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Car bomb explodes, kills more than 100

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DEADLY BLAST Local residents look at the scene after a suicide car bomber blasted a crowd of police and national guard recruits as they gathered outside a clinic in Hilla Monday. The attack left at least 115 people dead and 133 injured in the deadliest attack since the end of the war.

By Ali aL-Fatlawi
Associated Press

HILLAH, Iraq — A suicide car bomber blasted a crowd of police and national guard recruits Monday as they gathered for physicals outside a medical clinic south of Baghdad, killing at least 115 people and wounding 132 — the single deadliest attack in the two-year insurgency.

Torn limbs and other body parts littered the street outside the clinic in Hillah, a predominantly Shiite area about 60 miles south of Baghdad.

Monday's blast outside the clinic was so powerful it nearly vaporized the suicide bomber's car, leaving only its engine partially intact. The injured were piled into pickup trucks and ambulances and taken to nearby hospitals.

The deadliest previous single attack occurred Aug. 29, 2003, when a car bomb exploded outside a mosque in Najaf, killing more than 85 people, including Shiite leader Ayatollah Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim. Although officials never gave a final death toll, there were suspicions it may have been higher.

On March 2, 2004, at least 181 people were killed and 573 were wounded in multiple bombings at Shiite Muslim shrines in Baghdad and Karbala, although those were from a combination of suicide bombers, mortars and planted explosives.

Outside the concrete and brick building in Hillah, people gingerly walked around small lakes of blood pooling on the street. Scorch marks infused with blood covered the clinic's walls and dozens of people helped pile body parts, including arms, feet and limbs, into blankets. Piles of shoes and tattered clothes were thrown into a corner.

Angry crowds gathered outside the hospital chanting "Allah akbar!" — Arabic for "God is great!" — and demanded to know the fate of their relatives.

"I was lined up near the medical center, waiting for my turn for the medical exam in order to apply for work in the police," Abdullah Salih, 22, said. "Suddenly I heard a very big explosion. I was thrown several meters away and I had burns in my legs and hands, then I was taken to the hospital."

Babil province police headquarters said "several people" were arrested in connection with the blast, the biggest confirmed death toll in a single attack since the fall of Saddam Hussein. Insurgents have repeatedly targeted recruits for Iraq's security forces, and the attack comes at a time when Iraqi politicians are trying to form a new government following landmark Jan. 30 elections.

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Police arrest one suspect in park stabbing

From Staff Reports

Midlander Antwine Detray Smith, 32, was arrested Monday morning by Midland Police Department officers in relation to the stabbing that occurred Sunday evening at Reyes-Mashburn-Nelms Park.

Smith has been charged with aggravated assault.

Smith

He is suspected of stabbing Luis Grado, 38, who remained in serious condition Monday night at Midland Memorial Hospital, according to hospital officials. Authorities said Grado arrived at Fire Station 2 around 10 p.m. seeking aid for a stab wound to his chest.

After officers arrested Smith during a traffic stop Monday morning at the intersection of Front Street and Fairgrounds Road, detectives searched his residence and recovered two knives.

The vehicle Smith drove at the park Sunday night also was impounded for evidence processing. It was not the vehicle Smith was driving Monday morning.

According to MPD authorities, witnesses reported a minor traffic accident at the park involving Smith's and Grado's vehicles, prior to Grado being stabbed.

League of Women voters discusses school financing

By Sarah Kleiner
Staff Writer

Members of Midland's League of Women Voters could not agree on a method of restructuring the state's tax system during a Monday night seminar at Midland College.

To replace the way Texas public schools are funded, they were faced with expanding the sales tax, lowering property taxes, raising cigarette and gasoline taxes or creating a business activity tax.

The nonpartisan organization faced

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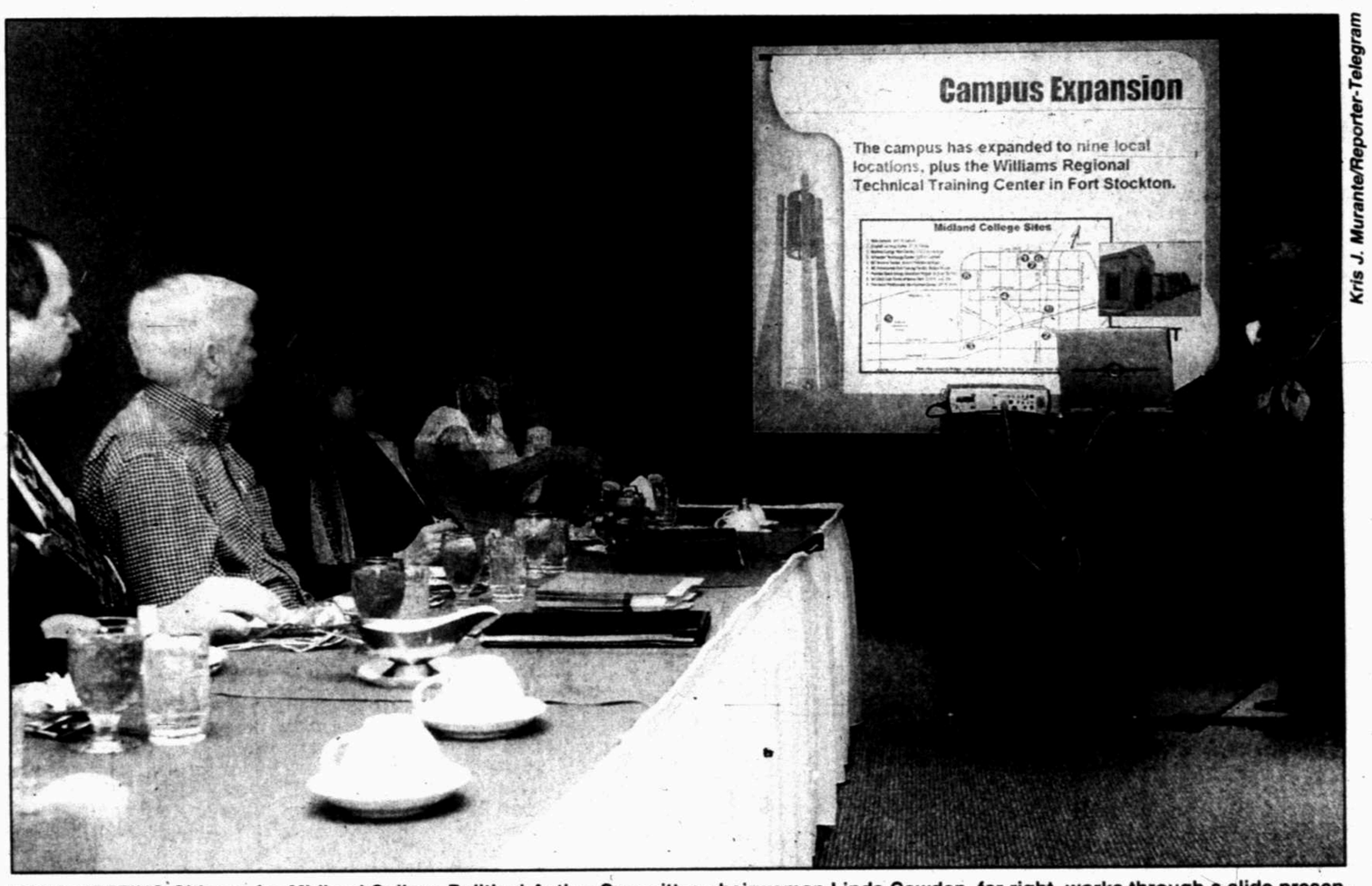

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BOND MEETING Citizens for Midland College Political Action Committee chairwoman Linda Cowden, far right, works through a slide presentation during the committee's first meeting Monday afternoon. The committee is an assembly of area businessmen and women, as well as MC students, to help pass the upcoming bond issue.

Citizens for Midland College meets for first time to discuss bond campaign

By Sarah Kleiner
Staff Writer

Despite apparent community support, much work will be essential throughout a 10-week campaign to pass a bond issue for Midland College, community leaders said Monday during the first and largely organizational meeting of the college's political action committee.

Most of the 38 members of Citizens for Midland College, an organization set up to campaign for the bond issue, met Monday for a luncheon, which focused on the group's probable course of action in the next 10 weeks.

The Midland College board of trustees approved a call for a $41.8 million bond election earlier this month, which would provide for renovation and expansion on the 30-year-old campus. The election will take place May 7.

Bobby Burns, former Midland mayor and member of the committee, expressed urgency during the Monday meeting in identifying voters who will likely support the bond issue and then organizing a campaign before early voting begins in April.

"In this town, I don't care if you're talking about airports or stadiums or economic development, you've got 6,000 votes who are potentially out there to go against you," Burns said. "You've got to outscore them."

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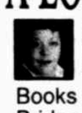

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Midland-Odessa economy begins 2005 on strong footing, good note

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Fueled by a regional oil and gas economy that continues to enter record territory and led by a strong retail sector, the Midland-Odessa economy began 2005 on strong footing.

"The year is starting off on a very good note," said Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index for West Texas State Bank and the Reporter-Telegram.

Economic growth is coming from exploration and production activity and the increased cash flow from existing oil and gas wells, Ingham said, adding even if oil and gas activity stabilizes in coming months, it should stabilize "at a high level of activity which will provide stimulus to the general economy," he said.

More of that cash flow is remaining in Midland-Odessa, as assets have been transferred to local ownership, and is finding its way into the retail sector, which posted a 12 percent gain in January. Ingham noted the retail sales that generated the January sales tax rebate — in excess of $166 million — are the highest in the history of the economic index and perhaps further back. Retail sales were joined by a 1.9 percent increase in auto sales, a sector Ingham predicted will improve this year.

Officials at West Texas State Bank, said Julie Faulkner, Midland manager, "have been watching the retail sales lead the way in our rising economic index. It was a welcome surprise to see airline and hotel-motel tax numbers come roaring in after a long period in the doldrums. These numbers, which indicate an increase in business and leisure travelers into our area, are among the keys to keeping our retail

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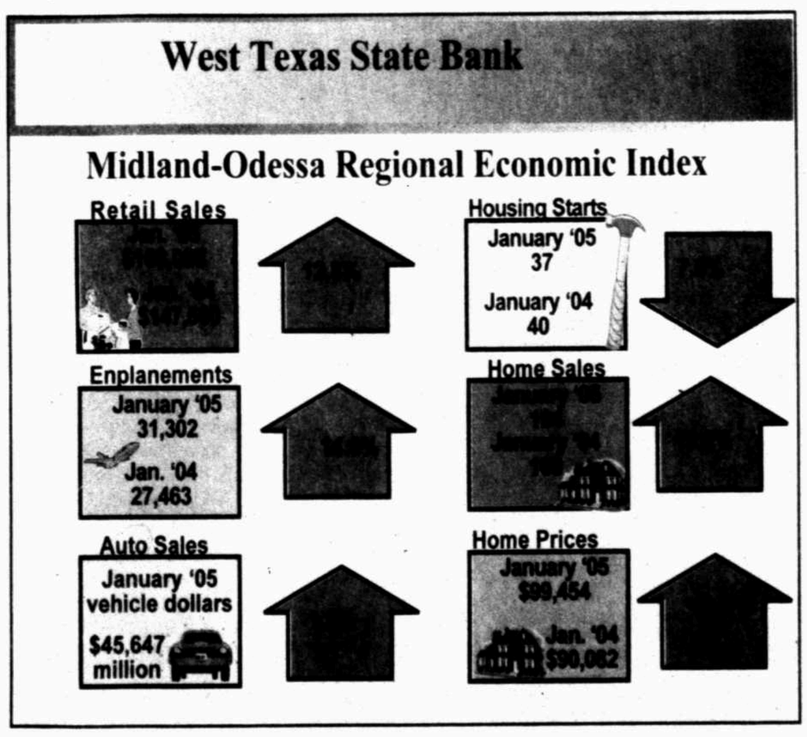

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

from wire reports

NEW YORK — **Joan** and **Melissa Rivers** are singing the praises of the Oscar fashions, saying the simple, colorful gowns hit the right note.

Usually, the mother-daughter duo come off the red carpet and dish about the best and worst dressed, "but there was no worst!" Joan Rivers said Monday on NBC's "Today" show. They are the fashion commentators for the TV Guide Channel.

Joan and Melissa Rivers

"The women were beautiful," added Melissa Rivers.

Cate Blanchett's yellow one-shoulder Valentino gown, which had a wide maroon sash, was a hard look to pull off, but she did it. "To wear maroon and yellow, and to look gorgeous ... that's a fashionista!" Joan Rivers said.

Among their other favorites from Sunday's Academy Awards show in Los Angeles were Catalina Sandino Moreno, who wore a white hourglass slip gown with thick beaded straps by Roberto Cavalli, Renee Zellweger in a red strapless Carolina Herrera gown and Salma Hayek in a blue Prada gown with black beading and bows.

Melissa Rivers also admired Hayek's diamond and sapphire drop earrings by Harry Winston. The Rivers duo explained that most of the jewelry is borrowed and must be returned immediately after the show, but it's common knowledge that Oprah Winfrey wears her own diamonds. "She buys," Joan Rivers said.

Meanwhile, Oscar winner Hilary Swank, who is Calvin Klein's underwear model and lately has worn his gowns to awards shows, chose a high-neck, sapphire-blue gown with long sleeves by Guy Laroche. (The New York Times said perhaps Swank was being superstitious, noting that she had made a last-minute change in designers when she won an Oscar for "Boys Don't Cry" in 2000.)

The few fashion missteps were taken by men, critics said. Spike Lee wore a white suit paired with a black fez, black shirt, black tie and clear, oversized round eyeglasses. And Samuel L. Jackson's stretch wool tuxedo with a covered placket and rolled collar looked — from a distance — like a rubber scuba suit.

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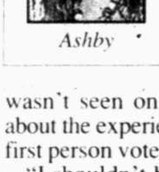
NEW YORK — **Ashlee Ashby** wasn't surprised when she was voted off CBS' "Survivor: Palau." She was looking forward to it.

"Everyone sensed that I was ready to go home," Ashby told The Associated Press Friday. "I knew that I was ready to go home. So tribal council was a good thing."



Ashby

Despite surviving the 10th edition's kickball-style tribe selection in the premiere episode, the 22-year-old wasn't mentally or physically prepared for "Survivor." Although it wasn't seen on the show, Ashby cried about the experience to Jolanda Jones, the first person voted off the "Palau" edition.

"I shouldn't have cried," said Ashby. "I had just reached a point where I could no longer play the game. Everything had gotten to me."

"Everything" included a budding romance between Ulong tribemates Kim Mullen and Jeff Wilson. "Everyone wondered if they were pulling another Rob and Amber," said Ashby, referring to "Survivor: All Stars" Rob Mariano and Amber Brkich, who later became engaged. "I'm going to have to watch the show and see how that plays out. There are some intentions there beyond more than just winning."

On the Net:
http://www.cbs.com/primetime/survivor10/

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PARIS — **Abdellatif Kechiche**'s "L'Esquive," a story about disenfranchised inner-city youth, was named best picture at the annual French movie awards.

Kechiche

Kechiche won four awards, including best director for his low-budget film featuring a largely amateur cast. It beat out favorites for best film that included Jean-Pierre Jeunet's "A Very Long Engagement."

Jeunet's movie, a whimsical drama about a woman who refuses to believe her fiance died in the trenches of World War I, won five awards Saturday, including best supporting actress and best costumes.

Two awards went to Christophe Barratier's "The Chorus," a story about a struggling musician who takes a job at a troubled boys school and works magic through song. It won for best music written for a film and best sound.

Sofia Coppola won best foreign film for "Lost in Translation," the quirky story of two lonely Americans who find friendship in a Tokyo hotel, starring Bill Murray and Scarlett Johansson.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A faded concert poster from the 1968 Miami Pop Festival may tell as much about banjo great **Earl Scruggs** as any of the other relics in a new Scruggs exhibit at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum.

"Banjo Man: The Musical Journey of Earl Scruggs" opens March 4 and runs through June 16, 2006.

The exhibit traces Scruggs' life and career from his childhood in rural North Carolina through his years with Bill Monroe's band, Flatt & Scruggs and the Foggy Mountain Boys, and the folk-rock group he formed with his sons in the early 1970s, the Earl Scruggs Revue.

At the Miami Pop Festival, Scruggs and musical partner Lester Flatt shared the bill with the Grateful Dead, Joni Mitchell, Marvin Gaye, James Cotton, Richie Havens and the Box Tops — all for $6.

"I like to play with some of the young bands that play rock 'n' roll because I don't play rock 'n' roll," Scruggs said recently. "But there's enough rhythm in what I play that if you've got somebody who knows how to put a little sway in it, it really comes off in a country tune."

On the Net:
http://www.countrymusichalloffame.com/

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RADNOR, Pa. — In his final days, **Jerry Orbach** refused to let cancer stop him from portraying police Detective Lennie Briscoe on NBC's "Law & Order: Trial by Jury," the show's executive producer said.

Orbach, who died of prostate cancer in December, continued to work even while getting chemotherapy every two weeks, Walon Green told TV Guide for its Feb. 27 issue.

Orbach

Green said he needed to make some changes for Orbach's final scene because the actor had weakened to the point where he could not speak in his normal voice.

"He was down to a whisper," Green said. "So we had everybody else in the scene whisper."

Green said the 69-year-old Orbach refused to be written out of scenes when Green tried to lighten his workload.

"He'd call and be upset and want to know why I'd taken him out" of a scene, Green said. "He'd want the scene back. He was like the Energizer bunny. He wanted to keep going."

"Law & Order: Trial by Jury" previews Thursday (10 p.m. EST), with another episode Friday (10 p.m. EST) in what will be the series' regular slot. The show is the latest spinoff in the "Law & Order" franchise.

WEEK IN PHOTOS

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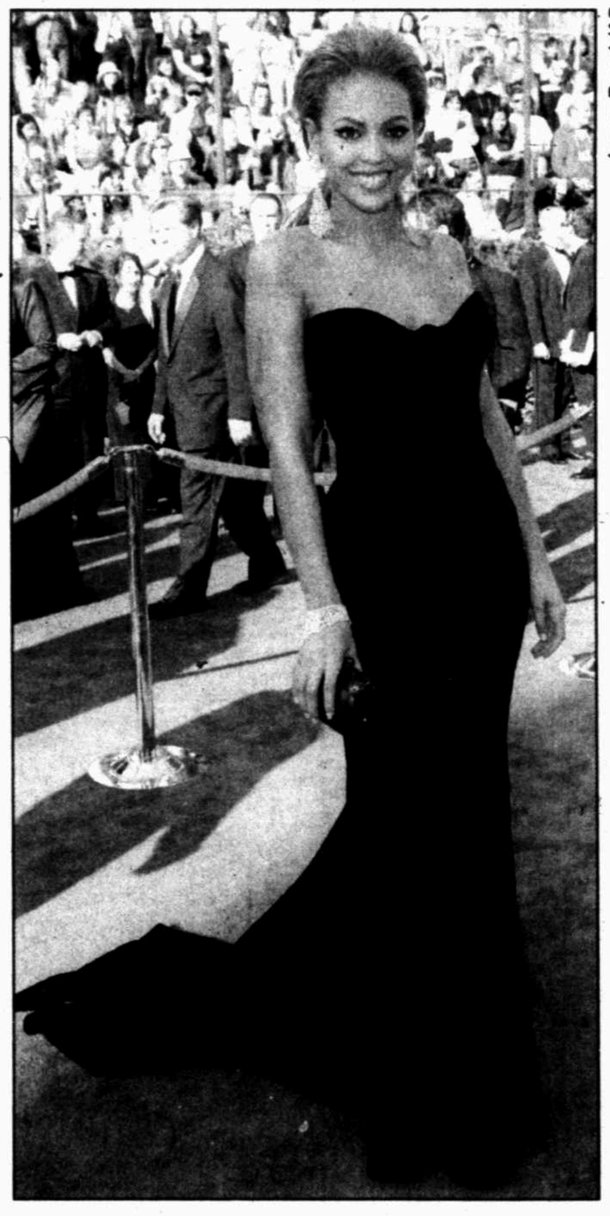

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WEEK IN PHOTOS Beyonce Knowles, left, arrives for the 77th Academy Awards Sunday in Los Angeles. ABOVE: Soldiers of the 31st Battalion of the Afghan National Army dance during their graduation ceremony in the Kabul Army Training Center, Sunday. Afghanistan's army reached 20,000 today with the graduation of 853 soldiers, after receiving 11 weeks of training. ABOVE RIGHT: U.S. President Bush, left, walks behind German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder as he introduces him to members of the U.S. delegation at the Electoral Palace in Mainz, Germany, Wednesday. BOTTOM RIGHT: Harvard University student David Ferris, left, of Vashon, Wash., holds a sign outside a Harvard faculty meeting in Cambridge, Mass., Tuesday. Harvard President Lawrence Summers met with Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences Tuesday following a furor that erupted over his comments about women's aptitude for science and math. BELOW: Pope John Paul II touches his throat, as he looks out of a window at the Polyclinic Gemelli hospital, in Rome Sunday. At left is Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican Secretary of State.

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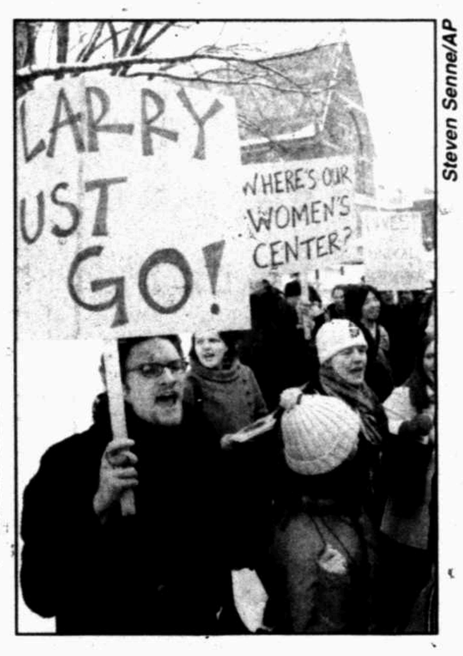

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ODDS & ENDS

from wire reports

GRENADA, Miss. — Who says you can't have a snowball fight in the Deep South?

A Mississippi man arrested more than two years ago for selling the frozen treats _ also known as snow cones in some parts of the country _ near a park is allowed to sell them again as part of a settlement reached with the city.

David Maycock faced misdemeanor charges for disorderly conduct after he allegedly violated an ordinance that prohibited vendors from selling food items within 300 feet of any city park.

Two years after his October 2002 arrest, Maycock and his attorney, Ron Lewis, sued the city. Earlier this month, the City Council said a settlement had been reached.

Neither party would discuss specifics, but Lewis confirmed that Maycock could resume sales near the park.

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DODGEVILLE, Wis. — Authorities in southern Wisconsin have discovered that capturing a kangaroo in a snowstorm isn't the hard part. It's finding out where the animal came from.

Authorities recently gave up their hunt for the owner of a red 130-pound marsupial, saying its origin will remain a mystery.

The Iowa County Sheriff's Office has given the Henry Vilas Zoo in Madison permission to keep the kangaroo, nicknamed Roo. The animal has been in quarantine at the zoo since its capture early January.

Sheriff's deputies corralled the male kangaroo in a barn after receiving calls from shocked residents who had seen it hopping through rural parts of Dodgeville for two days.

"We're almost two months out since the incident occurred. I would imagine that the owner is not coming forward," Iowa County Sheriff Steve Michek said.

Michek said deputies ruled out several claims of ownership, including one from a Connecticut woman who said her kangaroo was missing. An Appleton, Wis., man also claimed he had lost a kangaroo in September, but his description did not match that of the animal.

Zoo officials plan to introduce the marsupial, which has been deemed healthy, to their other five kangaroos this spring when the weather warms up.

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RICHMOND, British Columbia — It wasn't hard for the Mounties to get their man in a car theft, even though it had not been reported.

Alerted by a passer-by, officers found a man asleep at the wheel of a car with the lights on early Sunday. The motor was running and a screwdriver was in the ignition, Royal Canadian Mounted Police said.

The man was sleeping so soundly that police were unable to rouse him by yelling through a bullhorn. When they pounded on the door, he finally woke up, opened the door and emerged with the car in gear.

Officers responded quickly to keep the vehicle from rolling away.

A quick check established that the vehicle had just been stolen without the owner being aware, police said.

The man could make a court appearance as early as Monday on a charged of possessing stolen property and three counts of failing to comply with a probation order.

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SINGAPORE — The Singapore zoo is using an old Asian remedy to treat sick animals: acupuncture.

The latest patient is Tun, a 15-year-old Asian elephant whose right leg was crushed by a male elephant nine years ago. Zookeepers worried that Tun, who weighs 5,291 pounds, might not be able to settle her weight on her lame leg as she grew heavier.

Veterinarian and acupuncturist Oh Soon Hock, who has poked and prodded giraffes, cheetahs and Komodo dragons in the name of medicine, started treating Tun a month and a half ago.

"After the first treatment, she was more mobile. Now her leg can be bent better and her muscles are more relaxed," Oh said.

Elephant handlers are on site when Tun receives acupuncture treatment twice a week. The intricate process involves coaxing with repetitive noises, gentle tugs on her fan-like ears and bribery with bananas and carrots.

"I don't think acupuncture has any pain, if you know what to do," said Oh, who learned acupuncture at the Zhonghua Chinese Medicine College in Taiwan.

Oh said acupuncture on animals and humans uses the same premise of locating key points between the joints or veins.

Tun has four months of treatment left.

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Prosecution outlines child molestation case against Michael Jackson

By Linda Deutsch
Associated Press

The defense has cast Jackson as the target of a money-hungry mother who coached her son to spin stories when it looked like their celebrity benefactor would cut them off.

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — Michael Jackson's child molestation trial began Monday with a prosecutor saying the pop star repeatedly groped a young cancer patient, and one of his associates threatened to kill the boy's mother if he told anyone.

District Attorney Thomas Sneddon said the 15-year-old accuser will testify about how Jackson showed him sexually explicit material and molested him.

"(He) will describe to you his sexual experiences with Michael Jackson. He will do it here in open court and he will do it with the whole world watching," Sneddon said.

Jackson sat still as a statue with one hand pressed against his cheek as Sneddon outlined a complicated and sometimes bizarre story of a conspiracy in which he claimed several of Jackson's associates participated.

In the front row of the courtroom, Jackson's mother, Katharine, sat beside her son Jermaine. They were the only Jackson family members present.

Jackson, 46, is charged with molesting the then-13-year-old cancer patient at his Neverland ranch in 2003, plying him with alcohol and conspiring to hold him and his family captive.

The defense opening statement was to follow the prosecution's presentation.

The defense has cast Jackson as the target of a money-hungry mother who coached her son to spin stories when it looked like their celebrity benefactor would cut them off. The defense will present evidence that the mother has sued others in the past claiming abuse.

Sneddon told the jury Jackson had intended to use the boy as part of a comeback attempt by discussing in a television documentary how the singer helped him through his cancer.

Before the interview with documentary maker Martin Bashir in 2002, Jackson privately told the boy what to say when he was in front of the camera, Sneddon said.

But when the February 2003 TV documentary "Living With Michael Jackson," aired, showing the pop star holding hands with the boy and saying he allows children to sleep in his bed, "Jackson's world was rocked," Sneddon said.

He said one of co-conspirators described the airing as "a train wreck" and Jackson's associates began a bid to keep the family from seeing the video and to get their help in a public relations campaign to rebut it.

But the prosecutor said Jackson began molesting the boy a short time later.

Sneddon said Jackson told the boy masturbation was normal, then reached into the boy's underpants and masturbated the boy and himself. The second event occurred the same way, Sneddon said, but Jackson tried to move the boy's arm toward his own genitals and the boy resisted.

Sneddon said Jackson and the boy were introduced after the boy, who had undergone cancer surgery, said his dying wish was to meet Chris Tucker, Adam Sandler and Michael Jackson.

The prosecutor alleged that when the boy and his family first visited Neverland, Jackson told the boy to ask his mother if he could sleep in Jackson's bedroom. He said Jackson then showed sexually explicit Web sites to the boy and his own son, Prince Michael, on that visit.

When an image of a woman with bare breasts came on the screen, Sneddon said, Jackson turned to the group and said: "Got milk?"

Searches of Neverland turned up sexually explicit DVDs and magazines, including 1960s-era periodicals with pictures of naked children, and correspondence from the accuser addressed to "Michael" or "Michael Daddy," Sneddon said.

Some magazines had the fingerprints of Jackson, others had the prints of the boy and his brother, and one had prints from both Jackson and the accuser, he said.

Before opening statements, Judge Rodney S. Melville read the indictment, revealing for the first time the names of five Jackson employees described as unindicted co-conspirators.

The indictment alleged a series of bizarre activities following the 2003 documentary, including a panicky effort by Jackson employees to get the family of his accuser ready for a trip to Brazil.

It alleged Jackson employee Frank Tyson told the family they were in danger and "this is not the time to be out there alone. This is not the time to turn your back on Michael."

The indictment said Tyson also told them "staying even one night alone is not safe."

The indictment stated that between February and March 2003, Tyson threatened the accuser, telling him "Michael could make the family disappear" and that he also said, "I could have your mother killed."

It also alleged that in February 2003, Jackson's staff was instructed in writing not to let the boy leave Neverland.

Michael A. Mariant/AP

MAN IN THE COURT ROOM Pop star Michael Jackson arrives for the first day of his child molestation trial at the Santa Barbara County Superior Court Monday in Santa Maria, Calif. The prosecution and defense teams were presenting their opening statements to the judge and jury.

Terri Schiavo's parents ask judge to let her divorce her husband

By Vickie Chachere
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Terri Schiavo's parents asked a judge Monday to allow the severely brain-damaged woman to divorce her husband, accusing him of adultery and not acting in his wife's best interests.

It was one of a flurry of 15 motions filed by Bob and Mary Schindler, who have less than three weeks to find a way to keep their daughter alive.

Michael Schiavo says his wife, who has spent 15 years in what doctors call a vegetative state, once told him she would never want to be kept alive artificially. Her parents have fought his efforts but Pinellas Circuit Court Judge George Greer ruled that Schiavo can have her feeding tube removed on March 18.

The Schindlers' attorney, David Gibbs, said Greer had indicated he will not hear the divorce request and five of the other motions filed Monday, but that only means that the matters are now on their way to being appealed.

Appearing at a rally in Jacksonville, the Schindlers called on Gov. Jeb Bush to look into the circumstances that led to their daughter's 1990 collapse and asked Attorney General Charlie Crist to investigate whether Terri Schiavo's civil rights have been violated.

"We have filed divorce proceedings because of (Michael Schiavo's) total disregard for Terri as his wife," Bob Schindler said. "He is married to Terri, but he is living with another woman and he has two children by her. It has become quite obvious that his priorities are not in Terri's best interest."

"Remaining married to him is an embarrassment," Gibbs said.

Michael Schiavo's attorney, George Felos, called the new motions little more than an attempt to clog the case with further delays. Felos has said even if Michael Schiavo were to divorce his wife, any new guardian would be obligated to remove Terri Schiavo's feeding tube because the court has ruled it is her wish not to be kept alive artificially.

"I think everyone knows the parents are going to try anything, including throwing in the kitchen sink, to frustrate the court's final judgment and Terri's wishes," Felos said.

Other motions by the Schindlers ask that some news reporters be allowed to see Terri Schiavo's interactions with her parents, since they contend she responds to them; that they be allowed to take pictures with her before she dies and that those photographs not become Michael Schiavo's property, as a current court order now requires; that she be allowed to die at home; and that they be allowed to bury her rather than the cremation her husband has planned.

AP Photo

UNTYING THE KNOT Terri Schiavo, center, is shown in an undated family photo with her mother, Mary, and father Bob Schindler. Schiavo has been in a coma-like state since 1990. With less than three weeks to keep her alive, Schiavo's parents have filed a motion asking the judge to let Schiavo divorce her husband, Michael. The two sides have been fighting a court battle against her husband to keep her alive with a feeding tube.

'We have filed divorce proceedings because of (Michael Schiavo's) total disregard for Terri as his wife. ... It has become quite obvious that his priorities are not in Terri's best interest.'

Bob Schindler, Terri Shiavo's father

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SLURP Matt Alleman, 6, of Odessa enjoys a soda at First American Bank Ballpark in Midland while watching a college baseball game this past weekend.

ECONOMY

(From 1A)

activity strong. There seem to be few cracks in the foundation that is being laid for another good year in the Midland-Odessa area."

This week's grand opening of Midland's new Kohl's Department Store at Wadley Avenue and Loop 250, scheduled for Thursday, March 3 at 8 a.m., will add to the city's retail offerings while creating 150 new jobs.

"This is an exciting day for Kohl's and for Midland-area shoppers who will now have a new, convenient location at which to enjoy the Kohl's shopping experience," said John Worthington, Kohl's regional manager, in a statement. "We look forward to serving families in Midland by delivering well-known brands, value and convenience."

Kohl's, through its Kohl's Cares for Kids program, has formed a partnership with Cook Children's Medical Center, which will benefit from local Kohl's Cares for Kids fund-raising efforts through the sale of specially selected items in its store four times a year. During the spring, summer, back to school and holiday seasons, Kohl's features special items, priced at $5 each, with 100 percent of the net profits going to Cook Children's Medical Center.

Retail figures, Ingham said, indicate "even in real terms — adjusted for inflation — the aggregate level of activity is the highest it has ever been, which would suggest complete recovery, at least in the consumer sector, from the ups and downs of the local economy in recent years."

As mentioned by Faulkner, airline boardings posted a 14 percent increase in January while hotel-motel tax collections jumped 25.4 percent.

Those visitors to Midland are, no doubt, spending money at local hotels, restaurants and retail stores, said Ingham, citing the long-held statistic that a dollar spent by a visitor turns over in the local economy seven times.

Midland-Odessa also saw a strong housing market, with existing home sales rising 15.5 percent in January and sales prices jumping 10.4 percent for what Ingham said is a 28 percent surge in total dollar volume for residential sales.

The only negatives in the January index, Ingham said, was in construction, where the value of all building permits sank 33.5 percent compared to January 2004 while the number of permits for new homes fell 7.5 percent compared to last year.

Yet even those negatives aren't all that negative, he said, pointing out January 2005 numbers are being compared to a set of January 2004 numbers that were very high. He noted the January 2004 housing permits were the highest numbers in the life of the index and were, in fact, 60 percent better than January 2003 permits.

"January 2005 building permit valuations are behind only January 2004 as the second highest total in the history of the index," he said.

Although the January Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index was unchanged from December 2004, Ingham said the index had gained 5 percent from January 2004 and said the December-January stability means the economy "is playing 'catch-up' with itself at the moment. The undeniable trend is still growth and corresponding upward movement in the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index."

IRAQ

(From 1A)

Iraq's interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi wrote in The Wall Street Journal on Monday that Iraq still needed international forces on the ground while the effort was under way to rebuild Iraqi security forces.

"But we will continue to need and to seek assistance for some time to come," he wrote.

Maj. Gen. Osman Ali, an Iraqi National Guard commander in Hillah, put the toll at 115 dead and 132 wounded. A health official in Babil province said the death toll could rise.

Dia Mohammed, the director of Hillah General Hospital, said most of the victims were recruits waiting to take physicals as part of the application process to join the Iraqi police and national guard.

"I was lucky because I was the last person in line when the explosion took place. Suddenly there was panic, and many frightened people stepped on me. I lost consciousness and the next thing I was aware of was being in the hospital," said recruit Muhsin Hadi, 29. One of his legs was broken in the blast.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair condemned the attack and pledged to help the Iraqi government track down those responsible.

"All civilized people should feel nothing but revulsion for the terrorists who can kill innocent Iraqis who only want to help build a new democracy and a better society," he said.

A second car bomb exploded Monday at a police checkpoint in Musayyib, about 20 miles north of Hillah, killing at least one policeman and wounding several others, police said on condition of anonymity.

In Baghdad, the U.S. military said it was investigating the death of a U.S. soldier who was shot while manning a traffic checkpoint in the capital a day earlier. Nearly 1,500 U.S. troops have died since the war began in March 2003.

Iraqi troops blocked main avenues leading to and from Firdous Square, the roundabout in central Baghdad where Iraqis toppled a statue of Saddam on April 9, 2003. Occasional shots and bursts of automatic weapons fire could be heard during the sweep of the Battaween area, know locally as the Sudanese district.

Several people believed to be Sudanese were seen being arrested by police. Some of Baghdad's past suicide bombers have in the past been identified as Sudanese.

In al-Mashahda, 25 miles north of Baghdad, police found three unidentified corpses with their hands tied together with plastic cuffs, police commissioner Abbas Abdul Ridha said.

The Hillah suicide bombing came one day after Iraqi officials announced that Syria had captured and handed over Saddam Hussein's half brother, a most-wanted leader in the Sunni-based insurgency, in the latest in a series of arrests of important insurgent figures that the Iraqi government hopes will deal a crushing blow to violent opposition forces.

The arrest of Sabawi Ibrahim al-Hassan also ended months of Syrian denials it was harboring fugitives from the ousted Saddam regime. Iraq authorities said Damascus acted in a gesture of goodwill.

Sabawi Ibrahim al-Hassan, who shared a mother with Saddam, was arrested along with 29 other fugitive members of the former dictator's Baath Party in Hasakah in northeastern Syria, 30 miles from the Iraqi border, officials said Sunday on condition of anonymity. The U.S. military in Iraq had no comment.

Meanwhile, the Iraqi Special Tribunal said it had completed preliminary investigations into some of the alleged crimes committed by several of Saddam's top henchmen, and it will send the first group of five to trial.

No date was given, but the announcement marks the first time the special court has issued referrals, similar to indictments — the final step before trials can start.

The five include Barzan Ibrahim al-Hassan al-Tikriti, another of Saddam's half brothers, and former vice president Taha Yassin Ramadan. The three others were senior Baath party members.

The five officials are facing charges of crimes against humanity for their alleged involvement in a crackdown in Dujail, 50 miles north of Baghdad, that was organized in retaliation for a failed 1982 assassination attempt against Saddam.

At least 50 Iraqis were allegedly executed in the Shiite town.

