6-1 victory Monday over Fabrice Santoro.

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Pete Sampras, who has never won the French Open, beat Fabrice Santoro, 6-3, 7-5, 6-1 on Monday.

"It was a good start for me," said Sampras, who is coming off a thigh injury. "Physically, I felt very good."

Santoro had beaten Sampras twice on clay and went into the match with a 2-1 career edge over the American.

"You just got to beat who you got to beat," Sampras said. "That's the way the draw goes.

"I got off to a good start and kind of got the crowd out of the match. It's a tough draw, but there are a lot of tough draws out there. You just have to go out and play."

Sampras lost in first rounds in Monaco and Rome, and strained his thigh last week in Duesseldorf, Germany, at the World Team Cup. He pulled out of that event and his entire clay-court preparation leading to the French Open was two complete matches, both defeats.

The French Open, however, is a different matter for Sampras.

"This is the only tournament that I haven't won, so I'll do whatever I can over the years and this year to try to win here," said Sampras, who has captured three Wimbledon titles, four U.S. Opens and two Australian Opens.

"It's the only thing left for me to achieve. I've won every other major, been No. 1 for a while, so this is the only thing left.

"This is the main goal and this is where I am going to put a lot of my energy and my thoughts."

But he conceded: "This is the toughest event for me to win."

Sampras said his mental adjustment to playing on this surface may pose the biggest obstacle.

"It doesn't come quite as easy for me on clay," he said. "I have to work a lot harder. I'm prepared for that challenge, to go out and do whatever it takes to win. It's not really tennis, it's more just a fight."

Sampras also came here last year with little preparation, but still reached the semifinals, losing to eventual winner Yevgeny Kafelnikov.

Next up for Sampras on Wednesday is Francisco Clavet, one of many clay-court experts from Spain.

"I feel like the court and the conditions are playing quick enough that you can play like a hardcourt match," Sampras said.

Weather breaks Indy 500 traditions

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Tradition at the Indy 500 was broken once again Monday as Mari Hulman George, not her mother, issued the command, "Lady and Gentlemen, Start Your Engines."

In recent years, the command has been given by Mary Fendrich Hulman, Indianapolis Motor Speedway chairman of the board emeritus. The 92-year-old widow of speedway owner Tony Hulman is staying in an Indianapolis nursing home.

In yet another break from tradition, a tape of Jim Nabors singing "Back Home Again in Indiana" was played in pre-race ceremonies. Nabors, best known as television's Gomer Pyle, has sung the song in person for nearly 27 years. He had another commitment that prevented him from returning for the race, which had been rescheduled for Monday because of rain.

The postponement also cost the race another tradition, when the Purdue band was unable to return Monday for pre-race festivities. The band had performed Sunday but wasn't available to play "On the Banks of the Wabash" as the cars were moved to the starting position.

EXPERIMENT ENDS: Car owner Felix Sabates has learned a costly lesson about dividing efforts between the Indy 500 and Winston Cup racing.

The Cuban-born businessman and driver Robby Gordon wanted to make history by racing in the Indy 500 and Coca-Cola 600, in Charlotte, N.C., on the same day. The 500, however, was rained out Sunday.

The pair had elaborate plans involving three private planes and two helicopters.

"No way, we'll do that again," Sabates said Monday. "You spend a whole year and millions planning for something, and then it all goes up when the rain comes down."

Sabates agreed to have Gordon drive both races when he hired him for the Winston Cup series. Sabates said he spent an estimated $2.5 million to start an open-wheel team from scratch, figuring it would be worth the notoriety of having one driver race at Indianapolis and the Charlotte Motor Speedway on the same day.

"I've learned my lesson. The double is just too iffy because of the weather," he said.

The long day for the duo began with rain in Indianapolis and included more rain, and a crash, in North Carolina.

Gordon never got to drive at Indy on Sunday before leaving for the Winston Cup race. He arrived just before the drivers meeting, which allowed him to start 28th rather than in the back of the 42-car field.

Gordon moved up 12 positions after 25 laps. He was 13th near the midway point before slamming his Chevrolet into the fourth turn wall, damaging the left front and rear.

After a 2 1/2-hour rain delay, Gordon decided to quit the race after running just 186 of the scheduled 400 laps. He finished 41st.

The early exit from the race allowed Gordon to get some sleep before returning to Indianapolis for Monday's race. The only driver to complete the double was John Andretti in 1994. He finished 10th at Indianapolis and 36th in the Coca-Cola 600.

COSTLY RAIN: Sunday's postponement of the Indy 500 was a costly one for Fermin Velez. The 38-year-old Spaniard was to drive in the World SportsCar race at Lakeville, Conn., on Monday. But racing in Indianapolis was a higher priority.

"It will mess me up pretty badly," Velez said of missing the race in Connecticut. "There's nothing we can do."

Velez was pleased to learn the race would be rescheduled for today, rather than to next Saturday.

"I already missed one, two is too many. They're racing now, without me," said Velez, who is in second place in the point standings for the SportsCar series.

Velez plans to be in his Ferrari racing in a SportsCar event at Watkins Glen, N.Y., next weekend.

STEWART TAKES LEAD: Tony Stewart became the first driver to lead the opening lap of the race in both his rookie and second Indy 500 on Monday. The last driver to lead the opening lap in back-to-back years was Emerson Fittipaldi in 1989-90.

Stewart has led the opening lap in three straight Indy Racing League races. In the league's two seasons, Stewart has led seven of its eight races without a victory.

Including Monday's Indy 500, Stewart has led 396 laps during the 1996-97 season. Richie Hearn, who now drives on the rival Championship Auto Racing Teams circuit, is a distant second on the list in laps led with 96.

UNWANTED HABIT: The Indy 500, a race loaded with tradition, has added an unwanted one. For the third consecutive year, a car was eliminated from the race before the green flag was waived. The wreck on the pace lap knocked out Kenny Brack, Affonso Giaffone and Stephan Gregoire. Last year, Johnny Unser was out of the race before it began when his transmission failed.

In 1995, Robby Gordon was in the pits with mechanical problems when the race began. He later rejoined the race and finished fifth. However, four drivers were eliminated in a four-car wreck on the first lap. The last time an accident happened before the race began was in 1992 when pole-sitter Roberto Guerrero spun and crashed while warming up his tires on the parade lap.

BAD OMEN: Officials may wonder about scheduling a future race on May 25. That was the race date in 1986 when it was postponed until May 26 and rained out for a second consecutive day. The race was rescheduled until the following Saturday, while this year's race was rescheduled for today. Keith Ward, the chief steward, says if the race is rained out again today it would be resumed on Wednesday.

■ Indy 500 Notes

Venus wears white in first Paris adventure

PARIS (AP) — Different tournament, different beads.

Venus Williams, the 16-year-old American, sported white beads in her braided hair in her Grand Slam debut Monday, a 6-2, 6-7 (7-2), 7-5 victory over Naoko Sawamatsu at the French Open.

Blue and red were the color of Williams' beads in previous tournaments this year.

"I had to do my hair over," she said. "I decided not to put them back until the U.S. Open."

Williams said she's already thinking about different beads for Wimbledon, where the official colors are green and purple.

"I am seeing green, purple," she said. "What do you think? I'm contemplating."

SEAFOOD ANYONE?: Having trouble finding a meal in Paris? Venus Williams is.

"We've been actually going to different restaurants, takes us an hour to find one, one that everyone agrees on," said Williams, who is in Paris with her mother, Oracene, and younger sister Serena.

"Serena doesn't like the seafood restaurants, can't stand the smell," Williams said.

So instead of crab, Venus had to settle for Chinese.

"Basically, we've just been doing a restaurant tour," she said.

The Williams family hasn't had much time for sight-seeing, but Venus said she's looking forward to visiting the Louvre.

"That's a big thing," she said.

ROMANTIC PARIS: Martina Hingis, the 16-year-old Swiss star who is seeded No. 1 at the French Open, has been struck by the magic of Paris.

"Paris is romantic, it's for lovers," she said. "For me, Paris is a city of lovers."

But Hingis, who has made more than $1.2 million in prize money this year, also has been struck by the high prices.

"There is the Faubourg St. Honore with its luxury stores like Chanel, but there it's expensive," she said.

MIRACLE MAN: Before the French Open, Yevgeny Kafelnikov said that repeating as champion would take a "miracle."

After his 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 opening-round victory Monday over Martin Damm, Kafelnikov was not discounting it completely.

"The chances are a little increasing, but it's still a long way to go," he said. "A miracle can happen in two weeks. In two weeks, it might happen."

LONGER RACKET: Thomas Muster says a longer racket and his efforts to prove himself on hard courts have combined to plague his clay court season.

Muster compiled a 111-5 combined record on clay for 1995 and 1996, including winning the French Open title in 1995.

This year, he already has lost six matches on clay and has yet to win a tournament on his favorite surface.

But with his new racket, Muster won the hardcourt title at Key Biscayne, Fla.

"It takes a while to adjust to the longer racket and the hardcourt game is completely different," he said.

Muster outlasted Marc-Kevin Goellner in five sets Monday to reach the second round of the French Open.

■ French Open Notes

INDY: Rain, clouds haunt Brickyard do-over

(From 1C)

acingly over the sprawling speedway.

As the remaining cars drove slowly under the yellow flag, the rain began and spectators covered up or fled. A red flag stopped the race for the first time since 1976 when it was halted on lap 103 — three laps past halfway. That race was never restarted and Johnny Rutherford was declared the winner.

"We made every effort and we just came up short again," race chief steward Keith Ward said.

He could be excused if he felt a little snakebit. He watched it pour on Sunday and then saw a forecast for a "40 percent chance of showers" turn into a steady, driving rain on Monday.

"If we don't get it in tomorrow, we'll go the next day and so forth until we get it done," he said.

Today's forecast by the National Weather Service called for a cloudy, cool day with a 20 percent chance of rain.

But a nice day won't help the six drivers who crashed or dropped out with mechanical problems. They can't come back.

Ward said only the cars on the track when the red flag came out will be allowed back when the race resumes. He said the restart will be single file and will begin with at least two laps of yellow to help the cars warm up.

"It was a lot of time to get in 15 laps, that's for sure," said Luyendyk, the 1990 Indy champion and this year's pole-winner. "Mentally, for me, it's not a problem. With the crew, it is a problem because they have to do the same things all over again."

Stewart, the U.S. Auto Club short track star, said the wait wasn't so bad because "I'm used to racing five days a week, anyway.

"It's probably going to be tougher getting the police escort (to the speedway) for the third day in a row," said Stewart, who at 26 is the youngest driver in the field.

Even though they were on the track for just minutes, Stewart and Luyendyk got miffed at each other over the start.

Stewart said Luyendyk squeezed him toward the wall going into the first turn.

"It kind of made me mad, so I decided I was going to lead the first lap and make him pay," Stewart said.

Said Luyendyk: "If he's got a problem with that pass, he's going to have problems tomorrow."

FRENCH: Williams excited about win

(From 1C)

second career as a parent in the stands, his head going this way and that way watching the ball," Williams said.

At a rambling news conference, she explained that being named after a goddess is no blessing.

"To tell you the truth, my name is almost a curse," she said. "Every time I go on the phone, they say, 'What's your name?' I say, 'Venus.' 'What? Zenus? Who?' 'Venus.' 'What? Zena?' 'No, Venus.' Every day, people send me mail saying, 'Zenus.' It's very discouraging."

Before long, everybody should know the name of Venus Williams.

GOOD: Waltrip praises Gordon, who still seeks respect

(From 1C)

admit it and a lot of other people won't admit it."

Gordon's victory followed a week in which NASCAR approved a body change for Fords after the Thunderbirds complained Chevrolets had an advantage over them.

"They're defying their own test results. Jeff Gordon just beats them everywhere," Darrell Waltrip said. "He beats them in the pits, on the track. Why don't they face up to it?"

For whatever reason, Gordon and Evernham have found acceptance on the Winston Cup circuit difficult — Evernham when he signed with Gordon in 1992 and Gordon as he has consistently beaten some of the more popular drivers in recent years.

Again, Gordon was booed by a majority of fans during prerace introductions.

"The numbers are starting to make people realize," Evernham said of Gordon's success. "If I and the team could build a car that good every week, we would probably be rocket scientists or something. He can drive a race car probably better than anyone I've ever seen.

"The car is good, but he's great. I guess we'll have to fight that (respect) battle for the next five or 10 years and maybe when we retire everybody will go, 'Well, those guys were good.'"

Average WNBA ticket: $14.54

NEW YORK (AP) — The cheap seats are $5, the glamour seats are $150.

Everyone else who wants to attend a WNBA game will be paying slightly more than they would for a big league baseball ticket.

Tickets to WNBA games will average $14.54 in the eight cities where the league will play in its inaugural summer season. The average baseball ticket is $13.25 in cities with WNBA teams.

"We're really priced with affordability in mind," said WNBA president Val Ackerman. "Every one of our teams has at least an $8 ticket in the lower bowl."

The cheapest tickets are in Utah, where a seat behind the basket at the Delta Center is $5. Courtside seats at Madison Square Garden are $150 to watch the New York Liberty. The season begins June 21.

The Cleveland Rockers have the lowest average ticket price at $9.75, followed by the Utah Starzz at $10.40, the Charlotte Sting at $11.43 and the Los Angeles Sparks at $13.75. The Phoenix Mercury ranks fifth at $14.50, followed by the Sacramento Monarchs at $16.40, the Houston Comets at $17.88 and the Liberty at $22.17.

HEAT: Miami holds Jordan scoreless until 3:51 into third

(From 1C)

they came back from 3-1 against New York in the previous round.

"We were down 0-3," Hardaway said. "We didn't play well at all and we quit in Game 3. They embarrassed us mentally and physically. We wanted to come out and show them something. Alonzo guaranteed a win so we had to come out and support our teammate."

Miami finished the first half with a 17-1 run to go up 47-31, as Hardaway made two 3-pointers, a floater over 7-foot-2 Luc Longley and a 20-foot jumper.

The 31 points were the fewest the Bulls ever scored in a postseason half. They shot 33 percent as Jordan was 0-for-11; Chicago publicists believe it was the first time he ever went through a half — regular season or playoffs — without a field goal.

Lenard's 3-pointer early in the third quarter gave Miami its biggest lead, 56-35, before Jordan finally made a basket 3:51 into the period.

The Heat still led 59-39 but managed only two points over the final 6 1/2 minutes of the quarter, going 1-for-9 with six turnovers in that span. The Bulls, meanwhile got scoring from six different players and put up 18 points to make it 61-57 after three quarters.

Isaac Austin had five points as Miami opened the fourth with an 11-3 run to go up 72-60. With 8:14 to play, Rodman and Mourning wrestled each other to the floor and both were assessed technical fouls. It was Rodman's 15th technical in Chicago's 12 playoff games; he has at least one in each game.

Mourning "didn't fall into any trap," Miami coach Pat Riley said. Rodman is "like flypaper. You can't get away from him. The guy wants to hug (Mourning) all night. He keeps grabbing and putting his arms around him. It's ridiculous."

After the wrestling match, it was time for the main event: Jordan.

But the Heat had just enough left to withstand and prevail the end.

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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

NBA Playoffs

Heat 87, Bulls 80

CHICAGO (80): Pippen 5-17'2-2'14, Rodman 6-13'1-1'13, Longley 3-4'1-2'7, Harper 2-9'0-0'5, Jordan 9-35'11-13'29, Williams 3-4'1-2'7, Kerr 1-1'0-0'2, Kukoc 0-1'0-0'0, Buechler 1-1'0-0'3, Brown 0-0'0-0'0. Totals 30-85'16-20'80.

