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Lighting styles

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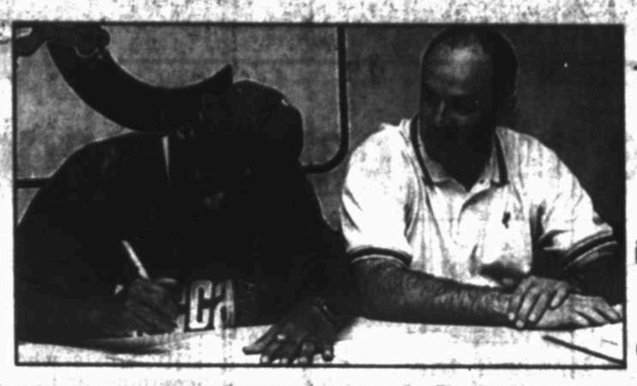

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Letter of intent

MC freshman 6-foot point guard Calvin Williams signed a letter of intent Wednesday to play with the University of North Texas./1C

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Cigarette makers declare deal dead

■ Head of R.J. Reynolds declares companies will fight efforts in Congress to increase prices and fashion tougher restrictions on advertising.

By Judy Holland
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — The nation's five major cigarette companies announced Wednesday that they are abandoning efforts to win congressional approval of sweeping tobacco legislation, but lawmakers and President Clinton vowed to press on without them.

Tobacco executives said their decision to quit negotiations with Congress was inspired by their intense dislike of legislation that they said would bankrupt the industry.

Steven Goldstone, chief executive officer of the parent company of the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., said efforts to enact tobacco legislation are "dead" and "broken beyond repair."

"I'm not kidding around when I say I'm done with this process," a defiant Goldstone told a National Press Club luncheon. "I will not spend time walking around the halls of Congress in the context of a process that I see as completely broken."

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Goldstone, speaking in angry tones, blamed both the Clinton administration and Congress for the development.

He said he objected to moves in Congress to toughen the $368.5 billion settlement that the industry

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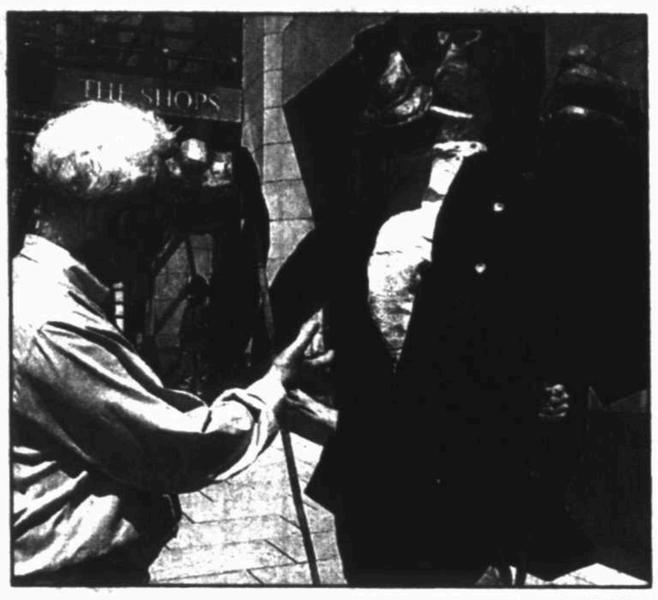

AP Photo

An unidentified protester argues against cigarettes with "Joe Camel" outside the National Press Club in Washington, Wednesday, where RJR Nabisco Chief Executive Officer Steve Goldstone was talking about the tobacco settlement before a luncheon. Goldstone said his firm stands behind a deal negotiated with 40 states last summer but the tougher legislation now moving through Congress was not acceptable.

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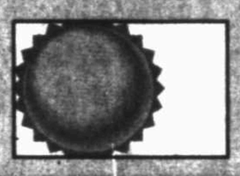