Alaa al-Marjani/AP

MOMENT OF GRIEF An unidentified woman grieves at the scene after a suicide bomber blasted a crowd of police and national guard recruits as they gathered outside a clinic in Hilla Monday, about 60 miles south of Baghdad. The attack left at least 115 people dead and 133 injured in the single deadliest attack since the end of the war.

In an interview published Monday in the Italian newspaper La Repubblica, Syrian President Bashar Assad denied U.S. accusations his regime lets militants slip across the Iraqi border. He said Washington blames Damascus in order to cover for its strategic mistakes in Iraq.

"Washington accuses us of failing to cooperate, of nurturing the guerrilla," he said. "But in reality they are asking us to remedy to their mistakes: the dissolution of the state, of military forces."

Syria is under intense pressure from the United States, the United Nations, France and Israel to drop its support for radical groups in the Middle East, to stop harboring Iraqi fugitives and to remove its troops from Lebanon.

A week ago, authorities grabbed a key associate and the driver of Jordanian-born terror leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, leader of al-Qaida in Iraq and believed to be the inspiration of the ongoing bombings, beheadings and attacks on Iraqi and American forces. Iraqi officials said they expect to take al-Zarqawi soon.

MC PAC

(From 1A)

Some committee members stressed the importance of registering current and incoming Midland College students before the election.

Ralph Way, a Midland College trustee, said the 6,200 students taking courses for credit at the school and the more than 18,000 people taking continuing education courses will likely produce a sizable base of support.

Representatives from the community college's Student Government Association present at the meeting said they discussed setting up registration booths on campus, and they volunteered to call possible incoming students and their parents.

'In this town, I don't care if you're talking about airports or stadiums or economic development, you've got 6,000 votes who are potentially out there to go against you. You've got to outscore them.'

Bobby Burns, former mayor

The campaign could cost more than the approximate $80,000 spent on the bond election campaign for Midland International Airport, said Committee Chair Linda Cowden.

John Breier, president of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, attended the meeting — though he is not a committee member — because he said the business community supports the bond election.

"As the chamber looks at our economy locally and as you look at how we are going to grow and prosper in the future, the absolute key to that is our labor force, the intellectual capital that's developed year in, year out, day in and day out at Midland College," Brier said.

City performs under 2004 fiscal budget, receives more revenue than projected

By Stephanie A. Miller
Staff Writer

The city of Midland has performed below its 2004 fiscal budget, receiving more revenue than what was initially projected.

City finance officials said the revenue for the fiscal year was $54,608,776 while expenditures were $53,596,094.

An increase in sales tax revenues and expenses below budget contributed to an additional $1 million to the city's reserve funds for the 2004 fiscal year.

Officials said during the budgeting process this summer, the city will determine how to utilize the reserves.

In comparison to the previous fiscal year, the city's reserve fund increased. It rose to 30.47 percent of annual expenditures in contrast to 29.12 percent during the 2003 fiscal year.

It is necessary for the city to maintain a healthy financial position for several reasons, said Midland's Finance Director Bob McNaughton.

Among them include the issuance of bonds. The reserves are reviewed by bond rating agencies, McNaughton said. Bonds help finance city projects, such as the airport and the sports complex.

Reserves also are used to help the city respond to unanticipated emergencies, such as natural disasters.

One way the city was able to conserve funds was by reviewing vacant positions.

This fiscal year, there were a total of 35 budgeted vacant positions, 29 of which were frozen or held open.

Because of reorganizing, 12 positions were eliminated.

Generally, the city will finish the year in expenditures under budget within a 1 to 1.25 percent of a range, officials said.

FINANCE

(From 1A)

decisions much like Texas legislators are having to make as they inch closer to a solution to the state's education funding crisis.

Linda Krefting, president of the Lubbock League of Women Voters and professor at Texas Tech University, presented the dozen people Monday night with budget information and possible avenues lawmakers will take during the legislative session to restructure the tax system.

Many legislators agree they want to reduce property taxes from $1.50 per $100 valuation to $1. To replace that money, which largely pays for education, lawmakers have suggested introducing video lottery terminals, raising cigarette taxes, creating a broad-based business tax and expanding or raising the state sales tax.

Courts declared the current share-the-wealth funding system unconstitutional, by which property wealthy districts give money to poor ones.

Jayne Krawietz, program vice president for the Midland chapter of the league, said the group wanted to learn about how the state's education system is funded.

"The reason we are so interested in this session is money is the whole point of everything we're talking about," Krawietz said.

Krefting said the state should fund 60 percent of school district's budgets, whereas the state pays about 38 percent currently. The rest of education is funded by property taxes and federal grants.

After presenting information from the Center for Public Policy Priorities, Krefting said increasing the sales tax would harm lower income Texans and suggested an income tax could raise $6 billion a year in new revenue.

"This session served to list and clarify the various options by which additional state moneys could be raised," said Jan Artley, a member of League of Women Voters at the meeting. "More importantly, it caused us to recognize how complex an issue this is and how better choices sometimes carry political risks."

Texas lawmakers propose cell phone bans

By Brandi Grissom
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Patrick Leas laid his hands on his daughter Erin's heart three years ago.

"I could feel that heart go bop, bop, bop, bop, bop ... bop ...bop ... ... bop. And she was gone," Leas said Monday, as Erin's older sister Kelly displayed a photo of the 16-year-old Smithson Valley High School cheerleader.

Erin died in October 2001. She had slammed into a cedar tree when she lost control of her car while talking on her cell phone to her boyfriend.

Her family came to Austin Monday to plead with lawmakers to help prevent other families from experiencing their tragedy.

A committee of lawmakers reviewed four bills affecting driving and cell phone use Monday. Rep. Jose Menendez, D-San Antonio, filed three bills: one allows only handsfree devices while driving, one prohibits all cell phone use in school zones and one prohibits those under 18 from talking while driving during the first six months they have a license. Rep. Helen Giddings, D-DeSoto, submitted a bill that would make it illegal for bus drivers to talk on the phone except in an emergency.

'All we are trying to do here is ask folks to pay attention to what they're doing, keep both hands on the wheel. If they're going to use a cell phone while driving, try to use some sort of handsfree device. All I'm trying to do is find a way that we can eliminate some of the distraction'

Rep. Jose Menendez, D-San Antonio

In 2003, a ban on cell phone use by Texas drivers failed to pass. A cell phone industry representative, while not opposing all the measures, said the bill requiring drivers to use handsfree devices unfairly targets one cause of driver distraction.

"All we are trying to do here is ask folks to pay attention to what they're doing, keep both hands on the wheel. If they're going to use a cell phone while driving, try to use some sort of handsfree device," Menendez said. "All I'm trying to do is find a way that we can eliminate some of the distraction."

Teenagers should have phones in their vehicles for emergency situations, said David Willis, a senior researcher at the Texas Transportation Institute, but because they are inexperienced drivers, teens should wait to talk until the engine is off. Text messaging and taking photos or videos with phones ought to be out of the question, he said.

The National Transportation Safety Board recommended in June 2003 that all states ban teens from talking and driving. Maine has already done so, and several other states are considering similar legislation.

"Young, inexperienced drivers are particularly vulnerable to accidents, are easily distracted, and are known to engage in risk-taking behavior," the board report said.

For the same reasons, Willis said, banning drivers from using cell phones in school zones is a good idea. Children often behave erratically, and drivers must use extra caution when youngsters are near.

Punishing all drivers by requiring everyone to use a handsfree device is unfair to responsible drivers and doesn't adequately address all types of distractions, said Henry Flores, a Sprint spokesman.

"Without a doubt, consumer education is more effective than legislation, in my opinion," Flores said.

The committee did not take action on the four bills Monday but expects to decide which bills to send to a vote by the full Texas House next week.

The cell phones and driving bills are HB236, HB237, HB610 and HB1094.

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Major storm moves up East Coast, closing schools, making highways hazardous

By Wayne Parry
Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Highway crews spread salt on roads and schools gave students an unplanned holiday Monday as a storm plowed along the East Coast with a threat of more than a foot of blowing snow.

Storm watches and warnings were posted as far north as Maine and snow coated roads as far south as North Carolina and eastern Kentucky.

"No! No, no, no! I'm ready for it to be hot out. I'm tired of the cold already," said Shajuan Carter of Irvington as she waited at Newark's Penn Station for a train into New York City.

Six to 10 inches of snow was likely in the New York City area by the time the storm lets up Tuesday morning, with 14 inches possible in northwestern New Jersey and the Poconos of northeastern Pennsylvania, and up to 2 feet in the mountains of West Virginia, the National Weather Service said. Eight inches was possible in Boston.

A COLD ONE A person walks past neon signs as snow falls in the Squirrel Hill section of Pittsburgh Monday. Highway crews spread salt on roads and schools gave students an unplanned holiday as a storm plowed along the East Coast.

Gene J. Puskar/AP

Ten inches had fallen by afternoon at North Carolina's Mount Mitchell, and more than 8 inches was on the ground in western Virginia, where police blamed the weather for 100 traffic accidents. "By far, for us, this is the biggest snowstorm we've had," said Chuck Lionberger, a spokesman for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Afternoon arrivals at Newark Liberty International Airport were delayed up to three hours, although planes were still taking off on time.

Schools were also closed from Kentucky to Pennsylvania because of slippery roads or in anticipation of worsening weather, and others decided to send students home early.

For New Jersey, the storm arrived just five days after one that dumped nearly 8 inches on parts of the state.

The Taylor Rental Center in Mount Laurel had been getting calls since Saturday checking the availability of backhoes and other snow-removal equipment at a rate of $263 for eight hours, manager Chuck Hudson said.

"Everything else stops when it snows and whenever there's snow on the ground," he said.

The storm was expected to drop 8 to 12 inches on parts of Vermont, which could be enough to hamper Tuesday's annual town meetings, the staple of local government in the region.

If only a few people are able to show up to conduct a town's business, the moderator and town officials can specify a date to reconvene and then adjourn, said Vermont Secretary of State Deb Markowitz.

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Shajuan Carter of Irvington

The snow was wet and heavy in parts of North Carolina, causing power line breaks that blacked out more than 11,000 customers, utilities said.

But in North Carolina's western mountains, the snowy weather was welcomed.

"This is sort of the winter we haven't been having," said Brad Moretz, general manager of Appalachian Ski Mountain. "March will exceed our expectations. This weekend we'll have good weather and good slope conditions."

Inspectors finding less E. coli bacteria in hamburger

By Libby Quaid
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fewer cases of contamination from a dangerous strain of E. coli turned up in ground beef last year, even as the government increased its testing.

The bacteria, spread mainly when people eat undercooked ground beef, infects about 73,000 people and kills 61 each year, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The organism can cause bloody diarrhea and kidney failure.

Of 8,010 ground beef samples analyzed last year, 0.17 percent tested positive, compared with from 0.3 percent the year before, the Agriculture Department reported Monday. That is a 43 percent decline.

Federal inspectors at meat plants also increased the number of samples, which had been around 6,000 to 7,000 a year.

Agriculture Department officials credited efforts since 2002 to have plants update plans for guarding against tainted meat and changing plant operations after the government's Food Safety and Inspection Service has reviewed those plans.

"When you look at the numbers from year to year, I don't think it's a matter of coincidence that these numbers have gone down," said Merle Pierson, acting undersecretary for food safety.

He pointed out that the rate of infection also has dropped. According to CDC, the number of E. coli infections declined 36 percent from 2002 to 2003, the most recent dates for which figures are available.

Caroline Smith DeWaal, head of food safety for the Center for Science in the Public Interest, said she is troubled by what the government is "not testing, which is imports, meat coming from state plants and also much of the meat coming out of retail stores."

FSIS spokesman Steven Cohen said most ground beef is produced at plants and that retailers are increasingly buying already-packaged meat.

CDC officials say people can avoid infection by thoroughly cooking ground beef, avoiding unpasteurized milk and washing their hands.

On the Net:
E. coli information from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
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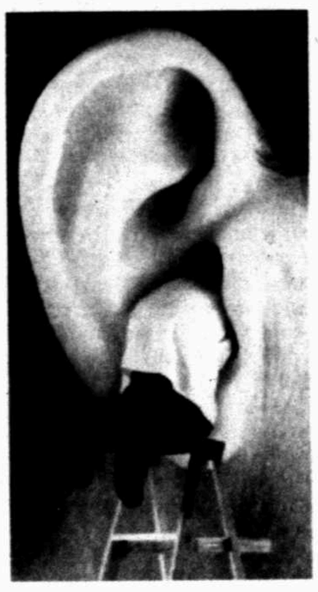

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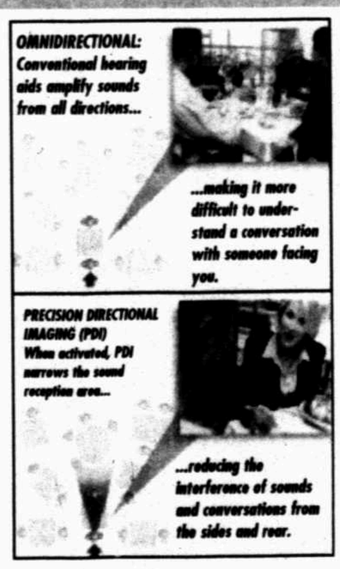

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Tanker spills biggest danger to Artic area

Many movements in the United States and around the world have worried greatly about oil exploration in the Artic because of its potential to wreck the environment.

However, a recent eight-nation study concludes a major oil spill from a tanker is the main danger to the Arctic environment if oil exploration increases in the region, not drilling which is increasingly clean.

The survey of potential impacts from oil and gas exploration in the Arctic is part of a wider Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program, sponsored by the United States, Russia, Canada and the five Nordic nations.

Experts gathered in Helsinki for a three-day working meeting have found most environmental damage in the Arctic because of oil and gas exploration occurred in previous decades, with new technology now permitting less drilling and low pollution.

Norway has lifted a ban on drilling in the little-explored Barents Sea as oil fields farther south have begun to mature, and the U.S. government wants Congress to approve drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to boost oil supplies.

It is in the best interest of oil companies to run a clean effort in the Artic, and amazing new technologies have cut the risks of oil spills to a minimum. The ongoing work in the Artic regions is proof drilling is not hazardous to the environment.

We wish we could say the same about transporting the product. Shipping oil is the greatest hazard faced in the Northlands. Shipping has always had risk associated with it. Mariners have known that for centuries. There is no such thing as a safe ship. The Titanic was supposed to be one.

Dennis Thurston, one of two lead writers of the study, wrote, "Three things happen with a big spill: there's a lot of death of animals, there's the long-term effects with oil persisting in the environment and there's the psychological effect.

"Seeing a pristine area covered in oil changes policy, people's perceptions and it's certainly bad for the oil business," he added. Scientists said last month effects still lingered in Alaska from the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill.

Thurston also said, "The technology is really safe, and there's been a tremendous amount of risk assessment done on the Arctic projects. Personally, I think they are safe operations. The question is transportation of the product, especially with tankers because there's so much more human error potential."

The study will recommend countries improve their plans for coordinating handling of a major oil spill in the Arctic seas. We would prefer to see more research on unbreakable tanks, which could possibly be recovered if a ship is damaged or sunk. Surely, we can develop technologies that work on the sea as well as those that work on the frozen tundra.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, March 1, the 60th day of 2005. There are 305 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On March 1, 1945, President Roosevelt, back from the Yalta Conference, proclaimed the meeting a success as he addressed a joint session of Congress.

On this date:

In 1781, the Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation.

In 1790, Congress authorized the first U.S. Census.

In 1864, Rebecca Lee became the first black woman to receive an American medical degree, from the New England Female Medical College in Boston.

In 1867, Nebraska became the 37th state.

In 1872, Congress authorized creation of Yellowstone National Park.

In 1904, bandleader Glenn Miller was born in Clarinda, Iowa.

In 1932, 20-month-old Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, N.J. (Remains identified as those of the child were found the following May.)

In 1954, Puerto Rican nationalists opened fire from the gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives, wounding five congressmen.

In 1961, President Kennedy established the Peace Corps.

In 1981, Irish Republican Army member Bobby Sands began a hunger strike at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland; he died 65 days later.

Ten years ago: Somalia militiamen loyal to warlord Mohamed Farrah Aidid seized control of the Mogadishu airport after peacekeepers withdrew. At the 37th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, Sheryl Crow won record of the year for "All I Wanna Do" while Tony Bennett's "MTV Unplugged" was named best album.

THOMAS FRIEDMAN

'Tipping points' reflect progress in Middle East

Thomas L. Friedman's column is distributed by the New York Times News Service.

The other night on ABC's "Nightline," the host, Ted Koppel, posed an intriguing question to Malcolm Gladwell, the social scientist who wrote the path-breaking book "The Tipping Point," which is about how changes in behavior or perception can reach a critical mass and then suddenly create a whole new reality. Koppel asked: Can you know you are in the middle of a tipping point, or is it only something you can see in retrospect?

Gladwell responded that "the most important thing in trying to analyze whether something is at the verge of a tipping point, is whether it — an event — causes people to reframe an issue. A dumb example is the Atkins's diet, which reframes dieting from thinking about it in terms of avoiding calories and fat to thinking about it as avoiding carbohydrates, which really changes the way people perceive dieting."

Koppel was raising the question because he wanted to explore whether the Iraqi elections marked a tipping point in history. I was on the same show, and in mulling over this question more I think that what's so interesting about the Middle East today is that we're actually witnessing *three* tipping points at once.

Thanks to 8 million Iraqis defying "you vote, you die" terrorist threats, Iraq has been reframed from a story about Iraqi "insurgents" trying to liberate their country from American occupiers and their Iraqi "stooges" to a story of the overwhelming Iraqi majority trying to build a democracy, with U.S. help, against the wishes of Iraqi Baathist-fascists and jihadists.

In Lebanon, the murder of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri, which Syria is widely suspected of having had a hand in, has reframed that drama. A month ago, Lebanon was the story of a tiny Christian minority trying to resist the Syrian occupation, which had the tacit support of the pro-Syrian Lebanese government and a cadre of Lebanese politicians who had sold their souls to Damascus. After the Hariri murder, Lebanese just snapped. Lebanon became the story of a broad majority of Lebanese Christians, Muslims and Druse no longer willing to remain silent, but instead telling the Syrians, and their Lebanese puppet president, to "go home." Lebanon went from a country where few dared whisper "When will Syria leave?" to a country where nearly everyone was shouting it, and Syria was having to answer.

The Israel-Palestine drama has gone from how Ariel Sharon will use any means possible to sustain Israel's hold on Gaza, which he once said was indispensable for the security of the Jewish state, to being about how Sharon will use any means possible to evacuate Gaza — with its huge Palestinian population — which he now says is necessary for saving Israel as a Jewish state. The issue for the Palestinians is no longer about how they resist the Israeli occupation in Gaza, but whether they build a decent mini-state there — a Dubai on the Mediterranean. Because if they do, it will fundamentally reshape the Israeli debate about whether the Palestinians can be handed most of the West Bank.

While all three of these situations would constitute tipping points by Gladwell's definition, I would feel a lot better about all three if I thought that they were irreversible — and couldn't tip back the wrong way.

For Iraq to be tipped in the right direction, it was necessary to have the election we did, but that was not sufficient. The sufficient thing is that a stable, decent Iraqi government emerge that can also quell the Sunni insurgency. That will depend in part on America's willingness to stay the course in Iraq. It will depend in part on the Shiite majority's willingness to share power with the Sunnis — particularly one of the crucial Cabinet portfolios of defense, intelligence or interior — and not go on a de-Baathification rampage. And it will depend in part on the Sunni Arab leaders finally supporting the Iraqi majority.

For Lebanon to liberate itself from Syria, the Lebanese opposition groups will have to find a way to translate their aspirations into a withdrawal deal with Damascus. The Syrians will not be pushed out. And for Israelis and Palestinians to really tip toward peace, the moderates on both sides are really going to have to help each other succeed.

Indeed, in the Middle East playground — as Friday's suicide bomb in Israel reminds us — tipping points are sometimes more like teeter-totters: one moment you're riding high and the next minute you're slammed to the ground. Nevertheless, what's happened in the last four weeks is not just important, it's remarkable. And if we can keep all three tipping points tipped, it will be incredible.

MARIANNE MEANS

O'Connor fit for role as high court's chief

Marianne Means' column is distributed by Hearst News Service.

WASHINGTON — For women, there was a historic moment at the Supreme Court last week. Hardly anyone noticed.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman ever to be appointed to the high bench, captured another first — she became the first justice of her gender to preside as a sitting chief over an oral argument. This honor came to her through temporary seniority: Chief Justice William Rehnquist is ill and the colleague who outranks her in bench-time served, John Paul Stevens, was stuck in Florida by a cancelled airplane flight. But it was an opportunity to break another glass ceiling, and she handled it well.

The incident also provided President Bush with a glimpse of a way to reduce much of the political furor anticipated over filling Rehnquist's seat if he retires, which court gossip indicates is increasingly likely. Permanently elevate O'Connor to lead the bench!

Bush has said the two justices he most admires are Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas, the court's most rigid conservatives. This has led the religious right to push one or the other of the two men for chief. But it would represent such a radical judicial shift rightward that it would set off a political firestorm not only among Democrats but Republican moderates as well. And it would not serve the nation well.

The Supreme Court has never quite recovered its credibility after its shaky ruling in Bush's favor that handed him the 2000 presidential election. A high bench led by such an ideological partisan as Scalia or Thomas could never regain the respect for judicial integrity the high bench should command, and Bush should want.

O'Connor, however, is a centrist who has formed alliances with liberals and conservatives on the court and is often the decisive vote on constitutional issues of broad national impact. Court-watchers, in fact, already refer informally to the "O'Connor court" rather than the "Rehnquist court" because she exerts more backstage influence over many of its decisions.

Scalia resents her, unnecessarily belittling her legal reasoning in cases in which they disagree. A smart, if hopelessly wrongheaded fellow, he knows his competition. She would be immediately confirmed because her fair-minded decisions seem like sensible legal compromises to nearly everyone except the far right. She prefers to decide issues narrowly whenever possible rather than wade into sweeping conclusions.

Despite the expanded GOP Senate majority, ideological extremism is no match for the political plus of another female first. Bush himself suggestively said, in another context during his European trip, "I like to be around strong women."

O'Connor, 73, has long been rumored ready for retirement herself. She has had health problems and her husband still does. But the former Arizona court of appeals judge and state legislator has seemed, if anything, more active lately than ever. She is a discreet regular on the social circuit. She looks terrific. She recently wrote two books, one a charming memoir with her brother of growing up on an Arizona ranch and the other a scholarly reflection on the law and her career as a justice.

In the latter book, "The Majesty of the Law," she traces the history of women's struggle for acceptance and power in politics and the law, in which she was a pioneer. She concludes that "It is inevitable that women will expand their share of political power. We WILL have a female president. ...But we're not quite there yet." (Hillary, are you listening?)

O'Connor broke the Supreme Court barrier in 1981 — nominated by President Reagan, who had been assured she was a reliable conservative. On the bench she has grown into a more flexible jurist, as the best legal minds do.

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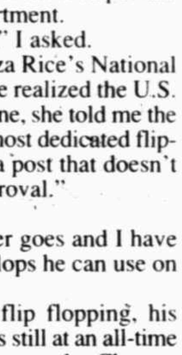
ART BUCHWALD

Being in charge of flip-flopping very important



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No one thought that after the election President Bush would be the one doing all the flip-flopping. In his first term, he made a lot of countries mad when we invaded Iraq, but he didn't seem to care.

We Americans supported him (except for the antiwar traitors).

Now he's flip-flopping, and on his trip to Brussels he told Europe we need each other and the U.S. wants to be friends again.

The State Department's assistant secretary for flip-flopping explained the new policy to us. "The president now loves everybody."

"Even France?" I asked.

"Yes, even France. Americans can once again eat French fried potatoes, French onion soup, go on French leave and even French kiss."

I said, "That is certainly a flip-flop. What about Germany?"

"We don't see anything wrong with Germany anymore. You can now order sauerbraten and schnitzel, drink beer from Munich, and German kiss."

"That's nice," I said.

"We have opened an entirely new policy in our relations with, as Don Rumsfeld used to call it, the 'Old Europe.'"

"This means we don't have to boycott our friends anymore?" I asked.

"Au contraire. We have to embrace them and tell them how much we love them," he replied.

"Just when you put Americans in one mode, you ask us to change to another one."

"It can be done. If the president is willing to make up with the countries he thought did him in, everyone should do the same thing."

"Flip-flopping is one of most important posts in the State Department.

"How did you get it?" I asked.

"I was on Condoleezza Rice's National Security team. When she realized the U.S. could no longer go it alone, she told me the president asked for the most dedicated flip-flopper on her staff — a post that doesn't need congressional approval."

"And your duties?"

"I go where our leader goes and I have a briefcase full of flip-flops he can use on any of his stops."

I said, "Despite his flip flopping, his unpopularity in Europe is still at an all-time high. The man on the street, the Champs Elysees that is, doesn't believe we did the right thing by going into Iraq."

He replied, "We don't care what the man in street thinks. Our flip-flopping is concerned with the leaders. If we can win their hearts and minds, and also buy French perfume, we will consider it a major diplomatic victory."

"They say the president has never been too interested in foreign affairs."

"That is true, but it's a plus, not a minus. Since he is not emotionally involved, he can switch horses in midstream and, coming from Texas, he knows how to do it."

"Spoken like a true diplomat," I declared. "Do you think that someday the president will flip-flop on Iran, Syria and North Korea?"

"Not at the moment, but now that the elections are over, we are waiting to flip-flop on who will be prime minister in Iraq. If our guy doesn't get in, we'll announce that we always wanted the candidate who does win."

He continued: "The nice thing about a democracy is the president can flip-flop anytime he wants and still do great in the polls."

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By Tran Van M
Associated Press

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By Zeina Kara
Associated Press

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Third case of bird flu alarms N. Vietnam

By Tran Van Minh
Associated Press

HANOI, Vietnam — A 14-year-old girl in Vietnam has become the third person in a week to contract the deadly bird flu in the same northern province, health officials said Monday, prompting concerns of a larger outbreak.

The bird flu has killed 46 people in Vietnam, Thailand and Cambodia since it surfaced in mass outbreaks on Asian poultry farms in 2003, then spread rapidly last year among poultry across a wide swath of the region, devastating the industry.

Since bird flu re-emerged in Vietnam nine weeks ago, 14 people have died.

"We are very worried about the bird flu," said Pham Van Diu, director of the Thai Binh's Preventive Medicine Center. "Thai Binh is an agriculture province with many farmer families involved in backyard poultry farming. It's therefore very difficult to deal with. The war on bird flu is very complicated."

In Thai Binh province three human cases have been discovered in the last week, including a 69-year-old man who died on Wednesday.

Last week, health experts and representatives from 28 nations convened in Ho Chi Minh City to discuss how to battle the deadly virus in Asia.

Experts said the H5N1 virus is now entrenched in the region and international efforts should concentrate on containing the disease, minimizing the risk of transmission from poultry to people.

Health experts have warned the longer the virus remains in the environment, the greater the chance it will mutate into a form that can be passed easily among humans.

Monday's Tuoi Tre (Youth) newspaper reported that the State Bank of Vietnam has ordered commercial banks to suspend credit for farmers who want to raise waterfowl.

Earlier this month, the government had imposed a ban on breeding birds such as ducks and geese until June 30.

Health experts have said ducks, which can carry the H5N1 virus without showing any symptoms, are major culprits in spreading bird flu.

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Lebanese government resigns after protests

By Zeina Karam
Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — With shouts of "Syria out!" 25,000 protesters massed outside Parliament in a dramatic display of defiance Monday that forced out Lebanon's pro-Syrian prime minister and Cabinet.

Minutes after Prime Minister Omar Karami announced he was stepping down, jubilant demonstrators — shouting, waving flags and handing red roses to soldiers — demanded that Syrian-backed President Emile Lahoud bow out, too, and pressed on with their calls for Syria to withdraw its troops from the country.

Syria remained silent about the rapidly changing atmosphere in Beirut, where Damascus ruled unopposed for years, even deciding on the Lebanon's leaders.

But the dramatic developments — reminiscent of Ukraine's peaceful "orange revolution" and broadcast live across the Arab world — could provoke a strong response from Syria, which keeps 15,000 troops in Lebanon. It also could plunge this nation of 3.5 million back into a period of uncertainty, political vacuum or worse.

Like their counterparts in Ukraine, the Lebanese demonstrators took their ground and held it — they planned to stay in Martyrs' Square again Monday night. And like Ukraine, their movement had trademark colors: the bright red and white of the Lebanese flag, waved high in the air and worn as a scarf.

The White House welcomed Karami's resignation, saying it opens the door for new elections that are "free of all foreign interference" from Syria, but called again on Damascus to pull out its soldiers.

"Syrian military forces and intelligence personnel need to leave the country," said White House spokesman Scott McClellan said. "That will help ensure that elections are free and fair."

In one sign Syria has no intention of just packing up and leaving, Syrian President Bashar Assad said in remarks published Monday that there will be a price for Syrian troop withdrawal: a settlement with Israel.

"Under a technical point of view, the withdrawal can happen by the end of the year," Assad told the Italian newspaper La Repubblica. "But under a strategic point of view, it will only happen if we obtain serious guarantees. In one word: peace."

At first glance, the resignation of Karami and his government was a huge victory for the opposition, united by dislike of the Syrians, the Syrian-backed government and the drive to find those who killed former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri two weeks ago. Many blame Syria for his assassination.

A series of protests have shaken Lebanon since Hariri, the nation's most prominent politician, was killed by a bomb in Beirut Feb. 14. Sixteen others also died.

The government may have stepped down, at least in part, in hopes of quelling the unprecedented anger at Syria and its allies in Lebanon. Despite the resignation, Damascus remains the major player in Lebanon: aside from its troops, it has powerful allies, including the president, the intelligence services and the military.

President Lahoud quickly accepted the resignation of Karami's 4-month-old Cabinet — which replaced Hariri's government — and asked Karami to stay on in a caretaker capacity until a new government is formed.

But opposition leaders — a diverse group of Muslim, Druse and Christians — demanded a neutral government to organize parliamentary elections this spring and to investigate Hariri's murder.

Druse opposition leader Walid Jumblatt, responding to Assad's published remarks, said Lebanon "cannot wait for peace to be achieved" in the Middle East and demanded a speedy troop withdrawal.

Monday's demonstration came exactly two weeks after Hariri's slaying. Banks, businesses and most schools were closed to protest the killing. Among the demonstrators were lawyers in black court robes, doctors in white coats, businessmen, housewives and students.

Hundreds of soldiers and police ringed Martyrs' Square, but there was no violence, even as more and more protesters evaded the cordon and join the demonstration. Protest leaders urged their followers not to provoke the security forces, and some security officers appeared to sympathize with the illegal demonstration.

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Commissioners vote to cremate indigents

■ Cremation will preserve land at Fairview Cemetery for future burials, officials say.

By Stephanie A. Miller
Staff Writer

Midland County Commissioners voted Monday to cremate indigents buried at Fairview Cemetery, which currently has a little more than 400 plots left for indigent burials.

With a provision that Midland County Attorney Russell Malm approve some rules addressing religion and other considerations, commissioners passed a motion to approve cremation as a primary method for the disposition at Fairview Cemetery of the bodies of deceased indigents.

"I think that it's cost-saving for the county," Midland County Judge Bill Morrow said. "Unless there are serious religious factors raised, that's what we will do."

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Since the county closed the county-owned cemetery in 2003 to public sales, Fairview, which opened in the late 1800s, has become a resting place for indigents and veterans. The cemetery is also opened to individuals who purchased plots before the closing of public sales.

There are 451 spaces remaining for indigent burials, which average two per month.

With an increase of indigent burials, county officials recommended cremation to the commissioners' court to preserve space for the future.

With cremation in effect, the cemetery could have enough space for indigent burials for the next 52 years, county officials said.

"It's a matter of conservation," said Midland County Facilities Manager Tim Harris. "We're trying to make the cemetery last as long as possible."

Cremation would permit 1,351 spaces for indigents, with three cremations per plot, and 1,097 spaces for veterans, which has about 200 spaces remaining. Among its current population, veterans have a majority of the space at Fairview.

The county pays $625 to funeral homes for preparation, such as embalming and funerals for indigents. It also pays $50 to private companies that set up the burial.

The prices for basic crematory services appear steep. Among some local funeral homes, costs can range from more than $1,000 to near-

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United Ways, chambers to host forum

■ Craddick to attend and comment on forum issues.

From Staff Reports

House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, will be one of the speakers at the Childhood Education as Economic Development Forum, which is scheduled to take place Friday.

Also listed to speak at the event — being hosted by the United Ways of Midland and Odessa and the local Chambers of Commerce — are former Midland City Councilman Jose Cuevas and former Odessa Mayor Lorraine Perryman

The event is slated to begin at 11:30 a.m. in the conference center of the Region 18 Education Service Center, located at 2811 La Force Blvd., near Midland International Airport.

The United Waya and Chambers of Commerce are encouraging community members to attend this event to learn more about what the Texas Legislature is proposing to do to ensure that Texas has the workforce it needs to remain competitive in the global economy.

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USDA says local farmers can get emergency loans

By Emily Baker
Staff Writer

Farmers in Midland, Martin, Glasscock and Howard counties are eligible to apply for emergency farm loans, U.S. Department of Agriculture officials confirmed Monday.

Producers are eligible to apply because of cool weather last August, which prevented proper formation of cotton bolls; excessive rain; high winds; hail; flash flooding; or lightning that took place during the last growing season, said Randy Milloy of the Martin County USDA Farm Service Agency.

Each county is eligible because of different weather conditions. Producers in Midland County have until Sept. 12 to apply for the loan. Those in other counties have until that date to apply due to

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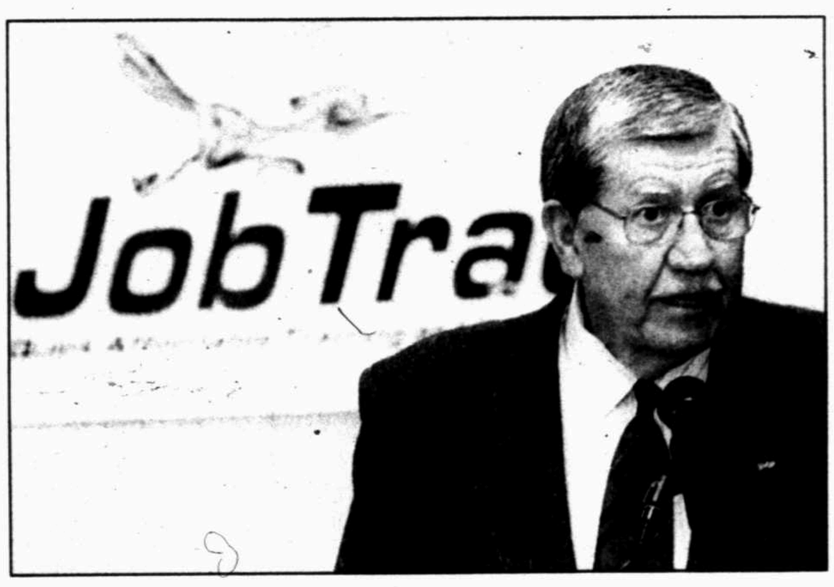
on the right JOBTRACK

NEW JOBS Channon Collier of Kelly Services of Midland, left, announces Monday that Kelly will be offering 500 new jobs in the customer services field. BELOW: Midland College President David Daniel held a press conference to announce the college will team up with area businesses to promote training through the new JobTrack program.



Midland College, businesses partner to provide job training

From Staff Reports

Several local businesses and Midland College have partnered to provide essential training to people for jobs in business systems or as medical assistants.

College officials were joined Monday by representatives of Kelly Services, Lithia Automotive, American State Bank and the Workforce Network of Midland to discuss JobTrack, a cooperation that aims to produce an educated workforce.

The month-long business systems JobTrack program, which began earlier this year, provides training in computer applications, data entry, business writing skills and interview skills, officials said. The program costs $840, said Gary Hires, instructor of business systems training.

Photos by Kris J. Murante
Reporter-Telegram

Midland police 'crash' into traffic safety plan

By Ryan Myers
Staff Writer

Today marks the beginning of the Midland Police Department's Project C.R.A.S.H., a traffic safety initiative prompted in part by a record number of traffic fatalities in 2004, according to Midland Police Department Traffic Sgt. Rick Lewis.

Lewis explained C.R.A.S.H., or Contacts Reduce Accidents, Speeding violations and Harmful events, is a three-tier program that will focus on enforcement of traffic laws, educating the public about traffic safety and working with the Traffic Engineering office to better understand how city engineering effects traffic.

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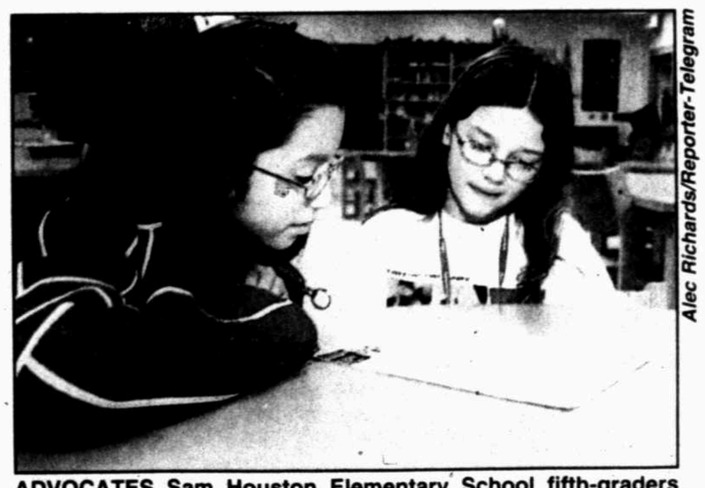

Alec Richards/Reporter-Telegram

ADVOCATES Sam Houston Elementary School fifth-graders Amanda Lujan, left, and Kristy Taylor, both 11, take part Monday in a program at their school kicking off the 25th anniversary of the Victim Advocacy Coalition.

DA begins victim's advocacy contest

By Ryan Myers
Staff Writer

The second annual student contest sponsored by the district attorney's Victim's Advocacy Coalition begins today.