MIAMI (87): Mashburn 7-12'1-2'17, Brown 1-5'0-0'2, Mourning 8-13'2-6'18, Hardaway 9-19'2-2'25, Lenard 4-11'2-2'13, Majerle 0-6'0-0'0, Austin 4-9'4-5'12, Crotty 0-0'0-0'0, Askins 0-1'0-0'0. Totals 33-76'11-17'87.

Chicago	**19**	**12**	**26**	**23 — 80**
Miami	**24**	**23**	**14**	**26 — 87**

3-Point goals—Chicago 4-27 (Pippen 2-9, Buechler 1-1, Harper 1-7, Rodman 0-2, Jordan 0-8), Miami 10-27 (Hardaway 5-13, Lenard 3-6, Mashburn 2-4, Austin 0-1, Majerle 0-3). Fouled out—Mashburn. Rebounds—Chicago 53 (Rodman 11), Miami 55 (Mourning 14). Assists—Chicago 17 (Pippen 5), Miami 16 (Hardaway 7). Total fouls—Chicago 17, Miami 20. Technicals—Rodman, Mashburn, Mourning. A—14,720 (15,200).

Indy 500

Indy 500-Rain History

1915—Race postponed two days because of rain.

1926—Race stopped after 400 miles by rain.

1950—Race stopped after 345 miles by rain.

1967—Race interrupted by rain after 18 laps, finished the next day.

1973—Race stopped after one lap by accident, postponed by rain before it could be restarted; rained out next day; restarted on third day, stopped after 332 1/2 miles by rain.

1975—Race stopped after 435 miles by rain.

1976—Race stopped after 255 miles by rain.

1986—Race rained out two days; postponed to next weekend.

1997—Race postponed; rescheduled for next day.

Indy 500-Standings

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Unofficial standings after 15 laps in Monday's rain-delayed Indianapolis 500, with driver, hometown or country, car number, chassis-engine, laps completed and reason out, where known (r-rookie):

1. Tony Stewart, Indianapolis, No. 2, G Force-Aurora, (15)
2. Arie Luyendyk, Netherlands, No. 5, G Force-Aurora, (15)
3. Robbie Buhl, Grosse Pointe, Mich., No. 3, G Force-Aurora, (15)
4. Robby Gordon, Cornelius, N.C., No. 42, G Force-Aurora, (15)
5. r-Vincenzo Sospiri, Italy, No. 8, Dallara-Aurora, (15)
6. Scott Goodyear, Canada, No. 6, G Force-Aurora, (15)
7. r-Jeff Ward, San Juan Capistrano, Calif., No. 52, G Force-Aurora, (15)
8. Davey Hamilton, Boise, Idaho, No. 14, G Force-Aurora, (15)
9. Eliseo Salazar, Chile, No. 7, Dallara-Aurora, (15)
10. Buddy Lazier, Vail, Colo., No. 91, Dallara-Aurora, (15)
11. Buzz Calkins, Denver, No. 12, G Force-Aurora, (15)
12. r-Steve Kinser, Bloomington, Ind., No. 44, Dallara-Aurora, (15)
13. r-Billy Roe, Gilbert, Ariz., No. 50, Dallara-Aurora, (15)
14. Mark Dismore, Greenfield, Ind., No. 28, Dallara-Aurora, (15)
15. Roberto Guerrero, San Juan Capistrano, Calif., No. 21, Dallara-Infiniti, (15)
16. r-Billy Boat, Phoenix, No. 11, Dallara-Aurora, (15)
17. r-Greg Ray, Plano, Texas, No. 97, Dallara-Aurora, (15)
18. r-Jack Miller, Carmel, Ind., No. 40, Dallara-Infiniti, (15)
19. r-Tyce Carlson, Indianapolis, No. 18, Dallara-Aurora, (15)
20. Fermin Velez, Spain, No. 33, Dallara-Aurora, (15)
21. Paul Durant, Manteca, Calif., No. 1, G Force-Aurora, (15)
22. Marco Greco, Brazil, No. 22, Dallara-Aurora, (15)
23. Mike Groff, Pasadena, Calif., No. 10, G Force-Infiniti, (15)
24. Dennis Vitolo, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., No. 54, Dallara-Infiniti, (15)
25. Johnny Unser, Sun Valley, Idaho, No. 9, Dallara-Infiniti, (15)
26. Lyn St. James, Daytona Beach, Fla., No. 90, Dallara-Infiniti, (15)
27. Eddie Cheever Jr., Tampa, Fla., No. 51, G Force-Aurora, (15)
28. r-Robbie Groff, Atlanta, No. 30, G Force-Aurora, (14)
29. r-Claude Bourbonnais, Canada, No. 72, Dallara-Aurora, (9), out of race, engine
30. Jim Guthrie, Albuquerque, N.M., No. 27, Dallara-Aurora, (8)
31. Stephan Gregoire, France, No. 77, G Force-Aurora, (0), crash
32. r-Affonso Giaffone, Brazil, No. 17, Dallara-Aurora, (0), crash
33. r-Kenny Brack, Sweden, No. 4, G Force-Aurora, (0), crash
34. r-Sam Schmidt, Las Vegas, No. 16, Dallara-Aurora, (0), engine
35. Alessandro Zampedri, Italy, No. 34, Dallara-Aurora, (0), oil leak

Leaders: Laps 1-15 Stewart

Coca-Cola 600

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — The order of finish Sunday in the Coca-Cola 600 NASCAR Winston Cup race at Charlotte Motor Speedway:

1. (1) Jeff Gordon, Pittsboro, Ind., Chevrolet, 333, $224,900
2. (21) Rusty Wallace, St. Louis, Ford, 333, $108,025
3. (11) Mark Martin, Batesville, Ark., Ford, 333, $77,500
4. (10) Bill Elliott, Dawsonville, Ga., Ford, 333, $73,300
5. (16) Jeff Burton, South Boston, Va., Ford, 333, $61,750
6. (14) Bobby Labonte, Corpus Christi, Texas, Pontiac, 333, $58,600
7. (33) Dale Earnhardt, Kannapolis, N.C., Chevrolet, 333, $54,400
8. (9) Terry Labonte, Corpus Christi, Texas, Chevrolet, 333, $71,600
9. (25) Morgan Shepherd, Conover, N.C., Pontiac, 333, $44,000
10. (18) Ricky Rudd, Chesapeake, Va., Ford, 333, $50,050
11. (27) Steve Grissom, Gadsden, Ala., Chevrolet, 333, $41,500
12. (24) Derrike Cope, Spanaway, Wash., Pontiac, 333, $33,400
13. (13) Ernie Irvan, Salinas, Calif., Ford, 333, $55,200
14. (31) Kyle Petty, Randleman, N.C., Pontiac, 333, $31,300
15. (40) Johnny Benson, Grand Rapids, Mich., Pontiac, 333, $39,200
16. (32) David Green, Owensboro, Ky., Chevrolet, 333, $24,500
17. (22) Michael Waltrip, Owensboro, Ky., Ford, 333, $33,600
18. (19) Jimmy Spencer, Berwick, Pa., Ford, 332, $32,700
19. (5) Joe Nemechek, Lakeland, Fla., Chevrolet, 332, $26,375
20. (17) Rick Mast, Lexington, Va., Ford, 332, $33,650
21. (8) Darrell Waltrip, Franklin, Tenn., Chevrolet, 332, $30,525
22. (4) Jeff Green, Owensboro, Ky., Chevrolet, 332, $26,175
23. (37) Ted Musgrave, Franklin, Wis., Ford, 332, $29,600
24. (30) Lake Speed, Jackson, Miss., Ford, 332, $29,225
25. (42) Hut Stricklin, Calera, Ala., Ford, 332, $29,175
26. (36) Brett Bodine, Chemung, N.Y., Ford, 332, $28,725
27. (3) Dale Jarrett, Hickory, N.C., Ford, 332, $40,875
28. (35) Jeremy Mayfield, Owensboro, Ky., Ford, 331, $21,525
29. (7) Bobby Hamilton, Nashville, Tenn., Pontiac, 331, $34,075
30. (26) John Andretti, Indianapolis, Ford, 331, $28,450
31. (38) Gary Bradberry, Chelsea, Ala., Ford, 331, $18,440
32. (34) Billy Standridge, Shelby, N.C., Ford, 328, $18,435
33. (15) Dick Trickle, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., Ford, 323, $20,930
34. (12) Mike Skinner, Susanville, Calif., Chevrolet, 292, $18,425
35. (20) Wally Dallenbach, Basalt, Colo., Chevrolet, 246, $18,420
36. (39) Ward Burton, South Boston, Va., Pontiac, 239, wreck, $18,415
37. (2) Ricky Craven, Bangor, Maine, Chevrolet, 233, $36,710
38. (6) Ken Schrader, Fenton, Mo., Chevrolet, 231, $29,100
39. (23) Kenny Wallace, St. Louis, Ford, 192, $25,400
40. (29) Sterling Marlin, Columbia, Tenn., Chevrolet, 188, engine, $34,400
41. (28) Robby Gordon, Cerritos, Calif., Chevrolet, 186, wreck, $25,400
42. (41) Todd Bodine, Chemung, N.Y., Ford, 47, engine, $25,400.

Major League Baseball

AL Boxes

BLUE JAYS 8, RANGERS 1

TEXAS	ab	r	hbi	TORONTO	ab	r	hbi
Newson rf	4	0	1	0 Nixon cf	4	1	2
IRdrgz c	3	0	0	0 Brmfld cf	1	0	0
Greer lf	4	0	0	0 Merced rf	4	1	1
JuGnlz dh	4	1	1	1 RPerez rf	1	0	0
WClark 1b	3	0	2	0 Carter lf	4	1	1
Palmer 3b	3	0	0	0 SGreen lf	0	0	0
DCdno 2b	4	0	1	0 Sprgue 3b	4	2	2
Buford cf	3	0	0	0 Brito 3b	0	0	0
Gil ss	4	0	0	0 CDlgdo 1b	3	2	2
				Sierra dh	3	1	3
				Sntiago c	4	0	0
				AGnzlz ss	4	0	2
				CGrcia 2b	4	0	0
Totals	**32**	**1**	**5**	**1 Totals**	**36**	**8**	**13**
Texas				**000 100 000**			**— 1**
Toronto				**440 000 00x**			**— 8**

E—Gil (7), CGarcia (5). DP—Texas 2, Toronto 1. LOB—Texas 8, Toronto 6. 2B—WClark (9), Nixon (5), CDelgado 2 (8). 3B—Sierra (1). HR—JuGonzalez (8), Merced (5), Sprague (9).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Santana L,2-2	6	12	8	7	2	3
Vosberg	2	1	0	0	0	0
Toronto						
Clemens W,9-0	7	4	1	1	4	7
Quantrill	2	1	0	0	0	3

T—2:46. A—28,113 (51,000).

RED SOX 3, BREWERS 2

MILWAUKEE	ab	r	hbi	BOSTON	ab	r	hbi
GeWhms lf	4	0	1	0 Grcpnr ss	3	0	0
Cirillo 3b	4	0	0	0 Bragg cf	4	0	0
Nilsson 1b	3	0	2	0 Crdero lf	4	1	1
Jaha dh	1	0	0	0 MVghn 1b	4	0	2
Nwfield dh	3	0	1	0 Frye pr	0	1	0
Burnitz cf	3	0	0	0 Jffrson dh	4	0	0
Mieske rf	4	0	0	0 Nhring 3b	4	0	1
JsValtn ss	3	1	1	0 O'Lry rf	3	1	1
Loretta 2b	3	0	1	0 JhValtn 2b	3	0	2
Mtheny c	3	1	2	2 Hslman c	2	0	0
				Httberg ph	0	0	0
				Mack pr	0	0	0
				Stanley c	0	0	0
Totals	**31**	**2**	**8**	**2 Totals**	**31**	**3**	**7**
Milwaukee				**000 020 000**			**— 2**
Boston				**000 000 012**			**— 3**

One out when winning run scored.

E—Garciaparra (4). DP—Boston 2. LOB—Milwaukee 5, Boston 5. 2B—Naehring (12), JhValentin (11). HR—Matheny (2). SB—Nilsson (2), JsValentin (3), MVaughn (2). CS—Burnitz (4). SF—Garciaparra.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Milwaukee						
McDonald	7	1-3	4	1	1	11
DoJones L,3-1	1	3	2	2	0	0
Boston						
Wakefield	8	8	2	2	2	8
Hammond W,2-3	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Wakefield (JsValentin). WP—Wakefield. T—2:29. A—28,438 (33,925).

TIGERS 6, ANGELS 0

ANAHEIM	ab	r	hbi	DETROIT	ab	r	hbi
Phillips dh	4	0	0	0 BLHntr cf	3	3	2
Erstad 1b	3	0	0	0 JoReed 2b	3	1	2
Hollins 3b	4	0	0	0 Frymn 3b	3	1	1
Edmnd cf	4	0	1	0 ToClrk 1b	3	0	1
Salmon rf	4	0	0	0 Nieves rf	3	0	0
GAndsn lf	3	0	0	0 Easley dh	4	0	0
Kreuter c	3	0	1	0 Hggnsn lf	3	0	0
Alicea 2b	2	0	1	0 BJhnsn c	3	0	0
DiScna ss	3	0	1	0 DCruz ss	3	1	1
Totals	**30**	**0**	**4**	**0 Totals**	**28**	**6**	**7**
Anaheim				**000 000 000**			**— 0**
Detroit				**000 101 04x**			**— 6**

DP—Anaheim 1, Detroit 1. LOB—Anaheim 5, Detroit 4. 3B—BLHunter (1). SB—Alicea (8). CS—JoReed (2). SF—Fryman.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Anaheim						
CFinley L,2-4	7	6	4	4	2	6
James	0	1	2	2	3	0
Hasegawa	1	0	0	0	0	0
Detroit						
Olivares W,3-3	9	4	0	0	2	4

CFinley pitched to 2 batters in the 8th, James pitched to 4 batters in the 8th. WP—CFinley, James. T—2:41. A—12,562 (52,416).

ORIOLES 8, YANKEES 6

BALTIMORE	ab	r	hbi	NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi
ByAdsn cf	5	2	2	3 Raines lf	4	1	1
Rboulet 2b	4	0	0	0 Jeter ss	4	0	1
CRipkn 3b	4	2	1	0 BeWms cf	5	1	1
RPmro dh	5	0	3	0 TMrtnz 1b	4	0	0
Hoiles 1b	4	0	0	0 Fielder dh	4	0	2
RaMyr p	0	0	0	0 O'Neill rf	4	0	0
Surhoff lf	4	1	3	3 Hayes 3b	4	1	1
Hmnds rf	2	1	0	0 Duncan 2b	4	1	2
Wbster c	4	1	1	1 Girardi c	3	2	2
Bordick ss	3	1	1	0			
RAlmr 2b	0	0	0	0			
Totals	**35**	**8**	**11**	**7 Totals**	**36**	**6**	**10**
Baltimore				**100 100 600**			**— 8**
New York				**004 200 000**			**— 6**

DP—New York 2. LOB—Baltimore 6, New York 6. 2B—ByAnderson (10). 3B—Raines (1). HR—ByAnderson (5), BeWilliams (8). SB—CRipken (1), RPalmeiro (3), Jeter (6), Duncan (2), Girardi (1). CS—Hayes (1). S—Reboulet.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Erickson	5	9	6	6	2	3
Boskie W,2-2	1	1	0	0	1	2
Orosco	1	0	0	0	0	0
ABenitez	1	0	0	0	0	3
RaMyers S,16	1	0	0	0	0	2
New York						
Pettitte L,6-3	6	8	7	7	4	3
Nelson	1-3	1	1	1	0	0
Lloyd	1-3	1	0	0	1	0
Mecir	2	1-3	1	0	0	2

Pettitte pitched to 5 batters in the 7th. WP—Erickson, Pettitte. T—3:30. A—40,296 (57,545).

