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Outdoor living space

A Midland couple enjoyed the outdoors so much they decided to extend their living space farther into the back yard./**1B**



SPORTS

Angles win

The Midland Angles scored three runs in the seventh inning for a 5-3 come-from-behind Texas League victory against the Generals./**1C**

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Clinton rejects Nixon comparison

Lawyers say White House appeal of executive privilege decision likely

■ Clinton's personal secretary again appears before the independent counsel's grand jury for questioning in the Monica Lewinsky matter.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rejecting parallels to Watergate without elaborating, President Clinton declared Wednesday that his executive privilege claim in the Monica Lewinsky investigation is "quite different" from the landmark battle over Richard Nixon's tapes.

Meanwhile, at the federal courthouse where many of Nixon's legal battles were fought, Clinton's personal secretary testified anew as the independent counsel's grand jury continued its inquiry.

Clinton, questioned by reporters at the White House, would not say whether he would appeal a judge's decision refusing to block presidential aides from testifying on executive privilege grounds.

After the White House legal team met to discuss the decision, lawyers familiar with the deliberations said an appeal was likely. One Clinton confidant, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said the decision to appeal had already been made.

Some political advisers, however, are concerned that such an appeal, regarded by legal experts as a longshot, will only extend comparisons to Watergate.

Any appeal would set in motion a case that could become the first executive privilege battle to reach the Supreme Court in a quarter century.

"The matter is still under seal. And as I have said in all these cases, at least one party in every case should follow the judge's orders. Preferably, it's better if both

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AP Photo

President Clinton gestures during his joint news conference with Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi at the White House Wednesday.

A.M. BRIEFING

TODAY
Sunny with high in mid-90s. Weather on 4A



AP Photo

Italy flooding

Standing in a mud-covered street, a rescuer holds a child in his arms as several houses of Sarno, Italy, near Naples, are evacuated Wednesday. Torrents of mud and water unleashed by two days of incessant rain engulfed hundreds of homes in southern Italy Wednesday, killing at least 25 people.

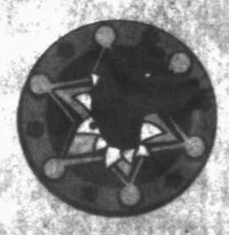
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Rebel flag ban

COLLEGE STATION— A sticker on the foot locker of a Texas A&M cadet has sparked a campus debate over whether or not the school can specifically ban the Confederate rebel flag. In a little-noticed move last year, a Corps of Cadets manual singled out the Confederate flag and barred cadets from displaying its likeness. The new regulation might have gone unnoticed if not for a 3-by-5-inch sticker on the foot locker owned by cadet Thomas Chisum Womack of Eustace.

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Five Midlanders received the Jefferson Award Wednesday in recognition of their public service: Bill Collyns, seated; Tommy Duncan, from left, who was accepting for Bob Irelan; Shirley Howard; Doc Dodson; and Joan Baskin.

Award honors 5 Midlanders for service to community

Story by Mella McEwen
Photo by Brian Adamcik

In a city known for its volunteerism, five Midland residents received special recognition Wednesday at a luncheon at the Petroleum Club.

The five — Joan Baskin, W.H. "Bill" Collyns, James "Doc" Dodson, Shirley Howard and Robert "Bob" Irelan — were the recipients of the first Permian Basin Jefferson Awards sponsored by the Reporter-Telegram. They were selected from nominations sent in by the public this past winter. Nominations were submitted to the Reporter-Telegram, and the five were chosen by a local panel of judges.

One of the five later will be named by the Board of Selectors of the American Institute for Public Service — which operates the Jefferson Awards — to represent West Texas at the 1998 National Jefferson Awards Celebration of Public Service to America. The national awards presentation is scheduled for June 15-17 in Washington, D.C.

John Jolly of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer newspaper has been involved with the Jefferson Awards in Washington state for several years and addressed the luncheon Wednesday. The Post-Intelligencer is a Hearst newspaper, as is the Reporter-Telegram.

"It's obvious that people around here have a real sense of community," said Jolly, a frequent visitor to Midland for the last 10 years. "Today, we present five very special individuals with a very special gift, a Jefferson

Please see **HONOR**/4A

South 6th-graders to head for Russia in June with help from local donors

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Thirteen South Elementary School sixth-graders soon will be visiting their Russian pen pals thanks to the generosity of a variety of private and corporate donors.

The $30,000 that has been raised for the trip to the pen pals' home city of Nizhnevartovsk in Siberia will go toward airfare and room and board for 17 people.

Rae Hoffacker, South's principal, said the trip, set for June 8 through June 24, will be a priceless educational experience for the students. They've been studying the Russian language and customs for months.

"I believe it will enrich the children's lives," Ms. Hoffacker said. "They hope to be ambassadors to the people in Nizhnevartovsk. They're hoping to share the American way of life with the Nizhnevartovsk community."

The trip by the South students reciprocates the visit by Russian sixth-graders from Nizhnevartovsk School No. 22 to Midland earlier this year. The Russian city of 300,000 people on the Ob River was founded just 25 years ago and is dependent on oil production.

South and the Russian school had been corresponding via letters and electronic mail for months and continue to do so. After the Russian students returned home, South staff worked on their goal to send South students to Russia to complete the equation.

The students have been taking Russian lessons at 7:30 a.m. on schooldays for the past month.

South's Partner in Education, Oxy-USA, donated $10,000 toward the Russia visit. The remaining $20,000 came from many individuals and corporations.

"It's a wide range of community support," Ms. Hoffacker said. "We've had anything from $5 to $1,000 (donations). We're very grateful. It's been very heart-warming to see the support of Midland for this program."

Dustin Williford, Alisa King and Andrea Ripkey are among those who will make the trip.

Dustin said his Russian pen pal is excited about the upcoming visit.

"He's been telling us that 'I'm looking forward to you coming' and he tells me about his town," he said. "It sounds exciting."

Alisa said she has no idea what the oil city and Siberia will be like.

Please see **SOUTH**/4A

Bush has no apologies for helping brother raise funds

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush said Wednesday he has no apologies for helping his brother raise money in his Florida gubernatorial bid.

"He's my brother. I love my brother, and I want him to be elected governor of Florida," Bush said.

Earlier this week, two Florida newspapers reported that Jeb Bush had raised $372,000 for his campaign and $455,000 for the Florida Republican Party from his brother's Texas supporters, including some in Midland.

Much of the Texas money came from the oil business, in which Bush's father, former President George Bush, and the Texas governor have deep roots.

Jeb Bush, who narrowly lost in 1994 to Gov. Lawton Chiles, said he needed to raise more money than other candidates because he is not accepting public matching funds.

The Texas money was raised after Bush, the governor, held a string of fund-raisers for his younger brother earlier this year in Midland, Dallas, Houston and San Antonio.

Gov. Bush said he helped organize and attended those events.

"Yes I did, and proudly so," Bush said. "I unabashedly was involved with helping my brother's campaign."

The Texas governor acknowledged that many of the donors to his brother were people who also have given to one of his two campaigns. Elected in 1994, Gov. Bush is seeking re-election this year and has raised nearly $15 million for the campaign.

"It says that people are happy to help the current governor's brother, who is running for governor of Florida," Bush said, adding that he believes most of them also gave Jeb money for his first race.

"I think he'll be a great governor of Florida. And so, if he asked me to help him again, I would," Bush said. "I am going to contribute (personally) to his campaign. You bet."



'I unabashedly was involved with helping my brother's campaign.'
—Gov. Bush

Sociologists: Mexican police force riddled with corruption, criminals

By John Rice
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Two classmates at the police academy admitted to murders. A few others had not completed primary school. And most of the would-be cops formed friendships sharing marijuana during recess.

Nearly all wound up as policemen in Mexico after graduating from an academy where instructors taught the finer points of taking bribes, according to Mexican sociologists who spent two years viewing a Mexican police force from the inside.

The study portrays a police force riddled with what amounts to criminal gangs bent on extorting money from drivers, shopkeepers and criminals in one of the mega-suburbs ringing Mexico City. The authors insist that one would find similar circumstances in many other Mexican cities.

It is an apparently unprecedented inside account of one of Mexico's most pressing political issues: an explosion in crime.

The number of reported tourist attacks — both on foreigners and Mexicans — has doubled, for example, in the first months of this year, to an average of 20 a day in Mexico City, according to the Tourism Ministry. And many attacks aren't even reported.

The U.S. State Department last week warned visitors to be extra cautious in the capital, where it said crime has reached "critical levels."

Current and former officers are implicated repeatedly in killings, kidnappings, drug trafficking and old-fashioned street-corner bribery.

"Restructuring the police force will touch many interests. It would be very difficult," said Adrian Lopez Rivera, who says he spent two years as a policeman, working under the supervision of his teacher, Nelson Arteaga Botello of the Autonomous University of the State of Mexico. None of the police officer candidates knew they were the subject of a study.

The two men refused to name the city where they did their research and changed the names of those they quoted. The report was excerpted in the prestigious magazine Nexos.

Mexico City Police Chief Rodolfo Debernardi indicated he was not surprised by Nexos' characterization of the neighboring police force.

"Disgracefully, that has existed and we have to diminish those kind of activities," he said in an interview, insisting that his own force was attacking corruption.

Academic probes of Mexican police forces, however, are rare — and require great courage.

"The problem is that studying the police is dangerous," forcing investigators to immerse themselves in the police culture, Aretaga said.

The fact the story could be published at all is a sign of greater transparency in Mexico, though he said the new political openness has not reduced corruption in cities.

Lopez entered the police academy about four years ago with a seemingly unpromising group. Many were "people who had great difficulty writing, even reading."

One candidate told Lopez he'd hacked a man to death for suggesting his brother was a homosexual. "As a policeman, nobody will hunt me for the dead guy."

One officer, identified as "Andres," admitted beating his first wife to death and fleeing vengeance-minded brothers. He was quoted as saying he had a new girlfriend he "beats for the heck of it. What's more, she has no brothers."

A more typical case was the candidate who figured he could buy a minibus with three years of salary and bribes.

Others were former officers from other jurisdictions who had been fired for drugs, robbery or excessive violence.

Recruitment is a serious problem, Arteaga said, and most of the candidates were relatives and friends of current officers. Bribes were enough to overcome problems meeting physical or academic requirements.

A psychologist giving a personality test said he would reject all except those who "place between the pages of the test the money according to the result you would like."

While courses on law were weak, there were other lessons. Several instructors urged students to "rob with professionalism," according to the report.

"You don't ask for money, only wait," a professor was quoted as saying. "The people are going to give it to you automatically; you don't have to say anything."

Commanders demanded a minimum of $9 a day. For use of a good patrol car, the payoff was about $60 a day. Officers then earned about $360 a month.

"The policeman always has hopes that a robbery represents not only a moment to carry out his work — arrest criminals — but also permits him to obtain something else: to rob what is being robbed," the report said.

Once on the street, Lopez said, those who failed to take and share bribes were shunted to marginal assignments.

Debernardi insists that in his department the problems are being addressed through greater supervision, higher entrance standards and rotation of commanders. Officials have campaigned against payoffs to superiors.

Police departments throughout Mexico have repeatedly tried cleanup campaigns, firing thousands of corrupt officers annually.

Arteaga doubts it will help.

"You can't purify the police of all the corrupt members," Arteaga said, "because the moment you do that, what you are doing is sending delinquents to the street."

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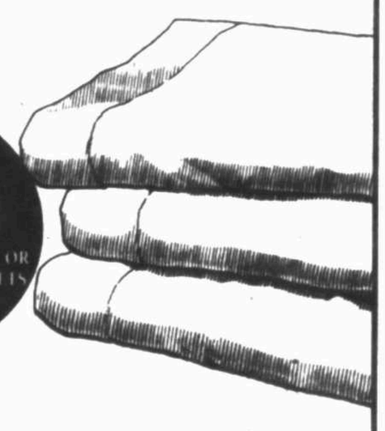
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WORLD IN BRIEF

■ Farmer to live with snakes

BANGKOK, Thailand — A farmer who claims a unique ability to communicate with snakes has set out to spend a week in a glass-encased room with more than a hundred of the poisonous reptiles.

"We are friends. We understand each other," said Boonruang Buachan, 29, when contacted by telephone inside his snake-infested chamber in a Bangkok shopping mall.

Boonruang, who began his cohabitation Tuesday, cradled and kissed writhing snakes and at times plunged his hand into a wriggling mass of serpents to extract one. Hundreds of people pressed against the Plexiglas to watch.

Accustomed to the tough upcountry life, Boonruang said he was more worried about catching a cold from the air conditioning than being bitten by the fanged creatures that slither over him. They include two king cobras, 100 cobras, 30 centipedes and 20 scorpions.

■ Factory makes souvenir condoms

MOSCOW — Embracing the new market economy, a Russian factory is putting out a line of painted souvenir condoms shaped like animals, mushrooms and tea kettles.

One looks like a smiling tiger with the word "Hi!" painted on it, the Argumenty i Fakty newspaper reported Wednesday. There is also a series of condoms painted in the style of Russia's traditional blue-and-white Gzhel ceramics and shaped like tea kettles, cups and jars.

The move reflects the enormous social change in Russia since the Soviet times, when sex was not officially discussed and condoms were referred to euphemistically as "product number two."

The Bakovsky rubber factory, located in the town of Odintsovo near Moscow, uses only natural dyes for its souvenir condoms, the report said. All are hand-painted.

■ Priest parachutes to North Pole

MOSCOW — It was a true leap of faith.

A Russian priest parachuted to the North Pole, installed a three-yard wooden cross on an ice floe and said a prayer on the drifting ice, church officials said Wednesday.

Viktor Smetanikov, senior priest of a Russian Orthodox cathedral in the Siberian city of Novosibirsk, was commemorating the 400th anniversary of Russia's conquest of Siberia, celebrated last month, said church worker Larisa Safronova.

His parachute jump on April 20 was organized by Russia's Olympic Committee, she said, adding that Smetanikov became the first clergyman to visit the exotic location.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

25 dead after mudslides hit southern Italy

By Maria Grazia Murru
Associated Press

SARNO, Italy — Torrents of mud and debris roared through the narrow streets of southern Italy on Wednesday, killing at least 25 people and engulfing hundreds of homes. More than 70 other people were feared buried alive.

After two days of incessant rain, the fast-flowing streams burst with a ferocious intensity into towns in the heavily populated area south of Naples. The mud avalanches tore apart houses and bridges and swallowed cars in a matter of minutes.

Italy declared a state of emergency, promising $29 million in immediate aid and calling out the army to help cope with the disaster as thousands of residents fled to higher ground.

At least 1,800 people were left homeless in a 40-mile swath from Naples to Salerno, chief civil protection officer Andrea Todisco said.

Scores of firefighters and emergency workers used cranes and bulldozers to navigate hip-deep muck Wednesday, rescuing at least 160 people and searching for the missing.

One young boy was saved just moments before a new surge of mud gushed down the road where he had been unable to dislodge himself from the mud.

Many residents spent Tuesday night on rooftops or on the highest floors of apartment buildings to avoid the deadly flows. Some waved white handkerchiefs from windows Wednesday to attract rescue workers, who lowered themselves from helicopters to reach the stranded residents.

Hardest hit was Sarno, a town of 2,000 people 75 miles east of Naples, where at least 13 people died. Mud flowing down a mountain burst through Sarno's Villa Malta hospital, sweeping away part of a staircase and pouring through its windows and doors.

The bodies of two doctors, a nurse, a doorman and a patient were pulled out from under the mix of rubble and mud, Italian news reports said. Some patients managed to escape by climbing down sheets tied to balconies.

Cars and ambulances were left piled atop one another next to the hospital. Nearby, the mudslide had dragged a five-story building some 500 yards.

In nearby Bracigliano, a 34-year-old woman and her three children — aged 13, 9 and 7 — were killed when a torrent of mud swept by their home, dragging them downstream for nearly half a mile. The children's father survived by climbing onto the roof, news reports said.

Naples Archbishop Michele Giordano expressed his "deepest condolences and pain" for the victims, and Interior Minister Giorgio Napolitano quickly headed to the area.

President Clinton expressed his sympathy to Premier Romano Prodi, who was visiting Washington. At Italy's request, a U.S. Air Force transport plane from Aviano Air Base ferried Italian civil defense workers from northern Italy to Naples.

In the town of Quindici, a mudslide killed the former mayor, Olga Santaniello, a local hero for her fight against the region's powerful organized crime syndicate, the Camorra.

Piles of mud, boulders and branches covered railroad tracks and roads in the area, bringing transport to a standstill. Power and telephone lines were down.

Todisco, the civil protection chief, said many homes had been illegally built too close to rivers or in areas prone to landslides, aggravating the damage. Construction without permits is rampant in southern Italy.

He also blamed some deaths on people who refused to leave their homes.

But many residents complained that rescue efforts were too slow and uncoordinated.

"We can't permit a territory to break apart like this," said Giordano, the archbishop. "We need immediate intervention, but also a long-term project for the area, and the government needs to act."

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



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Low 57	Low 59	Low 55

The forecast for today calls for mostly sunny skies and with a high in the mid-90s. Winds will be from the west to southwest at 5 to 15 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with lows between 55 and 60.

Friday will be partly cloudy with a high near 90. There is a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms.

After an overnight low of 59, Tuesday's high was 96, compared with the record high for this date of 101 set in 1964. Record low for this date was 39, set in 1933.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Tuesday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.00 in.
Total for year	1.16 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

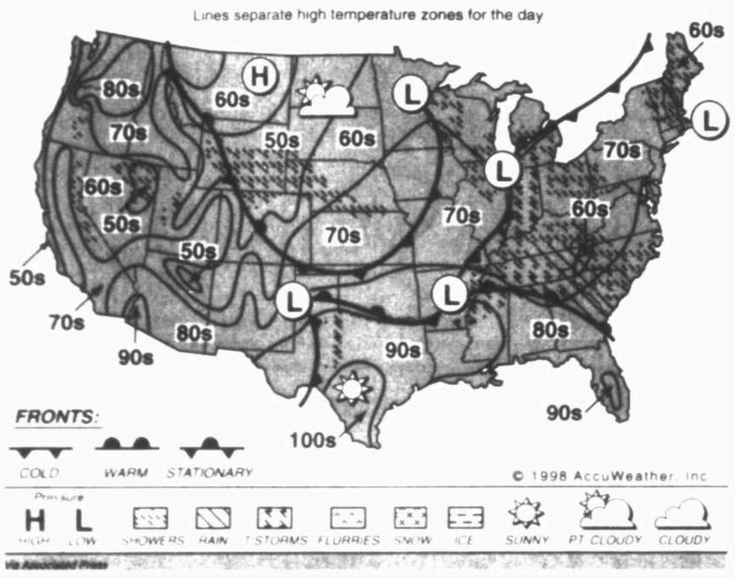
High	94
low	55
Normal high	85
Normal low	55

Pollen count
Trees: high **Weeds:** low
Grass: moderate **Molds:** low
Dust: moderate
Courtesy of the Allergy Alliance of the Permian Basin

Sunrise: 6:58 a.m.
Sunset: 8:33 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, May 7.

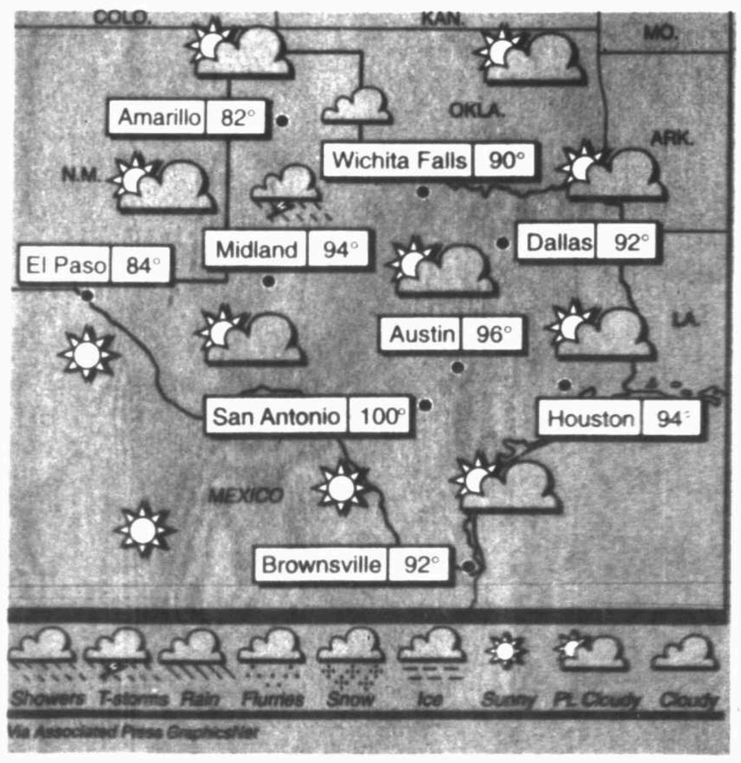


United States temperatures

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

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Albany N.Y.	71	57	67	cdy
Albuquerque	73	54	cdy	
Atlanta	79	56	rn	
Atlantic City	69	53	cdy	
Baltimore	70	53	04	cdy
Billings	63	46	cdy	
Birmingham	82	60	22	cdy
Bismarck	62	44	cdy	
Boise	77	51	cdy	
Boston	59	51	1.12	cdy
Buffalo	73	53	02	cdy
Burlington Vt	66	58	08	rn
Casper	65	42	04	cdy
Charleston S.C.	81	57	rn	
Charleston W.Va.	76	47	rn	
Charlotte N.C.	81	54	rn	
Cheyenne	57	38	08	rn
Chicago	77	58	02	rn
Cincinnati	74	50	05	rn
Cleveland	75	50	rn	
Columbia S.C.	83	51	rn	
Columbus Ohio	77	50	rn	
Denver	63	42	18	cdy
Des Moines	66	58	54	rn
Detroit	76	52	rn	
Evansville	73	56	07	rn
Fairbanks	58	38	rn	
Fargo	77	49	04	cdy
Flagstaff	55	37	cdy	
Grand Rapids	77	56	rn	
Great Falls	64	35	clr	
Greensboro N.C.	76	48	rn	
Honolulu	77	70	03	clr
Indianapolis	72	53	03	rn
Jackson Miss.	81	65	cdy	
Jacksonville	84	59	cdy	
Kansas City	76	61	49	cdy
Las Vegas	71	56	cdy	
Little Rock	85	69	cdy	
Los Angeles	66	58	51	cdy
Louisville	72	54	rn	
Lubbock	86	53	clr	
Memphis	82	64	cdy	
Miami Beach	88	74	54	cdy
Milwaukee	67	49	rn	
Mpls-St Paul	79	44	cdy	
Nashville	68	59	72	rn
New Orleans	83	72	cdy	
New York City	64	54	cdy	
Oklahoma City	81	55	cdy	
Omaha	72	51	03	cdy
Orlando	89	60	cdy	
Philadelphia	67	57	12	cdy
Phoenix	82	65	cdy	
Pittsburgh	74	49	rn	
Portland Maine	54	48	1.17	rn
Portland Ore	69	56	cdy	
Providence	62	58	66	cdy
Raleigh-Durham	80	48	rn	
Rapid City	66	48	cdy	
Reno	58	44	08	cdy
Richmond	76	53	cdy	
Sacramento	64	54	cdy	
St Louis	72	63	cdy	
Salt Lake City	58	50	02	rn
San Diego	68	60	12	cdy
San Francisco	59	55	11	cdy
Santa Fe	68	43	cdy	
St Ste Marie	72	45	cdy	
Seattle	60	51	cdy	
Shreveport	84	69	cdy	
Sioux Falls	77	38	cdy	
Spokane	61	52	clr	
Syracuse	74	55	01	clr
Tampa-St Pbrsbg	86	66	cdy	
Tulsa	83	59	64	cdy
Washington D.C.	73	56	04	cdy

State forecast



Texas temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Pcp
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Alice	94	73	
Amarillo	80	47	
Arlington	100	68	
Austin	94	71	
Beaumont	82	73	
Brownsville	89	71	
Burnet	97	69	
Childress	91	57	
College Station	90	72	
Conroe	86	70	
Corpus Christi	88	69	
Corsicana	89	69	
Cotulla	102	70	
Dalhart	80	50	
Dallas	99	72	
Del Rio	105	73	
Denton	99	67	
El Paso	86	62	
Fort Stockton	97	59	
Fort Worth	100	69	
Galveston	81	73	
Harlingen	96	70	
Hondo	94	71	
Houston	88	73	
Huntsville	87	72	
Junction	101	56	
Kingsville	91	72	
Laredo	109	72	
Lubbock	86	52	
Lufkin	85	71	
Marfa	73	50	
McAllen	97	74	
Mckinney	91	71	
Mineral Wells	100	66	
Navy Corpus	83	75	
New braunfels	93	68	
Palacios	83	73	
Paris	M	M	
Rockport	83	73	
San Angelo	98	59	
San Antonio	92	71	
Terrell	90	71	
Victoria	91	69	
Waco	93	73	
Wichita Falls	93	64	

HONOR: Five Midlanders receive Jefferson Award

(From 1A)

Award medallion. It isn't one they sought. They certainly didn't nominate themselves. No, someone was watching and cared enough to write about them."

In recognizing the five recipients, Jolly added, "the notion of community service may seem quaint in these cynical and self-serving times, but you have demonstrated that old-fashioned dedication to a cause still offers its own reward."

The five were introduced by Reporter-Telegram Publisher Charles Spence.

In introducing Joan Baskin, Spence said, "Joan has served in many high-profile positions, but much of her service has been behind the scenes. She says she's a gatherer — she gets people together. But Joan is the classic example of the ultimate cheerleader and personification of can-do attitude."

Among her activities have been implementing the Midland Alliance, chairing the Midland Introspective Task Force and serving as past chairman of the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

In receiving her medallion, Mrs. Baskin said, "What's exciting about today is that you make us look so good. I'm appreciative of those here today, and those who can't be here today. Midland is a great place to live and I'm honored to be included with the other honorees."

Spence said of Bill Collyns, "Few if any Midland residents can match Bill Collyns in service to the city. For over 60 years he has been a major supporter of Midland, even remaining a civic volunteer after his retirement."

Collyns came to Midland from McCamey in 1935 with Humble Oil and later became president of the Midland Chamber of Commerce. He then served as editor of the Reporter-Telegram for 33 years.

"When I came to Midland in 1935, someone mentioned that volunteerism had been prevalent here for a long time, and I found that it certainly was," Collyns said. He went on to praise local volunteers who helped attract oil company headquarters to Midland and concluded, "Midland has the greatest people in the world, and when you have the greatest people, you can't help but build the greatest community in the world."

As head athletic trainer at Midland High School for 31 years, "Doc" Dodson "played a role in the lives of thousands of young people," Spence said. "And he still plays a role, visiting outlying areas that don't have access to a trainer in his post-retirement job with Southwest Orthopedic Center. He's not only healed injuries, but hearts and egos as well."

In accepting his award, Dodson thanked Midland Independent School District Superintendent Joe Baressi Jr. and physician Dr. Donald Floyd for the opportunities they gave him. "It's a thrill to serve a community such as Midland," he said.

By training "Shirley Howard is a nurse," Spence said. "By vocation she is a bus driver. By night and day, she is an activist and full-time volunteer, working to keep young people from falling through the cracks."

She organized the women's service organization, Women of Color, serves on the Parks and Recreation Commission, Crime Prevention Commission and City Council PTA and is president-elect of the Midland Education Association, among other activities.

"I want to do what I can for the community and children. There's such a need and desire," Mrs. Howard said. She added that in looking at the other honorees, she realized she was one of the youngest. "I realize I have a long way to go and I hope I have a long, long time to help society."

Bob Irelan, who recently left his position as Conoco's regional manager to become Occidental Petroleum's executive vice president for global operations, was represented at the luncheon by Tommy Duncan, Conoco's human resources director.

Duncan praised Irelan, who came to Midland four years ago, for transforming Conoco's employees into volunteers active in a variety of associations from United Way to Christmas In April to the Partners In Education partnership with Sam Houston Elementary.

"He took this organization and involved it with great causes like March of Dimes, which had five walkers in its WalkAmerica walkathon who raised $200, to 200 walkers who raised $50,000, or who went from raising $34,000 for United Way to raising $191,000."

Irelan may be leaving Midland, Duncan said, "but the rest of us remain, and there are a lot of Bob Irelans in this city and it will be up to us to keep the flame and teach our children about volunteerism."

The American Institute for Public Service was founded in 1972 by Sen. Robert Taft Jr., Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis and Sam Beard, former staff associate of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. Beard has said that the Jefferson Awards were envisioned as a Nobel Prize for public service, honoring individuals who have made contributions to friends, neighbors and their communities.

PROBE: Currie to return today for more questions

(From 1A)

do. So I can't comment on it," Clinton told reporters at a news conference with Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi.

The president noted the White House has told the court it supports releasing the pleadings in the sealed case "so that you and the American people can evaluate my position and any differences that exist between that which we have asserted and previous assertions of executive privilege."

Fighting comparisons to Watergate, Clinton added: "I would also remind you that the facts are quite different in this case."

The president's lawyers wrote Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr for the second time this year to accuse his office of "flagrant leaks" of grand jury materials — in this case the executive privilege decision. In the letter, Clinton's private attorney, David Kendall, cited a Fox News report Tuesday claiming the independent counsel's office as the source of its report on the decision. It is illegal for any officer of the court to leak grand jury materials or sealed documents.

Starr told a Fox camera crew Tuesday, "The matter is under seal. I would love to comment more. All I will say is that it's a magnificent decision."

"It is disappointing that your commitment to your secrecy obligations ... is only verbal," Kendall wrote.

Starr's spokesman, Charles Bakaly, said Kendall's letter was designed to "distract attention from the accomplishments of this office."

Fox News said Wednesday the attribution of the executive privilege ruling was a "mischaracterization." "The reporter who said it never spoke to the independent counsel," Fox Whitewater reporter David Shuster said. He said the erroneous attribution during a live shot was the result of miscommunication.

"The allegations that this office improperly provided grand jury information are categorically false," Bakaly said.



AP Photo

Betty Currie, President Clinton's personal secretary, arrives at federal court in Washington Wednesday where a grand jury is investigating an alleged affair between President Clinton and Monica Lewinsky.

At the federal courthouse, presidential secretary Betty Currie spent a full day testifying before the grand jury in the investigation of an alleged presidential affair and cover-up.

Clinton has said under oath that Ms. Lewinsky's friendship with Mrs. Currie was the reason the intern frequently visited the Oval Office.

"She is not finished testifying. She will be back tomorrow morning," Mrs. Currie's lawyer, Lawrence Wechsler, told reporters.

It was the second grand jury appearance for Mrs. Currie, a woman described by friends as loyal to the president but determined to tell the truth. She befriended Ms. Lewinsky early in the intern's White House tenure.

Even before her first grand jury appearance earlier this year, Mrs. Currie agreed to cooperate with prosecutors and was interviewed by them several times.

Her lawyer has said she know of no wrongdoing by the president, but her station outside the Oval Office and frequent contacts with Ms. Lewinsky nonetheless make her a central prosecution witness.

In addition, the day Clinton gave sworn testimony in the Paula Jones lawsuit, denying he had a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, he called Mrs. Currie and asked her to meet him the next morning so he could check his recollection.

Mrs. Currie and presidential friend Vernon Jordan were instrumental in helping the former intern look for a job in New York and in finding her a private lawyer about the time Mrs. Jones' attorneys were seeking to question Ms. Lewinsky about her relationship with Clinton.

Ms. Lewinsky later filed an affidavit denying sexual relations with the president even though she confided to a friend in secretly recorded conversations that she had engaged in sexual activity with him.

Prosecutors are trying to determine whether the job assistance was designed to encourage Ms. Lewinsky to lie under oath, and whether the president had anything to do with orchestrating the help.

Absent an appeal, U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson's ruling on Monday concerning executive privilege would compel senior presidential aides, such as Bruce Lindsey and Sidney Blumenthal, to answer certain grand jury questions they previously had refused in a showdown with Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr.

The ruling concluded that prosecutors' interest in gaining the testimony outweighed the president's interest in keeping advice confidential, according to sources familiar with it.

Republicans, anticipating an appeal, immediately seized on its ramifications. On the House floor, Majority Whip Tom DeLay said an appeal would amount to "one more effort to delay the Starr investigation and keep the truth from the American people."

Lawyer: Students warned school officials ahead of shootings

NEW YORK (AP) — Other students warned school authorities ahead of the deadly Arkansas schoolyard shooting, a former lawyer of one of the boys accused said Wednesday.

Tom Furth, who was removed as 13-year-old Mitchell Johnson's lawyer for making statements to the media, told Court TV's "Cochran & Co." that a guidance counselor and perhaps another teacher were warned.

He did not provide the names or any details of the warning.

"There will be adult accountability and there were other people who knew about this and they were warned ahead of time," said Furth, who now represents Mitchell's father.

Westside Middle School Principal Karen Cutner said after the shootings that no one on the staff or faculty were aware of any threats.

Mitchell and Andrew Golden, 11, are accused in the March 24 shootings in Jonesboro, Ark., that left four children and a teacher dead. They are charged as juveniles with capital murder and battery.

"An 11-year-old and 13-year-old don't plan something like this without talking about it or without other people being involved," Furth said. "It's our understanding that there were a couple other children who knew about this."

Furth did not say whether Mitchell was the one who talked about other people being involved.

SOUTH: Students to visit Russian pen pals

(From 1A)

"I'm really not sure. I'm really glad I'm going to be with some people who I've been (communicating) with for almost a whole year," she said. "I'm going to be able to see my friends."

Andrea said she can hardly wait.

"(I'll) spend time with my pen pal and just get to know her a little more."

Other South students going to Russia are Jessica Hill, Amanda Finkle, Michael Morgan, Martha Rymal, Kelli Dugan, Brittany Ivy, Carlos Garcia Jr., David Dwayne English, Monalisa Favila and James Glover.

The students' itinerary includes touring the Pushkin Art Museum and going to a circus in Moscow and visiting the city of Tobolsk where the last Russian czar lived. In Nizhnevartovsk they will take a helicopter tour of the city, see a laser show and watch a soccer game between American and Russian teams.

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While the major portions of the trip are paid for, the school still needs $10,000 for the excursion trip to outlying cities. Tax deductible contributions may be mailed to the Permian Basin Area Foundation at 550 W. Texas Ave, Midland, 79701.

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Indonesian mobs go on rampage

MEDAN, Indonesia (AP) — The Indonesian currency and stock markets plunged Wednesday in alarm over rioting by angry mobs that roamed the streets of the nation's third-largest city, looting stores, attacking police and torching cars.

The violent protests in Medan, which began three days ago in response to government-ordered price hikes, threatened to undermine efforts to revive the country's teetering economy.

Unlike student-led protests in recent months, the riots by thousands of Indonesians on Wednesday seemed random, erupting here and there without sloganchanting, poster-waving or other signs of organization. The mobs had no leaders.

As police fired real and rubber bullets to try to ward off crowds on downtown streets, the Indonesian rupiah plunged more than 11 percent and share prices in the Jakarta stock market dropped 4.7 percent.

The International Monetary Fund, which is overseeing a vital bailout package for Indonesia, demanded the government slash generous subsidies on food, fuel and other necessities that have aided poor Indonesians for years. Thousands of people protested by burning cars, tossing rocks at police and attacking hundreds of Chinese-owned stores.

Security forces were in some cases reluctant to confront the mobs, apparently preferring to let rioters vent some steam before firing volleys of tear-gas.

Dozens were hurt in the rioting, but police would not provide an official count of injuries or deaths. Authorities did confirm that one man was burned to death Tuesday in a Chinese store torched by looters.

The violence threatened to scare away foreign investors desperately needed to rebuild the Indonesian economy.

The unrest might also tempt President Suharto to backtrack on economic reforms. The IMF released billions of dollars in aid on Monday after suspending the money amid fears that Suharto was stalling on the tough economic changes.

On Wednesday night, hundreds of Chinese, some wearing motorcycle helmets, emerged from their stores in Medan and waved sticks at rioters in a sign that police efforts to protect them were inadequate.

Indonesia's Chinese minority, which dominates commerce in the mostly Muslim nation of 200 million, is often targeted when social discontent boils over. Many Indonesians resent the Chinese success and wealth.

"I don't understand why we always become a target if social unrest erupts," said Abdul Rohim, a 33-year-old Chinese. "I was born and grew up here."

Some wary Muslim shopkeepers painted "Anti-Chinese" and "Indigenous Muslim" on their storefronts to deter the mobs.

Earlier Wednesday, security forces in trucks roared away from a cheering mob of rioters without making any effort to disperse them. Looters then smashed a showroom window, pushed gleaming new motorcycles into a pile and set them afire.

Some rioters turned giddy in the chaos, hurling themselves so hard at shuttered storefronts that they fell over.

Two prominent groups with links to the government called for a reversal of the price increases, which took effect Tuesday. It was a rare display of public opposition from within the political establishment, which is dominated by Suharto, a former army general who has been in power for 32 years.

"People have been suffering very much because of the monetary crisis. Don't burden them anymore by raising the fuel and electricity prices," said Enny Busiri, head of the Indonesian Womens' Congress.

Oilfield plane crashes into Amazon

By David Koop
Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — Rescuers battled sucking mud and heavy rain Wednesday to pull 13 injured survivors from the wreckage of an Occidental Petroleum plane that crashed in the Amazon jungle and burst into flames with 87 people aboard.

The survivors — some of whom were seriously hurt — had to be carried three miles on litters because driving rain prevented their evacuation by helicopter. Company officials said the 13th person was found in the muck nearly 18 hours after the plane went down.

Despite mud that swallowed some bodies, authorities held out hope that more survivors could be found among the dense grass and foliage. But they also declared the remaining 75 people missing and feared dead.

"We still have hope. There are so many places for the injured to be," said Jose Diaz, spokesman for Los Angeles-based Occidental Petroleum.

The Boeing 737, which Occidental chartered from the Peruvian air force to transport oil workers, plummeted into the swamp late Tuesday, three miles short of the airport at Andoas, an oil camp 650 miles north of Lima.

Most of the 79 passengers on the plane, including an American and a Venezuelan, were oil workers employed either by Occidental or local contractors. The flight also carried a crew of eight, but there were no crew members among the survivors.

The lone American aboard the plane, engineer Harold Whitehead, was not among those rescued Wednesday, Occidental officials said. Whitehead worked for the Peruvian engineering company Grana y Montero, and his family lives in the Peruvian river port of Iquitos.

Both the air force and Occidental said they have no information on bodies found.

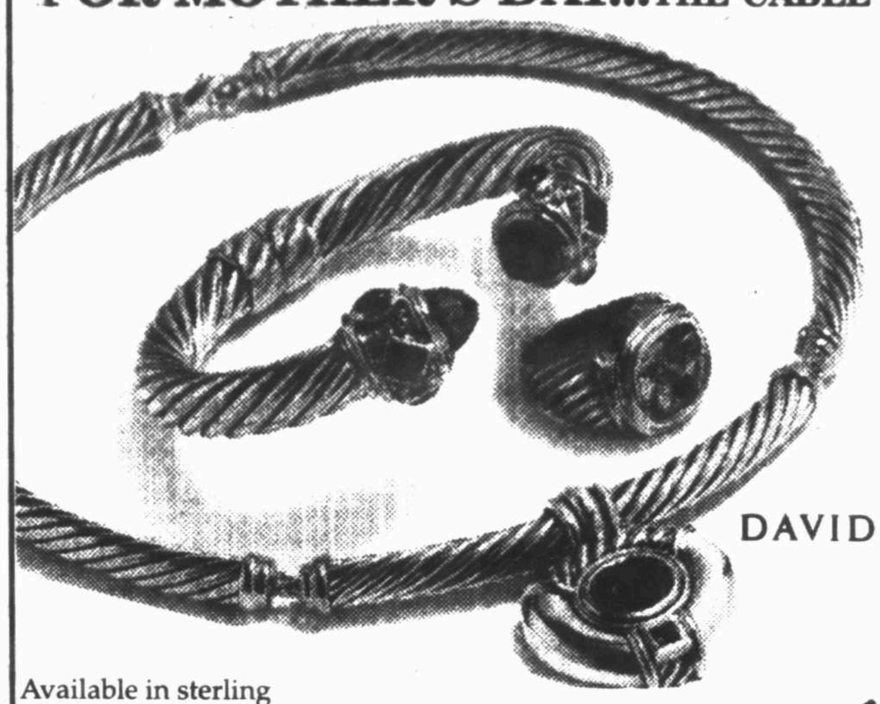
The plane was flying the workers from Iquitos to Andoas, an oil camp in a remote stretch of jungle near the Ecuadorean border.

The cause of the accident was not known. A light rain was falling at the time of the crash, but it should not have affected the flight, Diaz said.

Occidental has pumped oil around Andoas for 26 years and has a contract with Peru's air force to transport its workers, company officials said.

It was the second Peruvian air force plane to crash in northern Peru in just over a month. On March 29, a Russian-made military transport plane carrying 61 people crashed outside Piura, 530 miles northwest of Lima, killing 22 people and injuring 40. The crash was attributed to engine failure.

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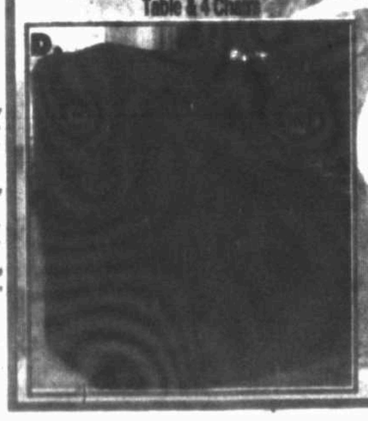
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Surge in neo-Nazi violence adds to fears of right-wing growth

By Paul Geitner
Associated Press

■ News analysis

BERLIN — After being thrown off a train in 1994 by neo-Nazis, Martin Agyare bought a tear gas pistol. Last November, after a second attack, he added a knife to his self-defense arsenal.

"All my friends carry weapons now," said the soft-spoken young man from Ghana, who lost a leg in the first attack. "I'm not going to create any problems. But if anyone tries to do something to me again ..." He didn't finish the sentence.

Agyare, who lives with a German family in the small eastern village of Belzig, has become fearful of being victimized and is increasingly frustrated at the insults and prejudice he encounters daily.

And things are getting worse in Germany.

Just two weeks after the far right's best-ever showing in a state election in postwar Germany, federal officials confirmed Wednesday that right-wing violence is on the rise — especially in the former communist east.

The extreme-right has been gaining ground across Europe, playing on anti-foreigner sentiments. But the trend is especially disturbing in Germany, given its Nazi past.

Some seek to explain the far right's resurgence in Germany as a protest against 12 percent unemployment. But others see a deeper problem developing that threatens to split society, especially in the east, where democratic traditions are still unformed after decades of communist rule.

"There's no reason to understand why intolerance and racism and such hate of minorities should develop just because somebody is unemployed," said Anetta Kahane, a social worker who runs 17 community centers in eastern Germany.

The Office for the Protection of the Constitution, which monitors extremist groups, recorded 790 right-wing attacks last year — 27 percent more than in 1996 and the first increase in four years.

Most of the attacks involved young men beating up foreigners, whom the skinheads and neo-Nazis accuse of stealing jobs from Germans or of milking the welfare state.

Half the attacks occurred in depressed eastern Germany, although the region accounts for less than a fifth of Germany's 82 million people and roughly 5 percent of its 7.4 million foreigners.

The government's report noted that joblessness in the east is twice as high as in the richer west and many young people feel despondent.

"Especially in east Germany, the young generation is often marked by a fear of the future, lack of a sense of direction and dashed hopes because of the change in society and economic problems," the report said.

Similar factors were cited by Germany's political establishment to explain the nearly 13 percent of the vote won by the anti-foreigner German People's Union last month in Saxony-Anhalt state elections.

Interior Minister Manfred Kanthe dismissed a call to ban the People's Union, saying such parties must be defeated at the ballot box.

Herta Daeubler-Gmelin, however, a law expert for the opposition Social Democrats in Parliament, accused Chancellor Helmut Kohl's center-right government of obscuring the growth of the far right "for too long with the cloak of understanding," rather than taking steps to fight it.

Overall, some 11,700 right-wing offenses were recorded last year, believed to be a postwar record. Nearly 90 percent involved neo-Nazi propaganda that is banned in Germany, ranging from painted swastikas on walls to distributing CDs by skinhead bands.

The report also found the pool of violence-prone rightist extremists increased for the third consecutive year, to 7,600.

Some eastern states have set up police units to patrol attack-prone areas like train stations, clear extreme-right hangouts and infiltrate the groups. The states also have called for more federal action to combat unemployment.

Social workers, however, say many of the skinheads and voters supporting the far right are not jobless, but feel insecure and overwhelmed by the changes of the past decade.

"They're afraid of losing what they have and so they tend toward this perspective," said Roy Kokoschko, a social worker in the eastern state of Brandenburg.

Two dead after renewed Israeli-Palestinian clashes

By Dina Kraft
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — While Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu dug in Wednesday against U.S. pressure for concessions to the Palestinians, violence claimed the lives of a Palestinian villager and a Jewish seminary student.

Killed in separate incidents were a Palestinian the army said had stabbed and wounded a Jewish settler, and a 28-year-old student whose yeshiva, Ateret Cohanim, has been actively buying up Arab property in Jerusalem's Old City.

Within hours of the Jewish student's stabbing, defiant seminarians set up tents on a patch of land in the Old City's Muslim Quarter, saying they would redouble efforts to establish a Jewish presence in Arab areas.

That set the stage for a potential confrontation with Palestinian neighbors.

The question of who lives where in Jerusalem is an explosive issue; both sides believe it will influence negotiations on Jerusalem's final status.

Palestinians want to keep Jewish settlers out of Arab areas because they hope to make the city's eastern sector the capital of a future Palestinian state. Israel claims the entire city as its own capital.

Netanyahu, meanwhile, said he would reject an invitation to proposed Mideast talks in Washington next week if the Americans try to dictate the scope of an Israeli troop withdrawal from the West Bank.

Just back from talks in London with U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Netanyahu met with his nine-member inner Cabinet to discuss what the Israeli press characterized as an American ultimatum.

The Clinton administration has offered to inaugurate so-called final status talks Monday in Washington between Israel and the Palestinians. But it first wants Israel to accept a U.S. proposal for a 13-percent pullback from the West Bank.

"We do not accept dictates," Netanyahu said on Israel radio. The full 17-member Cabinet was expected to make a final decision on the U.S. proposal on Sunday.

Israel has indicated readiness to go ahead with an 11-percent pullback, but right-wingers have vowed to bring down Netanyahu's government if the withdrawal is larger than 9 percent.

Palestinians have accepted the U.S. plan, although it is far less territory than they hope for, and senior officials took a wait-and-see stance toward the proposed Washington talks.

"We heard from the Americans ... that the Israelis were closer to accepting the American ideas. If this is true, then this is good," said Mahmoud Abbas, Arafat's deputy.

The Jewish seminarian slain in the Old City, Haim Korman, was the second student from his yeshiva to be killed in the past six months.

Blair, Sinn Fein urge yes to peace accord

By Shawn Pogatchnik
Associated Press

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — British Prime Minister Tony Blair braved the questions of Protestant and Catholic teenagers Wednesday as he and his predecessor campaigned for a "yes" vote to Northern Ireland's proposed peace accord.

And ending four weeks of uncertainty, the chairman of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, Mitchel McLaughlin, confirmed that the party's executive committee wants Sinn Fein members to accept the agreement struck April 10 among eight parties and the British and Irish governments.

For Sinn Fein to participate in a new administration within Northern Ireland — a central plank of the accord — its supporters must agree to amend their party's constitution at a special conference Sunday in Dublin.

McLaughlin said he was confident that party members would vote to drop Sinn Fein's ban on taking part in any government for Northern Ireland, a Protestant-majority state that the Irish Republican Army has long sought to abolish.

He conceded that the agreement wouldn't unite Ireland, the IRA's traditional goal, but represents "a significant staging post in that direction."

Blair, meanwhile, broke new ground of his own by appealing with his Conservative Party predecessor, John Major, for voters in Northern Ireland to approve the agreement in a May 22 referendum.

Sitting together in Belfast's Waterfront Hall, they fielded questions from high school students about the opportunities and shortcomings of the agreement.

Both politicians criticized hardline Protestant politicians campaigning for a "no" vote.

"There is no alternative to a yes vote that gives any hope to the future of Northern Ireland," Blair said.

As Major arrived at a hotel east of Belfast, a victim of an IRA bombing handed him a letter protesting Sinn Fein's inclusion in the peace process.

"You've got blood on your hands!" shouted Jim Dixon, who suffered terrible injuries to his face when a bomb killed 11 fellow Protestants in Enniskillen in 1987.



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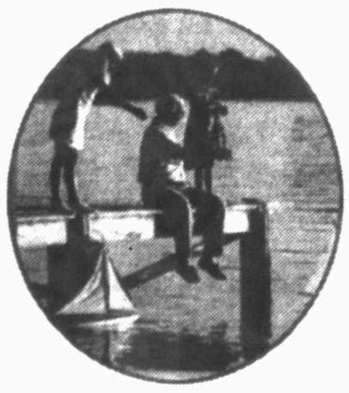
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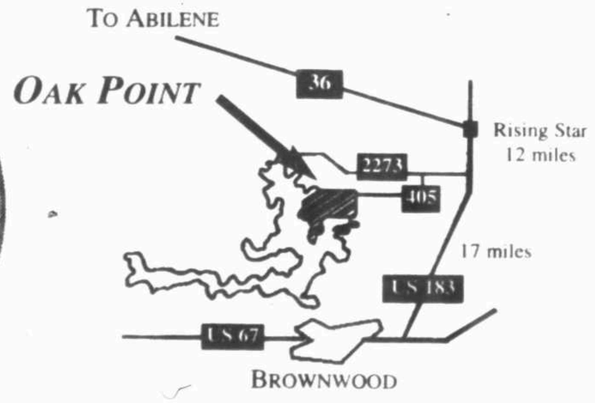
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Single currency may be bonanza for U.S.

By Bernard D. Kaplan
Hearst News Service

PARIS — No one can foresee the impact of the euro, Europe's new single currency, but some analysts predict U.S. companies may prove to be the biggest gainers.

Publicly, American officials have welcomed the euro's forthcoming arrival but privately are worried that it could intensify economic rivalry between the United States and its transatlantic allies.

Continental leaders are talking of the new money, formally adopted by 11 of the 15 members of the European Union at a conference last weekend in Brussels, as an eventual contender for the role of international reserve currency, supplanting the dollar.

However, some experts contend that American fears are exaggerated and European hopes, excessive.

According to the Financial Times, a British daily, the euro will provide its greatest boost to American multinationals seeking to expand or invest for the first time in what the newspaper called "euroland."

"Most international U.S. businesses see euroland both as an attractive market place for their products and a promising hunting ground for acquisitions," the newspaper declared. "Given their size and experience in dealing with an integrated home market, (the American multinational firms) have an edge over continental rivals still thinking in national terms."

■ News analysis

German economist Rudiger Zaff warned in an interview that the euro, although eliminating currency fluctuations among the 11 who have signed up for the new money when it becomes operational in 2002, does not establish other conditions for a vast unitary market.

"It's a supra-national currency for national economies," he said. "There will be a central European bank but no central European government."

But Zaff prophesied that in the name of freer trade and less restricted markets, the new European Central Bank in Frankfurt will turn out to be less protective of short-term European interests than national central banks have been.

Under such conditions, he added, "the Americans will be able to exploit their huge capital resources to strengthen their place in Europe's financial and industrial markets. Without individual governments able to restrict large-scale monetary transfers as they have until now, acquisition-minded U.S. firms will become even bigger than many of them already are in Europe."

Zaff noted the recent wave of mergers among big U.S. banks and predicted that these "mega banks" will accelerate "aggressive" American expansion in Europe. Some European financial specialists are more concerned about the increased power of U.S. investment banks than they are heartened by the coming of the euro, he said.

Paris-based management consultant William Warren said the "euro euphoria" shown by such leaders as French President Jacques Chirac appeared to play down Europe's basic economic problems such as its lack of labor mobility and chronically high level of unemployment.