All area students, including home school students and those who attend private schools, are invited to compete in this year's contest for cash prizes by submitting essays or drawings, according to Mary Smelser, with the district attorney's Victim Assistance Program.

The theme for this year's contest is "Make a difference — help a victim."

"The contest helps us reach a greater spectrum of people," Smelser said. "We are able to reach students and help them learn what a victim is and instead of our work and crime victim's week being centered around sorrow, we wanted it to be a celebration."

Elaine Barnes of the Midland Rape Crisis and Child Advocacy Center said the contest "offers an opportunity to give a positive reinforcement to the victims who have suffered and to honor and celebrate the lives of victims of crimes."

Contest winners will be honored during Crime Victims' Rights Week ceremonies at Centennial Plaza, April 12 from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Winning submissions will then be displayed at Midland Park Mall.

State District Judge John Hyde will lead the ceremony, and Midland County District Attorney Al Schorre, Midland

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SHANNA SISSOM

Late-breaking news times two brings excitement to a dull Sunday

It started off like any other dull Sunday afternoon at the Reporter-Telegram newsroom. Copy editor Megan Lea and I briefly met, deciding to go with the wire story about Iran and Russia signing a nuclear fuel agreement as our lead front page story.

Sundays are usually very laid back around here, as our skeleton staff of one reporter compiles arrest reports and writes up the weather while two copy editors and I put the paper together, but those days can be kind of boring.

It's always my goal to write a column on Sundays. But, far more often than not, procrastination sets in and I have no idea what to write about anyway, so that duty gets put off to Monday afternoons on deadline, when the boss rolls his eyes at me.

Shanna Sissom is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram. She can be reached at shanna@mrt.com.

"What's your column going to be about?" veteran columnist and Editor Gary Ott often asks during our Monday news budget meetings. Usually, I don't have an answer for him, but remind him it's "only" 4:30 p.m. He rubs his bearded chin, rolls his eyes and tries not to grin.

Such was the case this Monday. But this time, I actually had an excuse. And he knew it. We happened to be very busy Sunday.

Reporter Ryan Myers, who was listening to the police scanner at home, called on his dinner break, and on-call photographer Alec Richards happened to be in the office. There was a road block, cop cars everywhere and a tractor-trailer had hit a telephone pole.

My phase-one editing work was done, and I was ready to get away from the desk.

"I'll drive," I told Alec as he was grabbing photography gear.

There was nowhere to park near the scene, so I dropped him off on Front Street, crossed the railroad tracks and circled around, pulling into a dark field nearby to park.

An officer then pulled up behind me, shining his bright lights and approached my vehicle. He wanted to know what I was doing there.

"I'm with the newspaper and have to pick up a photographer over there," I explained.

"OK, I just thought you were someone being nosy," he replied with a smile as we both laughed. By then Ryan was on the scene, Alec had his photos, and there was no excuse for me to be away from the office.

Thankfully, no one was seriously injured, and back we all went as the tractor-trailer story came together.

With that story in, all I was waiting for was entertainment editor Georgia Temple's late-night story to arrive by e-mail once the Academy

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OBITUARIES

Zella W. Hambright Scoggins

Zella Wanda Hambright Scoggins, of Midland, passed away Sunday, February 27, 2005.

She was born December 22, 1908 to Samual Bratton Brock and Ella Subine Teaney on a house boat in Tamaha, Oklahoma where she was raised. In the early 30's Zella married Ernest Hambright, the couple came to Midland in 1958. In 1975 she married Archie Scoggins. Zella retired in 1975, after having worked at Midland Memorial Hospital in the diet department. Zella played the piano for various churches, nursing homes and family members. She loved reading, sewing and writing poetry; a book of her poems was published, "Thought Trends." Zella was a member of First Baptist Church and was a devoted member of the Hannah Sunday School class.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sons, Ronny D. Hambright, Ernie S. Hambright, Darrell D. Hambright and husbands, Earnest Hambright and Archie Scoggins.

Zella is survived by her son, Ray B. Hambright and wife Ana, of Midland, TX; daughter-in-law, Katherine Hambright of Midland, TX; daughter-in-law, Harriet (Dickie) Stone of Florida; Ray's sister, Kathryn Spinner of Leander, TX; daughter, Dorothy Mazac of Midland, TX; sons, Edward Scoggins and wife Dolores of Midland, TX; Alton Scoggins of San Angelo; and seven grandchildren, five great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home, Tuesday, March 1, 2005 between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 3:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons Randale Hambright, Michael Hambright, David Hambright, Drew Large, Michael Shoemaker and David Shoemaker.

Memorials may be directed to the Allison Cancer Center, 301 North "N" St., Midland, TX 79701 or Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, TX 79702.

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Pearl Barnett Moore

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. (2 Tim. 4:7)

In loving memory, never to be forgotten on Sunday, February 27, 2005, Eva Pearl Barnett Moore was called to Heaven to be with her Lord.

Pearl was born April 3, 1908, to James Barnett and Viola Thompson Barnett in Boaz, Illinois. She was one of nine children and five half-brothers and sisters. All have preceded her in death except her youngest brother, Armon "Dude" Barnett and his wife, Rosetta, of Karnak, Illinois.

Pearl was very close to her family living on the farm, working hard, mixed with the fun and joy they brought to each other. Pearl married Harry Moore, December 11, 1927, and to this union thirteen children were born. Pearl had a very strong faith in God that brought joy to her life and provided the daily strength to meet each day's demands. She raised her family to seek this faith through Jesus Christ and was always an example of God's love to all she met. She was a dedicated member of Midland First Church of the Nazarene. Pearl helped Harry run the Country Grocery Store on south Midkiff Road for a number of years and she was a favorite to all the kids in the neighborhood. The last few years she lived in Midland, Meals on Wheels served her hot meals daily. In December, 2001 she moved to Arden Courts in Richardson, Texas, and the last four months she has lived at Brookhaven Nursing Home in Carrollton, Texas. The family deeply appreciates the love and care shown to our Mother by these facilities.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Harry, daughters, Lela Carnett, Mary Louise and Barbara Sue Moore, sons, Harry Lee, infant son, William "Bill" and Homer Moore.

She leaves behind her loving and beloved family, including children Robert "Bob" Moore and his wife, Carolyn, of Dallas, TX; Shirley Moore Cobb and her husband, R.V., of Plano, TX; James "Jim" Moore and his wife, Bobbie, of Midland, TX; Linda Moore Mifflin of Houston, TX; Armon "Dude" Moore and wife, Sandy, of Carrollton, TX; John Moore and wife, Elaine, of Mesquite, TX; daughter-in-law, Wini Moore of Odessa, TX; son-in-law, Patrick Mifflin of The Woodlands, TX. She is also survived by twenty grandchildren, thirty-six great-grandchildren, nine great-great-grandchildren and eleven step-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home, Wednesday, March 2, 2005 between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 3:00 P.M. Thursday, March 3, 2005 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Memorials may be directed to Meals on Wheels, 3301 Sinclair Ave., Midland, Texas 79707 or to Odyssey Hospice, 13800 Montfort Drive, Ste. 300, Dallas, Texas 75240.

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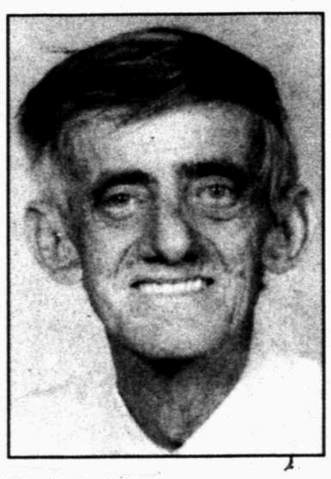

Ralph Evans

Ralph Evans, 61, of Midland, Texas passed away Sunday, February 27, 2005 at Midland Memorial Hospital.

He was born November 23, 1943 to Horace and Edith Evans in Corsicana, Texas and was raised in Sweetwater, Texas. After graduating from Newman High School in Sweetwater, Ralph attended South Plains College in Levelland, Texas. He moved to Midland, Texas in 1963 and on July 4, 1970 married Terri Ann Smith in Midland. He worked for Mrs. Baird's, Frito Lay and Mr. Payroll in Kent Kwik Convenience Stores. Ralph was an active member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, a past usher and member of the Men's Club.

Ralph loved people, never met a stranger and was gentle and kind to everyone he encountered. He was loved by his family, friends, co-workers and all who knew him. He loved fishing, bowling and spending time outdoors enjoying his fish ponds. Ralph will be missed for his sense of humor, his kind and gentle nature, and his courage throughout his illness. He appeared outwardly frail, but to those who knew him he was a person of great strength and courage.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law, Ross Davis and step-father, Ernest Taylor.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Terri Evans, of Midland, TX; daughters, Leslie Curtis and husband, John, and Lindsay Lazaroff and husband, Daniel, all of Midland, TX; son, Greg Evans of Xenia, OH; sister, Joyce Davis of Little Elm, TX; brother, Richard Evans of Tyler, TX; two grandsons, Zachary and Jackson Curtis.

Ralph's family would like to thank our friends St. Stephen's Parish, Bill Kent and Kent Kwik Oil, staff of Sam Houston Elementary and the many doctors and nurses who provided such personal care, especially Dr. Faizullah.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home, Tuesday, March 1, 2005 between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 2, 2005 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church with Father James Bridges officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be Jack Mangan, Barney Seidenberger, John Martinez, Skip Baca, John Weinzel and Kevin Stief. Honorary pallbearers are Tom Jones, Sal Calabria, Ron Germany, John Crabtree, Richard Brazil, Mike McCarty, Bill Kent and George Buchanan.

Memorials may be directed to the Helping Hands of Midland, 1301 Brinson Lane, Midland, Texas 79703.

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Dr. Velma P. Scott

Dr. Velma P. Scott, 98, of Sherman passed away Friday, February 25, 2005, at the Texoma Healthcare Center. She was born September 24, 1906 in Brown County, Texas the daughter of Robert Lee and Catherine Elizabeth (Brown) Ponder. After graduating high school she attended North Texas Teachers College. She met and married J Dow Scott and they attended and graduated from Carver Chiropractic College in Oklahoma City, OK., in 1937. Dr. Velma practiced in Midland from 1942 to 1964. She loved to travel, read and spend time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her two sons, Dr. J Dow Scott, Jr. and wife Mary of Midland, J Paul Scott of Kemah, Tx.; three daughters, Jan Pilon and husband Jack of Dallas, Tx., Sonora Olin and husband Dr. Jim Olin of Pottsboro, Tx., and Kay Tanswell of Redondo Beach, CA. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, and two sisters.

The family will have a private celebration of her life at a later date. If desired, memorials may be made to the Lakeway United Methodist Church, FM 120 North, Pottsboro, Tx.

DEATH NOTICES

Frances Wood-Duckworth

Frances Ezell Wood-Duckworth, 73, of Midland, formerly of Colorado City, died Sunday, Feb. 27 at a Midland hospital. Services will be 1 p.m. today, March 1 in Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Gene Self officiating. Burial will follow in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

She was born Nov. 29, 1931, in Colorado City to Grady and Nona Ezell. She graduated from Colorado High School and married Cummins Wood on June 5, 1949. He preceded her in death. She worked for Sun Oil Co., retiring in 1990. She maried Bill Duckworth Oct. 24, 1992.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Janet Arnold of Palm Harbor, Fla., and Debbra Wood of Austin; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Jo Salmon of Iowa Park; a brother, William Ezell of Saginaw; one aunt; and a cousin.

Eddy Lawson

HIDEAWAY — Services for Eddy Ray Lawson, 56, of Hideaway will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 2 at Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home Chapel in Lindale with the Rev. Robert Grimes officiating. Graveside services with military honors will be 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 2 at the DFW National Cemetery in Dallas. He died Friday, Feb. 25 at his residence.

He was born Jan. 23, 1949 in Midland and had lived in Midland and Tyler before moving to Hideaway in 1995. He had served in the U.S. Marine Corps during Vietnam, receiving two Purple Hearts. He was a graduate of Midland High School, attended Texas Tech University and was a retired postal carrier for the U.S. Postal Service.

He is survived by his wife, Vivian Lawson; a daughter, Rachelle Lawson of Hideaway; three sons, Zachary Lawson of Hideaway, Danny Martin of New Jersey and Jon-Evin Martin of Georgia; his stepmother, Ruth Lawson of Talco; a brother, Jean Lawson of Vanburen, Ark.; two sisters, Janice Green of Fort Smith, Ark., Becky Weatherall of Talco; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, 75701.

Thomas Rohner

Thomas G. Rohner, 72, of Midland died Saturday, Feb. 26 at a Midland hospital. A private service is planned.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanine Rohner of Midland; his son, Aric Rohner of North Carolina; two daughters, Cari Ray of Alvin and Ria Sturtevant of North Carolina; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Mattie Boling

BIG SPRING — Mattie "Cotton" Boling, 87, of Big Spring died Sunday, Feb. 27 at a local nursing home. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 2 at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Billy Reed and the Rev. Matt Miles officiating.

She was born July 27, 1917, in Big Spring and married Bill Boling Nov. 3, 1941 in Corpus Christi. He preceded her in death. She had lived in Big Spring and was raised by the Anderson Bailey family after the death of her parents, George and Alice Hockerston. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by one son, six sisters and four brothers.

Survivors include a daughter, Jean Rountree of Eddy; a son, Don Boling of Big Spring; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 2854, Big Spring, 79721-2854.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Lorene Anderson

SAN ANGELO — Lorene A. Anderson, 94, of San Angelo died Sunday, Feb. 27 at a local nursing home. Services will be 1 p.m. today, March 1 at the Robert Massie Riverside Chapel with Roger Roenfeldt officiating. Burial will follow at Fairmount Cemetery. Arrangements are made by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 26, 1910 to James and Lorene McCleery in Stephenville. She was a member of the Baptist Tabernacle Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Robert Anderson.

Survivors include four daughters, Lola Dean of Ballinger, Willa Cecil of Midland, Vivian Baty of West Point, and Kathryn Bystrom of Loganville, Ga.; three sisters, Ella Graves of Barnhart, Geneva Mahone of Lancaster and Ola Pruitt of San Angelo; 14 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

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Nellie Alexander

BIG SPRING — Nellie Ida Alexander, 97, of Big Spring died Monday, Feb. 28 at a local nursing home. Graveside services will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 2 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Pat Ray officiating.

She was born April 22, 1907, in Stamford and married Aril Alexander Dec. 30, 1962 in Salinas, Calif. He preceded her in death. She was employed with Peter Ray Produce Co. in Salinas, Calif., for 25 years before retiring. She moved to Big Spring in the late 1970s. She was of the Assembly of God faith.

Survivors include one nephew and five nieces.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, H.G. and Ida Russell, one brother and three sisters.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Mary Bartlett

BIG SPRING — Mary Ellen (Camp) Bartlett, 63, of Big Spring died Monday, Feb. 28 at a Midland hospital. Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 2 at the First Baptist Church of Big Spring with the Rev. Dennis Teeters officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. today, March 1, at the funeral home.

She was born April 17, 1941, in Centralia, Ill., and married Ronnie Smith in October 1960. She married Wayne Bartlett in November 1983. She graduated from Coahoma schools in 1959 and began working for Cosden Petroleum Corp. in August 1959. She retired from American Petrofina after 38 years. She was a member of First Baptist Church, the Cosden 25 Year Club, the Desk and Derrick Lunch Group, the "80" Domino Group and the Tumbleweed Miata Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dagmer and Paul Camp.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Melissa Webster of Harlingen and Linda Knappe of San Angelo; three grandsons; one sister, Martha Nordhaugen of Wade, N.C.; one brother, Paul Camp of Denton; two aunts; several nephews, nieces and cousins.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2021, Midland, 79702 or to First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700, Big Spring, 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

OBITUARY & DEATH NOTICE POLICY

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

Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials.

TODAY'S FUNERALS

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Visitation 6:00-8:00 P.M.
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POLICE REPORTS

Compiled from staff reports

Forgery of a financial institution:
Rachel Lyn Green, 23, of Lubbock was arrested Saturday by Midland County Sheriff's Office deputies in the 100 block of Industrial Avenue on a charge of forgery of a financial institution. $3,000 bond.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon:
Courtney Lemar Iglehart, 21, of Midland was arrested Saturday by Midland Police Department officers in the 600 block of North Loraine Street on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. No bond.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon:
Dedrick Andre Price, 21, of Midland was arrested Saturday by Midland Police Department officers in the 400 block of Stone Wall on two charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. No bond.

Violation of probation:
Jaime Brito, 21, of Midland was arrested Sunday by Midland Police Department officers at the intersection of Dallas and New Jersey streets on a charge of violation of probation. $10,000 bond.

Possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram:
Roberto Arevalo Jasso, 34, of Midland was arrested Sunday by Midland Police Department officers in the 1000 block of South Midkiff Road on a charge of possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram. $5,000 bond.

Possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams:
Flavio Lujan, 23, of Midland was arrested Sunday by Midland Police Department officers in the 100 block of South Midkiff Road on a charge of possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams. $5,000 bond.

Driving while intoxicated:
Rodney Paul Southerland, 34, of Midland was arrested Sunday by Midland Police Department officers in the 4500 block of Leddy Street on a charge of driving while intoxicated. $5,000 bond.

Note: All reported arrests are felonies.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

AROUND THE AREA

Compiled from staff reports

MIDLAND SPCA

Group to conduct shot clinic

The Midland SPCA will have a shot clinic from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 16. Rabies vaccinations will cost $5. Call (432) 684-7582 for more information.

Also, Natural Foods Market will donate 5 percent of the day's profits on the first Thursday of the month to the Midland SPCA.

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TRAFFIC

(From 1B)

The city of Midland Traffic Engineering Division's 2004 Midland Traffic Accident Report, which includes information on the 15 fatalities resulting from Midland traffic accidents last year, was presented to the City Council Feb. 22 by Gary Saunders, traffic coordinator with the engineering division.

"Midland has never had that many traffic fatalities in a single year," Lewis said.

Other numbers also increased. Alcohol and drug-related accidents and the number of injuries also increased in 2004. M.E.V. ratings — which takes into consideration the number of vehicles that travel through through the intersection versus the number of accidents — also increased, although officials consider by a satisfactory number.

Increased enforcement will include "mass directed patrol operations," where MPD traffic officers will "saturate" a problem area in order to make contact with, and perhaps issue citations to, more citizens violating traffic laws, Lewis explained.

The education front of project C.R.A.S.H will include weekly traffic safety tips printed in the Reporter-Telegram and presentations on roadway safety to local business groups.

The MPD will also continue to work closely with the City Traffic Engineering Division to recognize problematic locations where engineering initiatives or changes in traffic patrols can improve safety and decrease accidents.

Saunders explained data-sharing between the two groups will allow them to more quickly implement solutions that can range from installing new traffic infrastructure elements such as stop signs, or simply suggesting traffic officers patrol certain intersections at certain times.

In 2005, local law enforcement will also implement an incident command system, Lewis said, that will allow the MPD, the Midland Fire Department, the Midland County Sheriff's Office, the Department of Public Safety and the Texas Department of Transportation to coordinate operations and communicate more efficiently in the event a situation requires cooperation among the agencies.

Lewis said he is confident Project C.R.A.S.H. will be effective in reducing the number of accidents and traffic fatalities in Midland.

Accidents by Year

Year	2001	2002	2003	2004
Non-injury accidents:	2,033	2,204	2,297	2,191
Injury accidents:	876	720	665	746
Number of injuries:	1,650	1,141	1,013	1,008
Fatal accidents:	4	7	3	13
Number of fatalities:	5	7	4	15
Total accidents:	2,913	2,931	2,965	2,950

Source: City of Midland Traffic Engineering Division 2004 Midland Traffic Accident Report

SISSOM

(From 1B)

Awards were over. Ryan went home just after 10 p.m., and I settled in for a quiet late-nighter with a fresh diet Coke.

Then it became clear something major was going on in Midland. There was chatter on the police scanner about witnesses, a stabbing, sealing something off, a park, etc. I called police dispatch and was told only that the park was being "cleared."

Ryan was on his phone, and I started paging him, with no immediate success.

So I grabbed my car keys and headed out to Reyes-Mashburn-Nelms Park to see what was happening.

As far as the eye could see there were cars lined up as passengers were being questioned. Police lights were everywhere.

I called Alec, who dutifully reported with camera in hand.

There, I briefly talked with Midland police officer Taylor Welch, who was busy asking occupants of cars if they had witnessed a stabbing. About a hundred cars later, he and Sgt. Mike McClain gave me a briefing in the chilly night air.

It was dangerously close to press time.

Meanwhile, back at the office, Megan, bless her heart, had the front page designed, laid out and ready for the presses when I called and told her we needed to move the Iran and Russia story inside.

We were going to make the late-night park stabbing our banner.

The story was written in about 15 minutes, and Megan also reconstructed her front page in a matter of minutes. We printed proofs, quickly noted last-minute changes with red ink and sent it to press.

It was about 1 a.m. when Megan, copy editor Ken Seeber and I high-fived each other. We had busted deadline, but only by about 20 minutes. We knew the boss would understand.

Our young, ace police reporter Ryan called after finally getting my messages. To say the least, he was disappointed in missing it all.

The good news is Midland's finest arrested a suspect Monday morning and the victim has at least improved from critical to serious condition.

He will be in our prayers.

LOANS

(From 1B)

the cooler August weather, and until Sept. 19 to apply due to the other weather conditions.

To be eligible for the loan, a farmer must have produced at least 30 percent less crop than normal because of the disaster conditions.

Loans may be requested for up to 100 percent of the amount lost, Milloy said. The funds may be used to repair or replace vital equipment, to reimburse production costs of the disaster-declared season, to pay essential living expenses or to refinance certain debts, according to information provided by Milloy.

Also, to be eligible for loans a producer must be unable to receive loans from other sources and must have appropriate collateral. The amount of loss covered by crop insurance is subtracted from the amount eligible for a loan, Milloy said.

A Farm Service Agency representative will determine whether a production loss can definitively be attributed to the weather conditions responsible for the disaster declaration, Milloy said.

Disaster declarations for the emergency loans have been handed down to local counties for at least the last five years, he said.

Federal disaster relief has been granted for Midland and Martin counties, but details regarding when the relief will be available and how much will be granted have not yet been released, said Herb Sorley, executive director of the Midland County USDA Farm Service Agency.

"We know it's coming, and from what we are understanding, it will be pretty soon," Sorley said.

Milloy said a mid-March application date has been indicated for the relief in Martin County.

To apply for a loan, call the Farm Service Agency in Martin County at 756-3308, ext. 2.

CREMATION

(From 1B)

ly $2,000.

Pipkin Funeral Home charges $1,100 for basic cremation while Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory charges $1,145. Ellis Funeral Home charges $1,870 for basic crematory services.

Malm said he will review what other counties have done with indigent cremation while drafting the county's policies for how it will enforce the cremations. Ector County has cremation services as an option for indigents.

Some other elements are guidelines for cremating unidentified people. Part of that could include establishing a timeline for family to properly identify the person before proceeding with the cremation.

Another consideration will be religious faiths that oppose cremation.

That could include what measures the county can take to honor an individual's beliefs if the county's policies differ from the faith of the deceased.

As soon as the court approves the draft, cremations would begin shortly thereafter for indigents, with a few exceptions.

Indigent infants would not be cremated, Fairview Cemetery Manager Sergio Lopez said.

FORUM

(From 1B)

United Way officials say the return on these investments is seen not only today but also long into the future.

The future economic vitality of our state, according to United Way officials, sits today in our pre-kindergarten classrooms and child care centers. In his 2005 State of the State address, Gov. Rick Perry highlighted the work of the State Center for Early Childhood Development.

"Reforming education must begin long before our 5-year-olds enter the kindergarten classroom," Perry said. "Two years ago I worked with Senator Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, and Chairman Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington, to initiate a pilot pre-K program that takes a scientific approach to early childhood learning. The Early Start Initiative focuses on the building blocks of reading and language development and it is working for our youngest children. It is time to take the next step and increase funding for the Early Start program to give more children a true head start."

To reserve a seat, contact Roxanne Jones at (512) 478-6601 or via e-mail atrsvp@uwtexas.org by Wednesday.

AROUND THE AREA

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NATIONAL ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION

Foundation offers free trees for membership

The National Arbor Day Foundation is offering 10 white flowering dogwood trees to anyone who joins the organization during March.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit foundation's Trees for America Campaign.

"White flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhood," said John Rosenow, the foundation's president.

The trees will be shipped at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. Visit the organization's Web site at www.arborday.org for more information.

CONTEST

(From 1B)

County Sheriff Gary Painter and Midland Police Department Chief John Urby will speak.

Special guest speaker Raven Kazer, director of the victim services division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, also will give an address.

Entertainment at the ceremony will include singing group the Texas Girls, and the Midland Rape Crisis and Child Advocacy Center therapy dogs.

Drawing submissions must be 8.5 inches by 11 inches.

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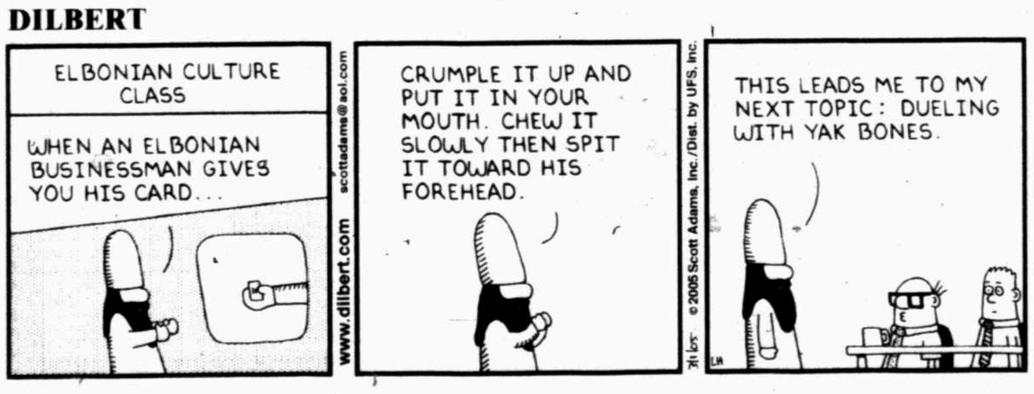

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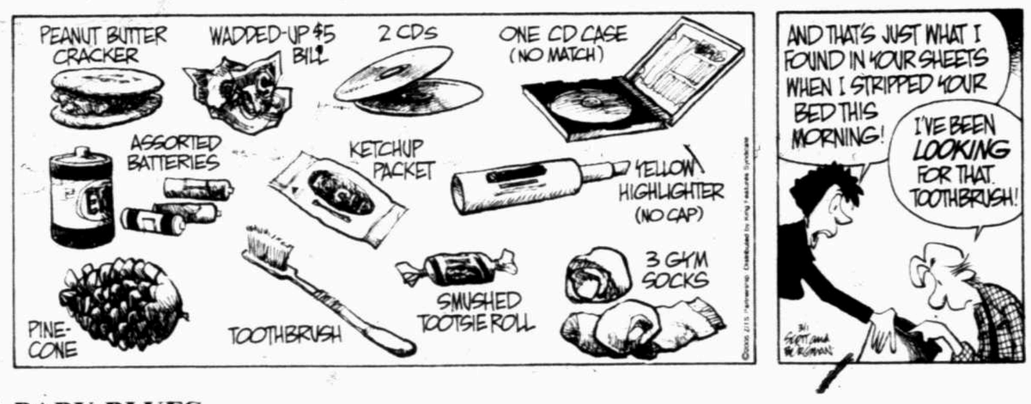

BABY BLUES

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CLOSE TO HOME

"...and when the user's blood pressure goes over 100, the computer shuts down, the siren sounds, and the neon sign begins to flash!"

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"TEACHER SAID THE SCHOOL HAS A NEW 'DRESS' CODE, BUT I'LL NEVER PUT ONE ON!"

FAMILY CIRCUS

"When you're drawin' me, Daddy, remember I get taller every day."

LOCAL FORECAST

TODAY Mostly cloudy high 65 low 42

WEDNESDAY Partly cloudy high 64 low 37

THURSDAY Partly cloudy high 65 low 41

Expect partly cloudy skies today with a high around 65 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a low around 42 and south winds between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday's forecast calls for a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms and partly cloudy skies with a high around 64, a low around 37 and east winds between 10 and 15 mph.

The high Monday reached 63, while the low dropped to 33. The record high for Feb. 28 is 87 set in 1940. The record low is 14 set in 1962.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Monday	0.00 in.
Total for February	1.51 in.
Total for year	1.92 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.11 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	63
Low	33
Normal high	67
Normal low	37

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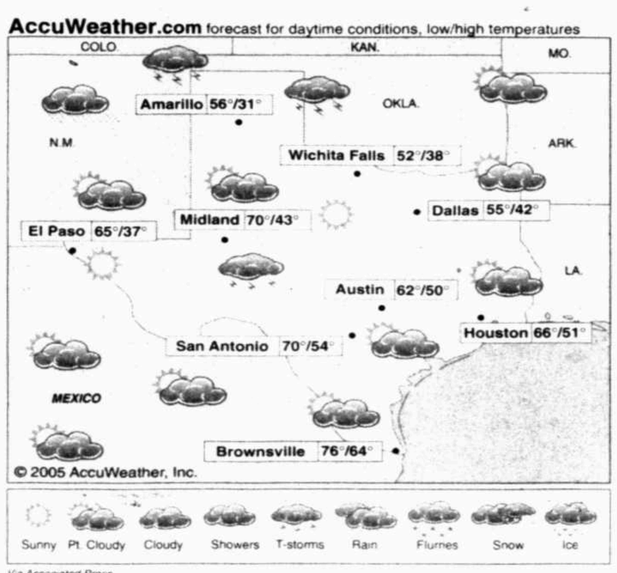

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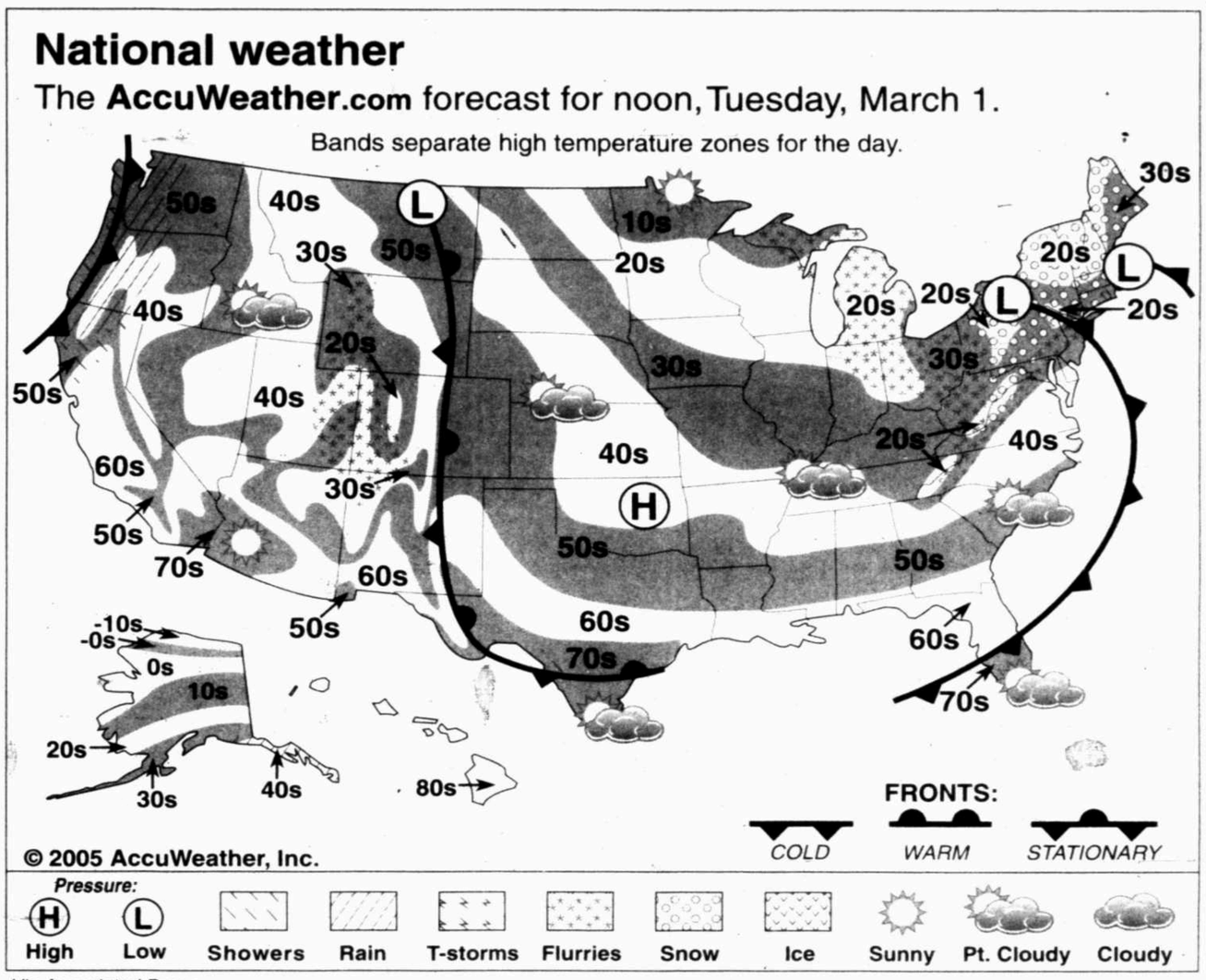

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DEAR ABBY

Opening door to strangers can invite trouble

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from "Better Safe Than Sorry," a woman who was reluctant to open her door to solicitors. Her husband insisted that if she didn't open the door and respond face-to-face, she was being rude. You advised no rule of etiquette demands a person open the door to a stranger, and the way to avoid "buying" anything is to not listen to the pitch in the first place.

I'd like to share what a police officer told us at our community watch meeting. He said burglars often knock on doors to see if anyone is home. The way to handle a stranger at the door is to say loudly, "Honey, I'll get it," then ask through the door, "Who is it?" Even if no one is with you, it gives the impression you're not alone and vulnerable. — HELPFUL ADVICE FROM PLANO, TEXAS

DEAR HELPFUL: Thank you. I heard from many readers who also pointed out a stranger at the door could be a criminal "casing the joint," or a prelude to a home invasion and assault.

DEAR ABBY: While attending school at the University of California in San Diego in the late '80s, I was working on a report at the home of a classmate. One of his roommates answered the door to a couple of solicitors for so-called cheap magazine subscriptions. Once the door was opened, the "salesmen" pulled out weapons, tied us up and robbed us of money and valuables. Dangerous? I'll say. I had a shotgun pointed at the back of my head. — JOHN M., NEWPORT BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR JOHN M.: It could have been worse. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: When I was 12, a neighbor who lived only two doors down was severely beaten and raped after she "politely" opened her door to a stranger. She was lucky the man didn't kill her.

I used to have a "No Soliciting" sign on my door, but I continued to be bothered so I changed it. Now I have one that reads, "Don't sell me anything, give me anything, leave me anything or offer me anything. If you don't know me or my family, don't knock on my door and bother us!" — ANNA IN BAKERSFIELD

DEAR ANNA: I'd say you've covered all your bases.

DEAR ABBY: It's a different world today. Caution is needed even with children. One week after I moved into my new house, the doorbell rang. Two boys who appeared to be about 8 and 10 were on my porch asking to use our bathroom. Something about them hit me wrong so I told them no, they should go home.

A week later, I read in the newspaper that a woman let two boys in to use her bathroom. They came out with a gun drawn and robbed her. Thankfully, they didn't shoot, but to my knowledge they were never caught. Adults aren't always the danger. — EYES WIDE OPEN IN MISSOURI

DEAR EYES WIDE OPEN: I'm sad to say that's true.

DEAR ABBY: I do crime prevention as a volunteer with the Las Vegas Metro Police. What I tell people to do when I help them set up neighborhood watch programs is to post a sign by their doorbell that reads, "We shoot every third salesman — and the second one just left!" — TOM IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR TOM: Now that's a powerful message. It would even discourage the winner's committee from Publishers Clearinghouse.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 1, 2005:

This year, what you think should happen might be very different from what does happen. If you notice this tendency, you could be working on false premises or from a distorted reality. Learn to detach and find people with different opinions. Absorbing feedback and more progressive thinking is the path to success. Though you might be hesitant to blaze a new trail, do so anyway. Some of you might go back to school to open up your eyes, while others travel and see life from other cultures' perspectives. If you are single, you will meet a very important person in late fall. You will never be the same again. If you are attached, learn to take the high road and understand where your sweetie is coming from. SCORPIO opens your eyes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Yes, someone might be distorting the facts, but at the same time, he or she might be creatively opening a door. Walk on through. Remember, sometimes how you look at a situation can determine the outcome. Listen to feedback. Tonight: Dinner for two.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Others express themselves in a way that encourages you to vanish. You might not get the gist of what a partner or associate shares. You also might not want to absorb all the information you are given. Tonight: Don't be a yes man — or woman!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Know when you have had enough and say so. Others might be taken aback by your strength — or should we say stubbornness? Consider the function of your daily life when making decisions. Efficiency counts. Tonight: Easy works.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Others need your feedback and information. Someone's attitude or tendency to talk down to you turns you off. How you let this person know you have had enough will reflect who you are. Tonight: Let it all hang out!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You'd be smart to listen rather than talk. Others might have what you consider to be unsound ideas, but don't even try to convince them otherwise. Your argument won't hold water, even if it is logical. Tonight: Let others be headstrong.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Keep up the good conversation, but don't get triggered by a difference of opinion or a seemingly impossible situation. You aren't going to resolve the matter in a traditional way. Accept differences. Tonight: At a favorite haunt.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Not putting all your eggs in one basket might be instrumental to your long-term success. There is no time like the present to initiate new procedures. Logic seems to fall apart, especially with a routine matter. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Your enthusiasm falls flat with a risk involving money and/or love. Detour out of these areas for now, and you'll get a lot accomplished. Know when to call it quits with a never-ending story or situation. Tonight: As you like it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★ No matter which way you turn, you hit a problem. Know when you cannot win for losing. Pull up stakes or don't get vested in an either-or situation. Maintain a low profile. You won't be sorry! Tonight: Get extra rest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You could cause yourself a problem by worrying and taking a situation too literally. Force yourself to let go. What counts is what is happening around you right now. Tonight: Share with someone who is always a bit standoffish.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Know that many await your reaction and decision. You command respect because of the results you get. Take charge and run with the ball. Think of yourself as the lead actor; others are dependent upon your reaction. Tonight: A late dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Being able to identify with others could be key to your effectiveness. Understanding and empathy need to head up your list, too. A boss appears contrary, but ultimately the difficult person could be you. Tonight: Detach from a volatile situation.