ATHLETICS 2, ROYALS 1, 11 innings

OAKLAND	ab	r	hbi	KANSAS CITY	ab	r	hbi
Mshore cf	4	0	0	0 Offrmn 2b	3	0	1
Mgdan 1b	5	0	1	0 JBell ss	5	1	1
Berroa rf	5	0	0	0 Roberts lf	5	0	2
Cnseco lf	4	1	0	0 King 1b	4	0	2
Giambi dh	4	0	1	0 CDavis dh	5	0	1
Lennon dh	0	0	0	0 Pquette 3b	3	0	1
Spiezio 2b	5	0	3	1 Halter rf	1	0	0
Mayne c	5	0	1	0 Mcfrlne c	4	0	1
Brosius 3b	5	0	0	0 MiSwy pr	0	0	0
Brnigal ss	2	1	1	0 TGdwin cf	3	0	0
Stairs 1b	2	0	0	0 Cooper 3b	2	0	0
				Damon rf	1	0	0
				Vitiello ph	1	0	0
				DHwrd cf	1	0	0
Totals	**41**	**2**	**7**	**1 Totals**	**38**	**1**	**9**
Oakland				**001000000**			**01 — 2**
Kansas City				**000001000**			**00 — 1**

E—Offerman (2). DP—Oakland 3. LOB—Oakland 9, Kansas City 11. 2B—JBell (11), Roberts (10), King (10), CDavis (3). SB—King (7). S—Macfarlane.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Baltimore	32	15	.681	—	7-3	W-1	17-7	15-8	0-0
Toronto	25	21	.543	6 1/2	z-6-4	W-2	12-12	13-9	0-0
New York	26	23	.531	7	z-3-7	L-1	13-13	13-10	0-0
Detroit	22	26	.458	10 1/2	6-4	W-2	13-11	9-15	0-0
Boston	19	27	.413	12 1/2	4-6	W-1	8-11	11-16	0-0

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Cleveland	26	21	.553	—	8-2	W-2	14-9	12-12	0-0
Milwaukee	22	23	.489	3	3-7	L-1	15-7	7-16	0-0
Kansas City	22	25	.468	4	2-8	L-1	11-13	11-12	0-0
Chicago	21	25	.457	4 1/2	z-7-3	L-2	13-14	8-11	0-0
Minnesota	20	29	.408	7	5-5	L-1	11-16	9-13	0-0

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Texas	26	21	.553	—	z-5-5	L-2	15-10	11-11	0-0
Anaheim	25	22	.532	1	z-7-3	L-2	16-8	9-14	0-0
Seattle	26	23	.531	1	3-7	W-1	10-12	16-11	0-0
Oakland	20	31	.392	8	3-7	W-1	10-11	10-20	0-0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Atlanta	33	15	.688	—	7-3	L-2	19-6	14-9	0-0
Florida	29	19	.604	4	z-7-3	L-1	18-6	11-13	0-0
New York	27	22	.551	6 1/2	7-3	W-2	12-10	15-12	0-0
Montreal	26	22	.542	7	4-6	L-2	17-8	9-14	0-0
Philadelphia	18	30	.375	15	4-6	L-2	10-15	8-15	0-0

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Houston	25	25	.500	—	z-4-6	L-2	13-9	12-16	0-0
Pittsburgh	24	25	.490	1/2	3-7	L-1	9-13	15-12	0-0
St. Louis	20	28	.417	4	3-7	L-1	12-9	8-19	0-0
Chicago	18	30	.375	6	z-6-4	W-1	10-11	8-19	0-0
Cincinnati	17	31	.354	7	z-6-4	W-3	10-13	7-18	0-0

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
San Francisco	28	20	.583	—	z-5-5	W-1	17-12	11-8	0-0
Colorado	27	22	.551	1 1/2	4-6	W-2	15-8	12-14	0-0
Los Angeles	26	22	.542	2	z-4-6	W-3	17-10	9-12	0-0
San Diego	20	27	.426	7 1/2	6-4	L-2	14-15	6-12	0-0

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Monday's Games

Boston 3, Milwaukee 2
Detroit 6, Anaheim 0
Baltimore 8, N.Y. Yankees 6
Seattle 13, Minnesota 8
Oakland 2, Kansas City 1, 11 innings
Cleveland 10, Chicago White Sox 4
Toronto 8, Texas 1

Tuesday's Games

Anaheim (Perisho 0-0) at Detroit (Thompson 4-3), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Mercedes 1-1) at Boston (Gordon 3-5), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Kamieniecki 3-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Rogers 3-2), 6:35 p.m.
Texas (Burkett 3-3) at Toronto (Person 0-2), 6:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Lopez 2-2) at Chicago White Sox (Drabek 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Lowe 0-1) at Minnesota (Jarvis 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Oquist 0-1) at Kansas City (Rosado 3-3), 7:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Monday's Games

Late Games Not Included

Chicago Cubs 2, Pittsburgh 1
Colorado 9, St. Louis 7
San Francisco 4, Houston 3
Cincinnati 8, Philadelphia 5, 1st game
N.Y. Mets 4, Montreal 3
Los Angeles 5, Florida 3
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 2nd game, (n)
Atlanta at San Diego, (n)

Tuesday's Games

St. Louis (Al.Benes 3-4) at Colorado (Thomson 0-3), 2:05 p.m.
Houston (Hampton 2-4) at San Francisco (Gardner 6-1), 2:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (J.Gonzalez 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Lieber 2-5), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Clark 5-2) at Montreal (Perez 4-4), 6:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Schilling 6-4) at Cincinnati (Tomko 0-0), 6:35 p.m.
Florida (Leiter 3-3) at Los Angeles (Nomo 5-3), 9:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 5-1) at San Diego (Hamilton 3-1), 9:05 p.m.

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Groom 1-3 0 0 0 0 0
WAdams W,3-5 1 1 0 0 2 0
ASmall S,2 1 1 0 0 0 1
Kansas City
Appier 9 5 1 0 1 10
MkWm L,0-1 2 2 1 1 2 1

HBP—by Telgheder (Paquette). T—3:29. A—31,300 (40,625).

MARINERS 13, TWINS 8

SEATTLE	ab	r	hbi	MINNESOTA	ab	r	hbi
Cora 2b	4	2	1	2 Knblch 2b	4	1	1
DaWlsn c	4	2	2	1 Becker lf	3	2	3
Grfy Jr cf	4	1	0	0 Molitor dh	4	0	2
EMrtnz dh	5	2	3	6 GMyrs c	4	1	2
ARdrgz ss	5	0	2	0 Coomr 3b	3	0	1
Buhner rf	5	2	2	2 Hcking 3b	1	0	0
Blwers 1b	3	1	1	0 Clbrnn 1b	4	1	2
RDavis 3b	5	2	2	1 Sthviak 1b	1	0	0
Amaral lf	5	1	1	0 Lawton rf	2	1	0
				RKelly ph	1	0	0
				DrJksn cf	5	0	0
				Meares ss	5	2	2
Totals	**40**	**13**	**14**	**12 Totals**	**37**	**8**	**13**
Seattle				**400 214 002**			**—13**
Minnesota				**020 301 200**			**— 8**

E—Colbrunn (6), Meares (7). DP—Seattle 1, Minnesota 2. LOB—Seattle 5, Minnesota 10. 2B—RDavis (13), Becker (4), Molitor (7), Colbrunn (13), Meares (12). HR—Cora (5), EMartinez 2 (7), Buhner 2 (11), RDavis (6), GMyers (2). SB—Knoblauch 2 (25). CS—Becker (3). SF—Molitor.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
SSanders W,1-5	5	1-3	8	5	5	4
McCarthy	0	2	1	1	1	0
BWells	2	3	2	2	1	2
Ayala	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Charlton	1	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota						
Aldred L,2-7	1-3	3	4	4	3	0
FRodriguez	3	2-3	3	2	1	0
Ritchie	1	1-3	5	5	5	2
Swindell	2	2-3	1	0	0	2
Trombley	1	2	2	2	0	0

McCarthy pitched to 3 batters in the 6th. WP—SSanders, Aldred. T—3:32. A—14,134 (55,883).

INDIANS 10, WHITE SOX 4

CLEVELAND	ab	r	hbi	CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi
Grssom cf	5	2	3	2 Drham 2b	4	0	0
THbard cf	0	0	0	0 Cmeron cf	3	1	1
JuFrco dh	4	2	2	1 FThms 1b	4	1	1
Thome 1b	4	1	1	3 Belle lf	4	0	1
MaWm 3b	5	1	1	0 Baines dh	4	1	1
Justice lf	2	0	1	1 NMartn 3b	4	0	1
Giles lf	1	0	0	0 DaMtnz rf	2	1	1
Rmirez rf	4	1	3	2 Pena c	2	0	0
TFrndz 2b	3	1	0	0 Fbrgas c	2	0	0
Cndele 2b	1	0	0	0 OGuiln ss	4	0	0
SAlmr c	4	1	2	0			
Vizquel ss	2	1	0	0			
Totals	**35**	**10**	**13**	**9 Totals**	**33**	**4**	**6**
Cleveland				**260 000 110**			**—10**
Chicago				**200 100 100**			**— 4**

E—Vizquel (4). DP—Chicago 2. LOB—Cleveland 6, Chicago 5. 2B—JuFranco (7), MaWilliams (13), Ramirez (10). 3B—DaMartinez (3). HR—Cameron (1), FThomas (10). SB—Grissom (7), JuFranco (4). CS—Grissom (3). SF—Ramirez. DaMartinez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Hershiser W,5-2	7	5	4	4	0	3
Mesa	1	1	0	0	1	2
Graves	1	0	0	0	1	0
Chicago						
Navarro L,4-3	7	11	9	9	5	4
Karchner	2	2	1	0	2	0

PB—Fabregas 2. T—2:35. A—26,383 (44,321).

NL Boxes

GIANTS 4, ASTROS 3

HOUSTON	ab	r	hbi	SAN FRAN	ab	r	hbi

Biggio 2b 5 2 4 0 Benard rf 5 0 0 1
Asmus c 5 1 1 0 Vzcaino ss 5 0 1 1
Bgwell 1b 2 0 0 0 Bonds lf 4 1 3 1
LGnzlz lf 4 0 1 2 Kent 2b 3 0 0 0
Berry 3b 4 0 0 0 Snow 1b 4 1 1 0
RMtgm rf 2 0 0 0 Javier cf 4 1 1 0
THwrd rf 0 0 0 0 Mueller 3b 3 1 2 0
Gterrez ss 4 0 0 0 Jensen c 3 0 1 0
JMoutn cf 3 0 0 0 Rueter p 2 0 0 1
Rynlds p 3 0 1 0 DHenry p 0 0 0 0
Martin p 0 0 0 0 GHill ph 0 0 0 0
RSprgr p 0 0 0 0 RRdrgz p 0 0 0 0
Listach ph 1 0 0 0 Tvarez p 0 0 0 0
Lima p 0 0 0 0
Totals 33 3 7 2 Totals 33 4 9 4
Houston 200 010 000 — 3
San Francisco 030 000 001 — 4

No outs when winning run scored

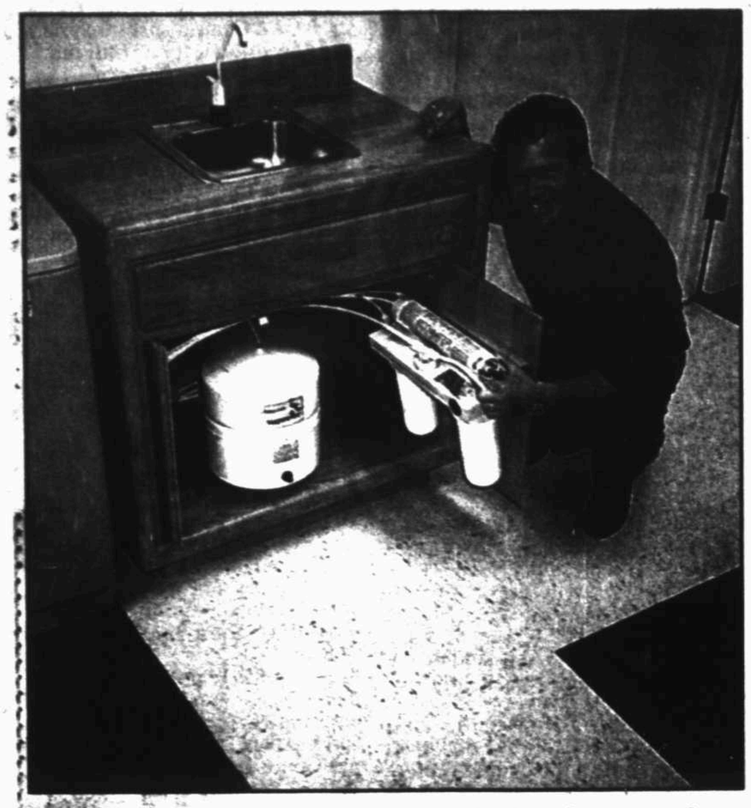
E—Martin (1), Vizcaino (6). DP—Houston 1, San Francisco 1. LOB—Houston 8, San Francisco 11. 2B—Biggio (14), Mueller (6). HR—Bonds (8).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Reynolds	6	6	3	3	5	3
Martin	1 1-3	2	0	0	0	1
RSpringer	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
Lima L,0-3	0	1	1	1	0	0
San Francisco						
Rueter	7	5	3	2	4	8
DHenry	1	1	0	0	1	1
RRodriguez	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Tavarez W,1-2	1-3	1	0	0	0	0

Lima pitched to 1 batter in the 9th
T—3:09. A—16,059 (62,000)

ROCKIES 9, CARDINALS 7

ST. LOUIS	ab	r	hbi	COLORADO	ab	r	hbi
DeShlds 2b	5	1	2	1 EcYng 2b	4	0	0
Gant lf	4	2	2	3 Burks cf	4	1	2
Lnkfrd cf	3	0	1	1 LWalkr rf	4	1	1
McGee rf	5	0	0	0 Bchette lf	4	1	2
Mabry 1b	5	1	2	0 SReed p	0	0	0
Gaetti 3b	4	1	3	1 Glrrga 1b	4	2	2
Lmpkin c	4	0	1	0 Castilla 3b	4	2	2
Clayton ss	4	1	2	1 Mnwrn c	4	1	1
DnJksn p	2	1	1	0 Weiss ss	4	1	2
Ptkvsk p	2	0	0	0 Ritz p	1	0	0
				Bates ph	1	0	1



Supreme Water's Mike Ruther recommends changing pre- and post- filters on RO units every six months to maintain the cleanest water possible.

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Clear, refreshing water beats summer's heat

For many West Texans, summertime means being outdoors, being active and getting thirsty. No matter what your favorite summer activity is, your energy level and level of enjoyment are directly affected by your water intake. Without enough water, you can experience dizziness, headaches, nausea or premature exhaustion, especially on very hot days.