"You get the impression that Chirac and some others regard the euro as a magic wand that they will wave and, presto, most of the problems dogging them will disapear," he said, adding that the euro is only one factor. "European stock markets have surged in the belief that the euro will help to invigorate the sluggish European economy. However, that's not certain. Euro or no euro, Europe still has a long way to go."

Pope prays for dead in Vatican murder-suicide

VATICAN CITY (AP) — It was supposed to have been a festive day, a celebration of the appointment of a new Swiss Guards commander. Instead, the pope on Wednesday led the mourning for the officer, his wife and the vengeful guard who shot them.

With their bodies laid together in the Vatican chapel, John Paul II knelt in prayer nearby.

Later, the same Swiss Guards who were to take part in Alois Estermann's swearing-in ceremony carried his casket at a funeral for him and his wife. Thousands of mourners attended the Mass at St. Peter's Basilica.

A separate funeral was scheduled Thursday for the young guardsman the Vatican says shot the couple and turned his gun on himself. The gunman, the pope said, now faces "God's judgment."

The pope was quick to offer condolences to the families of Estermann and his wife, Gladys Meza Romero, 49. But only Wednesday did he express his sympathy for relatives of 23-year-old guardsman Cedric Tornay.

The Vatican says Tornay, angry over a reprimand by Estermann and lack of recognition from his superiors, was gripped by a "fit of madness" when he shot the commander and the commander's Venezuelan-born wife at their Vatican apartment Monday night.

In a message to Tornay's family, the pope said he feels "close to your suffering."

Estermann, 43, served 18 years in the 100-man papal army, dying just hours after the pontiff promoted him to commander.

The Vatican has worked hard to dispel speculation about the tragedy, and on Wednesday papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said it had a "moral certainty" that its reconstruction of events was accurate. But he said the case could not be closed until the Vatican's judicial investigation was over.

From the outset, the Vatican ruled out a crime of passion.

Tornay sent a letter to his mother and sister hours before he died, which the Vatican says explains his motives. Navarro-Valls said he did not know if the Tornay family would make the writing public.

He said an autopsy showed Estermann was shot twice and probably died instantly. His wife was shot once. Tornay, Navarro-Valls said, then put his service pistol in his mouth and pulled the trigger.

Estermann, a farmer's son, had accompanied the pope on more than 30 foreign trips and was with the pontiff when he was shot in 1981 in St. Peter's Square.

As for Tornay, Navarro-Valls said the young guardsman gave no hint of instability. "He was a victim, too," the spokesman said.

Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican secretary of state and highest-ranking official in the Holy See after the pope, celebrated Mass for the Estermanns.

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Unabomber case finally concluded

Theodore Kaczynski — the so-called Unabomber who killed three men and injured 29 others in a domestic terrorist campaign that spanned 17 years — was sentenced Monday to four life terms plus 30 years.

That sentence was reached during Kaczynski's January plea bargain and avoided putting the Unabomber on trial. His defense lawyers planned to portray him as deranged, though Kaczynski did not agree with that assessment.

The verdict also assures that Kaczynski, who one victim's wife described as diabolical, evil and cunning, will never be free in society again. U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. who imposed the sentence said he feared Kaczynski would try to kill again if not closely watched.

There are those in society who still believe it is wrong to put a mentally incompetent person to death despite the seriousness of the crime. That debate will likely continue.

Kaczynski, a former mathematician who led an anti-technology crusade and raved about the evils inherent in a technological society, asked only that "people reserve judgment on me and the Unabomber case." Yet the viciousness of his crimes renders that hope unrealistic.

In fact, not everyone was pleased that Kaczynski failed to get the death penalty for his murders even though he is obviously mentally deranged. David Gelernter, a Yale University computer scientist who lost part of a hand to a bomb credited to the Unabomber, complained that "we took the easy way out by deciding to let him live. ... He is in the same category as plague and cancer, creating widows and orphans."

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With the Kaczynski sentencing, at least the Unabomber saga can be brought to an end even though the pain, suffering, and death that he caused will linger for the families and friends of his victims.

Today in History

Today is Thursday, May 7, the 127th day of 1998. There are 238 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 7, 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims, France, to take effect the following day, ending the European conflict of World War II.

On this date:

In 1789, the first inaugural ball was held in New York in honor of President and Mrs. George Washington.

In 1847, the American Medical Association was founded in Philadelphia.

In 1915, nearly 1,200 people died when a German torpedo sank the British liner Lusitania off the Irish coast.

In 1939, Germany and Italy announced a military and political alliance known as the Rome-Berlin Axis.

In 1954, the 55-day Battle of Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam ended with Vietnamese insurgents overrunning French forces.

In 1992, the space shuttle Endeavor blasted off on its maiden voyage.

Five years ago: President Clinton proposed dramatic changes in political campaign financing. In South Africa, representatives of 23 political parties signed a declaration of intent to hold multiracial elections within a year.

One year ago: The Army accused its top enlisted man, Army Sgt. Maj. Gene McKinney, of sexual misconduct. At his court-martial, McKinney was acquitted of sexual misconduct, but found guilty of obstruction of justice. Chrysler Corp. and United Auto Workers agreed to a new contract, ending a damaging 28-day engine-plant strike.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Darren McGavin is 76. Singer Teresa Brewer is 67. Senate Budget chairman Pete Domenici (R-N.M.) is 66. Football Hall-of-Famer Johnny Unitas is 65. Singer Jimmy Ruffin is 59. Singer Johnny Maestro is 59. Actress Robin Strasser is 53.

CAL THOMAS

Clinton's tangled Webb shows plenty of practice

The indictment of former Associate Attorney General Webster Hubbell, his wife and two others on charges they conspired to avoid paying nearly $900,000 in income taxes, interest and penalties raises a very serious question. What is it about Bill and Hillary Clinton that causes so many people to suffer so many indignities, personal humiliation and even jail time? Other than hush money, what qualities do the Clintons have that encourages people to pay such a high financial and personal price to evade independent counsel Kenneth Starr?



Thomas

The answer is power. Liberal Democrats know that if Bill Clinton goes down, so does their party and what's left of their agenda. So, while not many seem to admire the president, they realize he's all that's standing between themselves and political oblivion.

How close to disaster the Clintons are is evident from transcripts of phone conversations between Hubbell and his wife, Suzanna, when Hubbell was in federal prison last year on other tax-evasion charges. The unseen third party in these conversations is Marsha Scott, a White House aide Mrs. Hubbell is keeping informed about how Mr. Hubbell is doing. In the published excerpts, Hubbell tells his wife that while he fraudulently overbilled clients at the Rose Law firm, "so does every lawyer in the country." Mrs. Hubbell replies, "That's an area where Hillary (Clinton) would be vulnerable."

Mrs. Hubbell says Marsha Scott has told her: "You are not going to get any public support if you open Hillary up to this ...." Hubbell says he is determined not to do that, and then Mrs. Hubbell says, "Yes. Then I get all this back from Marsha, who is ratcheting it up and making it sound like if Webb goes ahead and sues the firm, then any support I have at the White House is gone. I'm hearing the squeeze play." Hubbell replies, "So, I need to roll over one more time ...." Hubbell's attorney, John Nields, says the fact that the tapes were edited makes them suspect, but given the games the Clinton administration has played with information, Nields is creating a smoke screen.

Does the roll over Hubbell thinks he must perform include sending his wife to jail, too? Would both of them pay that high a price to protect Bill and Hillary Clinton? What could they possibly offer him to "roll over again," and probably for a longer stretch as a second offender if he is convicted?

In another recorded conversation between Hubbell and Nields, Nields hints that after the 1996 election "there is some chance (the White House) will make a move that moots everything." Nields appears to be referring to the possibility of a presidential pardon. He says that's why the Hubbells must ante up to the IRS because he wants a record of "complete and unvarnished forthrightness at every step of the way."

Which is precisely what is lacking every step of the way throughout the history of this administration and extending back to Clinton's time as governor of Arkansas.

At his news conference last week, the president said the independent counsel's investigation and Republican attacks are driven by people who still can't accept his election or his policies. He's partially right (though the law should apply to everyone) because the perception of his critics is that he won both elections by deceit and by breaking campaign finance and possibly other laws. An office attained and held illegitimately is illegitimate, and that is what accounts for the level of personal opposition.

In a laughable response to one question, the president told reporters, "All these people that have been working hard on this for seven years now, they can affect my reputation; they can do nothing for good or ill to affect my character."

Character and reputation are mostly inseparable. Reputation is defined as "overall quality or character as seen or judged by people in general." Polls show that while Clinton's job approval ratings remain in the 60 percent range, an equal number of people doubt his character and morals. So, in a sense, he's right. His critics can't do much about his character because they perceive that his reputation, which flows from character, is a terrible one.

Webb Hubbell and his nervous friends in the White House might have benefited from Sir Walter Scott's sound advice: "Oh, what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive."

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ART BUCHWALD

Believing in the U.S. judicial system

I don't know if Ken Starr is guilty or innocent, but I believe in the American justice system, and I have to assume that he is innocent until proven otherwise. This means I will go to the ends of the Earth to prove that he has committed some crime, whatever the crime might be.



Buchwald

In order to get the whole story I may have to subpoena Ken Starr's wife, distasteful as that might be. I have to assume she knows something since I have received information from another source that the Starrs talk to each other at night. If Mrs. Starr refuses to cooperate, then I'll have to turn the case over to the grand jury.

The next people I want to question are those who work for Starr. I am willing to offer them immunity if they turn on their boss. If they stonewall me, then I will have to threaten them with prison. Believe me, I hate to do it, but I have no choice.

As part of my investigation I will demand to interview Starr's doctor, church minister and the people in his local bookstore.

I'll never get to the bottom of my case until I find out what books Starr has read in the last year — and why he read them.

I also want to know, as do the taxpayers, how Starr managed to spend $42 million of our money on his investigation. My people are trying to find out if this is hush money or legitimate expenses.

People think that I have had a setback because of the Paula Jones case being thrown out. This is not true. I never counted on the Jones lawsuit to beef up my investigation. My role is to get Starr — that is what I am here for. There are people who accuse me of having a vendetta, but this is not so.

The more I investigate his methods, the more I wonder what he is going for. I won't know until I videotape his children. This is not a conservative or liberal issue. It strikes at the very heart of our Constitution. Can a special prosecutor claim executive privilege, or should he be treated like any other American suspected of playing hardball?

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GEORGE WILL

Israel: No nation ever had a better excuse for arms

WASHINGTON—It has been said that mankind hopes vaguely but dreads precisely. Surely that is especially true of Jews, various of whose religious observances commemorate calamities or narrow deliverances from calamities. Hence the necessity of a Jewish state.



Will

Jews were 10 percent of the population of the Roman Empire. If today they were the same proportion of the world's population that they were then, they would number 200 million. They number 13 million. The world was a much more dangerous place for Jews before they had a national home, even though that home is in a rough neighborhood. The problem of stateless Jews is no more. The long rescuing arm of Israel can reach even into Chechnya.

History became pregnant with Israel when Zionism was energized by Theodor Herzl, reacting to the anti-Semitism swirling around the 1894 Dreyfus trial in France. But, in a sense, Israel is a lingering echo of the French Revolution's idea that a people find true fulfillment only through revived nations. Zionism is an especially defensible nationalism. Having had a uniquely hazardous history, Jews deserve a common future.

The lash of events as well as the Zionist idea brought Jews to Palestine, where in the 1930s Jews asked newcomers, "Kommen Sie aus Uberzeugung oder kommen Sie aus Deutschland?" (Do you come from conviction or from Germany?) When Israel was founded, by a declaration of independence 50 years ago May 14, on one-sixth of 1 percent of the 7.5 million square miles of land of what is too casually called "the Arab world," it was already engulfed in war.

It has experienced at least four wars (1948, 1956, 1967, 1973). Five if you count the 1969-70 "war of attrition." Six if you count the continuing conflict with terrorist organizations, including the PLO, Israel's interlocutor in a peculiar "peace process" in which the PLO remains committed to Israel's destruction.

If peace is understood, as it should be, as more than the mere absence of clashing armies, Israel has never known a moment of it. There are few forms of cant more deserving of disdain than the recurring American injunction—from a powerful nation insulated by two broad oceans and two friendly neighbors—that Israel should "take risks for peace." Israelis take a risk boarding a bus.

In three weeks in 1973, Israel's casualties, as a percentage of its population, were larger than U.S. casualties in eight years of war in Vietnam. Yet although no nation ever had a better excuse for becoming a garrison state, Israel remains a vigorous democracy. Sometimes it is almost alarmingly vigorous: The saying is, "two Israelis can make three factions."

It is still the only democracy, the only salient of American values, in a still inhospitable region. As Binyamin Netanyahu has said, there still is no Syrian Lech Walesa or Palestinian Andrei Sakharov. And there is no reason to believe that when the Palestinians have fully achieved their second state (historically and ethnically, Jordan is Palestinian), the 22nd Arab state, it will be the first Arab democracy.

The 1967 war, the six days that shook the world, erupted on June 5, when Israel, surrounded by more than 370,000 troops, 2,000 tanks and 600 fighter and bomber aircraft, launched pre-emptive airstrikes. Israel told Jordan that if it did not attack, Israel would not cross the 1949 armistice line. Jordan, perhaps moved by Egypt's disinformation (Nasser said Israel's air force had been destroyed), attacked, and lost the West Bank. In the aftermath of that war a wit said: Imagine, the Japanese have the great trading nation, the Jews the great warrior nation.

Before 1967, Israel was the sentimentalists' delight—Mozart among the orange groves, Athens reborn. On June 5, Sparta stood up. Since then, the premise of every "peace process" has been that Israel, by yielding something tangible, land, for something intangible, a better "atmosphere," would produce a Middle Eastern atmosphere so peaceful that land would be irrelevant to Israel's security.

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Militants kill 13 Hindus in Kashmir

JAMMU, India (AP) — Suspected Muslim militants killed 13 Hindus in remote villages in India's restive northern state of Kashmir, police said Wednesday.

The killings came two weeks after guerrillas massacred 25 Hindus in a mountainous village, prompting residents to demand better security in the area that borders Pakistan, India's hostile neighbor.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attacks, but police blamed guerrillas fighting for the independence of Kashmir, India's only Muslim-majority state.

Police said an armed band raided the home of a retired government worker overnight, killing four of his house guests. The man and one other person survived the attack in Surankote, 125 miles northwest of Jammu, the state's winter capital.

On Tuesday, guerrillas sprayed Hindu villagers with automatic fire in Mangalthotha, 140 miles northeast of Jammu, killing five people. The villagers were returning from a hospital with the bodies of four other Hindus who had been gunned down by guerrillas a day earlier.

Police also said 10 Hindus from the village of Mangalthotha were missing. It was not clear if the militants had kidnapped them or if they had run away.

State police chief Gurbachan Jagat said the attacks aimed to force Hindus to move out of the districts, where Muslims are in a slight majority.

Dozens of groups in Kashmir are fighting for independence or to merge with officially Islamic Pakistan.

India regularly accuses Pakistan of training and arming Kashmiri militants. The two nations have fought two wars over Kashmir. Pakistan says it only gives moral support to the separatist movement.

Russia hands out housing vouchers

MOSCOW (AP) — Deputy Premier Boris Nemtsov on Wednesday handed out the first government housing certificates for retired army officers, many of whom have been forced to live in barracks or tents.

As authorities move to cut the bloated Russian army, funding and housing shortages have left a sizable number of officers without proper places to live after retirement.

The new program, approved by the government earlier this year, was expected to help 210,000 servicemen and their families.

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House defeats anti-affirmative action measure

By Mark Helm
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — The House voted Wednesday night to kill another attempt to repeal federal affirmative action programs, rejecting by a vote of 249-171 a bill that would have banned racial preferences at many of the nation's universities.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Frank Riggs, R-Calif., would have denied federal scholarships and student loans to public colleges and universities that consider race, gender or ethnicity in admissions.

It would have applied to more than 1,650 colleges and universities across the country that take part in the $40 billion federal student-loan program, but would not affect private colleges and universities and tribally run schools on Indian reservations.

The two-hour debate on the proposal was marked by emotional speeches from both supporters and opponents of the amendment.

"This is nothing more than a scheme to return schools to the days of segregation, when universities were filled with white male, 'good old boys,'" Rep. William Clay, D-Mo., said.

Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., who worked with the late Dr. Martin Luther King, said the Riggs amendment would destroy the work of the 1960s civil rights movement.

"People have marched, have gone to jail, have died for opportunity in this country," he said. "We must now fight again and defeat this amendment."

But Riggs argued that like the 1964 Civil Rights Act, his amendment "sought to create a society where nobody was judged on the basis of their skin."

"I acknowledge that racism exists in this society," he said. "But I truly believe that we will never end discrimination with more discrimination."

Riggs was joined by House Majority Leader Dick Armey, a former university professor, who said the amendment was a "fork in the road" for race relations in the United States.

"Can we dare to move forward?" asked the Texas Republican. "Can we move to a nation where we believe it is right to live by the idea that every person — every person — deserves to be treated like everyone else?"

The Riggs proposal, which was an amendment to the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act that is moving through Congress, was inspired by California's Proposition 209. That measure, which was approved by voters in 1996, banned preferences based on race or sex in state contracting, hiring and admissions to public colleges and universities.

An similar measure, Initiative 200, is now on the November ballot in Washington State.

Other efforts to curb affirmative-action programs have failed in Congress.

In March, Rep. Marge Roukema, R-N.J., proposed legislation that would have repealed a requirement that 10 percent of federal highway contracts be set aside for companies run by racial minorities or women. It was rejected 225-194 later in the month.

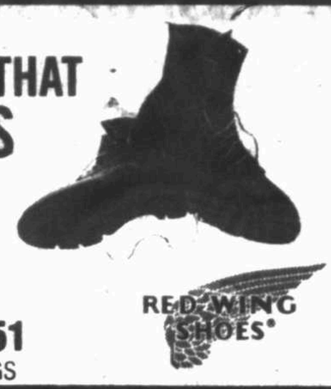
Also in March, the Senate rejected 58-37 an amendment to the federal highway bill that would have ended a 20-year-old program that seeks to give 10 percent of federally financed highway contracts to companies with minority or women owners.

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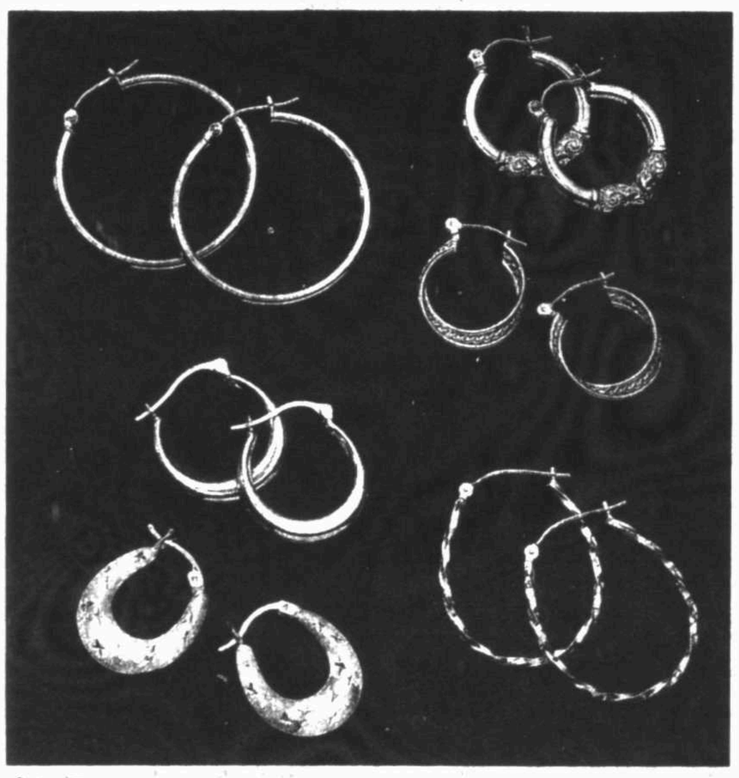
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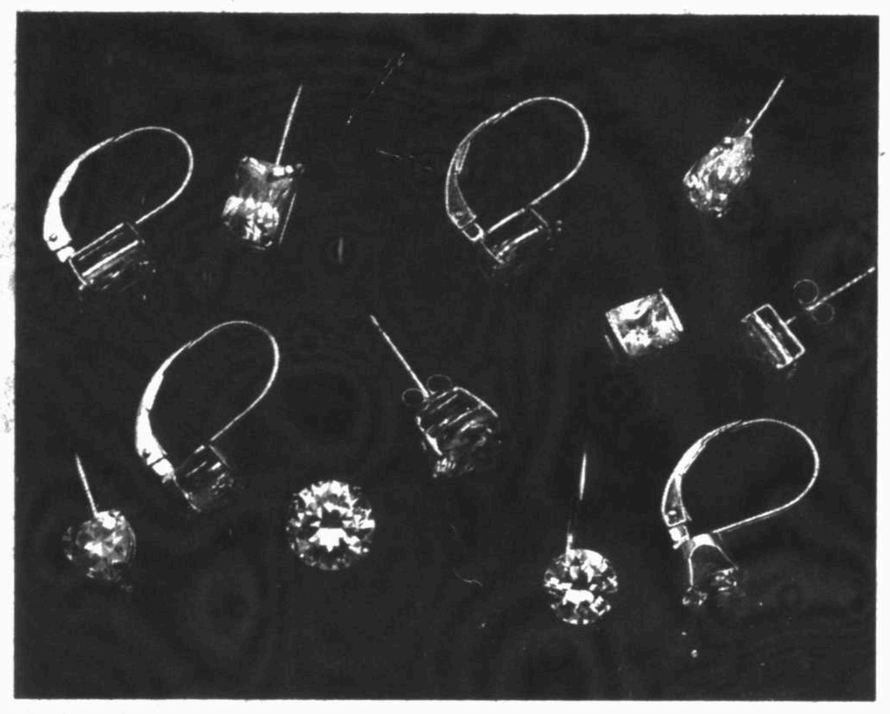
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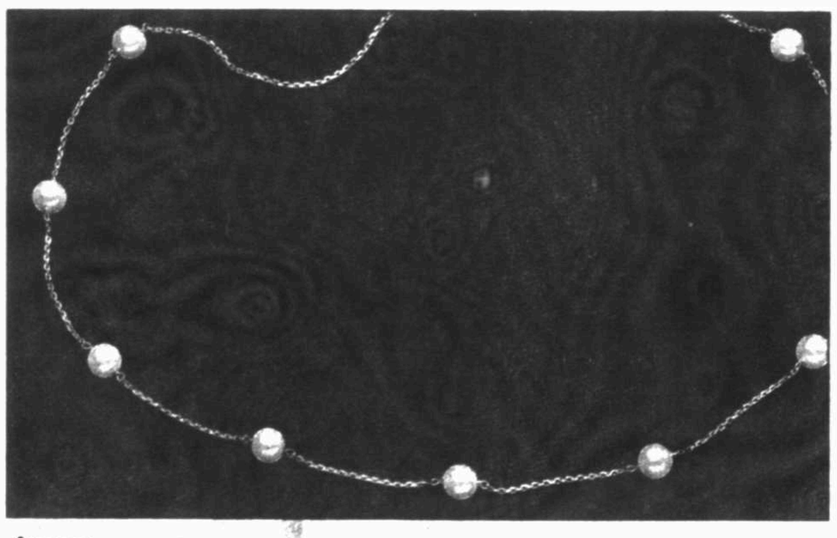


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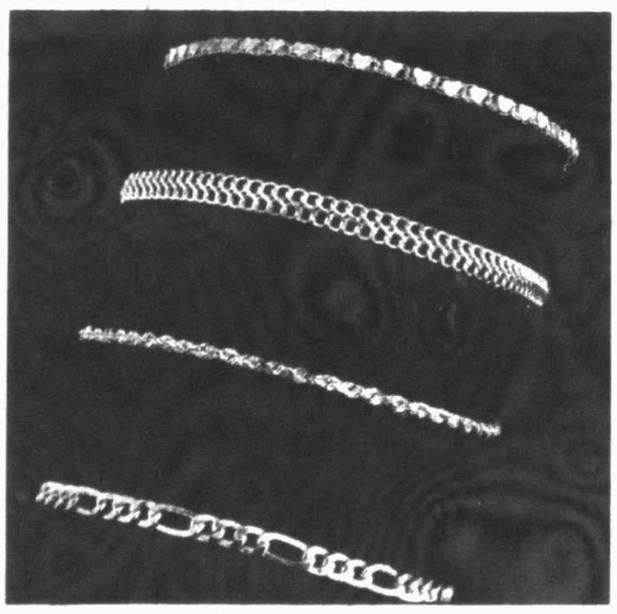
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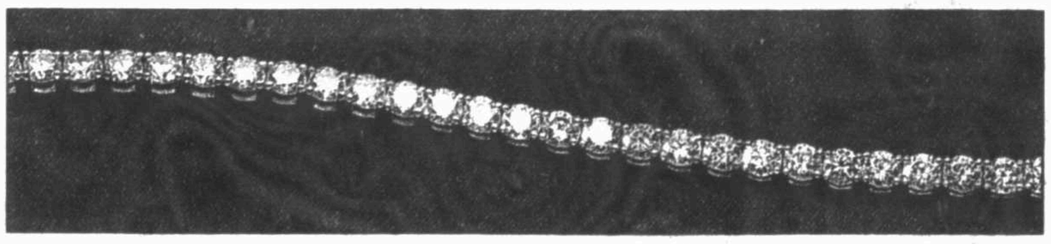
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Grass fire engulfs warehouse

By Rick López
Staff Writer

An out-of-control grass fire made its way into a warehouse complex at 11500 U.S. Highway 80 and consumed a building that housed AAA Coffee Distributors and United Snack Group.

The blaze started at about 3 p.m. in a vacant lot less than a block west of the complex, which is also occupied by Copy Craft Paper, B&L Water Service and Kelso Truck and Equipment Repair.

No serious injuries were reported. Officials at the scene did not have an estimate of the damages.

Authorities said the incident began when a welding crew working next to the lot was using a blow torch to repair a pumpjack. No citations were issued, officials said.

Gusty winds carried the sparks into the lot's parched grass, but workers were not aware of the danger until small patches of fire developed, Midland Fire Department Inspector Jeff Meiner said.

The crew tried to extinguish the flames, but were faced with an obsta-

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Midland firefighters don breathing apparatuses as they prepare to attack a blaze that destroyed a warehouse at 11500 U.S. Highway 80. The structure fire, which started when a welding crew accidently ignited a vacant lot, completely destroyed the building used by AAA Coffee Distributors and United Snack Group.

Kes Gilhome
Reporter-Telegram

BASIN BRIEFING

Reader Club

Hastings kicks off its annual Summer Reader Club 1-3 p.m. Saturday with storytelling, food and door prizes. The club is open to readers ages 2-16. Members will receive a 20 percent discount on age-appropriate books and can compete for monthly prizes for book reports.

Also at Hastings, author Joan Stocks Nobles is to sign copies of her book, "Run with the Horses," 7-9 p.m. Friday. For more information call 694-1151.

Round Up

The American Cancer Society's 1998 Round Up is set for 7 p.m-1 a.m. Saturday at the Confederate Air Force hangar. Entertainment for "Under the Big Top" will be provided by the Dixie Chicks and Jack Ingram. The Wild West Band will be the dance band. Dinner is being catered by Perini. For more information on Roundup call the Midland office of the American Cancer Society, 683-6374 or fax 687-5360.

Lady Dawgs

Midland High School's Lady Dawgs' Basketball Booster Club is to meet 7 p.m. today at Conference Room A. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Gluten-Free

ODESSA — West Texas Gluten-Free Support Group is to meet 3-5 p.m. Saturday at Odessa Regional Hospital auditorium (enter at south entrance). There will be a demonstration on waffle making. For more information call 563-4847 or 520-2119.

Cookie recall

PLANO (AP) — Frito-Lay recalled 1.5 million packages of Grandma's Homestyle Fudge Chocolate Chip Big Cookies Wednesday because a label on the product's bag fails to list eggs among the ingredients.

The Plano-based company said anyone with allergies or severe sensitivity to eggs risks a serious or life-threatening reaction if they eat the product.

Frito-Lay voluntarily recalled the cookies after learning about the omission on 1.5 million packages. Company spokeswoman Lynn Markley said all other Grandma's Cookie varieties are labeled correctly and are not involved in the recall.

Cookies with freshness dates ranging from June 2 to Aug. 11 have been pulled from stores.

Ms. Markley said a Mountain View, Calif., man who is allergic to eggs called the company this week to say he'd eaten one of the cookies and felt nauseated.

Ms. Markley said she expected the cookies to return to the shelves in the next week or two.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library at 688-8991.

Survivors Group for Sexual Abuse, Rape, Incest Victims, 6 p.m., Glenwood Hospital, 3300 South FM 1788, 563-1200.

Flatlanders Toastmasters Club, Chevron Building, 15 Smith Road, 11:30 a.m., 687-7286.

LOOPS, 7 p.m., First Baptist Church, 550-LOOP.

Hearts Alive, 7 p.m., medical staff room at Memorial Hospital, 6843745.

Project ADAM, (Alternatives to Domestic Assault for Men) - Support group, 6: 30-9: 00 p.m., 689-8428 or 520-0277.

Toastmasters, Permian Club, noon, Permian Basin Graduate Center, 684-0044.

Novice duplicate bridge, Allison Bridge Center, 7 p.m., 682-4461

East Side Lions, 8 p.m., Los Enriquez, 1401B N. Lamesa Road.

Optimist Club of Midland, noon, Best Western Sidewalk Cafe

Bereavement Support group, 7 p.m., Hospice of Odessa, Texas Commerce Bank, fourth floor, 332-1431, 332-0991.

Pilot Club of Midland, noon, Ramada Inn, 687-3109

Hogan Park Women's Golf Association, Hogan Park Golf Course.

Rotary Club of Midland, 11:55 a.m., Chamber of Commerce, 109 N. Main.

Midland Council for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children, 1 p.m., 3919 Roosevelt Dr., 694-1327.

Alzheimer's Association support group, 7 p.m. , Westwood Medical Center dining room, 570-9191.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

The Midland Chamber of Commerce's Business Expo 98 was Wednesday at Midland Center. Theresa Woodruff, top, uses magnetic rollers to massage Geno Montes' shoulders at the booth of BJ's Consignment. Sue Hooper, at left, director of Internet product marketing with Net West, talks to Calvin Jackson about Internet hookup.



EXPO 98

Local merchants rush to advertise in new terminal

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Merchants are rushing to display their wares in the new terminal being constructed at Midland International Airport.

In December, Interspace Airport Advertising of Allentown, Pa., was given the contract for airport advertising at the new terminal complex after the Midland City Council and city staff reviewed plans to incorporate their advertising in a way that augments the architectural features of the terminal.

Since then, area merchants moved quickly to secure advertising in both signs and displays at the new terminal, according to Jim Carey, sales manager for Interspace.

Participation in the Midland International Airport Community Showcase Program is currently at 101 percent of the goal set by Interspace, Carey said.

"It is amazing the amount of support we have received from the community in terms of their interest in becoming part of the Midland Community Showcase program," Carey said.

"We knew the program had potential, but the amount of support, pride and interest from the people of the Permian Basin was beyond belief."

In designing static displays for larger items such as new vehicles, display cases for various wares and sign advertising, the company presented artists renderings of how the advertising would flow with the new terminal's arched windows and sloping design elements without disrupting the esthetics, according to Russell Brown, public relations specialist with Interspace.

"We invest very heavily in design," Brown said in December as he presented plans to the council. Interspace officials pledged to keep advertising space conservative and attractive at the new terminal building.

The goal is to use the airport as a means to present the region's economy and resources to those traveling via the

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Williams goes to bat for cadet's right to display Confederate flag

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — A sticker on the foot locker of a Texas A&M cadet has sparked a campus debate over whether or not the school can specifically ban the Confederate rebel flag.

In a little-noticed move last year, a Corps of Cadets manual singled out the Confederate flag and barred cadets from displaying its likeness.

"When they voluntarily join the corps; they voluntarily submit themselves to the discipline of a military organization," said Major Joseph Mills, spokesman for 2,100-member Corps of Cadets. "The Confederate flag tends to polarize people and that's something we're not interested in."

Womack's case has caught the attention of several A&M alums, including former Texas gubernatorial candidate Clayton Williams Jr., Texas A&M class of 1954.

In a Jan. 12 letter to Hopgood, Williams urged an end to the ban, The Bryan-College Station Eagle reported Wednesday.

"It seems to me some more reasonable accommodation should be made here rather than the total disavowal of our Confederate past. I

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Farm Bureau PAC endorses Sharp

Texas Comptroller John Sharp, left, the Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, accepts the endorsement of the PAC of the Texas Farm Bureau, state's largest farm and ranch organization at a news conference Wednesday in Austin.

AP Photo

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ED TODD

The times they are a-changin', which is nothing new

Every era has its modern times. The Studebaker wagon was uptown long before Henry Ford's Model T helped herald the age of the automobile and put more and more mules, horses and oxen out to pasture.



Todd

Those fountain pens, which today are making an upscale renaissance from Mont Blanc and Waterman to Cross and Parker, were in their glory days when the ballpoint pen made its oily debut at mid-century, at a time when the mechanical pencil was faring quite well and ink was about a dime a bottle. Many a student's choice pen was the affordable Esterbrook ($3.50 drugstore price) with interchangeable nibs.

The art of penmanship seemed to decline as the manual typewriter and then the electric came into use.

As late as the 1950s and the 1960s, the mechanical slide rule was numbered foremost among the engineer's and the science student's reliable friends.

Back in the 1920s, the crystal radio was the rage long before the tube-type superheterodyne radio come to the fore.

A century earlier and well into the 20th century, the telegraph and Samuel Morse's code were practical evidence of technology's wonders on the rail and at sea.

Late in the 1800s, the consummate inventor, Thomas A. Edison, who practiced what was to become the Churchillian never-give-up rule, came up with technological marvels: the microphone, the phonograph, and the electric light bulb. Modern they were and life-changing.

The safety bicycle, which came out last century, was a more stable study in efficient locomotion than the high-wheeler.

The old rhythmic beat of coal-fired and oil-burning steam locomotives imparted wanderlust to lads and lasses seeking adventure and hoping to change dreams to reality. Ships at sea and airplanes in their natural environment invite that same wanderlust. They, too, are products of modern times.

Today's modern times are, for example, bringing in the computer-chip digital camera, which is competing with the old reliable 35mm film camera. The single-lens reflex 35mm camera and the old twin-lens reflex camera were avant-garde among cameras when Graflex's 4-by-5 Speed Graphic and Crown Graphic cameras were the press photographer's principal tool way back when.

Edison's cylindrical records and flat platters, modern in their days, became antiques when audio buffs went to recordings on tapes and compact disks.

The old mechanical typewriters often end up in estate sales or in antique and second-hand stores. In their place comes the plastic-encased printed circuitry of computerized word processors and the Internet surfing devices.

Television, once new and modern and made up of small and big tubes hovering over a maze of wires and resistors, is now old and familiar except for the high-dollar, high-resolution digital TV set that is coming to the fore.

Even the once-simple automobile is computer rigged and often out of reach by the wrench-wielding home mechanic.

Hand and facial soap, which for decades appeared as bars under wraps, is going liquid at heftier prices in the pump-bottle. And paper towels have long since usurped rags, which could teach the world a lot about recycling.

Times are a-changing, which is nothing new.

Ed Todd is a staff writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

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POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department
Tuesday

Burglary of a building: Packaging equipment was taken from 1905 W. Industrial Ave. Steve Bolton reported it at 2 p.m.

Criminal mischief: An oak cabinet was damaged at 2502 Autumn Place. It was reported at 6 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Tuesday

Theft: A juvenile was detained at Dillard's, 4511 N. Midkiff Road, for shoplifting. A report was made at 9:16 p.m.

Wednesday

Theft: Jewelry was taken from a residence at 1305 S. County Road 1130. Diane Vanderventer made a report at 11:40 a.m.

Anyone having information concerning any of those reports should contact the Midland Police Department at 685-7108 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

ADS: City to receive a third of estimated $100,000 a year

(From 1B)

Midland airport, Brown said.

"People will see the program as the proper representation of their region," Carey said. "Local companies have realized the program is not just about buying advertising. It's about being part of the visual image, their show of visual support, and their statement to the Permian Basin," he added.

"Travelers look at the contents of an airport as a reflection of that community. The Permian Basin players know that," Carey said.

Out of an estimated $100,000 a year in revenues from advertising at the airport, Interspace will pay the city 30 percent, or an estimated $30,000 each year to the city as part of the advertising contract.

"The airport is very pleased to have a quality company like Interspace conducting our advertising program," said Ken Day director of airports for the city of Midland.

In addition to retail and commercial advertising, Interspace will also be promoting various social organizations and special events in the city. "Anything that promotes community spirit," Day said.

In the Interspace scheme, those companies that have advertised longer get "first right of refusal to future projects, meaning when the new terminal is built, those with long-standing relationships in the existing program get first selection," Carey said.

Companies that have already committed to sign or display space at the new terminal include Lone Star Chevy Dealers, Midland Hilton, Odessa Chamber of Commerce, Westwood Medical Center and Music City Mall.

Also, Radisson Odessa, Brooks Financial Group, Victorian Inn & Suites, Midland CVB, Amera Travel Network, Best Western, Memorial Hospital, Honeywell, Ramada Inn Midland, Quick Sand Golf Course, Brewster County Tourism, Christiani's Jewelers, Langston Realtors and Fort Davis Saddlery.

Also, ClayDesta Inn, Holiday Inn, Premier Parking, Security Airport Parking, Pee Wee Dalton Boots, Alpine Chamber of Commerce, Manor Park, Inc., Midland Reporter-Telegram, Turner Eye Clinic, Shell Continental Group, Express Personnel Service, Remax, Midland United Way, Competition Specialties, The Davis Co., Oil & Gas Journal and Zucchi's Restaurant.

FLAG: Student has retained attorney to fight banner ban

(From 1B)

believe our heritage is of equal importance as political correctness," Williams wrote.

Williams did not return a phone call to The AP.

In a statement to the Eagle on Tuesday, Williams said aid was unaware of any possible legal action coming out of the flag dispute. He said he believed Texas A&M, not courts, should handle the issue.

Calls to Texas A&M University offices were referred to the Corps of Cadets.

The new regulation might have gone unnoticed if not for a 3-by-5-inch sticker on the foot locker owned by cadet Thomas Chisum Womack of Eustace, Texas.

Womack, who did not return phone calls from The Associated Press on Wednesday, was told in October to remove the sticker. He complied after being told a second time, but has since retained attorney Kirk Lyons to challenge the flag ban.

"We feel that that infringes on the rights of every cadet ... the majority of whom have Confederate ancestry," said Lyons, of the far-right Southern Legal Resource Center in Black Mountain, N.C.

The Corps manual, known as The Standard, in years past barred the display of divisive symbols but was never specific about what symbols were considered divisive.

Maj. Gen. M.T. "Ted" Hopgood, a former military officer who oversees the Corps, had the Confederate flag added to the manual last August.

"The commandant made that decision that it needed a little bit more specificity," Mills said. "In a military organization, these kids are living in close quarters and what may not be offensive to one may be offensive to another."

The Corps of Cadets is not affiliated with any of the armed services but is structured along military lines. About 30 percent of its members receive commissions to the Navy, Army, Marine Corp and Air Force upon graduation, Mills said.

Chancellor Barry Thompson addressed the issue on the Internet last month when he was a featured "Ask A Texan" interview subject on Texas Monthly's web site.

"Texas A&M's Commandant of Cadets views display of the Confederate battle flag within the Corps as divisive and, therefore, prejudicial to good order and discipline," Thompson said.

"To resolve this, he has exercised his authority to prohibit its display. I consider this a proper exercise of his authority ... We appreciate those of you who have offered advice and counsel in this matter and hope your interest in the welfare of Texas A&M will continue."

Lyons said he hopes to work with the university and avoid a lawsuit against the Corps, but is prepared to file one if necessary. He met with Hopgood and the university's legal counsel last month but the ban remains in place.

"This issue will not go away as long as this insult stands," Lyons said.

Morales reports gangs growing, moving to smaller towns, cities

AUSTIN (AP) — Criminal gangs are growing and moving into smaller cities and towns, but many law enforcement agencies don't rate gangs as their biggest problems, according to Attorney General Dan Morales.

The attorney general Wednesday released a report on gang membership and activity in Texas last year. Compared to the same report issued in 1995, gangs in the state's largest cities have grown larger, more violent and more organized.

Thirteen of 15 law enforcement agencies in larger areas identified gangs as major problems.

But about 38 percent of all police agencies that responded to a survey from Morales' office said gangs are "not much of a problem." Only 1 percent of the survey respondents called gangs "one of the most serious law enforcement problems we face."

Morales said more police agencies from smaller jurisdictions responded to the survey.

According to police agencies in six of the state's largest cities, there were 1,540 known gangs with 47,000 members last year.

Across the state, police agencies reported 3,200 gangs in cities and 1,600 gangs in counties with about 105,000 members. Prosecutors reported 6,000 gangs with some 38,000 members, but Morales said there could be overlapped reporting.

The report also showed that women represent 13 percent of all gang members.

Morales said police agencies also reported progress in their fights against gangs. He said community policing, gang graffiti cleanup and targeting gang leadership is working.

"There is hope that the law enforcement community is making positive inroads with such strategies as community policing and graffiti removal," Morales said. "In fact, some communities report that the gang problem is not as bad as it used to be."

OBITUARIES



Joe Woodley

Joe Woodley was born May 7, 1913, in Coryell County, Texas, to Oscar Earl and Annie Bell (Bagby) Woodley. He married Alice Wright in 1933 in Gatesville, Texas. Mr. Woodley was foreman for the Leonard Proctor Ranch for 30 years. He spent all of his life ranching, an art that he loved. He participated in the operation of the family owned Simpatico Apartments for the past 19 years.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Woodley of Midland; his daughter, Nelda F. Rountree of Midland; his brother, Waverly Woodley of Decatur, Texas; his sister, Margarete Pope of Waco, Texas; two grandchildren, Stephen Rountree of Tuscon, Arizona, and Rebecca Presley of Midland; two great-grandchildren, Crystal and Aaron; one niece and numerous nephews.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Woodley died Tuesday at a local hospital.

The family requests memorials be directed to American Cancer Society, 2304 Wadley Ave., Midland, Texas 79705 or Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.

Pallbearers will be Stephen Rountree, Bill Woodley, Jack Woodley, Bill Wauson, Joe Culp and Aaron Presley III.



Delores McCalman

Delores McCalman, 72, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 1998, following a lengthy illness.

A memorial services is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 1998, at Ellis Chapel on Andrews Highway in Midland with the Rev. Molly Krueger officiating. A funeral service will also be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 11, 1998, at the Memorial Park Cemetery Chapel located at 51st and Memorial in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she will also be interred. The Rev. Tom Harrison will preside over this service.

Dolores was born June 14, 1925, to Albert and Mabel Bensing in Billings, Oklahoma. She married Robert L. McCalman on January 16, 1948, in Hobbs, N.M.

Survivors include her husband; daughter, Carla Miles of Midland; sons, Kevin McCalman of Midland, Kerry McCalman of Claremore, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Richard and Robert McKee, both of Midland and Sarah Tobias of Odessa; also, two great-granddaughters, both of Midland.

Memorials may be directed to the American Lung Association.

Eva Godfrey

Services for Eva Hayes Godfrey have been set for 4 p.m. Thursday, May 7, 1998, at First Methodist Church Chapel in Midland. Her nephew, the Rev. David Miracle of First Baptist Church of Crane, will officiate. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Pipkin Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Godfrey was born November 17, 1908, in Vera, Texas. She passed away Monday, May 4, 1998, in an Odessa hospital. She became the wife of Ray A. Godfrey in 1934. They moved to Midland from Big Spring in 1945. She attended beauty college in Abilene and owned the Llano Beauty and Barber Shop in Midland. In 1975, she retired and has been living in Odessa for the past four years. She was a member of the Boone Bible Class at First United Methodist Church of Midland. She also was a 50-year member of Eastern Star Chapter 253 and the Rose Club.

She is survived by two daughters, Judean Bennett of Odessa, Nancy Stark of Odessa; a stepdaughter, Raynell Whiteker of Coleman; four grandchildren, Kyle Bennett, Kelly Bennett, Shawn Stark and Missy Stark; two stepchildren, Linda Tabor and Steve Whiteker.

Her husband; her parents, Mark and Mary Hayes; three brothers; four sisters; and one grandson have preceded her in death.

Pallbearers will be Kyle Bennett, Kelly Bennett and Stark, Bob Bennett, Carroll Gatlin and Mike Godfrey.

Honorary pallbearers will be Scott Johnson, Dan Collins, Peter Williams, John Ray Godfrey, Betty Syl Godfrey, Wallace Moore, John Godfrey, Gary Tabor and Steve Whiteker.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

DEATH NOTICES

Alice Mattix

Alice Mattix died Tuesday, May 5, in Midland.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Daniel Garcia

Daniel Garcia died at a local hospital Monday, May 4.

Graveside services are to be 2 p.m. today, May 7, at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 15, 1933, in Marfa.

He lived in California for 23 years before moving to Midland in 1992. He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

Survivors include his wife, Mary (Olivas) Garcia of Midland; a son, Joe H. Garcia of California; a daughter, Mary J. Garcia of California; a brother, Fidel Garcia of California; and a sister, Josie Garcia.

FIRE: A dozen fire trucks fought blaze

(From 1B)

cle — a high chain-link fence that stopped them from crossing into the lot and stomping out the flames. By the time that the crew managed to work their way around it, the flames were too high, Meiner said.

High winds and arid land conditions were also contributing factors to the blaze's size and strength, he said. The National Weather Service said that winds were at their peak — 33 mph from the southwest — at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

At least 12 fire trucks were called to the scene, including units from Odessa, Midland and Midland County, Meiner said. Since the complex was not equipped with fire hydrants, huge tankers hauled water to the scene.

Motorists on Highway 80 pulled over and watched the fire trucks' flashing lights disappear into the thick cloud of smoke. The fire ravaged everything in its path, including a delivery truck and sports car parked outside of the warehouse.

Firefighters wore breathing apparatus as they doused flames amidst the smoke, which contained toxic elements released from thousands of burning Styrofoam cups and other man-made products.

A man who worked with the coffee delivery business said boxes of assorted snacks, soda pop cans, glass coffee pots and coffee were also stored in the warehouse.

"They get a $5,000 delivery every Monday. There's pallets of coffee in there, boxes of candy stacked up high ...," he said. "I went to make a delivery this afternoon and when I came back and found this all burned. It's hard to believe."

The blaze came too close for comfort for Bob and LaRene Provins, who own B&L Water Service and live in a mobile home just a few yards east of the charred structure. Their home and business reeked of smoke, but seemed unharmed, they said.

"I was inside the house watching TV when I heard a popping sound ... like firecrackers going off. It smelled like someone was having a barbecue," Ms. Provins said. "I came outside and saw black swirls of smoke. I got the phone and called 911."

Soda cans inside the warehouse exploded with such intensity that they landed against the Provinses' trailer, she said. Quarter-sized ash cluttered the air while the Provinses and other witnesses watched firefighters wash down the blaze's hot spots.

Two butane tanks also posed a threat to the area. A large one outside the warehouse endured the flames and extreme heat, while the other one just a few feet from the Provinses' residence was unthreatened.

"If one of those would have blown up, it could have torn up all this," Provins said, pointing to his mobile home and his store's warehouse. "They're all made of aluminum. These houses can burn in 10 minutes."

By 5 p.m., firefighters had contained most of the blaze and were preparing to tear down the doors to the warehouse and saturate the contents inside. The rescue team could not enter the building because the roof had collapsed, so authorities chose to aim the hoses from the outside, Meiner said.

Grass fires could be a common occurrence this year because of the lack of rainfall, said Doug Crabtree, director of emergency management for Region 4A of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

So far, Midland has received less than 1 1/2 inches of rain since January, National Weather Service officials said. The last measurable amount of rain that fell over the Tall City was 0.01 of an inch on March 17.

"We've had less rainfall in the past, but this year looks like it's getting serious," Crabtree said. "We're in the middle of an extreme fire hazard."

Welders should use extreme caution when working, Meiner said. He advises that each crew have a "fire watcher" — someone who doesn't weld but monitors the working area for sparks. Crews should also have water and a shovel near them in case of an accident, he said.

He said that officials had already warned the DPS that Midland and nearby areas are under a drought warning. Residents in Sanderson and its surrounding area have already filed a drought declaration with the Attorney General's Office, Crabtree said.

The declaration, he said, helps farmers and crop growers find low-interest loans that help them recuperate from their losses. Some residents there have already killed half their livestock and are burning cactus to provide their cows with some kind of water source.

"Drought can damage crops and livestock ... it's just like any other natural disaster," Crabtree said.

At least two other large grass fires have caused panic in the Permian Basin, local officials said. Windswept debris from a controlled burn ignited grass near a mobile home in west Odessa. The fire spread quickly and eventually engulfed the home, leaving a woman and her children without shelter.

In Big Spring Wednesday, a grass fire threatened residents of the Silver Hills area, which is south of the city on Texas Highway 87. Though there were no reports of structural damage, it took firefighters four hours to put out the flames, officials said.



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Midland firefighter Reggie Rankin cools down a butane tank next to the burning warehouse at 11500 U.S. Highway 80. Toxic fumes, explosion hazards and the partial collapse of the building hampered attempts to extinguish the blaze that took more than two hours to put out.

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Defense post nominee has focused career on nuclear issues

By Dick Stanley
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — Although he'll be 69 in June, Hans Mark isn't thinking about retirement.

Instead, the University of Texas engineering professor is pondering such issues as the ability of spy satellites and other options to impede the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

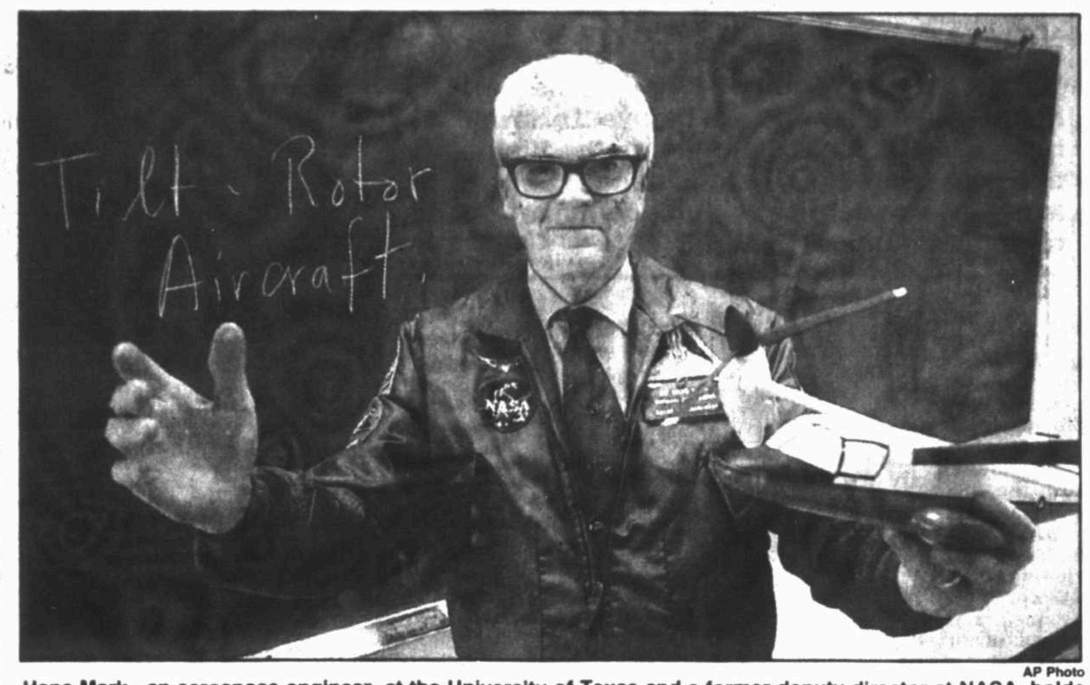
Mark, a former secretary of the Air Force, will get to try out some of these ideas if the U.S. Senate confirms him later this year as chief technical adviser to Secretary of Defense William Cohen.