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BORN TODAY

Bandleader Glenn Miller (1904), singer Harry Belafonte (1927), actor, singer Roger Daltrey (1944).

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Both vulnerable. West deals.

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SOUTH
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♣ 9 6 3

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Opening lead: Ace of ♣

If ever a hand were worthy of an Almost Best Defense of the Year Award, this deal from the recent Fall North American Championships would win easily. Dr. George Rosenkranz of Mexico City, who held the South cards, reported it.

With the opponents playing five-card majors, Rosenkranz was in no hurry to introduce his seven-card spade suit. When he finally did at the three-level and North tried three no-trump, Rosenkranz knew his hand would be worthless to partner and corrected to four spades, which ended the auction. He was declaring at the four-level in a suit where the opponent was known to have at least five cards.

West led the ace of clubs and East played the 10. Since it could not be encouraging clubs, it had to be a suit-preference signal, West shifted to the ace of hearts and another, declarer ruffed, forced out the ace of spades and claimed the contract.

Actually, West had found the only opening lead to give the defenders a chance. At trick two he should have continued with clubs. With a club ruff threatening, declarer has to try a loser-on-loser play to get rid of his lone heart, the only possible entry to the East hand. South must cash the ace and king of diamonds, then lead a third diamond, hoping West had to win the third diamond as he discards the six of hearts.

To prevent that, West must unblock one diamond honor under the ace-king. Now East's 10 of diamonds becomes the entry to give partner a club ruff! Down one.

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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14 ERA or RBI
15 Irish Rose's admirer
16 Take to the soapbox
17 Irene of "Fame" fame
18 Spot for a plant
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20 Like a long shot's win
23 Lorry fuel
24 Sinking ship's signal
25 Ward of the screen
28 Mad Hatter vessel
33 Crystalline stone
37 Part of QED
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40 Court adversary
43 Preserve denizen
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46 Governing group
48 Nursery package contents
50 Sutton who captained the 2004 US Ryder Cup team
52 "We're off!"
57 Skid protection
62 Sharp weapon
63 Ill-advised move
64 Halloween buy
65 Wavy dos
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68 Take as one's own
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70 Dealer in futures?

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3 Gold standard
4 Part of a flight
5 Inconvenience
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8 Cuts down
9 Gloomy
10 Very dry
11 Like Telly Savalas
12 Seasons on the Seine
13 Guitarist Paul
21 Small victory margins
22 Powerball or Euromillions
26 He frequently filled in for Johnny Carson
27 100-eyed watchman
29 Pisa's river
30 Texas's El __
31 Tram loads
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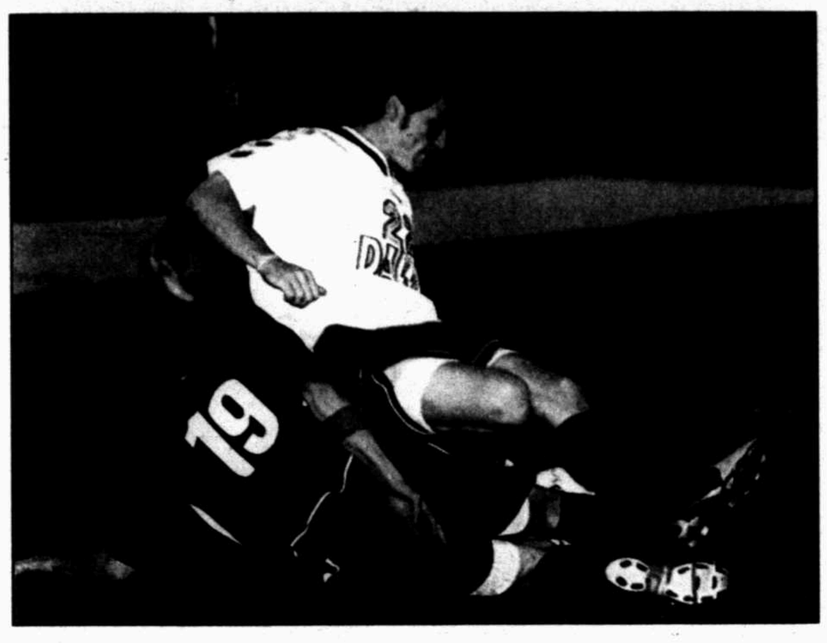


Bulldog soccer loses close contest

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

The reaction of the Midland High boys soccer team said it all after the clock reached zero Monday night. Many of the Bulldogs shoulders slumped and heads went down.

It was another night, another frustrating loss to a team ahead of them in the standings. But on this night their playoff hopes took a hit.

Abilene High scored two second half goals and held off a furious Bulldog attack late in the game to hang on for a 2-1 victory at Grande Communications Stadium.

OUCH Midland High's Kirby Castille, top, and Abilene High's Logan Garner collide while going for the soccer ball, Monday night, at Grande Communications Stadium.

Alec Richards/Reporter-Telegram

■ Lee boys win 5th straight/2C

The Eages remained tied for first place in District 3-5A at 11-4-2 and 6-1, while the Bulldogs stayed in fourth but lost ground at 9-7-1 and 3-4. Midland High is also 0-4 against the three top teams in the district, including two shootout losses.

"We didn't back off (in the second half)," Midland High coach Todd Green said. "They came out fired up and put more pressure on us and I thought defensively we would hold them."

Much like the two losses to Odessa High and Lee, the Bulldogs dictated the pace of play and put pressure on a speedy Abilene High team.

The early pressure paid off as Mike Abalos scored his fourth goal in district play after a pass from Alex Edwards in the game's seventh minute.

The Bulldogs spent the rest of the half trying to increase its lead but both teams settled into playing the game in the midfield. Each team had breakout chances but many were broken up by their defenses.

The second half, though, was a different story. The urgency of Abilene High was present in how they used their speed and skill to keep Midland High on its heels.

Seven minutes into the second half the Eagles tied the game when Lahnden

Please see **BOYS**/2C

Big 12 Basketball

No. 20 Sooners take down UT by 14 points

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Lawrence McKenzie scored 16 points and No. 20 Oklahoma muscled past Texas 74-58 Monday night, dealing a serious blow to the Longhorns' hopes of making the NCAA tournament.

David Godbold added 14 points for the Sooners (22-6, 11-4), in a game that featured the rugged play typical of one of the Big 12's most intense rivalries.

The Sooners' fifth straight win kept them within a game of conference leader Kansas. They also clinched a bye in the first round of the Big 12 tournament.

Daniel Gibson scored 16 points to lead Texas (19-9, 8-7), which badly needed a win to shore up an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

The Longhorns can finish no worse than .500 in league play, but are just 5-6 over the last five weeks since losing P.J. Tucker, their best player, for the season because of academic problems.

Texas is just 1-4 against ranked opponents and ends the regular season on the road against the one team they did beat, No. 8 Oklahoma State, when Tucker was still in the lineup.

Oklahoma beat Texas with power on the boards and speed in transition. The Sooners dominated the rebounding 39-29 and scored 23 points off 15 Texas turnovers.

Defensively, they locked down Gibson for most of the game, denying him drives to the basket and neutralizing him as a 3-point shooter until late.

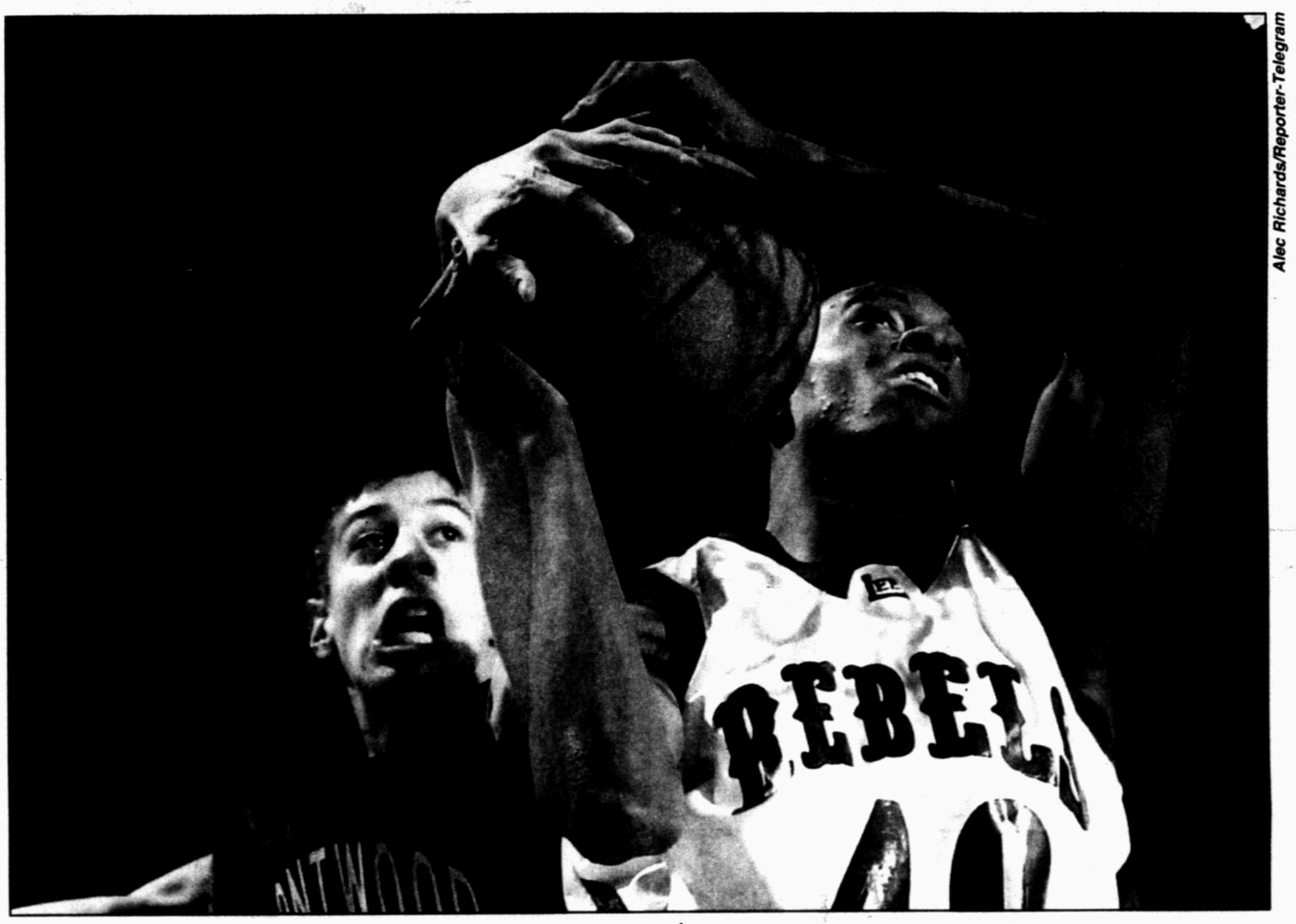
Oklahoma grabbed the lead and established control midway through the first half with a 13-0 run. Godbold hit two 3-pointers and the Sooners finished a fast break with a dunk when Terrell Everett dished to Johnnie Gilbert who was trailing on the play.

Later in the half, McKenzie hit consecutive 3s and Gilbert leaped high out of bounds for a loose ball before firing a long pass back to McKenzie for another 3 and the Sooners took a 39-29 halftime lead.

A 10-0 Sooners run to open the second half sent the Longhorns scrambling to catch up the rest of the game.

Everett had two steals on the first two Texas possessions, converting one layup himself and passing to Godbold for another as the Sooners stretched the lead to 49-31.

Region I-5A Quarterfinals



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REMATCH El Paso Montwood's Ramon Martinez, left, and Lee's Jeremiah Fort battle for a rebound during a game earlier this season at Chaparral Center. The Rebels beat the Rams, 64-45. Lee and Montwood will face off again today in a regional quarterfinal playoff game in Pecos.

Rebels Ready for Rematch

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

Depending on your perspective, the Lee boys basketball team enters tonight's Region I-5A quarterfinal game with either a distinct mental edge or in a vulnerable position.

The Rebels (23-7) take on a familiar opponent, El Paso Montwood (28-4), at 6:30 p.m. today at Pecos High School for the right to advance to the regional tournament. Lee and Montwood have met once this season, when Montwood came to town with a No. 8 ranking and the Rebels humbled the Rams in a 64-45 victory on Dec. 20.

The two schools meet again with the stakes much higher. What the Rebels and Rams did in their first meeting will have little bearing on who goes on to the regional tournament in Abilene when the two teams meet tonight.

"When two teams are even I don't think (past history) really matters," Lee coach Mark Coffman said. "I think we're pretty equal so it doesn't really work for either team."

Both teams have to be more concerned with the here and now. The Rebels can't afford to take anything lightly following last Friday's 64-59 overtime victory against El Paso Hanks in the area round. They needed a tip-in by Charles Griffith just to force the extra period.

In that context, beating Montwood by 19 points in December means next to nothing on the first day of March.

"That was a long time ago," Coffman said. "I don't think (Montwood) played very well that night and I think that might have had to do with the long bus ride. I think (the Hanks game) showed us that anyone can win on a given night."

The game is a matchup of district champions, as the Rebels went unbeaten in District 3-5A and Montwood (which advanced by stopping Mansfield 44-27 in the area round)

Please see **LEE**/2C

Lady Chaparral Basketball

Defense leads MC women to 66-43 victory on 'Sophomore Night'

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The Midland College women's basketball team turned to its defense on Monday to make up for an otherwise frustrating night from the floor.

The Lady Chaparrals held Clarendon College to 23 percent shooting to walk away with a 66-43 victory on "Sophomore night" at Chaparral Center.

With the victory, Midland College improved to 21-8 overall and 8-3 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, holding on to second place in the standings with one game to go in the regular season.

The Lady Chaps overcame some woes of their own against Clarendon. MC was held to 30 percent (19 of 62) shooting and turned the ball over 19 times, 12 coming in the first half.

Considering that both teams are heading to the Region V Tournament, beginning March 10 in Lubbock, they'll take their lumps and learn from them.

"I thought that was a hard game to play when both teams shoot as poorly as we did," said MC coach Ron Jones, who has guided MC to the postseason in all 11 years of the program's existence. "There's a lot of frustration that sets in and things that go through your mind that don't need to be going through your mind. You just have to play your way through it."

The Lady Chaps quieted the potentially dangerous Lady Bulldogs (18-10, 5-6) early as they broke a 2-2 tie by going on a 29-1 run thanks to holding Clarendon scoreless for nine minutes. During that span, Clarendon missed 14 consecutive shot attempts and turned the ball over nine times.

Clarendon's drought finally ended with a four-point play by sophomore guard Lauren Hill, who transferred from MC at the end of last year. Hill finished as Clarendon's leading scorer with 13 points.

Midland College would take a 31-18 lead into the locker room as Clarendon had a cold shooting first half with 16 percent showing from the field.

"I'm happy with that," said Jones about his team's first half defense. "We got tired because that's a hard offense to guard.

Please see **WOMEN**/2C

FOLLOW THE BOUNCING BALL Midland College's Britney Davis-White, right, and Clarendon's Meghan Hyde hustle for a loose ball during action Monday night at Chaparral Center.

Kris J. Murante/Reporter-Telegram

KEEP AWAY Chaparral guard J.D. Lewis, right, tries to control the ball while being guarded by Clarendon guard Mike Sanchez, Monday, at Chaparral Center.

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Chaparral Basketball

Lewis' 40 points sparks Chaps to rout of Clarendon

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

J.D. Lewis said he loves playing at Chaparral Center and he loves the atmosphere.

On Monday, Lewis lit up Chaparral Center for the second time in a week with 40 points to spark Midland College to a 96-56 victory over Clarendon College.

With the win, the Chaparrals clinched a Region V Tournament spot as they improved to 22-7 and 9-4 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. The men's side of the tournament begins March 11 at Lubbock's Rip Griffin Center.

Lewis continued where he left off the previous Monday when he scored 45 points against New Mexico Junior College (just two points shy of the school record) by shooting 15 of 31 from the field, including 11 of 22 from 3-point range.

Lewis admitted he was motivated to get the record against Clarendon.

"I left a couple of 3s short at the end, if not I would have gotten it," said Lewis, who had 24 points in the first half. "But I was getting

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LEE

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won District 1-5A. When the two teams met in December at the Chap Center, they were both works in progress.

It was an unusual game for the Rebels, as their pair of 6-foot-7 seniors, Jordan Frosch and Jeremiah Fort, both scored below their season averages. Frosch had 14 points while Fort had only six and didn't score until the fourth quarter and suffered from foul trouble, although he did throw down two dunks on the Rams.

"(The Rams) like to slow the pace of the game down," Fort said. "I feel if I'm staying out of foul trouble I can help more on the scoring end this time."

Fort came up big as a scorer against Hanks, scoring 17 of his game-high 20 points in the second half, including six in overtime. But Fort and Frosch played bigger roles on defense, as the Knights shot poorly, relying mainly on the perimeter game because of their inability to go inside.

"(Defense) is what kept us in the game because we didn't play that well offensively," Coffman said.

Against Montwood, Lee's defense carried the day, as nobody for the Rams broke out with a huge game. Roman Martinez, Zack Aeschleman and Mike Helton led Montwood with 11 points each.

Helton and Martinez were the two leading scorers in 1-5A with 16.4 and 14.8 points a game, respectively. The 6-6 Martinez and 6-4 Helton provide Montwood's best answers to Fort and Frosch and could provide the Rebels with a challenge of their own.

"I can guarantee you if we win it we're going to have control over the time of ball possession and our defense will be good," Montwood coach Tony Harper said. "I think at this point in time it's not a matter of physicality, it's all about what's upstairs."

How the teams prepare mentally might be the biggest difference between what happened in December and tonight.

"We've gotten a whole lot better since we played (the Rams) but they have too," Frosch said. "We can't rely on the fact we've beaten them already."

That's part of the good news and bad news facing the Rebels.

"It's hard to beat somebody twice," Coffman said. "We did that in district though (going 12-0) so maybe we can do it again. It's a totally different animal in the playoffs."

Which is why Coffman has spent more time reviewing tape of Montwood's victory against Mansfield than of the game his team played against the Rams. Montwood mixes up its defenses effectively, Coffman said, and went exclusively with a zone in the second half against Mansfield, giving up nine points.

"I'm not really worried about what happened (in the first game against Montwood)," said Lee guard Jamie McCoy, who had just joined the Rebels after quarterbacking the football team. "I know what they're going to come at us with. I don't think we were really that developed as a team yet."

Regional Quarterfinals

Lee vs. El Paso Montwood

When/where: 6:30 p.m., today, Pecos High gym
Records: Lee 23-7; Montwood 26-4
Notables: This is the fourth straight season Lee has reached the regional quarterfinals. The Rebels reached the region quarters by edging El Paso Hanks 64-57 in overtime in last week's area round playoff at Sul Ross State in Alpine. Lee had four players in double figures as Jeremiah Fort scored 20 points while Jordan Frosch had 13, Jarrod Cartmill scored 11 and Jamie McCoy added 10. The Rebels survived the loss of three players who fouled out to hold on. "We didn't play very well but I thought we competed hard and at the end of the game that was the difference," Lee coach Mark Coffman said. "It comes down sometimes to who gives in."... In Lee's 64-45 victory against Montwood in December, the Rebels got 17 points from Jarrod Cartmill and 12 from Greg Hughes in a sign that Lee's guards were about to step up big... Montwood played five games at the Chap Center this season. After the loss to Lee, the Rams won three of their next four at the Chap, including two of three in the Byron Johnston Classic. Their one loss was by one point to Amarillo High, which is still alive in the playoffs... In a rare occurrence, all eight of the teams who are alive in the Region I-5A playoffs are all district champions.
Next game: Lee-Montwood winner vs. DeSoto-Southlake Carroll winner, Region I-5A tournament, Friday, Abilene Christian University.

Lee High Boys Statistics (23-7, 12-0)

Player	G	FG	FT	FTA	Pts.	Avg.	Reb.	RPG
Jordan Frosch	30	200	81	123	484	16.1	225	7.5
Jeremiah Fort	30	175	84	138	440	14.7	341	11.4
Jarrod Cartmill	30	92	93	122	314	10.5	55	1.8
Greg Hughes	30	98	66	94	298	9.9	38	1.3
Evan Frosch	30	41	11	31	93	3.1	112	3.7
Jamie McCoy	23	24	9	22	61	2.7	188	8.2
Antwon Washington	22	20	10	20	50	2.3	70	3.2
Charles Griffith	29	14	26	39	57	2.0	63	2.2
Keenan McFarland	26	11	2	8	25	1.0	19	0.7
Jordan Cox	27	2	12	22	16	0.6	19	0.7
Adam Edelbrock	8	2	0	0	4	0.5	8	1.0
Jéremy Clay	8	1	0	1	2	0.3	2	0.3
Leslie Ray	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	1	1.0

3-point Goals: Cartmill 38, Hughes 36, Fort 5, McCoy 4, J. Frosch 3, Griffith 3, McFarland 1

MEN

(From 1C)

tired. Clarendon is relentless, they didn't back down at all."

"I hope (Lewis) keeps shooting it like that," MC sophomore forward Ivory Clark said. "He's playing great right now and he's carrying us. He's really doing a good job."

MC coach Grant McCasland acts like he's getting used to seeing Lewis go on an offensive rampage.

"The kid just plays hard," McCasland said. "The thing I'm most proud of is he had 10 rebounds, six assists, five steals and no turnovers. That's a great stat line."

The Chaparrals took care of business early as they had one of their best overall starts to a game this season. MC held Clarendon (15-14, 7-6) to 18 percent shooting in the first half, scored the first 12 points of the game and played with a lot of intensity, which matched Clarendon's up-tempo style of play.

"With this team, it's about everybody giving effort on every possession," said McCasland, whose team took a 49-22 lead at the half. "We're always going to make mistakes, but we're getting to the point now where we're playing hard and rebounding and letting the rest take care of itself."

The Chaps added that playing their final home game of the regular season fueled their motivation and contributed to their hot start.

"This team only lost one game at home this year and the home loss that we had cost us a conference championship," McCasland said. "But the thing that this team knew was to control what happens at home because crazy things can happen on the road. The crowd was good and we were fortunate we maintained the composure throughout the game."

Added Clark, who had 16 points, seven rebounds and four block shots: "It was a must-win game and it was a possibility that we wouldn't make the postseason, so we just wanted to come out and take it to 'em from the beginning."

The second half was more like formality as the Chaps continued to play hard but without the pressure of holding on to a slim, late lead. The Chaps took a 40-point lead (86-46) with a dunk by Clark with 7:21 left in the game.

With the pressure of making the postseason gone, the Chaps turn their attention to their regular season finale at Howard College on Thursday.

"It feels good we're going to the playoffs," Lewis said. "Now we can go to Howard and play for seeding."

Midland College 96, Clarendon College 56
Clarendon College (15-14, 7-6) — Ed Miles 7-14 5-5 20, Erick Reese 1-3 1-1 3, Rick Hamilton 1-6 0-0 3, Andy Hulsey 1-8 2-2 5, Jakub Golebioski 1-2 0-0 3, Mike Sanchez 0-2 0-0 0, Stanley Titsworth 1-8 2-2 4, Patrick Joseph 1-4 0-0 2, Glenn Brown 0-4 0-0 0, Kenny Gardner 2-8 1-2 5, Ralf McGrew 1-5 0-0 2, Andre Johnson 2-4 0-0 5, Terrance Willis 2-6 0-1 4, Peter Warawko 0-2 0-0 0. **Totals 20-77 11-13 56.**
Midland College (22-7, 9-4) — Tim Crowell 3-5 1-2 9, J.D. Lewis 15-31 5-5 40, Tristan Martin 3-6 1-3 8, Alonzo Hinds 4-7 0-0 10, Arturas Valeika 1-3 0-0 2, Matt Martin 3-5 0-0 6, Mamery Diallo 0-4 0-0 0, Kennie Berry 0-2 2-2 2, Blake Huggins 1-2 0-0 3, Ivory Clark 6-13 4-4 16. **Totals 36-78 13-16 96.**
Halftime — MC 49, CC 24. 3-point goals — CC 5-24 (Miles 1-2, Hamilton 1-4, Hulsey 1-5, Golebioski 1-2, Johnson 1-2, Reese 0-1, Titsworth 0-1, Joseph 0-1, Brown 0-2, Gardner 0-1, McGrew 0-1, Warawko 0-2), MC 11-22 (Lewis 5-12, T. Martin 1-2, Crowell 2-3, Hinds 2-3, Huggins 1-1, M. Martin 0-1). Total fouls — CC 16, MC 12. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — CC 44 (Hulsey 6), MC 59 (Lewis 10). Assists — CC 4 (Joseph 2), MC 23 (Crowell 8). Turnovers — CC 22, MC 19. Steals — CC 12 (Gardner 4), MC 13 (Lewis 5). Technical fouls — Gardner, Clark.
Next game: Midland College at Howard College, 8 p.m. Thursday.

Men's WJCAC Standings

	Conference W	L	Overall W	L
*Frank Phillips	11	2	23	4
*Howard College	10	3	24	5
***Midland College**	**9**	**4**	**22**	**7**
South Plains	7	6	20	9
Clarendon	7	6	15	14
Odessa College	4	9	11	17
New Mexico JC	2	11	10	21
New Mexico Military	2	11	10	18

*Region V Tournament qualifier

Monday's games
Midland College 96, Clarendon College 56; Frank Phillips College 78, New Mexico Junior College 59; Howard College 65, South Plains College 58; Odessa College 95, New Mexico Military Institute 88

Thursday's games
Midland College at Howard College; Odessa College at New Mexico Junior College; South Plains College at New Mexico Military Institute; Frank Phillips College at Clarendon College

WOMEN

(From 1C)

They're just running around and you've got to fight through two or three screens every time. We did a good job of at least not giving them too many open looks."

Midland College was never threatened in the second half as the Lady Chaps kept a double-digit lead throughout the period.

The game marked the final home contest for three Lady Chaparral sophomores — guard Irma Kmitaite (16 points, including 5 of 10 shooting from 3-point range), guard Britney Davis-White (4 points, 5 rebounds) and post Evelina Janisyte (7 points, 6 rebounds).

Midland College 66, Clarendon College 43
Clarendon College (18-10, 5-6) — Camille Thompson 3-10 1-3 8, Whitney Warrior 0-2 0-0 0, Chelo McElrath 1-5 0-2 2, Alisha Sladek 1-10 2-3 4, Sedra Watkins 2-6 1-4 5, Stephanie Sanders 1-7 0-0 3, Lauren Hill 5-13 1-1 13, Kristen King 1-3 1-3 3, Meghan Hyde 2-11 0-0 5. **Totals 16-67 6-16 43**
Midland College (21-8, 8-3) — Demesha Adams 0-2 0-0 0, Britney Davis-White 1-8 2-2 4, Irma Kmitaite 5-14 1-2 16, Rachel Brazell 3-6 1-2 10, Heather Karner 1-4 6-6 8, Janaé Johnson 1-3 1-2 3, Victoria Sykes 0-3 1-4 1, Evelina Janisyte 2-6 1-2 5, Lyza Koubiteh 1-6 5-6 7, Caroline Adriaansz 5-10 2-5 12. **Totals 19-62 20-31 66.**
Halftime — MC 31, CC 18. 3-point goals — CC 5-26 (Hill 2-7, Thompson 1-4, Sanders 1-4, Hyde 1-6, Warrior 0-1, McElrath 0-2, Sladek 0-2), MC 8-20 (Kmitaite 5-10, Brazell 3-4, Adams 0-1, Davis-White 0-1, Karner 0-1, Johnson 0-2, Sykes 0-1). Total fouls — CC 26, MC 17. Fouled out — None. Rebounds — CC 50 (Watkins 7), MC 59 (Adriaansz 11). Assists — CC 8 (McElrath 4), MC 12 (Johnson 5). Turnovers — CC 16, MC 19.
Next game: Midland College at Howard College, 5:50 p.m. Thursday.

Women's WJCAC Standings

	Conference W	L	Overall W	L
*South Plains	11	1	26	2
***Midland College**	**8**	**3**	**21**	**8**
*New Mexico JC	7	4	20	7
Clarendon	5	6	18	10
Odessa College	4	7	14	12
Frank Phillips	3	8	15	12
Howard College	1	10	12	17

*Region V Tournament qualifier

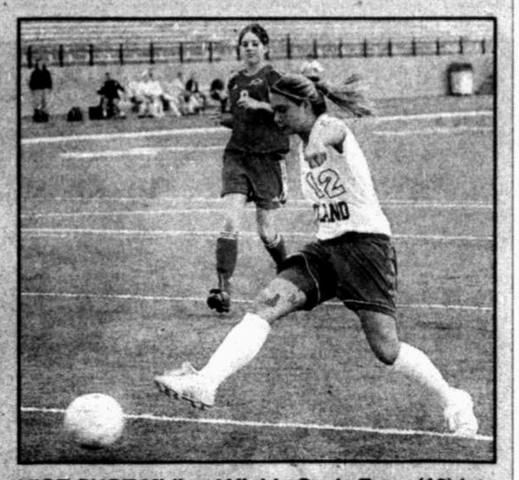
Monday's games
Midland College 66, Clarendon College 43; New Mexico Junior College 77, Frank Phillips College 76; South Plains College 80, Howard College 44; Odessa College was open

Thursday's games
Midland College at Howard College; Odessa College at New Mexico Junior College; Frank Phillips College at Clarendon College; South Plains College is open

GIRLS 3-5A SOCCER TODAY

Midland High vs. Abilene High

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Grande Communications Stadium
Records: Midland High is 14-1-0 overall and 5-1 in District 3-5A; Abilene High is 4-9-0, 1-5.
Last game: Midland High 5, Odessa High 0. Odessa Permian 4, Abilene High 0.
Last meeting: Midland High 1, Abilene High 0 (Feb. 5)
Injuries: None
Notes, Quotes: Although the Lady Bulldogs have no current injuries to their squad, head coach Scott Hodkinson and assistant coach Andrea Morren said that three players missed school at least three days last week with illnesses and he's not sure if they'll play today. "We do have some question marks," Hodkinson said. Sophomores Silver Ford and Hannah Dozier, along with senior Rebecca Reid, were out with what Hodkinson called "Flu-like symptoms," and he said he would see how they feel today before making any decisions. ... Senior midfielder Kara Purdy will be back in the lineup after missing the last game due to cards. Only two Lady Dawgs currently have one yellow card. It takes either three yellow cards, or one red card, to have to serve a one-game suspension the very next game it's received. ... The last time these two teams met was the district opener last month. The Bulldogs eked out a 1-0 win, scoring with about 10 minutes remaining in the contest, and Hodkinson hopes today's margin of victory is much greater. "Abilene High played us really tough last time," he said. "They kind of pushed us. I looked at the film and I remembered that we did not finish on some opportunities. We have several breakaways and several close-in shots. I hope it was just opening district jitters and now we're more refined." ... MHS' only loss this season was against San Angelo Central and this past Saturday, the Lady Dawgs' crosstown rival Lee beat Central 1-0. That puts Midland High back on top of the district standings in a tie with Central. The Lady Rebels are currently third. "Lee came through for us on Saturday," Hodkinson said. "Now it's all up to us. If we can beat San Angelo the next time we play them, along with some other people, we should win district. The girls are real fired up, but we have to do our end of the bargain."
Next game: Midland High at Odessa Permian, 4:45 p.m. Friday, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa; Abilene High vs. San Angelo Central, noon Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene



NICE SHOT Midland High's Cayla Buss (12) lets a shot go against Odessa High earlier in the season. The Dawgs host Abilene High today.
Kris J. Murante/Reporter-Telegram

Lee vs. Abilene Cooper

When/where: 6:30 p.m. today, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
Records: Lee is 11-6-0 overall, 4-2 in District 3-5A. Abilene Cooper is 4-8-1, 1-5.
Last game: Lee 1, San Angelo Central 0. Abilene Cooper 1, Odessa High 0 (SO, 3-1)
Last meeting: Lee 2, Abilene Cooper 1 (Feb. 5)
Injuries: Cydney Cumbest, ankle (questionable)
Notes, Quotes: Cumbest has been suffering from a nagging ankle injury for most of the season, but Lee head coach Amanda Melchor said the junior midfielder might see some playing time today, however she's still questionable. ... The Lady Rebels are coming off a big upset of San Angelo Central, snapping the Lady Bobcats' eight-game win streak. Monday was the first time for Melchor to see her team since the victory and said she was going to make sure her players aren't riding too high. "I don't want the girls to live on Saturday," Melchor said of the Central win this past weekend. "We have six games left, so we need to bring them back down to reality. They need to focus on these six games and not the past." ... Cooper gave the Lady Rebs a tough game at Grande the last time these two teams met, as Lee pulled out a 2-1 squeaker. And Melchor knows today's game is going to be even tougher with the Lady Cougars coming into the game off of their first district win this season. "We have to assume that those girls at Cooper have intensity, character and are going to fight for it," she said. "We just have to be the team with the more intensity, the more character and want to win more." ... Saturday's victory for Cooper was its first 3-5A win since the 2003 season. The Lady Cougars went winless in district last year. Also, the four overall wins they have thus far is one more than what Cooper finished with last year. ... The Lady Rebels have now won three straight games and hold a one-game advantage over Odessa Permian for the third playoff spot.
Next game: Lee vs. Odessa High, noon Saturday, Grande Communications Stadium; Abilene Cooper vs. Abilene High, 5:30 p.m. March 7, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

District 3-5A Statistics

Scoring Leaders

Player, School	G	A	Pts
Courtney Wilson, Permian	5	3	13
Shelby Byrd, Central	6	0	12
Elizabeth Gates, Midland High	4	3	11
Victoria Lucas, Midland High	2	3	7
Ashli Smith, Permian	2	3	7
Other Local Players			
Michelle Davis, Midland High	2	0	4
Hannah Dozier, Midland High	2	0	4
Megan Reilly, Midland High	2	0	4
Celeste Carruth, Midland Lee	1	1	3
Lindsay Holifield, Midland High	1	1	3
Sara Schneider, Midland Lee	1	1	3
Katie Hammitt, Midland Lee	1	0	2
Michel Ketter, Midland High	1	0	2
Jocelyne Rascon, Midland Lee	1	0	2
Rebecca Reid, Midland High	1	0	2
Meagan Waggoner, Lee	1	0	2
Dawn Ward, Midland High	1	0	2
Cayla Buss, Midland High	0	1	1
Rachel Solari, Midland Lee	0	1	1
Lindsey Wilson, Midland High	0	1	1

Goalkeeping

Player, School	G	GA	SO	GAA
Sarah Corbett, Midland High	2	0	1	0.00
Tiffany Guerra, Permian	1	0	1	0.00
Dani Edwards, Central	3	1	1	0.33
Kasie Dixon, Cooper	3	1	1	0.33
Kayla Weant, Midland Lee	6	4	2	0.67
Janaye Piper, Permian	5	4	3	0.80
Anna Sterling, Central	5	4	1	0.80
Lindsey Wilson, Midland High	6	5	3	0.83
Gabi Gutierrez, OHS	6	10	3	1.67
Alyssa Derrick, Abilene	6	11	1	1.83
Jennifer Cargile, Cooper	4	9	0	2.25

District 3-5A Standings

	District W-L	Overall W-L-T
Midland High	**5-1**	**14-1-0**
San Angelo Central	5-1	10-6-1
Lee	**4-2**	**11-6-0**
Odessa Permian	3-3	12-5-2
Odessa High	2-4	8-5-4
Abilene High	1-5	4-9-0
Abilene Cooper	1-5	4-8-1

Saturday's scores
Lee 1, San Angelo Central 0; Abilene Cooper 1, Odessa High (SO, 3-1); Odessa Permian 4, Abilene High 0; Midland High was open

Today's games
Midland High vs. Abilene High, 6:30 p.m., Grande Communications Stadium; Lee at Abilene Cooper, 6:30 p.m., Shotwell Stadium, Abilene; Odessa High at San Angelo Central, 2 p.m. Tuesday, San Angelo Stadium

Compiled by Dave Sager
Statistics courtesy of San Angelo Standard-Times

Lee boys soccer wins fifth straight game

From staff reports

ABILENE — The Lee boys soccer team won its fifth consecutive game Monday, defeating Abilene Cooper 4-1 to improve to 6-1 in District 3-5A.

Greg George, who was unfortunately credited with Lee's own-goal in Saturday's 2-1 victory against San Angelo Central on Saturday, scored two goals.

George scored in the 27th minute off an assist from Keal Rasavage and had an unassisted goal in the 63rd minute to complete the scoring.

"That was big for him to get those two goals and come back into this game and gain his confidence back," Lee coach Chris Bryant said.

Spencer Weibusch and Gabe Sustaita scored the two goals in between George's. Weibusch's came in the first half off an assist from Rasavage and a Sustaita took a feed from Carlos Guillermo.

The Rebels, 13-6 overall, will take on Odessa High on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Grande.

"The guys stepped it up," Bryant said. "The defense and the offense both stepped up and played the style I like to see. They played towards our advantage."

Boys 3-5A standings

	District W-L	Overall W-L-T
Lee	**6-1**	**13-6-0**
Abilene High	6-1	11-4-2
Odessa High	5-1	8-4-1
Midland High	**3-4**	**9-7-1**
Odessa Permian	2-4	9-5-1
San Angelo Central	1-5	10-8-0
Abilene Cooper	0-7	9-10-0

Monday's scores
Midland High 2, Abilene High 1; Lee 4, Abilene Cooper 1

Today's game
Odessa High at San Angelo Central, 3:45 p.m.; San Angelo Stadium; Odessa Permian is open

BOYS

(From 1C)

Onger headed in a pass from Emmanuel Ramirez that went past Bulldog goalkeeper Paul Iaquaniello. Iaquaniello received the start after Green said senior Brennan Butts "was no longer with the team."