To avoid these conditions, the National College of Sports Medicine (NCSM) recommends summertime fun seekers drink 17 ounces of water two hours before exercise and four to six ounces every 15 to 20 minutes during exercise.

That sounds good, unless your drinking water is so bad that dying of thirst becomes a viable option. There are several better possibilities—ways to improve the taste of your water—according to Mike Ruther of Supreme Water Treatment.

"A high quality Reverse Osmosis (RO) unit is really the best," says Ruther. While there are various types of RO units, some over-the-counter units may not be powerful enough to handle West Texas water. Supreme Water can test your water and recommend a system that will meet your needs, even if you have especially hard well water.

Ruther explains that 10 grains of hardness is considered hard, while the water in most Midland homes is around 35 grains—more than three times the definition of hard. Total Dissolved Solids, or TDS, are also high in this area.

An RO system solves this by passing water through a semipermeable membrane that rejects between 85 and 95 percent of contaminants. Supreme Water offers units for sale or lease under a variety of affordable payment options.

Another treatment method is a faucet-end attachment that is basically an activated charcoal filter. Ruther says these are inexpensive and they remove some chlorine and bacteria, but they don't get the dissolved ions and salts that make up much of what affects our water.

Bottled water is another popular solution to water problems. But you have to watch to make sure you don't run out, you have to haul heavy bottles around and it can cost a lot of money over time.

"There are several options that may appear cheaper than owning your own high-quality RO unit," says Ruther. "But if they don't do the job or if they are very inconvenient, you may have wasted whatever money you did spend."

In addition to RO units, Supreme Water offers whole house water softeners. These units can reduce hard water's effects on plumbing, fixtures and the effectiveness of soaps and shampoos. "In addition to tasting bad, hard water takes a toll on your whole house, especially in keeping laundry soap and shampoos from getting clothes and hair really clean."

This summer, don't agonize over your thirst. An RO unit from Supreme Water can make teas, juices, ice or any beverage made with water taste refreshing.

Supreme Water Treatment has been locally owned and family operated since 1981. They sell and service EcoWater systems, both reverse osmosis and whole house water softeners. They service all softener brands. The phone number is 570-1220.

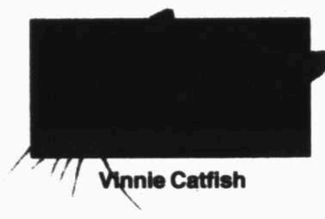
Olympic training keeps food fresh at Jib's

By Vinnie Catfish

Most Jib's customers don't realize what training and effort is involved in getting fresh, made-from-scratch food out to you on a tight schedule. We wanted to give you a glimpse of how we "jump through hoops" to accomplish this every time you stop in.

The Freshness Sprint

This first event makes sure we get from the farm to Jib's kitchen with full flavor intact without being frozen. Fresh catfish, like Jib's serves, is very flaky and so tender. My trainer was Sammy Salmon, who really knows how to swim fast upstream.



Vinnie Catfish

Freestyle Batter Rolling

Rolling around to get thoroughly covered with made-from-scratch batter is the point of this event. We have to get just the right thickness of batter on every filet, so you get a mouthful of deep, rich flavor in every bite. I guess we could gain some speed by battering ahead of time, but then we'd taste like the catfish at some of those places where you've sworn never to eat again.

The Fryer Dive

Timing is everything on this one (have you ever tried to dive after being coated with batter?). We have to stay under long enough to get cooked to a golden brown while keeping our flaky texture. We work hard to get our timing just right.

Piling On

It's fun to see how many of us we can get on a plate. Head Trainers Joe and Johnnie Harper (Jib's owners) say they want to make sure nobody leaves hungry, so we are welcome to see how many of us we can crowd in and still leave room for the side orders. We do offer half orders for those with an appetite for less filling competition.

The Serving Sprint

This is another event where speed is vital. It's the first competition diners can actually see. Hungry spectators witness the quick delivery of plates loaded with hot, tasty catfish filets along with tartar sauce, French fries, pinto beans, hush puppies and their choice of salad or Cole slaw. It's beautiful to see all that training and dedication pay off.

After this, customers start their own set of events such as the Tartar Sauce Dip and the Salad Grab. Once they've allowed our prepared-from-scratch catfish (or steak fingers, chicken strips or other fare) an Olympic trial, folks give us tens across the board. We're way out in front of the frozen, machine-formed stuff they've eaten elsewhere.

So race on down to Jib's and let me help you enjoy a fresh feast of Olympic proportions.

Vinnie Catfish is a menu item at Jib's. His column appears courtesy of owners Joe and Johnnie Harper. Located at 3316 W. Illinois, just north of Dunlap's, Jib's features steak fingers, chicken fried steak, chicken strips, catfish, shrimp, barbecue and more made-from-scratch Texas fare. On Fridays and Saturdays they serve mesquite-smoked baby back ribs. Their hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Call ahead for carryout orders at 699-3008.

Folks at Jib's perform great feats to get tasty, farm-raised catfish to you hot and fresh. Jib's catfish is hand-battered when you order, and they never run out.

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John Manley, the firm's Quantitative Equity Strategist, periodically prints a chart that tracks the percentage of all companies that have lagged the S&P 500 by more than 15% in the last 12 months for each year since 1971. To clarify over the past 12 months, the S&P 500 has risen 25.2%. John Manley produced a graph showing the percentage of companies that are up less than 10.2% (+25.2-15=+10.2%) in the same time period. Currently, we find that 61.6% of the 7,764 stocks that we monitor have lagged the S&P 500 by 15% or more. This is significant because, in the past 26 years, the percentage of stocks lagging the S&P 500 by 15% or more has exceeded 50% on only three other occasions: Feb. 1973, Oct. 1987, and Oct. 1990–all of which were followed by sharp stock market corrections. This trend could cause some concern now, as the current reading of 61.6% represents the largest percentage of laggards ever.
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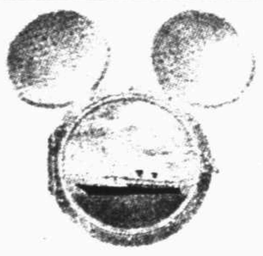
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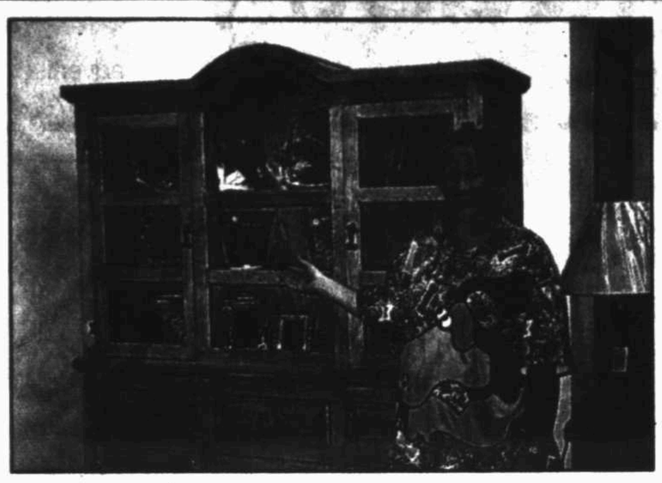

Way Out West Co-owner Molly Clark displays a roomy rustic pine china cabinet. The store imports custom made furniture from craftsmen in the interior of Mexico.

Custom rustic furniture heads Way Out West

Current decorating styles are leaning toward the casual side. Quality is important, but so are usability, a family friendly "down home" feel and reasonable pricing.

It's no wonder more and more decorators and families are discovering Way Out West Trading Company's unique collection of quality rustic pine, mesquite and wrought iron furniture, from armoires and china cabinets to beds and dining tables. Along with furniture, Way Out West also carries a vast assortment of accessories including pewter, talavera pottery, terra cotta pots, suns, moons and garden sculptures.

Perhaps surprisingly, solid pine armoires are among their most popular items...but not for clothing. "They make a great place to hide a home entertainment center or a computer system," says Molly Clark, the store's co-owner along with her brother, Thomas Schneider. The inside of the armoire can be configured with shelves, a printer stand, a hole for wiring or anything else.

Attractive, easily cleaned Mexican tile tops adorn many of the pine dining tables. Glass topped wrought iron tables also have a strong southwestern flair.

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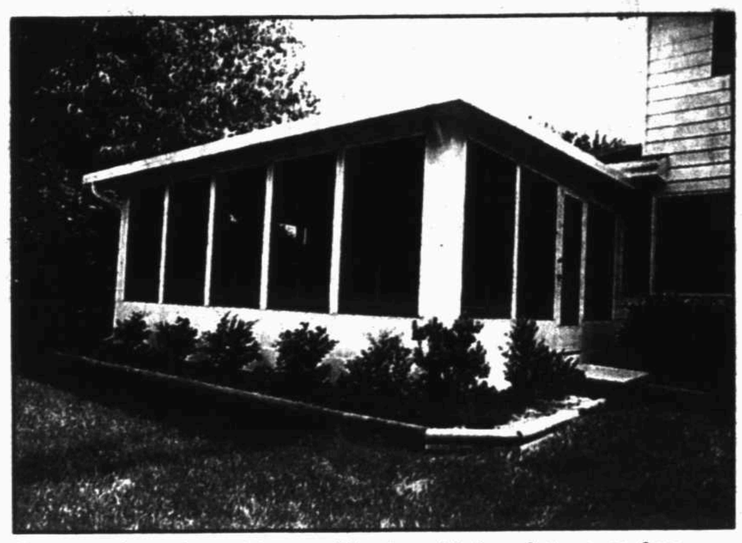

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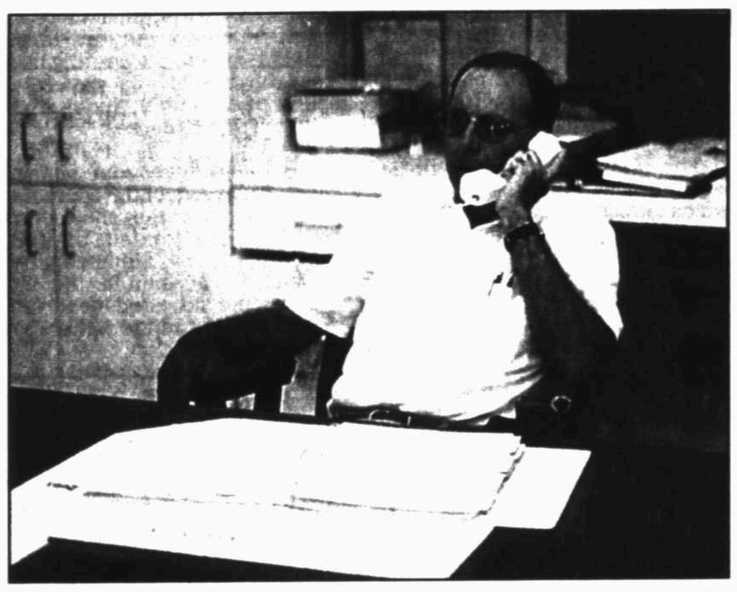

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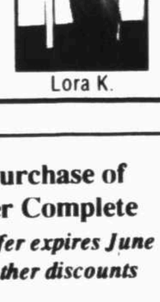

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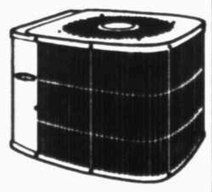

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Clemens blisters Ranger batters

Associated Press

TORONTO — Even an open blister on his pitching thumb couldn't stop Roger Clemens.

Clemens became the American League's first nine-game winner, allowing four hits in seven innings Monday night to lead Toronto over Texas 8-1.

"I was a bit concerned about the blister, but when it tore it actually felt better," Clemens said. "It wasn't a blood blister. I already have new skin growing underneath."

Clemens (9-0), who tore open the blister in the second inning, gave up one run, struck out seven and walked four, lowering his league-leading ERA to 1.81.

"I don't know if I've seen him pitch better," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "I've seen him throw better, but pitching and throwing are different. He was up, he was down, he was out."

Clemens' best start was 14-0 in 1986.

"If I did one thing right tonight, it was pitch inside," Clemens said. "With the blister my main concern was getting back to the dugout as soon as possible. But the real credit has to go to the hitters. They've been waiting for this a long time."

■ AL Roundup

Orioles 6, Yankees 6

NEW YORK — Brady Anderson homered on the first pitch of the game from Andy Pettitte, then doubled off the Yankees ace during a six-run rally in the seventh inning that sent Baltimore over New York.

The Orioles were just 4-14 against the Yankees last season, including a five-game loss in the AL championship series. But AL East-leading Baltimore won the first meeting this year, even though manager Davey Johnson was ejected in his return from a two-day absence caused by a family illness.

Tigers 6, Angels 0

DETROIT — Omar Olivares pitched a four-hitter for his second shutout this season.

Olivares (3-3) won for the first time since blanking Cleveland 6-0 on May 10 for his first career shutout. He struck out four and walked two.

Only two runners got as far as second base for the Angels, who have lost two straight after a five-game winning streak.

Red Sox 3, Brewers 2

BOSTON — Tim Naehring hit a two-run double with one out in the ninth as Boston rallied for just its fifth win in 20 games.

Blanked on two hits through the first seven innings by Milwaukee starter Ben McDonald, the Red Sox scored one in the eighth, and two more in the ninth off Doug Jones (3-1).

Indians 10, White Sox 4

CHICAGO — Albert Belle got a firsthand look at the Cleveland Indians without him. The Indians didn't show off their power, they just won again.

Cleveland, facing Belle for the first time since he left for $55 million and Chicago, scored six runs in the second and Orel Hershiser pitched seven strong innings after a shaky start as the Indians defeated the White Sox 10-4.

Athletics 2, Royals 1 (11)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Scott Spiezio singled home Jose Canseco with one out in the 11th inning.

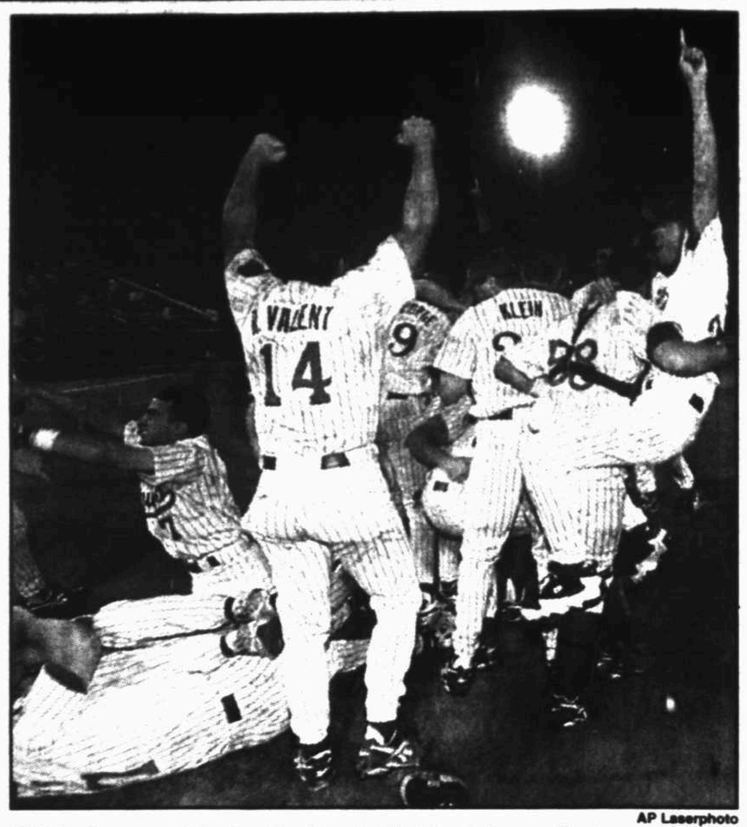
Jose Canseco drew a one-out walk in the 11th off Mike Williams (0-1) and Jason Giambi singled. Spiezio followed with a clean single to right to score Canseco easily.