President Clinton on Monday announced his intention to nominate Mark as director of defense research and engineering, or chief technical adviser, a $135,000-a-year post.

Mark, who came to Austin in 1984 and served as chancellor of the UT System until 1992, already has the support of U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.

"I know of no one in America better qualified," Gramm said Tuesday. "I strongly support him and congratulate the president and secretary of defense on a superb nomination."

U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-Austin, said Mark's "excellent service at UT will be missed, but I expect it is that excellent service which will be quickly recognized by the Senate and enable him to serve our country."



AP Photo

Hans Mark, an aerospace engineer at the University of Texas and a former deputy director at NASA, holds a model of a tilt-rotor aircraft he helped develop. President Clinton announced Monday his intention to nominate Mark as director of defense research and engineering.

Mark said he and his wife, Marion, planned to maintain their home in West Austin while he commutes to Washington, D.C. He said he would retain his UT faculty position but relinquish his teaching and research duties and UT salary of $120,000.

"We're not native Texans, but we got here as soon as we could," said Mark, who was born in Germany, raised in Austria and immigrated to the United States when he was 16.

"This is a political appointment, so it's really only for two years," he said. "I'll be on a leave of absence from the university, and I expect, because we have so many military installations in Texas, that I'll spend a lot of time here."

UT President Larry Faulkner said Mark's nomination reflected well on the university, adding that Mark "is a man of very extensive experience with respect to military research and development."

Mark, a former deputy administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, has focused his professional life on nuclear weapons, space probes, spy satellites and military aircraft.

"I was in the nuclear business from the very beginning, so I know the game from the design stage up," Mark said, referring to his work in the 1950s at the Lawrence Livermore Radiation Laboratory at the University of California.

He joined the lab after receiving his doctorate in physics from the Massachusettes Institute of Technology. If the Senate confirms him for the defense post, Mark will be the fourth veteran of the Livermore weapons lab to hold the job.

Mark said the primary focus of the Defense Research and Engineering office, which has a budget of almost $7 billion, will be on dismantling and controlling the nation's nuclear stockpile, while finding technical means of preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

"Technical means of verification," a euphemism for spy satellites and high-altitude reconnaissance aircraft, was the central feature of arms control agreements between the United States and the former Soviet Union.

The SALT II agreement — for Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty — began when Mark was director of the ultra-secret National Reconnaissance Office from 1977 to 1979.

Although SALT II collapsed when the Soviets invaded Afghanistan, it spurred the reconnaissance office's renewal of spy satellite technology — under Mark's direction — that still is in use today.

In a closed Washington ceremony last fall, Mark received a government medal for his work with the reconnaissance office, which works closely with the Central Intelligence Agency.

"Hans is an awesome scientist and administrator," said physicist Harry Fair, director of UT's Institute for Advanced Technology, an Army-financed lab where Mark plans to step down as a senior adviser.

Fair, a longtime researcher with the government's former Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency before coming to UT, said the defense job for which Mark will be nominated "is crying for somebody with his kind of talent and leadership."

Farm Bureau PAC endorses Sharp for lieutenant governor

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas' largest farm and ranch organization, which helped recruit Rick Perry to run for agriculture commissioner in 1990, on Wednesday endorsed Comptroller John Sharp in his race against Perry for lieutenant governor.

The endorsement was welcomed by Sharp, a Democrat, who called it "a real defining moment" in the campaign.

"There is no organization in the state of Texas as influential or powerful as the Texas Farm Bureau," he said. "To say I was elated would be a real mild understatement."

Ray Sullivan, a spokesman for Perry's campaign, said, "Rick Perry enjoys the support of most rank and file farm bureau members, farmers and ranchers because he is a consistently conservative leader for Texas and Texas agriculture."

Bob Stallman, president of the Farm Bureau and its political action committee (AGFUND), which actually made the endorsement, said it was a difficult decision.

Stallman acknowledged the Farm Bureau's active support in helping Perry defeat Jim Hightower to become ag commissioner in 1990 and win re-election in 1994. He said the group's backing of Sharp isn't an attempt to slam Perry's agricultural leadership.

"Rick's done a good job as ag commissioner," Stallman said. "If he was running for ag commissioner again, we would support him. We have supported both of these candidates in the past, but they are running against each other now.

"The lieutenant governor's job is different from the ag commissioner's job. We took all the factors into consideration, and decided that John Sharp would make the best lieutenant governor in the state of Texas."

Sullivan said, "The group (Farm Bureau) has supported John Sharp since before Rick entered public office, and Mr. Sharp still controls state tax rulings.

"We are proud of Rick's agriculture leadership, and appreciate the support of the five agriculture groups that have endorsed Rick Perry," Sullivan said.

Those groups are the Texas Cattle Feeders, Texas Association of Dairymen, Western Peanut Growers, Texas Sugar Beet Growers and the Texas Agriculture Aviation Association.

But none of those groups are as powerful or politically active as the Farm Bureau, which boasts 312,000 members and a well-organized political action committee.

Stallman said Sharp could count on campaign contributions from the group as well as mailings to all the group's members advising them of the endorsement. Stallman said the Farm Bureau would not be contributing to Perry's campaign.

"It's our policy not to contribute to more than one candidate in a race," he said.

PUC approves third codes in Houston, Dallas, splits 512 area

AUSTIN (AP) — The Houston and Dallas areas are getting new area codes — again. And Corpus Christi is getting a change as well.

The Public Utility Commission on Wednesday approved the addition of new codes in Houston and Dallas.

It also voted 3-0 to split the 512 area code that currently covers both the Austin and Corpus Christi areas.

Final votes on both matters remain pending.

Commission members said they will accept public comment on the changes before the final vote, not expected before next month. Members indicated, though, that they are unlikely to change their minds unless glaring problems are identified.

Meanwhile, PUC Chairman Pat Wood said he wants all Texans to have access to so-called 10-digit dialing for local calls.

Residents in the Houston and Dallas areas already are dialing 10 digits for many local calls. Such dialing won't be required in any other cities, but Wood said Texans need to become accustomed to it as 10-digit local calls become more common.

Ten-digit dialing would not mean local calls would be billed as toll calls, Wood stressed. "'1' is the direct signal to callers that this will be a toll call," he said.

"We have done as much as we can with the environment we've got to push this day of reckoning as far as possible," Wood said of adding new codes in Houston and Dallas.

The new codes have not been identified. Neither will take effect before December.

The new code in Corpus Christi will not take effect before September. It also has not been identified.

For Houston and Dallas, the new codes won't be tied to geographical areas. That means 10-digit dialing will be needed for most calls in those areas. It also means that neighbors and even separate phone lines in individual households could have different area codes.

Wood said he hopes phone companies do all they can to maintain the regional qualities of the existing codes in Houston and Dallas, reserving the new codes for new phone lines.

Bill Adair, of Southwestern Bell, said there will be some mingling of the existing codes in Houston and Dallas, but he said it will be limited.

Adair also said people will get accustomed to 10-digit dialing.

Commissioner Judy Walsh said she was not excited about having to add new codes to Houston and Dallas so soon after splitting the regions. When the Houston and Dallas areas were divided in 1996, officials said the new areas codes would last until after 2000. That did not happen.

But PUC staffer Linda Hymans said cellular phones, fax machines and computer modems aren't necessarily to blame.

Under current rules, phone companies get 10,000 phone numbers at a time, even if they need far fewer numbers for their customers. That means phone companies have stockpiles of available phone numbers but the number of 10,000 batches is running low in Houston, Dallas and the 512 area code.

Ms. Hymans said the PUC is working on rules that would give phone numbers to companies in batches of 1,000.

She also said companies that have stockpiles of unassigned phone numbers could eventually be asked to relinquish them. That would allow companies with more customers than phone numbers to assign the currently unused numbers.

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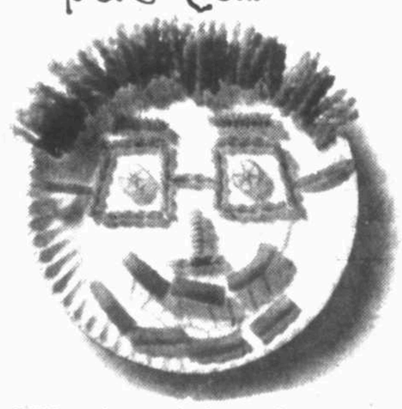
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Senators report troop morale low in Persian Gulf, call for pullback

■ Clinton pledges to keep U.S. forces in Gulf until U.N. weapons inspections completed.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senators just back from the Persian Gulf reported severe morale problems among troops keeping watch over Iraq and said it is time to begin a pullback. President Clinton conceded "we're going to have to work harder" to keep spirits up among American troops.

But the president reiterated his pledge to keep U.S. forces in place until U.N. weapons inspectors have finished their jobs. However, he said he was keeping "all our options open," including a possible temporary reduction of aircraft carriers patrolling the Persian Gulf from two to one.

Senators who visited troops in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Bosnia said many of those in the mission to police Iraqi President Saddam Hussein were dispirited and felt like virtual prisoners of their desert compounds.

One serviceman complained he'd been sent to the region 11 times in eight years, said Sen. Ted Stevens, leader of the seven-senator bipartisan delegation. The Alaska Republican quoted another as saying, "I did not join the military to become part of the Foreign Legion."

The delegation returned from its four-day trip late Tuesday

Clinton, at a White House news conference, acknowledged that "we ask more and more of our men and women in uniform, and they have longer deployments."

While he would not agree that morale was low, Clinton said: "We're going to have to work harder to make sure they get adequate support, and their families back home get adequate support, in order to keep morale high."

'The first and most persistent question was ... "When do we get home? When do we get home?"' said Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii. Inouye likened morale to that of the Vietnam era, and said the military was in danger of having to lower its standards to be able to make recruitment goals.

Clinton also confirmed that he was allowing the aircraft carrier USS Eisenhower, bound for the Persian Gulf, to delay its departure for several weeks — a move that could temporarily leave one carrier — the USS Stennis — patrolling the waters alone for several weeks in June. The second carrier there now, the USS Independence, is scheduled to leave the Gulf late this month.

At present, there are some 35,800 U.S. troops in the Gulf region, including 18,500 sailors and Marines on board 28 warships. There are 9,000 Air Force men and women, 6,500 Army troops and about 2,000 other military personnel assigned to headquarters units.

Pressure was clearly mounting in Congress to trim the forces, which have proven expensive both in terms of funding and morale.

"Clearly, I think it's time for us to reduce the deployment in the Persian Gulf and get it down to the point where people do not have to go back," Stevens said.

Stevens, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, and other members of the delegation said that Army and Air Force personnel stationed in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia are bored, feel cooped up, are tired of being sent to the same region repeatedly and are eager to get home.

"They cannot go off the bases, there's no towns for them to visit. They really are very confined," Stevens said. He said that morale among those stationed on ships seemed better than those stuck in compounds.

Senators said they talked to rank-and-file troops wherever possible, mostly out of earshot of military brass.

"The first and most persistent question was ..., 'When do we get home? When do we get home?'" said Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii. Inouye likened morale to that of the Vietnam era, and said the military was in danger of having to lower its standards to be able to make recruitment goals.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said "morale was extremely low, the desire to get out of the military and just anxiously waiting for their time to run was far more rampant than I believed."

Last week, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon said the president was considering cutting back on the dozens of warships in the Persian Gulf region because the situation had changed. Saddam had begun allowing U.N. inspectors into some disputed weapons sites, and his threats to shoot down U.S. surveillance aircraft had subsided.

Senators said they found troops in Bosnia in a better mood. "In Bosnia, there is a mission. Morale's a little higher," said Sen. Conrad Burns, R-Mont.

Still, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, who was on the trip, and Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., introduced legislation later in the day to require Clinton to draw down U.S. troop strengths in Bosnia — now around 8,000 — to no more than 2,500 by February 2000 from the roughly 8,000 stationed there now.

"All of us would like to see a clear mission, both in Bosnia and the Middle East," Hutchison said.

Several of the senators, including Stevens, proposed doing more to try to engage the government of Iran — including a possible visit by a congressional delegation. Stevens said the biggest resistance so far has come from the State Department.

Stevens said officials of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia expressed no interest in shouldering more of the cost of the operation and were more than willing to have the United States reduce its presence in their countries. "Saudi officials told us that Saddam Hussein was yanking our chain," Stevens said. Every time he does, the United States overreacts, he added.

Two carriers have patrolled the Gulf since the confrontation with Iraq last winter over U.N. arms inspections.

Two military officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the decision to allow the Norfolk, Va.-based Eisenhower to depart on June 10 instead of May 13 would result in a temporary gap in keeping two carriers in the Gulf.

"There will be a gap, but it's not much, and we have done this before," said one official.

Clinton, at his White House news conference, conceded "there has been some speculation about the timetable there. But I can tell you that ... Secretary Cohen has not recommended a final decision to me on this, and I certainly have not made one."

Defense experts question nonenforcement of no-fly zone

WASHINGTON (AP) — Comparing a U.S. response in the Persian Gulf to a police officer who looks the other way, defense experts questioned the decision by U.S. military commanders to pull back from confrontations with Iraqi fighters repeatedly intruding into prohibited airspace.

"It's as though I'm the policeman on the beat, I see a crime, and you tell me not to worry about it," Andrew Krepinevich of the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, a Washington-based defense think tank, said Wednesday.

A retired Air Force general who helped manage the air campaign during the Persian Gulf War said there's no point in establishing a no-fly zone if it's not going to be enforced.

"When we as a nation establish a no-fly zone and we say we're going to use military force to ensure that it's honored, then we should be prepared to use military force to back that up," said retired Gen. Buster Glosson.

These and other defense experts were commenting on an episode last fall, disclosed Tuesday by The Associated Press, in which U.S. commanders ordered Air Force, Navy and allied aircraft flying in southern Iraq to pull away from Iraqi fighters intruding into prohibited airspace. No Iraqi aircraft were fired upon during more than a week of repeated violations of the area below the 33rd parallel that the United States has declared off limits to Iraqi aircraft in response to a post-Gulf War U.N. resolution.

Air Force Maj. Gen. Roger Radcliff, then the head of the force patrolling southern Iraq, said he gave the order to pull back from the Iraqi fighters after consultations with his superiors at the U.S. Central Command, the Tampa, Fla.-based headquarters responsible for the Persian Gulf region.

Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon defended Radcliff's decision but said the question of how to respond to the Iraqi intrusions never made it to Defense Secretary William Cohen or the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"The decision was made at the local level," Bacon said. "He never cleared his decision here."

Bacon defended Radcliff's restraint in response to the Iraqi intrusions as "a judgment call and a supportable judgment call" that achieved "complete compliance with the no-fly zone without putting his pilots at risk."

Anthony Cordesman, a Mideast expert with the Center for Strategic and International Studies, agreed with Bacon. Going back to the Cold War, he said, the U.S. military practice has been to avoid taking action unless there was a clear requirement to do so.

"There's no point in having a hair-trigger," Cordesman said. "This was a time when we had considerably higher strategic and political priorities than getting involved in an air combat with an ineffective Iraqi air force."

Others questioned the decision to avoid confronting intruding aircraft after going to the trouble and expense of establishing and patrolling the no-fly zone, a job that has involved hundreds of aircraft and pilots and several billion dollars.

"Everything that we have seen Saddam do indicates that wherever you draw a line you can expect him to test," said retired Army Col. Kenneth Allard, who teaches a course in defense issues at Georgetown University. "So far, every time he has been able to test it, we have been the ones to blink."

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Barton apologizes for furor over Hubbell tapes

■ Gingrich orders firing of top aide to chairman of Government Reform and Oversight Committee. Clinton says tape release was violation of Hubbell's privacy.

By Larry Margasak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Stung by missteps, the chairman of the House fund-raising inquiry apologized to GOP colleagues Wednesday for the furor over his release of tapes of Webster Hubbell's prison conversations. His top investigator departed, ordered fired by House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Capitalizing on the Republicans' embarrassment, President Clinton deplored the selective release last week of portions of the taped prison conversations between Hubbell, his friend and former associate attorney general, and Hubbell's wife.

"I think it was clearly a violation of his privacy," the president said. "I believe that virtually everyone in America believes it was wrong to release selected portions of the tapes, apparently to create a false impression of what the whole record indicated."

Rep. Dan Burton, chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee, said in his letter to colleagues: "Although the vast majority of the (Hubbell) material was completely accurate, some mistakes and omissions were made."

"I take responsibility for those mistakes," the Indiana Republican said.

Burton, himself facing Democratic calls to resign, sought to mitigate the damage as he allowed his chief investigator, David Bossie, to write a resignation letter rather than fire him outright as Gingrich had ordered.

House Republican sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Burton had sided with Bossie, a longtime Clinton antagonist, in a furious internal committee dispute last week over whether to release Hubbell's conversations. Bossie was in favor of the release.

Burton's committee eventually released edited transcripts of the conversations — some missing exculpatory comments by Hubbell — and touched off a public uproar that finally left Republican leaders demanding Bossie's removal.

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At one point Tuesday night, Gingrich called Burton and demanded to know why Bossie hadn't yet been fired, according to the GOP sources. Burton, who argued on Bossie's behalf, replied the investigator would resign, they said.

Burton told reporters Wednesday that Bossie had "chosen to resign." But Gingrich offered a different version: Burton "fired the one person he should have fired."

Bossie's departure wasn't enough. Burton also wrote a "Dear Colleagues" letter to his fellow House Republicans apologizing for the fresh controversy.

"I am sickened by the thought that anyone would think that I would purposefully release anything less than completely accurate information," he added.

Bossie was unrepentent in his resignation letter, blaming the uproar on Democrats subjecting Burton "to never-ending and unjustified attacks" while the White House stonewalled and "mischaracterized the editing" of the tapes.

"I want to emphasize that no one on the staff ever intentionally left anything out," Bossie said.

Congressional Democrats said Burton himself, and not his aide, was the problem. "In throwing David Bossie to the wolves, Speaker Gingrich is trying to evade any repsonsibility for the Burton tapes travesty," Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri said in a written statement.

He said he would seek a vote on the House floor on Thursday to remove Burton from participation in the inquiry, a move likely to fail in the GOP-run House.

Several GOP sources said the issue of the Hubbell tapes had come up at a closed-door meeting of the GOP rank and file Wednesday.

One source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, quoted Gingrich as saying everyone was embarrassed over the handling of the tapes and he was certain Burton was embarrassed as well.

At that point, Burton spoke up, saying he wasn't embarrassed.

"Well, you should be embarrassed," Gingrich retorted.

Hubbell was serving an 18-month sentence for bilking his law clients and the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock, where Hillary Rodham Clinton was among his partners. His telephone conversations were tape-recorded, and Burton's committee subpoenaed the tapes.

The partial transcripts originally released by the committee included Hubbell comments about Mrs. Clinton's Whitewater role that appeared unfavorable to the first lady, but omitted other remarks in which Hubbell said he knew of no wrongdoing by the first lady.

The transcripts also left out Hubbell's assertion that presidential friends who had paid him large consulting fees while he was under investigation were not trying to buy his silence.

The upheaval was the second in a year involving the committee, which has been investigating Democratic fund-raising abuses in the 1996 presidential campaign.

Last July, then-chief counsel John P. Rowley III quit along with three other staff members, and accused Bossie of "unrelenting self-promoting actions."

Rowley was replaced by Richard D. Bennett, a former U.S. attorney in Maryland, who, GOP sources said, strongly argued with Bossie and Burton against releasing the tapes.

The sources said Bennett — who has refused to even listen to the recordings — told Burton and Bossie the tapes would add nothing to the committee's investigation.

Gingrich to attend GOP event at convicted fund-raiser's home

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Newt Gingrich, the House speaker, regularly assails Democrats for fund-raising abuses. Gingrich, the Republican booster, will be the main attraction at a picnic underwritten by a businessman just convicted of making illegal donations.

The Washington state GOP event will be at an island estate where Seattle businessman Thomas Stewart is serving 60 days of home detention for his conviction on misdemeanor federal charges.

Stewart agreed to pay almost $5 million this spring as part of a plea bargain — the third largest fine ever for federal election-law violations.

"I don't think Newt Gingrich would come if there was a concern about it," said Washington state GOP chairman Dale Foreman, who confirmed the speaker was committed to be keynote for the Aug. 22 picnic for King County Republicans.

Stewart, the Washington GOP's largest donor, has played host for the annual event for several years. It has drawn prominent Republicans as keynoters, including former vice presidential candidate Jack Kemp in 1996 and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., last year.

Stewart underwrites the cost for everything — even the food.

"It's really been a great opportunity for grass-roots people to come and meet national figures without having to pay anything," Foreman explained.

A spokesman for Gingrich, Mike Shields, would not comment about whether the speaker was bothered about appearances. He noted that while there was a commitment to attend, "for things that far off, things are always tentative."

But for Democrats who have endured months of Gingrich's attacks on their fund-raising troubles from the 1996 election campaign, the disclosure provides an opportunity to fire back.

"I find it outrageous that Gingrich would pay homage to a convicted money launderer," said Paul Berendt, the Washington state Democratic Party chairman. "I think Gingrich is being hypocritical to go after President Clinton on ethics when he turns around and agrees to go to the house of a man currently under house arrest."

Gingrich once called Democratic fund-raising practices in the 1996 campaign "the largest scheme of illegality and illegitimacy, I think, in the history of presidential campaigns."

Stewart, chief executive officer of Services Group of America, a billion-dollar corporation, and another executive pleaded guilty in March to funneling $100,000 through employees to the company's political action committee and congressional campaigns between 1990 and 1996.

McDougal attorney files motion requesting client's freedom

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Whitewater convict Susan McDougal, imprisoned for 20 months, should be freed because she has done more time than her co-defendants and may have her conviction overturned, her lawyer said Wednesday.

In court papers, lawyer Mark Geragos asked a federal judge to reduce Mrs. McDougal's two-year prison sentence to probation.

"Susan has done more time than anybody connected with this investigation," he said. "It makes sense to re-sentence her and let her out at this point."

His motion argued that Mrs. McDougal deserves leniency because of recent reports that Whitewater prosecutors knew a key witness against her received payments from a conservative publisher.

"The allegations, if true, would undoubtedly lead to the overturning of her conviction," Geragos said.

Geragos also argued that Mrs. McDougal, 43, deserved a break because of failing health and the "barbarous conditions" she endured for seven months in a Los Angeles County jail.

He said she was kept in leg and arm shackles while visiting with her attorneys, chained to a toilet for hours and housed with convicted murderers and molesters.

Mrs. McDougal was sentenced in 1996 to two years in prison for fraud relating to an illegal $300,000 loan she received. She began serving that sentence in March after completing an 18-month civil contempt term for refusing to talk to the Whitewater grand jury.

She has served more time than her ex-husband James McDougal, who died after less than a year in prison, and former Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, who was sentenced to home detention. All three were convicted in the same trial.

On Monday, Mrs. McDougal was indicted on an obstruction of justice charge and two criminal contempt counts for refusing to talk to grand jurors about the 1980s business dealings of President Clinton and the first lady.

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Congressional panel approves segregation by sex in military training

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over Clinton administration opposition, a key House committee voted for separate military training for women and men Wednesday, accepting the argument that the change could thwart sexual misconduct and distractions.

"All we're trying to do is get basic training back to basic training, not social experimentation," said Rep. Gene Taylor, R-Miss.

Opponents on the House National Security Committee, in debating the defense authorization bill, said separating men from women during training will work against cohesion in the field and could result in less equality for female soldiers in the male-dominated armed forces.

"It will roll back opportunities for women. ... It will not reduce sexual misconduct," argued Rep. Jane Harman, D-Calif. "We learned long ago that a policy of separate but equal results in unequal opportunities."

Rep. Tillie Fowler, R-Fla., a leading opponent of separate training, failed to win committee approval for an amendment to hold off on a decision until a congressional commission studying the matter makes its report. The amendment failed, 23 votes for and 30 against.

Under the legislation, the Army, Navy and Air Force would be required to house and train male and female recruits separately, something the Marine Corps already does. A panel headed by former Sen. Nancy Kassebaum Baker, R-Kan., studied the question last year after a sex scandal at an Army base in Aberdeen, Md., and recommended separate basic training last year for all military services.

"The sexual dynamic is both an attraction and a distraction," Rep. Roscoe Bartlett, R-Md., said Wednesday in arguing for separation. "There's no place for this in the armed forces."

The Pentagon would have to begin gender-separate living and training by April 1999, although waivers would be allowed until October 2001 to give the services time to build facilities as needed. The committee approved $8 million for the Army to buy locks and take other measures to separate the sexes until barracks can be built at a cost of about $160 million.

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The House plan goes beyond recommendations of Defense Secretary William Cohen, who wants the services to house male and female recruits in separate areas but doesn't want separate basic training.

On the defense budget itself, lawmakers grumbled that it falls short of needs to keep the military in fighting form.

"This budget is good for economic security, but I'm not sure it's good for national security," complained committee Chairman Floyd Spence, R-S.C.

Under last year's balanced budget deal between Congress and President Clinton, defense spending for fiscal year 1999 is limited to about $270 billion, which Spence and several Republican members of his committee said isn't enough to maintain full military readiness.

Spence calculated defense spending will fall $54 billion behind the rate of inflation in the next five years, meaning programs will have to be curtailed, he said.

The Pentagon acknowledged Tuesday that maintaining a high level of preparedness among its 1.4 million force is "a challenge." But spokesman Ken Bacon said the military is still able to fulfill its required capability of fighting two major regional conflicts at the same time if necessary.

In other measures in the Defense Authorization Act for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, the committee voted to:

■ Boost funding by $802 million for maintaining property, equipment and spare parts, saying this would help improve readiness.

■ Set a limit on spending for troops keeping the peace in Bosnia to $1.86 billion for the year. So far, some $10 billion has been spent.

■ Authorize annexation of 44.5 acres of military property around Arlington National Cemetery to allow for more burials. The veterans cemetery, now expected to be full by 2025, could accept burials for an additional 15 years.

■ Lift a one-year moratorium on deploying U.S. land mines that was to begin Jan. 1, 1999, which was approved in 1996 with an exception for the demilitarized zone in Korea. The Clinton administration refused to join a movement last year to ban the use of land mines worldwide, and Republicans in Congress don't want the moratorium to go into effect.

The bill is expected to come up for a House vote the week of May 18.

Couple wills Modern masters collection to Met

NEW YORK (AP) — Natasha and Jacques Gelman, whose home in Mexico was a meeting place for artists and actors over nearly half a century, collected art with a passion.

Carefully, they pieced together a collection that included some of the great European paintings of the early 20th century, sometimes waiting years for just the right one. They had their eye on Henri Matisse's bold Fauvist portrait "Young Sailor II" for 15 years before it came on the market and became a centerpiece of their collection.

"They had patience," recalls Robert Littman, director of the Centro Cultural Arte Contemporaneo in Mexico City and a friend of the couple since 1981. "They knew what they wanted, and they just waited."

When the widowed Mrs. Gelman died Saturday at 86, she willed the entire 85-piece collection, valued at more than $300 million, to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The pieces include a self-portrait by Pablo Picasso, painted when he was 25, and a wealth of paintings by Joan Miro, Salvador Dali, Georges Braque and other modern masters. The Matisse "Sailor," painted in 1906, is a dramatically colored portrait in blue, green and pink of a man leaning casually against the back of a chair.

The Gelman collection's focus on the School of Paris painters fills an important gap at the Met, which only recently began emphasizing 20th century European art. It could give the museum one of the finest such collections in the world, experts said.

"It is a glorious moment for the institution," crowed Met director Philippe de Montebello, speaking from Paris by telephone.

The Gelman collection captures "the great moment of 20th century art," he said. "When you're talking about Picasso and Braque and Matisse and later Miro, you're talking the great masters."

Jacques Gelman, who was born in Russia and lived for a time in France, made his fortune as a movie producer, working closely with the popular Mexican comedian Cantinflas.

He and his wife, who was born in Bohemia, were at the center of a post-World War II cultural boom in Mexico, entertaining at their home in Acapulco, Littman said. They were friends and patrons to Mexican artists including Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera, whose painting of Mrs. Gelman hung in her salon in Cuernavaca until her death.

"She never understood how Diego Rivera could paint her portrait," Littman said with a laugh. "They were out all night at the ballet, and at parties. And she had to get up in the morning and sit for her portrait, and he had to paint."

The Gelmans, who traveled extensively and kept an apartment in New York City, were known for the passion and meticulousness with which they collected.

"It was done out of love and appreciation," said Lynn Gumpert, director of the Grey Art Gallery at New York University. "It wasn't done willy-nilly or helter skelter."

The Met displayed much of the Gelmans' European collection in 1989 and 1990, and the couple was close with the chairman of the museum's 20th century art department, William Lieberman. Mrs. Gelman was an honorary trustee of the museum.

Gumpert said the Gelman collection includes "some very key iconic work. It's going to bolster the standing of the (Met's 20th century) department."

De Montebello said the paintings could be on display as soon as this fall.

The couple loved living with their art and lending it out for others to enjoy, friends said. It was displayed in major museums around the world.

In their Manhattan apartment, "You walked in the front door and you were just immediately surrounded by a Braque on side and a Picasso on the other," Littman said. "Right in front of you was a Matisse cutout. You just couldn't believe that all of this was in one apartment."

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ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — The easy-load Kodak Instamatic 126, the world's most popular camera in the 1960s, still captures the memories for some folks somewhere.

Not for much longer.

Eastman Kodak Co., which sold 50 million of the cameras from 1963 through 1970 and 20 million more beyond that, said Wednesday it will stop manufacturing 126-size film cartridges on New Year's Eve 1999.

Scott Sims, owner of Scott's Photo specialty store in Rochester, said he carried the cartridges long after customers had dwindled down to a precious few.

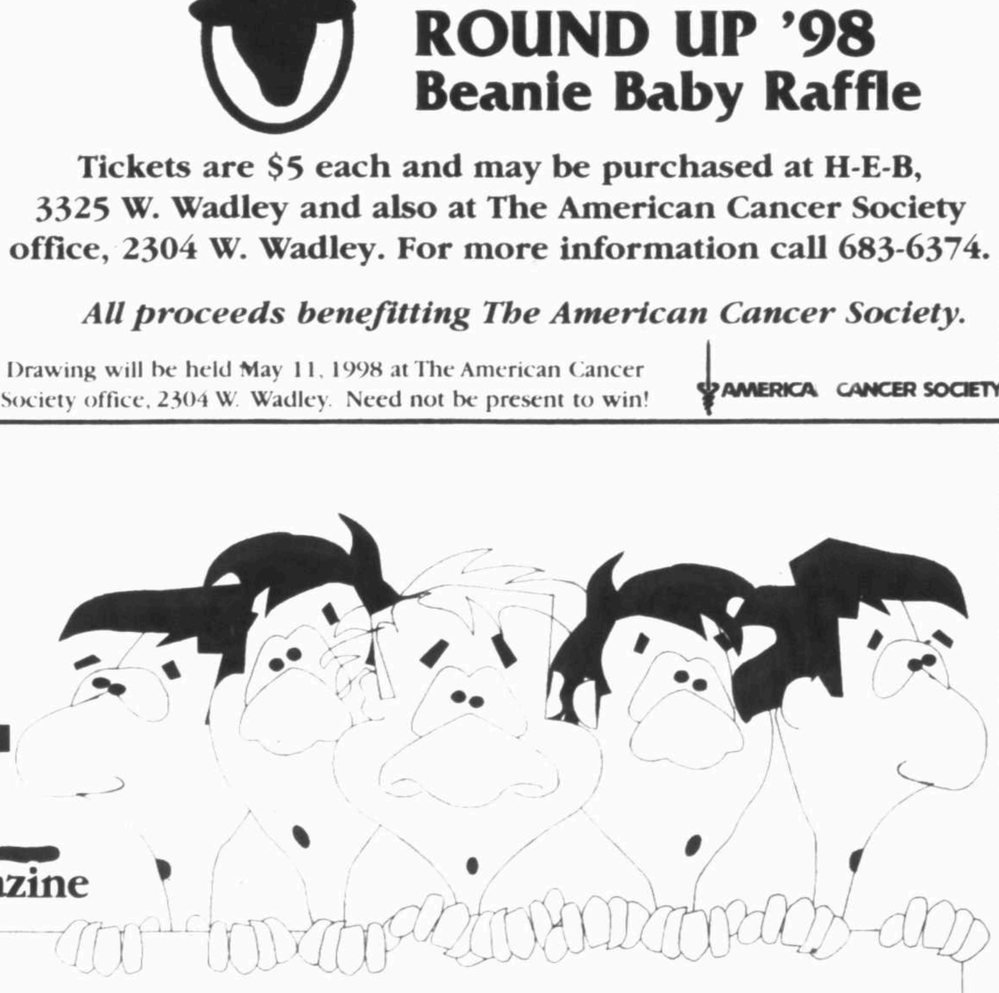
"Around the first of the year, somebody came in and bought everything I had," he said. "It was an easy way to get rid of it."

Far less than 1 percent of the $16 billion photo giant's film sales are in the 126 format, and that portion has been shrinking at a rate of 30 percent a year for some time. When the production line stops, the film will be available only as long as supplies last.

The Instamatic practically replaced old box cameras. Early versions, featuring a flash cube, sold for under $20 and some dealers offered rebates to customers who turned in their old Brownies.

They sold so well that Kodak quit making 35mm cameras, which at the time were upper-end camera models. The company did not reenter that market until 1986 when low-priced, 35mm snapshot cameras had taken off.

For amateurs who never got used to threading film into a camera, the Instamatic was foolproof. The plastic cartridges easily snapped in place and lifted out without the need to touch any film.

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Explosion 12 billion light years away is largest ever seen

WASHINGTON (AP) — The most powerful explosion ever witnessed — a gamma ray burst 12 billion light years distant — released in one second almost as much energy as all the stars of the universe, astronomers said Wednesday.

It was too far away to affect the Earth or the sun, but the astronomers said they were astounded by the might of the blast and mystified about what astronomical process could have caused it.

"The energy released by this burst in its first few seconds staggers the imagination," said Shrinivas Kulkarni, a professor of astronomy at California Institute of Technology and leader of a team that helped calculate the explosion size.

Kulkarni is co-author of a study being published Thursday in the journal Nature. He and others appeared at a Washington news conference Wednesday.

Gamma ray bursts are common, occurring once or twice a day, but the rays are invisible and can be detected only by satellites orbiting above the Earth's atmosphere. Since a burst lasts only seconds, astronomers rarely are able to focus telescopes on the source and capture light measurements needed to calculate the size of the explosion or pin down its location.

But on the night of Dec. 14, an Italian team detected a gamma ray burst with the BeppoSAX orbiting observatory and quickly alerted David J. Helfand, a Columbia University astronomer. Helfand relayed the information to astronomers operating telescopes at Kitt Peak near Tucson, Ariz., who were able to photograph the source site of the burst.

Later, the Hubble Space Telescope and others captured views of the explosion's afterglow, which was in visible light. The studies revealed the source as a very faint and distant galaxy.

The gamma ray burst released in one second almost as much energy as all the stars of the universe, astronomers said.

Kulkarni and others analyzed the energy and light released from the object and concluded it was about 12 billion light years away. A light year, the distance light travels in a year, is about 5.9 trillion miles. This great distance meant that the explosion was immensely powerful, Kulkarni said.

"I was astounded when I heard these results," said Stan Woosley, a professor of astronomy at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and an expert on astronomical explosions. "This was the brightest documented explosion in history."

Woosley said the total energy release was equal to about 5 billion supernovae, exploding stars that previously provided the most powerful documented sudden releases of energy. In visible light alone, Woosley said, the gamma ray burst energy was equal to about 1,000 supernovae.

By some calculations, the gamma ray burst release equaled as much energy in one second as all of the 10 billion trillion stars in the universe combined.

Woosley said it is difficult to relate the power to common terms. For instance, he said, if all of the nuclear weapons ever made were exploded at once, the energy released would equal about 1/100,000 of a second of the energy from Earth's sun. Yet, over its 10 billion-year history the sun will produce only about 1 percent of the energy of the gamma ray burst, the astronomer said.

Gamma ray bursts were unknown until the launch of U.S. military satellites designed to detect radiation from the explosion of atomic bombs.

Later, scientific satellites were launched to study the bursts, but astronomers remained mystified.

"We had no idea where they came from or what was responsible for them," said Alan Bunner, a science program director at NASA.

More than 2,000 of the brief bursts have been recorded, but astronomers were unable until recently to pinpoint their location or measure their distance from Earth. The location of three has been determined.

Kulkarni said all the bursts have been located in dusty regions where stars form, suggesting the massive explosions may play a role in the birth of new stars.

Woosley and others speculate that the explosion may occur when a black hole swallows a neutron star. A black hole is a collapsed object that is so dense that its gravity permits not even light to escape, and a neutron star is a massive collapsed star. Woosley acknowledged the explanation remains only speculation.

Astronomers believe the immense explosion just detected sent matter, such as neutrons and electrons, streaking outward at near the speed of light. About a day later, the matter smashed into gas and dust particles. The violence and heat of the collision created gamma rays, X-rays, then visible light.

It was these energy sources detected by the orbiting instruments and later by the telescopes.

Bankruptcy bill could jeopardize support payments, senators say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of mothers and children who are owed support payments would have to take a back seat to credit card companies in collecting debts from fathers under bankruptcy legislation before Congress, 25 Democratic senators asserted Wednesday.

But spokesmen for the biggest card companies, Visa and MasterCard, insisted that wouldn't happen under the bill to revamp the nation's bankruptcy laws that is moving through the House and Senate.

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., and 24 colleagues wrote the Senate Judiciary Committee chairman, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, expressing concern that the bill could hurt children and single parents.

While the bankruptcy laws need to be revised, the Democrats wrote, the legislation in its current form would have "a strong and disproportionate effect" on single parents and their children by putting certain types of credit card debt on the same level of priority as child support and alimony payments.

"When the time comes to decide who will be paid how much out of the bankrupt person's assets, children and their single parents will have to square off against some large and powerful corporations," Dodd told a news conference.

The House and Senate are moving closer to votes on separate versions of the legislation.

The number of Americans filing personal bankruptcies last year jumped to 1.2 million — up more than 300 percent since 1980. That included 300,000 involving court orders for child and spousal support, Dodd said.

Under the House bill, credit card debt incurred 90 days before an individual files for bankruptcy would be considered nondischargeable, meaning it couldn't be erased or written down. Child support and alimony, federal taxes and student loan debts are nondischargeable under current law.

The proposed change could be "devastating to children," Dodd said, because nondischargeable debts usually get paid first, forcing single mothers to compete for payment with credit card companies.

But David Sandor, a spokesman for Visa USA Inc., disputed that, saying the legislation would add 30 days to the pre-bankruptcy period that makes credit card debt nondischargeable and that child support would continue to have a higher priority.

Clinton defends pressure on Israel amid GOP accusations

By Nancy Mathis
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — President Clinton on Wednesday defended his administration's gambit to jumpstart the stalled Middle East peace talks while Republican leaders accused the White House of blackmailing Israel.

The president, joined by Italian Prime Minister Romano Prodi for a brief news conference, also declined to rule out the possibility of dispatching troops to the disputed Kosovo region in Yugoslavia and again expressed regret over the February Marine jet accident that killed 20 skiers in the Italian mountains.

The administration this week offered to host a White House ceremony Monday to open the final phase of peace negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority if Israel would agree to withdraw troops from 13 percent of the occupied territories in the West Bank. Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat agreed to the offer, but Israel requested more time.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu complained that the United States was trying to "dictate" unacceptable security arrangements.

The administration's plan prompted House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., to charge, "Now it's become the Clinton administration and Arafat against Israel." Referring to Israel's 50th anniversary, Gingrich said, "The administration says 'Happy birthday. Let us blackmail you on behalf of Arafat.'"

More than 220 House members, a majority, signed a letter to Clinton calling the administration's offer counterproductive.

But Clinton maintained the United States was only trying to help Netanyahu reach the next phase of negotiations, which he has said he wants. The plan calling for Israel to return portions of the West Bank and Gaza Strip to Palestinian control, was crafted by Netanyahu's predecessors.

"I don't believe Israel or any other country should accept the dictates of the United States in a peace process," Clinton said.

"But what we have tried to do for a good year now is to listen to both parties, look at the situation on the ground, understand their respective concerns, and come forward with a set of ideas that we believe are most likely to get the parties to final status talks," Clinton said.

He noted those final status talks are to begin in May of 1999.

Clinton said that Arafat accepted the administration's latest offer in principle but Netanyahu requested more time to present the idea to his Cabinet and return with an acceptable position that might bring the two sides together.

"We're not talking about here a final settlement of all the outstanding issues between Israel and the Palestinians. We are talking about a settlement of a sufficient number of issues that will permit them to get into the final status talks," Clinton said.

He noted it was Netanyahu who repeatedly has suggested speeding up the final status talks and trying to resolve the major issues at once. "I thought it made a lot of sense at the time, and I have done my best for a year now to find the formula that would unlock the differences between them to get them into those final status talks," the president said.

Neither Clinton nor Prodi would rule out sending troops into Kosovo, the region in Yugoslavia where ethnic Albanians have battled Serb authorities for independence.

Clinton said the issue of troops was not discussed, but "I have made it clear and I believe we have made it clear between us, that no option should be ruled out. We do not want another Bosnia in Kosovo.

"And neither, however, do we want to get in a position where Italy has to send troops to every one of its neighboring countries, and the United States has to send troops every time there is a dispute in that part of the world," Clinton said.

Prodi said the problem is "not to send troops in a general way" but to protect the borders to prevent the short-term problem of arms smuggling. "Even this option is dangerous, you know, because in some way, whenever you send troops, you send hostages, potential hostages, to the situation."

Also during the session with Prodi, the president expressed regret about an accident caused by a low-flying Marine jet that cut a gondola cable, killing 20 skiers.

"This was a horrible human tragedy. I regret terribly what happened, and I cannot bring back the people who perished. But I will do my best to make sure that we behave in a completely honorable way, in a way that is completely consistent with the commitments we have made," Clinton said.

Two of the four crew members are now facing a hearing to determine if they should face court-martial charges.

Analysts see budget surplus up to $63 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Congressional Budget Office foresees a 1998 federal surplus of $43 billion to $63 billion, the biggest ever, thanks to a torrent of revenues produced by the humming economy, the office said Wednesday.

Congress' nonpartisan budget analysts also expect the surplus to be $30 billion to $40 billion in fiscal 1999, which begins Oct. 1, they said in a letter sent Tuesday to House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio.

CBO expects the strong economy to make the combined 1998 and 1999 surpluses $55 billion to $85 billion bigger than the agency estimated just two months ago. Lawmakers and President Clinton are already squabbling over whether the money should be used to pay for more tax cuts, higher spending, or a reduction in the $5.5 trillion national debt.

Clinton said earlier this week that he believed a $50 billion surplus for 1998 was possible.

Should a surplus of the expected magnitude emerge, it would be the first since 1969.

Until now, the record surplus was the $12 billion in black ink the government registered in 1948. But because of inflation, dollars are worth far less today than they were in 1948, when the entire federal budget was $30 billion — compared to $1.7 trillion today.

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Fonda flap serves as reminder that pockets of poverty persist

By Chelsea J. Carter
Associated Press

WADLEY, Ga. — Arms folded against a worn navy sweatshirt, one hand to her mouth, Classi Mae Williams regards her unheralded visitor warily from her sagging front porch.

No, she tells the reporter, she has never heard of Jane Fonda. She knows nothing about the actress' recent remarks to a U.N. agency comparing Georgia to Third World countries with children "starving to death" and people living "in tar-paper shacks with no indoor plumbing."

Neither does she know the name Zell Miller, the governor of her state. Gov. Miller took frothing exception to Fonda's comments and countered that Georgia offers exemplary education programs and a growing economy that's helping to raise up all its people.

Even so, Ms. Williams is at the heart of the spat between two of Georgia's most prominent citizens about poverty in Georgia. And her circumstances, and those of others along the back roads of rural southeastern Georgia, show both Miller and Fonda are partly right and partly wrong.

No Georgia children are dying of starvation, but some live in squalor — including houses with tar-paper roofs and outhouses. And although Georgians have improved their lot in 15 years — from the 17th poorest state to the 26th — some rural counties still count more than a third of residents living below the poverty level.

Ms. Williams is 52. Her bad back qualifies her for a $600 monthly disability check, from which she pays $100 to rent a house whose split planks and peeling paint mirror those of neighbors in this Jefferson County town, 140 miles southeast of Atlanta.

The three rooms — kitchen, living room and bedroom shared with two adult children and her 4-year-old grandson, Jay — are illuminated by bare bulbs dangling from electrical cords and heated by a wood stove. Buckets catch water leaking through the ceiling. Sheets of cloudy plastic are tacked to empty window frames. Outside, the rusty remains of old cars and lawn mowers litter the bare dirt yard where Jay plays on plastic swings.

Those who can find work nearby toil mostly in cotton fields or mills. As a girl, Ms. Williams was kept home to help with farm work; she never attended school and signs her checks with an "X." She has no car. She walks where she needs to go or hitches rides.

But Ms. Williams isn't complaining.

"All is well," she says.

"So long as they have a roof over their head, a bed to sleep in and food for their stomachs, all IS well for them," says the Rev. Willie Tomlin. "And they believe that all is well because it's always been that way."

Tomlin is director of Economic Community, a non-profit that works toward eliminating poverty.

"You wouldn't think you'd see people living like this today in the United States, would you?" he says.

Such poverty is not, of course, unique to Georgia, says Doug Bachtel, a rural sociologist at the University of Georgia.

"You're going to find it in a lot of places. ... We do have people living in squalor," he says. "But it isn't as bad as it was."

A report from the Children's Defense Fund this week showed percentages of children living below the poverty threshold. Although Southern states accounted for 84 of the 100 counties with the highest percentages of poor children, Georgia had only six counties among the poorest 100.

Kentucky's Owsley County led the list, with 65 percent of its children below the federal poverty level in 1993. By contrast, Jefferson County, Ga., where Ms. Williams lives, had a child poverty rate of 38.8 percent. The highest-ranked Georgia County was Clay, with 49.2 percent of its children below the poverty threshold.

The brouhaha with Fonda arose when she appeared before the U.N. Population Fund in New York City to discuss Georgia's high teen-pregnancy rate, a cause to which she devotes time and money. But she went on to say the state was "in some ways like some developing countries."

Miller, who has attacked others who dared stereotype Georgians as hicks and hillbillies, shot off a letter to Fonda: "Your statement ... is simply ridiculous and reflects a prejudice I am shocked to learn you hold. Maybe the view from your penthouse apartment is not as clear as it needs to be."

Fonda, married to billionaire Ted Turner, apologized the next day and said her comments were "inaccurate and ill-advised."

As governor since 1990, Miller has overseen vibrant business growth that has helped the population expand by 15.6 percent a year, twice the national rate.

Also under his tenure, the state began free pre-kindergarten for 4-year-olds and created a lottery-funded scholarship program called HOPE, for Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally. It pays college or technical school tuition to all students who finish high school with B averages.

Ms. Williams' grandson, Jay, heads to pre-kindergarten this fall.

"He's the key to this," says the Rev. Tomlin. "If we can keep him in school, he'll get out of here. If not, you've got one more in this cycle of poverty."

Still, some 1.17 million Georgians — 15.6 percent of the state's population of almost 7.5 million — live below the poverty line of $14,763 a year for a family of four, according to the University of Georgia.

And for the older, uneducated poor, Tomlin notes, job growth and programs for children don't mean a lot.

William Kitchens, 74, waters his vegetable garden with rainwater collected in seven metal drums lined up below his roof line. But to get water to wash dishes or bathe himself, Kitchens must drive to a well several miles down the road in Warren County and fill buckets.

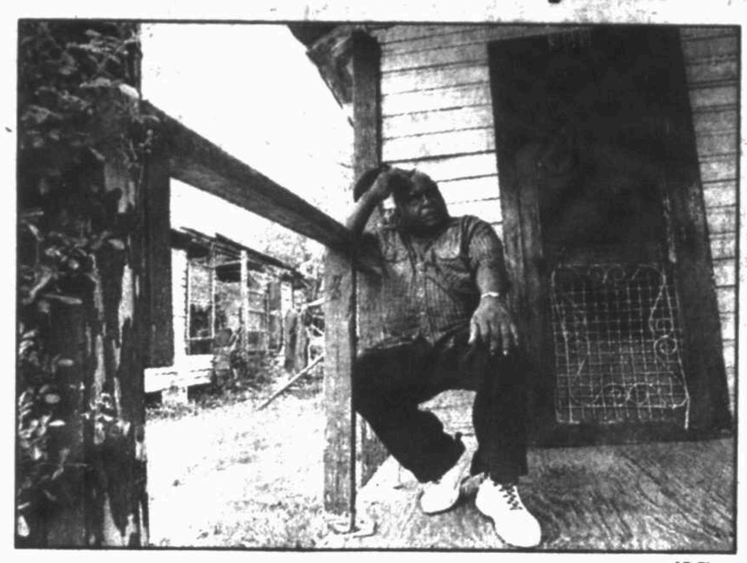
For this ramshackle house with no water or toilet, Kitchens pays $10 a month and does handyman work for his landlord.

Mae Francis Thomas, 59, pays $150 rent for her one-room-plus-kitchen house with a tar-paper roof in Jefferson County.

A neatly made bed takes up half the living space. The rest is crammed with a threadbare couch, a table and a television. Clothing is folded neatly in a box in a corner.

The front door doesn't lock. That's OK, Ms. Thomas says. She doesn't have much to take.

"It ain't that bad, you know," Ms. Thomas says. "It's a good neighborhood. We don't have no trouble here."



AP Photo

Grady Weaver wipes his brow as he relaxes on the front porch of his rented home in Sardis, Ga., April 28. Weaver is retired and lives on a fixed social security check. For the last 15 years, he's spent $90 a month to rent a two-room house with a sunken-in floor and white paint that has flaked away long ago. "They don't come around too much to check on it," he says of the owner. "It could be better. But I do all right here."

Chinese dissident Wang gets democracy award

By Eun Lee Koh
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — Chinese exile Wang Dan, a leader of the 1989 demonstrations in Beijing that were crushed by troops, was awarded the 1998 Democracy Award Wednesday by the National Endowment for Democracy.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi, who was among those honoring the dissident, hailed Wang for his efforts to promote democracy in China, calling him the "legitimate heir of our founding fathers."

"Wang Dan truly embraced the legacy of our country's founders and the democratic freedom which has made our country great," said Pelosi, D-Calif. The endowment, a government-funded organization, supports programs that promote democratic institutions overseas.

Wang was still in a Chinese prison when he was selected as one of the recipients of the democracy award in February. His mother traveled 10 hours by train from her Beijing home to the Jinzhou prison in northeast China to inform her son.

Upon hearing the news, Wang said he realized "I was not alone."

"Suddenly, there were so many human beings — friends — who were giving me support. This support gave me more confidence in an adverse situation, to wait for freedom with passion," Wang said through an interpreter.

Wang served four years in prison for his role as a leader in the Tiananmen Square protests against the Communist government of China. At the time of the Tiananmen demonstrations, he was a 20-year-old student at Beijing University.

Tiananmen Square was the culmination of a series of pro-democracy protests in the late 1980s. Students gathered at Beijing's central square to demand the removal of Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping and other Communist figures.

In early June 1989, the military crushed the demonstrations, killing as many as 5,000 people and wounding 10,000 others. Hundreds of protesters were arrested, and 158 of them reportedly remain in prison.

Wang was released from prison in 1993 on the condition that he give up his political protest activities.

Instead, Wang became one of China's most vocal advocates of democracy and human rights and was arrested for the second time in 1995. He was sentenced to 11 years in prison on charges he published articles promoting democracy and raised money to help victims of human rights abuses.

Wang was released in April on medical parole, then exiled to the United States. American doctors said Wang's health is in good condition.