Iaquaniello and the Bulldog defense would be tested again as the half progressed by Abilene High's attack. But Midland High matched the intensity and both teams picked up the pace looking for the game winner.

It came in the 72nd minute for Abilene High with the combination of Onger and Ramirez striking again. Onger headed in another free kick from Ramirez to give the Eagles a 2-1 lead.

Abilene High coach Brad Bankhead said he added an extra attacker in the second half that made a difference for their offense.

"I think we went a little defensive in the first half but I didn't have to say that much at halftime," Bankhead said. "These guys are winners and we may not have pretty wins but they do what it takes to win."

Midland High picked up the pace looking for the equalizer and its best chance came with four minutes remaining. Abilene High goalkeeper Daniel Green was called for a foul after he came out to defend on Midland High's Gary Porter.

Abalos sailed a free kick inside the box and the Bulldogs got off two point-blank shots inside the 6-yard box but both were turned away.

"It's a good life lesson," Midland High coach Todd Green said. "I've told them to keep pressing and eventually something has to happen. The guys know that. We've lost to everybody above us and the bubble has to burst sometime."

Trinity baseball run-rules Ira, remains unbeaten

From staff reports

Matt Roam and Andrew Anderson each hit home runs to lead Trinity to a 10-0 run-rule victory against Ira on Monday in non-district baseball action at First American Bank Ballpark.

The Chargers (10-0) took advantage of five Ira errors. Anderson picked up the victory, striking out seven.

Trinity 10, Ira 0

Ira	.000	00	—0	3	5
Trinity	.104	32	—10	7	2

Corsin Clements, Jason Ramos (5) and Bryan Proctor. Andrew Anderson and Ransom Gibbs, Keegan Faudree (5). WP — Anderson (2-0). LP — Clements. 2B — Ira: Bryan Proctor; Trinity: Will Eiland, Austin Grigsby. 3B — Trinity: Luke Hoffman. HR — Trinity: Matt Roam (2), Andrew Anderson (1).

LOCAL SPORTS

Robinson aces at Ranchland

Mary Robinson scored a hole-in-one Monday at Ranchland Hills Golf Club. Robinson aced the No. 3 hole with a 9-wood from 117 yards. Witnesses were Polly Martin, Donna Winborn, Nelda Johnson and Janell Burnett.

Chapparal Center hosting playoff game

The Chaparral Center is hosting a boys basketball playoff game this evening, as Crane will play Jim Ned in a Region I-2A quarterfinal at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $5 for adults and $2 for students.

The winner of tonight's game will return to the Chap Center this Friday to play in the Region I-2A tournament.

Times for this weekend's games will be at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Friday for the semifinals. The championship will tip-off at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	29	28	.509	—
Philadelphia	26	29	.473	2
New Jersey	25	32	.439	4
Toronto	24	32	.429	4 1/2
New York	24	33	.421	5

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	42	16	.724	—
Washington	31	24	.564	9 1/2
Orlando	28	27	.509	12 1/2
Charlotte	11	42	.208	28 1/2
Atlanta	10	45	.182	30 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	35	19	.648	—
Cleveland	31	24	.564	4 1/2
Chicago	29	24	.547	5 1/2
Indiana	28	27	.509	7 1/2
Milwaukee	23	31	.426	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	43	13	.768	—
Dallas	38	17	.691	4 1/2
Houston	32	24	.571	11
Memphis	31	25	.554	12
New Orleans	11	45	.196	32

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	38	16	.704	—
Minnesota	28	29	.491	11 1/2
Denver	27	29	.482	12
Portland	22	32	.407	16
Utah	18	37	.327	20 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	43	14	.754	—
Sacramento	36	21	.632	7
L.A. Lakers	28	27	.509	14
L.A. Clippers	25	31	.446	17 1/2
Golden State	16	39	.291	26

Monday's scores

San Antonio 94, Cleveland 92
New York 117, L.A. Lakers 115, OT
Dallas 90, New Orleans 86
L.A. Clippers at Utah, late

Today's games

Golden State at Memphis, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Houston at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Denver, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Portland, 9 p.m.

Mavericks 90, Hornets 86

NEW ORLEANS (86) — Vroman 3-6 1-2 7, Lynch 2-4 0-0 5, Brown 4-7 4-4 12, Dickau 4-13 1-2 10, Smith 3-8 3-4 10, Jacobsen 3-8 1-2 9, Andersen 4-5 0-0 8, Nailon 7-13 0-0 14, Claxton 1-4 4-8 6, Nachbar 2-2 0-1 5. Totals 33-70 14-23 86.

DALLAS (90) — Finley 5-12 0-3 11, Howard 3-8 1-2 7, Nowitzki 9-19 8-8 28, Daniels 3-8 7-9 13, Terry 5-10 0-0 11, Bradley 2-2 1-2 5, Harris 0-0 0-0 0, Armstrong 0-0 6-6 6, Van Horn 3-8 3-4 9. Totals 30-67 26-34 90.

New Orleans	**28**	**15**	**21**	**22— 86**
Dallas	**25**	**27**	**16**	**22— 90**

3-Point Goals—New Orleans 6-17 (Jacobsen 2-5, Lynch 1-1, Nachbar 1-1, Smith 1-4, Dickau 1-5, Claxton 0-1), Dallas 4-15 (Nowitzki 2-6, Finley 1-3, Terry 1-3, Daniels 0-1, Howard 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Orleans 52 (Brown 14), Dallas 39 (Nowitzki 11). Assists—New Orleans 15 (Dickau 5), Dallas 18 (Armstrong 5). Total Fouls—New Orleans 31, Dallas 20. Technicals—New Orleans Defensive Three Second. A—19,947 (19,200).

Spurs 94, Cavaliers 92

SAN ANTONIO (94) — Bowen 4-9 0-2 11, Duncan 9-17 2-4 20, Nesterovic 4-7 0-0 8, Parker 8-16 3-3 19, Ginobili 4-9 9-14 17, Mohammed 2-6 2-4 6, Barry 5-9 0-1 11, Horry 1-3 0-0 2, Udrih 0-2 0-0 0, Brown 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 37-80 16-28 94.

CLEVELAND (92) — James 6-22 7-10 20, Gooden 5-13 0-0 10, Ilgauskas 10-21 6-7 26, McInnis 6-12 0-0 14, Newble 4-5 2-2 10, Harris 0-2 0-0 0, Pavlovic 1-2 0-0 2, Snow 3-3 0-0 6, Traylor 2-4 0-0 4, Diop 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 37-85 15-19 92.

San Antonio	**20**	**19**	**25**	**30— 94**
Cleveland	**25**	**15**	**30**	**22— 92**

3-Point Goals—San Antonio 4-13 (Bowen 3-4, Barry 1-4, Horry 0-1, Parker 0-2, Ginobili 0-2), Cleveland 3-8 (McInnis 2-3, James 1-4, Ilgauskas 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—San Antonio 58 (Duncan 11), Cleveland 49 (Gooden 12). Assists—San Antonio 22 (Parker 10), Cleveland 23 (James 7). Total Fouls—San Antonio 23, Cleveland 26. A—18,216 (20,562).

Knicks 117, Lakers 115

L.A. LAKERS (115) — C.Butler 6-12 1-2 14, Odom 8-20 7-9 26, Mihm 1-3 4-4 6, Atkins 8-13 1-2 22, Bryant 7-17 14-17 30, Jones 1-4 0-0 3, Walton 1-5 0-0 2, Grant 3-6 3-3 9, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Medvedenko 1-2 1-1 3. Totals 36-82 31-38 115.

NEW YORK (117) — Sweetney 9-15 1-2 19, T.Thomas 13-19 5-7 35, K.Thomas 7-14 1-2 15, Crawford 2-8 0-0 6, Marbury 5-18 8-10 19, Hardaway 3-5 0-0 6, Rose 0-2 0-0 0, Ariza 3-3 4-4 10, Taylor 2-4 3-6 7, J.Williams 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 44-88 22-31 117.

L.A. Lakers	**23**	**24**	**21**	**39— 115**
New York	**25**	**22**	**36**	**24— 117**

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 12-24 (Atkins 5-8, Odom 3-5, Bryant 2-5, C.Butler 1-1, Jones 1-4, Walton 0-1), New York 7-14 (T.Thomas 4-5, Crawford 2-3, Marbury 1-6). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 56 (Odom 15), New York 50 (K.Thomas, Sweetney 12). Assists—L.A. Lakers 21 (Bryant 8), New York 28 (Marbury 12). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 24, New York 26. Technicals—Hardaway. A—19,763 (19,763).

Top 25 men

AP Poll

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 27, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

		Record	Pts	Pvs
1.	Illinois (71)	28-0	1,775	1
2.	North Carolina	24-3	1,703	2
3.	Kentucky	22-3	1,573	5
4.	Wake Forest	24-4	1,525	6
5.	Boston College	23-2	1,445	3
6.	Duke	21-4	1,416	7
7.	Kansas	21-4	1,311	8
8.	Oklahoma St.	20-5	1,265	4
9.	Louisville	24-4	1,142	11
10.	Washington	23-4	1,119	14
11.	Arizona	24-5	1,043	9
12.	Gonzaga	22-4	987	12
13.	Syracuse	24-5	883	15
14.	Michigan St.	20-5	873	10
15.	Connecticut	19-6	833	17
16.	Utah	24-4	703	13
17.	Pacific	23-2	574	19
18.	Charlotte	21-4	504	21
19.	Villanova	19-6	483	23
20.	Oklahoma	21-6	447	22
21.	Alabama	21-6	438	16
22.	Cincinnati	22-6	288	24
23.	Wisconsin	18-7	248	20
24.	Pittsburgh	18-7	153	18
25.	Nevada	22-5	151	25

Others receiving votes: S. Illinois 64, LSU 23, Florida 19, **Texas Tech 16**, **Texas 13**, Maryland 12, Wis.-Milwaukee 12, Georgia Tech 8, New Mexico 4, Old Dominion 3, **Texas A&M 3**, Vermont 3, Holy Cross 2, Miami (Ohio) 2, Saint Mary's, Calif. 2, West Virginia 2, George Washington 1, Minnesota 1, Penn 1, UCLA 1, Winthrop 1.

USA Today/ESPN Top 25 Poll

The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 27, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

		Record	Pts	Pvs
1.	Illinois (31)	28-0	775	1
2.	North Carolina	24-3	742	2
3.	Kentucky	22-3	691	5
4.	Wake Forest	24-4	673	6
5.	Boston College	23-2	648	3
6.	Duke	21-4	579	10
7.	Kansas	21-4	555	7
8.	Oklahoma State	20-5	542	4
9.	Louisville	24-4	524	11
10.	Washington	23-4	499	13
11.	Arizona	24-5	480	8
12.	Michigan State	20-5	431	9
13.	Gonzaga	22-4	376	16
13.	Syracuse	24-5	376	15
15.	Utah	24-4	354	12
16.	Connecticut	19-6	276	19
17.	Pacific	23-2	272	18
18.	Charlotte	21-4	226	21
19.	Alabama	21-6	210	14
20.	Oklahoma	21-6	184	23
21.	Cincinnati	22-6	175	22
22.	Villanova	19-6	135	24
23.	Wisconsin	18-7	125	20
24.	Pittsburgh	18-7	86	17
25.	Southern Illinois	24-6	43	NR

Others receiving votes: Nevada 25, Florida 16, Maryland 11, Holy Cross 10, LSU 6, **Texas 6**, Wisconsin-Milwaukee 6, St. Mary's (Calif.) 4, Old Dominion 3, **Texas Tech 3**, DePaul 2, New Mexico 2, George Washington 1, Minnesota 1, **Texas A&M 1**, **Texas-El Paso 1**.

Fared

1. Illinois (28-0) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Thursday.
2. North Carolina (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. Florida State, Thursday.
3. Kentucky (22-3) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee, Wednesday.
4. Wake Forest (24-4) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Wednesday.
5. Boston College (23-3) lost to No. 24 Pittsburgh 72-50. Next: at Rutgers, Saturday.
6. Duke (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. Miami, Thursday.
7. Kansas (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Wednesday.
8. Oklahoma State (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Wednesday.
9. Louisville (24-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Charlotte, Thursday.
10. Washington (23-4) did not play. Next: at California, Thursday.
11. Arizona (24-5) did not play. Next: at Arizona State, Saturday.
12. Gonzaga (23-4) beat Northern Colorado 87-60. Next: WCC semifinals, Sunday.
13. Syracuse (24-5) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Connecticut, Saturday.
14. Michigan State (20-5) did not play. Next: at Northwestern, Wednesday.
15. Connecticut (19-6) did not play. Next: vs. Georgetown, Wednesday.
16. Utah (24-4) did not play. Next: vs. San Diego State, Saturday.
17. Pacific (23-2) did not play. Next: at Cal State Fullerton, Thursday.
18. Charlotte (21-4) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Louisville, Thursday.
19. Villanova (19-6) did not play. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Wednesday.
20. Oklahoma (22-6) beat Texas 74-58. Next: at Texas Tech, Saturday.
21. Alabama (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Wednesday.
22. Cincinnati (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. Tulane, Wednesday.
23. Wisconsin (18-7) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana, Tuesday.
24. Pittsburgh (19-7) beat No. 5 Boston College 72-50. Next: at Notre Dame, Saturday.
25. Nevada (22-5) did not play. Next: at Hawaii, Thursday.

Monday's scores

SOUTH

Middle Tennessee 91, Fla. International 81
N. Carolina A&T 63, Bethune-Cookman 60
Oakland, Mich. 86, Centenary 60
S. Carolina St. 79, Florida A&M 64

EAST

Cent. Connecticut St. 95, Quinnipiac 85
Drexel 66, Towson 60
Monmouth, N.J. 64, St. Francis, NY 56
Pittsburgh 72, Boston College 50
Robert Morris 80, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 67
St. Francis, Pa. 77, Sacred Heart 60
Wagner 67, Fairleigh Dickinson 59

MIDWEST

Creighton 64, Illinois St. 59
Oral Roberts 79, Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 72
S. Illinois 60, Indiana St. 52

No. 24 Pittsburgh 72, No. 5 Bston College 50

PITTSBURGH (19-7) — Troutman 5-9 1-1 11, McCarroll 1-3 3-4 5, Taft 6-10 0-0 12, Krauser 2-7 5-6 10, Graves 5-13 0-0 13, DeGroat 5-8 0-0 10, Ramon 1-1 0-0 3, Kendall 2-4 0-0 4, Gray 1-3 2-2 4. Totals 28-58 11-13 72.

BOSTON COLLEGE (23-3) — Smith 8-20 6-10 22, Dudley 1-8 2-2 4, Doornekamp 2-7 0-0 4, Hinnant 2-6 0-0 5, Marshall 2-8 1-2 6, Watson 3-4 0-1 7, Hailey 0-4 0-0 0, Williams 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 19-61 9-15 50.

Halftime—Pittsburgh 28-25. 3-Point goals—Pittsburgh 5-12 (Graves 3-6, Ramon 1-1, Krauser 1-2, Troutman 0-1, DeGroat 0-1, McCaroll 0-1), Boston College 3-13 (Watson 1-1, Marshall 1-2, Hinnant 1-3, Smith 0-2, Dudley 0-2, Hailey 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Pittsburgh 49 (Taft 8), Boston College 27 (Smith 6). Assists—Pittsburgh 14 (Krauser 7), Boston College 15 (Dudley 5). Total fouls—Pittsburgh 16, Boston College 15. A—8,606.

No. 12 Gonzaga 87, Northern Colorado 60

N. COLORADO (8-20) — Randle 3-6 2-2 8, Olson 3-8 1-2 7, Archibeque 5-8 7-8 17, Kline 3-11 0-0 6, Nolen 0-6 5-5 5, Taibi 4-12 0-0 10, Lewis 0-0 0-0 0, Panagiotakopoulous 0-0 0-0 0, Gordy 0-3 4-4 4, Brockman 1-3 1-2 3. Totals 19-57 20-23 60.

GONZAGA (23-4) — Turiaf 10-13 2-3 22, Batista 7-8 2-2 16, Knight 1-3 2-2 4, Raivio 3-7 0-0 9, Michaelson 1-3 2-4 4, Morrison 3-8 1-2 8, Altidor-Cespedes 0-0 0-0 0, Floyd 0-1 0-0 0, Gentry 2-2 0-0 5, Pendergraft 0-3 0-0 0, Mallon 6-11 5-7 17, MacLeod 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 34-61 14-20 87.

Halftime—Gonzaga 50-19. 3-point goals—N. Colorado 2-20 (Taibi 2-7, Olson 0-2, Brockman 0-2, Nolen 0-3, Kline 0-6), Gonzaga 5-17 (Raivio 3-7, Gentry 1-1, Morrison 1-2, Knight 0-1, Mallon 0-1, Floyd 0-1, Pendergraft 0-2, Michaelson 0-2). Fouled out—Batista. Rebounds—N. Colorado 29 (Archibeque 7), Gonzaga 38 (Turiaf 8). Assists—N. Colorado 9 (Olson 3), Gonzaga 23 (Michaelson, Morrison 4). Total fouls—N. Colorado 16, Gonzaga 19. A—6,000.

No. 20 Oklahoma 74, Texas 58

OKLAHOMA (22-6) — Gray 4-8 2-2 10, Bookout 4-7 0-2 8, Lavender 1-4 3-4 5, Godbold 4-8 4-5 14, Everett 3-10 6-6 12, McKenzie 6-11 0-0 16, J.Williams 0-1 2-2 2, Longar 0-0 0-0 0, Gilbert 2-6 3-6 7. Totals 24-55 20-27 74.

TEXAS (19-9) — Buckman 4-5 1-2 9, Klotz 7-16 1-3 15, Gibson 4-14 5-7 16, Taylor 0-7 2-2 2, Harris 1-4 2-2 5, De.Dowell 0-0 0-0 0, Paulino 1-1 2-2 5, M.Williams 3-4 0-1 6. Totals 20-51 13-19 58.

Halftime—Oklahoma 39-29. 3-Point Goals—Oklahoma 6-15 (McKenzie 4-7, Godbold 2-3, Everett 0-1, J.Williams 0-1, Lavender 0-3), Texas 5-18 (Gibson 3-8, Paulino 1-1, Harris 1-4, Taylor 0-2, Klotz 0-3). Fouled Out—Taylor. Rebounds—Oklahoma 39 (Godbold 9), Texas 29 (M.Williams 9). Assists—Oklahoma 11 (Everett 5), Texas 13 (Gibson 5). Total Fouls—Oklahoma 22, Texas 18. A—13,121.

Fared

1. LSU (27-1) did not play. Next: vs. Florida or Alabama, SEC tournament, Friday.
2. Stanford (26-2) did not play. Next: vs. California or Washington State, Pac-10 tournament, Saturday.
3. Ohio State (27-3) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin or Indiana, Big Ten tournament, Friday.
4. North Carolina (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech or Miami, ACC tournament, Saturday.
5. Tennessee (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn or Kentucky, SEC tournament, Friday.
6. Duke (26-3) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech or Wake Forest, ACC tournament, Saturday.
7. Baylor (23-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Texas Tech, Thursday.
8. Michigan State (25-3) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois or Northwestern, Big Ten tournament, Friday.
9. Rutgers (22-5) did not play. Next: at Villanova, Tuesday.
10. Notre Dame (24-4) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Tuesday.
11. Texas (19-7) did not play. Next: at Texas A&M, Wednesday.
12. DePaul (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. East Carolina or Memphis, CUSA tournament, Friday.
13. Texas Tech (21-5) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Baylor, Thursday.
14. Connecticut (19-7) did not play. Next: at West Virginia, Tuesday.
15. Minnesota (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Big Ten tournament, Friday.
16. Temple (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. TBA, Atlantic 10 tournament, Saturday.
17. Kansas State (20-6) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Wednesday.
18. Vanderbilt (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi State or Arkansas, SEC tournament, Friday.
19. North Carolina State (21-6) beat Clemson 69-45. Next: vs. No. 25 Maryland or Clemson, ACC tournament, Saturday.
20. Iowa State (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas, Tuesday.
21. Georgia (21-8) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi or South Carolina, SEC tournament, Friday.
22. Boston College (18-8) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Tuesday.
23. Penn State (18-9) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa or Michigan, Big Ten tournament, Friday.
24. Gonzaga (25-2) did not play. Next: vs. Portland, WCC tournament, Thursday.
25. Maryland (19-8) beat Northern Colorado 87-79. Next: vs. Clemson, ACC tournament, Friday.

Top 25 women

AP Poll

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		Record	Pts	Pvs
1.	LSU (45)	27-1	1,125	1
2.	Stanford	26-2	1,061	3
3.	Ohio St.	27-3	976	4
4.	North Carolina	24-3	920	8
5.	Tennessee	23-4	915	5
6.	Duke	26-3	909	2
7.	**Baylor**	**23-3**	**887**	**6**
8.	Michigan St.	25-3	881	6
9.	Rutgers	22-5	796	9
10.	Notre Dame	24-4	746	10
11.	**Texas**	**19-7**	**618**	**13**
12.	DePaul	24-3	603	12
13.	**Texas Tech**	**21-5**	**568**	**14**
14.	Connecticut	19-7	534	11
15.	Minnesota	22-6	500	15
16.	Temple	24-3	462	16
17.	Kansas St.	20-6	344	17
18.	Vanderbilt	21-6	331	20
19.	N.C. State	20-6	314	19
20.	Iowa St.	21-5	257	21
21.	Georgia	21-8	216	18
22.	Boston Cllge	18-8	164	24
23.	Penn St.	18-9	148	22
24.	Gonzaga	25-2	106	25
25.	Maryland	18-8	63	23

Others receiving votes: Florida St. 52, Wis.-Green Bay 42, New Mexico 25, Virginia 16, Arizona St. 12, Oregon 7, Louisville 6, Mississippi 6, Houston 5, Chattanooga 3, **TCU 3**, Louisiana Tech 2, Iowa 1, SW Missouri St. 1.

Fared

1. LSU (27-1) did not play. Next: vs. Florida or Alabama, SEC tournament, Friday.
2. Stanford (26-2) did not play. Next: vs. California or Washington State, Pac-10 tournament, Saturday.
3. Ohio State (27-3) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin or Indiana, Big Ten tournament, Friday.
4. North Carolina (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech or Miami, ACC tournament, Saturday.
5. Tennessee (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn or Kentucky, SEC tournament, Friday.
6. Duke (26-3) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech or Wake Forest, ACC tournament, Saturday.
7. Baylor (23-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Texas Tech, Thursday.
8. Michigan State (25-3) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois or Northwestern, Big Ten tournament, Friday.
9. Rutgers (22-5) did not play. Next: at Villanova, Tuesday.
10. Notre Dame (24-4) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Tuesday.
11. Texas (19-7) did not play. Next: at Texas A&M, Wednesday.
12. DePaul (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. East Carolina or Memphis, CUSA tournament, Friday.
13. Texas Tech (21-5) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Baylor, Thursday.
14. Connecticut (19-7) did not play. Next: at West Virginia, Tuesday.
15. Minnesota (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Big Ten tournament, Friday.
16. Temple (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. TBA, Atlantic 10 tournament, Saturday.
17. Kansas State (20-6) did not play. Next: at Missouri, Wednesday.
18. Vanderbilt (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi State or Arkansas, SEC tournament, Friday.
19. North Carolina State (21-6) beat Clemson 69-45. Next: vs. No. 25 Maryland or Clemson, ACC tournament, Saturday.
20. Iowa State (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas, Tuesday.
21. Georgia (21-8) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi or South Carolina, SEC tournament, Friday.
22. Boston College (18-8) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Tuesday.
23. Penn State (18-9) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa or Michigan, Big Ten tournament, Friday.
24. Gonzaga (25-2) did not play. Next: vs. Portland, WCC tournament, Thursday.
25. Maryland (19-8) beat Northern Colorado 87-79. Next: vs. Clemson, ACC tournament, Friday.

Monday's scores

SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Pine Bluff 59, Jackson St. 55

MIDWEST

Chicago St. 75, Centenary 52
Oakland, Mich. 58, W. Illinois 51
Valparaiso 80, UMKC 56

SOUTH

Alabama A&M 70, Prairie View 66
Alabama St. 66, Texas Southern 54
Delaware St. 53, Hampton 51
Florida A&M 66, S. Carolina St. 51
Grambling St. 70, MVSU 63
Howard 64, Norfolk St. 49
Liberty 79, Winthrop 26
Maryland 87, N. Colorado 79
N. Carolina A&T 54, Bethune-Cookman 47
N.C. State 69, Clemson 45
N.C.-Asheville 68, Charleston Southern 54
W. Kentucky 74, Fla. International 57

EAST

Pittsburgh 80, Providence 43
St. Francis, Pa. 63, Long Island U. 53

No. 19 N.C. State 69, Clemson 45

CLEMSON (8-19) — M.White 1-3 0-0 2, Taylor 5-13 2-2 12, Maddox 4-8 1-2 10, Lloyd 1-13 1-3 3, A.White 3-3 0-0 6, Talley 1-4 0-0 2, Allen 0-1 0-0 0, Sanders 0-2 0-0 0, Davis 1-2 2-3 4, Whitehurst 0-0 0-0 0, Bradshaw 2-2 2-4 6. Totals 18-51 8-14 45.

N.C. STATE (21-6) — Dickens 3-7 4-5 11, McDowell 6-19 2-2 17, Key 4-5 0-0 10, Bell 1-6 0-0 2, Jasmin 0-0 0-0 0, Whittington 4-7 7-15 15, Stockdale 0-1 0-0 0, Reaves 0-0 1-2 1, Pope 3-5 1-2 8, McCollins 0-1 2-4 2, Stansbury 1-6 1-2 3. Totals 22-57 18-32 69.

Halftime—N.C. State 22-19. 3-Point goals—Clemson 1-17 (Maddox 1-5, Taylor 0-3, Talley 0-3, Lloyd 0-6), N.C. State 7-20 (McDowell 3-9, Key 2-3, Dickens 1-3, Pope 1-3, Bell 0-1, Stockdale 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Clemson 36 (Maddox 8), N.C. State 43 (Whittington 9). Assists—Clemson 7 (Maddox 2), N.C. State 13 (Key 3). Total fouls—Clemson 24, N.C. State 12. A—2,380.

No. 25 Maryland 87, Northern Colorado 79

NORTHERN COLORADO (10-15) — McCarroll 5-8 1-1 14, Hagen 2-3 0-0 4, Ford 0-1 0-0 0, Fosdick 10-17 3-4 29, Flavin 4-12 2-2 12, Lambrecht 0-1 0-0 0, McGrath 0-0 0-0 0, Dillon 0-1 0-0 0, Drangmeister 5-8 0-0 14, Veal 0-6 1-4 1, Gagne 0-0 0-0 0, Van Orden 2-6 0-0 5. Totals 28-63 7-11 79.

MARYLAND (19-8) — Gilchrest 1-4 0-0 3, Perry 3-5 0-1 6, Langhorne 13-19 7-12 33, Doron 4-10 2-3 11, A.Smith 4-7 1-2 9, Newman 3-13 1-2 10, France 3-3 0-0 7, Carr 1-1 0-0 2, Henson 0-4 0-0 0, Ross 0-2 0-0 0, Norrez 3-3 0-0 6. Totals 35-71 11-20 87.

Halftime—Maryland 49, N. Colorado 40. 3-Point goals—N. Colorado 16-32 (Fosdick 6-9, Drangmeister 4-5, McCarroll 3-4, Flavin 2-7, Van Orden 1-3, Ford 0-1, Dillon 0-1, Lambrecht 0-1, Veal 0-1), Maryland 6-20 (Newman 3-9, France 1-1, Gilchrest 1-3, Doron 1-5, Henson 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—N. Colorado 37 (Hagen, Fosdick 6), Maryland 42 (Langhorne 11). Assists—N. Colorado 18 (Fosdick 7), Maryland 26 (A.Smith 11). Total fouls—N. Colorado 20, Maryland 14. A—2,437.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP Jon Adkins, RHP Jeff Bajenaru, LHP Neal Cotts, RHP Felix Diaz, RHP Kris Honel, RHP Bobby Jenks, LHP Arnie Munoz, LHP Paulino Reynoso, RHP Matt Smith, RHP Sean Tracey, INF Joe Crede, INF Ross Gload, INF William Harris, INF Pedro Lopez, INF Casey Rogowski, INF Wilson Valdez and OF Joe Borchard on one-year contracts.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Signed Chris Antonelli and Neal Huntington, assistant general managers; John Mirabelli, scouting director, and John Farrell, director of player development, to two-year contract extensions. Signed Steve Lubratich, player personnel director, through 2007. Promoted Mike Chernoff to assistant director of baseball operations.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Agreed to terms with RHP Francisco Rodriguez, RHP Dustin Moseley and C Wil Nieves on one-year contracts.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Named Matt Williams special assistant.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with INF Willy Aybar, 1B Hee-Seop Choi, INF Joe Thurston, OF Henri Stanley, OF Chin-Feng Chen, OF Jason Grabowski, C David Ross, RHP Joel Hanrahan, RHP Yhency Brazoban, RHP Edwin Jackson, RHP Duaner Sanchez, LHP Derek Thompson, LHP Frank Brooks and LHP Orlando Rodriguez on one-year contracts. Named Mike Marshall manager for El Paso of the Texas League.

NEW YORK METS—Named Jerry Krause and Scott Nethery professional scouts.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Agreed to terms with C Humberto Cota, LHP Dave Williams, RHP Ryan Vogelsong and C Ronny Paulino on one-year contracts.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with RHP Jake Peavy on a one-year contract.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Zach Day and INF Henry Mateo on one-year contracts.

Northern League

JOLIET JACKHAMMERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Luis Villareal and INF John Lackaff.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS—Named Jim Allen pitching coach.

SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS—Named Billy Williams batting coach.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

BOSTON CELTICS—Activated F Justin Reed from the injured list.

CHARLOTTE BOBCATS—Signed G Cory Alexander. Waived C Jahidi White. Placed F Bernard Robinson on the injured list.

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Placed F Scott Williams on the injured list. Activated F Anderson Varejao from the injured list.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Claimed G Kenny Anderson off waivers from Atlanta. Released G Maurice Baker.

NEW YORK KNICKS—Placed C Jackie Butler on the injured list. Signed G Jermaine Jackson.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Released S Cory Hall, DE Travis Hall and DT Ed Jasper.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Released QB Rodney Peete and G Doug Brzezinski.

CHICAGO BEARS—Released WR David Terrell.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Released S Robert Griffith. Named Mike Haluchak linebackers coach.

DETROIT LIONS—Agreed to terms with C Dominic Raiola on a five-year contract.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released LB Roman Phifer.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Released DT Jason Fisk.

HOCKEY

American Hockey League

EDMONTON ROAD RUNNERS—Reassigned G Jeff Deslauriers to the team from Greenville of the ECHL.

HOUSTON AEROS—Reassigned C David Bararuk to Louisiana of the ECHL. Returned F Bill Kinkel to Pensacola of the ECHL.

LOWELL LOCK MONSTERS—Reassigned D Brad Fast to Florida of the ECHL.

PHILADELPHIA PHANTOMS—Reassigned D David Printz to the team from Trenton of the ECHL.

ST. JOHN'S MAPLE LEAFS—Reassigned G J.F. Racine to Memphis of the CHL.

WORCESTER ICECATS—Recalled G Alfie Michaud and LW Justin Maiser from Peoria of ECHL. Signed LW Kris Kasper.

Central Hockey League

AUSTIN ICE BATS—Waived D Ryan Edwards.

BOSSIER-SHREVEPORT MUDBUGS—Claimed RW Chris Pelletier off waivers from Tulsa.

ECHL

PHOENIX—Named Ron Filion coach and J.J. Daigneault assistant coach and director of player development.

COLLEGE

CINCINNATI—Announced junior men's basketball G Chadd Moore has left the team.

GEORGE WASHINGTON—Signed Karl Hobbs, men's basketball coach, to a three-year contract extension through 2011.

GUILFORD—Named Cayla Veach women's assistant lacrosse coach.

IOWA—Named Marc Long men's and women's swimming and diving coach.

MASSACHUSETTS-BOSTON—Named Brendan Evgabroat baseball coach and Amy Zombeck women's soccer and softball coach.

OHIO STATE—Named Paul Haynes defensive backs coach.

VMI—Announced the resignation of Bart Bellairs, men's basketball coach.

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Statistics

Scoring Average

1. Hale Irwin, 67.09. 2. Tom Wargo, 68.20. 3. Wayne Levi, 68.45. 4. Dana Quigley, 69.09. 5. Don Pooley, 69.18. 6. Mark McNulty, 69.27. 7. Tom Kite, 69.40. 8. Morris Hatalsky, 69.45. 9. Larry Nelson, 69.50. 10. 2 tied with 69.55.

Driving Distance

1. Tom Purtzer, 294.0. 2. Craig Stadler, 293.1. 3. Jim Ahern, 290.9. 4. Brad Bryant, 289.3. 5. Keith Fergus, 288.1. 6. John Jacobs, 287.6. 7. Gil Morgan, 286.9. 8. Mark James, 285.7. 9. Mark Johnson, 284.5. 10. Tom Kite, 284.0.

Driving Accuracy Percentage

1. Ed Dougherty, 94.3%. 2. Hugh Baiocchi, 87.5%. 3. Joe Inman, 86.6%. 4. Wayne Levi, 85.7%. 5. Mark McCumber, 84.3%. 6 (tie). Morris Hatalsky, Doug Tewell and Allen Doyle, 83.1%. 9. Jim Albus, 82.9%. 10. 2 tied with 82.5%.

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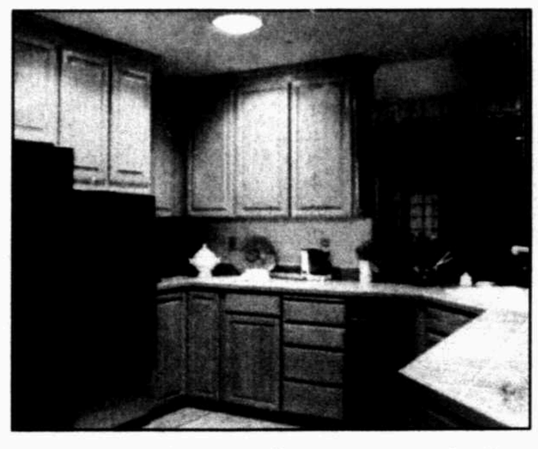

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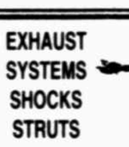

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One of the most unpopular tax-time riddles is called the "marriage penalty." While this isn't an official tax, the "penalty" occurs when a couple—whether filing a joint tax return, or filing separately—has a larger tax bill than they would have if each of them could file individually. Below, we'll examine two of the provisions of the tax code that generate this "penalty."

Standard deduction – You're probably already familiar with the concept of the standard deduction. If the standard deduction for single filers is more than half of the standard deduction for joint filers, then it stands to reason that the combined deduction for two single people would be larger than a married couple's deduction. For example, if the deduction for singles was $4,000 and the deduction for joint filers was $7,000, the combined deduction for two singles ($8,000) would obviously be greater. Accordingly, a married couple would be penalized—$1,000 in this case—by having to file a joint return with a lower standard deduction. This would subject them to a higher taxable income and could put them in a higher tax bracket.

Tax brackets – The amount of income taxed at each progressive rate is different for single taxpayers and joint filers. Income taxes are applied in increments, and the rates go higher the more you make. Married couples again get penalized because of a comparative inequality in the rates. An example: if the 15 percent tax rate is applied to the first $25,000 of income for single taxpayers, then two single filers could have up to $50,000 taxed at this rate. Married couples filing jointly may only be eligible for the 15 percent rate on the first $43,000 of their income, however. The remainder would be taxed at a higher rate.

The government erased the marriage penalty for 2003 and 2004 and is considering permanently eliminating it. Under the current law though, the old rules will come back in 2005.

Tax time can be confusing, but a meeting with your tax advisor can help you understand how things work.

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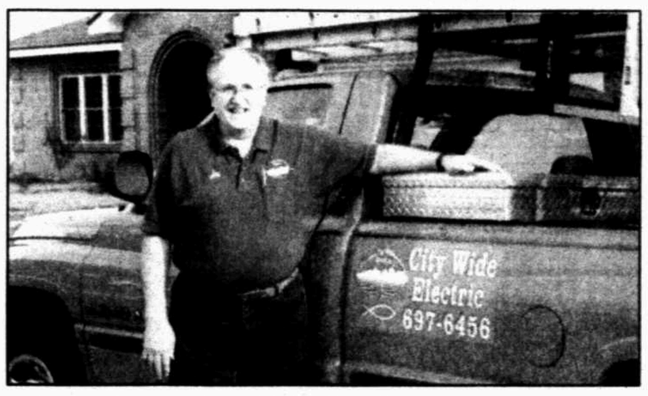

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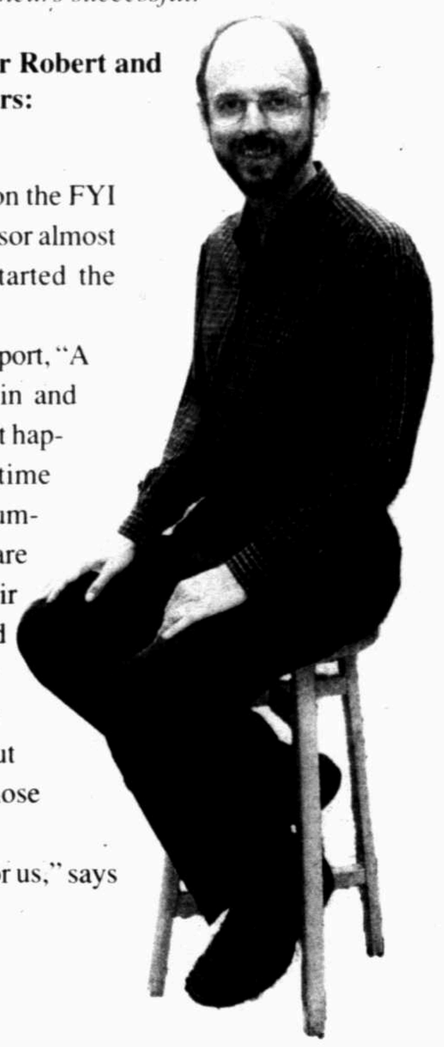

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Astacio, Rodriguez look good

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Pedro Astacio and Ricardo Rodriguez, pitchers the Texas Rangers hope will be in their starting rotation, both threw scoreless innings Monday in the team's first intrasquad game of the spring.