Kansas City starter Kevin Appier struck out a season-high 10 in nine innings, but didn't get any run support and failed in his fourth attempt to get his 100th career win. The right-hander allowed one run and five hits in lowering his ERA to 2.26.

Mariners 13, Twins 8

MINNEAPOLIS — Edgar Martinez and Jay Buhner both homered twice and Joey Cora extended his hitting streak 21 games for Seattle.

Martinez hit a pair of three-run homers and Buhner connected on two solo shots as the Mariners won for just the third time in 11 games. Cora led off the game with a homer and Russ Davis added a solo homer in the ninth for Seattle.



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UCLA players celebrate after they battled back from a first-round loss to win the Midwest Regional title 22-2 over Oklahoma State late Sunday night.

Bonds' home run in ninth powers Giants

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — All it took was some pitches in the strike zone to ease Barry Bonds' early-season frustration.

■ NL Roundup

Bonds, who has been pitched around much of the year, homered to lead off the ninth inning Monday, lifting the San Francisco Giants to a 4-3 win over the Houston Astros.

"It just feels good to win, man," said Bonds, who got three hits. "We haven't been playing to well. It feels good for me to finally help this team a little bit."

Bonds entered the game batting .252 while drawing a league-high 47 walks, including one Monday. However, the three-time NL MVP is hitting .320 (16-for-50) over his last 15 games and his three-hit performance raised his average to .265.

"Barry Bonds is going to be Barry Bonds," said teammate Glenallen Hill. "Sooner or later, he's going to get in that groove where he is not going to miss the pitch that he chooses to swing at. That's the bottom line. And Barry is the type of player that can hit 10 to 15 homers in a month and you know, we're still in May."

Bonds connected on a 1-0 pitch from Jose Lima (0-3), driving it into the right-field bleachers for his eighth homer.

Rockies 9, Cardinals 7

DENVER — Andres Galarraga hit a 469-foot two-run homer and Vinny Castilla added a solo shot as Colorado overcame a six-run deficit and beat St. Louis.

Galarraga drove in four runs and Walt Weiss hit his second homer in two games.

With the Rockies trailing 7-6, Dante Bichette singled with one out and Galarraga followed with his 11th homer, a drive off Mark Petkovsek (3-3) that was the third-longest homer in the three-season history of Coors Field.

Cubs 2, Pirates 1

PITTSBURGH — Chicago's Sammy Sosa and Pittsburgh's Tony Womack hit inside-the-park homers five minutes apart in the sixth inning.

It was the first time two inside-the-park homers have been hit in the same NL game since Lou Brock and Hector Cruz of St. Louis each did it against San Diego on June 18, 1976. Greg Gagne of the Twins had two himself for Minnesota on Oct. 4, 1986, against the White Sox.

Kevin Foster (6-3), Mel Rojas and Terry Adams combined on a three-hitter. Francisco Cordova (3-4) gave up two runs and five hits in seven innings.

Reds 8, Phillies 5

CINCINNATI — Bret Boone homered as Cincinnati (17-31) achieved its first three-game winning streak of the season by scoring five runs in the third and holding on.

Boone's two-run homer — his 500th career hit — capped the rally against erratic starter Mark Leiter (4-5).

Curtis Goodwin and Lenny Harris each had three hits as the Reds put up their best run total since a 10-2 victory over the Phillies on April 26.

John Smiley (5-6) improved to 4-1 in May by giving up eight hits and five runs over seven innings. Mike Remlinger pitched two innings for his second save.

Mets 4, Expos 3

MONTREAL — Rey Ordonez drove in the go-ahead run with a two-out single in the eighth following a two-run single by pinch-hitter Matt Franco off Ugueth Urbina (2-4).

John Franco pitched the ninth for his 14th save in 15 chances, giving the Mets their fourth win in five games.

Rookie Cory Lidle (3-0) got the win, allowing one run in one-plus innings of relief.

Dodgers 5, Marlins 3

LOS ANGELES — Eric Karros hit a tiebreaking two-run homer and Todd Zeile and Raul Mondesi hit solo shots as Los Angeles won its third straight.

Chan Ho Park (3-2) won for the first time in four starts since May 4, allowing three runs and five hits in 6 1-3 innings. Todd Worrell got three outs for his 14th save.

Rick Helling (1-3) allowed four runs and five hits in six innings.

LSU back in CWS after 2-game rout

Associated Press

At Baton Rouge, La., LSU scored 11 runs in the fourth inning en route to a 15-4 victory over South Alabama on Monday, completing a two-game sweep of the Jaguars in the South I Regional final and getting a chance to defend its national title in the College World Series.

After beating South Alabama 14-4 earlier Monday in the South I Regional tournament, the Tigers (53-13) broke out for 11 runs on 11 hits in the fourth, highlighted by two-run homers from Mike Koerner and Danny Higgins.

South Alabama (43-19), which beat LSU earlier in the double-elimination tournament, has now been knocked out a CWS berth three times by the Tigers.

Joey Painich (9-2) was the winner. Stephen Sparks (11-1) took the loss.

In the first game, Koerner and Wes Davis each hit three-run homers to power the Tigers, who have 178 homers this season.

■ College Baseball

Sunday's Late Title Games
East Regional
Midwest Regional
UCLA 22, Oklahoma State 2
(title game)

At Stillwater, Okla., UCLA battered Oklahoma State pitching for a second straight game, completing a Sunday sweep to win the Midwest Regional and earn its second trip to the CWS.

The Bruins (45-19-1) got two homers from Jon Heinrichs and another from Eric Valent as they collected 31 hits in the 22-2 rout of the Cowboys.

UCLA won five games in a row after losing to Harvard to advance to Omaha.

In the first game, Jim Parque (13-2) allowed four hits over eight innings and Peter Zamora went 4-for-5 with a homer and four RBIs.

South I Regional
LSU 14, Long Beach State 7

At Baton Rouge, La., defending champion LSU (51-13) made it to Monday's South I title game against South Alabama by busting out for seven runs in the 11th inning for a 14-7 win over Long Beach State.

In the big inning, two runs scored on bases-loaded walks, two more on wild pitches and the Tigers also had four singles and double.

LSU, which saw coach Skip Bertman ejected in the eighth for protesting a balk call, tied the game at 7-all in the eighth on a home run by Eddy Furniss.

Auburn 5, Florida State 2

At Tallahassee, Fla., Auburn reach the CWS for the fourth time as Tim Hudson allowed five hits over eight innings in the Tigers' 5-2 win over the Seminoles.

Auburn (49-15) scored twice in the first inning, built a 4-0 lead through three innings and Hudson (14-2) did the rest, striking out 12 and walking just three.

Florida State (50-17) failed to make the CWS for the first time since 1993.

Mideast Regional
Mississippi State 4,
Washington 3

At Starkville, Miss., Eric DuBose pitched his second complete game in four days as Mississippi State beat Washington and advance to the College World Series for the first time since 1990.

The Huskies, shooting for their first CWS berth, made it close in the ninth when Chris Magruder led off with a homer to cut the lead to one run. But DuBose (9-3) struck out the next two batters and got cleanup hitter Ryan Soules on a fly ball to end the game.

The Bulldogs (46-19) broke a 2-all tie on Barry Patton's two-run single in the eighth.

The eight-team field for the College World Series, which opens Friday in Omaha, Neb., includes four teams from the Southeastern Conference: LSU, Mississippi State, Alabama and Auburn. The others are Miami, Rice, Stanford and UCLA.

Revenue sharing: Yankees give, Tigers take

NEW YORK (AP) — New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner will take a $2.8 million revenue-sharing hit this week, while the Detroit Tigers and Montreal Expos each will get about $2.2 million in extra cash.

The first 1997 payments and checks for baseball's new revenue sharing plan are due June 1, and figures obtained Monday by The Associated Press show the Yankees will pay the most and the Tigers and Expos will receive the most.

Thirteen teams will pay and 13 will receive money. The Colorado Rockies and the Florida Marlins are exempt from revenue sharing in 1997 because they were 1993 expansion teams.

Other teams who pay a lot are the Baltimore Orioles ($2.3 million), Atlanta Braves ($2.2 million), Cleveland Indians ($1.9 million), Boston Red Sox, Chicago White Sox and Los Angeles Dodgers ($1.2 million each) and Texas Rangers ($1.1 million).

Making smaller payments are the Toronto Blue Jays ($300,000), Seattle Mariners and New York Mets ($250,000 each), St. Louis Cardinals ($125,000) and Chicago Cubs ($75,000).

Following Detroit and Montreal on the receiving end are the Anaheim Angels and Pittsburgh Pirates at $2.1 million apiece. Next come the Kansas City Royals and Milwaukee Brewers at $1.8 million each.

The Minnesota Twins will get $1.7 million, while the Cincinnati Reds and Oakland Athletics each get $1.5 million. The Houston Astros and Philadelphia Phillies get $1 million apiece.

The San Francisco Giants ($900,000) and the San Diego Padres ($800,000) get the smallest checks. Baseball's revenue-sharing plan was designed to redistribute money from the large-market teams to the small, and is based on the locally generated income of each team minus stadium operating expenses.

This round of revenue sharing covers 33 percent of the estimated totals. Because the checks are based on estimated figures, amounts will be adjusted after the season to account for the final figures, and adjusted next year after the final audited figures are available.

Arizona defends title

■ NCAA Softball

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Arizona didn't even need the whole seven innings for its second straight NCAA Softball World Series championship.

The Wildcats beat UCLA 10-2 Monday in a title game that was called after five innings because of the 8-run mercy rule.

It was the fifth national championship for Arizona (61-5) and it was the third time it has defeated the Bruins (49-14), a fellow member of the Pac-10, in the championship game.

"That's Arizona softball," Wildcats coach Mike Candrea said. "Get people on, get a key hit, and you can blow people out. Some days the game can look so easy, and some days it's tougher than hell."

Junior pitcher Nancy Evans, a medical redshirt last season with a broken right foot, threw a five-hitter and also got the offense going with a two-run double in the top of the first.

"I told Nancy this morning, 'This is going to be your day,'" Candrea said. "After she hit that ball, I knew this was going to be her day."

Evans (36-2), who set a school record for victories, went 4-1 in the double-elimination tournament. She struck out three and walked one.

"I was excited. It's such an emotional game, you let a little bit of it out. But after that, I settled back down," Evans said of her first-inning hit. "You realize you have to pitch seven more innings."

Four players — Alison Johnsen, Katie Swan, Leah O'Brien and Brandi Shriver — each had two hits for the Wildcats, who added four runs in both the second and fifth innings. Evans' double was their only extra base hit.

"I think every year is different," Evans said. "It's a different team with a different outlook. This year was really special for me. I was coming off a redshirt year and this is what I've been waiting for for a long time.

"I've finally gotten the opportunity to play and help out our team. It's a great feeling."

UCLA, which took its second-worst loss of the season, scored in the second inning on back-to-back homers by Julie Adams and Julie Marshall.

Christa Williams (21-8, 4-2) allowed 11 hits and 10 runs for the Bruins. She walked five, including three in a row in the second, and struck out seven.

"Defense was not one of their strengths," Candrea said about UCLA. "But offensively, sometimes they score enough runs they don't have to worry about it."

UCLA was nearly denied a chance to participate in the tournament.

The entire UCLA athletic program was placed on probation for three years on May 6 following an NCAA investigation into the Bruins 1995 softball team, which won the national championship, that found financial aid violations had occurred. The school was ordered to forfeit that championship. In addition, the current team was barred from this year's NCAA tournament. UCLA appealed the ruling on May 7, making the Bruins eligible for the tournament, since the appeal won't be heard until sometime this summer.

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BUSINESS BRIEFING

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Houston cruise

HOUSTON — The cruise ship Norwegian Star, with 740 passengers aboard, began its first seven-day western Caribbean voyage Sunday from the Port of Houston.

The trip by the Norwegian Cruise Line ship marks the first time a cruise line has offered a year-round cruise from the Houston port.

About half the passengers on the maiden voyage are Texans, said Fran Sevcik, a spokeswoman for the Miami-based cruise line.

"The other 50 percent are from around the country, with a good number from the West and Midwest states," she said. "It's the ease of accessibility, not having to fly all the way across the country to board a ship if they could do right here in their own back yard or several hours flight away."

The ship's double-occupancy capacity is 800 passengers.

The Norwegian Star will sail each Sunday from the port's Barbours Cut terminal, which is about 20 miles from downtown Houston. It's located at the head of Galveston Bay and 32 miles from the Gulf.

The ship's stops on the "Texaribbean" cruise will include Cozumel, Mexico, and Roatan in the Bay Islands, just off the coast of Honduras.

CBS resignation

NEW YORK — The head of CBS television abruptly quit after refusing to accept tighter controls and a reorganization that stripped him of authority over the network's struggling television stations.

Peter Lund, 56, resigned after Michael Jordan, chief executive of CBS and parent company Westinghouse, told him Thursday he was shifting management of the 14 CBS-owned TV stations to CBS Radio's president, Mel Karmazin.

Jordan said Friday he was reorganizing CBS into three divisions — CBS Television, encompassing the network's news, entertainment and sports divisions; the CBS Station Group, with the TV stations and 77 radio stations; and CBS Cable.

No smoking trailer

BOSTON — The newest preview playing at the movie theater has no explosions, romance or mystery. But it hopes to kick a lot of butts.

Massachusetts is showing 30-second anti-tobacco messages before movies, becoming the first state to take its campaign against cigarettes to the big screen.

This month, moviegoers are seeing a takeoff of the Marlboro Man: A cool cowboy riding his horse through the Wild West lights a cigarette, drops it in his lap and sets his pants on fire.

Markets supervision

WASHINGTON — Federal securities regulators, hoping to keep pace with dramatic changes in the nation's stock markets brought by technology, are seeking ideas on how they should supervise markets in the future.

The four members of the Securities and Exchange Commission voted unanimously Friday to issue a "concept release" soliciting public comment on regulation of so-called alternative trading systems and foreign stock exchange activities in the United States as well as more traditional U.S. stock markets.

The changes under consideration would mark the biggest shift in the way the SEC regulates stock markets since the agency's formation in 1934, said Richard Lindsey, director of the SEC's division of market regulation.

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Survey: Summer job outlook strong

■ Survey by Manpower temporary staffing firm finds best opportunities in nine years.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Job seekers will find the best opportunities in nine years this summer as employers look to add more workers in an increasingly tight labor market, according to a new survey.

The study being released Tuesday by Manpower Inc., the nation's largest temporary staffing firm, said 30 percent of 16,000 companies surveyed plan to expand their work force in the July-August quarter.

Only five percent said they expect to reduce their staff, while 65 percent either plan no changes or didn't know, the survey said.

At this time last year, 27 percent said they planned increases and 7 percent planned reductions. Manpower said the responses in its latest survey were the most optimistic since 1988.

"The need for workers is so widespread that there seems to be carryover demand caused by the inability of companies to find the people they needed in earlier quarters," said Manpower's chief executive, Mitchell S. Fromstein.