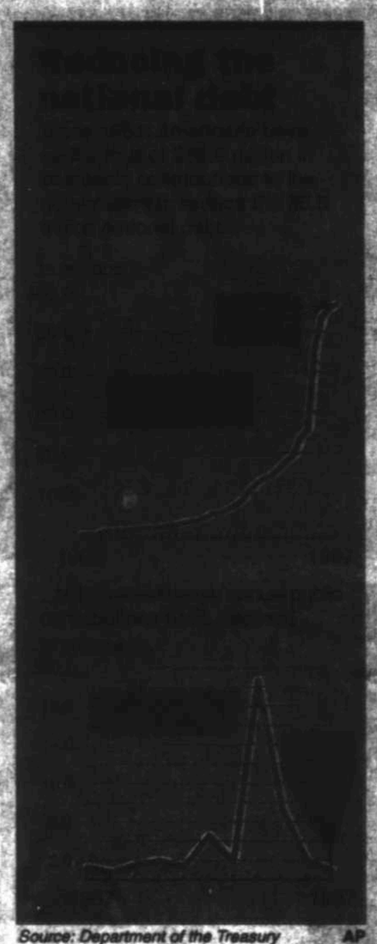

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Religion policy

The Reporter-Telegram's policy on the Religion in Brief column will be changed effective April 12.

Because of increased religion news content, items can be published only once, with each column containing news of events to be held the following week.

An exception will be mac , for events that require advance registration. These will be published within eight days before the registration deadline, and will apear again if a second notification is sent before the actual event.

Deadlines have not changed. Information is due by noon Wednesday for publication the following Saturday.

Items should be mailed to Georgia Temple, Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, 79702; faxed to Georgia Temple, at 570-7650, or emailed to jpatterson@basinlink.com.

Ed Todd:

Gossiping is like the temptation to indulge in your favorite ice cream, a box of Cracker Jacks, or another drag on that cigarette.
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Lubbock High School student Scott Dean works on a computer in a class at the Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center.

Delegation visits job training center to get ideas for Midland

LUBBOCK — A Midland Chamber of Commerce delegation on Wednesday visited a Lubbock youth job-training center in what the group hopes is a first step to establish a similar facility in the Tall City.

Byron Martin Advanced Technology Center officials provided a tour for the delegation and answered questions on how they gained community support and financial backing for the sprawling $5.5 million, 80,000-square-foot job-training facility.

In Midland, businesses and community leaders have called for a similar center to better prepare high school and college students for an increasing technical work force. But money and facilities have been a problem.

Joseph P. Baressi Jr., Midland Independent School District superintendent, and MISD vocational/technology director Tex Paris were among the delegation.

Baressi said there's definite support for an expanded career center in Midland. He has said any center would probably come out of an agreement between MISD and Midland College.

"We have a cooperative venture between us and Midland College, but our programs are full with the current space available," he said. "It's more important to provide technology that's going to be necessary in the jobs in the early adult lives of our students."

According to Lubbock school officials, the center provides about 2,200 students computer, electronic, auto mechanic and welding skills that businesses across West Texas need.

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Story by Richard Enos Photo by Brian Adamcik

Closing arguments begin in fraud trial of 9 ROT members

DALLAS (AP) — They were charlatans who tried to defraud banks, retailers and others of nearly $2 billion through worthless checks, or they were patriots trying to reclaim assets rightly belonging to an independent Republic of Texas.

Two distinct portraits of separatist leader Richard McLaren, his wife Evelyn McLaren and seven followers were presented to a federal jury in Dallas in closing arguments Wednesday at their federal conspiracy and fraud trial.

Prosecutors said the issue was one not of rights, but of right and wrong.

"The laws of the state of Texas and the United States allow people to think pretty much what you want and say pretty much what you want, and that's all right. ... You can think you're an ambassador and that's not the problem," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Tom Hamilton.

"Whatever you think, you cannot victimize innocent people because that's a crime. You cannot write checks on an account you do not have, because that's a crime," he said.

But Mrs. McLaren, arguing in her own defense, told of all that she gave up in her life for her husband and his cause: family, job, freedom and security.

She said she would not have sacrificed so much just for a con game.

"I asked you to return a verdict of not guilty, not only for me but for the others. They are heroes because they stand. Our intentions were pure. We did not intend to hurt anybody," Mrs. McLaren said, her husband watching. McLaren and his Republic of Texas followers are accused of trying to bilk banks and creditors of $1.8 billion.

Members allegedly ran up their credit card bills on such expenses as a Lear jet lease for McLaren and a $300 Neiman Marcus sweater for Mrs. McLaren. Then they tried paying the bills with "warrants" — documents that resemble checks or other bank documents, prosecutors said during the six-week trial.

The separatists don't deny they passed millions of dollars in Republic of Texas "warrants" — documents that resemble checks or other bank documents — to pay their bills. But they claim the paper was valid because it was backed by $80 billion in state assets.

Charges against the nine separatists include various counts of conspiracy, bank fraud, mail fraud and aiding and abetting.