Rodriguez was with Texas last year, his season ended in July when his right elbow was broken by a line drive. Astacio, a 35-year-old right-hander with just one start since shoulder surgery in 2003, signed as a free agent.

Astacio threw 13 pitches, allowing only a one-out double to outfielder Ramon Nivar. He got his outs on a grounder and two flyballs.

"I don't feel I have to prove I'm healthy, but every game, every pitching opportunity is important," Astacio said. "It's good to see some hitters. That's what spring is all about. I feel really good."

Last season, Astacio made just one start and four relief appearances for Boston in his comeback from June 2003 shoulder surgery while with the New York Mets. He gave up 10 runs and 13 hits in 8 2-3 innings, a 10.38 ERA.

The Rangers signed him to an $800,000, one-year contract only after watching him pitch this winter in the Dominican Republic. The deal includes roster and performance bonuses that could earn him another $2.2 million.

Manager Buck Showalter said both pitchers were prepared and looked good.

While Rodriguez has to prove himself as one of several candidates for the No. 5 spot in the starting rotation, Astacio seems certain of a spot if he stays healthy.

"Pedro is one of those guys who knows how to get ready for a season," Showalter said. "He knows what he needs to do."

Rodriguez threw 17 pitches. The only runner against him reached on an error, and he had a strikeout.

Rodriguez was 3-1 and entered his final game July 22 with a streak of 15 1-3 scoreless innings, the longest by a Texas starter since 1998. Then he was hit by the line drive by Anaheim's Robb Quinlan.

After being traded to Texas midway through 2003, Rodriguez missed the end of the season with a hip injury. He missed the first 1 1/2 months of last season with Triple A Oklahoma because of appendicitis.

"It sure felt good to be pitching again," he said.

Bagwell adjusting

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — The days of hitting 40 home runs a year may be behind Houston Astros first baseman Jeff Bagwell.

Age and injury conspired to cut that total in half in 2004, and even Bagwell admits that at 36 he's not the physically gifted player he once was.

Bagwell — and the Astros — are OK with that as long as he can adjust.

"When you get older, you've got to make changes," said Bagwell, who has made adjustments to his swing because of a nagging shoulder injury. "The game has changed around us. Obviously I'm not as strong as I used to be."

After hitting 39 home runs and driving in 100 runs in 2003, Bagwell's numbers dropped to 20 and 89 in 2004. His batting average also dropped to .266, the lowest of his 14-year Major League career.

In August and September, however, he drove in a combined 38 runs as Houston rallied from a huge second-half deficit to win the NL Wild Card.

"He may not put up big home run totals anymore, but Baggy doesn't have to hit 40 home runs for us to win," Astros manager Phil Garner said. "I'll take 10 home runs from him and a lot more runs driven in to win ballgames."

Garner said he remembers Bagwell's first spring with Houston, in 1991, and was impressed with his workout regimen. Because of the shoulder injury, Bagwell has had to forgo such workouts.

"He'll wisely make the adjustments," Garner said. "It won't happen overnight, but he'll make it."

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...	AdvCiEnh	nd20.00	-.05
.44	Advo	36.67	-.08
.49e	Aegon	14.38	-.15
...	Aeropstl s	31.90	+.30
.04	Aetna	u146.02	+.55
...	AffCmpS	51.70	-1.80
...	AffilMgrs	64.76	+.59
1.25	AffordRCd	12.10	-.29
...	Agere	1.64	...
...	AgereB	1.62	-.01
...	Agilent	24.00	+.45
.03	Agnico g	14.47	-.15
.11	Agrium g	18.10	+.56
...	Ahold	9.05	-.12
1.16	AirProd	u62.62	-.58
.18	Airgas	25.10	+.20
...	AirTran	7.98	-.20
1.30	AlaPw pf	N25.33	+.03
...	AlskAir	28.36	-1.18
.32	Albnyln	32.25	-.73
.60	Albemar	38.00	-.32
.46f	AlbertoCul	52.27	-.17
.76	Albertsn	d22.39	+.38
.60	Alcan	39.97	+.46
...	Alcatel	12.99	-.25
.60	Alcoa	32.12	+.49
.55e	Alcon	86.30	-1.26
...	Aleris Intl	20.07	-.08
2.64f	AlexREE	66.98	-1.08
...	AllgEngy	18.93	-.27
.24	AllegTch	24.61	-.85
.40f	Allergan	75.18	-.27
2.01e	AlliCap	47.03	-.44
...	AlliData	39.45	...
...	AlliGam	11.10	-.02
...	AlliImag	11.32	-.13
1.05	AlliantEgy	26.75	+.05
...	AlliantTch	69.23	-.59
.18e	Allianz	12.60	-.05
2.28a	AlliedCap	26.82	-.02
...	AldWaste	8.22	-.17
...	AllmrFin	35.80	-.70
1.28f	Allstate	53.68	-.02
1.52	Alltel	57.20	-.06
...	AlphaNRs	n26.00	-.85
.18	Alpharma	13.12	-.08
2.92	Altria	65.65	-.05
1.16e	AluChina	66.35	+1.24
1.18e	AmBev	30.12	-.59
.50	AmbacF	77.78	-.96
...	Amdocs	29.35	-.13
.40	AmerUs	48.13	+.57
1.20	AmHess	100.40	-.54
2.54	Ameren	51.47	+.14
...	Amerigrp s	39.86	-.34
.19e	AMovilL	58.70	-.20
...	AmWest	4.90	...
.60	AmAxle	26.42	-.14
1.40	AEP	33.40	-.01
.02f	AEqInvLf	10.91	+.08
.48	AmExp	54.15	-.43
.50	AFnclGp	30.49	-.12
1.04	AFnclRT	14.66	-.07
.24	AGreet	24.63	-.11
2.64	AmHmMtg	31.15	-.37
.50f	AmIntGp	66.80	-1.55
.60	AmStd s	u45.80	-.85
...	AmTower	18.33	-.27
...	Americdt	23.56	-.11
.10	AmerisBrg	59.90	-.10
.24	Ametek	38.34	+.31
.12	Amphenol s	39.90	-.53
1.00	AmSouth	24.98	+.01
.72f	Anadrk	u76.86	-.87
.24	AnalogDev	36.72	-.78
.56e	AngloglA	35.97	-.20
.98	Anheusr	47.45	-.07
...	Anixter	37.54	+.87
...	AnnTaylr s	22.16	+.04
1.98e	Annaly	19.15	-.15
...	Anteon	37.96	-.35
1.12	AnthCap	11.94	+.02
1.25e	Anworth	9.68	+.07
.60	Aon Corp	24.51	-.23
.32	Apache	u62.88	+.16
2.40	AptInv	38.26	-.06
1.94	AptInv pf	Uu25.37	+.25
...	Applica	5.17	+.20
.17	ApplBio	20.54	-.11
.48f	ApldIndl s	28.32	-.34
...	Apria	32.46	-.02
.52	AquaAm	24.58	+.33
...	Aquila	3.57	+.02
1.99e	Aracruz	38.32	-.68
.22	Aramark	28.03	+.21
.40	Arbitron	40.55	-.40
.80	ArchCh	28.58	+.59
.32	ArchCoal	44.59	-.38
.34f	ArchDan	24.10	-.08
1.73f	ArchstnSm	33.83	+.06
2.02	ArdenRlt	34.35	+.31
...	ArmorH	39.92	-.40
...	ArrowEl	26.90	-.37
.40	ArvMerit	16.86	+.02
.60f	AshfordHT	10.11	-.10
1.10	Ashland u	65.29	+.79
.28	Assurantu	34.40	-.17
1.20f	AstoriaF	37.58	+.18
.94e	AstraZen	39.74	-.50
1.24	ATMOS	27.57	-.25
...	AtwdOcnu	68.75	-.87
...	AutoNatn	19.53	+.16
1.20f	Autoliv	49.94	-.26
.62	AutoData	42.96	-.04
...	AutoZone	96.90	+.01
2.84f	AvalonBay	69.50	+.38
...	Avaya	14.00	-.43
1.52	AveryD	60.70	+.59
...	Aviall	28.00	+.03
.54f	Avista	18.24	+.01
...	Avnet	19.40	-.18
.66f	Avon s	42.77	+.15
.50	AXIS Cap	27.99	-.17
...	Aztar	29.71	+.06
1.40	BB&T Cp	39.15	-.27
.45e	BBVABFrn	7.32	-.28
1.20	BCE gs	23.44	-.20
.46e	BHP BillLtu	30.76	+.55
...	BISYS	14.82	-.26
.32	BJ Svcs	49.96	-.46
...	BJs Whls	30.57	+.77
...	BMC Sft	14.95	-.20
1.77e	BP PLC	u64.92	-.15
4.69e	BP Pru	60.46	+.12
2.00f	BRE	39.20	-.20
.46	BakrHu	u47.28	-.42
.40	BallCp s	44.40	-.15
.38e	BanColumb	16.01	-.17
.91e	BcoBrad s	31.73	+.14
.60a	BcLatn	22.09	-.44
.40e	BcoSnCH	12.30	-.25
1.80	BkofAm s	46.65	-.14
1.32	BkHawaii	45.52	-.30
.80	BkNY	30.25	-.14
.14	BankAtl A	18.01	-.08
.80	Banknorth	36.09	-.09
1.77e	Barclay	43.95	-.39
.48	Bard s	66.50	-1.26
...	BarnNbl s	34.16	-.40
...	BarrPhm s	47.74	+.25
.22	BarrickG	24.90	...
.52	BauschL	70.79	-.11
.58e	Baxter	35.66	-.58
2.54e	BayerAG	35.21	-.08
1.00	BearSt	99.50	+.89
...	BearingPt	7.86	+.02
.40	BeazrHm	171.92	-1.69
.56f	BeckCoul	70.45	-.04
.72	BectDck	59.87	-.09
.20	BeldenCDT	24.02	+.42
1.08	Bell$outh	25.80	-.13
.40f	Belo	23.60	-.15
.72f	Bemis	u29.84	-.17
...	BenchEl	32.52	-.43
.28	Berkley	51.36	-.23
...	BerkHa A	90200.00	-290.00
.48a	BerryP	u61.91	-.09
.44	BestBuy	54.02	+2.33
...	Beverly	12.00	...
...	BigLots	11.67	-.05
...	BBarrett n	31.30	-.20
2.16	BiminiM n	15.10	+.12
...	Biovail	16.04	-.62
1.12f	BlackD	82.92	-.38
1.28f	BlkHlCp	31.70	+.11
.90	BlkDvAch	14.70	...
.88	BlockHR	53.30	+1.80
.08a	Blockbstr	8.87	+.22
...	BlckbstB n	8.61	+.31
...	Bluegreenu	24.68	+.83
...	BlueLinx n	15.39	-.05
.38f	Blyth	31.79	-.53
1.00f	Boeing	54.97	-.02
.36f	Borders	25.73	-.07
.56f	BorgWrn s	52.75	...
2.60	BostProp	59.80	-.32
...	BostonSci	32.66	-.65
.80	Bowatr	38.83	-.33
.22	Bowne	15.80	-.20
.34	BoydGm	49.01	-.61
...	BoydsC	2.28	-.21
...	BoykinL	9.59	+.38
...	BradPhm	d9.75	-3.50
.44	BradyCp s	34.62	-.17
1.76	Brandyw	29.59	-.01
.60f	Brascan gs	36.91	-.47
1.29e	BrasilTel	34.00	-.65
.68	BrigStrat s	39.42	+.32
...	Brinker	37.86	-.16
.10	Brinks	34.66	-1.09
.20	BristolW	16.90	-.06
1.12	BrMySq	25.03	+.10
.32a	BrkfldH su	41.81	-.68
.32	BrwnBrn	46.40	-.56
.40	BrwnShoe	33.40	+.57
.86	BrownFA	53.20	+.56
.98	BrownFB	50.90	+1.02
.60f	Brunswick	46.64	-.08
...	BrshEMat	20.37	+.22
...	BuckTch	11.97	+.03
.32e	Buenavnt	23.16	+.22
...	BldBear n	34.21	+.86
.52	BungeLt	54.71	+1.20
.04a	BurlCoat u	28.04	+.04
.68	BurlNSF	50.27	-.44
.34	BurlRsc su	49.63	-.22
2.43e	CANTV	20.90	+1.15
...	CB REIlis n	36.08	-.32
...	CEC Ent s	38.70	-.38
.10	CIGNA	90.80	-.60
.28a	CIGNA Hi	2.94	+.01
.52	CIT Gp	40.35	-.09
...	CKE Rst	15.44	-.19
.90	CLECO	20.29	-.20
...	CMS Eng	12.14	-.24
...	CNA Fn	28.77	-.38
.40	CNF Inc	45.87	+.16
.16	CP Ship g	13.80	+.52
...	CSK Ato	15.90	+.02
.40	CSX	41.31	-.60
.29f	CVS Cp	u49.83	-.04
...	Cabelas n	21.17	-.03
...	CablvsnNY	u31.06	+.88
.64	Cabot	34.80	-.17
.16	CabotOG	u55.99	+.21
...	CACI	53.96	+.51
...	Cadence	13.78	+.28
...	Caesars	20.06	-.28
.90	CalaStTR n	14.04	-.03
.12	Calgon	8.73	+.12
.28	CalliGolf	13.42	-.06
...	CallonP	u15.97	+.07
...	Calpine	3.28	-.10
.12	Cambrex	22.69	+.69
2.54	CamdnP	46.40	-.74
.24	Cameco gs	45.61	-1.70
.68	CampSp	27.70	+.05
.78	CdnNRy g	61.94	-.21
.45f	CdnNRs g	su56.90	-1.53
.53	CP Rwy g	u35.47	+.18
...	Cantel s	24.60	+.37
.11	CapOne	76.68	-.67
...	CapitlSrce	23.00	...
.48	CarboCera	73.98	+.92
.12	CardnlHlth	58.55	-.95
...	CaremkRx	38.28	-.68
...	CarMax	33.00	+.06
.60	Carnival	54.38	-.37
1.82	CarolinaGp	32.74	+.81
.40	CarpTechu	67.62	+.62
2.00	CarrAmR	31.25	-.31
...	Carters	u39.80	+.35
.10f	CashAm	29.01	+.58
.30	CatalMktg	26.95	-.02
1.08a	Catellus	27.61	+.07
1.64	Caterpillr	95.05	+.23
...	Celanese n	16.70	-.57
...	CeleraGn	11.11	-.24
...	Celestic g	12.86	+.08
1.10e	Cemex	39.97	-1.00
.36	Cendant	22.12	-.02
...	Centene s	33.36	-.58
.40	CenterPnt	11.98	-.13
1.71f	CentrpPr s	43.76	+.11
.16	Centex s	63.59	-1.01
.24f	CntryTel	33.64	-.02
...	Cenveo	3.73	+.23
...	Ceridian	18.25	+.04
.20	Certegy	35.63	+.31
...	ChmpE	10.35	-.34
...	ChRvLab	46.10	-.20
.01	Checkpnt	16.69	+.17
.18	ChesEngu	21.69	+.12
1.60	ChevTex s	62.08	+.14
.16	ChicB&I	43.41	+.65
1.84f	ChiMerc	206.62	-4.53
...	Chicos wi	29.45	-.06
4.22e	ChileTel su	11.88	+.09
...	ChinaLfe	27.55	+.65
.26e	ChinaMble	16.20	-.30
1.21e	ChinaPetu	45.42	+.62
.12e	ChinaUni	8.89	-.16
...	ChiYuc	10.32	-.01
.40	Chiquita u	22.82	+.33
.72	Chittend s	26.58	+.25
...	ChoicePt	40.30	+.03
.16	ChrisBnk	16.47	-.13
1.56	Chubb	79.11	-.73
1.75	Chubb unB	29.79	-.02
1.32e	ChungTel	21.80	-.33
.24	ChurDwt s	35.37	-.43
...	CIBER	7.49	-.01
...	Cimarex u	40.67	+.22
...	CinciBell	4.40	-.10
1.92f	CINergy	40.45	-.50
.07	CircCity	15.63	-.09
...	CitadlBr	14.12	+.27
1.76f	Citigrp	47.72	-.56
1.00a	CitzCommn	13.34	-.02
1.44f	CityNC	68.45	+.17
.36	ClairesStrs	23.01	+.06
.50	ClearChan	33.28	+.53
.40	ClevClf su	80.35	+3.40
1.12f	Clorox	60.04	-.15
...	Coach	55.53	-1.12
1.12f	CocaCl	42.80	-.22
.16	CocaCE	21.35	+.05
.26e	CCFemsau	25.70	-.08
...	Coeur	4.01	+.03
1.26	CohStRTU	18.01	-.02
1.02	CohStSUt	n19.67	-.20
...	CohStDiv	nd20.00	...
1.16f	ColgPal	52.92	+.32
...	CollAik	1.99	-.38
.61f	ColBgp	20.37	-.04
2.20f	Comerica	57.08	-.60
...	ComfrtS	7.72	+.23
.88f	CmcBNJ	61.28	+1.16
.24	CmclMtl s	34.80	-.45
1.30	CmcINL	18.87	-.49
...	ComScop	15.14	-.25
...	CmtyHlt u	32.37	+.17
.17e	CBD--Pao	23.98	+.29
1.15e	CVRD s	35.00	-.57
.47e	CVRD pf s	28.79	-.51
1.10f	CompssMn	25.00	+.16
.08	CompAs	27.09	+.14
...	CompSci	46.23	+.49
...	ComstkRsu	27.50	-.10
1.09	ConAgra	27.32	-.11
2.00	ConocPhil	110.89	-1.43
...	Conseco	18.92	-.19
1.38	Consco pfB	25.03	-.32
.56	ConsolEgy u	45.84	+.09
2.28f	ConEd	42.75	-.35
...	ConstellA	53.53	-.91
1.34f	ConstellEn	51.47	-.55
...	CtlAir B	10.71	-.18
...	Cnvrgys	14.99	+.14
...	CoopCamu	57.69	-.79
.06	CooperCo	82.35	-1.10
1.48f	CooperInds	69.37	-.76
.42	CooperTire	19.35	+.55
.06e	Copel	u5.46	+.11
...	CoreLab u	26.89	-.17
.28f	CornPdts s	27.97	-.03
...	CornerRlt	9.39	-.21
...	Corning	11.47	-.21
1.45a	CpHY Vl	14.52	-.07
1.02	CorpOffP	26.45	-.13
...	CorrecCp	37.64	-.36
...	Cott Cp	24.01	-.04
.56f	CntwdFn s	34.75	-.21
1.48a	CousPrp	27.13	-.22
...	Covance	43.71	-.57
...	Coventryu	63.10	-.12
...	CoxRadio	16.06	+.33
.40	Crane	29.80	+.13
.42	CrSuisInco	4.62	+.02
1.50	CresRE	16.30	-.26
.20	Cromptonu	13.70	+.10
2.64e	CrosTim	45.25	+.10
...	CrwnCstle	16.34	-.03
...	CrownHoldu	16.45	+.30
1.06	CullenFr	46.48	+.18
1.20	Cummins	73.41	-.79
...	CypSem	14.08	-.47
.40	Cytec	50.53	-.02
D-E-F			
.78a	DNP Selct	11.83	-.02
.96	DPL	25.48	-.01
.36f	DR Hortn	43.76	-1.25
...	DRS Tech	41.31	-.52
...	DST Sys	47.49	+.45
2.06	DTE	44.22	+.32
1.82e	DaimlrC	46.10	-.53
.48	DanaCp	14.42	-.34
.06	Danaher s	54.17	+.12
.29e	Danone su	19.90	+.03
.08	Darden	26.80	-.69
...	DaVita s	42.24	-.15
...	DeVry	17.38	-.07
...	DeanFds	34.55	-.22
.64	DebtStrat	6.71	-.04
1.24f	Deere	71.11	+.52
...	DelMnte	10.59	+.15
.28	Delphi	6.87	-.02
...	DeltaAir	4.64	-.07
1.60f	Deluxe	39.04	+.12
...	Denbury	33.97	-1.29
...	DeutTel	20.87	-.34
2.16f	DevDv	41.83	-.41
.20	DevonE su	46.79	-.68
.36	DexMedia n	22.74	-.16
2.11e	Diageo	57.27	-1.09
.28	DiagPdct	45.63	-.82
.25	DiaOffs	u49.50	-.05
...	DicksSprt s	35.85	+.91
.82f	Diebold	53.37	-.49
.16	Dillards	23.30	-1.15
.30	Dimon	6.48	+.11
...	DirecTV	15.01	-.09
.24f	Disney	27.94	+.05
...	DivincSt n	d20.00	...
...	DolbyLab n	23.08	+.01
.16	DollarG	21.23	+.07
2.68f	DomRes	72.03	-.71
.40f	Dominos n	17.07	-.19
.24	Domtar g	d9.10	+.33
.24	Donldson s	31.89	+.04
1.04	DonlleyRR	33.23	-.14
.72	DoralFin	39.66	-.69
.64	Dover	38.67	-.10
1.34	DowChm	55.15	-1.09
1.00	DowJns	d37.10	-.34
...	DrmwksA n	36.33	-.01
1.40	DuPont	53.30	-.66
1.10	DukeEgy	26.99	-.42
1.86	DukeRlty	31.68	+.18
...	DunBradu	61.46	+.51
1.00	DuqLight	18.73	-.15
...	Dycom	26.95	-.03
...	Dynegy	4.16	-.24
...	ETrade	13.27	-.19
...	ECC Cap n	d6.45	-.09
...	EMC Cp	12.66	-.18
...	EMCOR u	48.23	+1.94
4.54e	ENI	u131.00	+3.15
.32f	EOG Resu	91.12	-.38
1.20	EagleMatl	83.53	-.53
1.76	EastChmu	57.74	-.57
.50	EKodak	33.99	+.07
1.24f	Eaton	69.75	-.29
.32	EatnVan su	26.96	-.12
...	EV EnEq n	20.45	-.09
1.35	EV TxAd	21.72	+.07
1.29	EV TxGlG	19.94	...
.35	Ecolab	31.71	+.05
1.00	EdisonInt	32.48	-.21
.12	EDO	31.80	-.17
...	EdwLfSciu	43.01	+.26
.64	Edwards	43.11	+.09
...	eFunds	22.24	-.14
.16	ElPasoCp	12.33	-.06
...	ElPasoEl	19.97	+.11
...	Elan	d8.00	-18.90
.20	EDS	21.30	+.59
.20	ElkCorp	38.38	-.53
1.17e	EBrasAero	33.63	+.05
...	Embratel	8.90	...
1.66	EmrsnEl	66.32	-.40
1.28	EmpDist	22.74	-.26
...	Empica u	2.54	-.03
...	Emulex	16.90	-.21
.40	EnCana gu	66.89	-.72
...	EncoreA u	42.55	-.97
.90e	Endesa	22.66	+.11
1.00f	EndurSpec	35.75	+.21
.80f	Energen u	64.50	+.30
...	Energizer	59.23	+.27
1.10	EgyEast	25.72	-.28
...	EngyPrt u	25.85	+.20
4.20	Enerpls g	37.59	+.46
...	Enersis	u8.78	+.11
.48f	EnglCp	30.25	-.55
...	EnPro	27.93	-.62
.10	ENSCO u	40.28	-.34
...	Enterasys	1.48	-.07
...	Entercm	34.42	+.52
2.16	Entergy	69.12	-1.15
1.60f	EntPrPt	26.72	-.24
...	Entravisn	8.20	+.33
.12	Equifax	30.39	-.03
1.52	EqtResc	59.35	-.15
.52	EqtyInn	11.17	-.03
.05	EqLfPrp	33.60	-.28
2.00	EqOffPT	30.17	-.15
1.16f	EqtyOne	20.67	+.67
1.73	EqtyRsd	32.81	-.01
3.24f	EssexPT	72.08	-1.57
.40	EsteeLdr	43.98	-.17
...	Esterline	32.88	-1.64
.60	EthanAl	35.14	-.10
.44f	EverestRe	86.87	-.88
1.60	Exelon s	45.36	-.14
...	ExprsJet	11.20	+.20
1.08	ExxonMblu	63.31	+.05
.47e	FEMSA u	60.42	+1.92
...	FMC Cp	49.36	-.79
...	FMC Tch u	34.54	+.23
.92	FNBCp PA	19.03	-.42
2.84f	FPL Gp	79.35	-.35
...	FTI Cnslt	19.00	-.12
.20	FactsetR s	32.99	+.54
.08	Fairisaac s	33.80	+.24
...	FairchldS	16.52	-.56
.12f	Fairmnt g	32.14	+.36
...	FairPoint n	17.40	-.14
.38f	FamDlr	32.92	+.18
1.04m	FanniMae	58.46	+.76
2.91	FMae pfH	49.75	-.50
2.75	FMae pfN	48.41	-.19
.28	FedExCp	97.78	-.66
2.02	FedRlty	50.19	-.51
.24m	FedSignl	15.74	+.30
.54	FedrDS	56.45	-.34
.50	FedInvst	29.54	-.11
...	FelCor	12.54	-.45
.58	Ferro	19.57	-.07
1.00	FidelFin	44.24	-.79
.72f	FstAmCp	36.55	-.08
.56f	FtBcpPR	47.06	-.34
.24f	FirstData	41.02	+.28
1.72	FstHorizon	42.55	-.15
2.78f	FstInRT	41.59	-.13
...	FstMarb u	69.55	+1.08
1.65f	FirstEngy	41.24	+.12
...	FishrSci	60.65	-.72
1.00	FlagstarB	20.55	+.08
...	FleetEn	9.67	-.12
.80a	FlaRock u	64.17	-.18
...	Flowserv	24.99	+.39
.64	Fluor	u62.75	-.50
.30	FootLockru	27.30	+.05
.40	FordM	d12.65	-.35
3.25	FordC pfS	49.70	-.59
5.20f	FdgCCT gu	93.49	+3.06
...	ForestLab	42.70	-.25
...	ForestOilu	40.00	-.30
1.32	FortuneBr	81.00	-.67
.16	FdtnCoal nu	25.73	-.06
.11	FourSH g	71.88	-.77
...	Fox Ent	33.30	-.44
.40f	FrankRes	70.19	+.32
1.20	FredMac	62.00	+.36
1.00a	FMCG	41.82	+.72
...	Freescale n	18.90	-.01
...	FreescB n	19.18	+.08
.28	Fremont	25.14	-.06
.80	FDelMnt	29.84	+.13
1.36	FriedBR	18.55	-.35
.24	FrontrOil	32.06	-.63
1.00b	Frontline s	u57.66	+1.86
.46	FullerHB	26.64	+.24
.60	FurnBrds	23.23	...
G-H-I			
.80	GATX	29.98	+.19
...	GMH CT nd	12.02	-.08
1.20	GabDvInc	18.31	+.02
.48	GabGloM	10.63	-.09
2.41	GablRsd	35.18	-.07
1.12f	Gallaghr	29.86	-.09
1.08	Gannett	d78.75	-.46
.09	Gap	21.33	+.04
...	Gartner	9.63	+.08
...	Gateway	4.70	+.13
...	GayltrdEnt	42.80	-.20
...	GenCorp	18.67	-.28
...	Genentch s	47.20	-1.04
1.17e	GAInv	31.25	+.01
...	GnCable	11.91	-.67
1.44	GenDyn	105.35	-.23
.88	GenElec	35.20	-.42
1.44	GnGrthPrp	34.90	-.67
...	GnMarlt u	51.49	-.51
1.24	GenMills	52.37	+.33
2.00	GnMotr	d35.65	-1.24
1.31	GM db32Bd	21.06	-.19
1.56	GM db33d	24.49	-.48
1.25f	GenuPrt	43.28	+.37
.26	Genworth n	28.16	-.30
.32	GaGulf	52.81	-.57
.70f	GaPacif	35.81	+.11
.08	Gerdau gn	7.14	+.05
.78e	Gerdau su	19.74	+.74
...	Gettylm u	71.34	+1.08
...	Giantin	u31.66	+.83
.65	Gillette	50.25	-1.20
...	Glamis	17.40	-.01
.36	Glatfelter	14.82	+.05
1.53e	GlaxoSKln	48.22	-.42
1.40	GlenRT	19.73	-.15
1.92	GlimchRt	25.72	-.52
.16	GlobPay	55.52	-.34
...	GlobPwr	9.81	-.11
.30f	GlobalSFeu	37.50	-.20
...	GolLinhas n	29.24	+.74
.11e	GoldFLtd	12.08	-.07
.18a	Goldcrp g	13.67	-.02
.24	GoldWF s	61.89	-.06
1.00	GoldmanS	108.80	-1.30
.80	Goodrichu	37.03	+.24
...	GoodrPet	22.57	-1.51
...	Goodyear	14.46	-.25
...	vjGrace	9.84	-.61
.52	Graco s	u38.66	+.05
...	GrafTech	9.24	-.08
.80	Graingr	62.78	-.42
.40	GraniteC	26.61	-.88
...	GrantPrdeu	24.16	+.36
...	GtAtPc	11.12	-.41
.40f	GtLkCh	26.70	-.44
1.66	GtPlainEn	30.99	-.16
...	Group1	27.65	-.13
2.18e	GTelevsau	64.45	-.12
.34	Gtech s	23.35	-.37
...	Guess	14.74	+.06
.40	Guidant	73.39	+.09
.60f	HCA Inc	u47.21	+.19
.34	HCC In	u37.50	-.13
.24e	HDFC Bku	47.05	+1.40
.84	HRPT Prp	12.68	-.05
3.15e	HSBC	83.49	-2.15
...	Haemon	u41.48	+.10
.50	Halliburtn	u43.97	-.78
.48	HancFab	8.60	-.15
...	HangrOrth	6.08	-.02
...	Hanover	13.24	-.29
.50	Harlnd	36.70	+.21
.50	HarleyD	61.88	-.22
.05	Harman	112.17	-1.64
.11e	HarmonyG	8.54	-.03
1.32	HarrahE	65.59	-1.40
.48	Harris	66.70	-.36
1.20f	Harsco	58.41	+1.06
1.16	HartfdFn	71.95	-.95
...	HarvNRes	12.55	-.37
.36f	Hasbro	21.12	+.19
1.24	HawaiiEl	s26.62	-.13
1.68f	HlthCrPr	25.20	+.10
2.40	HltCrREIT	34.30	-.23
.16	HltMgt	22.97	-.11
2.60f	HlthcrRlty	36.80