"To be punished for the crime of thinking, for speaking in favor of democracy is an outrage," Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., said as he handed Wang the award. "Wang Dan not only continues to survive but continues to lead by example."

Wang and members of Congress urged the Chinese government to release the remaining political prisoners, criticizing the nation for stifling dissenting political views.

"The Chinese government is attempting to marginalize the voice of freedom by sending them into exile," Pelosi said. "The U.S. must not be a party to this marginalization."

Rep. Sam Gejdenson, D-Conn., said: "Giving freedom one or two at a time isn't the answer for any society. It's clearly not the answer for China."

On Tuesday, Wang presented President Clinton with five names of political prisoners to take with him on his June visit to Beijing. Wang urged the president to talk to Chinese President Jiang Zemin to help free these prisoners.

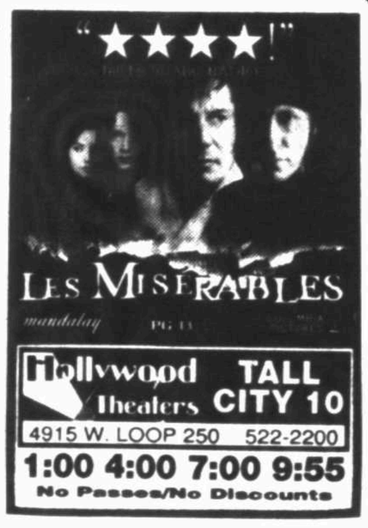
Wang said his release did not signal the beginning of freedom for the people of China.

"There are still many political prisoners either in jail or labor camps," Wang said. "They are paying a heavy price for democracy and human rights."

Wang will begin working next week as a broadcaster for Radio Free Asia.

Previous recipients of the award include last year's recipient, Martin Lee, chairman of the Hong Kong Democratic Party; and in 1991, Elena Bonner, a Russian human rights activist and wife of Nobel Peace Prize winner Andrei Sakarhov.

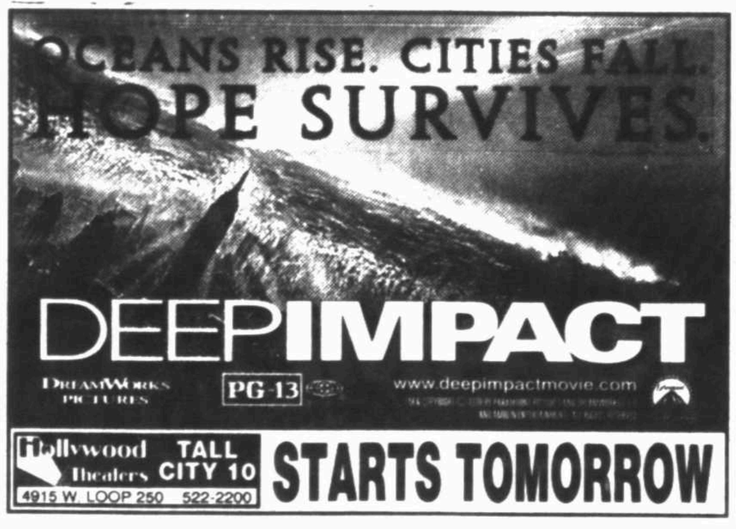
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TV Sports

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BASEBALL — Regional coverage, Los Angeles Dodgers at Florida Marlins, 6 p.m., FSS.

San Francisco Giants at Chicago Cubs, 7 p.m., WGN.

NHL PLAYOFFS — Conference semifinals, game 1, Edmonton Oilers at Dallas Stars, 7 p.m., ESPN.

NBA PLAYOFFS— Eastern Conference semifinals, game 2, New York Knicks at Indiana Pacers, 7 p.m., TNT

Western Conference semifinals, game 2, San Antonio Spurs at Utah Jazz, 9:30 p.m., TNT

Texas Scores

BASEBALL — New York Yankees 15, Texas Rangers 13.

Chicago Cubs 2, Houston Astros 0.

TEXAS LEAGUE — Midland Angels 5, Jackson Generals 3.

Sports Today

TEXAS LEAGUE — Jackson Generals at Midland Angels, 7 p.m., Christensen Stadium. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).

Playoffs set

Playoff dates, times and sites have all been determined for the softball and baseball playoffs this weekend.

The Midland Lee softball Region I-5A semifinal matchup with Irving Nimitz will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Redbud Park in Abilene while Midland High Region I-5A softball semifinal with Richland Hills will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Redbud Park in Abilene.

The two winners will play next week in the Region I-5A finals for a berth in the state's Final Four. If both MHS and Lee win, they will play each other for the right to advance to the Final Four tournament.

Midland High's baseball team will begin its bi-district playoff run in a best-two-of-three series with Amarillo Tascosa at Midland's Zachery Field at Memorial Stadium. The first game is set for 5 p.m. Friday while the second game will be at noon Saturday. The third game, if necessary, will follow.

The Midland Christian softball team will play its TAPPS Class 4A regional game against Tyler T. K. Gorman Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Complex in Stephenville.

The Midland Christian baseball team will meet Denton Liberty Christian in the TAPPS Class 4A region game at 4 p.m. Monday at Abilene Christian University.

Wood whiffs Astros

CHICAGO — Kerry Wood was just playing catch. That's how it seemed, anyway.

In just the the fifth start of his major league career, his pitches were all but untouchable, dipping through the strike zone at unreachable angles or roaring past the bats of the Houston Astros at speeds up to 100 mph. Wood tied the major league record with 20 strikeouts Wednesday, pitching a one-hitter to lead the Chicago Cubs over the Astros 2-0.

Wood (3-2), who will turn 21 on June 16, tied the record set by Roger Clemens against Seattle on April 29, 1986, and matched by Clemens against Detroit on Sept. 18, 1996. And if not for a third-inning single off third baseman Kevin Orie's glove by Ricky Gutierrez, he would have had a no-hitter.

With the fans chanting "Kerry, Kerry" in the last inning, Wood fanned pinch-hitter Billy Spiers on a 1-2 pitch leading off for his seventh straight strikeout. Craig Biggio then grounded to shortstop on a 1-0 pitch. Wood tied the record by fanning Derek Bell on a 1-2 pitch and was mobbed by his teammates.

Wood struck out the side in the first, fifth, seventh and eighth innings, and fanned two each in the second, fourth and ninth, and one each in the third and the sixth.

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Jackson second baseman Jamie Saylor (left) tags out the Angels' Jason Herrick during a steal attempt in Wednesday's game at Christensen Stadium. The Angels still won 5-3.

Error helps Angels

■ Bad Jackson throw in seventh helps Midland come from behind in 5-3 victory.

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland Angels Danny Buxbaum and Norm Hutchins took the ball out of the yard at Christensen Stadium Wednesday night, but it was the hand grenade lob by Jackson reliever Dan Lock that provided the explosion.

Midland scored three runs in the seventh inning for a 5-3 come-from-behind Texas League victory and the margin of the win came as two runs scored when Lock fielded what appeared to be a harmless grounder by Jason Herrick and tried to lob the ball to Jackson first baseman Vic Sanchez.

The lob looked like a kid on the playground trying to play a game of hand grenades. It sailed over the head of Sanchez and Trent Durington and Hutchins both scored from second and first base respectively.

It seemed fitting that Jackson's six-game winning streak would close on this note since the Generals had five errors on the night, none of which were as damaging as what will be now be forever known as "The Lob."

It was the only batter Lock faced in his

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Martin has been fixture for Midland High lineup

■ Senior has shown he can fill in and succeed at any number of positions for the Bulldogs.

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

When the Midland High baseball team makes its first playoff appearance in seven years beginning Friday, you can be assured that the name of Lee Martin will be somewhere on the lineup card.

There's no guarantee where Martin will be listed or what position he will be playing when the Bulldogs host Amarillo Tascosa in the first game of the bi-district round at 5 p.m. at Zachery Field, but he will most definitely will be there.

And chances are Martin will be somewhere in the lineup for each game the Bulldogs advance in the post-season. He might be the starting pitcher, he might be the designated hitter, he might be the right fielder or he might be the catcher.

Even if Martin doesn't start the game on the mound, he might wind up there eventually as a reliever if things go sour for the rest of Midland High's pitching staff. This is welcome versatility from a senior who last season only contributed as a starting pitcher.

"I just thought I was going to be a pitcher but they wanted me to play some outfield when the season started," said Martin of the beginning of his transformation. "I'd do whatever I could to help the team."

Whatever Martin has done this season has usually helped the team and hardly ever hurt it. His performance on the mound has been somewhat expected as the No. 2 returning starter on the team behin l fellow senior right-hander Joey Schlaffer. With a 5-1 record and a 3.32 ERA (and an even more impressive 3.04 in District 4-5A) Martin has shown he can give the team quality innings.

Yet, what Martin has done with the bat has been an unexpected bonus. He has ensconced himself in the No. 6 spot of an increasingly potent lineup, hitting .354 with 18 RBIs.

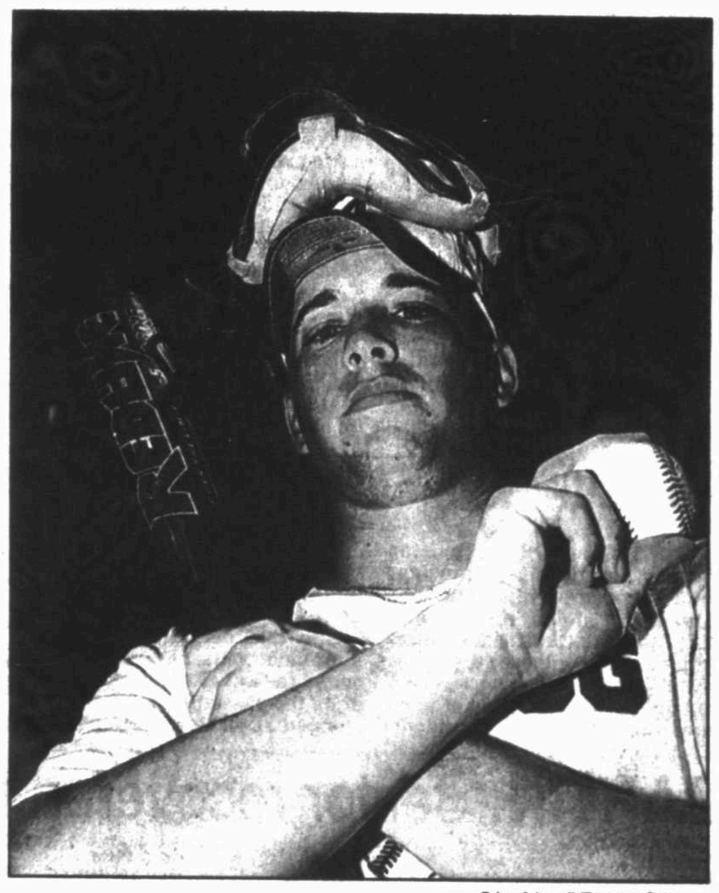
And this from someone who had only one official district at-bat last season.

"Lee has really come a long way," said Midland High coach Barry Russell. "He only hit a couple of times last year and that might have been short-sighted on my part because I didn't see him hit."

Over last summer, though, Martin worked on his swing, and with some help from Danny Jordan, Midland High's new batting coach, he demonstrated that his bat could be a valuable addition to the lineup. If that was a surprise to Russell and the coaching staff, it wasn't to Martin.

"I've always been able to hit, but with coach Jordan being our hitting coach, we've all

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Midland High's Lee Martin has been valuable to the Bulldogs this season thanks to his versatility, which has included pitching, playing right field and catcher as well as hitting.



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Lee infielders, from left, shortstop Crista Hargrove, third baseman Jennifer Bryant and first baseman Sarah Dzubinski are a big reason the Lady Rebels are playing Irving Nimitz in the Region I-5A semifinals Friday.

Lady Rebel infielders won't let anything slip away from them

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland Lee has made a state playoff living this year with defense, winning its three playoff games by 1-0, 3-1 and 2-1 margins.

Much of that credit belongs to its youthful infield that features a freshman, a sophomore and two seniors. And another sophomore gives added depth.

The Lee infield consists of sophomore Sarah Dzubinski at first, senior Jennifer Aman at second, freshman Crista Hargrove at shortstop and senior Andrea Rodriguez at third. Sophomore Jennifer Bryant has also played third base this year when Rodriguez has been pitching and she is the team's leading run producer as the designated hitter.

"This is the best defensive team I've had at Lee, bar none," says Lee third-year softball coach Perry Young. "That has been our strength all year. Teams usually don't score a lot of runs against us, so that keeps us in every game."

The freshman Hargrove has been an inspiration at shortstop in the playoffs.

"Ever since we moved Hargrove to No. 1, she had no errors in district play," Young said. "There is no question that she is D-1 bait. She's an unusual freshman to say the least."

It can be tough being a freshman since you attend a different school than most of your teammates. It's easy to be an outsider, but Hargrove insists it hasn't been a tough transition.

"It's really been easy for me (moving to the varsity as a freshman)," Hargrove said. "I have a bunch of other freshmen beside me, so that makes it easier. There is more pressure than just being on the team, though. You may come in and start over an upperclassman, but everything has gone really well here."

When playing as a freshman, every turn in the road is a new experience as Bryant and Dzubinski, Lee's first two varsity freshman players in the softball program last year navigated. Now, Hargrove is on that trip.

"When the playoffs started, I was a little nervous because I had never been in the playoffs before, but I knew we were a good team and we play well together," Hargrove said.

Bryant, as a sophomore, is already an experienced veteran on the team having played as a freshman last year.

"Jennifer bats fourth for us," says Young. "She had 20 RBIs in district play and went 5-for-7 against San Angelo (Central). She's the one I want at the plate when runners are in scoring position."

Even though her role has been limited to designated hitter duties in the playoffs, she's no slouch at third base. After three playoff rounds, it's easy to see that Bryant is more than adequate at third base, but she is playing behind Rodriguez, who Young calls the best defensive third baseman in the state.

Still, Bryant is the power source to the Rebel offense.

"After playing as a freshman, I've felt a little more comfortable with the girls this year," Bryant said. "It gets easier the more you play.

"I really like being in the position in a tough game with runners on base and be there to drive in runs," Bryant said. "With

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Tech officials hoping investigation provides closure

You can almost hear the sigh of relief all the way to Midland coming from the Texas Tech athletic department offices.

The sigh of relief is because the current NCAA investigation into possible infractions at the school is over with. Tech officials have met with the NCAA to tell their side of the story, and now all university officials can do is wait to see what kind of penalties are assessed.



LeRoy

That decision should come within a few weeks. Until then, there are anxious moments for not only coaches, but also fans and alumni of what the university will face.

Calming the nerves of alumni has become the new duty for Red Raider coaches and athletic director Gerald Myers, along with the usual speeches and mingling with the boosters. By the looks of things at the 1998 Permian Basin Red Raider Day at Green Tree Country Club Tuesday, athletic officials appear confident.

"I've enjoyed my position," said Myers about being AD. "There are some things I haven't enjoyed. For example, working through the NCAA problems case. We've met with the infractions committee, we've had some good hearings, and it looked like they were interested and listened to our case fairly."

Although it has been hard lesson to learn, it was still one that Tech officials feel was necessary.

"We've had a problem," Myers said. "We have made some major changes, we restructured our whole student services area and we have a whole compliance program in place.

"I think the bottom line is that we have restructured personnel, have added more personnel, and have added facilities as a result of the NCAA investigation."

For women's basketball coach Marsha Sharp, the effects she's seen from the investigation has been from negative recruiting and loss in revenue in the overall athletic program.

"There have been some people who have told recruits that we won't be eligible for post-season play, and I don't believe that to be true," Sharp said.

She is also relieved to see this finally coming to an end.

"What's important for us is in the next couple of weeks is that we'll have some closure," Sharp said. "Because I think that's when all the speculation and innuendos will be replaced by truths."

Looking forward without interruption is now the goal being aimed at by Texas Tech coaches.

"I don't feel there's any question that our athletic department has gotten stronger," Sharp said. "I can say we have the best set-up in college athletics. That's something we can tell the boosters, parents and recruiters that we've ridden the ship and we're really on the course to do some great things."

Hopefully, the same attitude will exist within the next few weeks when the NCAA makes its ruling.

BRAZIEL MAKING STRIDES: Sharp pointed to former Odessa Permian player Angie Braziel as a key to helping the Lady Raiders win 26 games and being among the top nationally ranked teams in the country.

"She's a huge part of what we've done," Sharp said. "I think one of the major differences from winning 20 games and finishing fourth in the Big 12 to winning 26 games and a conference championship was Angie Braziel. She really took us to a different level."

Braziel has certainly come a long way since her days with the Lady Mojo.

"She has just continuously improved every year," Sharp said. "She's also been invited to the USA team trials this summer. I think that's a big compliment to her and how much respect she has gained nationwide."

Oscar LeRoy is a sports writer for the Midland Reporter Telegram.

LOCAL SPORTS

Goddard Project is underway

The Midland Athletic Association, Inc., a non-profit corporation, is currently raising funds necessary to build and equip a 4,000 square-foot indoor workout facility at Goddard Junior High, which is called the "Goddard Project."

The proposed facility will provide indoor workout space for agility, conditioning and athletic training for Goddard athletes.

Construction costs are estimated to be $65,000 with an additional $20,000 required to purchase the necessary training equipment for the new building. All fundraising for this project will be through private donations since MISD is currently unable to provide funds for this type of project.

Both Midland High and Midland Lee have completed similiar workout buildings and one has been built at Midland Freshman High School. All have been built with private funds.

Tax deductible contributions for the Goddard Project can be mailed to the Midland Athletic Association, Inc., 214 West Texas No. 100, Midland, Texas, 79701. For more information call 682-9067 or 683-8510.

Lift-A-Thon set at Lee

The Midland Lee Rebel Lift-A-Thon will be at 7 p.m. today at the Lee Turf Room.

Lee athletes will be attempting to break personal maximuns and school records in the bench press. Admission is free.

Twin Cities sets races

Twin Cities Speedway has an attractive racing lineup set for Saturday night.

In addition to the regular local stock car events, Twin Cities will also hold a special 100-lap feature race with Late Models. And for the first time ever at the Speedway, the Open Wheel Modifieds from the UMP/IMCA/NASCAR division will also race for a $7,500 purse.

Gates open at noon, warmups at 2 p.m., qualifications at 6:30 p.m. and races at 8 p.m. Pit passes are $20, adult admission $10, children 6-11 $3.

Benavidez, Ham earn All-Conference

Two former Midland Lee baseball players have earned Western Junior College Athletic Conference All-Conference honors for their respective schools.

Benavidez, the son of Lee head baseball coach Jesse Benavidez, was the All-Conference second baseman for Frank Phillips College, hitting .390 in conference play.

He had 14 homers, three triples and 11 doubles. He was the team MVP and offensive MVP. He is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, an All-America scholar, won the National Collegiate Miniorty Leadership Award and was on the President's and Dean's honor roll.

Ham, a shortstop for Odessa College, hit over .450 and led the state in hits this year. Ham and Benavidez formed Midland Lee's middle infield during the 1996 high school season.

Foursome takes Lyman crown

Flossie Larsh, Lettie Collins, Shirley Neuman and Tracy Youngs posted a 59 to win the Rachel Lyman Invitational golf tournament at Midland Country Club Wednesday.

The tournament drew 108 ladies, who played in four flights. Top winners are as follows:

First Flight: 1. Flossie Larsh, Lettie Collins, Shirley Neuman, Tracy Youngs, 59; 2. Jere Barnes, Lisa Beck, Beth Brimer, Liz Young, 61; Jo Dickson, Trina Albright, Becky Hakes, Donna Winburn, 64.

Second Flight: 1. Betty Perkins, Skeeter Graham, Amy Seaton, Elva Graham, 65; 2. Sylvia Laufer, Dot Melzer, Carol Pitts, Jenny McIlvain, 69; 3. Wanda Sewell, Jane Koch, Susan Ohlenburg, Patty Stoltz.

Third Flight: 1. Doris Shultz-Anelle Mack, Mary Brown, Marilyn Philpy, 68; 2. Rusty Euston, Nancy Cobb, Pat Innerarity, Sandy Hall, 72; 3. Sylvia Roberts, Jane Lamphere, Carolyn Roden, Dottie Redden, 73.

1. Barbara McIntosh, Marty Yester, Bobi Loyd, Julie Green, 71; 2. Edie Stahl, Kathy Armstrong, Janet Campbell, Frankye Johns, 72; 3. Karen King, Liz Veazy, Georgia Trobaugh, Linda Powell, 72.

Ranchland Hills couples tourney

Jerry Reese and Laura Dishman totaled 145 over two rounds to win the Ranchland Hills Country Club Couples Club Championship.

Reese and Dishman edged Richard Drake and Anne Drake by three strokes.

Three teams tied for third at 150, and Gil Pyle and Jo Dickson earned third by an unreported tiebreaking process. Gary Dunkerson and Celia Harris claimed fourth, while Don Pyle and Norma Pyle took fifth.

David Baker and Misty Baker won the award for low net score, beating out Frank Flournoy and T.S. Flournoy.

On-the-go Miller leads Mustang track team to TAPPS state meet

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

The Midland Christian track team is looking to improve on last year's sixth-place team finish at the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class 4A track meet.

Mustang junior Josh Miller is just looking to catch his breath.

While the Mustangs will send seven boys entries and four girls qualifiers to the state meet Friday and Saturday at the Baylor University in Waco, Miller will have a chance to make the biggest contribution, having qualified for five events (100 meters, 400 relay, 1,600 meters, triple jump and long jump).

Competing in five events might seem tough to some, but it fits Miller's persona perfectly. Miller, who quarterbacked the football team this fall, is going through a spring semester, racking up many road miles and missing out on any free time.

Miller's schedule has him up at school at 6:55 a.m. for spring football, and working with the baseball team after school. After that, he goes to the track for workouts. On Wednesday nights, Miller goes to church for Wednesday classes, and doesn't get home until 9 p.m.

Some weeks can be just as hectic. Playing with the baseball team on April 16th against Lubbock Christian, Miller, a right fielder, came in to get the Mustangs out of a bases loaded jam and pick up a save.

From there, he traveled by car to participate in the district track meet the next day in Denton. After arriving at 1:30 a.m., Miller qualified for five state events.

The next Tuesday, Miller threw one of his five complete games for the baseball team in a game that sewed up the district baseball title. That weekend, Miller traveled to Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., to perform with the school's singing group.

This past Tuesday in Midland, Miller helped the 16-9 baseball team to beat Dallas Lutheran and move to the state quarterfinals, and today he leaves with the track team to go to Waco.

"I hardly have any time at all," said Miller, an A-student. "Sleep is the only time I get away from it."

Miller comes into the track meet, having won his district in the 100 meters, long jump, triple jump and as a part of the 400 relay (along with Josh Gunter, Geoff Chinn and Kurt Corley). As a part of the 1,600 relay along with Chinn, J.R. Moore and Corley, Miller got second place. Now competing against the best, Miller wants more.

"I want to win everything I am in," Miller said. "If I can't win, I want to do the best I can."

For Van Gravitt, Midland Christian's track coach, Miller is just a part of the team puzzle, which took second in the district team standings and earned the school over 100 points.

Gravitt likes what the team can do this year. Corley, a sophomore, has a shot in the 200, and having qualified the two relays is also a bonus.

"We felt good about district," Gravitt said. "We took 21 kids to district and are taking 11 to state. We feel the quality is good.

"We feel we are in a better position to score points because we have both relays. The sprint relay will finish at or near the top. We have three sprinters who can place."

As far as the team race goes, the Mustangs are likely to finish behind Denton Liberty Christian, whose depth is unmatched across the state at any classification.

The Lady Mustangs are sending four entries to state, and feature one of the Tall City's brightest stars, Angela Berryhill. The freshman qualified for the 100-meter hurdles and anchors both the 400 and 1,600 relays.

Midland Christian Qualifiers for the TAPPS I-4A meet

Boys

100: Josh Miller, J.R. Moore; 200: Kurt Corley; 400 Relay: Josh Gunter, Geoff Chinn, Josh Miller; 1,600 relay: Geoff Chinn, J.R. Moore, Kurt Corley, Josh Miller. Long Jump: Josh Miller; Triple Jump: Josh Miller.

Girls

100 Hurdles: Angela Berryhill; 400 Relay: Allie Ryburn, Beth Spradlin, Ashley West or Jessica Vallee; Angela Berryhill; 1,600 Relay: Beth Spradlin, Natalie Duffy, Ashley West, Angela Berryhill; High Jump: Kim Spradlin.

Rockets' Elie carjacked at Houston intersection

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Rockets guard Mario Elie was pistol-whipped and had his Mercedes-Benz stolen at gunpoint while stopped at a Houston intersection early Wednesday.

Elie's convertible was recovered on the opposite side of town hours after the 2:20 a.m. incident.

Police said the car's radio had been ripped out and they were in the process of dusting it for fingerprints.

Elie told police the two men approached his 1993 convertible, one on the driver's side and the other on the passenger side, when he stopped at an intersection on the city's southwest side.

When Elie turned his head to look at the man on the passenger side, he was struck on top of his head by the other assailant with a semiautomatic pistol and told to get out of the car.

He didn't require hospitalization for his injuries.

MARTIN: Senior recovered from beanball

(From 1C)

improved," Martin said.

But an incident in a scrimmage with cross-town rival Midland Lee prior to the regular season could have derailed Martin's plans to hit permanently. Lee's Jamie Latshaw threw a high inside pitch which Martin couldn't avoid and the ball hit Martin in the face, cracking his left orbital cheekbone and breaking his nose.

After that, no one would have blamed Martin if he had just decided to stick to the pitcher's mound and take comfort in the safety of the dugout during every at-bat.

"I was worried about him coming back and playing at all," said Russell of Martin. "He's a tough kid. Usually when that happens you have to throw wiffle balls or tennis balls at kids during practice to get them used to the ball again."

Instead of cowering over the prospect of facing another high hard one, though, Martin wanted to dig back in the batter's box as soon as possible.

"It just made me want to hit even more," Martin said. "I wanted to come back even more. Call me crazy, but that's what I wanted to do."

The first step in the healing was convincing his teammates to still have confidence in him as a hitter. The day after he was hit, Martin returned to the practice field to let the rest of the team know he was fine and that he was going to be back.

Before he could return to the batter's box, Martin had to be equipped with a helmet which had a special protective face mask. That helmet easily distinguishes him from the rest of the Midland High hitters when he comes to the plate.

For Martin, the adjustment period to the helmet was brief.

"Every now and then it would slip but I got used to it pretty quickly," Martin said. "They wouldn't let me hit without it so I had to use it. I think I could probably hit without it now."

The mound figured to be a much safer place for Martin since he had already proven himself there last season as Midland High's No. 2 pitcher. He is the team's hardest thrower and in the regular season finale against Odessa High, Martin was timed at 88 mph.

But at 5-foot-10 and 155 pounds, Martin hardly has the build for a power pitcher, so he has to rely on some other pitches to get batters out over the course of a game.

"He's now where he's got three pitches," said Russell of Martin, who also had a curveball before this year. "The pitch he's learned this year is the slider. He threw two nasty sliders against Odessa High to (.484 hitter) Humberto Aguilar."

If there has been a knock against Martin in his two years on the mound it's that his control could be better. In his brief relief stint against Abilene High Tuesday in Midland High's disastrous 27-14 district playoff loss, Martin walked four batters, one of which brought a run home.

But that has been uncharacteristic of Martin this season, and he should still figure prominently against Tascosa anywhere he plays. After suffering through a tough season last year, he's looking forward to nothing but games that count from here on out.

"You've always got to be ready for (the big game) and I'm pretty well prepared for that," Martin said.

INFIELD: Lee defense has remained solid

(From 1C)

runners on base, you have to be the one to bring them in. You focus more on how you want to hit and where it will make the most difference."

Playoff time is Bryant's focus now after a gripping district season in which Lee almost missed out on the playoffs, having to beat San Angelo in the last district game to earn the playoffs.

"We all picked it up," Bryant said. "We knew if we lost, we were out. In the playoffs, you just want it even more. It's a totally different mind."

Dzubinski was a varsity player last year, but had limited playing time as a freshman. Now, pencil in her name at first base.

"There is a lot more pressure on me as a sophomore than there ever was as a freshman," Dzubinski said. "I didn't play that much last year, but they are allowing me a chance to play this year."

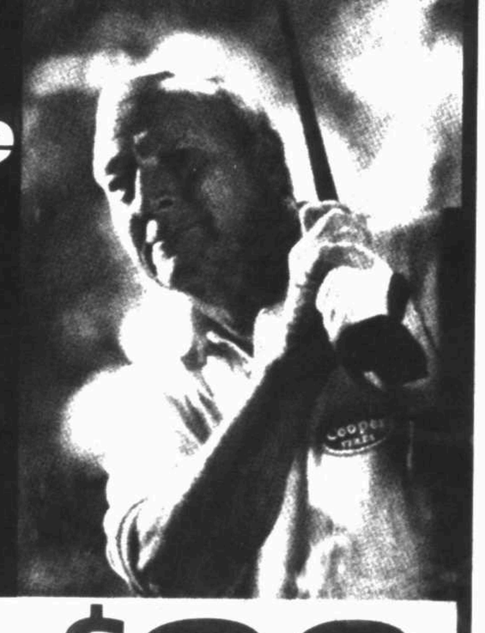
Young said of Dzubinski, "Sarah is just a solid defensive player all the way around. She's had a good year at first and I think her being up here on the team last year has helped to make her the player that she is now. And she's going to get even better over the next two years."

"Jennifer (Aman) is like our quarterback on the infield," Dzubinski said. "We'll miss her next year, but we all work together and we will have three players back (on the infield) and I think we'll be even stronger next year."

That would be something to see.

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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

NBA Playoffs

By The Associated Press

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)

Sunday, May 3
Chicago 83, Charlotte 70

Monday, May 4
Seattle 106, Los Angeles 92, Seattle leads series 1-0

Tuesday, May 5
Indiana 93, New York 83, Indiana leads series 1-0
Utah 83, San Antonio 82, Utah leads series 1-0

Wednesday, May 6
Charlotte 78, Chicago 76, series tied 1-1
Los Angeles at Seattle, late.

Thursday, May 7
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m. (TNT)
San Antonio at Utah, 9:30 (TNT)

Friday, May 8
Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m. (TNT)
Seattle at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m. (TNT)

Saturday, May 9
Indiana at New York, noon (NBC)
Utah at San Antonio, 2:30 p.m. (NBC)

Sunday, May 10
Indiana at New York, 11:30 p.m. (NBC)
Seattle at Los Angeles, 2 p.m. (NBC)
Chicago at Charlotte, 4:30 p.m. (NBC)
Utah at San Antonio, 8 p.m. (TNT)

Box

Hornets 78, Bulls 76.
CHARLOTTE (78): Mason 5-12 5-6 15, Rice 4-13 4-4 14, Divac 3-12 1-2 7, Wesley 2-4 0-0 4, Phills 1-8 0-0 2, Reid 2-4 0-0 4, Armstrong 4-8 2-2 10, Royal 3-3 1-2 7, Beck 0-2 0-0 0, Curry 6-8 2-2 15, Geiger 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 30-75 15-18 78.
CHICAGO (76): Pippen 4-16 4-4 13, Kukoc 4-12 0-0 9, Rodman 1-8 0-0 2, Harper 1-4 0-0 2, Jordan 10-21 2-3 22, Longley 6-13 3-3 15, Kerr 3-3 0-0 7, Burrell 2-6 0-0 5, Brown 0-1 0-0 0, Wennington 0-1 1-2 1, Buechler 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-85 10-12 76.
Charlotte 13 17 19 29 — 78
Chicago 17 19 21 19 — 76
3-Point goals—Charlotte 3-9, (Rice 2-3, Cury 1-2, Wesley 0-1, Phills 0-3), Chicago 4-14, (Kerr 1-1, Kukoc 1-2, Burrell 1-2, Pippen 1-6, Jordan 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 54 (Divac 19), Chicago 50 (Rodman 18). Assists—Charlotte 17 (Mason, Rice 4), Chicago 17 (Jordan 6). Total fouls—Charlotte 17, Chicago 17. Technicals—Divac, Rodman. A—23,844 (24,119).

NBA All-Defensive

NEW YORK (AP) — The 1997-98 NBA All-Defensive teams as selected by the NBA head coaches with first-team votes in parentheses and total points. Voting was done a 2-1 basis:

First Team
Forwards — Scottie Pippen, Chicago (21) 44; Karl Malone, Utah (10) 24.
Center — Dikembe Mutombo, Atlanta (23) 48.
Guards — Michael Jordan, Chicago (25) 53; Gary Payton, Seattle (24) 51.

Second Team
Forwards — Tim Duncan, San Antonio (7) 21; Charles Oakley, New York (6) 19.
Center — David Robinson, San Antonio (3) 18.
Guards — Mookie Blaylock, Atlanta (3) 23; Eddie Jones, L.A. Lakers (0) 10.

Others receiving votes
Dennis Rodman, Chicago (6) 17; Bo Outlaw, Orlando (3) 12; P.J. Brown, Miami (2) 12; Grant Hill, Detroit (2) 11; Brevin Knight, Cleveland (1) 8; Alonzo Mourning, Miami, 6; John Stockton, Utah (2) 6; Anthony Mason, Charlotte (1) 5; Hakeem Olajuwon, Houston (1) 5; Shaquille O'Neal, L.A. Lakers (1) 5; Mitch Richmond, Sacramento, 5; Tim Hardaway, Miami (1) 4; Kevin Garnett, Minnesota, 3; Vin Baker, Seattle, 2; Joe Dumars, Detroit, 2; Horace Grant, Orlando, 2; Jason Kidd, Phoenix, 2; Bobby Phills, Cleveland (1) 2; Arvydas Sabonis, Portland, (1) 2; Charlie Ward, New York, 2; Shawn Bradley, Dallas, 1; Doug Christie, Toronto, 1; Mario Elie, Houston, 1; Kendall Gill, New Jersey, 1; Ron Harper, Chicago, 1; Hersey Hawkins, Seattle, 1; Reggie Miller, Indiana, 1; Theo Ratliff, Philadelphia, 1; Detlef Schrempf, Seattle, 1; Eric Snow, Philadelphia, 1; Jayson Williams, New Jersey, 1.

NEW YORK (AP) — All-time most NBA all-defensive first team selections:
9 — Michael Jordan, Chicago
8 — Bobby Jones, Denver-Philadelphia
7 — Walt Frazier, New York-Cleveland
7 — Scottie Pippen, Chicago
7 — Dennis Rodman, Detroit-San Antonio-Chicago
6 — Dave DeBusschere, Detroit-New York
6 — Dennis Johnson, Seattle-Phoenix-Boston

NHL Playoffs

SECOND ROUND
(Best-of-7)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Ottawa vs. Washington

Thursday, May 7
Ottawa at Washington, 6 p.m. (ESPN2)

Saturday, May 9
Ottawa at Washington, 6 p.m. (ESPN2)

Monday, May 11
Washington at Ottawa, 6 p.m. (ESPN2)

Wednesday, May 13
Washington at Ottawa, 6 p.m. (ESPN2)

Friday, May 15
Ottawa at Washington, 6 p.m., if necessary

Monday, May 18
Washington at Ottawa, 6 p.m. (ESPN2), if necessary

Wednesday, May 20
Ottawa at Washington, 6 p.m., if necessary

Buffalo vs. Montreal

Friday, May 8
Montreal at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Sunday, May 10
Montreal at Buffalo, 1 p.m. (FOX)

Tuesday, May 12
Buffalo at Montreal, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Thursday, May 14
Buffalo at Montreal, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Sunday, May 17
Montreal at Buffalo, 1 p.m. (FOX), if necessary

Tuesday, May 19
Buffalo at Montreal, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN2), if necessary

Thursday, May 21
Montreal at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN2), if necessary

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Dallas vs. Edmonton

Thursday, May 7
Edmonton at Dallas, 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, May 9
Edmonton at Dallas, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, May 11
Dallas at Edmonton, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, May 13
Dallas at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Saturday, May 16
Edmonton at Dallas, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN), if necessary

Monday, May 18
Dallas at Edmonton, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN), if necessary

Wednesday, May 20
Edmonton at Dallas, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN2), if necessary

Detroit vs. St. Louis

Friday, May 8
St. Louis at Detroit, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, May 10
St. Louis at Detroit, 1 p.m. (FOX)

Tuesday, May 12
Detroit at St. Louis, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, May 14
Detroit at St. Louis, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, May 17
St. Louis at Detroit, 1 p.m. (FOX), if necessary

Tuesday, May 19
Detroit at St. Louis, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN), if necessary

Thursday, May 21
St. Louis at Detroit, 6:30 p.m. (ESPN), if necessary

Major League Baseball

AL Boxes

YANKEES 15, RANGERS 13

NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi		TEXAS	ab	r	hbi
Knblch 2b	5	2	1	1	TGdwin cf	6	1	1
Jeter ss	6	2	4	5	McLmr 2b	3	2	0
O'Neill rf	6	2	3	2	Greer lf	4	2	2
TMrtnz 1b	5	1	1	1	JuGnlz rf	5	3	2
BWlms cf	5	2	3	0	WClark 1b	5	2	3
Raines dh	5	2	2	3	IRdrgz c	5	1	2
Curtis lf	4	1	1	0	Simms dh	3	1	1
Posada c	3	2	1	1	Stevns dh	1	0	1
Brosus 3b	4	1	2	2	Cedeno dh	0	0	0
					Elster ss	5	0	0
					FTatis 3b	3	1	2
					Alicea 3b	2	0	0
Totals	43	15	18	15	Totals	42	13	14

New York	270	400	011	—15
Texas	007	303	000	—13

E—Knoblauch (3). DP—Texas 1. LOB—New York 7, Texas 7. 2B—O'Neill (10), TMartinez (11), Brosius (8), WClark (4), IRodriguez (15). 3B—Jeter (1), BWilliams 2 (4), Raines (1). HR—Knoblauch (2), Jeter (5), O'Neill (3), Raines (2), JuGonzalez (8), Simms (2). S—Brosius.

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
DWells	2 2-3	6	7	1	1	2
WBanks	1	2	3	3	2	2
Buddie	1 2-3	3	2	2	0	0
RMendoza	0	2	1	1	1	0
Holmes	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Stanton W,2-0	1 2-3	1	0	0	1	2
MRivera S,5	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Texas						
Witt	1 1-3	4	7	7	4	3
Crabtree	1 2-3	7	4	4	0	1
XHernandez	2-3	2	2	2	1	0
Gunderson	3 1-3	2	0	0	0	0
DPtrsn L,0-1	1	2	1	1	0	2
Wetteland	1	1	1	1	0	0

RMendoza pitched to 3 batters in the 6th, Crabtree pitched to 2 batters in the 4th.
T—4:06. A—33,274 (49,166).

INDIANS 14, ORIOLES 5

BALTIMORE	ab	r	hbi		CLEVELAND	ab	r	hbi
RAlmr 2b	4	0	1	1	Lofton cf	4	2	1
Surhoff lf	4	0	0	0	Vizqul ss	4	3	1
EDavis rf	4	2	2	2	Whiten rf	0	0	0
RPlmr 1b	4	0	0	0	Justice dh	5	1	1
CRpken 3b	3	0	1	0	Thome 1b	5	3	3
RBoulet 3b	0	0	0	0	SAlmr c	3	1	1
Baines dh	4	1	0	0	Brders c	1	1	1
Hmnds cf	2	2	1	1	Giles rf	4	2	3
Bordick ss	3	0	1	0	Frymn 3b	5	0	3
CGrne c	3	0	1	0	Brnson 3b	0	0	0
Hoiles ph	0	0	0	1	DaBell 2b	5	0	2
					Dnston lf	5	1	1
					McDnld cf	2	1	0
Totals	31	5	7	5	Totals	41	14	14

Baltimore	000	110	111	— 5
Cleveland	121	430	30x	—14

E—Bordick (2), Fryman (4). DP—Baltimore 1, Cleveland 3. LOB—Baltimore 5, Cleveland 11. 2B—Thome 2 (15), Borders (3). HR—EDavis 2 (5), Hammonds (4), Lofton (2), Thome (6), Giles (8). SB—Hammonds (6). SF—Hoiles.

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Erickson L,3-3	3 1-3	8	7	7	3	1
NRodriguez	2-3	3	1	1	0	1
Charlton	1	3	3	3	2	2
Ponson	3	3	3	3	3	1
Cleveland						
Burba W,3-3	7	6	3	3	2	4
Plunk	1	1	1	1	0	1
Rakers	1	0	1	1	3	0

WP—Burba.
T—2:50. A—40,672 (43,863).

DEVIL RAYS 5, ROYALS 0

TAMPA BAY	ab	r	hbi		KANSAS CITY	ab	r	hbi
DaMrtz rf	5	0	2	0	Damon cf	4	0	0
McCkn cf	5	1	2	0	Offrmn 2b	4	0	1
MKelly lf	4	1	1	0	HMrns dh	3	0	1
McGriff 1b	5	1	2	1	JKing 1b	4	0	0
WSmith 3b	4	0	1	1	Conine lf	3	0	0
Srrnto dh	1	0	0	0	Palmr 3b	3	0	0
BSmith 3b	4	0	1	0	Sutton rf	3	0	1
Flherty c	4	0	0	0	Turner c	3	0	0
Stocker ss	3	1	2	2	FMrtnz ss	2	0	0
Cairo 2b	4	0	1	2				
Totals	38	5	12	5	Totals	29	0	3

Tampa Bay	000	050	000	— 5
Kansas City	000	000	000	— 0

DP—Tampa Bay 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 9, Kansas City 4. 2B—BSmith (5), Stocker (3), Offerman (8).

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arrojo W,4-2	9	3	0	0	2	6
Kansas City						
Rusch L,3-4	5	10	5	5	3	3
Pittsley	2	1	0	0	0	3
Bevil	1	1	0	0	0	1
Whisenant	1	0	0	0	0	0

T—2:27. A—11,401 (40,625)

TIGERS 10, ATHLETICS 5

DETROIT	ab	r	hbi		OAKLAND	ab	r	hbi
BL Jr cf	5	1	1	1	Hndrsn lf	4	0	3
Randa 3b	4	1	2	3	Mgdan 3b	3	0	1
Hggnsn rf	5	1	1	2	Blwers 3b	2	0	1
ToCrk 1b	4	0	0	0	Grieve rf	4	1	1
LGnzlz lf	3	1	0	0	Chrstns cf	1	0	0
Easley 2b	3	1	1	0	Stairs dh	3	1	1
Tmbrln dh	3	0	0	0	Voigt dh	1	0	0
Manto dh	0	1	0	0	Giambi 1b	3	1	1
Bako c	3	1	2	0	Hrnch c	3	0	1
DCruz ss	2	1	1	2	Spiezio 2b	4	0	0
Clntto 2b	2	2	1	1	KAbbot ss	3	1	1
					McDnld cf	2	1	0
Totals	34	10	9	9	Totals	33	5	10

Detroit	030	000	034	—10
Oakland	200	100	200	— 5

E—Magadan (5). DP—Detroit 4, Oakland 1. LOB—Detroit 2, Oakland 7. 2B—Randa 2 (7), DCruz (2), Grieve (9). 3B—KAbbott (1). HR—Higginson (5), Stairs (5).

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Keagle	3 2-3	5	3	3	1	1
Florie	2 1-3	3	2	2	1	1
Runyan	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Brocail W,1-0	2 2-3	1	0	0	1	2
Oakland						
Haynes	6	2	3	2	3	6
Mohler	1	1	1	1	1	0
Fetters	2-3	1	1	1	0	1
Groom L,1-1	1	3	4	4	1	0
Small	1-3	2	1	1	0	1

Florie pitched to 3 batters in the 7th, Mohler pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
PB—Bako. T—3:00. A—5,335 (45,177).

TWINS 8, RED SOX 7

MINNESOTA	ab	r	hbi		BOSTON	ab	r	hbi
TWlker 2b	4	2	2	0	Grcprr ss	4	0	1
Molitor dh	5	1	1	1	JnVntn 3b	4	1	1
Lawton lf	3	1	1	0	MVghn 1b	4	0	1
Coorn 3b	5	1	3	2	Jffrsn dh	4	1	1
Ortiz 1b	4	1	2	2	OLry lf	4	1	1
Meares ss	3	0	0	0	Hrtberg c	3	1	1
Stnbch c	4	1	1	0	Bragg rf	4	1	1
Latham rf	4	1	1	1	DLewis cf	3	1	1
THnter cf	4	0	2	2	Leyritz ph	0	0	0
					Brnmn pr	0	1	0
					Lemke 2b	3	0	0
					Cmngs ph	1	0	1
Totals	36	8	13	8	Totals	34	7	9

Minnesota	202	002	110	— 8
Boston	000	120	013	— 7

E—TWalker (2), OLeary (2). DP—Minnesota 2, Boston 1. LOB—Minnesota 6, Boston 3. 2B—TWalker (12), Ortiz (9), Steinbach (6), THunter (1), Jefferson (5), OLeary (8), Bragg (9), DLewis (4), Cummings (3). HR—Coomer (6). SB—TWalker (3). CS—Lawton (2), Garciaparra (3). S—Meares. SF—Ortiz.

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Hawkins W,1-3	5	5	3	3	1	1
Swindell	2 1-3	1	1	1	0	1
Trombley	1-3	0	0	0	1	0
Guardado	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Aguilera	1	3	3	3	0	0
Boston						
Checo L,0-2	2 1-3	5	4	4	2	2
Wasdin	3 2-3	4	2	2	0	0
Shouse	3	4	2	2	1	2

HBP—by Aguilera (Leyritz). WP—Trombley, Checo. T—3:12. A—20,954 (33,925).

NL Boxes

CUBS 2, ASTROS 0

HOUSTON	ab	r	hbi		CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi
Biggio 2b	3	0	0	0	BBrwn cf	4	0	2
DeBell rf	4	0	0	0	Mrndni 2b	4	1	1
Bgwell 1b	3	0	0	0	Sosa rf	4	0	1
Howell 3b	3	0	0	0	MaGoe 1b	3	1	2
Alou cf	3	0	0	0	HRdrgz lf	2	0	0
DClark lf	3	0	0	0	JHrndz lf	1	0	0
Gtrrez ss	3	0	1	0	Blauser ss	3	0	2
Asmus c	3	0	0	0	SMrtnz c	2	0	0
Rynlds p	1	0	0	0	Orie 3b	3	0	0
Spiers ph	1	0	0	0	KWood p	3	0	0
Totals	27	0	1	0	Totals	29	2	6

Houston	000	000	000	— 0
Chicago	010	000	01x	— 2

E—DClark (1). DP—Houston 1. LOB—Houston 2, Chicago 6. 2B—MaGrace (7), Blauser (4). CS—JHernandez (1). S—Reynolds. SF—HRodriguez.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Reynolds L,2-3	8	6	2	1	2	10
Chicago						
KWood W,3-2	9	1	0	0	0	20

HBP—by KWood (Biggio). Balk—KWood. T—2:19. A—15,758 (38,884)

REDS 4, EXPOS 2

CINCINNATI	ab	r	hbi		MONTREAL	ab	r	hbi
Stynes lf	4	0	1	0	Srntglo 2b	3	1	0
WGrne 3b	4	0	2	2	Grdzln ss	3	0	1
DYng rf	4	1	2	2	VGrero rf	4	0	1
Wtkins rf	0	0	0	0	RWhite cf	4	0	1
Nnnally rf	1	0	0	0	Andrws 3b	4	0	1
Tbnsee c	4	0	2	0	Fllmer 1b	4	0	3
BBoon 2b	3	0	0	0	Stovall lf	2	0	0
Larkin ss	4	0	0	0	Kline p	0	0	0
Casey 1b	2	1	0	0	MVldes p	0	0	0
RSndrs cf	3	2	1	0	MMddx p	0	0	0
Rmlngr p	1	0	1	0	DeMay ph	1	0	0
Sllivan p	0	0	0	0	Widger c	3	1	2
LHrris ph	1	0	0	0	Vzquez p	2	0	0
Shaw p	0	0	0	0	Vidro 2b	2	0	0
Totals	31	4	9	4	Totals	32	2	9

Cincinnati	002	001	100	— 4
Montreal	001	010	000	— 2

DP—Cincinnati 4, Montreal 1. LOB—Cincinnati 8, Montreal 7. 2B—Remlinger (1), Fullmer (10). HR—DYoung (3), Widger (1). SB—Santangelo (3). S—BBoone, Remlinger 2. SF—WGreene.

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Remlinger W,3-3	7	6	2	2	4	6
Sullivan	1	1	0	0	0	1
Shaw S,11	1	2	0	0	0	0
Montreal						
Vazquez L,1-3	6 2-3	5	4	4	2	3
Kline	1-3	2	0	0	0	0
MValdes	1 1-3	2	0	0	1	0
MMaddux	2-3	0	0	0	0	0

Kline pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
HBP—by Vazquez (Stynes). T—2:47. A—7,261 (46,500).

PIRATES 5, CARDINALS 0

ST. LOUIS	ab	r	hbi		PITTSBURGH	ab	r	hbi
McGee rf	4	0	0	0	Wmack 2b	3	1	0
DeShds 2b	4	0	0	0	Ward lf	2	0	1
McGwr 1b	2	0	0	0	Kendall c	3	0	1
RLnkfd cf	4	0	0	0	KYng 1b	3	0	0
Mabry 3b	4	0	0	0	Alnswrt cf	4	1	1
Gant lf	4	0	1	0	JGllen rf	4	1	2
Lmpkin c	3	0	0	0	Strang 3b	3	1	0
Pgnzzi ph	1	0	1	0	Collier ss	3	1	1
DHwrd ss	3	0	1	0	Schmdt p	2	0	0
Sttlmyr p	2	0	1	0	Sanfrd ph	1	0	0
Gaetti ph	1	0	0	0	Chrstns p	0	0	0
Busby p	0	0	0	0				
Bttnfld p	0	0	0	0				
Totals	32	0	4	0	Totals	28	5	6

St. Louis	000	000	000	— 0
Pittsburgh	000	100	40x	— 5

E—KYoung (3). DP—St. Louis 1. LOB—St. Louis 8, Pittsburgh 5. 2B—DHoward (1). HR—Allensworth (1). SB—Gant (3). SF—Ward.

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sttlmyr L,3-3	6	3	1	1	1	3
Busby	1-3	2	4	4	2	1
Bottenfield	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh						
Schmidt W,4-1	7	2	0	0	3	7
Christiansen	2	2	0	0	0	3

HBP—by Stottlemyre (Kendall), by Stottlemyre (Ward). PB—Lampkin. T—2:25. A—12,051 (47,972).

PHILLIES 7, ROCKIES 6, 10 innings

COLORADO	ab	r	hbi		PHILA	ab	r	hbi
Lnsing 2b	4	0	0	0	Ginville cf	4	2	2
Burks cf	4	0	0	0	Sefcik lf	2	1	1
Bchette lf	5	0	2	0	MLeitr p	0	0	0
Castilla 3b	4	0	1	0	AArias ph	0	0	0
Clbrnn rf	2	1	1	0	Rolan 3b	5	0	1
Veres p	0	0	0	0	KJrdan 1b	5	0	1
CGdwn ph	1	0	0	0	Abreu rf	5	2	4
DeJean p	0	0	0	0	MLews 2b	4	0	1
Dipoto p	0	0	0	0	Brogna 1b	1	0	0
Vn Wal ph	1	0	0	0	Parent c	3	0	0
McElry p	0	0	0	0	Amaro ph	1	0	0
Helton 1b	4	2	2	1	Wnston p	0	0	0
Mnwrn c	4	1	2	1	Hudler lf	0	0	0
JReed c	1	0	0	0	Jfferies lf	1	0	1
NPerez ss	4	1	1	0	Rlaford ss	5	0	1
MTpsn p	1	0	0	0	Beech p	3	1	1
BMJns p	1	0	0	0	Sprdlin p	0	0	0
Liriano ph	0	0	0	0	Lbrthal c	1	1	0
LWlker rf	2	1	1	4				
Totals	38	6	10	6	Totals	40	7	13

Colorado	000	005	010	0— 6
Philadelphia	200	210	001	1— 7

Two outs when winning run scored.
DP—Philadelphia 1. LOB—Colorado 7, Philadelphia 14. 2B—Abreu (8), MLewis (2), Relaford (5). 3B—Glanville (3). HR—Helton (2), LWalker (4). SB—Glanville (6). SF—Sefcik.