If convicted on all charges, Richard McLaren could be sentenced to 755 years

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Grand jury declines to take action on 'The Last Day of Summer'

By Alice Ashmore
Staff Writer

The investigation into a book — containing photographs of nude children — that was sold at a local bookstore has been completed and Midland grand jurors declined to take any action Wednesday.

"The Last Day of Summer," by San Francisco photographer Jock Sturges, has been under investigation by the 385th District Court grand jury since late February.

"The grand jury has not released any statement," said Midland District Attorney Al Schorre. "It appears the investigation is concluded." No action was taken by the grand jury, Schorre said.

The book features pictures of children and pre-teens posing naked on the beach. Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter had previously characterized the book as "obscene." Painter could not be reached for comment on Wednesday.

The book has caused a nationwide controversy, not only because of the contents, but because of its availability of at the nation's largest book chain, Barnes and Noble.

Grand jurors heard testimony Wednesday from representatives of another local bookseller regarding their handling of the book.

Sandra Medders, the manager of Hasting's Books, Music and Video, told the Reporter-Telegram, "As far as our company goes it is a special order item only — we don't stock it." She said her company was happy to discuss the issue with the grand jury.

"We visited with Barnes & Noble regarding what comes into their store, and what minors have access to," Schorre said. He said the grand jury intends to monitor how the book is handled. The jury's term continues until mid-summer.

Schorre said it is not unusual for a grand jury to consider an item and then not take any action. "It happens all the time."

The management at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Midland declined to comment after the conclusion of the investigation.

Sgt. Terry Cowin of the Midland County Sheriff's Office had previously called the book "a pedophiles Bible." Cowin contended the book could be used by pedophiles to show children it is OK to pose nude, and thus break down their inhibitions.

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Prime ministers, Irish parties negotiate as deadline for peace nears

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Facing today's deadline to solve a 30-year conflict, the British and Irish prime ministers pursued frantic shuttle diplomacy Wednesday in negotiations on Northern Ireland's future.

"We have had 30 years of murders and I think that what we need to do in the next 24 hours is show a determination among all parties to make sure we see no more," Mo Mowlam, Britain's Northern Ireland secretary, said after a day of agonizing negotiations.

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Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern, returning to Belfast after attending his mother's funeral, said an agreement "requires everybody to move a little bit, and I think we are all prepared to do that."

Ahern and British Prime Minister Tony Blair focused much of their attention Wednesday on Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble. The support of his pro-British Protestant party is essential to making any agreement work.

On Tuesday, Trimble dramatically rejected Mitchell's 65-page draft settlement just hours after it was presented to the eight participating parties in hopes it would form a foundation for an accord.

"Mere tinkering, minor amendments will not do it. There will have to be radical changes," said Trimble, who is using his pivotal role to seek maximum concessions.

Mitchell's confidential document does outline key proposals sought by the Ulster Unionists, such as amendments to the Irish Republic's territorial claim to Northern Ireland.

But fundamental disagreements remain over the main points of a settlement — how Catholics and Protestants should share power within a new Northern Ireland assembly, and how much responsibility they should cede to a separate, cross-border council of lawmakers linking the north with the rest of Ireland.

The moderate and militant wings of Catholic opinion — John Hume's Social Democratic and Labor Party, and Gerry Adams' IRA-allied Sinn Fein party — insist the cross-border council must be powerful and independent of the Belfast assembly, which would have a Protestant majority.

"I want to make peace with Mr. Trimble. But we will not be intimidated by his stunts, his threats, or his running scared to Tony Blair," Adams said.

Hume, considered the main architect of the peace process, said that since nothing could be achieved without Protestant politicians' agreement, "How can they be out in public arguing that they're being subsumed ... into a united Ireland against their will?"

Trimble said he would reject any proposals that didn't respect public opinion in Northern Ireland, a Protestant-majority state created at the behest of Ulster Unionists 77 years ago as the largely Catholic rest of Ireland won independence from Britain.

"We want to ensure that nothing is imposed upon the people here, that their consent is paramount," he said, adding that the assembly must be "quite properly in control of anything that happens within Northern Ireland."

The Ulster Unionists aren't the only Protestant party that thinks Mitchell's document goes too far on cross-border issues.

Two parties linked with the north's major pro-British paramilitary groups offered their own stack of proposed amendments to Blair. But they counseled their militant Protestant supporters to keep calm.

"I'm not prepared to compromise my principles as a British citizen. I do not want to go into a united Ireland," said Billy Hutchinson, whose Progressive Unionist Party represents the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force in the talks.