The push to add new workers, coupled with the tight labor market, could lead to inflationary pressures if job seekers feel comfortable enough to demand more in wages. The nation's unemployment rate hit a 23-year low of 4.9 percent in April.

Manpower said the strongest region for hiring this summer will be the Midwest, where 33 percent of employers plan to expand their staff. That compared with 31 percent in the West, 28 percent in the South, and 27 percent in the Northeast.

By industry, construction companies were the most eager to add workers, with 40 percent planning additions heading into their typically busy summer season.

Companies involved in wholesale and retail trade were tied for second at 34 percent along with manufacturers of durable goods, which make long-lasting items such as computers or cars.

The weakest industry was mining, with 12 percent predicting new hiring.

Manpower's survey was based on telephone interviews with management personnel in 487 U.S. cities. The company said survey has a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

Web profile standard proposed

■ Netscape, others to propose standard for gathering information for personalizing Web sites and ads.

N.Y. Times News Serv ice

Mountain View, California — Netscape Communications Corp., VeriSign Inc. and Firefly Inc. said they will propose a specification that lets Internet publishers gather and use information collected from individuals to personalize Web sites and ads.

Over 40 publishers, directories, privacy groups and software and hardware companies, including International Business Machines Corp., Oracle Corp., the New York Times and the Electronic Frontier Foundation, lined up to back the profiling standard.

The proposal is aimed at addressing consumer concerns about privacy, as well as publishers' desires to target personalized information at users, analysts said.

"Site personalization is a lot of work for developers, and people are worried about what happens with the information they provide," said Eric Brown, an analyst at Forrester Research Inc.

Netscape, VeriSign and Firefly, which are among the top Internet security and personalization companies, stand to gain from more widespread use of technology that lets publishers target information and ads to specific markets, analysts said.

The proposed standard would allow universal Web site registration, doing away with the need for individuals to register information about themselves at each separate site.

For publishers, the specification offers the ability to track the demographics of people who use their Web sites, and to expand their sites' appeal by offering information tailored to individuals.

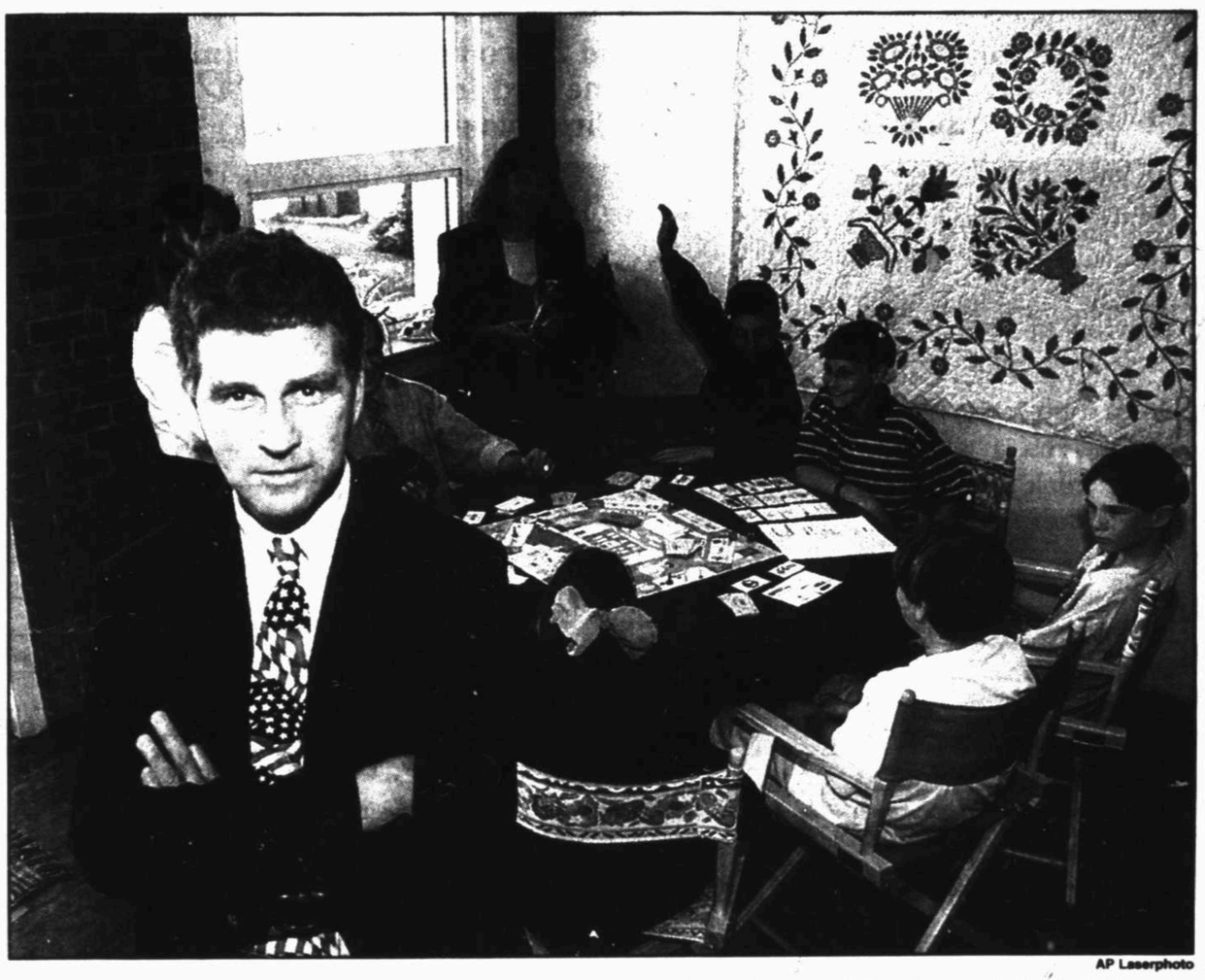
Internet users would fill out personal information that would be stored on their PC. Each time they visit a Web site with an Internet browser that uses the specification, the site would be able to tap into that profile and tailor ads and information according to the users' age, tastes, gender, hobbies and income.

To protect their privacy, users can decide whether they want all or part of the information to be given to publishers, and which ones can see it, the companies said. The standard is designed to encourage Web-based merchants to be very clear about their privacy policies, and to post them on their sites, the companies said.

Technology, though, can't address all the privacy issues and concerns, said David Sobel, counsel at the Electronic Privacy Information Center, a Washington-based privacy advocate. There is always a possibility for abuse, he said.

"Privacy is going to require a combination of technological solutions and enforceable legal protection for individuals," Sobel said.

Mountain View, California-based Netscape doesn't expect to add the specification directly to the next update of its browser, slated for release by June, Forrester's Brown said.



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Tom McDonald, principal of the Barnstable Grade Five School in Hyannis, Mass., is seen with his students at the school Friday May 23, 1997. The students have invented their own board game with handmade illustrations and rules they made themselves. As a result they have netted $30,000 in sales in one month, incorporated as a business, hired lawyers, appointed a board of directors and begun production on a line of books, clothing and videos.

Business not kid stuff for fifth graders

■ Students have goal of $1 million in annual revenues, hope to pay for a new school.

Associated Press

HYANNIS, Mass. — The kids in the Barnstable Grade Five School invented their own board game with handmade illustrations and rules they made themselves.

Cute, huh?

Well, so far, they've netted $30,000 in sales in one month, incorporated as a business, hired lawyers, appointed a board of directors and begun production on a line of books, clothing and videos toward a target of earning more than $1 million in annual revenues.

"We're going to have lots of money to go on field trips or get new things for the school, which is a great inspiration," said Carissa Souza, one of the 11-year-old entrepreneurs.

It's a mission teachers say combines learning with necessity. This Cape Cod community, which has attracted large numbers of retirees without children in the schools, has been reluctant to increase education spending, and even paper and pencils are in short supply by this time of the year.

Principal Tom McDonald hopes to make the Grade Five School, which serves 544 fifth graders and has an annual budget of $1.3 million, self-supporting.

Practical or not, the idea has a lot of backing from the kids.

"We hope we can help not only our school, but all the schools and maybe the whole town," said Max Zemanovic, 11.

The students call their company the Main Street Learning Corp., after the town's traditional business district two blocks away, where the game is sold in stores.

They started their venture with a penny contributed by the bank where they opened a savings account, and ultimately raised enough capital from advertising to produce their Main Street Learning Game, a cross between Monopoly and Trivial Pursuit for which the students also made up 560 math, science, civics and history questions based on what they were studying at the time.

Marketing hasn't been neglected. The product got plenty of free media attention when an armored car company delivered the game's play money to the school with a police escort.

The game has a hand-drawn picture of the school at its center, surrounded by blocks of actual local businesses, from car dealerships to fast-food restaurants, that paid from $50 to $250 apiece to be included.

Players receive money for each correct answer, advance the game piece to a business based on a roll of the dice and can buy the business or make capital improvements. Then they collect the profits. Whoever makes the most, wins.

At $20 each, the Main Street Learning Game already has nearly sold out its first run of 1,000 copies. The kids are hard at work on their next project, a coloring book for which they already have 3,000 advance orders, and they're planning a line of T-shirts and neckties and a how-to-read videotape they hope will go into national distribution.

"Really, we're in a time right now where the tax base is such that schools have to find ways to take care of their own needs," McDonald said. "If you want to raise money for field trips, you hold a bake sale. But our vision has grown. Our ultimate goal is to fund our own school."

The students, who do their company jobs during recess and after classes end for the day, won an award from the regional economic development commission.

"At the beginning, they were like, 'Oh, isn't that great, a bunch of fifth-graders making a little game,'" said Jonathan Pass, a teacher who led the game's production and development team. "But then when those students led meetings in front of 40 to 50 people at a time, people really knew that we were serious."

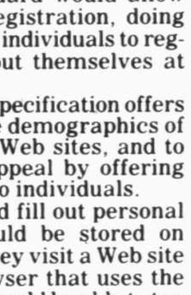
Gesturing toward the stern countenances of former teachers whose portraits hang on the walls, Pass says: "They would have thought we were crazy. But in this day and age of fighting for money, it's just a different approach. It says it's possible for a school to fund itself."

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Price-earnings ratio shows if stock is overpriced

By Eric Tyson

Q: Last spring, I bought some stock in America Online. The stock plummeted and has since recovered a bit but is still down more than 20 percent from where I bought it. I can't decide whether to hold on and hope for the best or take my loss and move on. The loss is all the more disappointing given the stock market's overall increasing values during this time. What do you recommend?



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A: Developing realistic expectations for a stock's future price is always difficult. With a company like America Online, it's even more challenging.

Ultimately, a company's stock price over the long term is driven by the company's profitability. To date, America Online continues to lose money. Although the company reported a meager profit of $0.02 per share in the most recent quarter, over the past year the company continued to report net losses.

Even if the company is able to report a profit of $0.50 per share in the next year, the stock, recently trading around $50 per share, is still selling at a hefty 100 times earnings. This price-earnings ratio for a stock is an important barometer for helping an investor understand whether a stock may be overpriced or underpriced. Established growth companies are selling at P/Es between 30 and 40 these days, which implies that America Online should be earning $1.25 to $1.67 per share to justify its current share price.

To be investing in individual stocks, especially those as volatile and risky as America Online, you should be doing lots of ongoing research about the company as well as the industry it's in. Investing in a company's stock simply because you've used its product or service or heard good things about it is simplistic and dangerous.

If your research makes you feel that the stock offers good future growth potential, then holding on seems fine. On the other hand, if you decide that the stock is overpriced at current levels, sell your shares, take your tax loss and move on.

Q: My broker of about eight years put me into a money-losing situation. He knew that I was acting on his advice skeptically and grudgingly. Do I have recourse against him or his firm?

A: You can't sue a broker simply for losing your money. Unfortunately, that's life in the big city.

However, if the broker did something dishonest in the process of losing your money, you may have some legal recourse. Punishable broker sins include misrepresentation and omission, where the broker misleads you about an investment in order to sell it to you; selling unsuitable investments, where the broker sells you an investment that is far too risky for your financial situation; and a practice called churning, when the broker is constantly trading in your account ... and fattening up his commission check in the process.

If you do want to take action against your broker, you probably won't go to a typical courtroom but will instead wind up in arbitration. Whether you knew it or not, you probably signed an agreement to do this when you originally set up your account.

The good news is that arbitration is usually much quicker, cheaper, and easier for you. You can choose to represent yourself, or hire someone to represent you.

Securities lawyers and arbitration consultants are the two major types of practitioners for this type of dispute. Check in the Yellow Pages or call your local bar association for referrals. Of the two, securities lawyers are usually the more expensive option.

If you decide to represent yourself, the nonprofit American Arbitration Association can send you a background package of materials to help with your case. Write their headquarters at American Arbitration Association, 140 West 51st Street, New York, NY 10020, or call 212-484-4000.

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THE BEST OF MIDLAND

Midland Reporter-Telegram

Give us your MIDLAND'S BEST - *and we might give you a prize!*
But HURRY! Deadline for this ballot is Tuesday, June 24th.

From the best western wear store to the best cheeseburger, the Midland Reporter Telegram wants your nominations on Midland's top spots. Simply write your personal favorites on the ballot. Complete as many categories as desired and send it in or bring it by the Midland Reporter Telegram.

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See details on the entry form and watch for complete results on Sunday, June 29th.

Please provide age, gender, and zip code information (must be included for prize eligibility). Then print your favorite on the line next to each MIDLAND'S BEST category you wish to complete.

Your Zip Code_____ Circle your Age: 18-24 25-34 35-49 50+ Circle your gender: Male Female

BEST OF MIDLAND BALLOT

SERVICES & SHOPPING

Best air cooling/heating service_____
Best apartments_____
Best auto repair_____
Best auto dealer service center_____
Best bakery_____
Best bank_____
Best bookstore_____
Best boot store_____
Best bridal registry_____
Best cable/wireless/satellite TV_____
Best car wash_____
Best carpet cleaner_____
Best catering service_____
Best children's shoe store_____
Best childrens store_____
Best discount store_____
Best dry cleaner_____
Best florist_____
Best gift shop_____
Best health club_____
Best home mortgage co._____
Best hospital_____
Best insurance agency_____
Best internet provider_____
Best lawn care/landscaping_____
Best liquor store_____
Best meat market_____
Best men's store_____
Best minor emergency clinic_____
Best new car dealer_____
Best new truck dealer_____
Best nursery/garden center_____
Best optical store_____
Best pawn shop_____
Best photo finishing_____
Best place to buy a computer_____
Best place to buy appliances_____
Best place to buy auto parts_____
Best place to buy carpet_____
Best place to buy CD's & cassettes_____
Best place to buy furniture_____
Best place to buy hot tubs & spas_____
Best place to buy jewelry_____
Best place to buy office supplies_____
Best place to buy pool chemicals_____
Best place to buy a stereo_____
Best place to buy sports equipment_____
Best place to buy tires_____
Best place to get an oil change_____
Best real estate agency_____
Best remodeler_____
Best rental center_____
Best reverse osmosis water_____
Best second hand clothing store_____
Best shopping center_____
Best supermarket_____
Best tanning salon_____
Best title co._____
Best toy store_____
Best travel agent_____
Best used car dealer_____
Best utility co._____
Best video rental store_____
Best western wear store_____
Best wine shop_____
Best women's shoe store_____
Best women's store_____

EAT, DRINK & PLAY

Best all-around restaurant_____
Best all-night restaurant_____
Best all-you-can-eat deal_____
Best bagel store_____
Best barbeque_____
Best boat dealer_____
Best bowling center_____
Best buffet_____
Best cajun restaurant_____
Best country western station_____
Best easy listening station_____
Best deli_____
Best dance school_____
Best fast food restaurant_____
Best golf course_____
Best happy hour_____
Best hotel_____
Best italian restaurant_____
Best local band_____
Best local radio talk show_____
Best movie theater_____
Best movie theater popcorn_____
Best oldies station_____
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Best place to get coffee_____
Best place to get dessert_____
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Best place to get a pizza_____
Best place to get a seafood meal_____
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Best place to get yogurt_____
Best place to have a beer_____
Best retirement community_____
Best rock station_____
Best salad bar_____
Best Sunday brunch_____
Best tejano station_____
Best tourist attraction_____
Best TV newscast_____

PEOPLE, PLACES AND PLEASURES

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Best ad agency_____
Best auto mechanic_____
Best bail bondsman_____
Best bank teller_____
Best barber shop_____
Best bartender_____
Best beauty salon_____
Best boss_____
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Best coach_____
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Best financial advisor_____
Best homebuilder_____
Best home health care_____
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Best local columist_____
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Best local live theater group_____
Best local radio personality_____
Best local TV personality_____
Best local TV sportscaster_____
Best local weatherman_____
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Best nurse_____
Best photographer_____
Best place for a romantic dinner_____
Best place to cool off_____
Best place to meet singles_____
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Best politician_____
Best real estate agent_____
Best secretary_____
Best small loan co_____
Best teacher or instructor_____
Best veterinarian_____
Best waiter/waitress_____
Best weekend getaway_____

OIL & GAS

Best drilling service co._____
Best geologist_____
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Best new company_____
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425 Trade/Swap
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Al Talbot, Sec.