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
MThompson	3	5	3	3	4	3
BMJones	2	4	2	2	0	0
Veres	2	1	0	0	0	2
DeJean	1	1	0	0	1	0
Dipoto	1	1	1	1	1	0
McElroy L,0-1	2-3	1	1	1	1	2
Philadelphia						
Beech	5	2-3	6	4	4	2
Spradlin	1	1-3	1	1	1	0
Winston		1	1	1	1	0
MLeiter W,2-0	2	2	0	0	1	1

MThompson pitched to 1 batter in the 4th.
HBP—by Beech (Castilla), by Beech (Helton). WP—Dipoto, MLeiter. T—3:43. A—19,536 (62,363).

BREWERS 3, PADRES 2

SAN DIEGO	ab	r	hbi		MILWAUKEE	ab	r	hbi
Mouton cf	3	0	1	0	Vina 2b	5	1	2
SFinley cf	1	0	0	0	Cirillo 1b	3	1	1
Sheets 2b	3	0	0	0	Loretta 3b	5	0	1
Gvnola 2b	1	0	0	0	Burnitz rf	4	1	2
Gwynn rf	4	1	2	1	Jenkins lf	4	0	1
GVghn lf	3	0	1	0	DrJksn cf	4	0	3
Joyner 1b	4	0	1	0	JsVntn ss	4	0	2
CHrndz c	3	1	1	0	Mtheny c	4	0	0
Cnfrcco 3b	3	0	0	0	Karl p	1	0	0
Gomez ss	3	0	0	0	Wckmn p	0	0	0
KBrwn p	2	0	1	0	DJones p	0	0	0
EWlms ph	1	0	1	1	Levis ph	1	0	0
Miceli p	0	0	0	0				
VnRyn p	0	0	0	0				
CReyes p	0	0	0	0				
Totals	31	2	8	2	Totals	35	3	12

San Diego	000	000	011	— 2
Milwaukee	000	000	021	— 3

Two outs when winning run scored.
DP—San Diego 1, Milwaukee 2. LOB—San Diego 6, Milwaukee 10. 2B—CHernandez (4), Loretta (7), Burnitz (7), DrJackson (2), JsValentin (4). HR—Gwynn (4). SB—Mouton (2), Jenkins (1). S—Cianfrocco, Cirillo, Karl.

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
KBrown	7	6	0	0	1	1
Miceli	2-3	1	1	1	0	0
VanRyn	0	2	1	1	0	0
CReyes L,1-1	1	3	1	1	1	0
Milwaukee						
Karl	7 1-3	6	1	1	1	3
Wickman	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
DJones W,2-1	1	2	1	1	0	0

VanRyn pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.
HBP—by DJones (CHernandez), by DJones (GVaughn). WP—KBrown, Miceli.
T—2:32. A—13,381 (53,192).

BRAVES 7, DODGERS 0

LOS ANGELES	ab	r	hbi		ATLANTA	ab	r	hbi
EcYng 2b	4	0	0	0	Weiss ss	4	1	2
Cedeno cf	4	0	2	0	Lckhrt 2b	5	1	1
Piazza c	4	0	1	0	ChJnes 3b	3	1	1
Karros 1b	4	0	0	0	Grffnn 3b	0	0	0
Mndesi rf	4	0	2	0	Glrrga 1b	3	1	1
Zeile 3b	4	0	1	0	Klesko lf	3	1	1
Luke lf	2	0	0	0	G

Maddux leads Braves to sweep of Dodgers

Associated Press

■ NL Roundup

ATLANTA — Greg Maddux allowed five hits in seven innings, and Chipper Jones and Michael Tucker homered off Darren Dreifort (0-3) as the Atlanta Braves completed a three-game sweep by shutting out the Los Angeles Dodgers 7-0. The Braves have won eight of nine and 17 of 21 overall, and six straight over the Dodgers.

Maddux (4-2) won for the fourth time in five decisions, striking out five and walking none. After giving up two singles in the first inning, Maddux retired 14 straight until Todd Hollandsworth singled in the sixth.

Phillies 7, Rockies 6

PHILADELPHIA — Bobby Abreu, 4-for-5 with three RBIs, singled home the winning run in the 10th inning against Chuck McElroy (0-1) after Philadelphia wasted a 5-0 lead.

Larry Walker hit a pinch grand slam off Jerry Spradlin in a five-run sixth that also included an RBI single by Kirt Manwaring, and Todd Helton hit a go-ahead homer in the eighth off Darrin Winston. An RBI single by pinch-hitter Gregg Jefferies off Jerry DiPoto tied it in the ninth.

Brewers 3, Padres 2

MILWAUKEE — Mark Loretta hit an RBI double in the off Carlos Reyes (1-1) in the ninth after Tony Gwynn hit a game-tying homer in the top half off Doug Jones (2-1).

San Diego took a 1-0 lead in the eighth on a single by pinch-hitter Eddie Williams off Scott Karl, but Milwaukee scored twice in the bottom half on Jeromy Burnitz's RBI infield single off Ben Van Ryn and Darrin Jackson's squeeze bunt.

Reds 4, Expos 2

MONTREAL — Dmitri Young homered and drove in two runs, and Mike Remlinger pitched seven solid innings as Cincinnati won its third straight series.

Young homered off Montreal starter Javier Vazquez (1-3) to lead off the sixth, giving Cincinnati a 3-2 lead. He also had an RBI single in the third.

Remlinger (3-3) gave up two runs on six hits, walked four and struck out six. Jeff Shaw pitched the ninth for his NL-leading 11th save.

Pirates 5, Cardinals 0

PITTSBURGH — Jason Schmidt held St. Louis to two hits over seven shutout innings and Jermaine Allensworth hit an inside-the-park homer as the Pirates beat the Cardinals.

Jason Christiansen pitched the final two innings as the Pirates completed a two-game sweep. The Pirates have won five straight against the Cardinals, who are 1-5 on a 10-game road trip.

Giants 10, Marlins 9

MIAMI — Brent Mayne hit a game-tying grand slam and the Giants took advantage of seven walks in the final three innings to rally past the Marlins.

San Francisco overcame a 9-3 deficit with six runs in the seventh on five walks and Mayne's slam. Barry Bonds and Rich Aurilia also homered for the Giants, who won their fourth straight despite allowing four homers.

Mets 8, Diamondbacks 2

NEW YORK — Jim Tatum hit a go-ahead single off Clint Sodowsky (1-2) in a seven-run eighth inning and Todd Pratt hit a bases-loaded triple to give him six RBIs in two games since he was brought up from the minors.

The Mets, who are just 16-14, have won nine times by scoring in their final at-bat. Mel Rojas (2-0) pitched a scoreless eighth.



AP Photo

Chicago Cubs rookie Kerry Wood delivers a pitch to a Houston Astros batter during the fifth inning Wednesday in Chicago. Wood tied the major league record with 20 strikeouts in a nine-inning game.

Astros can't touch Cubs' rookie Wood

By Rick Gano
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Kerry Wood was just playing catch. That's how it seemed, anyway.

In just the the fifth start of his major league career, his pitches were all but untouchable, dipping through the strike zone at unreachable angles or roaring past the bats of the Houston Astros at speeds up to 100 mph.

"I couldn't imagine ever doing this, to tell you the truth," Wood said after tying the major league record with 20 strikeouts Wednesday, pitching a one-hitter to lead the Chicago Cubs over the Astros 2-0.

"It's going to be special to strike out that many, regardless of who has done it," he said. "It hasn't settled in, and I'm still in awe a little bit."

Wood (3-2), who will turn 21 on June 16, tied the record set by Roger Clemens against Seattle on April 29, 1986, and matched by Clemens against Detroit on Sept. 18, 1996.

"That's the greatest thrill anyone could be associated with," Wood said. "Roger is a great pitcher and he's definitely established himself. I talked to him on the phone this past offseason."

Clemens and Nolan Ryan, whose No. 34 Wood wears on his back, are fellow Texans and the pitchers who have most inspired Wood. But on Wednesday, the 6-foot-5, 225-pound rookie was in a league of his own.

And if not for a third-inning single off third baseman Kevin Orie's glove by Ricky Gutierrez, he would have had a no-hitter.

"He deserved it. I'll go up there and tell them to give me an error," said Orie, who stretched for the ball but didn't dive.

With the fans chanting "Kerry, Kerry" in the last inning, Wood fanned pinch-hitter Billy Spiers on a 1-2 pitch leading off for his seventh straight strikeout. Craig Biggio then grounded to shortstop on a 1-0 pitch. Wood tied the record by fanning Derek Bell on a 1-2 pitch and was mobbed by his teammates.

"I had no idea how many I had going into the last three innings. After the first inning, I knew I had three and I lost track after that," Wood said, citing his slider as his main strikeout pitch.

"I wasn't really worried about the strikeouts, I knew it was getting up there. It was just one of those days where every thing you throw is crossing the plate. It just felt like I was playing catch."

Wood said he didn't have good stuff warming up. And he was working with catcher Sandy Martinez for the first time, making his performance even more remarkable.

Wood struck out the side in the first, fifth, seventh and eighth innings, and fanned two each in the second, fourth and ninth, and one each in the third and the sixth.

"I'm going to give most of the credit to the fans," Wood said. "They were in it the whole game. My adrenaline was racing. Definitely I think that is what got me through late in the game. I was worn out, I was tired."

After the game, he was handed the lineup card by Cubs coach Billy Williams, a Hall of Famer.

In his first complete game in the majors, Wood fanned the Astros 3-4-5 hitters — Jeff Bagwell, Jack Howell and Moises Alou — in all three of their at-bats. He walked none but hit Biggio with a pitch.

"It's not fair to compare him to Nolan," Biggio said. "The kid's got good stuff, but leave comparisons alone. Today was his day. He had everything working. Plus it was the first time we faced him."

Astros manager Larry Dierker, a former major league pitcher, did make a comparison.

"He reminded me of the first time I saw Ryan," Dierker said. "By the time the ball left his hand, it was in the mitt. Only that time, Ryan was wild. This kid wasn't wild."

Wood broke the NL record of 19 strikeouts in a nine-inning game, held by Steve Carlton, Tom Seaver and David Cone.

"It's the best game I've ever seen pitched. I'm just proud to have been there to watch it," Cubs manager Jim Riggleman said.

Wood, who struck out every batter at least once, broke the previous rookie record of 18, set by Bill Gullickson against the Cubs on Sept. 10, 1980. The major league record for an extra-inning game in 21 by Tom Cheney for Washington against Baltimore in a 16-inning game.

Shane Reynolds (2-3) pitched a eight-hitter and struck out 10, Houston's season high.

Chicago went ahead in the second when Mark Grace doubled and scored on Henry Rodriguez's sacrifice fly.

Yanks survive Ranger rally in 15-13 victory

Associated Press

■ AL Roundup

ARLINGTON — At first it seemed like the Yankees would cruise to their 21st win in 23 games. Then, Texas turned it into New York's wildest win of the season.

Jorge Posada hit a go-ahead single in the eighth inning, and Derek Jeter drove in a career-high five RBIs as the Yankees beat the Rangers 15-13 Wednesday night after blowing a 9-0 third-inning lead.

New York outhit Texas 18-14 in extending its latest winning streak to seven. Bernie Williams keyed the eighth with his second triple of the night, and Posada followed with the go-ahead hit off Danny Patterson (0-1).

Texas, which lost its third straight following a five-game winning streak, got a three-run homer from Juan Gonzalez, who raised his major league-leading RBI total to 39, a two-run homer from Mike Simms and four RBIs by Ivan Rodriguez. But it wasn't enough.

Tigers 10, Athletics 5

OAKLAND, Calif. — Bobby Higginson's two-run homer capped a three-run eighth inning as the Tigers rallied for a win over the Athletics on a rainy afternoon.

The start of the game, played before 5,335 soggy fans, was delayed 35 minutes and a steady rain fell throughout the contest. Tuesday night's game between the teams was postponed.

Indians 14, Orioles 5

CLEVELAND — Jim Thome homered and drove in five runs as the Indians scored seven runs against Scott Erickson in a rout of the sputtering Orioles.

Devil Rays 5, Royals 0

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Rolando Arrojo pitched a three-hitter for his second consecutive shutout and Tampa Bay stopped a four-game losing streak.

ANGELS: Midland wins 5-3

(From 1C)

replacement of starter Brian Sikorski, who absorbed the loss. There were two outs when "The Lob" came and the runners were off and running to begin with.

"With two outs, I was running and was already a couple of steps around third base when I saw him (Lock) throw the ball away," said Durington, who was on second base at the time. "In that situation, I'm going home all the way since I was already around third."

But it was even more surprising that Hutchins, too, scored.

"Usually, you just go from first to third on a play like that," Hutchins said. "I was running, not full speed, when I saw the ball go high over first. I felt if I ran hard, I could score. It was a good run because it gave us a little insurance."

Durington and Hutchins also helped the Angels other than running on "The Lob". Durington had singled earlier in the seventh to drive in Matt Curtis to tie the game at 3-3. Durington came into the game hitting at .173 and only three RBIs.

"It was nice to get a hit in that situation," Durington said. "I finally got a pitch I could handle."

Hutchins tied the game at 2-2 in the fifth inning with a solo home run to right field. It was Hutchins' sixth homer of the season and his 18th RBI, amazing numbers for a player hitting in the leadoff slot.

The other Angel run came on Buxbaum's leadoff solo opposite field blast to right in the second inning. It was also Buxbaum's sixth homer of the year and extended his consecutive game hitting streak to 16 games while batting close to .350 over that span.

Jackson took a 2-1 lead in the third when Chad Alexander scored from third on a strange play. Midland shortstop Randy Betten dropped a pop up by Garry Trammell and Chad Alexander tried to score from third.

Midland third baseman Troy Glaus made a good throw to home and appeared to have Alexander dead in the water, but Angel catcher Curtis dropped the ball, allowing Alexander to score. Later Jhonny Perez scored on a single by Lance Berkman, the former Rice Owl.

Rob Bonanno (3-3) pitched well for the Angels, giving up three runs in 7 1/3 innings. Danny Greene got his first save, retiring all four batters he faced.

Angel Dust: Jackson has hit 28 home runs in its 14 wins and only six in its 18 losses. The Generals didn't homer Wednesday... Combine their 1997 college stats and All-Americans Troy Glaus (UCLA) and Berkman (Rice) had 75 homers and 225 RBIs (Berkman 41/134 and Glaus 34/91). But Kuh-Boom didn't come Wednesday. Glaus struck out all four times while Berkman singled in a run in three official appearances... Midland's Ramon Ortiz (2-1, 4.60) is set to face Jackson's Paul O'Malley (3-1, 1.89) at 7 p.m. today in Game 4 of the series.

Midland 5, Jackson 3

Jackson	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Saylor 2b	4	0	1	0	Hutchins cf	3	2	1	1
Trammell dh	3	0	0	0	Herrick rf	4	0	1	0
Neal ph,ss	1	0	0	0	Glaus 3b	4	0	0	0
Berkman lf	3	0	1	1	Buxbaum 1b	4	1	1	1
Sanchez 1b	4	0	0	0	Christian lf	4	0	0	0
Lopez c	3	1	2	0	Luuloe dh	4	0	2	0
Maddox cf	4	0	1	1	Curtis c	3	1	1	0
Miller 3b	4	0	0	0	Betten ss	3	0	1	0
Alexander rf	3	1	1	0	Durington 2b	2	1	1	1
Perez ss	2	1	1	0					
Mitchell ph	1	0	0	0					
Diorio p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	32	3	7	2	Totals	31	5	8	3

Jackson 002 000 100—3
Midland 010 010 30x—5

Catcher's Interference-Perez

E-Perez, Miller, Betten, Curtis, Sikorski, Lock. DP-Jackson 1, Midland 1. LOB-Jackson 4, Midland 4. 2B-Alexander, Lopez, Saylor. 3B-Maddux. HR-Buxbaum (6), Hutchins (6). SB-Perez (5). CS-Herrick, Berkman, Alexander.

Pitching	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Jackson						
Sikorski L,1-3	6.2	8	5	2	1	7
Lock	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Diorio	1.1	0	0	0	0	1
Midland						
Bonanno W,3-3	7.1	7	3	3	0	5
Hill	0.1	0	0	0	0	1
Greene S,1	1.1	0	0	0	0	1

Lock faced one batter in the seventh.

HBP-by Bonanno (Lopez); by Hill (Berkman). T-2:36. Attn.-1,828.

Missouri consults on new AD search

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — University of Missouri officials will hire a professional search consultant to help find candidates for the athletic director position, Chancellor Richard Wallace said Wednesday.

The former athletic director, Joe Castiglione, was hired last week as athletic director at Oklahoma.

Gene McArtor, the senior associate athletic director, has been named interim athletic director.

Wallace said he will later appoint a screening panel to evaluate candidates identified by the consultant.

More Sports/2D

Hornets rally to pull even with Bulls, 78-76

Associated Press

■ NBA Playoffs

CHICAGO — As B.J. Armstrong's game-sealing jump shot swished through the net, he turned to his old teammates on the Chicago bench, pumped his fist and let out a whoop.

With the Charlotte Hornets in a shooting slump at the United Center, who better to help break them out of it than a former Bull. Armstrong and Dell Curry combined for 21 points in the fourth quarter as the Hornets rallied to beat Chicago 78-76 Wednesday night.

"B.J. had a lot of motivation, energy and enthusiasm, and you have to expect that. He once played here, and maybe he didn't leave on his own terms," Michael Jordan said of his old backcourt mate. "His energy pulled Charlotte through this game."

Charlotte's victory evened the Eastern Conference semifinals at one game apiece, with Game 3 on Friday in Charlotte. The Bulls have now lost Game 2 of the conference semifinals for a second straight year. They lost to Atlanta at home last year.

Anthony Mason scored 15 points and Glen Rice had 14, but it was Curry and Armstrong who carried the Hornets. Curry scored 13 of his 15 points in the final period, and Armstrong added eight of his 10, including the decisive jumper with 17 seconds left.

After Vlade Divac grabbed a key offensive rebound — he finished with 19 boards — Armstrong got the ball on the right side. He pulled up and drilled it from 17 feet — right in front of the Chicago bench — to make it 76-71.

Armstrong started yelling at the Bulls' reserves, who stared back in silence. Armstrong was still yapping after a timeout, talking to Pippen as they walked downcourt.

"What happened then is then and what happens now is now," said Armstrong, who played on Chicago's first three championship teams of the decade but was left unprotected in the 1995 expansion draft.

"I had a shot that presented itself and I pulled up and shot it with confidence," he said. "Fortunately, it went down."

Jordan had 22 points, including eight in the fourth quarter, but it wasn't enough to help the cold-shooting Bulls. Chicago was just 8-of-24 (33 percent) in the fourth quarter and 31-of-85 (36.5 percent) overall.

Scottie Pippen, who finished with 13, was scoreless in the final period as he missed all six of his field goal attempts. Dennis Rodman grabbed 18 rebounds for the Bulls.

This isn't the first time the Bulls have run into problems in the fourth quarter. They blew a late lead in Game 1 of the first round, needing overtime to beat the New Jersey Nets.

"We seem to have control of the game and we lose our grip on it," Jordan said. "When you've had the success we've had over the years, it's easy to lose focus in situations like that — and we have. And it usually takes something like this to wake us up."

Charlotte got a wake-up call Sunday when it shot a dismal 36 percent, but it appeared to have no effect through the first three quarters.

Rice, a hot shooter who has a history of trouble at the United Center, was just 4-of-12. Mason was 5-of-12. The Hornets were hovering around the 35 percent mark and trailed by eight midway through the fourth.

So coach Dave Cowens went to his bench and Curry and Armstrong didn't disappoint him. Curry's 3-pointer with 6:46 left sparked a 9-0 run and his follow-up jumper gave Charlotte a 64-63 lead, its first since the first quarter. Armstrong extended the edge with consecutive jumpers.

"I was feeling pretty good there in the fourth quarter," Curry said. "I got a couple of open looks, and when you hit a couple of open ones, you feel like all of them are going in."

Jordan finally stopped the run with a jumper, but he blew a chance to bring Chicago even closer. Divac had fouled Jordan as he put up the shot, but Jordan missed the free throw and the three-point play, leaving Chicago trailing 70-65.

And the other Bulls weren't much help, standing around, waiting for Jordan to save them again.

Lakers 92, SuperSonics 68

SEATTLE — George Karl got Shaquille O'Neal and the Los Angeles Lakers really steamed.

Stung by Karl's criticism of O'Neal's high elbows and hip-hop moves in the paint, the Lakers evened their Western Conference semifinal series with the Seattle SuperSonics at one game each with a victory.

O'Neal scored 26 points, including 20 in the first half, and also had 10 rebounds and four blocked shots before leaving with 4:20 to play.

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Prices slip

NEW YORK — Crude oil fell for a third day as reports showing a gain in U.S. inventories may signal that producers still are pumping more than consumers need.

Oil stockpiles rose last week in key regions east of the Rocky Mountains, the American Petroleum Institute said late Tuesday, including important Gulf Coast refining regions and the region including Cushing, Oklahoma, where New York futures are delivered. The government Wednesday reported a rise nationwide.

U.S. inventories are up 6.7 percent since the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and non-OPEC producers agreed in March to cut production after prices fell to a nine-year low of $12.80 a barrel. Though traders speculated that the producers were considering more cuts, none have been announced.

Crude oil for June delivery fell 10 cents, or 0.6 percent, to $15.37 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The API report showed a 697,000 barrel drop in crude oil stockpiles nationwide last week, though traders noted it was largely due to a 1.42 million-barrel drop west of the Rocky Mountains, a region they often discount because it's not connected by pipeline to the rest of the country.

Implied U.S. gasoline demand fell 3 percent to 8.5 million barrels a day, API figures showed.

Dollar mixed

NEW YORK — The dollar rose nearly 1 3/4 yen against the Japanese currency Wednesday as Asian-Pacific markets took a hit and Indonesians rioted for the third day over price increases forced by international aid donors.

The mark edged higher against the dollar as investors discounted statements by a German central bank official that a German interest rate hike is not forthcoming.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 133.18 yen, up from 131.44 late Tuesday. The U.S. currency also was changing hands at 1.7665 marks, down from 1.7669.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Tuesday: 1.4746 Swiss francs, down from 1.4785; 5.9225 French francs, unchanged; 1,742.00 Italian lire, down from 1,744.00; and 1.4383 Canadian dollars, down from 1.4393.

The British pound was quoted at $1.6596, down from $1.6636.

Christie's stake

PARIS — The continental invasion of Britain's economy is intensifying with a French entrepreneur buying a hefty 29 percent of auctioneer Christie's International, one of England's economic crown jewels.

Last month, Germany's BMW announced plans to buy Rolls Royce Motor Co.

The temptations of profit in a recovering European economy, the possibility of opening a branch in France, and the glitter of the world's No. 1 auction house were among the attractions that led Francois Pinault to pick up a stake in Christie's.

AT&T fee

NEW YORK — AT&T Corp. is imposing a new monthly fee of up to 95 cents on its residential customers, joining other long-distance companies seeking to recover the cost of completing calls to local phone networks.

The nation's largest telephone company imposed the 95-cent fee in April for its 45 million customers who subscribe to one of the company's discount calling plans. AT&T has told the Federal Communications Commission it intends to charge its remaining 35 million customers a monthly fee of up to that amount, starting July 1.

Dow falls 93 points on new Asian fears

■ Reminders that Asian financial crisis is not over overcome excitement over Daimler-Chrysler news.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks fell Wednesday as troubling developments in Asia negated the initial excitement over a potential merger between Chrysler and Daimler-Benz.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 92.92 to 9,054.65. An early 32-point gain had put the blue-chip measure within 13 points of Monday's record close of 9,192.66.

Broad-market indicators also surrendered early gains amid some unsettling reminders that the Asian financial crisis is far from resolved.

In Indonesia, stocks tumbled 4.7 percent amid a third day of rioting over government price increases. Elsewhere in the region, stocks fell 2.3 percent in Tokyo and 3.9 percent in South Korea.

U.S. shares opened higher, however, amid news that Daimler-Benz might acquire Chrysler in a deal that could be worth $35 billion.

Chrysler's shares soared 7 3/8 to 48 11/16 after the No. 3 U.S. automaker and the German luxury carmaker confirmed a report in The Wall Street Journal that they have been discussing a merger. Daimler's U.S. shares rose 6 1/2 to 108 9/16, also on the New York Stock Exchange.

The advance in the broad market quickly faded, however, as investors refocused on the latest turmoil in Asia and Friday's looming report on new jobs and wage levels, two key forces behind inflation.

"There was good news today, but the stock market is latching onto negative news," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Minneapolis-based Norwest, pointing to a strong day in the bond market, where the yield on the 30-year Treasury — a key determinant of borrowing costs — sank sharply after pushing toward 6 percent on Tuesday.

There was little reaction to a Federal Reserve report saying economic growth continued at a "moderate to strong" pace in March and April.

The report, which will serve as the basis for the Fed's May 19 meeting on interest rate strategy, also offered hints that the economic drag from Asia and a competitive domestic environment may be keeping inflationary pressures in check.

Stocks tumbled early last week amid sudden fears the Fed might try to slow the economy with higher interest rates. The market rebounded days later, however, after the release of several encouraging reports.

"There's still concern that the Fed can raise rates, but the real reason for the weakness is that the market is overextended," said Hildegard Zagorski, a market analyst at Prudential Securities.

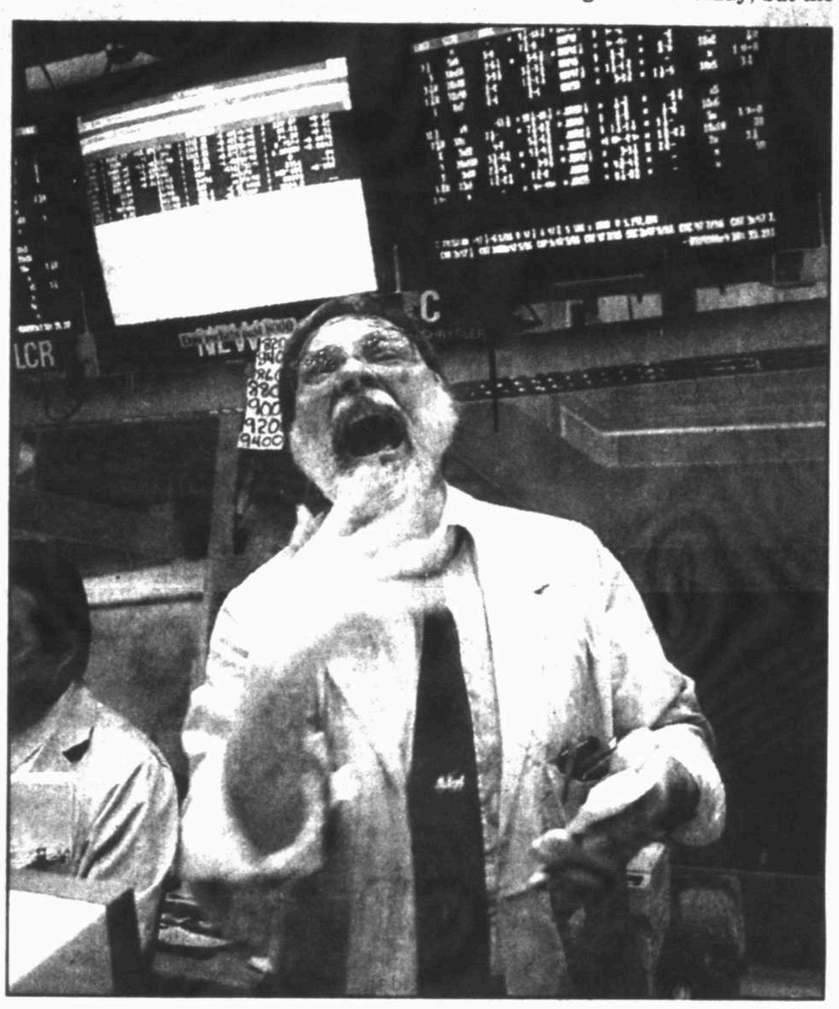
"It's simply tired blood," she said. "The market's run a marathon in the first three months of the year, and now it's experiencing a consolidation."

The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 10.58 to 1,104.92. The Nasdaq composite index fared better, falling just 8.23 to 1,856.68.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by an 8-to-5 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled 606.54 million shares.

The NYSE composite index fell 5.18 to 574.57, and the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 1.95 to 743.33.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 2.37 to 479.37.



AP Photo

Jesse Freeman of the Chicago Board Options Exchange shouts out public orders for Chrysler stock options Wednesday at the exchange. German luxury carmaker Daimler-Benz and the No. 3 U.S. automaker Chrysler Corp. confirmed they are discussing a merger, and if it's pulled off the combination could cost Daimler about $35 billion.

Chrysler, Daimler-Benz confirm merger talks

■ $35 billion merger would transform automotive industry.

Associated Press

DETROIT — Chrysler Corp., a flag-waving champion of the Buy American movement that once staved off bankruptcy with a government bailout, is discussing a merger with Germany's biggest industrial company, the maker of the Mercedes-Benz.

The talks reportedly give Chrysler a $35 billion sticker price, meaning a combination of Daimler-Benz and the No. 3 American automaker would be the biggest U.S. industrial merger ever.

Combining the German luxury car maker with the pioneer of middle-class minivans would not only bring together makers of two different classes of autos, but would also significantly broaden the global reach of both companies.

Chrysler would get greater access to the European market, something it has sought, while Daimler-Benz would gain a bigger foothold in the American market, where it has been working to increase sales.

"To some extent there is a hand-in-glove fit," said Scott Merlis, an analyst with Merlis Automotive International. "I would say it looks like a match made in heaven to the extent the two cultures can co-exist."

Some say the greatest threat to the deal could be a clash between Daimler's buttoned-down managers and the more freewheeling culture at Chrysler.

In a statement Wednesday after The Wall Street Journal reported the talks, the two automakers cautioned that a deal is far from certain.

The news blindsided industry watchers. While they knew Chrysler and BMW spoke of a deal last year, few realized Chrysler and Daimler-Benz were talking.

The move would be a stark change from Chrysler officials' past advocacy of "Buy American," which was especially strong after the automaker went to the brink of bankruptcy in 1979 and was rescued in 1980 when President Carter signed a law giving it $1.5 billion in federal loan guarantees. Chrysler paid off the loans in 1983, seven years early.

For years, Lee Iacocca, then Chrysler chairman, urged consumers to "buy American." In the early 1980s, when he introduced the "K cars," he used the catchphrase that America was not going "to be pushed around anymore." As recently as 1990 he argued in a TV commercial that American cars were good as those made in Japan.

The United Auto Workers said they are pursuing information about the talks and the possible effects of a merger on members. The Canadian Auto Workers said a merger would position the companies to take advantage of a global market and should not be viewed as a threat.

Phil Gott, auto industry analyst at DRI McGraw Hill, said U.S. car sales will "grow very slowly, if at all, over the next five years. So in order to grow their business, Chrysler does need to go global and Mercedes gives them access to Europe and other parts of the world quite easily."

Mercedes-Benz has increased U.S. sales 67 percent this year, largely with the help of its hot-selling M-Class sport utility vehicle. But the German automaker is still a bit player in United States, with a market share of little more than 1 percent.

Similarly, Chrysler sold only 17,713 vehicles outside North America last month, more than half of that in Europe.

Fed finds scattered slowdown

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve is finding scattered hints of a slowdown amid generally moderate to strong economic growth across the country.

"Consumer spending was generally robust in all regions of the country. Manufacturing activity advanced. Real estate markets were generally strong," the central bank said Wednesday in its "beige book" survey of regional economic conditions, based on reports from its 12 district banks.

Yet the survey suggested the financial turmoil that has plagued East Asia since the fall is starting to brake U.S. growth.

The Dallas bank said activity in its region was slightly slower than at the start of the year. It said Asia had weakened manufacturing and lower oil prices had caused "a strong shift away from oil-directed drilling."

The Minneapolis district said "increasing weakness in farming and other natural resource sectors is casting a pall over spending in rural areas ... (of) Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota."

The survey noted Asia-linked declines in production, either because of reduced export sales to Asia or increased competition from Asian imports. These included electronic items in the Boston region, chemicals in the St. Louis, Dallas and Cleveland regions, metals in the Philadelphia region and machinery in the Richmond region.

Those hints, according to economists, may be enough to persuade Fed policymakers to hold off on any interest-rate increase when they meet May 19.

"Asia is finally helping to slow U.S. economic growth," said economist Sung Won Sohn of Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis. "The Federal Reserve may not have to raise interest rates as some feared."

Separately, the Commerce Department said factory orders — a barometer of future production — rose a modest 0.8 percent in March. But for the first quarter as a whole, they were down 0.8 percent from the last three months of 1997.

Digital may cut 15,000 jobs

Associated Press

BOSTON — Digital Equipment Corp. could eliminate 15,000 jobs — about a quarter of its employees — if Compaq's plan to buy the company for $9.6 billion is approved, The Associated Press has learned.

Digital disclosed in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Wednesday that restructuring Digital would cost between $1.5 billion and $2 billion, including the expense of job cuts.

The company did not disclose the number of possible job cuts in the filing, but sources at Digital and Compaq said the losses could reach 15,000. The sources spoke on condition of anonymity.

The planned merger was announced in January. The deal, worth $9.6 billion, was the biggest merger in the computer business to date.

The proxy filing will be mailed Thursday to Digital shareholders; two-thirds of the common shareholders will have to vote in favor of the deal for it to be approved.

Digital, based in Maynard, employs about 54,000 people worldwide. About 10,000 jobs are based in Massachusetts.

Dan Kaferle, a spokesman for Digital, would not comment on possible job cuts but said the company would continue to have a strong presence in New England.

"Several Digital offices will remain, including the worldwide headquarters for the services division, certain product groups, and other business units to be determined," Kaferle said.

THE ECONOMIST

Financial services offer expanding array of services

By M. Ray Perryman

The U.S. economy is a constantly growing, multi-faceted, ever-changing organism. It continually evolves as new developments in technology, public policy, and myriad other forces shape its future. At the forefront of these emerging patterns looms the amorphous financial services industry.



Perryman

We're all aware of the current trend toward consolidation among companies offering business and financial services; at the same time, the industry is experiencing overall growth. During the past ten years, the total number of banks in the United States (including branches) fell from more than 14,000 to about 9,500. In Texas, a parallel movement is taking place. The reasons for consolidation are legion; two biggies are advances in technology and legislative action giving branch banks greater latitude.

The size of the state's financial sector has grown steadily during the economic expansion of the 1990s - an increase due in part to rising bank deposits. Moreover, Texas employment in banking and non-bank credit institutions has ballooned. Jobs in this industry rose from 125,900 in 1980 to an estimated 153,000 in 1997.

The steady upward trend of the 1990s comes is a welcome relief after the mid-to-late 1980s - a time when Texas banks were whipsawed by the now infamous boom-bust cycle. During the boom, a combination of our overheated economy and exploding real estate market coalesced with quirks in the tax law. The consequence was overextension by many lending institutions. Severely damaged by oil and real estate price collapses in the late 1980s, banks were left holding portfolios of non-performing loans and heavy losses. Today, however, Texas banks are a new breed of institutions; they gleaned valuable lessons from those dark days of the bust. Many banking practices once commonplace, such as non-recourse loans for speculative investors, are now assiduously avoided by lenders.

The latest round of high-profile mergers illustrates some of the diverse directions taken by leaders in this kaleidoscope-like sector. One distinct trend is toward an ever-expanding array of customer services. The acclaimed goal of the Citicorp-Travelers union, for example, is to extend traditional banking services. Soon clients around the world may be able to choose from a broader-than-ever-before spectrum of banking, investing, and insuring options. By contrast, bank-to-bank deals such as NationsBank-BankAmerica or Banc One-First Chicago are aimed at cementing a banking presence (with existing services) in large geographic areas; a long-term goal of some financial services firms is to ultimately establish a coast-to-coast banking system.

While mega-marriages will certainly birth a variety of services, many merger partners intend to maintain their traditional, individual identities as banks. On the other hand, the new Citigroup boasts an innovative service vision that would - if it comes to fruition - push the boundaries of legislation. In theory, Citicorp's product offerings could transform the entire industry and challenge existing depression-era banking laws. If successful, the current legislated barriers between banking, investing, and insuring will fall. (Be on the lookout for heated debates in Congress.)

Adding service capabilities and cementing regional customer bases are not the only incentives to merge. Many institutions lack the expertise needed to solve the "Year 2000" date problem; they are seeking mergers as a way to acquire the requisite knowledge. This difficulty has no "quick fix." Dealing with 2000-related computer problems will be expensive and fraught with difficulties. BankAmerica alone is planning for an estimated $300 million expenditure.

Today's state-of-the-art offering is tomorrow's out-of-date service. The Information Age has dictated sweeping changes in the way we conduct our lives. As a major participant in our free-market system, the financial sector is working (as expected) to exploit advantages associated with the galvanizing, mesmerizing amount of information available. Discoveries in technology are bringing global business transactions into our homes. As you read this column major e-commerce deals involving e-banks using e-dollars are in the works. From a consumer's perspective, the competition in financial services can only increase our already splendid selection of choices. And you can take that to the bank.

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Compaq s	297679	31¼	+1 1/16
Chryslr	226834	48 13/16	+7/8
BayNtwk	95020	24 7/16	+13/16
Cendant	79422	24 1/8	-7/16
MellnBk	58883	78	+8 1/4

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Chrysir	48 13/16	+7 3/8	+17.8
KentEl	23 13/16	+3 5/16	+16.2
CnCigar	15 11/16	+1 15/16	+14.1
Polygr	49 3/8	+5 9/16	+12.7
GenCigr	15 9/16	+1 11/16	+12.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
FilaHold	20½	-3 1/8	-13.2
SealAir n	54 9/16	-8 5/16	-13.2
Tricom n	10 3/8	-1 3/8	-11.7
Kubota	53 1/16	-6 3/16	-10.4
Bufete	4 3/8	-½	-10.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,139
Declined	1,836
Unchanged	555
Total issues	3,530
New Highs	80
New Lows	19
Volume	725,842,910

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR	55261110	7/32	-1 5/16
TWA	17103	8⅝	-½
ViacB	10251	56⅞	+¾
RoyalO g	9016	1 1/16	
PC Quote	8855	2 3/16	+7/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cmputrn n	2 5/16	+9/16	+32.1
PC Quote	2 3/16	+7/16	+25.0
Servotr	12⅛	+1½	+13.5
Refac	13 5/16	+1 7/16	+12.1
Tag-It n	3⅝	+⅜	+11.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ecLuxtec	5¼	-1	-16.0
PolkAud	15	-2¾	-15.5
PenniC	9	-1⅜	-13.3
WirelessT	4 1/16	-½	-11.0
ecDallG	2 7/16	-¼	-9.3

DIARY

Advanced	239
Declined	348
Unchanged	166
Total issues	753
New Highs	27
New Lows	13
Volume	39,052,570

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
GMagic	168279	12 15/16	+3 19/32
Cisco s	161372	76	+2⅜
Techclone	128752	1 25/32	+7/16
Microsft s	120277	86⅜	-1⅜
DellCptr s	91427	87 7/16	-¼

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Oxign wt	5 9/16	+2 3/16	+64.8
IntcpEx wt	2	+¾	+60.0
TelCTV	5⅞	+1⅜	+42.4
GMagic	12 15/16	+3 19/32	+38.5
Aristin	2⅜	+⅝	+35.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ArgentCp s	2¼	-1	-30.8
Ortint wtB	5⅞	-2⅜	-28.8
BstLfSci	3 19/32	-1 7/16	-28.6
EntreMd	3 1/16	-12	-27.8
Unimed	5⅝	-2 1/16	-27.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,867
Declined	2,336
Unchanged	1,408
Total issues	5,611
New Highs	120
New Lows	53
Volume	752,817,800

HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 1,675 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 925 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in bold are worth at least $5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional fields rotated through the week, as follows:

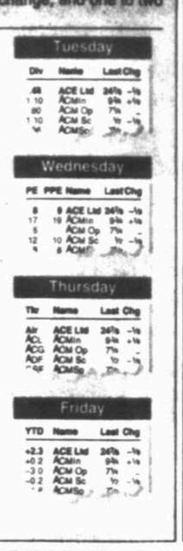
Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.
Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.
Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...
Tkr: The stock's ticker symbol.
How to use: The ticker symbol can help you get information about a company. Two important uses: Most services that provide stock quotes over the phone require the ticker symbol. Second, stock brokers and analysts can recognize stocks more easily with a ticker symbol.

Generally, ticker symbols resemble the company name although some – BUD for Anheuser Busch Cos. and FON for Sprint Corp. – are more related to what a company does. Tickers on the New York and Amex usually don't exceed three letters. On Nasdaq, they go up to five letters.

The names you see in this paper are abbreviations of the company name supplied by The Associated Press. Companies can help determine what their abbreviation will be. Overall, AP tries to use an abbreviation that will most closely match the full company name.

Stock Footnotes: cc – PE greater than 99. dd – Loss in last 12 mos. d – New 52-wk low during trading day. g – Dividend in Canadian $. Stock price in U.S. $. n – New issue in past 52 weeks. s – Split or stock dividend of 25 percent or more in last 52 weeks. Dividend begins with date of split or stock dividend. u – New 52-wk high during trading day. v – Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration. pf – Preferred. pp – Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price. rt – Rights. un – Units. wd – When distributed. wi – When issued. wt – Warrants. ww – With warrants. xw – Without warrants.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

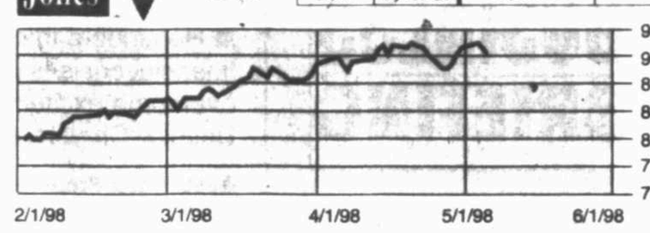


Daily-market roundup

May 6, 1998

Dow Jones 9054.65 –92.92

High	9,223.80	Highest close	9,192.66
Low	9,017.28	May 4, 1998	



INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
9,261.91	6,983.11	Dow Jones Industrials	9,054.65	–92.92	–1.02	+14.50	+27.79
3,701.42	2,583.17	Dow Jones Transportation	3,380.75	–88.29	–1.98	+3.82	+30.31
291.90	218.56	Dow Jones Utilities	282.64	–2.06	–.72	+3.50	+26.21
587.91	422.56	NYSE Composite	574.57	–5.18	–.89	+12.40	+35.21
753.75	567.91	Amex Index	743.33	–1.95	–.26	+8.58	+30.29
1,931.83	1,305.33	Nasdaq Composite	1,856.66	–8.23	–.44	+18.23	+40.35
1,132.98	811.80	S&P 500	1,104.92	–10.58	–.95	+13.86	+35.47
492.28	248.65	Russell 2000	479.37	–2.37	–.49	+9.69	+33.08
10,782.75	7,706.98	Wilshire 5000	10,548.39	–85.88	–.81	+13.45	+36.87