"But I do recognize that there are (Catholic) nationalists who are looking for something, and we have to find how we can give them that," said Hutchinson, who spent 18 years in prison after killing two Catholics in 1974.

He said it would be "tricky ... but compromise is the right road."

Mitchell never specified a time for today's deadline.

Deer terrorizes Norwegian town, steals chain saw

OSLO, Norway (AP) — After terrorizing a small Norwegian town for weeks, a buck deer went too far: He stole a chain saw from Olav Haereid's front yard.

The large stag had knocked over garbage cans at a child care center, threatened cars and had begun to frighten residents of Aardalstangen, the Aardal og Laerdal Avis newspaper reported Wednesday. The town is 220 miles north of Oslo, the capital.

Last weekend, the renegade herbivore spotted a chain saw in Haereid's yard, picked up the saw with its antlers and ran off with it.

The saw was so heavy that the deer only managed to carry it a few yards, but the theft was enough for local officials to impose the ultimate penalty. The buck was shot.

"Sad, but we had no choice. People were becoming frightened of the big animal," forester Vidar Moen told the newspaper.

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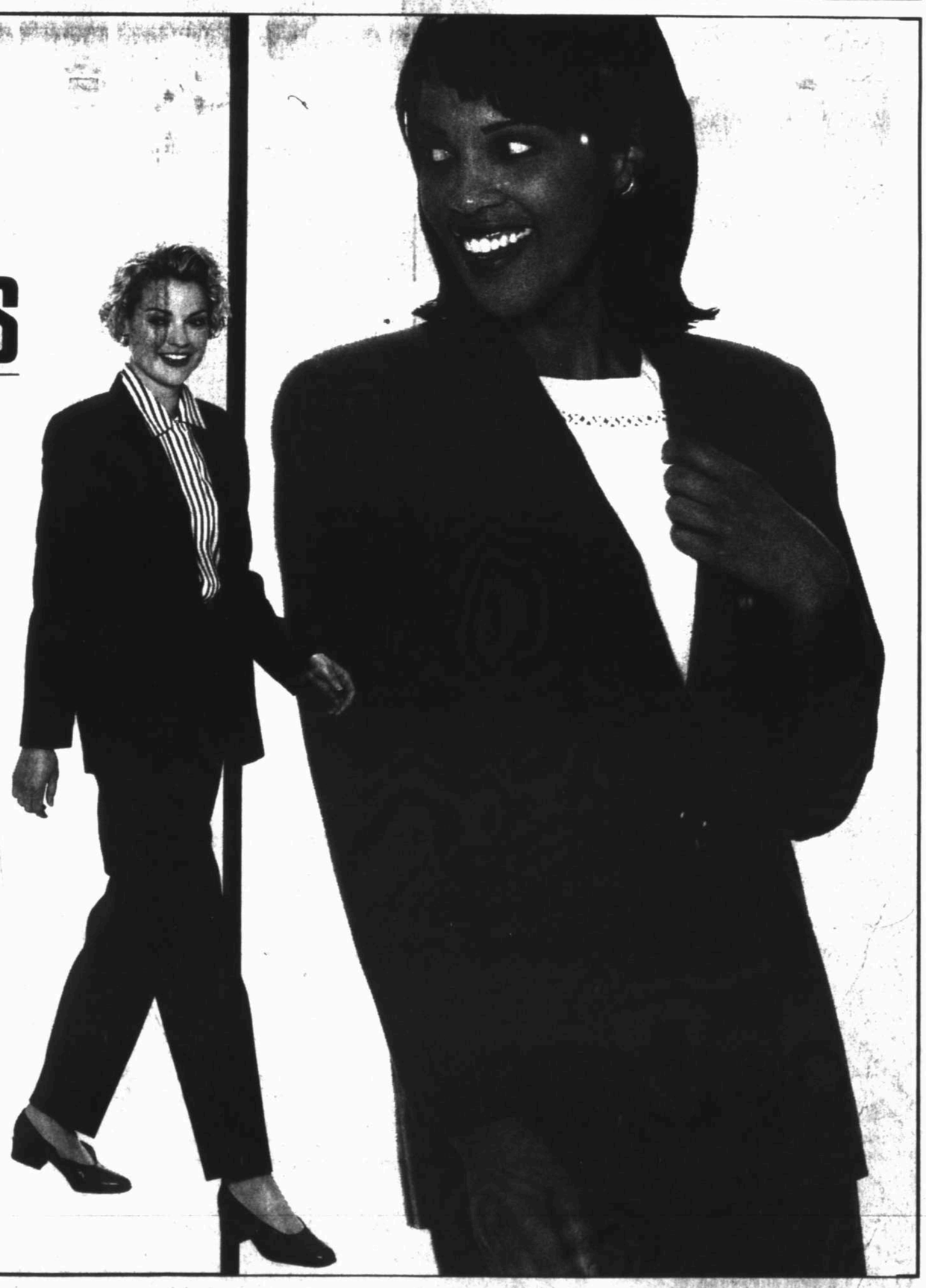
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Jerusalem mayor says nothing will stop disputed housing project