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Breakfast 7:30 am.
Rusty Hill, W/M
Bob Ellwood, Sec.

Midland Masonic Lodge #623
Reg. stated meetings 2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:30 pm
Kip Beeson, W.M.
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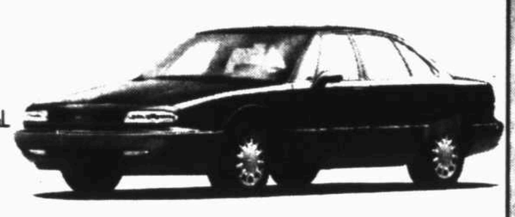

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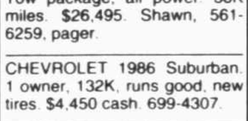

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JANITORIAL FLOOR CREW. Early AM hours. Bilingual experience preferred. Call 1-800-234-8127.

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LINECOOK- Immediate opening, great opportunity. Apply Greentree Country Club, 4900 Greentree Blvd. 9- 11 am & 2- 5 pm Tuesday- Sunday. No phone calls please.

MAIDS needed at Hampton Inn- Midland. Experience preferred but will train. Apply in person, 3904 W Wall.

MAINTENANCE- EXPERIENCED maintenance person for apartment complex. Must be A/ C certified. Please write giving work record, qualifications etc. to: Box E-01029, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

MAMA BEAR'S COTTAGE is seeking a loving, caring, & dependable person for our infant room. Non-smoking environment & high school graduate. Experience in a licensed facility & references a must. 684-8270.

310 General Help Wanted

COME JOIN OUR TEAM!!!

CIRCULATION DISTRICT MANAGER

The Midland Reporter- Telegram has a position available open, beginning immediately, for a motivated, service-oriented person to begin a career in the newspaper business. This position is responsible for recruiting, training and managing adult newspaper carriers.

Qualified applicants must have a good driving record and be willing to work a flexible schedule which includes many night hours. Previous circulation experience or college is a plus, but not required. We will train the right individual. You need dependable transportation as this job requires use of personal car with company reimbursement for mileage.

Apply in person or send resume to:

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Midland TX 79701

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Terrace Gardens N. C.

Cook and Cook Assistant

Full-time and PRN shifts available. Join a NEW management team committed to quality Resident care. One weekend in three off. Benefits available. E.O.E.

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Operators 3 years experience. Derrick men and floor men 1 year experience. 401K, health benefits, paid vacations, uniform option. Pick up applications at **Skeeter Machen Well Service, 2206 Garden City Hwy, Midland.**

310 General Help Wanted

MECHANIC wanted. Qualified only need apply. Call 682-5259 ask for Gary. Mid-Tex Parts & Service, Monday thru Friday.

MYSTERY SHOPPING Must have fax or E Mail. Visit www.second-to-none.com, write: Appreques[illegible] @ second-to-none.com or call (313) 668-1836.

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NEEDED IMMEDIATELY REtail Sales Assistant. Knowledge of sewing helpful. Lundy Look Decorator Fabrics. Call 682-3154 leave message.

OIL FIELD RELATED company hiring. Must have drivers license and take drug. Equipment experience and CDL helpful. 7800 W. I-20, Midland.

OIL FIELD- Growing oil field chemical company seeking Delivery/ Service Rep ASAP. Must have minimum Class B CDL with Hazard endorsement. Good salary. Quick raises for right person. Benefits include insurance, 401K. Applicant must be honest, dependable, drug- free and have transportation to and from work. Send resume to: Endura Products, Corp., PO Box 3394, Midland, Texas 79702. Absolutely no phone calls please.

OPERATORS- Twin Cities Communications a rapidly expanding company now accepting applications for telephone operators. Starting pay $5 per hour. Must Have Flexible Schedule and typing skills. May apply Tuesday-Wednesday, 10- 2 pm. located at 2002 South County Rd. 1276, directly behind Big 2 News at Air Terminal.

PART- TIME- Westside Exxon now accepting applications for part time help evening and weekends. 694-4173.

PIPE THREADER- Must have experience with Landis or Harley pipe threaders. Apply in person at M-L Pipe Service, 1007 N. Fairgrounds Road. See Mike.

PLUGGING COMPANY needs equipment operators. Oilfield experience in cementing, wireline, and/ or well servicing preferred. Class A CDL, physical and drug testing is a must. Wages vary on experience. Good benefits. Midland, 570-0029.

❤ REPRESENTATIVES Needed- sell Avon part time- full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520–0119, Independent Rep.

RESTAURANT- Long John Silver's now hiring. Apply in person between 2- 5 pm. 900 Andrews Hwy, 694-8134.

RESTAURANT- LUBY'S is now accepting applications for all positions. Apply 8- 10 am only.

RESTAURANT- Midland Country Club now hiring. Qualified Cooks and Waitstaff. Apply in person, 6101 North Highway 349, between 2- 4 pm, Tuesday- Saturday.

RESTAURANT- PLAZA CLUB is now hiring experienced waitstaff and line cooks. Apply in person only, Tuesday- Friday, after 2:00 pm, ClayDesta Center #6 Desta Drive, #6600. No phone calls please.

310 General Help Wanted

RESTAURANT- **Top Cat**
Now hiring. Top pay.
- Cooks
- Prep- cooks
- Service people
- Cashiers
- Counter help

Apply in person, 10 am- 10 pm, Monday- Friday, 805 N. Big Spring.
Se habla espanol. Necesita hablar con Jamie Jimenez. 682-4166

RESTAURANT. Abuelo's is now accepting applications for experienced Cooks, full or part time positions available. Apply in person between 2 -5 pm at Abuelo's Mexican Food Embassy, 4610 N. Garfield.

RESTAURANT. Immediate openings for waitstaff and line - cooks. Apply The Club at Mission Dorado, #1 Mission Blvd. or call 563-0980 for more information.

RETAIL- WAL-MART SUPERCENTER in Midland now hiring Cashiers, Garden center & Grocery. Must be available any hours. Overnight produce- must be available 5 pm- 8 am. Apply at Midland Store, Grocery Entrance, Monday- Tuesday, May 26 & 27, 10 am- Noon & 1:30 pm- 3:30 pm.

SERVICE STATION ATTENDANT needed, must have clean Texas drivers license record and be 18 or older, need to apply in person at 3301 N. Midkiff Rd., Midland. No phone calls.

SONIC DRIVE IN, 1109 N Midkiff Rd. now hiring all positions, cooks, fountain, car hop. Day & evening shifts available. Must be 16 years old to apply.

TRUCK DRIVERS With experience wanted. Class A CDL with tanker and hazardous materials endorsement required. Experience with hazardous materials helpful. Apply only in person at 3700 Ker[illegible] Highway, Odessa, Texas.

WAITRESS, CASHIER & Dishwasher needed. Apply at Sakura Restaurant, 1501 N. Big Spring.

WAREHOUSE help wanted. Must be 25 years of age with good driving record. Physical /drug screen required. Apply in person at: 1820 S. Midland Drive.

311 Medical Help Wanted

Nursefinders Staffing
RNs, LVNs and ICU Nurses Needed
Instant Pay
Referral Bonuses
Bonus Pay
580-3535

MEDICAL- LVN, PRN and full time positions. Would need licensure for appropriate position in State of Texas. Send resume or make application to: Manor Park, Attn: Donna Parker, 2208 N Loop 250 West, Midland, TX 79707. EOE, M/F.

Terrace Gardens N. C.
CNA's

Full-time and PRN shifts available. Join a NEW management team committed to quality Resident care. One weekend in three off. Benefits available. E.O.E.

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Midland, Texas 79701

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Registered Nurse

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311 Medical Help Wanted

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CNA's
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NURSING. Elder Care Facility has an immediate opening for a part -time RN. Knowledge of elder care is a plus. Competitive salary and on call pay. Right person could be candidate to facilitate an in - house home health agency as well. Please send resume to: Box P-06026, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

PHARMACIST. Part time, Relief Registered Pharmacist. Infusion Plus pharmacy is seeking a Relief Pharmacist to assist with our increased volume. Applicant must be well versed in all aspects of IV and retail pharmacies. Computer literate a plus. Estimated 15 to 20 hours per week. Send resume to: Dr. T Holt. Infusion Plus Pharmacy, 501 Andrews Highway, Midland, TX 79701

RN for CBA & Primary Case Work position. West Texas area. Please call (915) 570-6877 ask for Vanessa.

RN Case Manager needed for Medicare home health agency. Please call (915) 570-6877 ask for Vanessa.

311 Medical Help Wanted

RECEPTIONIST needed part-time for Doctor's office. Duties include insurance filing, appointments, and collections. Knowledge of Medical Manager a plus. Potential for advancement and full time position available. Send responses to Box B-04025, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

RN/ DIRECTOR of Nurses. Needed at Alpine Valley Care Center located at 1003 Loop Road, Alpine, Texas. The company, MSC Associates, is a non- profit organization. Patient care & quality service are our goals. If interested please contact Doris Martin, 915-837-3343 or fax resume to 915-837-7076.

RN'S/LVN'S
FAST GROWING, established Home Health agency is seeking RN'S/LVN'S to perform patient care in Midland/ Odessa area. Bi-lingual a plus, but not necessary. Competative salary. If you are interested in a rewarding career in Home Health, submit your application at 808 W Indiana., Midland. EOE.

312 Professional Help Wanted

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S Ministry, to co-ordinate Children's & nursery program. Music a plus. Send resume to Grace Presbyterian Church, 2801 N. Garfield Midland or call 684-6542. Fax 684-6582. Deadline June 13th.

JUNIOR MAP Drafter. Knowledge of land maps and well spotting helpful. Good small free hand lettering essential. Would consider trainable aptitude. For appointment call 683-2777 ext. 18.

LANDMAN- Growth Oriented Independent Oil & Gas Corp. working San Juan and Permian Basin ready to employ experienced, degreed O & G Landman. Competitive salary and excellent benefits package. Please send resume to Dugan Production Corp., P.O. Box 420, Farmington, NM 87499-0420, or please fax to (505) 327-4613.

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316 Sales Help Wanted

319 Sales Help Wanted

SALES- INDUSTRIAL

Aggressive, energetic, results oriented Sales Professional with a minimum of three years Industrial Sales experience needed immediately to cover a portion of the West Texas area. Will be based out of our Odessa, Texas office. Degreed candidate preferred with knowledge and sales experience in the reciprocating compressor or compressor valve market. Qualified candidates should have proven record of sales accomplishment with the capability of making an immediate positive impact on sales and profitability.

Company is an International Manufacturer or Compressor Valves, Check Valves, Poppet Valves and Valve Components with Valve Repair and Sales Facilities Nationwide.

Compensation package includes attractive salary and incentive program, company vehicle and expenses plus a full range of supplemental benefits. Qualified candidates should send resume including salary history and requirements in confidence to:

AREA SUPERVISOR
2029 S Harvard
Oklahoma City, OK 73128
EOE M/F/H/V

312 Professional Help Wanted

OILFIELD SERVICE REP.
Geo Chem Company with proven record and predicting successful/dry wells seeks Contract Rep. Applicant should have oil/ gas background with knowledge of current business in region. Straight commission. Unlimited earnings. Atoka Geo Chemical, 800-853-5113.

PETROLEUM ENGINEER- Active, rapidly growing Midland-based independent oil & gas company seeks an operating engineer with 5- 10 years experience to oversee production operations of Permian Basin properties. Salary commensurate with experience. Send work history/ references to: Box J-03019, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

PRODUCTION FOREMAN- Tipperary Oil & Gas Corporation is seeking an experienced production foreman to supervise operations of 50+ oil wells in near Tatum, New Mexico. Position requires 15+ years of production operations including workover experience. Will be responsible for cost control, enhancing production potential, and compliance with company, State, and Federal regulations. Send resume and salary requirements to Vice President of Engineering, 633 17th Street, Suite 1550, Denver, CO 80202. Fax: 303-291-0398.

SALES- EXPANDING OIL FIELD Service Company seeks motivated self starting Sales Engineer. Chemical background a plus. Good salary, excellent commissions. Benefits include: insurance, vacation and 401K. Send resume to: Box E-01034, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702..

314 Clerical Help Wanted

1 PERSON OFFICE. Must be efficient, and computer literate, experience a must. $1,800 per month, plus benefits. Universal Valve, Fax: 689-6346.

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316 Sales Help Wanted

Looking For A New Start?
Seeking motivated self-starters for a new career opportunity as teleservice account representatives. Primary responsibilities of these positions include the sales and service of existing accounts as well as the development of new advertising accounts. Full time and part time positions. (Summer positions also available). Trainees should have extemporaneous communication skills and be goal oriented. Applications being taken at: 2807 Earhart, at Midland International Airport.

SALES- SELL SECURITY Systems. National Company. Call 697-3636.

318 Management Help Wanted

RETAIL- GREAT RETAIL Management opportunities. Locations all over Texas. Call 972-881-2083 for an interview.

320 Skilled Trades

WANTED
Engine and Compressor Mechanical Foreman for overhaul and regrout project. Must have valid drivers license and be able to pass DOT Drug Test. Excellent salary with benefits.
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Odessa, Texas 79769-0239

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We have the following positions available...
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EQUIPMENT OPERATORS. Freemyer Company, Inc. is looking for qualified operators. Positions are available with excellent pay for excellent people. Minimum 3 years oil field experience, CDL with X endorsement, good driving record and experience in Acidizing. 40 hour Hazwhopper Bonus. Some travel required. If you have the experience & a desire to work with an aggressive, growing company, please call (915)381-9185.

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Experienced
COMPUTER TECHNICIAN
Wanted. Hardware repair & upgrades, networking (Novell & Microsoft), & Unix experience.
Call 570-8800
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EXPERIENCED FRAMING Carpenters wanted. Call James Morris, 556-5994.