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

A-B-C

Tkr	Name	Last	Chg
AIR	AAR s	27¼	–1/4
AAN	ABN Am n	25⅛	–1/4
ACL	ACE Ltd s	38 1/16	+7/16
ACG	ACMIn	10⅝	
GSF	ACM Sc	10⅛	+1/16
SI	ACMSp	6⅞	+1/16
ART	ACNiels	27⅝	+1/4
AES	AES Cp s	55 13/16	–⅜
AFL	AFLAC	66⅛	–
AG	AGCO	26 15/16	+1/16
AJP	AJL	8 13/16	–1/8
AKS	AK Steel s	20⅛	–⅜
AMB	AMB Pr n	24½	–1/4
PIN	AMF n	26½	–⅜
AMR	AMR	143½	–3⅞
RCM	ARCOCh	53¼	+⅝
ASA	ASA Ltd	24⅞	+1/4
T	AT&T	59 9/16	–1 1/16
AVX	AVX Cp	20⅝	–1/4
AAM	Aames	15⅛	+1/4
ABT	AbtLab	70 11/16	–15/16
ANF	AberFitchu	46⅛	–⅝
ABY	Abitibi g	15 11/16	+⅜
ASI	AccuSti	35¼	–1 3/16
ADX	AdaEx	27⅝	–1/8
PVD	AFPProv	19¼	+⅝
AMD	AMD	26 7/16	–5/16
AD	Advolnc	30	
ANV	AeroVick	65 13/16	+1½
AET	Aetna Inc	80½	–
AFA	AffCmpSv	34 1/16	...
AEM	Agnico g	7 1/16	–1/16
AGU	Agrium g	15 9/16	+1/8
AHM	Ahmans	7 5/16	–1 1/4
APD	AirProd	87 13/16	–⅝
ANS	AirNetS	22 5/16	+1/16
ABF	AirbFrt s	38	–1⅜
ARG	Airgas	15 3/16	–1/4
ATI	AirTouch	52	–3/16
ALPpB	AlaP pfB	25⅛	...
ALPpC	AlaP pfC	25⅛	...
ALPpD	AlaP adj pf	25	...
ALPpQ	AlaPC pfQ25	25⅛	+1/16
ALK	AlskAir	47 15/16	–
AIN	Albnyln	29⅜	
ACV	Alberto	29 3/16	–1/4
ACV/A	AlbCulA	28 9/16	–1/4
ABS	Albertsn	48 1/16	–1/4
AL	Alcan	32 9/16	–1/8
ALA	Alcatel	39	–⅞
AYE	AlgEngy	28 5/16	–5/16
ALT	AlegTeldy	25	–5/16
AEH	Allegiance	47 1/16	+1 3/16
ALN	AllenTel	15⅞	+5/16
AGN	Allergn	41 7/16	–1/2
AC	AllCap s	26 1/16	–7/16
AWF	AllWrld2	13 3/16	
GRP	AlldGrp s	26	–
AHI	AlldHldg	19 9/16	
ALD	AlldSgnl s	44⅛	–1/8
AFC	AlmrFn	65 9/16	+1/2
ALL	Allstate	93 5/16	–7/16
AT	Alltel	41 9/16	–1 1/16
AMX	Alumax	49 9/16	–5/16
AA	Alcoa	78 1/16	–13/16
AZA	Alza	46 9/16	–15/16
AU	AmaxG	3⅝	–1/16
ABK	AmbacF s	56½	–⅞
AAH	AmbssApt	21	+1/16
AHC	AmHes	57¼	+1/4
AEE	Ameren n	39	+1/16
AOL	AmOnline s	86	–1/2
AWA	AmWest	29 9/16	–15/16
ABI	ABanknts	60 13/16	–⅜
ABN	AmBkInt	4 9/16	+1/16
AEP	AEP	46 1/16	
AXP	AmExp	99½	–
AGC	AGenCp	67⅛	–13/16
AGT	AGnHosp	25⅜	–¾
AM	AGreet	46 1/16	–15/16
AHP	AHomeP s	45	–
AIG	AmIntG s	127 7/16	–2 1/4
PLB	AlPC n	32 1/16	–15/16
AGP	APadP	7⅞	
ARS	ARessdSvc	10⅜	–⅜
ASC	AmStor s	23 1/16	+⅝
CSP	AmSthl	11⅛	
AW	AmWste	4⅛	–1/16
AWK	AmWtr	29⅞	–1/2
ACF	Amercrd	34⅜	–¾
AAS	AmerSrc	54⅝	–⅞
AIT	Amertech s	43⅜	–⅞
AN	Amoco s	45	+1/2
AMP	AMP	39 11/16	–1/4
ASO	AmSouth s	40 9/16	–1/2
AAP	AmwyAs	15 7/16	+1/16
APC	Anadrk	73½	–8⅝
ADI	Analog	37⅜	+3/16
BUD	Anheus	45½	–⅜
AXE	Anixter	19¾	–3/16
AHR	AnthCap n	14⅛	–1/16
AOC	Aon Cp s	83⅛	–½
APA	Apache s	35 9/16	–⅞
AIV	Apartinv	38⅜	+1/4
APM	AppMg	9 1/16	–1/16
APW	ApldPw s	34⅞	–1/16
AHG	Apria	8 5/16	–1/16
ARA	Aracruz	16⅜	–1/16
AAC	ArcadiaFn	8 1/16	+3/16
ADM	ArchDan	21 1/16	
ARI	ArdenRlt	28⅛	+1/4
AS	Armco	6 11/16	–1/16
ACK	ArmWi	82⅞	–⅞
ARW	ArrowEl s	27⅜	–3/16
AR	Asarco	24⅛	–3/16
ASH	Ashland	54⅛	+1
ARH	AsiaPac	2 7/16	+1/16
PAP	AsiaPlp	13½	–5/16
GRR	AsiaTigr	7 1/16	–1/16
AEC	AsdEstat	18⅞	+1/16
AFS	AspCFap	7 3/16	–1 1/16
AZA	AstraA s	21 9/16	+9/16
ARC	AtlRich s	79⅝	–⅜
ATO	ATMOS	30	+⅜
ATW	AtwdOcn s	58½	–⅜
ASM	AuthFlt	17⅜	–1/8
AUD	AutoDt	64½	–1 1/16
AZO	AutoZone	29 11/16	–1/16
AVN	AvalonPr	28½	+1/8
AVY	AveryD	51 11/16	–1 1/16
AVI	Avis n	25⅞	–⅜
AVP	Avon	82 5/8	–11/16
AZR	Aztar	8	–5/16
BBK	BB&T Cp	66 11/16	–½
BCE	BCE g s	43 5/16	–1/2
BJS	BJS s	38 7/16	–1 1/4
BJ	BJs Wh n	39 13/16	–½
BMC	BMC	17⅝	–⅜
BRE	BRE	26⅝	–11/16
BHI	BakrHu	42 5/16	+1⅜
BLL	Ball	38½	–1/4
BFT	BallyTotF	30 3/16	+1 7/16
BGE	BaltGE	31 5/16	–5/16
ONE	BancOne	66 15/16	–1½
BRS	BcoRioP n	13½	–1/16
SAn	BcoSanti	20 9/16	–1/8
MBK	BkTokyo	12½	–⅜
BK	BkNY	58⅛	–1/4
BAC	BankAm s	82 5/16	–2 1/4
BBX	BkAtlA s	13 7/16	–1/16
BKB	BkBost	104 3/4	–3 5/16
BT	BankTr	130	+1/4
BCR	Bard	34 15/16	–3/16
BKS	BarnNbl s	34 7/16	–13/16
BRL	BarrLab	41½	
BRR	BarrettRs	38 9/16	–13/16
ABX	BarrickG	21 15/16	–1/16
BMG	BatlMf	6⅞	+1/16
BOL	Bausch L	51 1/4	+1/4
BAX	Baxter	53 5/16	–11/16
BAY	BayNtwk	24 7/16	+13/16
BSC	BearSt	55 1/4	–1 7/16
BEC	BeckCoult	59	+1 1/4
BDX	BectDk	69 1/4	–¾
BEL	BellAtl	96½	–2 9/16
BLS	BellSo	63 3/4	–2 5/16
BMS	Bems	44 1/16	–1/2
BNL	BenefCp	129 3/4	–1 3/8
BEI	BergEl s	24 1/16	+1/8
BBC	BergBr	44 15/16	+⅝
BRK/A	BerkHa	A69600	+500
BRY	BerryP	15 1/16	–1/16
BBY	BestBuy	71 7/16	+3 7/16
BFO	Bestfds s	53 13/16	+⅜
BS	BethSt	14⅞	–3/16
BTL	BetzDearb	52 3/4	–⅜
BEV	Beverly n	15¾	–1/16
BVF	Biovail	39½	–1/16
BIR	BirSti	16⅛	+1/4
BDK	BlackD	51⅝	–1/16
BKH	BlkHlCp s	22⅝	+1/8
BBT	Blk1998	9¾	
BLK	Blk2001	8⅝	
BKT	BlkIT	8⅞	–1/16
BQT	BlkIQT	8¾	+1/16
BMN	BlkMTar	10⅝	+1/8
BTT	BlkTT	9⅜	
HRB	BlockHR	44 9/16	–7/16
BLT/A	Blount A s	31 1/16	+1/16
BXG	Bluegreen	9⅞	–1/8
BTH	Blyth s	36	–1 9/16
BA	Boeing s	50 5/16	–⅝
BCC	BoiseC	37 5/16	+1/16
BBA	Bombay	4⅞	+1/16
BCU	BordCh	6 1/16	
BGP	Borders	33 3/16	+⅜
BWA	BorgWA s	59 1/16	+1/16
SAm	BostBeer	11 11/16	–1/16
BXP	BostPrp n	33 1/4	+⅝
BSX	BostSc	72⅜	–⅜
BOW	Bowatr	55 13/16	–5/16
BOY	BoykinL	23⅜	
BTR	BradRE	21 7/16	+1/16
BDN	Brandywn	23 13/16	+⅜
BDT	BradTch	21 1/4	–5/16
BGG	BrigStrat	44 1/16	+5/16
EAt	Brinker	24 5/16	+3/16
BMY	BrMySq	107 1/4	–1 1/4
BP	BritPet s	94 5/16	+1 1/16
BST	BritSti	26⅜	–1/16
BNS	BrwnSh	14⅛	–1/2
BF/A	BrwnFA	53 1/16	...
BF/B	BrwnFB	55 13/16	–7/16
BFI	BrwnFr	32 7/16	–11 16
BC	Brunswick	31 5/16	+1 1/16
BKI	BuckTch s	23 7/16	–5/16
BKE	Buckle	47	–⅛
BD	BudgerGp	34 1/16	–⅛
BCF	BurlCoat s	19 1/16	+1/16
BUR	BurlInds	17 13/16	–3/16
BNI	BurlNSF	99 1/16	–⅜
BR	BrtRsc	45⅜	–1
BRU	BurlRsCl	9	+3/16
VNT	CANTV	31 13/16	–⅞
CBG	CB CoRl	35⅛	+1/8
CBL	CBL Ass	24⅝	–1/8
CBS	CBS	34 1/2	–3/16
PZN	CCA Prns	n34 1/16	–
CI	CIGNA	209⅝	–7/16
CIG	CIGHi	8 5/16	–1/16
CIT	CIT Gp n	35 7/16	–⅜
CKR	CKE Rst	38⅞	+⅜
CMT	CMAC Inv	84 1/2	–3/16
CML	CML Gp	3 1/16	–1/8
CMS	CMS Eng	42 15/16	
CNA	CNA Fn	151	+5/8
CNF	CNF Tran	37 15/16	–5/16
CAO	CSK Auto	n27 7/16	–⅜
CSX	CSX	54 3/16	+3/16
CVS	CVS Corp	69 3/16	–21/16
CWP	CabWire	33 1/2	–1 5/16
CS	Cabltrn	14	–1/4
COG	CbtOG	23 1/4	–⅜
CSG	CadbyS	59	+⅜
CDN	Cadence s	36 11/16	–
CE	Calenergy	31 7/8	+3/16
CCN	Calgon	11 1/16	–5/16
ELY	CallGolf	27 1/16	+3/16
CAM	Camco	73 1/4	–1/4
CPT	CamdnP	29 1/2	–1/16
CCH	CmpRg	13½	
CPB	CampSp	53 15/16	+1 7/16
CDN	CdnRy g	64⅝	
CP	CdnPc g	30⅝	–⅜
COF	CapOne	94½	–2⅝
CHO	Capstar	32 15/16	–⅜
CMO	Capstd	18⅞	–1/8
CCT	CapstCT	24	+1/16
CAH	CardnlH	98¼	+1 1/4
CWC	Carbnr s	19	–5/16
CCL	CarnvCp	70	+1/8
CPL	CaroPw	42½	–1/2
CGF	CarrGott	u6¼	+1/4
CRE	CarrAmR	29 7/16	–1/16
CREpC	CarrAptC	24 5/16	+3/16
CSE	CaseCp	62 1/16	–1/16
CSH	CashAmu	18 7/16	–1/16
POS	CatMkt	48⅝	+1/16
CDX	Catelus	18 1/16	–1/4
CAT	Caterp s	55⅜	–⅝
CVH	Cavangh n	15 11/16	–1/2
CD	Cendant	24 1/8	–7/16
CDpi	Cendnt pf	40 11/16	–⅜
CTX	Centex s	34 11/16	
CSR	CenSoWst	26 13/16	+1/16
CBC	CentBk	69⅞	–15/16
CTL	CntyTel s	45 1/16	–⅜
CEN	Ceridian	57 1/16	+7/16
CHB	ChmpE	25⅝	–⅝
CHA	Chmpln	53⅛	
CTI	Chart s	27⅞	–7/16
CMB	ChaseM	135 1/16	–
CKP	Checkpnt	18⅝	–3/16
CHK	ChesEng	4 15/16	–1/16
CHV	Chevron	85 11/16	–1/2
CTC	ChileTel	24 11/16	+3/16
CEA	ChinaEA	10 1/16	–5/16
ZNH	ChinSAir	n 9½	–15/16
CHL	ChinaTlc	n35 1/16	–⅝
CQB	Chiquta	13 3/16	–1/16
CHH	ChoiceH	n16 5/16	–1/4
C	Chrysler	u48 13/16	+7/16
CB	Chubb	77 1/4	–13/16
CBR	CIBER s	30 5/16	–⅜
CSN	CinnBell	s37 1/16	–1/2
CMZ	CinMil	30	–⅜
CPX	CineOd	1 3/16	–1/16
CIN	CINergy	33 7/16	–⅜
CC	CircCtyCC	40 3/4	–1/16
KMX	CirCCar	12 1/16	–⅝
CIR	Circus	18⅜	+1/8
CCI	Citicorp	148	–
CCIpG	Citcp pfG	25 1/16	+5/16
CCIpK	Citcp pfK	26 13/16	+1/4
CZN	CitzUtil	10 7/16	+1/16
CYN	CityNC	36⅜	–5/16
CLE	ClaresStr	22	+7/16
CLC	Clarcor s	22⅜	–7/16
CMH	ClayTH	20⅜	–1/16
CCU	ClearC	88½	–2 1/2
CDG	CliffsDr s	54⅜	–1
CLX	Clorox s	80	–1
CUI	CoachUS	45 3/16	–1 1/16
CGP	Coastal	73⅜	+1 5/16
DR	CstlPhys	⅝	
PAR	Coastcst	22 5/16	–1/16
KO	CocaCl	76	–1/16
CCE	CocaCE	37⅝	+1/8
KOF	CCFemsa s	17 7/16	+⅜
CDE	Coeur	10⅞	–1/16
CZT	Cogniznt	51⅝	–⅜
CNJ	ColeNatl	36 1/16	–⅜
CL	ColgPal	88	–1/16
CLP	ColonPT	29 7/16	
COT	Coltec	24½	+1/16
CG	ColumEgy	81⅛	+⅜
COL	ColHCA	32½	+1/16
CDO	Comdisc s	42 9/16	–⅝
CMA	Comerc s	65 13/16	–1⅜
NNN	CmclNL	16⅛	–3/16
CTV	ComScop	n 16	–5/16
CPU	CmpUSA	17½	–3/16
CBD	CBD–Pao	n24 7/8	–1/8
CPQ	Compaq s	31¼	+1 1/16
CMI	CmpMan	7⅜	–1/16
CA	CmpAs	s60 5/16	–13/16
CSC	CmpSci	s51 15/16	
CQ	Comsat	40⅜	–⅜
CRK	ComstkRs	12 1/16	
CAG	ConAgra	s29 1/4	–1/4
COE	ConeMl	9⅜	–1/16
CIV	Conectiv	21⅛	
CNC	Conseco	49⅝	–1½
CIG	CnCigar	15 11/16	
ED	ConEd	44⅝	–½
CGX	ConsGpn	55 9/16	–1/16
CNG	ConsNG	56 11/16	–1/16
CNS	ConStor	40⅝	+1/8
CMSpI	CnE pfI	26	+1/16
CFN	ContlInfo	31½	+⅜
CAVR	CtlAir B	57 15/16	
RON	CoopCa	s68 5/16	–
COO	CoopCo	38 7/16	–1 1/4
CBE	Cooper	68⅜	–1/4
CTB	CooprTr	23 7/16	+1/8
ELP	Copel n	13 7/16	–1/8
CRH	CoramH	2⅜	
CPO	CornPdt n	35⅛	–¾
CPP	CorPrpt	18¼	–1/16
TCR	CornerRit	12	–1/16
GLW	Corningin	41 9/16	+1/16
CYE	CphYIII n	14 7/16	+1/16
OFC	CorpOffP	n11¼	
CPV	CorrPrT n	d22	–13/16
CCA	CorrectCp	24 15/16	–1/16
CCR	CntwCrd	46⅛	–
CUZ	CousPr	30⅜	+1/8
CVD	Covance	20½	–7/16
COX	CoxCm	u48 7/8	+2⅜
CR	Crane Co	52⅞	–¾
BAP	Credicp	18⅝	–5/16
CEI	CresRE	35¾	+1/8
CF	Crestar	57⅝	–13/16
CMM	CrimsMa	15 1/16	–1/16
CNK	CrmpKnl	29 3/16	–7/16
XTO	CrosTbr	s19 1/16	–
CRT	CrosTim	17 1/4	...
CCK	CwnCork	s2 9/16	+⅜
CCKp	CwnCrk	pf48 11/16	
CMI	CmpMan	7⅜	–1/16
CUL	CullgnWtr	s7 15/16	–
CUM	CumEng	55 1/16	–5/16
CY	CypSem	9⅜	
CYM	Cyprus	17 1/16	–⅜
CYT	Cytec	54 13/16	–3/16

D-E-F

DDL	DDL Elc	7⅛	+3/16
DPL	DPL s	17 11/16	–5/16
DQE	DQE	32 3/16	–⅝
DHI	DR Horton	18 15/16	–1/4
DSP	DSP Com	16½	+½
DTE	DTE	39 1/16	
DA	DBenz u	108 9/16	+6½
DTL	Dal–Tile	14 5/16	–1/16
DS	DalSem	38 1/16	+3/16
DGN	DanaCp	52 3/16	–2⅞
DHR	Danaher	72 3/16	–
DAN	Dansel	u21½	–7/16
DA	Danone	n47 7/16	–1 1/16
DRI	Darden	16 3/16	+5/16
DGN	DataGn	15⅜	–1/16
DH	DaytHud	s43 1/4	–1/4
DV	DeVry	u39 3/4	+11/16
DF	DeanFd	46 1/16	–⅝
GVT	DWGI	8⅝	–1/16
DBS	DebtStrt	n10 7/16	
DE	Deere	56½	–1/16
DKB	DekbGn	su72 1/16	
RMY	DelcoR	n16½	+⅜
DLP	DeltPne	s49 5/16	+⅝
DAL	DeltaAir	111½	–1
DLW	Deltaw	6 3/16	–3/16
DLX	Deluxe	34 1/16	–1 3/16
DFS	Dept56	u38	+1/16
DPU	Depuy	30⅝	–1/4
DT	DeutTel	25 5/16	–⅝
DDR	DevlDv	40⅜	–⅞
DEO	Diageo	n 49⅞	+1
DL	Dial	24 7/16	+⅜
DO	DiaOffs	s 53⅜	–1
DBD	Diebold	43	+⅞
DEC	Digital	58 11/16	+1 1/16
DDS	Dillards	36⅝	–1/16
DME	DimeBcp	30¼	–⅞
DIS	Disney	124 3/16	–2½
DOL	Dole	46⅛	+¼
DG	DollarG	s 36⅞	–⅝
D	DomRes	39⅜	
DLJ	DonLuf	93½	–1⅛
DK	DKaran	15 11/16	–⅝
DNY	Donlley	44⅝	–1/8
DOV	Dover s	39 1/16	–1/4
DOW	DowCh	97⅞	...
DJ	DowJns	48⅛	–7/16
DSL	DowneyFn	32 15/16	–1/4
DI	Dressr	52⅞	–1
DHF	DryHYSt	n 15	–1/16
LEO	DrySt	9⅜	
DSM	DrySM	9⅜	+1/16
DD	DuPont s	75⅜	+1/16
DNP	DufPUtil	10⅛	–1/16
DUC	DufPUC	14⅝	–⅜
DUK	DukeEngy	57 3/16	–
DNB	DunBrd	34 15/16	–1⅛
DYT	Dynatech	48⅞	–1/16
DX	DynexC	11 7/16	
EEX	EEX Cp	9⅜	–3/16
EGG	EGG	30½	
EKC	EK Chor	2⅜	–1/4
EMC	EMC s	43 9/16	–
E	ENI	68⅜	–⅝
EVI	EVI Inc	54⅝	–1
EGR	Earthgr s	u50 9/16	+13/16
EGP	Eastgrp	19⅜	
EMN	EastChm	68⅜	–1 1/16
EK	EKodak	73 7/16	–1 5/16
ETN	Eaton	89 9/16	–1 1/2
ECH	Echlin	47 9/16	–3 3/16
ECL	Ecolab s	31½	–⅜
EIX	Edisonint	29 1/16	–⅝
AGE	Edwards	s42 7/16	–
EKO	EKCO	8⅜	+11/16
EPGpC	ElPasE pf	52⅜	–⅝
EPG	ElPasNG	s36 1/16	–1/16
ELN	Elan	63 9/16	+⅛
ELK	Elcor s	28	–⅛
EDS	EDS	37 7/16	–1 7/16
ELF	ElfAquit	87 1/16	+13/16
EOLpB	ElfOv pfB	25 1/16	–1/64
ELT	Elscint	7⅜	+⅜
EMG	EmgMkt	11⅝	
EMR	EmrsnEl	64⅜	–7/16
EDE	EmpDist	20 13/16	–⅝
EOC	EEIChile	17½	
ICA	Empica	12⅛	–1/4
ELM	ELaMod	20	–1/4
ELE	Endesa s	24⅝	
NEG	EngyEast	42½	–1/4
ENI	Enersis	28⅜	–1/4
ENC	Enesco	32 1/16	–1 1/16
EC	EnglCp	22⅝	+⅛
ENA	Enova	26	–1/16
ENE	Enron	u52⅝	+⅜
ENEpC	EnrLLC	pf25 1/16	
EOG	EnmOG	22 5/16	–11/16
ESV	ENSCO	s 29½	–1/2
ENSpF	Enscpf	F 24	+1/16
ETR	Entergy	25⅝	–⅛
PEGpS	EntCT pf	S24	+⅜
EPR	EnterPT	n19 5/16	–3/16
EOT	EottEng	16¼	+7/16
EFX	Equifax	36⅝	–1⅝
EQ	EqtCos	65	–
ENN	Eqtylnn	14 13/16	+⅛
EOP	EqOffPT	n27 7/8	–⅜
EQR	EqtyRsd	49 1/16	
ESF	EspirSan	25	–1
SXC	Essexint	34½	–

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Tkr	Name	Last	Chg
A B C			
ABRX	ABR Inf	26⅛	+⅛
ANET	ACT Net	12⅝	-⅛
IATV	ACTV	2⅛	-1/32
ADCT	ADC Tel	28 7/16	+ 9/16
APAC	APACT	10¹¹/₁₆	- 9/16
ASMLF	ASM Lith s	88⅜	-1⅛
ATEC	ATEC G	10	+⅛
ATVPA	ATL PrA nu	24¹¹/₁₆	+3/16
ATMI	ATMI Inc	25⅝	-⅛
ASHE	AsscheT	7⅜	+⅛
AbACF	Atacan	1⅛	-⅛
ABTE	AbleTel	15⅜	-1⅛
AXAS	Abraxas	10⅛	- 1/16
ACRI	AcaciaR n	16⅛	+1/16
ACNTF	AccentS	9/32	
ACCS	AccesHlt	31⅜	-1/32
AKLM	Acclaim	7⅛	+3/32
ACCUF	Accugrph	29/32	+1/32
ACTN	ActPerf	30¾	-1 7/16
ACXM	Acxiom	24⅞	+1 1/16
ADPT	Adaptec	19¼	+⅛
ADBE	AdobeSy	49¼	-⅛
ADLRF	AdrianR	⅛	- 1/16
ADTN	Adtran	26¾	+1 1/16
AFCI	AdvFCm	40	+11/16
ATIS	AdvTiss	8⅞	-⅜
ADVNA	Advanta	21 9/16	-1 1/16
ADVNB	AdvantB	d19⅞	-¾
AERL	AerialC	6¾	-⅛
AGPH	Agouron s	36	-⅞
ABTX	AgriBio	13¾	-⅛
AIRM	AirMall	u4 7/16	+ 9/16
AAIR	AirTran	8⅝	+1/16
AKZOY	Akzo	107 3/16	+ 9/16
ALNT	AlantCm	25⅝	-1½
ALKS	Alkerm	23¾	-¼
ALSC	AlnSem	7⅞	+3/32
AWIN	AldWste	26⅜	-1⅛
ALMI	AlpMic	3½	+3/32
ABTI	AlphaBta	2¼	+9/32
ALTR	Altera	43 3/16	+⅜
ALRC	AltResc	20½	+½
AMZN	Amazon n	90⅜	-3 11/32
AMCN	AmCoin n	21¾	+3/16
AMGN	Amgen	58⅛	-1 11/16
AMKR	AmkorT n	23⅞	-⅛
AMMB	Amresco	37 5/32	- 9/32
AMLN	Amylin	9⅜	+⅛
ANLT	AnlySur	28¼	+⅝
ANDW	Andrew	21⅛	-⅜
ANGN	Angeion	2⅞	+1/16
ALREF	AnntyLfe n	23⅞	-⅜
ANTC	Antec	18⅜	+⅛
APOG	Apogee	15⅞	-1/16
APOL	ApolloG s	31⅞	-1⅛
APTX	ApprITch	12½	+1/16
AAPL	AppleC u	30½	+⅜
APSO	AppliSou	15⅜	-1/16
APPB	Applebee	25½	-⅛
AGTX	AppGraph	48⅞	-⅛
AMAT	AplldMat s	36 9/16	-⅛
AMCC	AMCC n	28½	-2 9/16
ASTX	ApdSci s	12¾	+½
ARTC	ApdVoice	45½	-⅛
ARMXF	ArmaIntl	13½	-⅞
AVEI	ArtVasc s	34 5/16	-1 5/16
AGND	Ascend	43½	+1½
GOAL	AscentEnt	11¹¹/₁₆	+1/16
ASPC	AspacT n	13½	+1/16
ASPT	AspectTel	27½	+1/16
AZPN	AspenTec	u50⅞	+2
ASFC	Astoria F	59½	-1 1/32
ASYT	AsytTch s	21¹³/₁₆	+1/16
ATHM	AtHome n	36⅝	
ACAI	AtCasAir	u82⅞	+2 1/16
ATML	Atmel	19⅛	+⅜
ATRC	AtriaCo	19⅛	+1/16
AURA	AuraSy	3 9/16	+ 1/32
ABSC	AuroBio n	9¾	
ASPX	Auspex	7	
ADSK	Autodesk	47⅞	-1/16
APCO	AutProt	12½	-⅛
ATCI	AutonoT	5⅛	-⅛
AVNT	Avanti	25¾	-1⅛
AVDL	Avndle	28¾	+2½
AWRE	Aware	12	+⅛
AXNT	AxentT	27⅞	+9/16
BEAV	BE Aero	34 1/16	+1 11/16
BEAS	BEA Sys	21 5/16	-1 9/32
BSYS	BiSYS	37½	+⅝
BMCS	BMC Soft	89 9/16	-2 3/16
BPIEE	BPI Pkg	1½	-1/32
BAANF	Baan s	43½	+⅞
BGALY	BncGaic	24½	-¼
BNYN	BanynSy	9¾	-3/16
BASEA	BsTrnA	5 9/32	+½
BBBY	BedBath	48½	-1 9/16
BELW	Bellweth	8⅞	-⅛
BERW	Beringer n	43⅜	-2⅞
BERT	Bertucci s	u9¾	+1/16
BEST	BestSft n	17⅝	-3/16
BITI	Biolmag	1 5/32	+9/32
BCHE	BioPharm	25⅛	
BICO	Biotrl	5¾	-1/16
BGEN	Biogen	44⅜	-⅝
BJCT	Bioject	1⅝	-1/16
BLTI	BioLase	3⅜	+3/16
BMET	Biomet	28¾	-1 1/16
BSTE	BioteDiag	14	
BTGC	BioTcG	8 11/16	+3/16
BTIM	Biotime s	9¾	+⅜
BBOX	BlackBx	36⅛	+3/16
BOBE	BobEvn	20 15/32	-9/32
BONT	BonTon	16¾	+1/16
BORL	Borlnd	9⅞	+3/16
BOST	BostChk	4 15/32	+1/32
BGGI	BostnCom	10½	-1/16
BLSI	BstLfSci	3 15/32	-1 7/16
XTRM	BrassEgl nu	17 9/16	+⅛
PUTT	BrassieG	2⅛	+1/16
CELL	Brightpt s	19¾	+⅛
BRIOF	BrioInd	2⅞	+1/16
BRYO	BrioTech n	u15	+1¼
BVSN	BroadVis	17⅝	-1
BRKL	BrklneB n	17¾	-1/16
TMBR	BrownTom	19⅞	- 7/16
BCMD	BrushCrk	9⅝	- 3/32
BOCB	Buffets	14 3/32	+ 9/32
CUBE	C-CUBE	23⅜	-⅛
CBTSY	CBT Gp s	49¼	-1⅛
CDNW	CDnow n	26⅞	-1 13/16
CFIM	CFI Mfg n	12⅛	+1⅛
CHSE	CHS El s	22½	+11/16
CMGI	CMG Inf	99⅛	+6⅜
CNWK	CNET	37	-9⅜
CNXS	CNS	4⅜	+ 1/16
CPTL	CTC Cm	7⅞	+⅞
CUNO	CUNO	20½	
CLCI	Cadiz	12⅛	
CAER	Caere	14⅝	
CLBR	Caliber n	u18 3/4	+1/16
CMIC	CalMic	22⅞	+⅛
CAMH	CambHrt	u11 1/4	+1/16
CATP	CambTch	51 1/4	-1 21/32
CBRNA	CandgBrA	49	+3/16
CAND	Candies	7⅛	+1/16
CGCP	CardGen n	6⅜	+1/16
CWST	Casella n	28⅛	-1⅛
CMYN	Casmyn n	½	+1/16
CLXX	CatlaxB	½	- 1/32
CLST	Catstar s	30 9/16	-1 11/32
CYCL	CentCel	33¼	-¼
CNTO	Centocor	40½	-⅛
CENT	CenGardn	31½	-⅝
CNTR	CentraStf	2½	-1/16
CTYA	CntyCm	u16 1/4	+1 1/4
CEPH	Cephln	14 1/32	+1 3/32
CHMD	ChancMd s	43½	-⅜
CHAS	Chastain n	14⅞	-⅛
CHKPF	ChkPnt n	30	-⅜
CKFR	ChkFree	24⅞	+9/32
CHCS	Chicos	u10 9/16	+1¼
KIDS	ChldCmp	18¼	-1/16
CHIR	Chiron	19 9/16	-⅛
CCSI	ChromCS	14⅞	-⅜
CDCO	Cidco	9¼	-⅛
CIEN	CienaCp	54	-1/16
CINRF	CinarF s	19¾	+⅜
CTAS	Cintas s	45⅝	-⅞
CPCI	Ciprico	13¾	+¼
CRUS	Cirrus	11⅛	-1/16
CSCO	Cisco s	u76	+2⅜
CTXS	CitrixSy s	59½	- 9/32
CLMT	ClareTch	22	-1
CWEI	ClayEng	11⅜	+⅛
CCRO	Clintrials	d42 1/32	- 1/32
CLSR	ClosMed	26¾	+⅞
CGNX	Cognex	24⅛	-3/16
COHR	Cohernt s	23 9/32	+ 1/32
COHO	CohoEn	6⅜	- 9/32
WDRY	Coinmch	26⅜	+½
COMR	Comair su	29	-⅜
CMCSK	Comc sp	36 11/16	+⅜
CMCAF	CmcstUK	13½	+⅛
CMND	CmndSys n	5⅜	+3/32
CICI	Cominsell	1	
CCSEW	CmtyCr wt	1⅛	-1/16
CPDN	CompDnt	12⅜	-1/16
CBSL	CmpBusi s	30½	-1 9/32
CMPD	CmpuMed	3½	+1/16
CMPC	Cmpcm	7⅛	-⅜
CCEE	CptConc	6½	+⅜
CHRZ	CmptHz s	35½	-1⅛
CLCX	CptrLrn s	13 7/16	-1 3/16
CPRD	CmpPr	21⅛	-1/16
CPWR	Compwr s	45 9/16	+ 1/16
CCMC	ConcMngd	30½	-⅜
CNCX	ConcNet n	25½	+⅛
CNFX	Conexant	45⅛	-⅜
CONR	ConcomSy	32	-3/32
CEFT	CnfEFS	32	-1/16
CCUR	ConcCm	4½	
CNKT	Connect s	3⅛	-1
COPY	Copytele	3 9/32	+3/32
CORE	Core Inc	11⅜	+⅛
CRLBF	CoreLab s	28½	-1½
CNPGF	Cornucp	⅛	-1/64
CEXP	CorpExp	10⅞	+1/16
CORX	Cortex	2¼	+1/16
COST	Costco	55⅜	+1 1/32
COSE	CostEner	10¼	-⅛
CVTY	Coventry	15⅝	+⅛
CRBRL	CrkrBrl	35 7/32	- 9/32
CREAF	CreTcLtd	19½	-⅛
CMOS	CrsdSys	27⅛	-⅜
CACC	CrdAcp	12	+⅜
CREE	CreeResh	17¼	+¼
CRWN	CrwnBk	d3½	-1/16
CRYSF	CrySys	17 5/16	+⅛
CURE	CurHlth	30¼	+¼
CYCH	CybrCsh	20½	-3/32
CYBR	CyberMd	8½	+1/16
CYBG	CyberGrd	14¼	-1/16
CYBX	Cyberonic	22½	-⅛
CYSP	CybrShp n	11 5/16	-1 3/16
CYMI	Cymer s	22	+3/32
CYPB	CyprBio	3 3/32	-1/32
CYTO	Cytogn	1⅝	
CYTC	Cytyc	18 9/16	+3/16
D E F			
DACG	DA Cons n	17¼	+⅛
DIIG	DII Grp s	22¾	+3/16
DIGI	DSC	18 9/16	+1/32
DSPG	DSP Gp	21⅜	-⅛
DZTK	Daisytk s	25¼	+1/32
DANKY	Danka	21⅛	+1/16
DAOU	DaouSys	17	+3/32
DBCC	DtBdcst	7⅝	+ 1/16
DDIM	DtaDimn	16	+1/16
DWRR	DtaWks	19½	+1/16
DATC	Datatec	5 9/16	+3/16
DATM	Datum	16⅝	-⅜
DAVX	Davox s	19⅞	-⅜
DWSN	Dawson	18	
DPSI	DawsnP	13	-⅛
DBRSY	DBeer	26	+1/16
DEEP	DeepTech	14 3/16	- 1/16
DELL	DellCptr s	87 7/16	-1/16
DLPH	Delphnf	11 1/32	+1/32
XRAY	Dentsply s	33	+9/32
DMED	Diametrc	8¼	+⅛
DIMD	DiamM	9⅞	-1/16
DGII	DigiInt	26 11/16	-⅜
DIDA	DigData	2⅛	-⅜
DIDAW	DigDta wt	⅛	+1/16
DMIC	DigMic s	11 1/16	-⅛
DSLGF	Discreet	15 5/16	+ 7/16
DVNTF	Dvrsnt g	3⅞	+3/32
SOLLY	DrSolom	30⅞	+⅛
DLTR	DltrTree s	53¼	-1
DCLK	DbleClck n	40⅛	-1½
DNCC	DunnCm	9⅞	-⅛
DURA	DuraPh	25½	-⅛
DROOY	DurbanRo	3⅛	-1/16
DYGN	Dynagn	7/16	
EGRP	ETrade	24⅛	-⅝
ECILF	ECI Tel	31½	+⅝
ESST	ESSTech n	6 7/32	-1/16
ERTH	ErthShll nd	13⅜	-⅝
EDFY	EdfyCp	12 11/16	+1 1/16
EDUSF	Edusoft	7	+1/32
EGGS	Egghead	9⅝	- ⅜
ELTZ	800 Trav n	8¼	-⅞
IFLYW	800 Trv wt	2 7/16	-⅛
IFLY	800 Trv rt	2 7/16	-⅛
EIGHT	8X8 Inc	6⅜	-3/16
EBSC	ElderBr n	u29¼	+1⅛
ELCR	ElcAir	45¼	-⅜
ELCC	ElecCom	9 7/32	-3/32
EFII	EFII	21 15/16	+½
ELSI	Elctsrc	9⅝	- 1/16
ELRNF	ElronEl	18 1/16	-⅛
EMKR	Emcore	15¾	+1 9/16
ENML	Enamelin	11⅜	+1
ENMD	EntreMd	31½	-12
ERGO	ErgoSci	18¾	-⅜
ERICY	EricTel	54⅝	
ETEC	ElecSys	46½	-1/16
XLSW	ExclSwtn	20⅜	+ 7/16
XCIT	Excite n	87⅜	+⅝
FPAM	FPA Med	11⅝	
FTPS	FTP Sft	2⅝	+1/16
DAVE	FDaves	5 11/16	-1/16
FDJA	Farooujia n	10⅛	
FSCX	FastCm	2 9/32	+1/32
FAXX	FaxSav	4 7/16	-1/16
FITB	FfthThrd s	50 15/16	-1 1/16
FIGIA	FiggieA	13⅛	
FILE	FileNet	55 15/16	+⅛
FACO	FrstAlli s	14 11/16	-1 1/16
FATN	FtATn s	48¾	-1/16
FCFC	FstCity	31⅝	+⅛
FSCO	FSecCp s	24 1/16	-1/16
FTEN	FstTenn s	33⅝	+3/16
FVHI	FrstVrtl n	1⅝	+1/16
FISV	Fserv	63⅛	-⅜
FMXI	Foamex	17⅜	+3/16
FCSE	FocusEn	4¼	+1/16
FCSEW	Focus wt	3 9/32	+1/32
FONX	FonixCp	5⅞	+1/32
FDLNB	FdLioB	10⅛	-1/16
FDLNA	FdLioA	10 7/32	+3/32
FORE	ForeSys	23 9/16	+⅜
FORSF	Forsoft	18⅛	+1/16
FOSL	Fossil s	19	+1/16
HHHH	4Health n	6⅛	+⅜
FGIII	FGoldmn s	41	-⅜
FFEX	FrozenFd	9⅝	- 1/16
FUSE	FuseT	13¹¹/₁₆	-1/16
G-H-I			
GSTX	GST Tele	14 9/32	-⅛
GADZ	Gadzooks	24⅛	-⅜
GBOT	GardenBot	1 7/16	-1/16
GART	Gartner	32¾	-1
GMSTF	Gemstr	u42 15/16	+2 1/16
GMGC	GMagic	u12 15/16	+3 15/32
GNCI	GenNutr	34¼	-1
GECM	Genicm	7⅞	-1/16
GLYT	Genlyte	26	+1/4
GNSA	Gensia	4 25/32	-9/32
GNTX	Gentex	31¼	-2⅛
GENZ	Genzym	29 25/32	-1 27/32
GEOC	GeoTelCm	32	-5/32
GOTK	GeoTk	1/32	-1/32
GWRX	Geoworks	4⅛	+1/32
GETY	Gettylm n	23⅛	-⅞
GILD	Gilead	37⅜	-⅛
GEMS	Glenayre	16 9/16	+ 7/16
GLBL	Globlnd s	24⅛	-⅜
GBIT	Globlnt	2⅜	+⅛
GTSG	GlbITie n	46½	-⅜
GSTRF	Globalstr s	69	-⅛
GBFE	GoldBks	10 7/16	-⅛
GSBZV	GoldStBc wt	6 9/16	-1/16
GTSX	GoltfTSy	⅛	
PUFF	GrndHav	9/32	+1/32
GUCO	GrndUin n	9⅜	+1/32
GBTVK	GranBd	11⅞	-1/16
GIFI	Gulfisland	23⅛	-⅜
GYMB	Gymbree	18⅞	-5/32
HBOC	HBO s	57 9/16	-1⅜
HMGC	HMG Wd	1⅜	+1/16
HMTT	HMTTch	13 7/16	+3/16
HUBC	HUBCO	34⅛	-⅛
HRBC	Harbngr	37⅛	
HARB	HarbrFL	12 15/32	-1/32
HHGP	HarrisHa	3⅛	+9/32
HAYZ	HayesCp	43⅛	-9/32
HDWY	Headway	9¾	+⅛
HMSY	HlthMSys	11⅛	-15/16
HtSS	HltCrim	12½	+9/32
HCRI	HlthcrRc n	18⅝	-2⅛
HDIE	HIE	4	
HATV	HrstArT n	33⅛	-1⅛
HSIC	HSchein	40	-⅛
HIBB	Hibbett	u35	+⅞
HIPC	HiPlains	3	+25/64
HOEN	Hoenig	u7 1/16	
HLGUF	Hollngr un	u12⅝	+1
HLYW	HlywdE	11 1/16	-1/16
HPII	HmePrd	13⅛	-⅛
HCOM	HmecmC	5	-1/32
HGSI	HumGen	37⅞	+⅜
HBAN	HuntBnk	34¼	-⅜
HTCH	HutchT	30⅜	+1 1/16
HMAR	HvideM	18¼	+1⅛
HYALF	HyalPhr	7⅛	-1/32
HYSW	HyprSf	42⅜	+⅞
HYPT	HypTele nd	18 1/16	+1 1/16
ITWO	I2 Tech	69 13/16	+1 25/32
ICGX	ICG Com	32⅝	+⅛
ICUI	ICU Med	15⅛	+⅜
IDPH	IDEC	35 11/16	+⅛
IDXX	IdexxLb	23⅜	+⅛
IVIP	IVI Pub	7¾	+1/16
IBIS	IbisTech	13 9/16	+ 7/16
ICMT	IceMn CMT n	16⅞	-1 15/32
IKOS	Ikos	6 9/16	+1/16
ISCO	IlliniSup	2⅛	-⅛
DISK	ImagEn	6 7/32	-1/32
IMAT	Imatrn	2 9/32	
IMAXF	Imax Cp s	27⅛	+⅞
IMCL	Imclone	u10⅞	-⅜
IMUL	ImuLog	2	-⅛
IMGN	Imunogn	19 5/32	- 7/32
IMNR	ImunRsp	13¾	+1
IMNX	Imunex	70¼	-2
IMMU	Imunmd	5⅞	+⅛
IMNT	Imnet	d13 9/16	- 9/16
IMUTF	Imutec	⅜	-⅛
INFS	InFocu s	9¼	-3/32
INCL	InControl	5 7/16	+⅛
ICBC	IndpCm n	18¾	-⅜
INDGF	IndigoNV	6¾	-⅜
IINT	Indusintl n	8¾	+1/64
IMIC	IndusMate	15⅜	+⅛
INFO	Infonau	3⅞	+1/16
IMRS	InfMgeR s	26¾	-1⅛
IRIC	InfoRes	18¾	
IFMX	Informix	8 9/32	-9/32
SEEK	Infoseek	31⅜	-27/32
IMKTA	IngiMkt	12½	+⅛
INHL	InhalTh	29	+1/16
IMKE	InmkEnt	13¾	+⅛
ITSY	InnovT	4⅞	
INVX	Innovex	24¾	+ 9/32
INNO	Innovo	9⅞	+1/32
INSV	InSteVis	3 25/32	+1/32
NSPR	Inspire n	31¾	-⅛
INTAF	Intasys	2¾	-1/16
NTEG	Integ	3⅛	-1/16
INMD	IntegMed	2 15/64	-27/64
ICST	IntegCirc	14 7/16	+1/16
IDTI	IntgDv	11⅝	+⅛
IMRI	IntgMed	7¾	+½
ITGPC	ItgPrc	16½	-½
INTC	Intel s	81⅜	-½
ICOM	Intelect	5 7/32	-9/32
INTL	IntrTel s	21½	-⅛
IFSIA	Interlcin	40½	+1½
IFSC	Intfrn	1⅜	+1/16
INGR	Intgph	8⅜	+9/32
ITRI	Itron	16⅝	+1 1/4
J-K-L			
JDEC	JD Edwr n	34⅞	-½
JCOR	JacorCm	54⅛	+½
JOINA	Jonel A	18	-1⅞
JMED	JonesM	30⅞	+3/16
JUNI	JuniprGrp	⅛	
JUNO	JunoLt	22	+½
FEET	JstFeet	22⅞	
KTEL	K-tel	8 5/32	-1⅛
KLAC	KLA Tenc	40⅞	-1 1/16
KTIE	KTI	u20½	+⅞
KOGC	KaiOG	2 15/32	-9/32
KELL	Kelstrm n	u27⅞	
KMET	Kemet	18 5/32	+1/16
KSTN	KeystnFn	39¾	+⅝
KTTY	KittyHk	19¼	+½
KMAG	Komag	15½	
KKRO	KooKR	2⅜	-1/32
KOPN	Kopin	19¾	+1⅛
KLIC	Kulicke	20	-1/16
LCCI	LCC Intl	22	+⅞
LAORF	LaTeko	⅜	
LABH	LabHldg s	22¾	
LRCX	LamRsch	30⅛	-1
LDRY	Landrys	25-1⅛	
LARS	Larscom	9⅜	+⅛
LPAC	LasPMd	1⅝	+⅛
LASE	LsrSght	4 1/32	-3/32
LSCC	Lattice	47¾	-⅛
LGTO	Legato s	31⅛	+⅛
LHSPF	LfeHaus s	58	-⅞
LTCW	LetsTalk n	18⅛	
LVEL	Level 8	12¾	-1⅜
LEVL	LevelOne s	31⅞	-⅜
LGND	Ligand B	13⅞	
LNCR	Lincare	85	+⅛
LLTC	LinearT	77⅞	-2⅛
LMTR	LithiaMt	14⅝	+⅛
LSVI	LiSwtz	5 31/32	+9/32
RDHS	Logans	25	-1¼
STAR	LneSStr	20¹¹/₁₆	+⅛
LBFC	LngBchF	12⅝	
LCOS	Lycos	83¾	-2 7/32
M-N-O			
MCIC	MCI	48⅝	-⅞
MMCN	MMC Nt n	25⅞	-1⅜
MRVC	MRV Cm	26⅛	+⅜
MCHM	MacroCh n	11⅞	-⅜
MACR	Macrmdia	16 9/16	+1 1/32
SHOO	Madden	u10¼	-¼
MADGF	MadgeNt	6¾	+⅛
MAGN	MagPhr	8⅞	-1/32
MANU	Manugist s	59¾	+1/16
MDCO	MarDri	23⅞	-1/16
MRNR	MarinerH	17⅞	-⅛
MARG	MktGage	10	-⅛
MAST	Mastech s	24	-1 27/32
MATH	MathsR	3 15/16	
MATR	MatrixH n	4⅜	
MXIM	Maxim s	38⅜	-⅜
MXWL	MaxwlT	24¾	-2 1/16
SPEH	MaySpen	14⅜	
MCLD	McLeod	u46¾	+⅛
MCKY	McMoRn	5⅛	+1/16
MEDI	Medimun	52⅜	-⅛
MEDA	Medaph	8⅝	-⅜
MEDX	Medarex	6 15/16	-⅜
MDIX	MedixRs	9⅝	-1/16
MEHL	MehlBio	7⅜	-1/16
MEMCF	MemcoSf	28⅝	-⅛
MNTR	Mentor	26¾	+⅝
MENT	MentGr	10 7/32	+9/32
MERCS	Mercer	10⅜	+⅜
MERQ	Mercintac	40⅜	-⅜
MSEL	Merisel	3⅛	+1/32
MMSI	MertMd	8¼	
MCRE	MetaCreat	11⅝	-⅜
MMWW	Metamor	34⅜	-1 1/16
MCLL	Metrocall	8¼	-1/16
MFNX	MtrmdF n	33½	-⅞
MIKE	MichStr	29 15/32	- 9/32
MWHS	MicroWre	16	-1/32
MICA	MicroAge	15 27/32	-⅜
MICTF	Microcll n	8	+1/32
MCHP	Microchp	31⅜	+2 1/4
MUEI	MicroNet	14⅝	+1/16
MSFT	Microsft s	86⅜	-1⅛
MLNM	MillPhar	18⅝	+⅛
MLHR	MillrHer s	29¾	-1 1/16
MICCF	Milcmin	43½	+3⅜
MSPG	MindSpr	58⅜	-8⅞
MTEL	MbiTel	25	
MOBI	Mobius n	18⅜	-⅜
MODA	MdaCad	23	-1⅛
MDYN	MolecDy	12 7/16	+1/16
MOLX	Molex	29¼	-1 1/16
MOLXA	MolexA	27½	-1⅛
MGAM	MultimdG	d5 9/16	-⅜
MYCO	Mycogn	23	+⅜
NTIC	NDC Inc n	23¾	+⅛
NBTY	NBTY s	17⅜	-⅜
NTLI	NTL Inc	43 3/16	+2⅝
NTAIF	NamTai	15½	-⅝
NANO	Nanomtr	9⅞	+⅛
NEGX	NatEng	2 1/32	-3/32
NRVH	NatlRV	4 1/16	+1
NRMI	NatlBeodu	19 1/16	-⅛
NFID	NatlFrag	⅝	
NRCI	NatlRes n	10⅛	+⅜
NSCI	NatlSurg s	29 1/16	+1 1/16
NTSC	NTech	8⅝	+⅛
NMSS	NatMicr	29⅜	-9/32
NAUT	Nautica	28¼	+⅛
NAVR	Navarre	4⅜	-⅛
NMGC	NeoMgic	22	-⅝
NERX	NeoRx	6⅛	-⅜
NPTH	NeoPath	13⅜	-⅛
NSPK	NetSpk n	24	+⅜
NETM	Netmng	4 1/32	+1/16
NSCP	Netscape	28 9/16	-1 9/16
NETV	NetVant	8¼	-⅛
NTWK	NetwkAp s	37¼	-⅜
NTWK	NetwkAsc	71 1/16	+15/32
NWKC	NwkCmp	8⅞	-⅛
NWKG	Nwkmg	1	+1/32
NSOL	NetwSol n	44⅞	-3/16
NXCO	Neurex	29⅜	-⅜
NWCM	NewCom n	16⅜	+2
NXTR	Nexstar	10	
NXTL	NextelCm	27⅞	-17/32
NXLK	Nextlink n	29 7/16	-1⅜
NBCP	NiagraB n	18 9/16	+3/64
NIAG	NiagCp n	10⅞	+⅛
NSANY	Nissan	6 9/32	-9/32
NCTI	NoiseCT	4 9/16	-1/64
NKID	NoodKid	7⅛	+⅞
NOBE	Nordst	64¼	-2⅛
NASI	NoAmSci s	u28¼	+1/2
NRTH	NrthFce	21⅜	+2 3/32
NTRS	NorTrst	70⅞	-1/4
NWAC	NwstAir	50 1/32	-2 15/32
NOVL	Novell	10 15/32	+ 1/32
NVLS	Novlus s	47 11/32	-1 13/32
NOVT	Novoste	27	+¼
NUCO	NuCo2 n	10⅞	-3/16
NINE	No9Vis n	3 31/32	+7/32
NUTR	Nutracti n	12 7/16	+1⅛
OSIP	OSi Pharm	7⅛	-⅛
OAKT	OakTech	5⅜	+⅛
ODIS	ObjDes	7½	+1/2
OCOM	ObjCom	13⅜	-1 1/32
QNTM	Quantum s	25¾	+⅞
QDEK	Quartrdk	1 15/32	+1/32
QDEL	Quidel	3¼	+1/32
QTEL	Quintel	5 29/32	-9/32
QTRN	Quintles s	48⅝	-⅜
QHGI	QuormH s	3¼	-⅛
QWST	QwestCm s	37 13/16	-3/16
RITT	RIT Tch n	13⅜	+1/16
RPOW	RPM s	18⅜	+1/16
RACO	Racotek	3 7/16	-⅛
RDCMF	Radcom n	5¾	-7/16
RAIN	RainCfe s	16¼	-⅛
RMBS	Rambus n	43⅞	+7/32
RMTR	Ramtron	4⅜	+1/16
RANGY	RndgEx	1¾	-⅛
RARE	RareHosp	13½	+3/16
RATL	RatnSft	16⅛	-⅝
RDATF	ReadRt	12⅜	+⅛
RNWK	RltNetwr n	29¾	-⅜
RECY	Recycling	6⅞	-⅛
REGL	RegCin	30⅝	+⅛
RGBK	RegnFn s	43¾	+⅛
RGIS	Regis Cp	29⅛	+ 7/16
RMDY	Remedy	20⅞	-1/32
REGI	RenasWs	17⅞	+⅛
RENO	RenoAir	8¾	+⅜
PSIX	PSInet	12 15/32	-7/16
PSSI	PSS Wrld	21½	-⅞
PCAR	Paccar s	56⅝	+⅞
PGEX	PacGate n	59 7/16	+1⅜
PSUN	PacSun s	44⅜	+⅜
PHSYP	PacifCrp pf	30⅝	+4⅜
PHSYB	PacifCB	78½	+1
PAGE	PagingN	14⅜	+1/16
PAIR	PairGain	18 9/16	+ 7/16
PALX	PalEx	10 5/16	- 1/16
PLTN	Palatin n	8 11/16	+5/16
PMTI	PalmrMd	11/16	-1/16
PLLL	PanPat	5 7/16	
PMTC	PanrIC s	32 1/16	- 9/32
PRXL	Parexel	33	+⅛
PGNS	PathoG	37¾	-1/2
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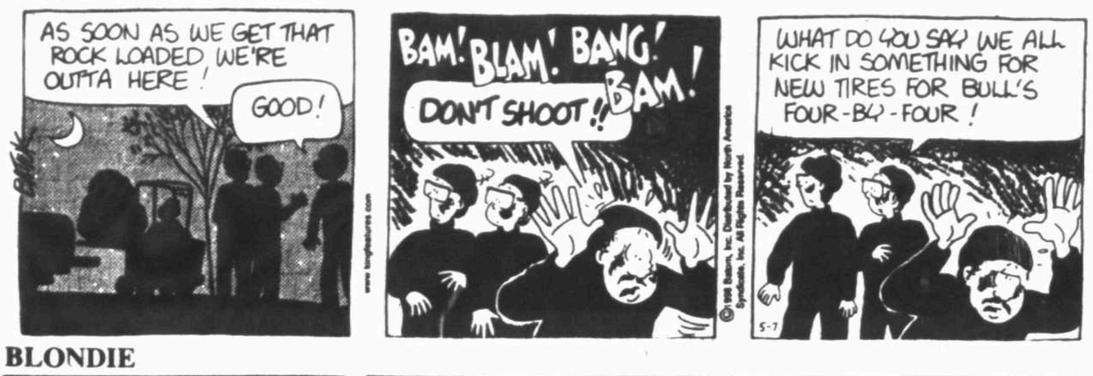
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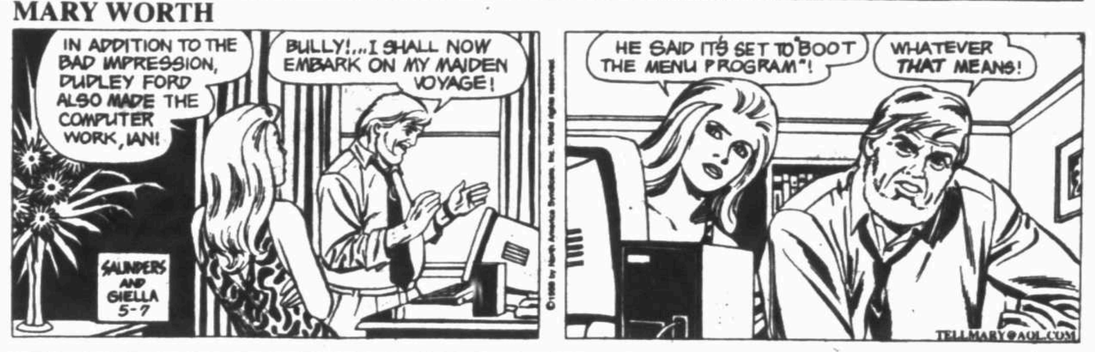
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 7, 1998:
You are upbeat and determined this year, though at times, you take comments too personally. You are vulnerable, sometimes to an extreme. You'll approach career matters with a lot of energy. A partnership can help you turn finances around. If you are single, you might meet someone significant through your social circle. Be open to a changing friendship. If attached, you are sensitive. Share your secrets and intense feelings. You bond on a deep, intense level. Passion reigns. LIBRA helps you accomplish even more.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Sometimes you need to let go and go with the flow. Others can handle what you aren't interested in doing. Be willing to delegate. Pull back and reorganize, with an eye to relinquishing unnecessary tasks. You need more time to enjoy your life. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Mellow out, and think through what works best in the given situation. Heed an associate's suggestion, as he seems to have a handle on a money matter. You are distracted by a case of spring fever, so just enjoy the day. Let go, and don't push as hard as you have recently. Tonight: Head to a favorite place.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Loosen up, and relax. Your ability to enjoy life dominates the scene. Enjoyment marks the day. You knowingly walk down a new path. Be spontaneous about a changing partnership. Luxuriate in the company of those close to you. Tonight: Be your spirited self.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Read through a controlling partner's behavior. You wonder what your limits are as you keep absorbing someone else's problems. Recognize how much you enjoy this person. Others express their admiration for a job well done. Accept a leadership role. Tonight: Bring home some work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Someone will do anything to get you to talk turkey. You like this person's style, and there could be more between you than either of you realize. Discuss the future, and a possible weekend trip. Your message comes across loud and clear. Tonight: Head out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Expenses are high, perhaps out of control. Normally practical and logical, you cave in, wanting more things. A partner appreciates your levity and willingness to indulge. It's time to renovate your home or freshen it up. Make the most of what you have. Tonight: Don't go overboard.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your personality melts barriers and makes it easier to make a difference. A conversation takes some odd twists and turns. Think about the future, though you are in the mood to postpone serious thoughts and indulge in frivolous ones. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Take a back seat. Think about what is important for you. Listen to a co-worker; he has worthwhile goodies to share. You get another impression once you absorb all the facts. Follow your intuition with money. Buy a lottery ticket. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Examine what is going on with a loved one who offers you everything on a silver platter. Intuitively, you want to say, "Enough is enough." Make decisions that benefit you. You are changing a lot. Honor who you are, and you'll feel good. Tonight: Parties beckon you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Take a stand. A professional matter pressures you. You want to indulge yourself and relax, rather than being responsible. This carefree attitude permeates your work. Use instincts with those in authority. You are in control. Claim your power. Tonight: Where the action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Reach out for someone who is at a distance. You need to gain perspective. Caring surrounds you, and flows from you as a result. Be willing to share your gratitude with others. Avoid office gossip. Make sure you make it to an important networking occasion. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Understand what a partner expects from you. It could be your pleasure to fulfill this role. Excitement and dynamic energy mark your interactions. Buy a token gift or card as an expression of thanks. Someone is there for you more than 100 percent. Tonight: With your best friend.

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Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K 7 4
♡ A 8 6 5
◇ K J 10
♣ 6 5 3

WEST
♠ J 10 9 3
♡ 10 3
◇ 8 5 2
♣ K Q J 10

EAST
♠ Q 8 5
♡ Q J 9 7 2
◇ 7 6 4 3
♣ 7

SOUTH
♠ A 6 2
♡ K 4
◇ A Q 9
♣ A 9 8 4 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: King of ♣

It goes without saying that the defenders can signal each other about whether they like the opening lead or not by playing a high card in the suit led to encourage continuation, or a low card to suggest a switch. Not everyone is aware, however, that declarer can suggest the same thing to the opening leader by signaling in exactly the same way!