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Div	Name	Last	Chg
	A-B-C		
...	ADC Tel	2.30	-.05
...	AMX Cp	u22.41	-.04
...	ASML Hld	18.32	-.40
...	ATI Tech	17.54	+.11
...	ATMI Inc	27.22	-.56
...	ATP O&Gu	24.13	-.15
...	ATS Med	3.81	+.02
...	AVI Bio	2.59	+.10
...	aaiPharma	2.30	-.20
...	Aastrom	2.53	-.14
...	Abgenix	8.26	-.43
...	AccHme	40.02	-.30
...	Accredo	42.62	-.10
...	Activisn s	21.86	-.09
...	Actuate	2.70	+.12
.20f	Acxiom	22.50	+.02
...	Adaptec	5.44	-.02
.05	AdobeSy	61.75	+.32
...	AdolorCp	8.80	-.14
.32	Adtran	18.71	-.03
...	AdvDigInf	8.31	-.15
...	AdvEnId	9.31	-.21
...	AdvNeuro	29.50	-.17
...	AdventSft	17.66	+.13
...	Aeroflex	10.16	-.16
...	AeroGen	1.77	-.13
...	Affymet	42.73	-1.20
...	AgileSft	6.86	-.11
.12	Agilysys	u18.86	-.17
.20e	AirT Inc	16.81	+.36
...	AirspanNet	4.39	-.16
...	AkamaiT	11.01	-.08
1.44e	Akzo	45.09	+.78
...	AladnKn	20.98	+.87
...	Alamosa n	12.74	+.31
...	AlancoTch	.77	-.08
.19p	AlaskCom	8.59	-.03
.90	AlexBld	45.40	-.29
...	AlignTech	7.57	-.03
...	Alkerm	11.68	-.43
...	Alloylnc	6.08	+.23
...	Allscripts	13.40	-.32
...	AltairNano	4.19	-.14
...	AlteraCp	20.74	-.22
...	Altiris	29.23	+.03
...	Alvarion	10.10	-.25
...	AmarinCp	2.68	-.36
...	Amazon	35.16	+.19
...	Amedisy	31.94	-.12
2.92	AmCapStr	34.70	-.20
.24	AEagleO	54.13	+.23
...	AmHthwys	33.98	-.31
...	AmMed	39.60	-.10
...	AmPharm	52.26	-.47
.40	APwCnv	22.02	-.46
...	AmSupr	10.68	+.10
...	AmrTrde	10.63	-.11
...	Amgen	61.61	-1.20
...	AmkorT	4.37	-.04
...	Amylin	21.42	-.72
...	Anadigc	2.37	+.25
...	Andrew	12.10	-.14
...	AndrxGp	22.45	+.18
...	Angiotch	g16.79	-.18
.70e	AngioAm	25.15	-.01
...	AnikaTh	12.10	+.10
...	Antignes	6.90	-.65
...	Aphton	1.38	+.08
...	ApolloG	73.64	-1.36
.18	ApolloInv	n16.45	-.43
.12	AppleC s	44.86	+.37
.06	Applebees s	28.51	+.05
...	ApldDigI rs	4.50	-.05
...	ApldMatl	17.45	-.47
...	AMCC	3.45	-.10
...	aQuantive	10.57	+.19
...	Aradigm	1.23	+.05
...	ArenaPhm	5.35	-.15
...	ArgonautT	.85	+.01
...	AriadP	6.26	-.40
...	Ariba rs	9.11	+.02
.48	ArkBest	43.22	+1.82
.04e	ArmHld	6.18	-.11
...	Arotech	1.37	-.02
...	Arris	6.35	-.30
...	ArtTech	1.16	-.04
...	Artesyn	10.36	+.18
...	AscentSoft	15.51	+.16
...	Ashwrth	11.03	-.24
...	AskJvs	22.86	+.18
...	AspectCm	10.90	+.14
1.00	AsdBnc s	32.06	-.43
...	AtRoad	4.53	+.09
...	Atari	2.67	+.06
...	AthrGnc	16.51	-.65
...	Atheros	13.73	+.06
...	Atmel	3.15	-.02
...	Audible n	14.66	-.67
...	AudCodes	12.71	-.13
...	Authentdte	5.04	+.10
...	Autobytel	lf5.52	...
...	Autodsk s	29.72	-.22
...	Avanex	1.74	+.01
...	Avantlmm	1.68	+.06
...	AvidTch	66.90	+.90
...	AvocetCp	34.26	-.19
...	Axcelis	8.60	-.18
...	Axonyx	1.65	-.09
...	BE Aero	12.03	...
...	BEA Sys	8.30	-.01
...	BallardPw	5.07	+.06
...	BeaconP	1.22	-.02
...	BebeStrs	s28.15	-.17
...	BedBath	37.52	+.12
...	Biocryst	5.88	-.02
...	Bioenvisn	7.65	-.40
...	Biogenldcd	38.65	-28.63
...	BioMarin	5.37	-.13
.20e	Biomet	42.22	-.98
...	Biomira	2.07	-.11
...	Biopure	.38	-.01
...	BluCoat	18.62	+.06
...	Bookham	2.14	+.19
...	Borland	8.35	-.02
...	Brdcom	32.25	-.63
...	Broadwing	5.90	+.03
...	BrcdeCm	6.20	-.09
...	BrooksAut	18.11	-.62
.06e	Bucyrs A	n43.43	-.45
...	BusnObj	27.96	+.21
...	C-COR	7.58	-.05
.48	CBRL Grp	42.81	+.07
.36f	CDW Corp	57.47	+.64
.60	CH Robn	54.80	-.02
...	CMGI	1.93	...
...	CNET	9.05	-.37
.20	CNS	u16.98	+.20
...	CSG Sys	17.10	-.16
...	CTI Mole	16.41	-.36
...	CV Thera	21.93	-.57
...	CabotMic	32.49	-.44
...	CalDive	u50.78	+.38
.05	CalMaine s	9.72	-.16
...	CalPizza	23.92	-.16
...	CalWave n	9.03	+.77
...	Candela s	9.65	+.31
1.72f	CapAuto	33.30	-.27
.08	CapThstle	u6.30	+.11
...	CpstnTrb	1.69	+.03
...	CardiacSci	1.83	-.06
...	Cardima	.36	-.01
...	CareerEd	34.15	-.90
...	CarrAcc	6.94	-.14
...	Celgene s	27.38	-.80
...	CellGens	6.02	-.28
...	CellThera	9.88	-.33
...	Centillm	d2.05	+.15
...	CEurMedu	45.53	+.22
...	CentAl	32.51	-.39
...	Cephln	49.07	-1.33
...	Ceradyne s	30.10	+.18
...	Cerner	52.10	...
...	CharlRsse	11.93	+.34
...	ChrmSh	7.71	-.04
...	ChartCm	1.83	+.14
...	ChkPoint	22.13	-.27
...	ChkFree	38.54	+.41
...	Cheeseck s	34.03	+.03
...	ChildPlc u	39.99	+.37
...	chndtcm	3.57	-.06
...	ChipMOS	5.25	+.13
...	Chiron	35.58	+.57
...	CienaCp	1.98	-.06
1.22f	CinnFin	44.73	-.37
.32f	Cintas	43.78	-.05
...	CiphrBio	3.10	+.29
...	Ciprico	3.96	-.10
...	Cirrus	4.68	-.16
...	Cisco	17.42	+.22
...	CitrixSy	22.50	+.49
...	ClayEng	31.60	+2.68
...	ClickCm	13.65	-.73
...	CoStar	36.83	-.67
...	Cogent n	24.36	-3.32
...	CogTech su	47.23	-.48
...	Cognos g	42.91	-.18
...	Coherent	30.35	+.17
...	CollgFdSv	nu16.54	+.77
...	Colmbus	12.59	+.53
...	Comcast	32.46	-.16
...	Comc sp	31.86	-.20
1.40f	CompasBc	45.41	+.31
...	CptlNwk	4.90	-.21
...	Compuwre	6.76	+.07
...	CmstkHm	nu29.70	+2.10
...	Comvers	23.21	-.18
...	ConcCm	2.08	-.03
...	Conexant	1.80	-.03
...	Connetics	24.75	-1.07
...	Copart	23.30	+.51
...	Corgentchd	5.64	-.20
...	Corillian	3.18	-.12
...	CorinthC s	17.29	+.05
...	CorixaCp	3.88	-.03
...	Cosi Inc	7.25	+.25
...	CostPlus	28.13	+.63
...	CstULss	10.08	-.44
.40	Costco	46.59	+.02
...	Craylnc	3.76	+.18
.50e	CreTcLtd	11.33	-.36
...	CredSys	8.77	-.31
...	Cree Inc	23.52	-.08
...	Creolnc	16.33	...
...	CritPath	.90	-.10
.20f	Cryptlgc	u30.22	-1.17
...	CubistPh	10.30	-.77
...	CumMed	14.15	+.12
...	CuraGen	5.53	-.27
...	Curis	4.08	-.01
...	CuronMed	1.00	-.21
...	Cyberonic	37.49	-.80
...	Cymer	28.91	-.48
...	CytRx	1.25	-.13
...	Cytyc	22.80	-.05
	D-E-F		
...	DRDGOLD	1.05	+.09
...	DUSA	13.02	-.49
...	DadeBehu	62.71	+.21
...	Danka	d1.87	-.04
...	Dataram	4.78	-.11
...	DataTrak	16.00	+.02
...	Dawson	24.86	+.16
...	DayStar n	5.65	+.48
...	DeckOut	41.01	-.06
...	decdGenet	6.46	-.40
...	Delllnc	40.09	-.11
...	DltaPtr	u15.47	-.09
...	deltathree	4.67	+.02
...	Dndreon	6.57	-.30
.24	Dentsply	54.97	-.05
...	DialCpA	u33.50	+5.27
...	DiamClus	t17.13	+.41
...	DigtlGen	1.53	+.06
...	Diglmpct	4.49	...
...	Dgllnsght	16.05	+.12
...	DigLght	1.03	+.02
...	DigRiver	30.13	+.55
...	Digitas	9.90	+.12
...	DimeBc wt	.15	-.01
.16	DirectGen	20.23	+.53
...	DiscvLabs	5.87	-.28
...	DistEnSy	3.97	+.17
...	DitechCo	12.56	+.02
...	DobsonCm	2.27	-.08
...	DllrTree	26.95	+.10
...	DotHill	6.31	-.17
...	DbleClck	7.79	+.11
...	DryShips	nu22.18	-.98
...	DynMatl	u20.97	+1.56
...	E-loan	3.19	+.11
...	eBay s	42.84	+.60
...	EGL Inc	31.75	-.89
...	eResrch	15.57	-.43
...	ESS Tech	5.84	+.03
...	ErthLink	8.73	-.02
.20	EstWstB	s35.96	+.03
...	EasyLnk	1.08	-.02
1.00e	EchoStar	29.75	+.44
...	Eclipsys	15.40	-.38
...	EdgrOnl	2.45	+.10
...	EdgePet	17.17	+.27
...	EducMgt	29.32	-.63
...	8x8 Inc	2.24	-.20
...	Elan05 wt	d.25	-.33
...	ElectSci	22.60	...
...	ElectArts	64.49	-.49
...	ElecBtq	37.83	+.22
...	EFII	16.57	+.03
...	Emcore	3.00	+.07
...	eMrgeInt	1.06	-.06
...	EmmisC	18.70	+.08
...	EncrMed	5.23	-.19
...	EncysiveP	11.02	-.61
...	EndoPhrm	22.53	+.47
...	EngyConv	20.37	+.22
...	EngSup	55.28	-.50
.07f	Entegris	9.66	-.01
1.68	Enterra gs	19.53	-.52
...	EntreMd	2.99	+.09
...	EnvoyCm rs	2.63	-.13
...	EnzonPhard	10.75	-.40
...	EonLabs s	30.36	-.19
...	EpicorSft	15.48	-.07
...	E_piphany	d3.47	+.03
...	EpixPhar	d8.37	-.20
.36e	EricsnTl	29.31	-.38
...	eSpeed	d8.96	+.40
...	Euronet	25.91	-.39
...	EvrgrSlr	u5.92	+.43
...	EvolvSys	3.11	...
...	ExideTc n	14.75	+.09
.22	Expdlnti	55.51	-.44
...	ExpScript	75.29	-1.44
...	ExtNetw	5.82	-.27
...	Eyetech	33.14	+.18
...	Ezcorp	19.29	+.30
...	F5 Netw	u55.09	+.16
...	FEI Co	24.75	-.16
...	FLIR Sys s	31.25	+.17
...	FX Ener	12.78	-.42
.62f	Fastenal	58.46	-.23
1.40f	FifthThird	44.77	-.53
...	51job n	20.28	-.69
...	FileNet	23.42	+.07
...	FndWhat	11.00	-.06
...	Finisar	1.49	...
.10	FinLine s	20.46	+.22
...	FrstHrzn	16.44	-.66
.36f	FstNiagara	13.69	+.25
...	Fiserv	37.94	-.06
...	FlameIT	15.99	-.06
...	Flextrn	13.35	-.40
...	FLYI	1.46	...
...	Fonar	1.51	...
...	FormFac	22.97	-.50
...	Forward	7.88	+.58
...	Fossil s	25.80	-.10
...	Foundry	10.37	-.03
...	FrnkBTX	16.35	-.14
...	FrntrAir	8.45	-.32
.12	FrozenFd	11.61	+.33
...	FuelCell	10.80	-.22
...	Ftrmdia	.60	+.01
	G-H-I		
...	GWIIIiFd	su8.47	+3.01
...	GMX Rs	u11.51	-.12
.50	GTC Bio	1.76	+.06
...	Garmin	51.25	-.23
...	Gemstar	4.46	-.19
...	GenProbe	50.91	-.69
...	Genaera	3.10	-.07
...	GeneLTc	.81	-.02
...	GenesisH	41.18	+.58
...	GenesMcr	14.74	+.23
...	Genitope	15.52	+.27
...	Genta	1.27	-.02
.68	Gentex	33.91	-.03
...	Genzyme	56.09	-1.64
...	GeronCp	6.99	-.31
.28f	GevityHR	18.16	-.50
...	GileadSci	s34.55	-1.01
...	Givenlm	31.48	-1.97
...	Glenayre	2.39	+.10
...	Globllind	u9.82	-.47
...	GoAmr rs	6.03	+.79
...	GolarLNG	14.16	+.06
...	Google n	187.99	+2.12
...	GrWtRes	nu24.85	+.14
.57	GrtrBay	25.33	-.25
.03e	GrpoFin	9.25	-.18
...	GultarC	u60.58	+.95
...	HainCelest	18.67	-.03
...	Harmonic	10.95	-.05
...	HarrisInt	5.00	...
...	Headwatrs	32.16	-.27
.08	HrtlndE s	20.61	+.03
...	HeidrkStr	34.14	-1.01
...	HelenTr	28.33	-.46
.32	HelixTech	17.22	+.11
...	HSchein	72.34	-1.51
...	HlywdE	13.67	-.13
...	HlywdMda	5.25	+.05
...	Hologic	36.95	-1.36
...	HomeStore	2.38	-.08
...	HrznOff	.92	-.14
...	HotTopic	21.36	-.21
.80f	HudsnCity	37.20	-.26
...	HumGen	11.16	-.52
.48f	HuntJB	u47.19	+1.45
.80	HuntBnk	22.50	+.12
...	HutchT	32.66	-.31
...	Hydril	u60.07	-1.28
...	HyperSolu	u50.48	+.72
...	IAC Interac	22.50	-.11
...	ICO Inc	3.50	+.05
...	ICOS	22.12	-.87
...	ID Bio	18.00	+.05
...	I-Flow	17.07	-.33
...	IPIX Cp	3.38	+.21
...	iPass	6.09	-.25
...	Icoria	.57	+.02
...	Identix	5.98	-.16
...	Illumina	8.28	-.32
...	Imax Cp	10.76	-.24
...	Imclone	44.26	-1.34
...	Immucor s	29.71	+.20
...	ImunoGn	5.88	-.21
...	Imunmd	2.66	-.23
...	ImpaxLab	17.06	-.57
...	InPhonic n	23.06	+.24
...	Inamed	68.18	-2.20
...	Incyte	8.73	-.09
1.04f	IndpCmty	39.81	-.71
...	IndevusPh	4.26	-.11
...	InfoSpce	41.46	+.33
...	InFocus	6.40	-.27
...	Informat	7.77	-.06
1.37e	Infosys s	u76.25	-.35
...	InkinePh	3.69	-.15
...	Innovex	4.29	-.04
...	Innovo	4.45	-.30
...	InsightCm	9.50	+.09
...	Insmed	1.29	-.10
...	InspPhar	7.96	+.01
...	Insteel n	19.51	+.61
...	Instinet	6.05	+.03
...	InsAut	27.81	-.14
...	IntegCirc	20.18	-.36
...	IntgDv	12.51	-.16
...	ISSI	6.38	+.18
.32f	Intel	23.99	-.10
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.48	KLA Tnc	49.41	-1.40
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...	Kulicke	6.48	-.15
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...	LMI Aer	6.90	-.08
...	LTX	5.40	+.15
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.72f	LincEl	31.60	+.50
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Exxon Mobil says energy demand will rise 50 percent by 2030

DALLAS — Exxon Mobil Corp. said Monday that it expects global energy demand to rise 50 percent by 2030 with oil, natural gas and coal remaining dominant because they are the only fuels abundant and versatile enough to meet growing needs.

Exxon Mobil, the largest U.S. oil company, said it expected oil and gas to provide about 60 percent of the world's energy and total fossil fuels, including coal, to remain around 80 percent.

In the "very long term," the energy supply will become more diversified, the company said in its annual report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Environmentalists have long criticized Irving-based Exxon Mobil, accusing it of opposing efforts to regulate burning of fossil fuels, which many scientists believe is linked to rising global temperatures.

Exxon Mobil's annual report indicates the company has not changed its position, even as the Kyoto accord on global warming took effect — without U.S. ratification — in February.

Exxon Mobil, which earned a record $25.33 billion in operating profits last year and recently eclipsed General Electric Co. as the largest U.S. corporation by stock market value, also said it is in good position to make "substantial investments to develop new energy supplies."

However, Exxon Mobil operated 8.5 percent fewer wells at the end of 2004 than it did a year earlier. The company increased its undeveloped acreage by 17 percent, with most of the rise in Africa and South America.

The company said it expects global energy demand to grow 1.7 percent a year through 2030, fueled by economic growth of nearly 3 percent a year. It said oil demand would grow 1.5 percent a year but use of gas would grow even faster, mostly to meet electricity demand that it expects to double by 2030.

Demand for liquefied natural gas, or LNG, will quadruple, the company said. This week, Exxon Mobil and Qatar Petroleum announced the launch of a $12.8 billion liquefied natural gas project to supply gas to Britain for the next 25 years, which officials called the world's largest-ever LNG development.

Worldwide oil and gas fields are declining 4 percent to 6 percent per year, requiring expensive new technology to develop new fields are more use of arctic technology and deepwater drilling, the company said.

Exxon Mobil said production would shift increasingly to West Africa, the Caspian Sea area, the Middle East and Russia by 2010. North America and Europe will decline as a percentage of the company's production but still represent over half of 2010 volumes, it said.

Exxon Mobil shares fell 61 cents, to $62.65, in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Jeff Roberson/AP

DEPARTMENT STORE MERGER A pedestrian walks past the Marshall Field's State Street store Monday, Feb. 28, 2005 in Chicago. Federated Department Stores Inc. announced it is buying rival May Department Stores Co., the parent company of Marshall Field's, for $11 billion in cash and stock.

Federated to buy May for $11 billion

By John Nolan
Associated Press

CINCINNATI - Federated Department Stores Inc. is buying rival May Department Stores Co. for $11 billion in cash and stock in a deal that would create a powerhouse better able to compete against discounter Wal-Mart Stores Inc. as well as upscale merchants.

The deal announced Monday would bring together the operator of Macy's and Bloomingdale's with May, a company known for its Marshall Field's and Lord & Taylor chains, creating a company with nearly 1,000 department stores and $30 billion in annual sales.

Federated chairman, president and chief executive Terry Lundgren said the deal would give Federated a presence across the country, adding key markets such as Chicago, Denver, Minneapolis and St. Louis.

By doubling in size, the combined company will be able to roll out national marketing initiatives, expand the best store label merchandise collections of both companies and roll out some of Federated's successful store initiatives, like larger fitting rooms, to May's department stores. The merger is also expected to wield more clout with vendors.

Federated would not say how many jobs will be cut because of the merger or what the company would do in cases where it and May have stores in the same mall. The company wants to hear what government regulators will have to say about whether and how many of overlapping stores will have to be closed, Lundgren said.

The Smith Barney financial services firm estimates that 94 malls have stores with Federated and May nameplates.

Ultimately, Federated plans to put the Macy's name on most of May's regional department stores, as it is now doing with its own regional chains including Lazarus, Rich's and Burdines.

The merger should have benefits for shoppers, one industry analyst said.

"For consumers, this will create sharper price points and better fashions that will help bring back shoppers away from other full-price department stores and discounters," said Burt Flickinger III, managing director at Strategic Resources in New York.

But another analyst said it was "bad for the industry, for the vendors and for the consumers." Dan Hess, president and chief executive of Merchant Forecast, a New York-based independent research company, said consumers will get fewer options and will be harder for some smaller suppliers to break into the merged entity's new vendor structure.

Shares of both companies fell after the announcement of the widely anticipated deal.

Their boards approved the deal Sunday. It is still subject to approval by regulators and shareholders. Federated and May said they hope to close the deal in the third quarter.

Federated's merger with May will extend Federated's 34-state retail operation into every state but Alaska, along with Guam, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

"Today, we have taken the first step toward combining two of the best department store companies in America, creating a new retail company with truly national scope and presence," Lundgren said.

The merger is the latest consolidation to occur in the department store industry, particularly the mid-tier sector, which has been under pressure from all types of retailing and have steadily lost market share for more than a decade. Such moves reduce advertising and other costs while gaining bargaining power with suppliers. Just last November, Kmart Holding Corp. agreed to buy Sears, Roebuck & Co. for $11.5 billion.

And there's more dealmaking in the offing.

Saks Inc. may sell or spin off its middle-market department store division to concentrate on its Saks Fifth Avenue unit, which targets the luxury market, one of the hottest areas in retailing. It is expected to make a decision in a few weeks.

"In today's retail environment, competition comes from every conceivable retail format," said John Dunham, May's president and acting chairman and chief executive. "To succeed, we have to operate more efficiently and compete more effectively against players at all levels of the retail demographic."

Federated said it expects the merger to begin contributing to the combined company's earnings per share in 2007. The company said it anticipates $450 million in cost savings by 2007 from combining purchasing and other central functions, integrating divisions and adopting best practices from both companies.

Federated said it also expects one-time merger costs of about $1 billion, to be spread over three years starting in 2005.

Under the deal, each share of May will be converted into the right to receive $17.75 per share in cash and 0.3115 shares of Federated stock. Based on the 10-day trading average of Federated stock as of last Friday, that equates to $35.50 per share, or $11 billion.

May shares fell 77 cents, or 2.2 percent, to $34.58 in afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange. Its stock has been rising in recent weeks in anticipation of a deal, including a 4 percent jump on Friday. The stock has ranged in price from $23.04 to $36.48.

Federated shares slipped 35 cents to $56.44 in afternoon trading, but were still near the upper end of their 52-week range of $42.80 to $59.91.

Federated also said that it will assume May debt that totaled about $6 billion at the end of 2004.

The deal will double Federated's size, just as the retailer doubled its size in 1994 when it bought R.H. Macy & Co. out of bankruptcy.

Federated said it plans to merge May's St. Louis corporate headquarters functions into Federated's Cincinnati and New York corporate offices, beginning this year. But, Federated said it will make St. Louis the headquarters of one of the combined company's major operating divisions, to take advantage of the talent pool there.

Federated has annual sales of $15.6 billion and 111,000 employees. It operates more than 450 stores in 34 states, Guam and Puerto Rico under the names Macy's, Bloomingdale's, Bon-Macy's, Burdines-Macy's, Goldsmith's-Macy's, Lazarus-Macy's and Rich's-Macy's. The company also operates macys.com and Bloomingdale's By Mail.

May has 132,000 employees in 46 states and annual sales of $14.4 billion. The company operates about 490 department stores under the names Famous-Barr, Filene's, Foley's, Hecht's, Kaufmann's, Lord & Taylor, L.S. Ayres, Marshall Field's, Meier & Frank, Robinsons-May, Strawbridge's and The Jones Store. The company also has 229 David's Bridal stores, 458 After Hours Formalwear stores, and 11 Priscilla of Boston stores.

TIPS, DIPS & BLUE CHIPS

Inflation fears, profit-taking

NEW YORK - Fresh concerns about higher prices and inflation sent stocks sliding Monday, threatening to reverse last week's three-day rally as many investors opted to take profits. Trouble in the pharmaceutical sector also pressured the market.

Wall Street was disappointed with the Commerce Department's latest reading on consumer income and spending. Personal income fell less than expected in January, but spending was flat and core consumer prices rose 0.3 percent _ the fastest rate in more than three years.

The markets turned markedly lower even as oil prices fluctuated, with a barrel of light crude quoted at $51.65, up 16 cents on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Analysts blamed profit-taking, along with nervousness about a raft of important economic data due later in the week, for the slide.

Broader stock indicators also moved sharply lower. The S&P 500 was down 11.33, or 0.9 percent, at 1,200.04, and the Nasdaq composite index lost 23.90, or 1.2 percent, to 2,041.50.

With inflation still an issue in many investors' minds, Wall Street will watch closely later in the week as Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan testifies before the House Budget Committee on Wednesday. A number of key economic reports are also due during the week, capped off Friday by the Labor Department's job creation report.

Dollar falls, gold rises

LONDON - The U.S. dollar was weaker against other major currencies in European trading Monday. Gold prices rose.

The euro was quoted at $1.3269 in European trading, up from $1.3185 Friday. Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro fetched $1.3264.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Friday, included 104.18 Japanese yen, down from 105.13; 1.1585 Swiss francs, down from 1.1693; and 1.2305 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2393.

The British pound was quoted at $1.9258, up from $1.9145.

In midday trading in New York, the dollar bought 104.22 yen and 1.1589 Swiss francs, while the pound was worth $1.9241.

Gold closed in London at $436.38 bid per troy ounce, up from $434.10 on Friday. In Zurich the bid price was $437.30, up from $433.00. Gold rose $3.70 in Hong Kong to close at $436.

Silver closed in London at $7.35 bid per troy ounce, up from $7.24.

OIL PRICES

FUTURES	
Monday	$51.75
Previous	$51.49
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Monday	$48.50
Previous	$48.25
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Monday	$43.50
Previous	$43.25
NATURAL GAS	
Monday	$6.730
Previous	$6.715

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Switching life insurance policies; Stock's performance after 2-for-1 split

Q: I have a flexible premium adjustable life insurance policy. I am in the process of getting a good term policy, as our first child is on the way. Should I keep paying the premiums or just surrender this policy?

A: Once you're set up with a good term policy that meets your life insurance needs, you should probably get rid of your old policy. The life insurance policy you now hold is of the type that carries a cash value. So, in addition to having a death benefit, your policy also has a savings/investment type feature.

Generally speaking, your best place to invest money for tax advantage is through retirement-savings accounts such as 401(k)s, 403(b)s, SEP-IRAs and Keoghs. With those types of accounts, your contributions are generally not taxed at either the federal and state levels. By contrast, your contributions to your current life policy offer no such upfront tax benefits.

The investment returns inside cash-value life policies tend to be subpar. You should be able to earn higher returns investing in the best no-load mutual funds inside your retirement accounts.

E-mail Eric Tyson, author of the best sellers "Investing for Dummies" and "Personal Finance for Dummies" at: eric@erictyson.com.

Q: I own shares of stock that recently split 2-for-1. How do you think this split will affect the stock's performance?

A: Stock splits should not impact the performance of a company's stock price in the long term. That said, in the very short term, when a split is announced, the stock price tends to rise, because stock splits are seen as a vote of continued business confidence on the part of company management.

A stock split does not in and of itself change the value of the company's stock price relative to the company's earnings — a relationship that is captured by the price-earnings ratio (stock price per share divided by earnings per share). When your stock split 2-for-1, the stock price per share was divided by two, as were the company's profits per share, thus leaving the price-earnings ratio unchanged.

The number of shares of stock outstanding doubled, so when you divide the company's profits by total shares of stock outstanding to arrive at profits per share, the company's earnings per share get divided by two as well.

When you're assessing the future prospects for a company, you should be doing so for the long term not the short term. Thus, I say pay no attention to stock splits.

If your research and analysis of the company's future prospects look good and you're comfortable with the valuation of the stock given its current price-earnings ratio, those are good reasons to buy and hold the stock.

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READ A BOOK!

'The Maltese Falcon' celebrates 75 years

By Bruce Desilva
Associated Press

NEW YORK — For lovers of the hard-boiled crime story, life began with the black bird.

It was 75 years ago this month that "The Maltese Falcon" first appeared between hard covers, just weeks after it was published as a five-part serial in the pulp magazine "Black Mask."

To today's reader, Dashiell Hammett's masterpiece can seem vaguely antique, its characters too stereotypical: the cynical detective who works both sides of the law; his spunky and loyal secretary; the trench coat-draped gunman who talks from the side of his mouth; the wily femme fatale who manipulates men with the promise of sex.

But to 1930s readers, every line was a revelation.

Sam Spade, Effie, Wilmer and Brigid O'Shaugnessy may be archetypes today, but Hammett was the man who first gave them breath. "The Maltese Falcon" is a novel of astounding originality that virtually invented the noir style.

Before the black bird, there were two kinds of crime stories.

Most were puzzle mysteries in which murders were committed in libraries and drawing rooms and solved by bloodless detectives who collected clues and fingered the guilty by employing brilliant (and improbable) deductive reasoning.

In such stories, which continue to be written, the world is portrayed as a just and orderly place. Then a crime intrudes, creating a temporary sense of menace and disorder. The detective, by virtue of his unerring intelligence, solves it and restores the natural order of things. It is a Victorian world view, one of hope and faith in human decency and progress.

When that faith was shaken by the carnage of World War I, a new breed of crime story emerged. In it, Hammett's brilliant contemporary, Raymond Chandler, would later write, the world was portrayed as a madhouse that had "created the machinery for its own destruction, and was learning to use it with all the moronic delight of a gangster trying out his first machine gun.

"The law was something to be manipulated for power and profit. The streets were dark with something more than night."

The first of these stories, mostly sordid and badly written, appeared in five-cent pulp magazines that men bought at newsstands, read in barbershops and hid from their wives and children.

It was the pulps that gave Hammett and Chandler their start. Together, in Chandler's words, they "took the murders out of the drawing rooms and gave them back to the people who actually commit them." And through their mastery of language and storytelling, they raised crime from nickel magazines and turned it into literature.

Hammett got there first. "The Maltese Falcon" preceded Chandler's "The Big Sleep" by nine years. "The Maltese Falcon" also shows a rich publishing history — more than 4.5 million copies have been sold in the United States alone, according Random House, and the book has been published in at least 31 countries besides the United States.

The tale of Sam Spade's struggle with a ruthless trio intent on finding a jewel-encrusted black bird is tough even by today's standards. The characters are vividly portrayed, the language is spare and unsentimental, the dialogue crisp and heavy on the vernacular. And the pitch is perfect throughout.

Although the story was purely a work of imagination, Hammett's past life as a newsboy, stevedore and Pinkerton Detective Agency operative, and his familiarity with San Francisco, where he set the tale, infused it with realism.

But the character of Sam Spade is Hammett's grandest achievement, defining the American ideal of the private eye for all time.

In his introduction to the 1934 edition of "The Maltese Falcon," Hammett described Spade this way: "He's a dream man in the sense that he is what most of the detectives I worked with would liked to have been and what quite a few of them, in their cockier moments, thought they approached ... a hard and shifty fellow, able to take care of himself in any situation, able to get the best of anybody he comes in contact with."

Wisecracking in the face of danger and self-confident to the point of arrogance, Spade defined the cool style that has been mimicked by nearly every fictional detective, from Chandler's Philip Marlowe to Robert Parker's Spenser — and by every I'm-so-cool celebrity from Frank Sinatra to Will Smith.

Hammett also defined the detective's rigid code of honor, a necessity for surviving and maintaining self-respect in a treacherous and brutal world. ("When a man's partner is killed, he's supposed to do something about it," Spade said. "It doesn't matter what you thought of him. He was your partner and you're supposed to do something about it.")

Hammett

Former British spy chief considers challenges of today's spies

By Thomas Wagner
Associated Press

LONDON — Stella Rimington, who directed Britain's MI5 spy agency during a high point of IRA terrorism in the 1990s, has never liked the way that James Bond movies portray secret agents.

"It's funny and it's amusing, and everybody enjoys the films, but it's got no connection with the real world of intelligence," she says.

As far as she's concerned, John le Carre's spy novels and his famous hero, George Smiley, were much more realistic in their portrayal of international espionage during the Cold War.

But Rimington believes the KGB were gentlemen compared to today's terrorists and suicide bombers.

So her new spy novel, "At Risk," focuses on today's war on terror. The book tells the story of a small terrorist cell that launches a deadly operation in England, and how Liz Carlyle, an MI5 agent, leads a huge effort to track it down and stop it.

U.S. military bases in England are one possible target of the cell, which has ties to Pakistan and Afghanistan. And as in the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the British spies involved don't always cooperate with one another or share all their intelligence information.

The challenge that spy writers face today, Rimington says, is to accurately portray a world of terrorism that is much harder to understand than it was in the past.

"The terrorists I worked against as the MI5 director general wanted to escape. They didn't want to kill themselves. And so there was a limit to what they would do," Rimington says during an interview. "With suicide terrorists, there's no limit to the type of attack they're willing to engage in, be it biological or chemical, or even nuclear, because they're not trying to get away with their own lives."

Even more complicated, she says, is the difference between well-defined groups such as the IRA and faceless cells of anti-American terrorists with loose links to Osama bin Laden.

"We knew a lot about the IRA. We knew a lot about their people. We knew a lot about where they were and what they were trying to do. We knew their ultimate objective was to get Brits out of Ireland, and therefore we knew what kinds of targets they would have," Rimington says.

But when it comes to Islamic extremists, "I don't think we really know what they want. And a lot of them seem to be motivated by a general hatred of the United States and its allies. So it's difficult to foresee precisely what their targets might be."

Even terrorist cells that are affiliated with a central organization in South Asia or the Middle East are likely to plan their attacks locally and carry them out on their own initiative, she says.

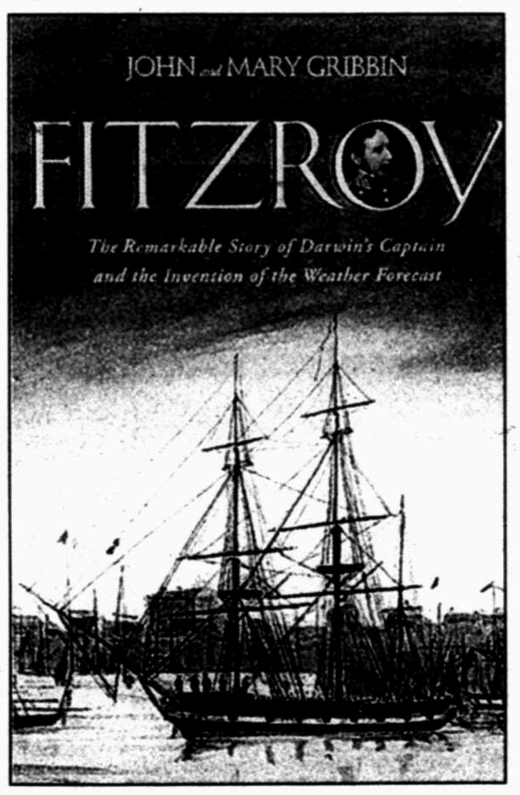
Rimington, a well-known public figure in Britain, is no stranger to terrorism or to controversy. From 1992 to 1996, she served as the first-ever woman director-general of the MI5, Britain's domestic security service, which controls the country's counter-terrorism efforts.

BOOK REVIEW

'FitzRoy' profiles first 'weatherman'

By Randolph E. Schmid
Associated Press

"FitzRoy: The Remarkable Story of Darwin's Captain and the Invention of the Weather Forecast." By John and Mary Gribbin. Yale University Press. 336 Pages. $35.



Robert FitzRoy was an extraordinary man in many ways. He rose to admiral in England's Royal Navy, earning respect from his men and fellow officers along the way. He circumnavigated the world in the age of exploration. He was governor of New Zealand. And he invented the modern weather forecast.

Yet today, those who know of him at all recall him merely as captain of the Beagle, the ship that carried Charles Darwin on the voyage that led him to develop his theory of natural selection as the means of evolution.

That's a shame that John and Mary Gribbin seek to put right in their biography "FitzRoy," a close look at this man who devoted himself to duty, suffered unwarranted criticism from others and — intensely religious — was dismayed at what he saw as Darwin's error.

FitzRoy made his reputation as a stickler for accuracy on a first trip in the Beagle, sent to survey the little-known coasts of southern South America in the 1830s — no easy task in an era before satellites and modern tools.

Having identified a bay as a potential safe haven for ships, he took bearings from two different mountaintops and, with his lieutenant, took the latitude eight times using four different sextants. "As they all agreed within 15 seconds, I supposed their mean to be nearly correct," he reported.

Considering such attention to detail, the Gribbins write, it's not surprising that FitzRoy's charts were still in use more than a century later during World War II.

It was FitzRoy who gave Darwin the opportunity for his groundbreaking research. Knowing he was inclined to depression, FitzRoy decided he needed someone to talk to on his next survey trip and invited the young naturalist along on the five-year voyage.

That trip is detailed in the book, which includes a mini-biography of Darwin, whose life became so entwined with that of FitzRoy.

But there was more to the admiral, who later served as a member of Parliament and as governor of New Zealand, where he angered colonists by seeking fair treatment for the native Maoris.

And his attention to the weather on sailing voyages led to his final job, that of collecting weather data for the Navy and merchant marine and, eventually, issuing storm warnings that saved lives around the English coast.

Indeed, FitzRoy, in effect, invented the modern weather forecast, and was one of the first to feel the wrath of criticism on those occasions when predictions go wrong.

In the end, plagued by illness, depression and criticism from others, and distressed that he had played a vital part in what he saw as Darwin's undermining of religion, FitzRoy took his own life.

Cervantes' Don Quixote turns 400

By Dane Schiller
N.Y. Times News Service

MEXICO CITY — It is considered by some to be the world's most widely distributed book after the Bible.

It's also a work most readers don't finish, even if it is zany enough to inspire artworks both highbrow and low — from Picasso's famous painting to shot glasses.

Spanish author and former soldier Miguel de Cervantes' "Don Quixote de la Mancha" turned 400 last month.

The dreamy, on-the-road novel of a deluded old man who adheres to the chivalric code, fighting the good fight, is still engaging readers, drawing fans worldwide, unrivaled in its reach.

And the knight Quixote, with his sidekick Sancho Panza, has stepped from the pages of literature into the commercial embrace of pop culture.

At a major artisan market here, Quixote trinkets keep pace with Mexican comic idol Cantinflas and the masked rebel leader Subcomandante Marcos.

"Tourists, Mexicans — they all buy him," shop owner Bolivar Farfan said of Quixote. "I would imagine it is because of what they read; his teaching is a bit crazy, but he achieves his objective."

Ilan Stavans, a professor at Amherst College, said the character did a remarkable leap from literature to the graphic.

"They make pins, drawings, tequila glasses; he is no longer a literary character," Stavans said. "There are very few characters whose names become adjectives in the dictionary."

The book itself has been published in nearly every written language, from Arabic to Yiddish, in thousands of editions, and each new printing seems to attract new interpretations.

Whether analysts portray Quixote as a freedom fighter or nut job, they credit Cervantes with spreading the expressions he found in the Spanish of his day to nearly every corner of the world — in addition to the word "quixotic," as in caught up in romantic deeds or unattainable goals.

Originally published as two volumes, editions can reach more than 1,200 pages. Some require coffee tables.

"It is the one everybody wants to read, says they are going to read — and never does, partly because it is so long," said Cory Reed, a University of Texas at Austin professor who teaches "Quixote."

"Even if you have not read the book, you know he stands for truth, justice, righting wrongs and sticking up for ideals," Reed said.

The knight with a pot for a helmet has been portrayed in movies, plays and even art museum courtyard tiles. There's also a Mister Magoo version available at amazon.com

The lessons of Quixote are important enough to make it required reading in Mexican high schools, said Elia Paredes Chavarria, a literature teacher.

"We do not want to leave them with the idea that Quixote was just a crazy old man," she said of her students.

"By understanding the book, students learn more about being human. To be human is to fight for your ideals; this teaches them to fight for them, no matter what happens in life."

Students take a year to read it.

Natalia Ferreiro, a curator at the Franz Mayer Museum here, which has about 800 "Quixote" editions, finished it last year.

"When someone asks if you have read 'Quixote,' the answer is, 'I'm not finished yet,'" she said with a smile.

Long before it was over, she wished it wouldn't end.

"The saddest thing is to finish the book," Ferreiro said. "I wanted to read more."

Cervantes is considered by many to be the greatest writer in Spanish, with "Quixote" his masterpiece.

He is compared to William Shakespeare for his impact. But although they lived in the same era, the two could hardly have been more different.

"Quixote" shows no sign of fading, unlike the centuries-old editions safeguarded in the Mayer Museum, a majestic structure that was a hospital in the 16th century.

Wearing protective gloves, Ferreiro traced how the book's appeal spread as she gingerly presented an edition published in London in 1612, one from Paris in 1616 and one from Italy in 1625.

An edition from Valencia, Spain, published in 1605 sat behind glass.

Each book has its own history and magic, she said.

"Who else has touched them? What was the situation? My, how these books have traveled."

The collection includes 739 "Quixote" editions left by Mayer, who moved here from Germany and is now deceased.

Stavans, of Amherst College, said that Cervantes would be ridiculed if he tried to publish his manuscript in 2005.

"Not only would it not be published, the editors would be aggressive against the author for being so careless with style and so rowdy with the structure," he said.

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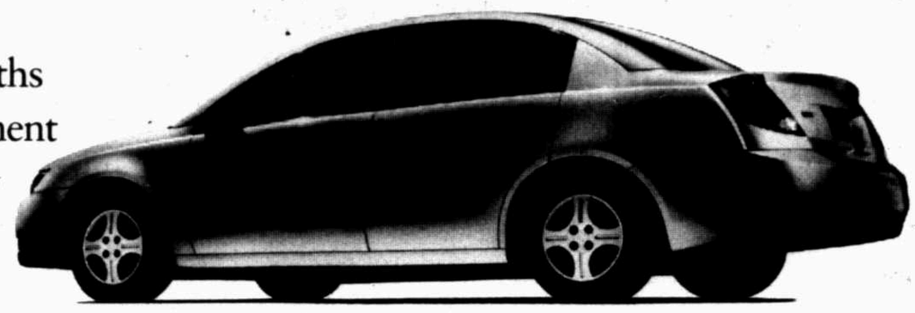

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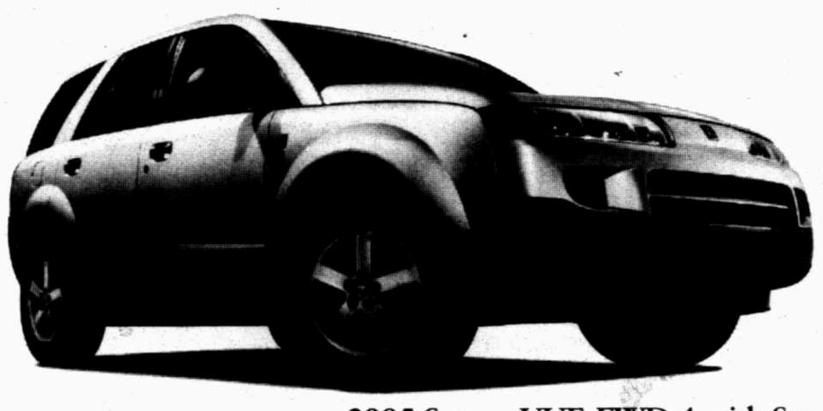

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BARTENDER/ WAITSTAFF needed for evening shift. Apply in person at Phoenix Country Club at 301 West Bell in Stanton. Call (432)756-2556.

→NEW TODAY←
CHILD CARE needs an experienced care giver, full and part time. Apply at 1007 Austin or call (432)520-8888.

CLEAR SPRINGS Cafe now accepting application for experienced grill cooks for dinner shift. Apply in person between 2pm- 5pm Monday- Friday.

CLERICAL/ DRIVER Driver/ Custodial, Driver/ Maintenance. Full and part time. Flex hours 8:00am-10:00pm. Applications accepted in person after 10:00am. 602 N. Baird, Suite 200.

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COOK needed for evening shift. Apply in person at Phoenix Country Club at 301 West Bell in Stanton. Call (432)756-2556.