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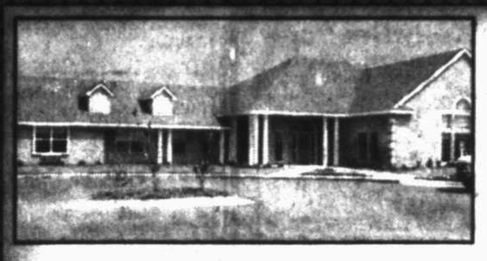
MACHINISTS- Excellent opportunity for 1st class machinists. Top wages for experience with manual and CNC lathes, cylindrical grinders and powder coating. Need to have own tools. Company expanding business into new market. We have a shift working to fit you. Applications being accepted at Standard Industrial Mfg., 920 W. 2nd Street, Odessa, TX.

MAINTENANCE- Assistant Maintenance personnel needed at Ashton Way Apt. Must be A/ C certified and have experience in all aspects of a Make Ready. Apply 2613 N. Midland Drive. No phone calls please!

OILFIELD- Experienced Mudloggers. Experienced inquiries only. Call (210)460-8471.

SIDING INSTALLERS. Top Pay -lots of work. 1-800-442-3322



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330 Employment Wanted

I'M LOOKING FOR part time, day or night care for elderly persons. Call 570-6315.

336 Adult Care Providers

DON'T WANT to leave your home or need just a little help around the house? Let In Home Care help you, just ask for Jackie- she will take care of all your needs! Call 570-4475.

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340 Child Care Needed

NEED RESPONSIBLE Part time care giver for 2 children in my home. References necessary. 520-2736.

BABYSITTER NEEDED to watch 8 and 5 year old in my home from 8- 5, Monday-Friday. Must have transportation. Start 6/2/97. 699-7440.

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341 Child Care Providers

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FOR SALE: Operating Convenience Store. Please call (915)561-5340 after 6 pm.

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Attention Readers
Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract.
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SHAVED ICE STAND 12 X 16. Nice building, Sno-Wizard machine included, ready for business. $4,500. Call 520-4719 or 561-8740.

400 Auctions

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Sell it in 10 or we'll run it again!*
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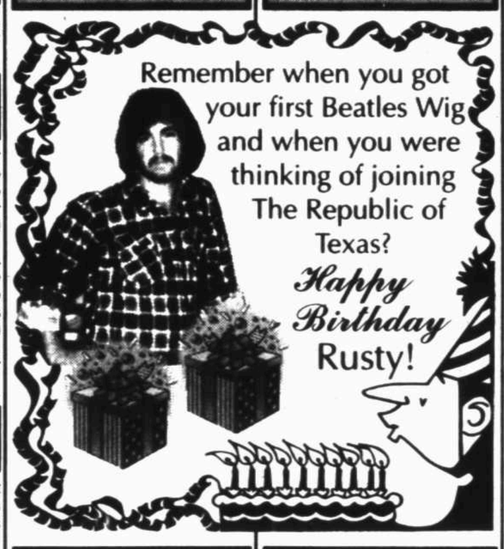
*Anything on wheels, $5 per line, 3 lines minimum, Call today for complete details.

410 Miscellaneous Sales



400 Auctions

Attention Horsemen.
Over 50 new saddles & tack to be sold at public auction, **Tuesday May 27, 1997 at 7:30 pm.** This sale features merchandise from over 20 stores that were bought out throughout the United states. Don't miss this opportunity to buy name brand saddles and tack at a fraction of the cost. There will be saddles by Flying H, Billy Cook, Tex-Tan/Hereford, Longhorn, Texas Saddlery, Cowboy Tuff Simco and Saddle King. A large selection of show saddles & tack along with bits, spurs, headstalls, reins, breast collars, halters, leads, pads, clippers, bits and grooming items. There will also be Australian and English Saddles and tack available. There will also be a selection of Cordura Saddles.
DEALERS WELCOME!!!
TERMS OF SALE: CASH, CHECK (With Proper I.D.), M/C, VISA, DISCOVER, AMEX
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SPECIAL PURCHASE! 5- 6 Person hot tub/ spa with cover and chemicals. Delivery & Financing available. 563-3108.

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WEDDING DRESS & Veil. Size 1- 3. $250. Please call 689-6587. 1/4 Carat Marquis Tiffany Wedding Ring Set, $400 negotiable. See at Houck's Jewelry.

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COOLERS, MOWERS, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, heaters, bamboo/ dining/ suites, couches, chairs, recliners. 570–4851.

★BIBLE TALK: "Is it possible for a church to be right?" 520-0381. Free recorded message

SEGA GENESIS & 15 Games. $135 For everything. Call 697-0041.

BEAUTIFUL wooden file cabinet. $275. Cash only. Call 687-0719.

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APPLIANCES reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699–1224.

FINAL CLEARANCE price on '96 spa/ hot tubs with cover and chemicals. Delivery & financing available. 563-3108.

HOTPOINT refrigerator, almond, excellent condition, $250. Call 689-0274.

SIGNATURE upright freezer, works great. In very good condition. 694-5569.

WHIRLPOOL 19.5 cu. ft, no frost refrigerator- ice maker, almond colored- $200. Maytag washer- gold, Kenmore gas dryer- gold. $300 for both. 686-0902.

✔OAK Wall unit- $795, oak curio cabinet- $445, mahogany antique bed and chest- $695, sleeper sofa with ottoman (neutral)- $495, 2 recliners- ($295 & $145), lamps, 2 TVs- ($490 & $190), portable dishwasher- $90, clothes dryer- $180, 4- station VMI Gym- $795, stair stepper- $495, 45 gallon TruVu aquarium- $195. 699-5590.

EXECUTIVE DESK, double pedestal, metal with chair. $50 firm. Call 697-1556.

SEARS Coldspot 12.4 cu ft Manual defrost refrigerator. $125. Please call 520-4264.

415 Misc. Wanted

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687–5039.

DRESSER/ Bedroom suite. Maple, white or light color for girl. Call 570-4855, leave message.

430 Household Goods

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards- Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699–1224.

STEEL MESH Patio 40 inch round table, 4 chairs, all foldable,$40. firm. Call 683-6719.

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REFRIGERATOR For sale. $175 or best offer. Please Call 684-5489.

KENMORE Electric Dryer. Gold in color. Good condition. $100. Call 694-7771.

★FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. 567-5221.

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440 Firewood

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590 Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE OF TEST OF AUTOMATIC TABULATING EQUIPMENT

Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the MISD Trustee, District 3 Runoff Election held on May 31, 1997 will be tested on May 29, 1997 at 9:30 am at 709 W. Washington, Midland, Texas to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all office and on all measures.

Pat Eastup
Signature of Officer

AVISO PUBLICO DE PROBAR EL EQUIPO PARA TABULAR AUTOMATICAMENTE

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usará en la Elección MISD Regente, Distrito 3 Decisival que se llevará a cabo el 31 de mayo 1997 se probará el 29 de mayo a las 9:30 de la manana en 709 W. Washington, Midland, Texas para determinar si el equipo contará con exacitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

Pat Eastup
Firma del/dela Oficial

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Sealed proposals for 3.367 km of construct new roads, parking, sidewalks and resurfacing on PR 41 from IH 20, North to Monahans Sandhills State Park covered by C-2371-1-8 in Ward County, will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas until 1:00 pm, June 3, 1997, and then publicly opened and read. It is the bidder's responsibility to ensure that the sealed proposal arrives at the above location and is in the hands of the letting official, by the specified deadline regardless of the method chosen by the bidder for delivery.

Plans and specifications, including minimum wage rates as provided by Law, are available for inspection at the office of Paul Hoelscher, Area Engineer, Fort Stockton, Texas, and at the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction and Maintenance Division, 200 East Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704-1205. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

The Texas Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders that it will insure that bidders will not be discriminated against on the ground of race, color, sex or national origin, in having full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and in consideration for an award.

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06-D-1365 06-76-2371-01-008

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION OF BUSINESS OF PERMIAN ANCHORS (A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby conferred that, effective as of April 18, 1997, Keith Herriage, d/b/a/ Permian Anchors, a sole proprietorship, ceased doing business as a sole proprietorship and transferred all of the equipment, inventory, vehicles, contract rights and other personal property used in connection with the business operations of Permian Anchors, a sole proprietorship, to Permian Anchors, Inc., a Texas corporation. All persons having questions or desiring information regarding the cessation of business of Permian Anchors, a sole proprietorship, and/or inquiries to Permian Anchors, Inc., P.O. Box 12238, Odessa, Texas 79768, Attention: Keith Herriage.

DATED: April 30, 1997.

PERMIAN ANCHORS
By KEITH HERRIAGE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given to all interested parties and owners of mineral interest in and under lands and leases in the SE/4 of Section 5, the S/2 of Section 6, all of Section 7, the W/2 and SE/4 of Section 8, and the W/2 and NE/4 of Section 18 of Block 32 TWP-4-S and the E/2 of Section 12, the E/2 of Section 13, and the NE/4 of Section 24 of Block 33 TWP-4-S T&P RR Survey, Glasscock County, Texas, that Mineral Technologies Inc. (MTI), the operator of the aforementioned properties and wells, formerly known as the Apple Creek Fussselman Unit, intends to re-establish production on said leases from existing shut-in wells. Due to the marginal economic risk of this proposed project, MTI is requesting a surface commingling permit from the Texas Railroad Commission and MTI proposes to allocate production on the basis of Railroad Commission approved well testing methods. Any mineral interest or royalty owner under the above lands wishing to file a protest of this request should submit their protest in writing within fifteen (15) days of publication, to MTI at the following address:

Mineral Technologies, Inc.
600 N. Marienfeld, Ste 445
P.O. Box 5823
Midland, TX 79704
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625 Houses Unfurnished

4 BEDROOM, 2 Bath. Nice area. Available June 1st. $700 monthly. Call Al Peets, 697-9798.

3 BEDROOMS, 1 3/4 bath, 2 car garage. $680 monthly, $500 deposit. 1100 Mogford. 570-6928, leave message.

NICE 2 BEDROOM, one bath duplex with 2 car garage central heat and air. $465 per month plus deposit , plus lease. 4518 St Andrews.563-0507 or 694-2000.

ADORABLE 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car garage cottage in "Old Midland". Totally updated! Hardwoods. Available immediately! 570-9855.

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3 BEDROOM, 2 Bath, Double garage, fireplace. $635 monthly, $350 deposit. 319 Rocky Lane. Call American Realty, 520-7577.

2 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, carport, central air. $375 monthly. Available June 1st. 694-9853.

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, new carpet. 3109 Illinois. Deposit. Lease. $525. References. 697-1157, 685-1214, 694-9525.

ONE & TWO BEDROOM Duplexes for rent. $300 and $400. 682-1659.

3 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 bath, washer/ dryer connections. Tenant pays all utilities. No indoor pets. $375 Month. $200 Deposit. 1601 W. Kentucky. 687-1011.

FOR LEASE: 2000 Brunson. $750 Month. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath. No pets. Good credit required. Dene Kelly Realtors, 687-0595.

LOVELY 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car garage home with 24x24 detached garage/ workshop for rent in Midland. Good neighborhood, on large lot. $500 Monthly. 570-1511.

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EXECUTIVE TOWNHOME. 3 Bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Pool access. Lawncare provided. Available now. $1,100. 694-7663.

4505 MERCEDES. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. $500 plus deposit. Available June 1st. Call for appointment 694-3725.

1 ROOM EFFICIENCY. Kitchen with stove and refrigerator, bath, 2 walk in closets, yard. Available June 1st. $300/ month, $300 deposit. Call 687-5709, leave message.

4814 W STOREY, cute 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, 1 car garage, large back yard, nice neighborhood, Available June 1. $495 per month. Call 683-4410 or 685-0086 evening.

DUPLEX. Nice, roomy brick duplex. 2 Bedroom, 1 bath, dining room, fireplace, backyard. Clean neighborhood, nice neighbors. 1106-A Carrizo. $375 monthly. 697-4831.

FOR LEASE: Nice, clean 3 bedroom patio home. Great location! $1,300 monthly. 689-3920 or 685-0400.

SEVERAL nice homes & apartments, $250-$725. Jeannie Printz, Agent 684-8202.

4405 HUMBLE. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath. $600 monthly, $400 deposit. Call 699-3232.

5107 BELAIRE. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, double garage, fireplace. $650 Monthly. $400 Deposit. Call 699-7316 after 6 pm.

640 Condo Townhome Unfurn.

GOLDEN PARK Move- in specials. Leasing Golden Park Condos. Call for move- in specials, 520-0998.

TOWNHOMES/ Apartments 1 bedroom $305 and up. 2 bedroom $605 and up. Garage washer/ dryer, pool, ceiling fans. 689–8115.

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3 BEDROOM, 2 Bath Townhouse. Located near Alamo YMCA. Fenced backyard. Call 683-1091.

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2 & 3 BEDROOMS, 2 & 2 1/2 BATHS. 1225 sq. ft. -1537 sq. ft. 2 car garage, washer/ dryer connections, microwave, ceiling fans. $700/ up. 697–9768.

655 Mobile Homes Unfurnished

2 BEDROOM, 1 Bath. $250 Monthly, $200 deposit. See at 3110 W. County Road 130. 699-0742.

SMALL 2 BEDROOM, with stove & refrigerator, rent $250. Deposit & references required. 570-1730 or 694-4648.

3 BEDROOM, 1 Bath on Cloverdale. $350/ $150 deposit. Water furnished. No pets. Call 694-2047.

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687 Commercial Property

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RUIDOSO Cabins, Houses, Condos- nightly, weekly. Some with hot tubs. Don Harmon, Four Seasons Real Estate. 800-822-7654.

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OZONA, TX Deer Lease available. Large deer, turkey, hogs, birds. Cabin. Water/ Electric. (210)792-3280.

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200 ACRES minerals for sale. Howard County- Canyon Reef area. 100% leasing rights, 45% of royalty price, $135.00 per acre. Call 915-683-3042.

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JUNE 4th 1997

HOMES FOR SALE

VA OFFER ACCEPTANCE STATUS HOTLINE 1-800-827-1000
Information is available after 3:00 p.m. each Thursday and all day Friday ONLY.
PMH NUMBER IS REQUIRED. The current Cash Equivalent Factor (CEV) to be shown in Item 3-D of the VA Form 26-6705C (Addendum To Offer To Purchase and Contract of Sale) is 98%.
INTEREST RATE 8 1/4% (8.50% APR)

OWNER OCCUPANTS NO DOWN PAYMENT - INVESTORS 10% CASH DOWN PAYMENT

PMH #	ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	PRICE	BED/BATH/GARAGE	REQ. STATEMENTS
22353	1001 WAVERLY	MIDLAND	79701	$29,000	2/1.0/0	SR 2
600660	1613 SHELL	MIDLAND	79705	$71,000	3/2.0/2	SR 2 LBP
367060	1653 EAST 56TH ST.	ODESSA	79762	$54,000	3/2.0/2	SR 2 15 (GDO)
555453	425 REDBUD	ODESSA	79762	$49,000	3/2.0/0	SR 2 LBP

SR-2 No repair by VA. Strictly "AS IS".
SR-15 condition unknown and VA will not repair.
LBP Property was built prior to 1978 and may contain lead-based paint.

Properties on this listing are available for sale at or above the stated listed price. However, reasonable offers (as determined by VA) below the stated prices will be considered. All information herein is believed to be correct. However, it is subject to variations and VA assumes no liability for errors or omissions. This listing is subject to confirmation, change in price and terms, prior sale and withdrawal at any time prior to notice.

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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
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