JERUSALEM (AP) — Standing on a hill overlooking the construction site of a disputed Jewish housing project, Mayor Ehud Olmert vowed Wednesday that nothing would stop Israel from building in Jerusalem.

"Har Homa is within Jerusalem's jurisdiction and what lies within the jurisdiction of Jerusalem is not a subject for negotiation," Olmert said. "Har Homa is an inseparable part of Jerusalem and it will be built despite everything, whether the delay is long or short."

But construction in the neighborhood that Arabs also claim, and call Jabal Abu Ghneim, is on hold — as are the peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

Weeks of intermittent violence in the West Bank erupted when Israel broke ground a year ago, leaving several Palestinians dead and dozens wounded and badly damaging the peace talks.

No bulldozers, tractors or cranes were at work Wednesday. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has delayed releasing bids to contractors, apparently acquiescing to American demands to freeze construction until progress is made in the peace talks.

Olmert, who has sharply criticized that, visited the site with Public Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani.

Netanyahu, meanwhile, sent a senior aide to meet with U.S. representatives for further talks on the three withdrawals from the West Bank that Israel is supposed to make under a 1997 agreement. Yitzhak Molcho met with U.S. envoy Dennis Ross in London on Wednesday.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said he did not have "the results" of the meeting but reminded reporters that Britain currently holds the presidency of the European Union, and said Ross "did have a chance to brief certain officials in London."

Ross is expected to return to the Middle East later this month to try to work out an agreement that will allow Israel to proceed with the pullback.

The Americans are pushing Israel to withdraw from 12 percent to 15 percent of the West Bank in the next pullback, but Netanyahu has said Israel cannot give up more than 9 percent.

The Palestinians have said they expect far more than 15 percent, but privately have signaled they would accept the American proposal.

Israeli news reports Wednesday said Netanyahu's government was considering a plan under which Israel would turn over 9 percent of the West Bank to full Palestinian control; 3 percent more would come under Palestinian civil control with Israeli troops in charge of security.

The Palestinians currently have full or partial control over 27 percent of the West Bank and most of the Gaza Strip.

Kahalani said Israel would be mistaken if it linked the disputed neighborhood to the West Bank withdrawal. "Har Homa should be under construction already," he said.

Olmert and Kahalani's visit was part of a tour of east Jerusalem, which Palestinians want for their future capital, that was intended to show Israel's efforts to improve roads, sewers and gutters in the city's Arab neighborhoods.

Olmert said the work showed Israel's sovereignty over all of Jerusalem.

"Whoever behaves as owner of this city and worries about its residents, especially in the non-Jewish areas — he will be sovereign in the city," he said.

In many neighborhoods, however, the construction has run aground because of a lack of funds.

Olmert was approached by two residents, Siyam Adam and Abasi Amin, who complained that unfinished Israeli construction in their neighborhood has left roads unpaved after sewage pipes were laid and support walls built.

"We are paying taxes and nothing is moving here. Why?" Adam asked.

Olmert, patting Adam's cheek, promised that the work would resume immediately after the weeklong Jewish holiday of Passover, which starts Friday night.

Austria's Greens Party wants origin of 241 pieces of art clarified

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The government should clarify the origin of 241 art works in Austrian museums that are believed to have been taken from Jews by Nazis, opposition lawmakers said Wednesday.

The Greens Party submitted a parliamentary inquiry addressed to Elisabeth Gehrer, the minister in charge of museums.

In February, Gehrer gave the first government promise to shed light on works the state kept back after 1945. She decreed that museums must clarify "beyond any doubt" their provenance.

Her initiative follows a Manhattan court's seizure in January of two Austrian paintings on display in New York City on claims they belonged to Jewish Holocaust victims, and a Vienna newspaper series on art looted from Jews by Nazis.