ENERGETIC, SELF Motivated, full-time and part-time, Retail Sales and Manager Trainee needed. Sales & management experience helpful. Base salary + commission. $8.00- $10.00 an hour. Insurance available. No phone calls! Apply in person @ The Oreck Factory Showroom, 4706 Midkiff and North Loop 250 facing the traffic light on the access road.

EXPERIENCED CARPENTER needed. Top wages. Call 352-6790.

EXPERIENCED DESIGNER needed for growing flower shop. Apply in person at 4411 W. Illinois Suite A-4.

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If you'd like to join a winning team we're accepting resumes through Friday, March 25, 2005. You may mail, fax or email your resumes to: Human Resource Department, TOMCAT USA, P.O. Box 550, Midland, TX 79702, Fax: (432)689-3805. Email: glovan@tomcatusa.com. Website: www.logicoat.com
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FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR for West Texas area. Experience necessary. Fax resume to 817-656-9327.

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INFANT TODDLER Teacher- CPR, First Aid, High School diploma. Flexible hours, love kids, creative, team player, dependable. Apply in person 2111 W. Michigan.

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KITCHEN HELP wanted for Chinese restaurant. Experienced only. Call 694-5555.

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LA BODEGA taking applications for part time waitstaff. Apply at 2700 N. Big Spring, Midland.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE Labor, experienced. Current clean drivers license. Call 687-2404 and leave message.

→NEW TODAY←
LOCAL FOOD distributor seeking qualified sales person. Inquire in person. 3801 S. County Road 1200, Midland, Texas.

LUBY'S CAFETERIA accepting applications for full/ part time, wages starting between $6.00- $7.00. Apply in person only, before 10:00 A.M. No phone calls.

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Excellent pay based on experience. At least 2 years Diesel Truck or other Heavy Equipment experience needed. Must have own tools. Benefits include Medical, Life and Dental Insurance, Paid vacation.

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→NEW TODAY←
NATURAL FOODS Market is looking for an energetic, motivated person for cashiering, stocking & inventory control. Full time, 11am- 7:30pm with some Saturdays included. Apply in person at 2311 W. Wadley Ave between 9am-5pm Monday- Friday.

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NEEDED: PERSON to assist individuals with disabilities in obtaining/ maintaining employment. $7.50/ hour. High school diploma and driver's license required. 352-6239.

New Restaurant, Italian Village
seeking experienced Italian cooks, host and wait staff, dishwasher. Apply in person 10 am- 5 pm good pay and conditions. 4610 N. Garfield, Ste B-11. No calls.

New Restaurant, Italian Village
is now hiring a part- time baker. Apply in person at 4610 N. Garfield, Ste B-11. No calls.

NOW HIRING part/ full time cashier and counter help. Apply in person only at Michael's Charcoal Grill, 723 W. Wadley.

ONE BODY SALON. Now Open, lease space available for four hair stylists. Danette Winn and Chris Hughes. 432-697-5597.

OTR TRUCKING Company needs Drivers. Must have Class A CDL License. Call 1-800-692-4683.

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PART OR full time waitstaff needed. Apply in person only at Blue Star Inn, 2501 W. Wall Street after 5pm.

310 General Help Wanted

SALES SUPERVISOR
Evening and Weekends
Individual should have sales experience and be able to handle young adults. Must have a van and insurance. If interested please call
Robert 956-227-2419

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PART TIME Leasing Agent needed. Courtyard Apartments, 2300 North "A". Apply in person. No Calls!

PART TIME Receptionist need from 12 pm- 6 pm or 1 pm- 6 pm. Bilingual, bring resume to 1015-B North Midkiff Rd.

PET-TECHS is now hiring experinced groomer. Apply in person at 3323 N. Midland Dr. #106.

PICTURE FRAMING Assistant needed. Basic math and computers skills required. Professional appearance. Full time. Contact Lupe Villanueva at Workforce Network of Midland for appointment. (432)685-8347.

PROGRESSIVE VETERINARY Hospital seeking experienced full time technician and part time receptionist. Send reply to Box P-6073, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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310 General Help Wanted

TEMPORARY POSITION. Individual with painting and carpet laying experience. Call 699-7246.

THE BAR is now accepting applications for wait-staff. Lunch only and or evening shifts. Apply between 8- 10am or 2- 4pm Monday- Saturday. No phone calls!

THE SALVATION Army Day Care Center will be accepting applications for part time teachers. No experience necessary. Must have high school diploma or GED equivalent. Apply at 3500 Park Lane.

WANTED AUTOMOTIVE technician. Dealership experience preferred. Top pay and great benefits. Call Bill Cox 697-3293 or come by Performance Autoplex, 3705 W. Wall Street, Midland, Texas.

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WAREHOUSE WORK. Deliveries and Processing work required. Early morning hours. Valid drivers license required. Apply at 1011 S. Goode.

Warfield Restaurant
Bruno Reyes now managing Warfield Restaurant and looking for the following people: Line Cooks, Prep Cooks, Dishwashers, waitstaff. Please apply in person between 2pm and 6pm Monday thru Friday. No phone calls. 10400 W. Interstate 20, Warfield Truck Terminal.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

IMMEDIATE OPENING for a Sleep Technician. 4 nights per week, excellent pay and benefits. Medical background. Will train right candidate. 432-570-6483.

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Packers Plus Energy Services (USA), Inc is looking for an Office Administrator. The candidate's primary duty would be assisting the District Manager with day to day operations. Other duties would consist of answering phones, processing accounts payable/ receivable and inventory control. The ideal candidate needs to be proficient in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel., be able to multi-task and work at a fast pace as well as indepepently with little supervision. Interested candidates possessing those qualities should fax their resume to 432-520-7742 or e-mail resume to laura.arthur@packerplus.com.

311 Medical Help Wanted

TEXAS TECH University Health Sciences Center is accepting application for the following position at the Ector County Jail. Successful candidate will be required to pass security clearance. Licensed Vocational Nurse. Full time and Part time positions. Weekend and 2nd/3rd shift incentives. State benefit package including retirement, insurance and paid leave. Contact Debbie Moler @ 432/335-3660. Apply on-line: http://jobs.texastech.edu TTUHSC IS AN EEO/ AA EMPLOYER

LICENSED PHYSICAL Therapy Assistant needed for private practice outpatient clinic. Great salary, no weekends, work half day Fridays. Please send resume to: P.O. Box 12653, Odessa, TX 79768.

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Contact Rose Carrillo RN DON @ **(432)758-3259,** Fax resume to: **(432)756-4510**

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BOOKKEEPER-SECRETARY

For independent oil & gas office. Must be proficient in Questa accounting system. Quicken and other basic computers skills. Hours 8 to 5, non-smoking environment. Send resume to P.O. Box 52107, Midland, TX 79710.

BUSY MEDICAL office seeks Administrative Assistant. Insurance knowledge, excellent phone skills and computer experience a must. Mail resume to: Attn: Personnel Manager, PO Box 9813, Midland, Texas. 79708.

ESTABLISHED ORGANIZATION seeking part time accountant to become member of senior management team. Approximately 30 hours a week. Degree and experience required. Includes financial reporting, payroll, A/P, and A/R. Analytical and interpersonal skills important. Send resume to Box M-8000 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

312 Professional Help Wanted

GROWING HOME health company in need of an A/P- A/R clerk. Degree in accounting and one year of experience required. Benefits include health insurance and 401(k). Salary DOE. Send resume and college transcript to: Accountant, 808 W. Indiana Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

INDEPENDENT FIRM seeks qualified candidate to fill the position of Business Development Coordinator for fast growing stable company. Qualified candidate should have prior executive type sales experience, industry contacts and knowledge of oil & gas operators and owners. In depth knowledge of oil and gas production and terminology. Must have strong verbal and written communication skills. Must be self motivated. Advertising, land and engineering background a BIG PLUS. Please email your resume and salary requirements to

resumes@focusarts.com
or fax to 432-686-7590.

NETWORK PROJECT MANAGER

Network design and outsourcing company has a need for a network project manager, reporting to the President of the company. Must provide technical and administrative support for multiple LAN/ WAN, Microsoft and Cisco networking software and hardware utilized. Cisco routers and PIX firewall experience required. CCNA and MCSE required. Previous experience in a Windows Server 2000/ 2003 Active Directory environment and VPN required. Any experience in Group Policy, IIS, VOIP, or SQL is helpful, but not required. Must have minimum of 6 years in networking. Successful experience can be substituted for degree. Ability to plan and multitask on several projects at one time. Ability to communicate technical information to others in solving hardware and software related problems. The ability to handle confidential information in an appropriate manner. The ability to function in a fast paced environment. Must be a team player. Company offers a competitive compensation package in addition to a challenging and fun working environment. Midland based company. Email your resume and salary requirements to: jobs@extsys.com or Fax to 432-620-9412

REEF CHEMICAL, an employee owned company (ESOP), is seeking an experienced IT Specialist to be based in Midland. Solid knowledge of networking, hardware and software. Salary DOE plus benefits. EOE. Mail resume to: Reef Chemical, Director of Human Resources, 2559 W. Interstate 20, Odessa, Texas 79766

314 Clerical Help Wanted

ACCOUNTING CLERK/ SECRETARY. 25- 30 HOurs a week. Must have experience in A/R, A/P, answering phones and other clerical duties. Microsoft Excel, Word, Access and 10- key required. Salary DOE. Mail resume to Office Manager, PO Box 8610, Midland, TX 79708.

FRONT OFFICE assistant needed for financial services firm. Microsoft office experience, good phone and people skills. Send resume to: cgforeman@hotmail.com

FRONT OFFICE Business Assistant needed for busy Oral Surgery practice. Excellent communication skills are a must, dental experience and bilingual are pluses. Send reply to Box Y-3025 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

→NEW TODAY←

FULL CHARGE bookkeeper needed, three years minimum experience preferred, references required, salary dependent upon experience. Non-smoking office. No health benefits offered, 401K available. Will train on propriety accounting program, computer literacy required. Immediate opening available. Please reply to Box M-1023 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

RECEPTIONIST NEEDED for busy law firm. Some filing and clerical work required. Send resume to Box M-1020 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

316 Sales Help Wanted

IMMEDIATE OPENING for Sales People. If you have sales experience in any field you owe it to yourself to look into an automotive sales career. Commission rates up to 35% plus bonuses. We offer paid health insurance, vacation and 401K. Apply in person at 3705 West Wall, Performance Honda Autoplex.

LOOKING FOR an exciting career in sales? This could be the place for you. Needed immediately, sales person for fast paced national company. Must be reliable, career minded, team player with outgoing personality and initiative. Must have 2-3 years sales experience. Salary DOE. Send reply to Box Y-1015 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

→NEW TODAY←

ROOFING SALESMAN experience in residential or commercial. Paid commission, leads furnished. Appropriate vehicle and references needed. Qualified applicant may apply at 308 East Louisiana. Midland or fax resume to (432)570-4726.

SALES POSITION: High speed Satellite Internet for business. Knowledge of oilfield services a plus. Send resume to: P.O. Box 60429, Midland, TX 79711. E-mail sales@bbcmidessa.com

318 Mgmt. Help Wanted

CAMPBELL CONSTRUCTION Company seeking full time Experienced Superintendent. Commercial construction experience a must. Good Benefits. Salary DOE. Send resume to or apply at 241-A Spring Park Drive, Midland, Texas 79705 or fax to (432)683-5943.

COME JOIN one of the fastest growing HVACR Service Company in Southeast New Mexico area. For immediate hire, management/ technician position in the Roswell/ Carlsbad, NM area. we need skilled people to handle increasing volume of service work. We offer good benefits, retention bonus and room to advance. Clean Driving record a must. We are a drug free work place. Call toll free 1-866-313-5077.

→NEW TODAY←

WOOD'S BOOTS

Is searching for a hard-working, inspiring store leader for our locations in Midland. If you like a little hard work, encouraging staff to accomplish goals, and love to develop long-term relationships with customers, then send your resume to: PO Box 60246, Midland, Texas. 79711. Retirement and medical benefits available.

Fax It! 682-6999

Interested in a great job with great pay?

Call Now! 682-5311 to become a distributor

Routes available in Midland Area

Midland Reporter-Telegram

318 Mgmt. Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

Service Managers

Join a successful high traffic auto repair business. In this key position, you will manage all vehicle service functions including assisting our growing customer base. You should be a strong leader with excellent Associate/ Customer communication skills. Along with the opportunity for advancement, we offer an excellent salary, bonus and excellent benefits. Contact:

Brandon Larson (432)682-4376

FIRESTONE TIRE & SERVICE CENTERS
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318 Mgmt. Help Wanted

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

GENERAL MANAGER

High Volume Pizza Delivery Restaurant

- Great Pay & Benefits
- Excellent Bonus Program
- Advancement Opportunities to District Manager or Owner

Domino's Pizza of Southeast New Mexico is looking for experienced high volume pizza GM's with excellent customer & people skills, high integrity and ability to successfully manage and build restaurants already doing over a million dollars a year in sales. Salary negotiable DOE; must be able to relocate. A minimum of 1 year GM is experience preferred with a desire for long term employment. Excellent Health & Dental plan & potential earnings with bonus of well over $50,000 a year. Resumes will be held in confidence; fax it today to our Company President at (505)627-1330, or call him directly at (505)420-3030 for details.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY Manager needed. Salary benefits and commissions. Real Estate license and commercial experience a must. Fax resume to (713)954-1782.

CRUDE OIL DRIVERS Class CDL required wit Hazmat and Tanker. Good driving record. Includes competitive benefit package. Midland location. apply at Big Tex Crude Oil Company, P.O. Box 5722, Abilene, TX 79608. 325-692-4166. Attn: Sam Harlan.

DIESEL CREW HAULER 1982 Fleetwood in excellent condition. Good tires. Economic transportation. $2,800. Midland, (505)977-8515.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

EXPERIENCED RIG Mechanic needed. Pay according to experience. Must pass drug test and have clean driving record. Benefits include insurance, vacations, and 401K. Call 570-7355 or come by 1612 E. CR 115 in Midland.

Immediate Openings for

Safety Professionals

with a minimum of 2 Years experience in Drilling Rig Safety. Positions will require traveling with extended days on location. Send resumes to P.O. Box 1796, Hobbs, NM 88241 or fax immediately to 505/392-6274. Email address: safetytechnician@yahoo.com

INDEPENDENT FIRM seeks qualified candidate to fill the position of Business Development Coordinator for fast growing stable company. Qualified candidate should have prior executive type sales experience, industry contacts and knowledge of oil & gas operators and owners. In depth knowledge of oil and gas production and terminology. Must have strong verbal and written communication skills. Must be self motivated. Advertising, land and engineering background a BIG PLUS. Please email your resume and salary requirements to

resumes@focusarts.com
or fax to 432-686-7590.

MASTER CORPORATION is seeking a site construction manager with the ability to work in a team environment for local and out of area projects, must have a minimum of 5 years experience in industrial construction as it relates to the oil, gas, process and power industries. The position provides a competitive salary with field allowance, paid vacations, health insurance, 401K, company vehicle, and performance incentives. Qualified applicants should mail or fax letter of interest and resume to Master Corporation, PO Box 831, Odessa, TX 79760-0831 or fax to (432)362-5166.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

PRODUCTION FOREMAN

Energen Resources Corporation has an immediate opening for a Production Foreman in its Westbrook, Texas office. Responsibilities include:

- Guiding and directing lease operators in the daily operations of assigned area.
- Production scheduling and work over activity.
- Working closely with Superintendent & Senior Foreman in order to decrease LOE and increase revenue.

- Insuring that all safety, environmental and regulatory guidelines are followed.

Position requires 5-10 years' oil and gas experience in the Permian Basin with 1-3 years supervisory experience. A proven track record in supervising field personnel as well as a working knowledge of State and Federal oil and gas regulations required. Position requires past experience in waterflood operations, proficiency in the use of personal computers, along with strong written and verbal communication skills a must.

We offer a highly competitive compensation plan, which includes an incentive bonus, and a complete benefits package.

For immediate consideration, please forward your resume and salary history to:

Human Resources Department
Energen Corporation
605 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. N
Birmingham, AL 35203

An Equal Opportunity Employer

ENERGEN RESOURCES CORPORATION

Energen Resources Corporation, a subsidiary of Energen Corporation has an immediate opening for a **Regulatory Analyst.** The qualified candidate will have 3 – 5 years' experience with Oil & Gas production and regulatory matters. Responsibilities include the gathering and processing of all data necessary to comply with regulatory permitting requirements relating to the drilling of new wells, completions and work-overs. Also assures that all regulatory reports and documents are submitted to the proper agencies in an accurate and timely manner. This position requires excellent verbal and written communication skills with a proven track record in communicating effectively with regulatory agencies, contractors, working interest owners and consultants. Knowledge and familiarity with federal regulatory requirements as well as with those of Texas and New Mexico a must.

We offer a highly competitive salary, including an incentive plan with a complete benefits package

For immediate consideration, please forward your resume and salary history to:

Energen Resources Corporation
Attn: Human Resources Dept.
3300 North "A" Street, Bldg. 4, Suite 100
Midland, TX 79705

An Equal Opportunity Employer

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

MOTIVATED DRIVERS

Growing company seeking dependable/ accountable productive Flatbed Drivers. Will pay for results. 432-620-8400.

MUD ENGINEER

Strong independent mud company hiring trainee drilling fluids specialist. Benefits include retirement plan, company vehicle, health insurance and other benefits. Send resume to: Box P-6074, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

SALES REPRESENTATIVE

R & M Energy Systems is seeking to fill the above position. For more information & to apply go to: www.rmenergy.com

→NEW TODAY←

VACUUM TRUCK Driver- Must have Class A CDL. Steady Work. Insurance & Retirement Plan. Pay depends on experience. Midkiff Transports. 6601 FM 715. 432-682-2405.

320 Skilled Trades

AERIAL LINEMAN

Experienced Aerial Lineman needed to work out of Lubbock area. CDL "A" required. Drug screen and background check required. Insurance, vacation and 401 K. Call 806-773-4312.

HIRED

APPRENTICE CARPENTER needed immediately. Salary based on experience. Please call for appointment (XXX)XXX-XXXX.

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY hiring skilled trade labor for convenience store construction. Must have good driving record and drug screen required. Apply 4611 Sinclair.

Electronic Bench Technician

Must be able to read schematics, Troubleshoot to component level, Possess solder and unsolder skills, Experience with pump off controllers is a plus. Salary DOE. Vacation, 401K, Health, EOE. Email resumes to: pojo797@aol.com. Fax resumes to: 432-697-0192

SUPERIOR MAINTENANCE is hiring for Mobile Home remodelers. Experience preferred but not a must. 432-349-0607.

320 Skilled Trades

FULL TIME laborers and equipment operators needed for underground electrical contractor. CDL preferred. Must pass DOT physical. 432-561-5264.

HIRING: Heavy Equipment (Trucks) Mechanic 2 Years plus experience; Welder (must be able to fabricate) 2 Years plus experience; Belly Dump 1 Year plus experience preferred. Valid Class A CDL. Call Vernon at: (432)332-5070. Salary DOE/ EOE. Jones Bros. Dirt and Paving, 1401 S. Grandview, Odessa, TX. 79761

→NEW TODAY←

INDEPENDENT CAR Dealership is seeking ASE Certified experienced Mechanic. For more information please call 432-352-7557.

JOURNEYMAN OR TRADESMAN plumber needed. Call to make an appointment 520-3030.

LOCAL WELL established heating and air-conditioning Company. Needing experienced residential installers. Residential retrofit and construction installers needed. Top wages for experience, quality of work and attitude. Apply in person at: 1101 W. Florida Avenue or call (432)687-1011 to set an appointment.

LYDICK-HOOKS Roofing: Equal Opportunity Employer; currently accepting applications for positions of laborers & roofers; starting pay for laborer- $7.00/ an hour; Drug testing required. APPLY IN PERSON: 2131 Market Street, Midland- NO PHONE CALLS please.

→NEW TODAY←

NOW HIRING Commercial Construction Job Superintendent. Must be professional and experienced in all phases of construction. Drug test, pre-employment physical and travel required. Mail resume to: General Superintendent, PO Box 60708, Midland, TX, 79711.

SERVICE COMPANY now hiring field welder. Applicant must have valid TX DL. Drug screen required. Please apply in person at TCQ Field Service, 3601 E. Highway 158, Midland, Texas.

321 Truck Drivers

OWNER OPERATOR looking for experienced OTR flatbed drivers. Must have at least 3 years experience and be 25 years of age. Please call Ricky at 432-413-9942 or 570-4433 after 6pm or leave message.

$1,000 SIGN ON Bonus for experienced crude oil hauler. Local hauls based in Midland. (325)725-0955.

HIRED

BOBTAIL/ LUBE

Driver in Monahans area. Earn approximately $40,000 yearly. Class "A" CDL license. Must have proper endorsements. 25+ years of age. Great benefits. Western Marketing, Inc. Call Zeke or Chuck (XXX)XXX-XXXX.

PERMIAN PETROLEUM services needs experienced Hot Oiler Operators and Vacuum/ Transport Drivers with CDL and clean driving record. Uniform and Retirement plans available, paid vacations, good pay and plenty of work. Now offering sign-on bonus! Apply at 4601 Rankin Highway, Midland, or call 432-682-0434.

320 Skilled Trades

→NEW TODAY←

★ Automotive ★ Technicians

Snowed under with work in February. Now selecting technicians with 2 years experience in brakes/ alignments and tune- ups. Top wages and benefits. To schedule an interview, please contact Brandon Larson at (432)682-4376 or apply at:

Firestone
701 N. Big Spring, Midland.
Drug Free Workplace EOE/M/F

TOMCAT

STAGING, LIGHTING AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS

TOMCAT USA, Inc., the premier company of staging, lighting and support systems in the entertainment industry is seeking:

Production Assistant

This position requires a skilled, reliable, and energetic individual with 3-5 years of experience to assist with day to day activities as well as long- term goals for the department. Other requirements to include: working knowledge of computer and various software programs, coordinating production activities and meetings, scheduling appointments, screening visitors and telephone calls, filing, record keeping, compiling reports and interacting daily with all supervisors within the production department.

We are accepting resumes through Friday, March 25, 2005, and you may mail, fax or email your resumes to: Human Resource Department, TOMCAT USA, PO Box 550, Midland, TX 79702. Fax: (432)689-3805. Email:glovan@tomcatusa.com Website:

www.tomcatglobal.com EOE

CRUDE OIL HAULERS

Needed
Must have 2 years verifiable experience.
Must be over 25.
Apply between 8- 5:00 pm
Monday- Friday
7800 W. I-20
Midland or
fax resume to
432-561-5988.

DRIVERS NEEDED- Must have 2 years verifiable OTR experience, valid CDL A License and good driving record. Will be required to pass DOT Drug Screen & Physical. Apply to McClatchy Brothers, Inc., 3901 W. Industrial, Midland, TX. 694-9691

→NEW TODA←

HIRING CDL truck driver/ heavy equipment operator for work in surrounding areas. Must be able to work long hours. 432-631-3285.

MOTIVATED DRIVERS

Growing company seeking dependable/ accountable productive Flatbed Drivers. Will pay for results. 432-620-8400.

HIRING DRIVERS. Local Hauling Must have CDl with Haz-Mat & Tankers. All New Pay Scale. Bonus Pay. Benefits Include: Flex Spending, Employee Assistance, Program, Health, Dental, Vision, Add, Life, Vacation, and 401K Plan. Scheduled Days Off. Apply at: 5901 W. Industrial, Midland, TX 79706. Contact: Ray Rangel, (432)689-6162.

336 Adult Care Providers

COMPANION SITTER. I'm a Nursing Student available for evening/ overnight care. $8/ hour. Susan 432-889-1262.

CHRISTIAN LADY. Six years experience taking care of elderly, looking for private home care. For more information, call 570-1955.

→NEW TODA←

ELDERLY DAY CARE. East side. Need two or three clients. Call 683-5638.

340 Child Care Needed

→NEW TODA←

LOOKING FOR Nanny for 6 children. Will discuss requirements upon interview. Please call (432)684-9197.

341 Child Care Providers

MOTHER OF 2 looking to stay home and provide childcare. Reasonable rates, CPR certified. Fun, educational atmosphere. 694-1171 or 230-0902.

Let Classified Work For You! Call 682-6222

350 Business Opportunities

BEWARE

The Federal Trade Commission requires an FTC Disclosure be included in each information packet that is mailed to prospects who inquire about a business opportunity advertised in this newspaper. To Help prevent fraud, ask the advertiser for The FTC Disclosure when requesting information.

ABSOLUTE GOLDMINE!

60 Vending Machines
Excellent Locations
All for, $10,995
800-234-6982

Attention Readers

Occasionally, ads found in this section come from distant points & 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/ or giving out your credit card or bank information.

600 For Rent

→NEW TODA←

1808 CODY PLACE, Odessa, Texas. Cute house, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, sprinkler system, open floor plan, 1300 sq. ft., cul-de-sac, Nimitz & Permian school district. $300 deposit, $800 per month. Available now, unfurnished. Call Bert 634-6142.

RENTALS 600

600 Rooms for Rent
601 Hotel Rooms
603 Roommates Wanted
604 Want To Rent
605 Apts. Furnished
610 Apts. Unfurnished
625 Houses Unfurnished
630 Houses Furnished
635 Condo/Townhome Furnished
640 Condo/Townhome Unfurnished
650 Mobile Furnished
655 Mobile Unfurnished
660 Mobile Home Space for Rent
665 Business Office Property for Rent
667 Comm'l Prop
670 Warehouses/Storage
675 Rec./Resort
680 Out of Town
685 Hunting Leases
690 Oil/Gas Leases
695 Oilfield Misc

Get Framed!

See how this ad caught your eye with its effective use of a border as a frame? Ask Pam, Mary Ann, Jennifer, Tammy or Deborah about framing your ad today!

682-6222
or fax to
682-6999

Cash in!

Give new life to an old chair.

Watch it walk away when you place a Midland Reporter-Telegram garage sale ad.

Midland Reporter-Telegram
682-6222
www.mywesttexas.com

GARAGE SALES

79705

The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

ATTN: READERS Re: Advertising
It is against City ordinance to attach any notices or advertising matter to any utility pole. Please contact City of Midland Code Enforcement Office, 685-7410, for additional information.

DON'T MISS OUT!

The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon.

Please be sure to call 682-6222, before noon, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

$20.50 $20.50 $20.50 $20.50

GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE $20.50

- ★ **7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)**
- ★ **2 Days**
- ★ **■ ✔ ● ♥ Stand Out Emblem**
- ★ **Garage Sale Kit** (includes Signs, Stakes, Marker, Balloons, Helpful Hints. $7.50 Value!)
- ★ **Package of Flavored Drink Mix** (for the Kids to Open a Drink Stand!)
- ★ **$3 Off Classified Coupon** (Place an ad to sell those left-over garage sale items & get $3 off!)

Or Get 3 Days for Only $24.50!

Call 682-6222 Today!

$20.50 $20.50 $20.50 $20.50

MARTY'S MARKETPLACE

Leading you to the best bargains in Midland and the area!

Do you need to get rid of some of your extra goodies around the house?

Don't want to spend a lot of cash?

*Marty's Weekday Special

3 Line Ad
1 Item Priced $300 or Less
Monday through Thursday ONLY
$4.00

Call or Fax Classifieds today to schedule your special Marketplace ad!

682-6222
Fax 682-6999

***Private Party merchandise ads only. 1 Item per ad, Price must be in ad to qualify. Other restrictions may apply, ask consultant for details.**

410 Miscellaneous Sales

7 DAY 6 NIGHT Disney area vacation. Paid $600. Must sell $199. Call (915)663-0313.

WORLD BOOK Encyclopedias- complete set; compete set Childcraft, great help with science projects. $200. 432-689-8225.

2 CEMETERY PLOTS at Resthaven North $1,200 for both. Gary 683-8774 or 557-1927.

→NEW TODAY←
BEAUTIFUL GERMAN CRYSTAL chandelier, 8 lights. New $6,000- will sell for $1,600. Call 634-2686 cash only.

SUZUKI 1994 GN 125. With fairing, blue with pin stripes $800. Call (432)557-6988.

A-1 OFFICE FURNITURE MOVED
401 West Industrial. Larger, 12,000 sq. foot warehouse. Open 9 -6, Monday -Friday. 683-8181/ 570-9599.

Tuesday March 1, 2005

4 SOUTHWEST Rapid Rewards Tickets, $350 each. Call 528-3019 for more information.

FOR SALE 10' hardwood conference table, priced at $700. Metal lockers for $900. Four stroke weedeater $100. Four 19" color TV's $100 each. Call 262-5877, 413-3766.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

REMOVED FROM house on North "D" St in Midland 2 weeks before Christmas. Approximately 6' tall painted aluminum cigar store style Indian, $100 reward no questions asked. 528-3143 or 689-3898.

→NEW TODAY←
MOVING SALE. 951-515-5352/ 432-683-3491.

→NEW TODAY←
FEATHER LITE deluxe electric wheelchair. Breaks down into 3 components. Folds up and easy to load into trunk of car or pickup. No lift needed.Used only 1 time. New cost $3,550, will take $2,000. Still under warranty. 432-634-4808/ 432-448-2832.

WHEN PLACING YOUR AD IN CLASSIFIED
Be Sure & Ask for the "New Today" banner to be placed on your ad.
$5.00 Extra
682-6222.

FREE PHONE!
Easy credit. Free long distance $40- 1200 Minutes, $75- Unlimited; Call Rolen 631-3381.

SELDOM used treadmill for sale. Good shape. Asking $150 obo. Call 682-7960.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

2- SOUTHWEST AIRLINES tickets- Anywhere. Asking $325 each. Call 683-3135.

TREES! TREES! TREES! Delivered and Planted. (432)685-5058

→NEW TODAY←
12' x 20' METAL STORAGE building/ workshop- $2,500. 27' Wells Cargo enclosed trailer- $2,250. Call 520-4322 or 967-2182.

SPIDER MAN car. Remote control attached by wire. Great kid's toy. $7.00. After 9 am-694-9491.

ROASTED CORN MACHINE
$12,500. Includes supplies, uniforms, training and event calender. 432-694-6785 or 432-664-8669.

HOT SPRINGS hot tub $4000. Call 683-2059 after 5pm.

DICKSON MOWER ZTR 3304. 14.5 HP. Zero Turn Radius. $1600. 697-9739.

2 BURIAL SPACES- Resthaven Memorial Park, Garden of Serenity. Call (254)559-1834.

413 Jewelry & Furs

COLLECTOR PAYING better than Dealer Prices for your Rolex or other quality watches. 694-1900/ 571-3222

413 Jewelry & Furs

BUYING MAJOR diamonds, Rolex watches, estate items, sterling flatware, gold and silver scrap, etc. Williams Jewelry Buyers. Wadley and Midland, 10- 6, Monday- Friday, 689-2300.

ONE CT solitaire diamond engagement ring, paid $3,750 asking $1,800. (432)553-3292. See at: Houck's, 3211 West Wadley.

415 Miscellaneous Wanted

SOUTHWEST Rapid Reward Tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687–5039.

WANT TO BUY one cemetery plot at Fairview Cemetery in Midland. Will pay cash. 570-8278.

WANTED: Borders Missions need caps, shoes, Levis, working steam irons and bed sheets (any size or color). 683-6627.

BUYING SOUTHWEST Rapid Rewards as fund raiser for Children's Medical Foundation. (Also sell tickets) 1-888-834-2500.

430 Household Goods

FREE PHONE!
Easy credit. Free long distance $40- 1200 Minutes, $75- Unlimited; Call Rolen 631-3381.

KENMORE GAS stove, $200 obo. Black bedroom set (dresser, mirror, full headboard, bedding, armoire, hair and makeup table and chair) $400 obo (like new). Oak entertainment center $50 obo. 6.5' curio cabinet, $250 obo. 262-6559.

432 Household Furniture

60" rectangular glass dining table with pedestals, 6 chairs, 2 etagere 1 dining room light fixture, $400 687-0976.

MEDIUM OAK rolltop computer desk, large, cost $1,600 new, $800 obo. Medium oak 3 drawer filing cabinet, $100. All good condition. 684-7617 before 9:00pm.

CHAIR, LOVE SEAT, Sofa bed. As is. Floral pattern. $250. 432-699-6845.

TOP QUALITY designer sofas, jewel toned tapestry. Excellent condition. $300 each. 432-218-6445 or 889-5460.

432 Household Furniture

TWIN SIZE BEDDING, almost new, includes frame. $80. 694-7802.

FOR SALE antique round chair $50 or best offer. Call 570-4693.

LADIES VANITY. Tilt mirror, very unusual, matching stool. $290. 262-6518.

MOVING. FURNITURE Sale. No checks, cash only. Sofa, easy chairs, Baldwin Classic upright piano, bedroom set, diningroom set, office desk and chair. Book shelves, occasional tables and lamps, TV/ VCR and lawn furniture. Call for prices and viewing, 682-4804.

FAUX PAINTED stone like dining room table with 8 chairs, faux painted stone like, $2,990. Needle point rug 11'x13' $1,000. Trundle bed frame (never used) $40, oriental pictures and miscellaneous. 694-6234/ 889-7348.

DREXEL QUEEN size sofa bed. Green, rose and tan strips, like new cost 1,600+($800). Drexel coffee table ($90) and end table (90). Marble (pink color) coffee table (50). Brandt Ranch Oak chests ($100-200), student desk with chair $150. King size deluxe water bed ($50). Singer sewing machine with cabinet ($150). Oak swivel chair ($50), twin beds ($100). G. Harvey print, "Independent Oil Man", (dealers price $450, my price $250). 689-7246, 557-4070.

BEAUTIFUL COMPUTER study desk with built in bookshelf/ chair; crate style bunkbed, very sturdy- ideal for kids and coffee table. Parquet finished coffee table; drum. 697-5746.

MOVING SALE- Beautiful Henredon dining set with 8 chairs- $1,000. Small wrought iron patio table with 2 chairs and umbrella- $50. GE 25 cf side- by- side stainless steel refrigerator with ice and water dispenser. 1 year old $1,000. Life Fitness stair climber $1,000. Please call 553-4919.

BEDROOM SUITE. American Expressions by Thomasville. King bed, armoire, 2 side tables $5,000.00 or best offer. 638-7100.

QUEEN SIZE pillow top mattress sets, $179. Reddells Mattress Discounts, 432-522-1372, 432-694-9823.

WICKER BAR Stools, swivel seats, set of 4 $45. Call 352-9797.

432 Household Furniture

2 CHERRY WOOD book shelves. $350. Please call after 5:30pm. 682-0095

REDUCED
DINETTE SET- Two pedestal table, two leaves, four chairs, lighted china cabinet, pecan finish. Excellent condition! $1,200. 432-699-5788.

BEAUTIFUL SOLID oak rolltop computer desk. Excellent condition. New cost $1,000. $300 OBO. 770-9642.

435 Household Appliances

SAVE 35% on three Display Spas, financing and delivery available (432)563-3108.

KITCHEN REMODEL. Whirlpool white appliances must go. Double oven $100, over- cook top microwave $100, dishwasher $75, refrigerator $350. 520-9003.

1 PAIR SONY Speakers, 28"x14". Three speakers per box. Great sound. $50. 432-684-0526.

↓SOLD↓
GALAXY ELECTRIC washer and dryer. Excellent condition. $150. Call Jennifer at XXX-XXXX or XXX-XXXX.

REPAIR
FREE SERVICE Call with Repairs. Same Day. Reconditioned. Appliances $100/ up. Washers, Dryers, Stoves, Refrigerators. M&M Appliances. (432)570-8278.

SUPERIOR APPLIANCE
Washers, dryers, gas or electric, stoves, refrigerators, freezers. Delivery and warranty available. Free appliance removal. 3408 Thomason Dr., Midland. (432)262-6313.

MAYTAG WASHING machine in good condition. $49. Phone 689-7246, 685-1119, 557-4070.

CASH FOR Nonworking Kenmore or whirlpool washer or dryer. If outside looks nice or good condition. Please leave message. 631-9340.

↓SOLD↓
KENMORE SIDE- BY-SIDE refrigerator $250 Sony TV 27" $75. XXX-XXXX.

435 Household Appliances

FREE REMOVAL
For Working or non- working Washers and Dryers Only. Call 528-8510.

450 Sporting Goods

WEIGHT BENCH and weights. Bought at Champs. $50. 684-5538.

JIM'S GOLF CLUBS Custom- Made Clubs, Repairs, Re-Grip. Lowest Prices. 3115 Haynes. Call 694-1334.

KIMBER CUSTOM II 45ACP with extras $600. Ruger Model 77, 220 Swift with scope $500. 967-3182.

25 JETS- 40 year warranty. Spa - $89.00 per month- zero down. (432)563-3108.

FOR SALE two PT 4000 stairmaster. Choice of color white/ black. Completely reconditioned, list price $1,600 each priced to sell $1,100 each. For information call 262-5877 or 413-3766.

MKE 380 AUTO piston with Pachmayr grips $240. Call 684-2880.

→NEW TODAY←
GUN SAFE- vault. Like new $1300. 432-634-4808/ 432-448-2832.

460 Antiques & Arts

COLLECTOR Paying Better than dealer prices for your antiques, collectibles, coins, entire estate. 571-3222/ 694-1900.

ANTIQUE WASH Stand. Treadal sewing machine, antique solid maple gun cabinet, holds ten guns. Call 689-6777.

THE CAT'S MEOW 408 Andrews Hwy. 687-2004

ESTATE SALE Service by Joseph and Team, over 30 years experience. (432)689-8200 or (432)528-3985

JUDY JACKSON'S Estate Sales. An experienced professional working for you! 689-3536, 682-6147.

465 Collectibles

ANTIQUE COKE box, butterfly doors. $550 obo/ 557-2737.

470 Musical Instruments

STERLING UPRIGHT piano, cherry finish, good action, nice piano. $300. Call Russ at 682-3842.

470 Musical Instruments

PIANOMATE ORGAN attachment for piano. Needs amplifier. Sold new for $300. Asking $45. OBO 262-5516.

LESTER UPRIGHT Piano. Good condition. Recent tuning. $450. 684-7907/ 661-7363.

UPRIGHT PIANO, great condition, $700. Call (432)699-3076 or (432)-889-2027.

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490 Computers/ Accessories

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