The auction was routine. With 28 high-card points and a five-card suit in the combined holding, three no trump should have been a simple contract. Indeed, switch one of South's low clubs for a low diamond, or North's for that matter, and nine tricks were there for the taking.

West led the king of clubs, and there were only eight fast tricks available. To complicate matters, the only suit declarer could develop for a ninth trick was clubs, and the opening lead made that difficult. For example, if South grabbed the ace and returned a club, West would shift to a spade at trick three, and the defenders would collect five tricks before declarer had nine.

The best shot was to encourage West to persevere with clubs. Fortunately, East's singleton club was the seven and, when that appeared, declarer contributed the eight. Since two lower clubs were missing, West thought the opening lead had struck gold, and continued with the queen of clubs. Only when East discarded did West realize he had been conned. Declarer took the ace and played back the suit and, though East shifted to a spade, it was too late. Declarer won and conceded another club, and the long club was set up as the fulfilling trick.

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TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

THURSDAY EVENING — May 7, 1998 — For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	O	C	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMID	2	3	News 755	Wheel of Fortune	The Puppies Present: Incredible Animal Tales		Figure Skating: Skate TV Championships 4587				News 73397	Cheers 55945	Nightline 3939	Politically Incorrect
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	World's Wildest Police Videos 98823		The World's Scariest Police Chases 4 72741		Team Knight Rider 94007 (TVPG)		Home Improvement	Mad About You	Vibe 21397	
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 6045	Grace Under Fire	Promised Land (Part 1 of 2) 78378 (TVPG)		Diagnosis Murder (Part 1 of 2) 87026 (TVPG)		48 Hours 67262		News 7570026	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Married ... Children
(9) KWES	9	9	News 2991	Seinfeld 6571	Friends 21484 (TVPG)		Seinfeld 4007	Veronica's Closet	ER: Suffer the Little Children 27668 (TVPG)		News 8434571	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	Jewish	J. Hagee	Prime Time Roundup 5134397									
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 380484		West Texas Journal	Small Business	Mystery! (Part 3 of 3) 123026 (TVPG)		Planet Neighborhood 103262 (TVG)		Telecourse 571129			
Cable	**O**	**C**	**6:00**	**6:30**	**7:00**	**7:30**	**8:00**	**8:30**	**9:00**	**9:30**	**10:00**	**10:30**	**11:00**	**11:30**
(8) CNBC		8	Business Center	Equal Time W/Bay	Hardball With Chris Matthews 3897820		Rivera Live 3813668		The News With Brian Williams 3893804		Charles Grodin 3896991		Rivera Live 2584281	
(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	Coach 266026	Baseball: San Francisco Giants at Chicago Cubs 298823						News 233303	The Honeymooners	In the Heat of the Night 204264 (TV14-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	For a Few Dollars More (R, '67) *** (Clint Eastwood, Lee Van Cleef) 40483078						The Good, the Bad and the Ugly (8:55) (R, '67) *** (Clint Eastwood, Eli Wallach) 58284113			
(14) FAM		14	Christy: Both Your Houses 186620 (TVG)		Rescue 911 738007 (TVPG)		The Children Nobody Wanted ('81) ** (Fredric Lehne, Michelle Pfeiffer) 741871				The 700 Club 737378		Bonanza: The Genius 369026 (TVG)	
(24) BRAV		24	Bravo Profiles 676552		Reunion (PG-13, '89) *** 126674				Bravo Profiles 417823		The Pawnbroker ('65) **** (Rod Steiger) 772282			
(26) BET		26	Planet Groove 753020				Hit List 808179		Comicview 903723		BET Tonight 753200		227	Mid. Love
(27) DISN		27	Wolves, Witches	The Sun Princess: Escape From Castle Mountain (G, '97) ** 117238			The Sword in the Stone (7:45) (G, '63) 7440026		Growing Pains	Growing Pains	Walt Disney Presents 429668 (TVG)		Zorro 795113	Mickey Mouse Club
(28) CNN		28	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today		Larry King Live 385804		The World Today		Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Burden
(29) ESPN		29	SportsCenter (5:30)		NHL Hockey: Conference Semifinal, Game 1 552216					Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter 111281		Baseball Tonight	X Games Files
(30) USA		30	Highlander: The Fighter 544620 (TVPG)		Walker, Texas Ranger 394552 (TVPG)		Young Guns (R, '88) ** (Emilio Estevez, Kiefer Sutherland) 487218				Silk Stalkings: Social Call 393823 (TV14)		Highlander: Color of Authority 727026 (TVPG)	
(31) FX		31	Miami Vice 6762842		The X-Files 5936262		NYPD Blue 5945910		In Color	In Color	The X-Files 5935533		NYPD Blue 4323755	
(32) A&E		32	Law & Order: Benevolence 181434 (TVPG)		Biography 756378 (TVG)		The New Explorers 785026 (TVG)		The Unexplained 745262 (TVG)		Law & Order (Part 2 of 2) 755649 (TVPG)		Biography 189842 (TVG)	
(33) TLC		33	Vila's Home Again	Vila's Home Again	Medical Detectives	Medical Detectives	The Great Egyptians 162216 (TVG)		Dinosaur Park 107692 (TVG)		Medical Detectives	Medical Detectives	The Great Egyptians 406842 (TVG)	
(34) NICK		34	Doug 589533	Rugrats 503113	World of Alex Mack	Bewitched 509397	The Wonder Years	The Wonder Years	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi 285465 (TVG)	Newhart 736228	Dick Van Dyke
(36) LIFE		36	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Moment of Truth: A Child Too Many 827945				Attitudes	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Mysteries
(39) OUTDR		39	Great Outdoorsman	Trailside	Bicycle Racing: La Fleche Wallone 2503533		Bicycle Racing 2512281		Mountain Biking	Bicycle Journal	Bicycle Racing: La Fleche Wallone 2502804		Bicycle Racing 7898194	
(42) UNI		42	Sin Ti 40397 (TVPG)		Esmeralda 83939		Pueblo Chico, Infierno Grande 65587 (TV14)		Bienvenidos 72823 (TV14)		Impacto Extra	Noticiero Univision	Al Ritmo de la Noche 468649 (TV14)	
(43) HSE		43	Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Florida Marlins 889179						Cycle World: AMA 600 54465		Fox Sports News 57552		Fox Sports News 63262	
(44) COM		44	The Daily Show	Ben Stein's Money	Manhattan Murder Mystery (PG, '93) *** (Woody Allen, Diane Keaton) 8153429					Comedy Network	The Daily Show	Ben Stein's Money	Saturday Night Live 9986115 (TVPG)	
Premium	**O**	**C**	**6:00**	**6:30**	**7:00**	**7:30**	**8:00**	**8:30**	**9:00**	**9:30**	**10:00**	**10:30**	**11:00**	**11:30**
(20) DISC		20	Gimme Shelter 911378 (TVG)		Wild Discovery 754910 (TVG)		Animal X 663007	Movie Magic	Eagles of the Crown 750194 (TVG)		Justice Files: Reasonable Doubt 753281		Wild Discovery 267674 (TVG)	
(21) AMC		21	The Young Lions (5:30) ('58) *** (Marlon Brando) 467194				Promises Her Anything 8249345				Apache Drums (10:15) 23758151		Movie	
(22) TNN		22	Dallas 245668		Champ. Bull Riding		Prime Time Country		Today's Country		Dallas 252741		Dukes of Hazzard	
(23) TNT		23	Babylon 5 238378		NBA Basketball: Conference Semifinal, Game 2 or 3 675571						NBA Basketball: Conference Semifinal, Game 2 or 3 381620			
(48) HBO		46	Chain Reaction (PG-13, '96) * (Keanu Reeves, Morgan Freeman) 2205687				Level of the Press (R, '95) (Jeff Speakman) 6990991			Making: Face/Off	Doing Time: Life Inside the Big House		From the Earth to the Moon 547842 (TVPG)	
(47) MAX		47	Fools (5:30) (PG-13, '98) * 7490045		The People vs. Larry Flynt (R, '96) *** (Woody Harrelson, Courtney Love) 5151238				Lilies (R, '96) * (Brooke Langton, Sarah Buxton) 5181088				Tales of Seduction (11:10) (AO) 3705088	
(49) SHOW		48	It's Pat: The Movie (5:35) (PG-13, '94) 121455		Go I Married an Axe Murderer (PG-13, '93) ** (Mike Myers, Nancy Travis) 8800788				Spirit Lost (8:45) (R, '97) (Legal) 7011839		Stargate SG-1 (10:15) 10801755 (TV14-V)		Marshal Law (R, '96) (Jimmy Smits) 7357810	
(39) TMC		49	Angie (6:05) (R, '94) *** (Geena Davis, Stephen Rea) 5217548				The Portrait of a Lady (PG-13, '96) ** (Nicole Kidman, John Malkovich) 8739945				Mad Flanders (10:35) (PG-13, '96) ** (Robin Wright) 71051874			
(50) VC1		50	Mad City (5) 8694903		The Man Who Knew Too Little (PG) 3645910				Eve's Bayou (R, '97) *** 1618823				The Peacemaker	
(51) VC4		51	Eve's Bayou (5:30) (R, '97) *** (Jurnee Smollett, Meagen Good)			Eve's Bayou (R, '97) *** (Jurnee Smollett, Meagen Good)				Eve's Bayou (R, '97) *** (Jurnee Smollett, Meagen Good)				Eve's Bayou (R)
(89) PLAY		88	Creatures of the Night (AO, '96) (Anna Malle)				Women of South Beach		Real Couples: Best Sex		Broken Promises (AO, '96) (Janine)			Late Night
(69) HC		89	Night Vision ('96) (Fred Williamson) 1612649				ECW WrestlePalooza '98 2488674 (TV14-LV)						Hot Vegas Escorts	



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PEOPLE

Fujifilm gives up on its plans to stage 'Seinfest' for thousands to watch finale

NEW YORK — "Seinfeld" fans will have to make like Jerry, George, Elaine and Kramer for the final episode and hang out at home.

Fujifilm gave u, Wednesday on plans to stage a "Seinfest" for thousands to watch the May 14 finale together.

"People are as surprised as we are that New York's not doing a party," company spokeswoman **Mindy Kramer** said.

The effort to pull together a public farewell has been going on for weeks. Mayor **Giuliani** rejected the notion of closing Times Square, which prompted Radio City Music Hall to offer itself as a venue.

But that idea fizzled, too, so Fujifilm hoped for Bryant Park, behind the main branch of the New York Public Library. The city's parks commissioner said no, but floated the possibility of Central Park.

It's too late, said Fujifilm, which has purchased $1.8 million worth of commercials for the last episode.

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LONDON — In a rare public appearance, **George Harrison** went to court Wednesday to stop the sale of a recording of the Beatles singing drunkenly in a Hamburg club in 1962.

Lingasong Music Ltd. wants to market CDs from the appearance at the Star Club, the group's last gig there after signing with EMI Records.

Harrison called the recording one of the "crummiest" ever of the band.

Edward Taylor, who made the recording, claimed **John Lennon** gave his verbal consent. Harrison said even if he did, the agreement wouldn't be binding.

"One drunken person recording another bunch of drunks does not constitute business deals," he said.

An album of songs from the tape was released in 1977 on the Polydor label after the Beatles failed to get a High Court injunction against it.

Lennon was shot to death in 1980. Harrison said Lennon's widow, Yoko Ono, and the two other surviving Beatles — **Paul McCartney** and **Ringo Starr** — chose him to appear in court. They want the original recording turned over to them or destroyed.

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BUCHAREST, Romania — Bread and salt aren't **Naomi Campbell's** cup of tea.

The supermodel skipped the traditional Romanian greeting on Wednesday after arriving in the city in a gleaming green Mercedes for a one-day publicity stop.

Journalists just got a glimpse of her clad from head to toe in stretch black before she headed off to hand out musical instruments and medicine, host a reception and visit a casino.

Campbell, 27, didn't speak or pause for photographers, disappointed waiting journalists and a little girl who had come to greet her with bread and salt.

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — It's strike three for the Indigo Girls.

The lesbian folk duo was supposed to give a free concert Wednesday at Farragut High School, but school officials canceled.

It's the Grammy-winning group's third high school show to be called off in a week.

Farragut Principal **Ed Hedgepeth** said the duo's sexuality wasn't a factor. The concert was canceled because of news reports last weekend that the Indigo Girls used profanity at a previous concert, he said.

"I'm not sure exactly (in) what context (profanity) was used, whether it was used in an actual song or whether it was used on stage at some point in a comment," Hedgepeth said.

"I'd rather err on the side of caution when it comes to the people that we have presenting in the schools," he said.

Kanishka Biddanda, co-editor of the school newspaper, tells a different story.

"It's understood by everyone that the show was canceled because the Indigo Girls are gay," she said. The newspaper helped sponsor the concert.

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BOSTON — **Malcolm X's** boyhood home is under study as a historic landmark.

The city Landmarks Commission voted unanimously Tuesday to look into whether the house in Roxbury meets legal requirements for landmark status, which would keep it safe from demolition or major renovation.

Malcolm X, then 14-year-old **Malcolm Little**, moved from Lansing, Mich., to the three-story wood-frame house owned by his older sister **Ella** in 1941. He was living there when he was sentenced to prison for burglary in 1946 and returned to it briefly when he was paroled in 1953.

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PONTIAC, Mich. — **Tim Allen** speaks but doesn't appear on a court-ordered video he made to fulfill his drunken driving conviction.

The actor plays a caller to a program called "Choose to Drink, Choose to Get a Ride." He calls in while the host of the program talks with a group of men and women in a bar.

"I was back here not too long ago and had a good time with some good friends, then I made a mistake — and a big one," Allen said in the 12-minute video.

"I got behind the wheel. I knew better, I knew it only takes a couple of drinks to become impaired and become a real danger to someone else on the road."

The star of "Home Improvement" pleaded guilty last year to drunken driving after his Ferrari was clocked at 70 mph in a 40-mph zone. Police said his blood-alcohol level was 0.15 percent, above the state's legal limit of 0.10.

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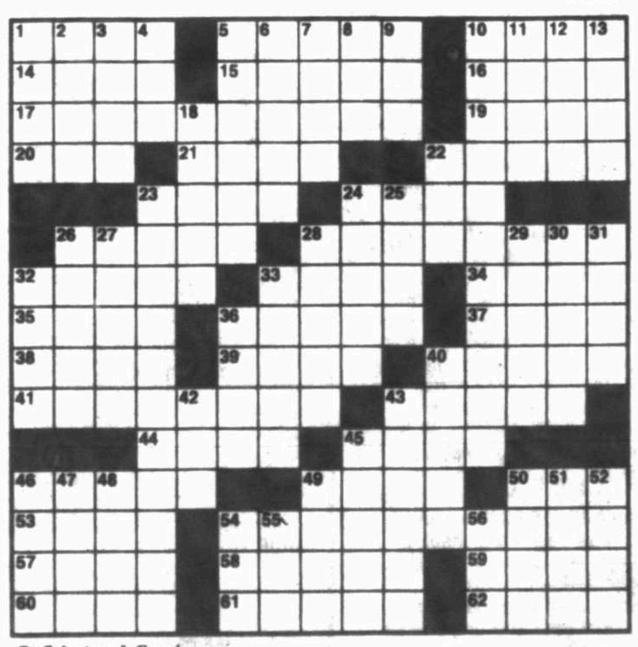
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What's New?



Sunflower seeds

Staff Reports

A sunflower farm in Kentucky is offering free seeds and recipes. To get the sunflower seeds send a long self-addressed stamped envelope to Sunflower Farm, Box 629, Burgin, KY, 40310.

There is a limit of one packet of seeds household. Additional packets are available for $1.

One of the farm's recipes follows:

SUNFLOWER CHICKEN

2/3 pound boneless chicken
1 teaspoon each of soy sauce, cooking wine and cornstarch
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1 tablespoon barbecue sauce
2 teaspoons soy sauce
1 teaspoon sugar
3 tablespoons water or broth
1/4 cup sunflower seeds

Marinate chicken with soy sauce, cooking wine and cornstarch. Heat two tablespoons oil then stir-fry garlic and barbecue sauce until fragrant. Add chicken and stir-fry until cooked. Add soy sauce and sugar and stir to mix. Add water and sunflower seeds. Bring to boil. Serve.

Red nose, green thumb?

Staff Reports

MADISON, Wis. — If your nose begins to itch and your eyes water when you start to exercise your green thumb outdoors, it could be allergies, according to the National Allergy Alliance.

Here are some tips to help reduce allergies.

- To reduce direct exposure to allergens, weed early and often.
- Reduce contact with mold and spores by wearing a mask and gloves while gardening.
- Keep windows shut to keep pollens out of the house.
- Leave garden clothes and shoes outside or in the garage.
- Take a shower before going to bed to keep pollen out of your face when you sleep.
- Use a high efficiency air cleaner to remove pollen that gets into the house.



Photo courtesy of Netherland Bulbs

Summer lilies

Summer is when lilies are most abundant. They also live about two weeks in a vase, fairly long for a cut flower.

Remodeling on rise

Staff Reports

According to the National Association of Home Builders, remodeling expenses are projected to exceed $130 billion in 1998, up from $125 billion in 1997. Good news for home improvement chains, but also beneficial to homebuyers interested in remodeling an existing home.

Borrowers looking at homes with remodeling plans in mind should consider FHA Section 203 (k) for home improvement loans. Through the Section 203 (k) loan, borrowers receive one mortgage loan, at a long-term fixed interest rate, to finance both the acquisition and rehabiliation of the home. For example, a borrower might apply for a $10,000 30-year fixed rate loan, which includes the original mortgate of $75,000 and anticipated remodeling expenses of $25,000. Loans can be used to rehabilitate the property, replace defective or deteriorated components and upgrade or make capital improvements. Buyers must put 3 percent of the first $25,000 down, and 5 percent up to $125,000.



Leonard and Mary Jo Boyd have spent several years reinventing their back yard into an outdoor living space. Part of the sprucing up included mounting lattice trellises against the back fence. Concrete blocks formed the floor, below, for a sitting area.

Garden, Sweet Garden



By Myra Lee Salcedo
Lifestyle Editor

When Mary Jo and Leonard Boyd ventured into their shady back yard on some late afternoons, they enjoyed the outdoors so much they decided to extend their living space farther into the yard. Boyd, retired from a long career of coaching and teaching for Midland public schools, is also a skilled handyman undaunted by carpentry and masonry.

So Boyd started a project that has spanned several years. He began by enclosing the patio area into a well-insulated room that features big windows looking onto bird baths and a patio.

He also built a deck and stairs leading up to a second story bedroom in the backyard. "I lost my mother in a fire," he said, noting the importance of an escape route from the second floor to the back yard.

Then Boyd created an "outdoor living area" by placing lattice trellises on the fence for an indoor feel. The red and gray checkered concrete floor also made a nice transformation from the indoors to the outdoors.

"I added the covered porch, a porch swing, and made a bench," Boyd said, noting after coaching 43 years, he was not the type to take it easy. The covered porch/family room also has a wall displaying Boyd's plaques and memorabilia of his achievements.

Standing outside, and surveying his handiwork, Boyd said, "This is were we are real relaxed."

Now he can relax, but Boyd allowed his projects involved some serious time and effort. "If I had a job were I worked seven days a week, 10 hours a day, it would not have been very hard compared to this," he said, laughing.

All the extra projects also transformed the former open patio and back yard into an entertainment area, Mrs. Boyd said. "We had a family reunion for 40. We even have our breakfast out here." She said she got really involved when her husband had a setback, and she personally laid the red and gray stones for the patio floor.

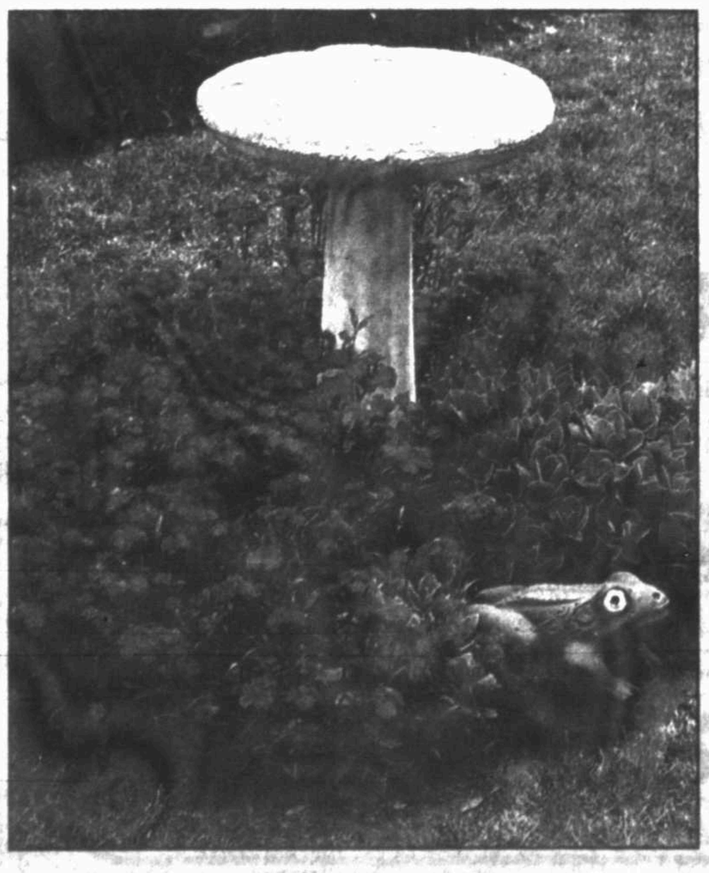
A stickler for detail, Boyd also converted a free-standing gas lamp post into an electric lamp.

So, with bird baths, benches, and plants all established; a ceramic chimenea (outdoor stove for warming) and a potted plant that wards off mosquitoes; are the Boyds ready to sit down and enjoy the song of birds?

"Ask him," Mrs. Boyd said, laughing.

"Well, I'm always working on something," Boyd said. "Right now, I'm thinking of putting all new grass in the side yard."

If you would like your home or garden — or special decorating or gardening project — to be featured on the Home & Garden page, call Lifestyle editor Myra Salcedo at 687-8862.



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Old license plates form the roof of a birdhouse, above. Grapes, left, are just beginning to bud. Deep pink flowers surround a bird bath, far left.

His-and-her housemates strictly business

By Julie Hatfield
N.Y. Times News Service

Any number of Bostonians have a second home in Maine.

But how many have a woman living in that second home?

Attorney Bernard Borman does. On weekends, when he travels from his primary home of Beacon Hill to his vacation home near Fryeburg, Maine, he knows that the lights will be on, the heat will be working, and the woman of the house — Shirley (Shoo) Hale — will either be making dinner or waiting for him to do the same, when he arrives.

She's the woman of the house all right, but she's not exactly his woman. Welcome to the 21st Century style of sharing a home — housemates of opposite genders, roughly the same age, who are friends and do not share the bedroom. In fact, Hale has encouraged Borman to bring any of his women friends up to the house, although he has yet to do that.

Borman and Hale met nearly 20 years ago when both were divorced and happened to be living on Beacon Hill. They dated, but drifted apart, lost touch, but never married each other or anyone else. Last March, Hale telephoned Borman with a novel idea of home sharing.

It boiled down to this: You buy a house, let me live in it fulltime, and I'll renovate it. When we both decide to sell, we go halvsies on the money.

"I needed a new adventure," says Borman. "A law school roommate had just told me he had Alzheimer's, and I was shaken and very saddened about this. It made me realize there was not much point in waiting any longer for anything. I welcomed a big change right now, and getting involved in this house was a big change."

The purchase of this house, by Borman, and the renovation, by Hale, is purely a business deal, both insist. They say it was a perfect undertaking for both of them. Borman, 65, who specializes in real estate law, wanted a second home but was too busy — and not enthusiastic enough — to do any restoration work, and Hale, 55, wanted a primary home and was willing to restore it: (She restores old houses or builds new reproductions for a living.)

THEIR WRITTEN agreement provided that Hale do the house-hunting, Borman provide the funds to buy and restore it, Hale provide all the furniture and do the rehabbing, and at the end of two years, they reassess the situation: if either one wants to sell it, they sell it.

"Basically," Hale says, "the final agreement states that Bernie does exactly what I say, immediately, no matter how hard it is or how much it costs — the secret of a good house share." Hale found the house, an 1820 farmhouse with four bedrooms. Just two weeks after the closing in July, she secured a carpenter for the heavy work who almost immediately pulled down the front of the house in which Victorian bay windows had been installed, and restored it to its original Federal front with small paned windows. She scoured the local dumps and antique stores for old shutters and outdoor furniture, and painted the interior rooms herself.

"Sometimes it seems as though all she's done all day is go to the store for a Coke, or paint her toenails, but at nightfall I'll look around and a room will be newly painted, exterior shutters hung, and firewood stacked," says Borman. Though he grouses about the expenses ("she's supposed to talk to me before she does the work and she doesn't always do that"), Borman admits that "she's made the outside quite beautiful while returning it to something like its original style." They differ in their opinions on the interior. Hale restored the interior of the house as she does with all her work — "I like them to look like paintings you can walk into, to be beautiful and evocative and peaceful," she says. Says Borman: "That exquisite room isn't comfortable. I want a seat for two in front of the fire." Hale has relented with one comfortable wing chair for reading.

BORMAN, WHO IN HIS off-attorney hours is food critic for the Beacon Hill Weekly, is a fine cook, but Hale has an admittedly unsophisticated palate and does not fully appreciate his gourmet endeavors.

"I like anything as long as it has cheese melted on top," says Hale, who drinks a Coke for breakfast every morning. Still, he often cooks for his housemate and Hale agrees that what he produces is better than average. But, she says, "he is also wildly sloppy. Once he made his exotic meatloaf, and when I cleaned up afterwards, it was everywhere, including on the light fixtures over the counter."

If they sound like an old married couple, don't get the wrong idea.

Borman admits that his old friend was once a girlfriend. When both were newly divorced from their spouses 18 years ago and Hale lived near Borman in Boston, they dated briefly.

If truth be told, Borman would like to re-kindle what romance there once was. "I'm attracted to her," he admits. "She says that I've made her very happy with this house. Knowing her as one of the wittiest persons on earth, I thought it probably would be fun watching her have fun," notes Borman. "Without her, that house is nothing." On a chilly fall Friday, he admits that "I'm supposed to go to Florida this weekend but I would rather go up to my house."

From her point of view, Hale feels that an ancillary perk of the home-share is that "Bernie will lose the crush he's had on me for the past 20 years. He'll see me in the morning a few times, or notice my not terribly appealing facist side, and that should do it," says Hale.

"We have a real balancing act going on here — it's something I could never have done 20 years ago," says Hale. "This is one of those rare times when maturity is actually an advantage."

While rich get richer, poor keep paying rent

By Stephanie Salter
Hearst News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — It's becoming a predictable irony. In one section of the newspaper — usually business — there is a story about the latest sign of this wonderful, booming economy of ours.

In another section — usually at the back of news — there's a smaller story about the latest sign of increasing misery for the poor.

This week, the sign is the same for the haves and have-nots: the nation's tight supply of and huge demand for housing. It illustrates the two contradictory economies that exist today.

Based on what they have seen during the first quarter, real estate agents across the country predict that 1998 will be a record year for home sales. The nation's median price for an existing home — $127,000 — is up 5.8 percent from March 1997.

In California, where the "have" economy is really booming, the increase is 10.5 percent — to $196,400, up from $177,740 in March 1997. Said Tim Corliss, president of the California Association of Realtors: "Pent-up demand, a robust economy and unbridled optimism for the future are pushing median home prices upward while available inventory is approaching historic lows throughout most areas of the state."

The same low inventory plagues the have-not economy. But, unlike their upper middle-class counterparts with unbridled enthusiasm, the poor can't alleviate the problem by opting to build their own dream house or by offering several thousand dollars above the asking price and beating out what's left of the middle class.

The working poor can't even get near the red-hot house buying market. They rent.

Yet, according to a report from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, while the number of working poor is growing, the stock of low-rent housing is disappearing.

Between 1990 and 1995, the number of low-rent dwellings in the United States dropped by 900,000 units. Meanwhile, the number of families needing "worst case" low-rent housing assistance increased by 370,000 to 5.32 million.

"Worst case" describes the needs of families who earn less than half the median annual income of their geographical area yet who must use 50 percent of that income just to put a roof over their heads.

Most surprising, said the HUD report, is that the biggest increase in these families has been in the suburbs, not the cities.

Part of the reason for this is suburban job growth, which has outpaced urban job growth and drawn residents away from cities. Unfortunately, for the working poor, much of the suburban employment is in jobs that barely pay minimum wage.

Back in the roaring house buying market, however, the reverse is true. Especially in California.

"Highly compensated high-tech and business service jobs in the entertainment sectors are providing the natural foundation for continued demand for housing, despite upward price pressure," said Leslie Appleton-Young, chief economist for the California Association of Realtors.

In other words, some people are making so much money, they don't care what they pay for a house, only that they get the house. To find a home, they depend on their ability to pay whatever it takes.

The poor get to depend on Congress, which hasn't voted for any increased housing assistance in three years.

In the have-not economy, there's never a boom.

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Peppers a hot item for spring

By Deborah A. Benge Frost

Spring is the time to plant peppers of every kind, whether sweet, crisp, warm or fiery hot.

Peppers are (excuse the expression) a hot item these days, and it's no wonder. They offer so much to foods — flavor, vitamins, color and texture. Peppers can be flavorful containers for cheese and meat in chile rellenos, stuffed peppers and jalapenos. Pepper is a key ingredient in salsa — which, by the way, has passed ketchup in popularity as a food condiment.


Benge Frost

Peppers are also used to make paints, dyes and arthritis medicine, and may even help release endorphins in the body, creating a sense of well being.

BELL PEPPERS

Bell peppers, the most commonly-known pepper, have many culinary uses. 'California Wonder,' 'Big Bertha' and 'Jupiter' are varieties to look for. Some yellow, red and chocolate-colored bell peppers should be available this year in local garden centers. Look for 'Golden Summer' and 'Purple Belle.'

JALAPENOS

In Texas, the jalapeno probably takes second place in popularity and use. It is a hot pepper, but some mild kinds of jalapeno are available, including TAM Mild Jalapeno and 'Macho Nacho.' Most jalapeno varieties do well in area gardens.

New Mexico specializes in the long green chile, a flavorful pepper that has many uses. Heat index ranges from very hot to mild, depending on the variety and growing conditions. Look for 'Anaheim,' 'Big Jim,' 'NM 6-4,' 'Sandia' and 'Spanish Spice.'

Other peppers to look for are ancho (poblano), cayenne and habanero.

PLANTING PEPPERS

Peppers prefer a warmer environment than tomatoes do, so plant them in the garden a week or two after tomatoes are planted — sometime between mid-April and early May. Soil temperatures should be at least 55 degrees, 2 inches below the soil surface for three consecutive days.

Starting peppers as transplants is better than planting from seed, since it will give them a chance to get established and grow to a size that will allow them to flower and fruit during favorable weather in the spring.

Fruit set is best when night temperatures are above 60 degrees and day temperatures are below 80 degrees. Pungent types of peppers flower and fruit at higher temperatures, but all peppers fruit poorly once daytime temperatures are above 90 degrees.

Peppers don't take up nearly as much space as tomatoes do, so they fit in smaller gardens well. The site should be sunny with well-drained soils. Improve soils with 4 inches of compost or other organic matter, along with some fertilizer. Look for transplants that are dark green and stocky. Avoid plants that are already flowering, yellow or stressed. If plants are straight from the greenhouse, let them condition for a few days before going into the garden. Protect plants from cold temperatures, advises Dr. Sam Cotner, A&M vegetable specialist. Temperatures that fall to the low 40s for even a short time can stress plants beyond recovering.

Plant peppers at the same depth they grew in the container. A starter fertilizer — a water-soluble fertilizer that will supply some nutrients until the young plant gets established — can be poured into the planting hole and allowed to soak in before planting the peppers. At flowering, side-dress with additional nitrogen fertilizer. Use two tablespoons of ammonium sulfate or one and a half tablespoons of ammonium nitrate per plant. Side-dress with nitrogen fertilizer about every three weeks.

Peppers need regular watering to develop thick walled, crispy fruit. Use flood, drip or soaker hoses (drip and soaker are the best and easiest). Avoid sprinkler irrigation if possible. Keep soils evenly moist and try to avoid dry or wet soils. A generous layer of mulch will help conserve soil moisture.

Once peppers begin to set fruit, a side dressing of nitrogen fertilizer once or twice during the summer will keep plants producing. Mulching with a 3- or 4-inch layer will help keep soils moist and cooler, and weeds down.

Pepper plants can lean or sprawl a little, so keep them in shape with a small tomato cage or homemade cage. Cages also help keep these brittle plants from breaking, keep peppers off the ground, reduce sun scald and make harvest easier.

To avoid damaging plants during harvest, use hand pruners, scissors or a sharp knife to cut stems. For continued fruit production, harvest as peppers reach a mature size. If the pepper is a variety that can be harvested in a green or red mature size, try harvesting green fruit during most of the growing season, but as late summer or fall approaches, leave the fruit until it turns red.

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DEAR ABBY

Chick who finally leaves nest fears mother hen will soon follow

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am a 29-year-old woman who recently bought my own home and moved out of my parents' house.

I am delighted to finally be on my own. I can come and go as I please, entertain my friends and watch anything I choose on television. All of these new freedoms were "issues" when I was living with my parents.


Van Buren

My mother has recently been having trouble with my dad. She has told me that if the situation doesn't improve, she's going to come and live with me. She doesn't ask if she can live with me; she says she's going to.

I have urged her to talk out her differences with Dad, but she refuses.

She says it's no use. I've told her that I enjoy being able to live my own life.

She said, "Oh, you'll still be able to do that," but I'm not so sure.

Abby, if I say I'm happy on my own, she lays a guilt trip on me and says, "Fine, I'll go live with your sister ... she'll take me in.".

I've tried telling her she is perfectly capable of living on her own and mentioned several women her age that we both know, but she gets upset and says I am a terrible daughter.

Abby, am I terrible to feel this way? At 29, I need my freedom. — FEELING GUILTY IN THE DESERT

DEAR FEELING GUILTY: Your feelings are understandable. However, bear in mind that your mother is in turmoil at the moment. If the situation with your father does not resolve itself, consider offering her temporary refuge for a specific amount of time. When that time is up, if she is still determined to live apart from your father, help her find a place of her own, or let her move in with your sister.

DEAR ABBY: When I saw the headline in your column about domestic violence, and read that you had received letters about women who physically abuse their boyfriends and husbands, I could hardly believe it. I thought I was the only one.

I have been married for 10 years. The first five years were great. Then one day my wife hit me and we got into a terrific fight, which she won. Since then, every once in a while we have another fight after an argument and she beats me up. It is awful.

I never told anyone because I didn't have the nerve. I still love her and she makes over me afterward, which is nice, but other times I don't know what to do. I read about domestic violence, but it is always the women who are the victims. Is there any special advice about what a man should do when he's the victim? — CONFUSED IN ARIZONA

DEAR CONFUSED: Females abusing males is nothing new, and it is far more common than most people suspect — for the very reason you gave: Men are embarrassed to admit it.

I offer the same advice to men that I give to women: End the abusive relationship.

Although there are few shelters for men because it is believed that it's easier for them to leave than it is for women, if you need moral support and suggestions, call a shelter for battered women and inquire if they also counsel men. If they do not, see a private counselor.

Now is the time to take action because the situation isn't likely to change unless your wife gets long-term counseling — and even then, there is no guarantee the leopardess will change her spots.

DEAR ABBY: I have a 21-month-old daughter, "Jennifer," who spends every other weekend with her father. Sometimes when she returns home, her fingernails are painted. I have tried to explain to my ex-husband that Jennifer is too young for nail polish and it isn't healthy for her. Her fingernails aren't thick enough, and the chemicals could seep through into her skin.

I hate using polish remover because it is too strong. Please help me convince him that Jennifer is too young to have her nails painted. — WORRIED MOTHER IN WISCONSIN

DEAR WORRIED MOTHER: I checked with a pediatrician who told me that while Jennifer is quite young to wear nail polish, there is nothing medically dangerous about it.

It is important for you to remember that you set the rules for YOUR home and Dad sets them for HIS.

As long as what's going on at Dad's is not dangerous, you should not interfere. The same goes for Dad and the rules at your house.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Netminders hold key to Stars series

By C. Bryson Hull
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — Behind the facade of revenge for a first-round upset last season, the Dallas Stars-Edmonton Oilers semifinals series that starts Thursday is a fight between resilient veteran depth in the face of injuries and a speedy, brash offense.

That's not to mention a goaltending duel that goes back years and a goaltender who reminds the Stars of their first-round collapse at the hands of the Oilers last year. Edmonton's Curtis Joseph, largely credited with killing the Stars last year in Round One, and Dallas' Ed Belfour were frequently across the ice from each other as the St. Louis Blues and Chicago Blackhawks netminders, respectively.

And while Belfour was solid throughout this year's first-round, Joseph was spectacular in the final three games of the Oilers-Colorado Avalanche series. In games 5-7, Joseph stopped 82 shots to hold the hapless Avalanche scoreless over a span of 163 minutes, 23 seconds.

Despite becoming only the 14th team in history to return from a 3-1 series deficit, largely due to Joseph's play, the Oilers came to Texas showing a healthy respect for the Stars.

"This is the toughest team in the league. They've got the most points and an absolutely unbelievable team ethic. Hey, it's gonna be a war," Oilers coach Ron Low said.

The respect from the opposing bench is mutual.

"Edmonton is really playing well and they're on top of their game. Skill-wise, this team is right up there with the Red Wings," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said.

In some respects, Hitchcock may be right. At times during the first round, the Oilers cycled the puck with the ease and fluidity of Detroit' so-called "Russian Five," the unit of Russians including Sergei Fedorov and Igor Larionov who were instrumental in Detroit's Stanley Cup win last year.



AP Photo

Dallas Stars goalie Ed Belfour blocks a shot on goal from the San Jose Sharks. The Dallas Stars-Edmonton Oilers semifinals series starting Thursday is a fight between resilient veteran depth in the face of injuries.

"They've got the puck and that's the best forecheck and backcheck you can have," Hitchcock said of the Oilers' strategy of controlling the puck through strong passing.

The European-tinged flavor of Edmonton's play is largely due to the addition of several young, mobile defenders during the season. Janne Niinimaa, Roman Hamrlik and Valeri Zelepukin are all solid defenders who have no fear of stepping up into an offensive rush.

The key to shutting the Oilers offense down, Hitchcock said, is by checking them to disrupt their tempo.

"They're a rhythm team and it's taking them out of their rhythm that we need to do," he said.

The Stars, meanwhile, are still moving to the interrupted rhythms of a team that has been wracked by injuries all season long. Regular-season leading scorer and center Joe Nieuwendyk is out for the playoffs because of a knee injury he suffered in the first game of the playoffs, and wingers Jere Lehtinen and Greg Adams are out for the start of this series.

Low said injuries are immaterial to the Stars' success.

"Hey, these guys played all year hurt and they still ended up with the most points in the league," Low said.

The injuries could have Hitchcock sending defenseman Darryl Sydor up to left wing on a line with Mike Modano and Mike Keane. The series should be extremely physical as well, since the Oilers showed no mercy in bringing the body to the Avalanche and checking is a cornerstone of the Stars' style.

"They'll be more physical than San Jose, because they've got speed and they hit the players faster," Stars captain Derian Hatcher said.

And if last year's failings are fresh in the minds of the Stars and this year's successes foremost in the mind of the Oilers, both would do well to remember that Edmonton was dispatched by Colorado in five games of the second round last year.

TCU's Nailon decides to apply for NBA draft

FORT WORTH (AP) — Texas Christian center Lee Nailon, the nation's third-leading scorer, said Wednesday he's giving up his final year of eligibility to enter the NBA draft.

The 6-foot-8 junior is hoping to cash in on a solid season in which his 24.9 points per game helped lead TCU to a 27-6 record and an NCAA tournament berth.

Nailon was the Western Athletic Conference's player of the year in the Pacific Division. He scored a school-record 53 points against Mississippi Valley State early last season, his only one at TCU after two years at junior colleges.

"I've spent the last three or four weeks on this decision," Nailon said at a campus news conference.

Nailon previously said he would return to TCU for his senior year if it looks as if he won't be among the top 15 players selected. He can pull out until one week before the June 24 draft.

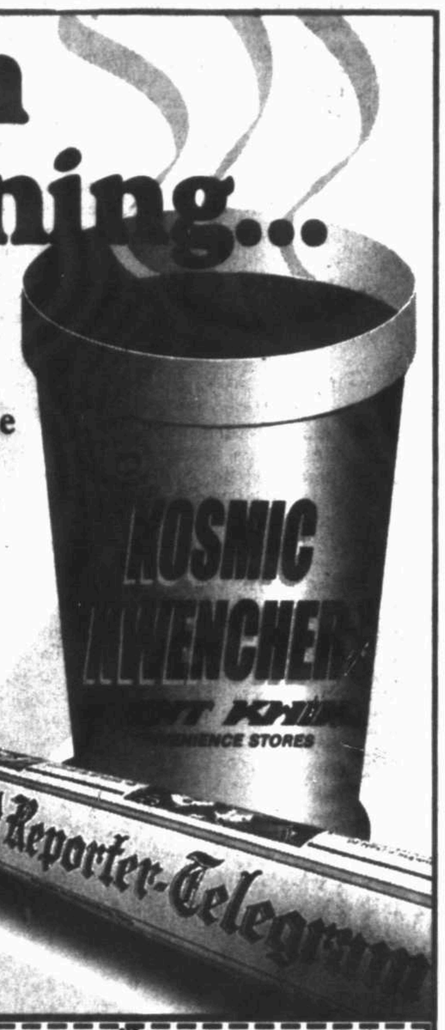
"Our staff supports Lee whether he goes or stays," coach Billy Tubbs said.

Despite the 23-year-old's success, he hasn't convinced everyone of his potential. In January, NBA scouting director Marty Blake said: "There is no way Lee Nailon should come out. He's not ready."

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Keane is emerging at right time for Dallas in playoffs

By Tim Cowlishaw
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — No one is going to accuse Mike Keane of being wasteful in this year's Stanley Cup playoffs.

Although he was solid defensively from the start, Keane didn't really crank up the offense until the series was nearing its conclusion. He didn't get his first shot on goal, in fact, until the third period of Game 5.

His first three shots of the series were stopped by Mike Vernon. But his last two weren't, and that's why the Stars enjoyed two days off Sunday and Monday rather than playing Game 7 against the Sharks and risking elimination.

Keane's second goal Saturday night was the first overtime series-winner for the franchise since Steve Payne had one for Minnesota in 1984. Keane's biggest moment as a Star came less than six weeks after arriving from New York with Brian Skrudland in the trade that sent Todd Harvey and Bob Errey to the New York Rangers.

"I would hate to see where we're at without those two guys," coach Ken Hitchcock said, "especially since it looks like with Todd Harvey's injury, he probably wouldn't have even started the playoffs.

"Keane from Game 4 on was one of the best players in the series. Those guys really helped us not just with their experience but their competitive level. They brought everyone else up to their level."

For Keane, this is standard procedure, playing hockey into the middle of May and beyond. He was with Montreal when the Canadiens won the Stanley Cup in 1993. He was with Colorado when the Avalanche won its Cup in 1996.

Last year Keane played in all 17 Colorado playoff games as the Avalanche went to the conference finals before losing to Detroit.

"This is the fun part," said Keane. "Everyone seems to be relieved the first round is over. I think the press was making a bigger deal of it than the guys were, but that's understandable because this team hadn't won in awhile. San Jose played us really tough, just what we expected."

The Stars got the defense from Keane that was expected. He was a big part of Colorado's checking line the last two years and has found a home with Guy Carbonneau.

Juha Lind has added speed and energy to that line, which scored three of the Stars' last five goals in the series.

"You don't want to make mistakes and I don't think our line made a mistake," said Keane. "But we knew early we weren't helping the club offensively. Juha and Carbo, we got it going offensively at the end. We had some chances we should have buried earlier, but you always want to score more. With players out, all the lines have to pitch in. Brian's line did it, so did the rest.

"Winning the first round is a big thrill for us. But we've got a long way to go."

As the Stars awaited the outcome of the Colorado-Edmonton series, they knew they would be playing a team with speed, whether it's the Oilers or the Blues. As it turned out, it's the Oilers.

And the Stars know also that without Joe Nieuwendyk for the balance of the playoffs and without Jere Lehtinen, in all likelihood, for the start of round two, they would need scoring slack to be picked up from all parts of the lineup. That's what happened in the first round when the Stars got 15 points from defense and three big goals from Lind and Keane in the final two games.

"That's what makes this team good," said Keane. "They have done this all year. People go down and others step up. We lost Joe, we lost Jere and others stepped up."

Although the Stars may not have a player as vocal as a leader as Colorado's Patrick Roy, Keane finds the Stars to be a focused team.

"It's a very quiet confidence here. I don't think people give us that much credit, but to be honest, you have to win to get that credit," he said. "We've got a very good hockey club that relies on its work ethic. When Brian and I came here, we just wanted to add to that."

Adding a game-winning, series-winning overtime goal was a nice place for Keane to start.

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Manning signs deal with Adidas

BEAVERTON, Ore. (AP) — Peyton Manning, the No. 1 NFL draft pick, has signed an endorsement deal with Adidas America.

The former Tennessee Volunteer quarterback and current Indianapolis Colt was runner-up to Michigan's Charles Woodson in the Heisman voting.

Adidas on Wednesday said Manning becomes only the third NFL player to represent the company, which got into the football licensing market last December. Tennessee Oilers running back Eddie George and New York Jets receiver Keyshawn Johnson also have endorsement contracts.

Adidas has a deal to outfit the Tampa Bay Buccaneers this season and could add another team next year. Adidas America, the Beaverton-based U.S. division of the German athletic shoemaker, did not disclose the terms of the deal.

Hank the Cowdog

Chapter 4
Goats Don't Eat Ketchup Bottles



The Case of the Dancing Cowboy
By John R. Erickson

(In the previous chapter, Slim, a ranch hand, has decided he doesn't want to go to a dance on the ranch for several reasons, including that his hair has been partially burned off by an explosion while he was burning garbage. Hank the Cowdog is disappointed that Slim is passing up a chance to ask Miss Viola to the dance, because Hank likes Miss Viola. She likes dogs and especially likes him. But Hank's disappointment with Slim doesn't keep him from accepting an invitation to spend the night with Slim, especially when Slim offers him a can of sardines.)

I raced to the pickup. Slim hadn't gotten there yet to open the door but that was no big deal to me. Hey, if they don't open the door, I can always jump through the...

Bonk!

... window, if it happens to be open, but when it's not I'll usually wait for somebody to open the, uh, door. Which is what I did this time. I was in no big rush.

Slim came along at his usual pace—cold molasses. At the pickup door, he leaned down and looked me in the eyes. "When the winder glass is rolled up, pooch, you can't jump through it."

Yes, I knew that.

"And what makes you think you deserve to ride up front with me anyways?"

Well, I... at the time it had seemed ...

"You're just a dog, did you know that? Just a dog, and you're five bales short of a full load of brains."

I, uh, didn't know how to respond to that.

"You snap at ashes and you run rabbits and you try to leap through winder glass, and Hank, you're just dumb." He reached down and scratched me behind the ears. "But so am I, so I reckon you're pretty well matched." He opened the door. "Get up, Einstein, we've got work to do."

I leaped into the pickup and took my position of honor in the seat. Then he called for Mister Stub Tail, who had come back down from the machine shed, the treacherous little ...

He came in a slow walk and had to be lifted into the pickup because of ... something. Short legs, tired blood, stunted growth, lack of ambition.

He took his place in the seat between us. Slim fired up the pickup and off we went on a new and exciting adventure.

"Where are we going?" Drover asked as we turned east on the county road.

"Because I answer that, Mister Weasel, I want some information out of you."

"Really? Gee, I hope I know the answer."

"You know the answer."

"Oh good. What's the question?"

"The question is, why did you suddenly vanish when Loper came down to the trash barrel?"

"Well, let me think here. I was worried about all that fire."

"That is a bald-headed lie, Drover."

"That bad, huh?"

"Yes sir, that bad. You know very well why you left."

"Yeah, but if I told you, you'd get mad and then I'd feel guilty about it, and I hate feeling guilty."

"You should feel guilty. What you did was shameful and chicken-hearted. I mean, snapping at ashes was your deal from the start. I was an innocent bystander who got involved by accident."

"Yeah, and accidents happen."

"But your leaving the scene of the accident was no accident, Drover. You knew how stupid the whole thing looked and so you left me there to become the scapegoat of their laughingstock."

"I met a goat once. He ate rose bushes."

I glared daggers at the little mutt. "Don't try to change the subject."

"Just think about swallowing all those thorns."

"Don't tell me what to think. I don't care what goats eat."

"I've heard they'll eat tin cans."

"Drover, answer the question immediately."

His gaze wandered out the window. "I guess I forgot the question."

"The question, you moron, is..." Hmmm, I seemed to have forgotten the question myself.

"Something about goats."

"Oh yeah, you asked me if I'd ever met a goat before."

"I asked about goats?"

"You sure did, I heard you myself, and his name was Billy."

"Wait a minute, back up. Who was this Billy character?"

"He was a goat."

"Ah yes. Billy goat. I'm beginning to see a pattern unfolding here."

"And he ate tin cans and ketchup bottles."

"That's very interesting. They're amazing creatures, aren't they? Well, Drover, there's an important lesson here. If a goat can find nourishment in a ketchup bottle, many things are possible in this old world."

"Yeah, and we can all learn a lesson from that."

"Exactly." I blinked my eyes and shook my head. "I think I've been working too hard lately."

"Yeah, and being late to work is hardly working at all."

"I've noticed a certain scrambled pattern in my brain waves."

"Boy, I love scrambled eggs."

I stared at him for a moment. "And Drover, I'm beginning to suspect that talking to you has something to do with it."

"Thanks, Hank."

"Because trying to carry on an intelligent conversation with you would scramble anyone's brain waves. You see, I really don't care about goats."

"Me neither."

"Or what they eat."

"Oh, they'll eat anything."

"And since neither one of us seems to care about goats or what they eat, why don't we just drop the subject and never talk about it again?"

"Fine with me. Where are we going?"

"Insane, Drover."

"I'll be durned. I've never been there before."

"Ha! You've been there so long, you can't find your way back home."

"Yeah, and I'm already missing the machine shed."

"Drover?"

"Yes?"

"Shut. Up. Now."

At last he shut up and I was able to concentrate on what we were doing and where we were going.

We drove down the county road until we came to Slim's mailbox. He pulled over and checked the box. He leafed through the contents—two grocery store circulars, a pictureshow calendar, an appeal for contributions from the Polio Foundation, and a giveaway offer from somebody who promised to make him rich.

He didn't waste much time on the grocery store circulars and he got a good chuckle out of the appeal for funds.

"If they're writing me for money, they have definitely come to the goat's house to get wool."

Goats? I shot a glance at Drover to see if he would pick up on it. He wasn't listening.

Good. I had heard and said everything about goats that I ever wanted to hear or say, and I didn't believe that baloney about goats eating ketchup bottles anyway.

Goats don't eat ketchup bottles

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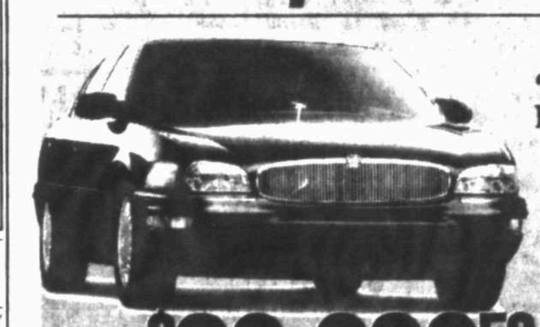
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TRUCK DRIVER needed with CDL and Hazmat. Percentage of truck. Call 684-6555 for Clark or Brad.

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RESTAURANT- The Bar is currently accepting applications for Cooks. Apply in person between 8- 10 am or 2- 4 pm, Monday through Thursday, 606 W. Missouri.

RESTAURANT. Cattle Baron's is now hiring for all positions, full/ part time. Apply in person, between 2- 5 Monday- Friday. No phone calls please.

RESTAURANT. Michael's Charcoal Grill on Illinois is hiring for 11 to 2 shift, Monday thru Saturday. Apply in person 2- 5 Monday - Friday.

SEASONAL. Alamo YMCA is now accepting applications for summer lifeguards and swimming instructors. Applications for the summer may be picked up at 901 North Midland Drive.

SERVICE ADVISOR. Britt Imports is now accepting applications for the position of Service Advisor. Must be well mannered, well groomed and committed to customer satisfaction. Apply in person to Sabine Aldridge, Britt Imports, 1004 S. Midkiff.

SNACK BAR Attendants needed for Summer, May 24 through Labor Day. Must be available weekends and holidays. Experience a plus. Apply in person, Tuesday- Saturday, 9:00 am- 2:00 pm. Ranchland Hills Country Club, 1600 E. Wadley.

SPRINKLER & Landscape Laborers. Call for appointment, 682-1993.

SUMMER WORK for College Students & 1998 High School Grads/ Others. Up to $9.15. Flexible part time/ full time openings. No experience necessary. Scholarships available. Conditions apply. 689-0045.

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT. Help needed to distribute special event brochures. Must have valid drivers license and liability insurance. Please call 570-8248, Monday- Friday, 9-5.

WE HAVE current opening for dietary help. If interested, please apply in person at Terrace West Nursing Center, 2800 Midland Drive, Midland, TX.

311 Medical Help Wanted

THERA-CARE
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Now Hiring:
Physical Therapist
Occupational Therapist
Speech Language Pathologist
1-800-530-4722
Available Now!

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Needed for 2 busy surgeons. Monday- Friday, 8:30- 5:30. Sterile technique, colonoscopy experience and good communication skills required. Vascular lab experience a plus. Excellent benefit package. Send resume to: Box N-03020 c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702

*MEDICAL

INHOME CARE, INC.

RN's and LVN's needed. Bilingual and home health experience preferred. Please come by 808 W. Indiana, Midland for more information. No phone calls please.

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RN(s) & LVN(s) & CNA(s) FOR STAFF RELIEF
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***PROVIDERS & SITTERS NEEDED.**

Duties are light housekeeping, cooking, some transportation and etc. Please come by 808 W. Indiana, Midland. No phone calls please. Ask for Karen or Jackie.

BILLING CLERK/ Receptionist needed for busy physicians office. Medical manager software. Good benefits. Please mail resume to 2114 W. Tennessee, 79701 or fax 685-1700.

LABOR & DELIVERY
Registered Nurse

- Texas license required
- Labor & delivery experience required
- Part Time !

For more information please contact Odessa Regional Hospital, Human Resources Department. 915-334-8397. EOE.

CERTIFIED NURSE AIDES- caring dependable, needed for all shifts. Competitive pay rates, $6.00/ hr for certified only. Incentive bonus after 90 days. Apply in person, 3203 Sage, Courtyard Care Center.

DENTAL ASSISTANT needed for busy restorative and cosmetic practice. Experience required. Please send resume to Dr. Andrew Kauffman, P.O. Box 8307, Midland, Tx 79708.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY Employer accepting applications for the following positions: RN/ LVNs, Psychiatric Nurses, HHAs, Sitters, Providers. Apply in person at: 1030 Andrews Hwy Ste 215, Midland, Texas. No phone calls please.

312 Professional Help Wanted

·LEASE/ DIVISION ORDER ANALYST

Independent oil and gas producer seeking a lease/ division order analyst with a minimum of 5 years experience. Position will include land secretary duties for the land manager as well as preparation and maintenance of division orders and maintaining of land records/ files. Will require computer knowledge of WordPerfect, Wordpro, Excel and Lotus as well as the ability to input and maintain land records on the mainframe system. Salary will commensurate with experience. Benefit package applies. Please submit resume, salary requirements and references to Box T-05105, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

311 Medical Help Wanted

EXPERIENCED INSURANCE clerk for busy doctor's office. Experience in filing commercial and workman's compensation. Monday through Friday. Non smoking environment. Please send resume to: Box N- 3019, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

IMMEDIATE WORK available in Midland for home care providers. Please apply at 2817 JBS Parkway #E7, Odessa, Texas 79762. 550-7593.

LVN's, GVN's, RN's, CMA's needed for all shifts. Benefits available, good starting pay. Apply in person at 3203 Sage St., Midland.

NURSES UNLIMITED Inc. Needs personal care attendants. Please call Gabrielle, Monday- Friday, 8 am- 5 pm, 1-915-580-2000. E. O. E.

PARAMEDIC POSITIONS Open. Winkler County EMS, a 911/ Transfer Service located in Kermit, Texas, approximately 40 miles West of Odessa. Phone or fax for application to: Mary Haley, Phone 915-586-5860 Ext 3029; Fax 915-586-5031.

POSITION OPEN for Medical Collections Representative. Experienced in Medicare, Medicaid, PPO and 3rd party insurance. Previous training in Medical Manager software required. SECOND POSITION OPEN for Full Charge Bookkeeper. Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Windows 95 and Excel software. Salary negotiable. Send resumes to: Box B-04044, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

SPECIMEN PROCESSOR Full time. Midland/ Odessa area. Computer skills a must. Medical knowledge helpful. Fax resume Attention: Diana T., 1-888-223-8752.

312 Professional Help Wanted

ACCOUNTANTS WANTED. Public accounting firm wants degreed accountants, enrolled agents or CPA's with 2+ years of experience for full or part time positions. Flexible hours and benefits available. Partnership opportunity for the right individual. Knowledge of preparation software and other accounting software packages required. Respond to Wurster, Armstrong & Williamson P.C., P.O. Box 3487, Midland, Texas 79702. No telephone call please.

APARTMENT LEASING Agent. 114 Units. Sales skills. Co experience. T $8.00 Hour + Bonus. 30 Hours per week. Fax to 689-8125.

ASSISTANT CONTROLLER- must have experience in all phases of accounting. CPA preferred or working toward certification. Starting salary based upon experience and ability. Must have verifiable work history. Apply in person at BIDCO Corp., 312 E. 2nd., Odessa.

ASSISTANT TEACHER for small private school. A great love for young children is necessary. 687-2222.

CASE MANAGER. Texson Management Group- Sweetwater Juvenile Facility is accepting applications for Case Manager. Must have a Degree in Human Services, knowledge and/ or experience in Juvenile Justice System. Salary range 22K to 24K based upon level of experience. Competitive benefit package offered. Applications/ resumes accepted at 2101 W. Alabama, Sweetwater, Texas 79556. No phone calls please. EOE.

CUSTOMER SERVICE. Exciting career opportunities now available at Olen Mills Portrait Studios. For interviews call Jamie at 1-800-249-4555, ext. 7411 and leave your name and number.

DIRECTOR of Christian Education- Full Time. This position will be responsible for providing oversight and coordination of Christian Education program and related ministries. If interested in applying, send a letter of application and a resume to First United Methodist Church, 200 E. Snyder, Hobbs, NM 88240.

DRILL INSTRUCTOR. The R. Temple Dickson Juvenile Detention Facility is accepting applications for the position of Drill Instructor. Applicants must have at least two (2) years military experience in the United States Army or Marine Corp and supervisory experience. Competitive benefit package offered. Send resume to: Texson Management Group, Inc., 2101 W. Alabama, Sweetwater, Texas 79556 or fax (915)235-0884. EOE.

ENTRY LEVEL Staff Accountant Position open for Midland based oil & gas company. Degree in Accounting required. Will consider graduate candidate or recent graduate. Knowledge of PC, Spreadsheets, Lotus & Excel needed. Send resume with salary requirements to: Accountant Position, 211 N Colorado, Midland, Texas 79701.

FULL CHARGE bookkeeping needed, and all phases of accounting for full time position. Up to $10.50 an hour. Send resume: P.O. Box 2969, Odessa, TX 79760.

312 Professional Help Wanted

INSTRUCTORS NEEDED. Growing Business School needs Additional Instructors to teach: Computerized Accounting Specialist & Network Operations Technicians. Send resumes to: International Business School, 3300 N. "A" Street, Bldg. 8, Suite 110, Midland, TX 79705.

MARKETING- must have finance or banking background. Must be willing to travel U.S. Salary plus incentives. Apply in person BIDCO Corp., 312 E. 2nd, Odessa.

MASTER CONTROL Operator needed at Christian TV Station. Evenings or Weekends. Experience helpful, but not necessary. Call 915-563-0420.

PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR Position opening. The Child Development Center at First Presbyterian Church is currently seeking a Director for our Preschool. The director of our preschool must possess excelled organizational and communication skills, must be personable and meet the Texas Department of Regulatory and Protective Services certification requirements. This is a 28 hour a week position with a competitive salary. Please forward your resume and any questions to Rev. Jim Houston-Hencken, 800 West Texas Ave., Midland, Texas 79701. 684-7821, Fax: 684-8424.

REAL ESTATE Opportunity! Not sales, but License required. Teaching or Lecture experience a must. Resume to: Box B-04047, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

WENDY'S NOW accepting resumes for assistant manager trainee. Competitive salary, benefits. Mail resume to Wendy s P.O. Box 9511, Midland TX. 79708.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant/ Receptionist: Full time, permanent position available immediately in north Odessa for a versatile individual. Bookkeeping, word processing and spreadsheet experience required. Resumes and letters must include salary requirements and references. P.O. 14561, Odessa, TX 79768.

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CLERICAL OPENINGS. at least 6 months experience. Call OLSTEN today, 689-6607.

EXPERIENCE COUNTS
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* Word Processing
TEMPORARY RESOURCES
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FULL TIME Office Assistant needed at Christian TV Station. Some computer experience needed. Must be detail-oriented, work well at various tasks and willingness to learn. Bulk mail experience helpful as well. If you meet all criteria, please call 915-563-0420.

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SECRETARY/ BOOKKEEPER. Part- time position, 5 years minimum experience, bookkeeping with Job Cost or Joint Interest Billing. Send resume to : P. O. Box 10705; Midland, TX 79702.

STAFFING SERVICE accepting interviews for support personnel. HR experience, sales, bilingual, professional recruiting customer service and / or computer background helpful. Very fast paced office environment. Must be multi-task oriented and able to self-manage. Interested persons may fax resumes to 683-6113 or call for appointment. EnergiPersonnel 683-7277. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

V.I.P. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES- Clerical and Industrial jobs available. Never a fee. Benefits. (915) 686–9722.

316 Sales Help Wanted

COMMISSIONED SALES- We specialize in Surge Protection, Variable Speed Drives, Power Factor Correction, and other speciality products. Electrical Knowledge and an active customer base is helpful. Send resume or letter of interest to Power Pro, PO Box 62381, San Angelo, TX 76906.

MAJOR OIL FIELD equipment company looking for experienced sales person for new and used pumping unit sales in Permian Basin area. Must be a self starter with ambition and drive. Please fax resume to (405)341-3696.

PAULA'S FULL Figured Fashions needs experienced salesperson to work part time- full time. Apply in person, Interviews Thursday- Friday only.

Unique Opportunity For Sales Consultants With College Or Equivalent Backgrounds

One of Midland's top automotive retailers is dramatically changing the way people buy cars and trucks. This unique approach utilizes consultants to professionally match the consumers' needs to the appropriate purchase. Although there is an exciting compensation plan to reward performance, the concept of stabilized income for sales consultants working sensible hours makes the car buying experience fun for both employees and customers.

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Please mail or fax resume including salary history to: **Computer City, Attn: B5G, Midland Park Mall, 4511 N. Midkiff Rd., #C-7, Midland, TX 79705. Fax: (915) 520-1180.**

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ENTRY-LEVEL SALES

I need 8 teenagers/ young adults (or others), ages 14 and up who need $50- $200 weekly, working 15- 25 hours per week. If you are outgoing, determined, and can follow a simple system... we will teach you and help you succeed. Parents... this is a good opportunity for your son or daughter to learn that "hard work pays off". You will be selling subscriptions to the Midland Reporter-Telegram, with tons of promotions to help you all the way.

Hurry! Call Mr. Money at 567-3431
Leave a Voice Message
(If you don't need money... Don't Call!)

PART TIME = BIG $$$

I need 5 salespeople who know how to close a sale and can work on their own. You will be selling the Midland Reporter-Telegram. You will have designated areas, tons of new promotions, easy sales, and we will help you all the way. Commissions can easily range from $150- $350 weekly, working 10- 15 hours per week.

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Leave a Voice Message

PROMOTIONAL SALES

We still need to fill 6 positions for store booth promotional sales for the Midland Reporter-Telegram. We need salespeople **who can close the sale...**
lots of promotions - easy sales
If you can sell... you can easily make $100- $300 weekly commissions... doing part- time work.

Hurry! Call Mr. Money at 567-3431
Leave a Voice Message

316 Sales Help Wanted

SALESPEOPLE needed. High commission. Gas allowance. Call Parkis Air Care, 522-7876, ask for Jason.

318 Management Help Wanted

GENERAL MANAGER- truck and equipment sales. Must have extensive automotive sales experience. Salary plus incentives. Apply in person. BIDCO Corp., 312 W. Second, Odessa.

SERVICE MANAGER. New Freightliner Dealer. Excellent pay plan, 401K, Insurance. Lots of opportunity in 3 stores and growing chain. Send resume P.O. Box 7379, Odessa, TX 79760. Attn: General Manager.

STORE MANAGER

Dollar General Corporation, a major retailer, is actively recruiting for Store Managers in the Midland, Odessa area.

Qualified applicant should have at least one to two years retail experience, good organizational skills, a positive attitude and a proven ability to lead and motivate others. Some supervisory experience preferred. Qualified applicants should send their resume to Dwayne Erickson, District Manager, 4980 Rustic Trail, Midland, TX 79707. No hone calls, please. EOE.

SUPERVISORY Position for machine shop and fabrication facility. Experience in shop personnel supervision, machining, and welding is required. Please send resume to: Box P-06093, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

DESIGN DRAFTER. Odessa oil pumping equipment manufacturer has immediate opening for a design drafter with mechanical design experience. Salary based on experience. All work done using PC. Computer with AutoCAD and Microsoft Office in LAN environment. Apply at EVI Oil Tools, 905 S. Grandview, Odessa, TX 79761. 915-334-4669.

DRAFTER. Odessa oil pumping equipment manufacturer has immediate opening for a graduate from an accredited 2-year drafting school such as Odessa College or Texas State Tech College. All work done using PC. Computer with AutoCAD and Microsoft Office in LAN environment. Apply at EVI Oil Tools, 905 S. Grandview, Odessa, TX 79761. 915-334-4669.

DRILLERS. Toolpushers, Barge Engineers, Rig Mechanics and Electricians, Offshore Crane Operators, Derrickmen and Motormen- wanted for temporary assignments on offshore drilling and offshore rig construction projects in the Gulf of Mexico. Send resume in confidence to: PO Box 218430, Houston, Texas 77218-8430.

GAS PLANT Operator. Growing Company seeking gas plant operator. Must have high school diploma. Minimum 5 years operation experience. Instrumentation/ electrical helpful. Must be willing to relocate to Snyder, TX. Qualified persons send resume to Box P-06091, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

MUDLOGGERS NEEDED. Taking applications. Experienced inquires only. Call (830)460-8471.

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320 Skilled Trades

AMERICAN ENERGY SERVICES

SERVICE SUPERVISORS & EQUIPMENT OPERATORS

American Energy Services, a fast growing fracturing and acidizing company, has openings for Service Supervisors & Equipment Operators in our Midland, Texas District.

Requirements:
- Minimum 21 years of age
- Good driving record
- Pass DOT physical and drug screen
- Class A CDL license preferred
- Must be willing to relocate to Midland Odessa area.

Benefits:
- Excellent Medical / Dental plan
- Prescription Card
- Optical Coverage
- Life Insurance
- Disability Insurance
- 401K retirement plan
- Quarterly Bonuses
- Annual Bonuses
- Safety Bonuses
- Paid vacations
- Moving Allowance

Pay:
- Earn up to $30,000 the first year
- Top operators earn over $50,000 a year

Please apply at:
2401 E. I-20 Access Rd.
Midland, TX
or call (915) 570-4899
Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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AMERICAN ENERGY SERVICES

MECHANICS

*American Energy Services, a fast growing fracturing and acidizing company, has several openings for Mechanics at our Midland, Texas District.

Requirements:
- Minimum 21 years of age
- Good driving record
- Pass DOT physical and drug screen
- Class A CDL license preferred
- Must be willing to relocate to Midland Texas

Benefits:
- Excellent Medical / Dental plan
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GAS COMPRESSOR TECHNICIANS
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6- CABLE INSTALLER- experience a big plus, but will train the right people. Starting $8 per hour plus benefits after 3 months. Must have reliable pickup, well groomed and able to work with public. Call 699-0090.

Compressor Components has immediate opening for CNC Operator with 3- 5 years experience. Also need manual lathe operator. Excellent benefits and working conditions for the right person. Salary DOE. Drug Screen required. Apply in person at:
2605 W. 42nd.
Odessa, TX
No phone calls

COMPUTER GRAPHICS Artist wanted for immediate opening position. Please send resume to P.O. Box 2636, Midland, TX 79702.

DOZER/ PADDLE Wheel Scraper needed in Midland area. Experience a must. Call (915)682-5144.

ELECTRICIAN NEEDED for residential wiring, must have at least 3 years experience and own tools. 683-5669.

ELECTRICIANS. Large Electrical Contractor and Service Company has immediate openings for electricians, helpers and trainees. Top pay, benefits and training, year round work. Fax resume or call E-MC Electrical, Inc. Phone (817)695-1313, Fax (817)608-0997.

ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN. Component level bench tech needed for Midland Service company. Must be able to read and understand schematics and repair electronic circuit boards to component level. Minimum of 3 years experience. Contact Basin Technical Services, 1009 W. Industrial Ave., Midland, TX 79701. 684-7484.

EXPERIENCED Cabinet Maker. Campbell Construction Company seeking experience Cabinet Maker. Layout & Cutout experience a must. Benefits & advancement possibilities. Apply at 241-A Spring Park Drive, Midland, Texas 79705 or send resume to P.O. Box 11293, Midland, Texas 79702. Salary DOE.

LEAD MECHANIC- Knowledge of diesel and gas. Competitive salary and benefits, possible 4 day work week. Call 682-8077.

MACHINIST needed to run lathes, mill, drill press, etc. Job shop- no production work. Big Spring. Call Monday- Friday, 915-267-7612.

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

Looking for an experienced television technician. Needs to be familiar with Sony Beta and Beta SP equipment. Prefer someone with rf experience also. Send resumes only to: Chief engineer, KAMR-TV, Box 751, Amarillo, TX 79189 or e-mail to khigh@kamr.com. NO Phone Calls Please. Female and minority applicants encouraged to apply. EEO/M/F.

320 Skilled Trades

NEED EXPERIENCED HVAC Tech/ sheet metal mechanic. We have insurance, paid vacation, holidays, uniforms. Apply at Teaco Mechanical, 3906 N. Chadbourne St., SAN ANGELO, TX, 76903. 915-653-1011.

VALVE & Instrument Technician with experience for both inhouse and field work. Expertise in Fisher Control Valve repair is required. Salary DOE. Send resumes to Box P-06092, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

WELDERS NEEDED. Experience in shop and field. 1403 Garden City Highway.

335 Adult Care Needed

PART TIME position available, home health assistant needed for active disabled lady. Duties include bathing, dressing, wheel chair transfers, certification not required. Will train. Must have dependable transportation and home phone. Call 686-0843.

336 Adult Care Providers

NEED SOMEONE to help and keep you company during the day? Call 570-1473 after 3.

PRIVATE DUTY in your home. 20 + years experience in long term care. Excellent references. Nights, evenings or weekends. Call 520-4736, leave message.

PART TIME Providers needed to work with the elderly in their homes. Please call for appointment. 366-3004.

INHOME CARE your locally owned sitter service. If you need dependable help call 570-4475, ask for Tonya or Jackie. (Low Rates)

24 HOUR Care for elderly. $1,000 month- private room. $975 semi- private. 687-2533.

340 Child Care Needed

CARE PROVIDER needed immediately in my home. Monday thru Friday 7 am- 6 pm. 620-0332.

341 Child Care Providers

SUMMER CHILD CARE. Playground, fun activities, snacks and meals. All certifications. Register now, limited space. 522-2281.

TWO LOVING mothers will baby sit in our home. 7:30 am- 6:30 pm. 6 months and up. Lunch and snacks provided. With references. Please call 689-0591 or 699-6076.

TWO GRANDMOMMIES. Active learning program for toddlers. Love, meals, CPR, first aid. Come visit. 694-9871.

❤ MS. DEBRA'S Daycare. Nursing degree. Large playroom. Immaculate, loving home. Enclosed yard. Meals & Snacks. 9 Years experience. Preschool program. References. 520-8114.

WILL KEEP children in our home, ages 2 & up, day or night. Henderson area, near park, reasonable rates. Call 522-7834.

350 Business Opportunities

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Attention Readers

Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract/ or giving out your credit card number or bank information.

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FINANCIAL FREEDOM now. Best selling author reveals 3 secrets to financial success and powerful free book and tape. 24 hour message 1-888-823-9207.

LEASE Kitchen in busy nightclub. Kitchen is fully equipped. Please Call 697-1752 or 563-7900.

Get your Real Estate license quickly, short day, weekend, evening classes. Southwest College. 697-7277.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY! Build local territority, residual income guaranteed, cargo van and $7,000 required. Mr. West, 915-687-1017.

DISTRIBUTOR/ Dealer for First Aid & Medical Supplies. Exclusive Territory. Low Investment secured by inventory. Full time/ Part time. Call (888) 484-7726 for Details.

FOR SALE Local vending route. Good steady cash flow. $500 to $700 per month with potential to $1,000 +. Requires only 4- 6 hours per week to make routes. 689-3143 after 5.

410 Misc. Sales

BABY GIRL's summer clothes, dresses, tops, shorts, for 1 year old. All for $10. 683-9478.

HEALTH MADE convenient! Vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and speciality supplements, delivered to your door. 570-4505.

2 CEMETERY PLOTS. Good Sheperd (Older Section) Resthaven. $900 each. Serious inquiries only. Call Kay after 6, 915-686-2040.

SLIDING GLASS doors with screens and custom made vertical blinds. Call after 6 pm, 520-8321.

MURRARY 10HP, 30" riding lawn mower with grass catcher. Great shape. $550. 684-6845.

TWO BABY SWINGS. Excellent condition. 1- electric, brand new $60, 1- manual- older $30. 570-0572.

HOT TUB- seats 6- 83" x 83". Built by Morgan Spas. Free standing with redwood skirting. $1,500. 683-1468. (if weekday, after 6:30)

✿ MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL! 10- 75% Off- Now- May 9th. Anna Marie Gifts, 1705 N. Big Spring.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, wheelchair, space saver Junior scooter, 1 Oxylite mini oxygen system, bathtub chair and grab bar. Oxygen bottles and holder. Stationary bike. 682-7121 or Pager #563-7344.

★ BIBLE TALK. What about the Promise Keepers and Christianity? 520-0381. Free recorded message.

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MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, wheelchair, space saver Junior scooter, 1 Oxylite mini oxygen system, bathtub chair and grab bar. Oxygen bottles and holder, 682-7121 or Pager #563-7344.

OFFICE FURNITURE Warehouse. Garage sale prices! Wood grain desks, metal desks, chairs, tables, file cabinets, map files. Over 500 items! A-1 Office Furniture, 1202 S. Big Spring, 9- 5, Monday, Saturday 10- 3.

E FORCE, TRAINER. $100. Excellent condition. 685-1243.

DREAMER CANDLES, Aroma Therapy Products, Teddy Angels, Picture frames, Stone Critters- More! Anna Marie Gifts, 1705 N. Big Spring.

✿ 6 PERSON Hot Tub. Chemical box and chemicals. $6,000 unit- asking $2,000. 699-6673 after 6.

PICNIC TABLES $85, Porch swings $35, Glider swings $65, dog houses $35 & $45. 563-0452.

BURIAL PLOTS in Garden of Last Supper, at Resthaven Memorial Park. 3 Spaces available, $900 each or negotiable. (254)772-2784.

GRADUATION GIFTS- Avoid duplications- Spend what you want. They choose what they want. Gift Albums 570-4505.

LIGHT TABLE- Sandmar Professional- Top Measures 44" x 64"- $300. Call 697-1164.

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GREENHOUSE- wired 10x16, fully equipped and vented. Excellent condition, $1,000. For more information call 686-8337.

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MOVING MUST sacrifice ebony Mason & Hamlin piano, $1,500 o.b.o. 682-1926.

MACINTOSH PERFORMA 400 with new color monitor $325, large light table $200, small light table $100, bunkbed $50. 697-1376.

WEDDING DRESS. Size 5. Eggshell color. Short sleeve with matching long gloves. Long train with bustle in back. Purchased from Brides Magazine. Paid over $1,200- Never worn. Asking $650. Call 268-9147 or 520-3412.

EVAPORATIVE COOLERS, Lawnmowers, Cook Stoves, Refrigerators, Washers, Dryers, Couches, Dining Furniture, Antique Furniture/ Other. 570-4851.

415 Misc. Wanted

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

430 Household Goods

SONY CONSOLE color TV. $125. Call 694-3908 for more information.

USED 3 Person hot tub/ spa. Good condition. Must sell this week! Delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

MOVING SALE! Miscellaneous items including living room, bedroom and patio furniture, pool heater, water softener, and gazebo. Please call, days 687-8208, nights 682-6985 for more information.

432 Household Furniture

HALL TREE with beveled mirror $1,250. Belgium light oak with marble 4 piece bedroom suite, $2,000. Highback rocker, $525. 2 Oak chairs, $125 each or $225 pair. Curved glass curio cabinet, $525. By appointment. 683-8384.

KINGSIZE BED with headboard $125, end table with marble top $30, oval coffee table $50, bookcase with shelves $50. o.b.o. Ask for Amanda. 697-0308.

FOR SALE Sleeper Sofa, Loveseat, Glass/ Bras dining table and chairs. Call 694-4760.

CONTEMPORARY Kitchen dining table, rectangular shaped glass top with black base and 6 black chairs. New, too large for my kitchen area. $700. 570-5577.

WAVERLY slipped covered sofa. Large, well built. Will deliver in Midland. $300. 697-6413.

OFF WHITE pillow back sofa and love seat- very nice. $700/ set. Call 689-7713.

BUNKBED SET with chest of drawers, toy chest & bookshelf. All wood. Natural color. Almost new. $550. 570-4334 after 5:00 pm.

BEAUTIFUL OAK entertainment center- $350, secretarial desk with left hand return, matching credenza, chair, $1,200, executive desk, matching credenza, bookcase, chair- $1,500. 689-8138.

BOYS BEDROOM suite- Lexington, bunkbeds, desk with hutch, night stand, 4 drawer chest- excellent condition. 2 years old, paid $4,000, sell for $1,200, breakfast table and 4 chairs with matching bakers rack, metal and glass. $400. 522-2667.

432 Household Furniture

CONTEMPORARY COUCH, gray, burgundy, hunter green, navy. Excellent condition, 1 1/2 years old, $200. 699-1917.

MAGNAVOX 25" CONSOLE TV with remote, like new $225. 694-0391.

CRIB 'N YOUTH Bed- light oak with drawers. Very good condition. $200. 682-2204.

BROWN/ BEIGE plaid sleeper sofa. $225. Excellent shape for college apartment. 699-0670.

4 PIECE sectional, has 2 recliners, hide- a- bed, country blue, good condition, $600. 686-8069.

WATERBED FOR sale, single size with 6 drawers and heater, good condition. 620-0581.

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards- Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall. 699-1224.

PRICE REDUCED! Used 16x40 storage building/ shop. 10' walls, double doors. Delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

BEAUTIFUL LIVING room or den couch with hide- a- bed. Exceptional condition and value. $275. 697-6977.

435 Household Appliances

COOLERS, Washers & Dryers for sale. Se Habla Espanol. Call Voice Mail 499-6986.

WHIRLPOOL WASHER/ Kenmore dryer in working condition. $250 o.b.o. 570-4515.

CORNING glasstop electric range, white, self cleaning oven, good condition, $150. Call 684-0086.

★ FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. 567-5221.

WHIRLPOOL Dryer. Excellent condition. White, 4 years old. $150. 685-1243.

APPLIANCES reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall. 699-1224.

Classified Can! 682-6222

440 Firewood

DICK'S FIREWOOD. Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. (915) 453-2151, Fax 1-(915)-453-4322.

DICK'S FIREWOOD. Spring Special! 5/1/98- 6/1/98 only!! Oak, Mesquite, Cedar. Office 1-915-453-2151. Fax 1-915-453-4322. Delivered and stacked.

450 Sporting Goods

FULL SIZE A. E. Schmidt Pool Table, with slate bed in good condition. Complete with rack, balls, cue sticks and cue stand. $700. 689-2303.

HIP SLED by Body Solid, 1000 lbs capacity, squats & leg press, with 200 lbs of plates. 522-2667.

PAINT BALL guns/ F- 4 illustrator package, $200. Stingray II with mask and hopper. $100. Taylon with hopper $25. 699-0904.

SPRINGFIELD MIA rifle, .308, fired less than 250 rounds. Like new condition. 1979 manufacture. Call 520-4339 after 5:00 pm.

MANCO Go- Kart- 2 seat/ 5.5 HP Tecumseh engine. Excellent condition. $850. 694-3941.

ALPINE Flexstep Stairclimber. Very good condition. $75. Call 522-2551 after 5:30 pm.

460 Antiques & Arts

ANTIQUE DOLLS restored. Call Judy Collins Doll Hospital. (915) 683-1367.

COFFEE table, country French antique, carved fruit wood with glass and cane top. $350, 683-6719.

2 MIRRORED door Armoire, $1,000, Marble top wash stand, $300, Mirrored, 3 drawer dresser $500, 697-8226 or 580-3706.

A MOTHER'S Day Gift to Gladen her heart- Cherish forever- Start a collection. Now showing at Packrat Antiques, 404 Andrews Hwy, Downstairs.

ANTIQUE FURNITURE Estate Sale! Duncan Phyffe tables, couch, etc. By appointment only. 694-4814.

JUDY JACKSON'S Estate Sales. An experienced professional working for you! 689-3536, 682-6147.

460 Antiques & Arts

COMPLETE FRENCH Provincial, honey colored bedroom suite, Daytime 756-3321, evenings 756-2481. Ask for Danny.

52" ROUND antique oak dining table with pedestal base, 8 captains chairs. $2,000, 684-6845.

THE CATS MEOW- 4000 sq. ft of fine merchandise- we buy and sell antiques. 408 Andrews Highway, Mon. - Sat., 10 - 6. (915) 687-2004.

ESTATE Sales by JOSEPH'S. Let our experienced team liquidate your estate. 687-3040, 687-2868, 694-5034.

465 Collectibles

TY BEANIE BABIES Show. May 9th, 10 am to 4 pm. Ector County Coliseum, Building "A". Odessa, TX. 1-800-648-9589.

BEANIE BABIES! Retired and current. Call between 10 am and 5 pm. Monday through Friday. 683-0865.

PRINCESS BEANIE baby for sale. $170 o.b.o. For more information call. 682-2095.

MeMe'S COLLECTION 3205 W. Cuthbert. MOTHER'S DAY Antique China and Curio Cabinet. Glass & Kitchen collectibles. Vintage watches, Raggady Ann & Andy. Wonderful chairs, chests and ottomans. Ty's Beanies. Come See! 10:00 to 6:00 Tuesday through Saturday.

470 Musical Instruments

KIMBALL UPRIGHT piano with storage bench, excellent condition, $950. Call 687-0929.

490 Computers/ Access.

SERVICE AFTER THE SALE. Computers- New and used, upgrade and repair. Night Owl Computers, 10am- 8pm, 1015-B N. Midkiff. 520-5917, 686-8835.

NEW COMPUTER for sale, for more information call, after 6 pm. 520-5188.

MOVING MUST sacrifice computer- AMD P133, 32 Mb Ram, 1.6 GbHDD, 8x CD, 15" Compaq monitor, keyboard, mouse, speakers, $700 o.b.o. 682-1926.

GARAGE SALES

Hidden treasures? Junk? Recycle your unwanted items!
Call 682-6222 today. A friendly Classified Consultant will help you create an ad that gets results!

79701

☞ 2519 W. Golf Course, Friday- Saturday. (corner of Murray & Golf Course) Household items, tons of baby clothes (newborn to 7), maternity clothes, car seats, furniture, waterbed, clothes, childrens toys, Power Wheels motorcycle, toddler bikes, swimming pool, Little Tykes sand box, cake pans, and more!

1804 COLLEGE. Old guns $60 to $100, old bayonets $8- $15, Swords, mounted steerhorns, antique survey equipment, Indian baskets, old toy soldiers, Springfield stock. Wanted old swords, daggers, war relics, arrowhead collections.

✔ 2304 STOREY, Saturday, 9- 2. Mens and womens clothing, patio furniture, bird houses, kitchen utensils, silverware, cookware, double bed with brass head board, art, office refrigerator.

79703

4804 W. ILLINOIS. Saturday 8 am- 3 pm. Olds trombone, dog house, books, clothes, etc.

4309 MERCEDES Dr. (Jane Long school and Midland Dr.) Friday- Saturday 7-? Small appliances, clothes, gas and electric mowers and edgers, mower parts, miscellaneous.

3809-B STOREY in alley. Desk, chair, large cabinet, shelves, craft supplies, Avon products, pictures, grill, chiming clock, antique trunk & lawnmower. Friday, 8- 5.

79705

4607 CRENSHAW DR. Backyard Sale. Furniture, clothing, miscellaneous.. Friday & Saturday 8 am- 4 pm.

1703 NORTH "H" (between Scarbrauer/ Golf Course) 4 family, Friday- Saturday 8- 4, Childrens clothes, microwave, trundle bed, linens, and much more!

✱ 2603 WARD, Saturday, 8 am- ? Four- Families. Beanie babies, coffee table, entertainment center, baby items, small appliances, ceramics, some clothing, and too many items to list. (No sales before 8 am)

79706

1608 W. COUNTY RD. 116 (off Cottonflat Rd.) Wednesday- Thursday 8-8. bedroom chairs, lamps, new Mother's day gifts.

✲ 1412 CR 117 W. (South on Cottonflat rd. to CR 117 - follow signs.) Estate Sale! Friday- Saturday 8- 6. Sofa/ makes queen bed, recliner, Troy Built Jr. tiller, 2 lawn mower., dishes, king size comforter, 2 TV's, sewing machine, 14' aluminum boat, 17' Glastron Deep V with 135 HP Evenrude. Lots of miscellaneous!

79707

4504 MERIDITH. Sale starts Thursday- Friday & Saturday. Curtains, large size women's clothes, lots of miscellaneous.

JUST MOVED SALE! Little Tikes Castle, freezer, computer, microwave, bassinet, furniture and more. Friday, 8:30- ?? 5303 Canadian Ave.

79707

4406 ROSEWOOD. Friday only! Lots of miscellaneous, mens & womens clothing, infant boys, little girls.

3506 WEDGEWOOD Alley. Friday- Saturday, 8:00- ? Kirby vacuum, microwave, VCR, Singer sewing machine, clothes, and miscellaneous. No early sales!

❤ 3905 WESTMONT- 1 block east, corner of Mark & Whittle Way (in alley). Friday & Saturday 7 to ? Womens designer suits- size 14 & 16. maternity clothes size 8, Men, womens, childrens & infants clothes, household & miscellaneous goods.

☆ 3713 HUMBLE. Friday 12- 4, Saturday 9- 1. GIGANTIC FUND RAISER SALE. Over 25 families have donated. Items include childs wheel chair, exercise equipment, lamps, extra nice clothing from childrens to adult, plus large mens and womans to size 20, coffee and end tables, chairs, pictures, 2 piece sectional sofa, octagonal coffee table, lots of Barbies, and baby dolls, Miss Cayces tree, bike, student desk and chair. Too much more to list! Absolutely no early sales!

CORNER OF Livingston & Rio Grande. Thursday- Friday. After 9 am. Lots of furniture, antiques & collectibles, and Beanie Babies.

***3201 PRESTON DRIVE**
Priced to Sell!!!!
Quilts, antiques, collectibles, baskets, pictures, knick knacks, vacuum cleaners, adult clothes. Starts 8 am Thursday only. No early sales!

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

DON'T MISS OUT!

The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon.

Please be sure to call 682-6222, before noon, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

Tami, Pam, Brandi, Jennifer or Nancy are ready to help you!

$20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20

GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE $20

★7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)
★2 Days
★ ■/●♥ Stand Out Emblem
★Garage Sale Kit
(includes Signs, Stakes, Marker, Balloons, Helpful Hints. $6 Value!)
★Package of Flavored Drink Mix
(for the Kids to Open a Drink Stand!)
★$3 Off Classified Coupon
(Place an ad to sell those left-over garage sale items & get $3 off!)

Or Get 3 Days for Only $24!

Call 682-6222 Today!

$20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20

FISH

Now is the time for Pond and Lake Stocking of Hybrid Bluegill, Florida Hybrid Bass, Channel Catfish, Fathead Minnows, Triploid Grass Carp.

Permit required for Triploid Grass Carp.

The Hybrid Bluegill can REACH the weight of 2 1/2 to 3 lbs.

We furnish your Hauling Containers. We guarantee live delivery.

Supplies - Fish Feeders, Turtle Traps, Fish Traps, Liquid Fertilizer, Spawning Mats, Pond & Lake Surveys, and Gift Certificates.

Delivery will be Saturday May 16, at the times listed for the following towns and locations.

Andrews-Andrews Feed & Supply	523-6205	8:00-9:00AM
Midland-Scooters Farm & Ranch Center	684-8640	10:30-11:30AM
Stanton-Stanton Chemicals & Seed Co.	756-3365	12:30-1:30PM
Big Spring-Ezell-Key Feed & Grain	267-8112	2:30-3:30PM
Colorado City-Colorado City Feed & Seed	728-5071	4:30-5:30PM



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P.O. Box 85
FITTSTOWN, OK 74842

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INTERNET ACCESS. Call 620-0839 for details.
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GATEWAY 486-66, 16 megabites ram, NEC monitor, CD Rom, Soundblaster, tape backup. $625. 687-7478 days, 520-6062.

495 FOR FREE

FREE TO Good Home: Large female dog. 4 years old. Spayed. All shots. Housebroken. Excellent watchdog. Too large for small children. Cal 563-8129.

FOUND PUPPY: In "G" and Harvard area. Blond with black face, may be part pug. Wearing 2 collars. Call 687-4812/ 694-0484

4- 5 Month old puppy , very loving mix breed (will be medium size) needs good home. Call 570-1942.

PART German Short hair puppies. 8 weeks old. 697-6813

2- WOODEN garage doors with hardware. 697-4808.

3- CATS and 1- kitten to good homes all females. 570-8996.

CHOW female, cinnimon colored, 5 months old; to good home, 570-4086.

7 MONTH Old Bassett Hound needs good home. Call 520-4713.

Beautiful White & Grey Tabby cat. Very affectionate. Moving overseas- can't take. 687-4190.

FREE RABBITS! Call Friday after 6 pm and Saturday. 683-6904.

(2) KITTIES!!! Adorable 7 week old kittens, 1 female, 1 male. Call 520-2062, leave message.

FREE 5 month old male part Chow/ Spitz puppy. Ball of fur, full of energy! 699-5637.

MIXED BREED puppies- 2 1/2 months old, housebroken. 520-6232.

1/2 SHEPHERD, 1/2 Lab puppies free to good home. Call after 5 pm, 520-4633.

BEAUTIFUL Country kittens, all colors, litter box trained. 694-4733 or 694-0010.

FREE TO Good Home: Australian Sheepdog & 1/2 Scottie mix. Good with kids. 694-8671.

500 Pets and Supplies

AKC Chihuahua puppies, sweet & cute, different litters, 9 am- 7 pm, J & L Kennels, 580-5193.

BEAGLE PUPPIES, full blooded, Call 687-6004. 3810 S. Hwy 349, space 14.

AKC BEAGLES Puppies- 1- male and 1- female. $125. 620-0276, call for appointment, leave message.

CARALOT Obedience Training Center. Puppy, beginner and advanced classes. Board and train service available. 683-4718.

AKC WEST Highland white Terrier. 9 weeks old, male. Good bloodline. $350. In Andrews: 523-6969.

AKC FRENCH Brittany Spaniel puppies. On the highest rated list with children. Males $125, females $125. 570-4401.

AKC male Lhasa Apso, 10 months, housebroken. $175. 498-8652 before 5 pm, or 570-8308 after 5:30 pm.

AKC REGISTERED Bull Dog, 11 months old, all shots and spayed. Good with kids, $500. 697-1814 or 570-3456.

BULL TERRIER (Spuds) Puppies. AKC. Good bloodline. 6 Weeks. Excellent with children. 694-6730 after 5:00.

GREAT FOR Mother's Day! 3-6 weeks old, AKC Sheltie puppies. $300. 699-7394.

505 Livestock & Poultry

RAFTER H TRAILERS. Trailmagic & Travalong Trailers. 5203 E. Garden City Hwy 158. Financing, Consignments, Trade-Ins. Trailer Repair, Hitches, Monday- Friday, 8- 5. Saturday, 9- 1. 684-5850.

HAY For Sale! 915-459-2473.

1995 Easily trailer, 4 horse slant, tack room, swing out saddle rack, $6,500. 682-1418.

2 HORSE BRUTON gooseneck trailer, all enclosed- dressing room. Will sell or trade for pickup. 683-6627.

4 YEAR OLD female Simmental has had two calves and 2 year old female Hereford/ Simmental. $500 cash. Please call after 5 697-0254

505 Livestock & Poultry

FOR SALE: Portable Horse Pen (Port A Stall) 12x24) with 12x12 roof, $800. Portable pipe fence for pony $100. Call 689-0082.

PERCENTAGE BOER goat kids for sale. $40 to $60. 699-1473.

BIG SPRING Horse, Saddle & Tack Auction, Saturday May 9th at 12:30 pm at Big Spring Live Stock Auction. Everyone welcome to buy, sell or visit. Lance Folsom (806)792-5919.

510 Office Furniture & Misc.

FURNITURE USED in travel agency, excellent condition, reasonably priced, at 1208 Stanolind.

520 Store & Cafe Equip.

COUNTER TOPS, display racks, card rounders, miscellaneous display items. 10 - 6 pm. 685-4172.

540 Building Materials

USED FENCE materials. 8'x6' wood fence sections, $12 a section. Call 682-5157 or 697-4712.

550 Portable Buildings

MORGAN STORAGE building- brand new, never used. 6' x 8'. $775. Will deliver. 570-8041.

STORAGE BUILDINGS/ Shops as low as $39.00 a month. Delivery and installation available. 563-3108.

We move, buy, sell and rent portable buildings.
MORGAN
(915) 563-1860

NEW 8x8 Storage building, ready to use. Was asking $750, first $450 takes it. 570-9572.

570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies

LUFKIN 640AB-427-192" stroke pumping unit with 50 hp electric motor. Excellent condition. Phone 683-0858 leave message.

STRUCTRIAL PIPE, 4 1/2 feet at 98¢ per foot. 5 1/2 feet at $1.15 per foot. 523-6814 Andrews.

FOR SALE: Structural rods and pipe of all sizes at bargain prices. Call 682--1546.

590 Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 A.M., May 20, 1998, to be opened at 11:00 A.M., in the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following bid(s):

Bid #058-98 for:
Labor, material, equipment and supervision necessary to install a fence around 10 well sites at the Paul Davis Well Field for the Utilities Department.

Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF THELMA RUTH LAUGHLIN, DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of May, 1998, Letters Testamentary were issued to Russell Laughlin as Independent Executor in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Thelma Ruth Laughlin, being No. P12,132 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Russell Laughlin at 6723 Pemberton, Dallas, Texas 79730, within the time prescribed by law.

DATED this 5th day of May, 1998.

Russell Laughlin, Independent Executor of the Estate of Thelma Ruth Laughlin, Deceased.

600 Rooms for Rent

BEDROOM with kitchen privileges in nice quiet home. Near KMart. $200/ Month. 694-3972.

Sell It, Find It, Buy It!
682-6222

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES OF THE TERMINATION OF THE RECEIVERSHIPS OF
First Bankers Trust and Savings Association, F.A.
Midland, Texas
AND
First Bankers Trust and Savings Association
Midland, Texas

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") as Receiver for **First Bankers Trust and Savings Association, F.A., Midland, Texas** ("the Receiver") and as Receiver for **First Bankers Trust and Savings Association, Midland, Texas** ("the Receiver") intended to terminate its receivership for said institutions. The Resolution Trust Corporation ("RTC") was appointed Receiver for **First Bankers Trust and Savings Association on June 8, 1990** and on **May 10, 1991** the RTC was appointed Receiver for **First Bankers Trust and Savings Association, F.A.** Pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1441a(m)(1) the FDIC succeeded RTC as Receiver. The liquidation of the receivership assets has been completed. To the extent permitted by available funds and in accordance with law, the Receiver will be making a final dividend payment to proven creditors of **First Bankers Trust and Savings Association, F.A.**

Based upon the foregoing, the Receiver has determined that the continued existence of the receiverships will serve no useful purpose. Consequently , notice is given the receiverships shall be terminated. to be effective no sooner than thirty days after the date of this Notice. If any person wishes to comment concerning the termination of these receiverships, such comment must be made in writing and sent within thirty days of the date of this Notice to:

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
Attention: Patrick M. Conway
ODC 12100
1910 Pacific Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75021

No comments concerning the termination of this receivership will be considered which are not sent within this time frame.
05/07/98

605 Apartments Furnished

ALL BILLS Paid, furnished, 1 & 2 bedroom, downtown, quiet complex. To see apartments call 682-3589.

STUDIOS. 1 & 2 Bedrooms Available. All utilities paid, free cable. Deposit required. Lexington Hotel, 1003 S. Midkiff, 697-3155.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

WESTPARK APTS.
2928 W. Louisiana
687--4514
●1-2 & 3 Bedrooms
●Mini-Blinds Throughout
● 2 Pools
●2 Laundry Facilities
●Covered Parking
★ Open (7) Days A Week ★

Villa Chateau Apartments
1, 2 & 3 Bedrooms
Senior Citizen Discount
All utilities/ basic cable paid.
1603 N. Midkiff Rd.
Midland TX 79701
915-694-1112

CREDIT PROBLEMS got you down? Need a good place to live? Crystal can help - call today- 694-2282.

2 BEDROOM, 2 bath. $450 per month. 2 Bedroom, 1 bath. $375 per month. Located in quiet, peaceful Whispering Oaks. Includes free laundry, covered parking and basic cable. 1904 N Midland Drive. Call 694-4001.

VILLA TRIESTE Apartments. 4331 Dengar. 1 & 2 Bedrooms. Quiet living in a small complex. Ideal for retirement or for those who prefer a quiet atmosphere with nice neighbors! Free cable. Call for appointment, 694-9311.

AWESOME 1 Bedroom lofts and 2 bedroom townhomes- only 5 left. April rent $149 with approved applications. Call Angel today. 694-5950.

GARAGES, 2 Bedroom Flat, 2 Bath $449; 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath $589; Leisure Estates, 682-5622.

MAY we show you the greatest places to live for the most affordable prices!
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PATIO TOWNHOUSES, 1710 N "A". Spring Specials! 1 Bedroom apartments & 2 bedroom townhomes. Gas & Water paid. 682-4783.

LOVELY 2 bedroom townhomes- fireplaces, skylights, vaulted ceilings. Enclosed patios & porches, covered parking. 697-7973.

LAS COLINAS, Midland's foremost townhouses, 1 bedroom, $495: 2 Bedroom, $595: 3 Bedroom, $695. Models open 3- 6 pm. except Sunday, 697-8770.

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Large 1, 2 & 3 Bedroom Apartments.
3 Swimming pools
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Free Video Library
All bills paid with cable
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Midland, Texas, 79701
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★ FREE RENT ★
Newly Remodeled
● Spacious 1 Bedrooms
● Garages, Carport, Patios
● Washer/ Dryer Hook- ups.
● Quiet Convenient Complex
Vacancy 7 Days **683-5888**

BEEN On Your Job One Year? Stable rental references? Need to stretch your budget? Call Summer today for a great move- in deal! 688-3606 with approved application.

AVAILABLE NOW- 1 or 2 bedrooms, pool, laundry, carports, all utilities paid. Imperial Apartments, 405 Sunset. 694--9978.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

Hunter's Ridge Apartments
$195 - 1 Bedroom
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520--0023

SPACIOUS
1 Bedroom Townhouse
Basic Cable, Covered Parking
THE ARCHES
694-2466

SETTLE IN with us for your awesome Summer! Next door to shopping, great restaurants, fun and entertainment. $199 May rent, with aproved application! 520-5192

ALL Utilities Paid! 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Deposit required, 683--5161.

ALL BILLS PAID. Large 1 & 2 Bedrooms. Excellent location. Abbey Court. 694-2549.

Garden Court Apartments Now leasing! Move in special $50 deposit and $100 off 1st Full Month's Rent! One & two bedrooms. Very spacious! Monday- Friday, 12- 5:30. Call 683-9270 2301 N. Pecos

THORNWOOD APARTMENTS Great prices, all sizes, great location. Free cable. 682--5381.

TRELLIS APTS.
1 Bdrms, Start at $190
2 Bdrms, Start at $320
Senior Citizen Discount
3212 W Wadley
697-0177

LARGE 1 bedroom. $235 per month. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath. $300 per month. Both with washer- dryer connections and off street parking. Near Alamo School. Call 520-0118.

625 Houses Unfurnished

2 BEDROOM, 1 Bath, garage, fireplace. Water paid. 3801 A Storey, $500. 686-0734 or 687-6406.

NEWLY REMODELED- 2 bedroom, 1 bath, carport, appliances, washer dryer connections. 2808 Franklin. $400 Month, $250 Deposit. 620-0627.

GORGEOUS EXECUTIVE Home. 2806 Lockheed. June 1st. $1,400. Large formal areas. Outstanding architecture! Lomagene, 699-4461.

HOUSE FOR rent- 704 Boyd. 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, fireplace, $650 month, $650 deposit. Please call 520-4290.

NEAT- 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex on Pecos. Large living area. Light bright kitchen. Large covered patio. $725 per month, $400 deposit. Available May 15th. Call Lee Denny, 694-4637, or Carriage Company Realtors. 684-5881.

EXCELLENT CONDITION, 2 bedrooms, large fenced back yard, water well, detached garage, central air/ heat, 1 block from elementary school, 3905 Pleasant, $450 per month, deposit required. 522-7408.

MOVE- IN! Large corner stucco home, almost completely furnished, $600, water paid. 1600 Washington. 699-4461.

4811 ILLINOIS. June 1st. $650. 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath brick. Double garage, openers. Lomagene, 699-4461.

4207 MONTY- $525 monthly/ $300 deposit, recent carpet and paint. Immediate occupancy. Refrigerator and stove furnished. Call Carriage Company Realtors at 684-5881.

BEAUTIFUL Duplex, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, many extras. No pets. 4500 Lanham. $700. 1-800-366-4237, ext. 5828.

3200 KANSAS, 2 bedroom, 1 bath duplex. Appliances, washer/ dryer. No pets, $350 plus deposit. 699-6258.

3 BEDROOM, 2 Bath, Central air, 2 car garage. $700/ Month, $700/ Deposit. 3511 Michigan. 697-5144 after 7:00 pm.

3506 BEDFORD. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. Low maintence, ceiling fans, fire place, stove, dishwasher. $700 per month/ $500 deposit. Available May 15th. 694-8714.

Up To "QUALITY APARTMENT HOME LIVING"
★ Step "Our Sensational Staff Welcomes You"
TRINITY PLACE
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Gar	Garage
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Cond	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying Assumable
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