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Friday	Saturday
Sunny	Sunny	Partly cloudy
High 80	High 80	High 82
Low 45	Low 47	Low 50

Today's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high near 80. Winds will be light early in the day, becoming southerly 5 to 15 mph, by afternoon according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low near 45.

Friday's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high near 80.

After an overnight low of 41 , Wednesday's high was 72, compared with the record high for this date of 95 set in 1963. Record low for this date was 28, set in 1938.

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	72
low	41
Normal high	78
Normal low	47

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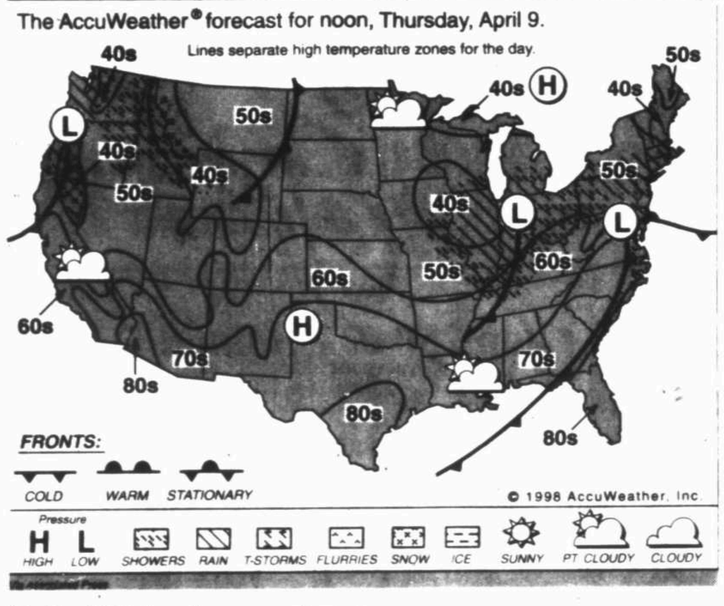
National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, April 9.



United States temperatures

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

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Baltimore	73	43	rn	
Boston	53	40	.01	rn
Buffalo	49	44	.10	rn
Charleston,S.C.	78	65	.54	rn
Charleston,W.Va.	80	56	.23	rn
Charlotte,N.C.	84	63	rn	
Cheyenne	45	27	cdy	
Chicago	52	47	.99	rn
Cincinnati	73	52	.05	rn
Cleveland	66	49	.40	rn
Columbia,S.C.	77	61	.16	rn
Columbus,Ohio	74	51	.78	rn
Denver	50	31	.32	cdy
Des Moines	48	48	.38	cdy
Detroit	58	43	.40	rn
Grand Rapids	44	41	.28	rn
Great Falls	51	32	.13	cdy
Greensboro,N.C.	80	59	.68	rn
Hartford Spgfld	62	34	.01	rn
Honolulu	82	72	.02	clr
Indianapolis	71	51	.06	rn
Jackson,Miss.	84	69	cdy	
Jacksonville	80	64	rn	
Juneau	47	37	.03	cdy
Kansas City	48	45	.21	rn
Las Vegas	69	44	clr	
Little Rock	75	51	.06	clr
Los Angeles	65	52	clr	
Louisville	73	61	.09	rn
Memphis	73	64	.87	cdy
Miami Beach	85	74	cdy	
Milwaukee	42	40	.66	rn
Mpls-St Paul	53	40	cdy	
Nashville	73	57	.03	cdy
New Orleans	78	71	.01	clr
New York City	61	47	rn	
Norfolk,Va.	82	54	rn	
Oklahoma City	59	46	cdy	
Omaha	44	44	.67	rn
Orlando	84	65	cdy	
Philadelphia	68	48	.05	rn
Phoenix	72	49	clr	
Pittsburgh	69	47	.50	rn
Portland,Ore.	56	38	rn	
Reno	52	23	cdy	
Sacramento	63	43	rn	
St Louis	69	50	cdy	
Salt Lake City	52	37	.15	cdy
San Diego	64	51	cdy	
San Francisco	59	48	rn	
San Juan,P.R.	84	77	cdy	
Santa Fe	53	24	.01	cdy
St Ste Marie	59	39	cdy	
Seattle	52	35	cdy	
Shreveport	82	61	.18	clr
Sioux Falls	45	38	.56	cdy
Spokane	49	30	cdy	
Syracuse	53	33	.17	rn
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	82	71	cdy	
Topeka	46	44	.11	cdy
Tucson	66	42	clr	
Tulsa	59	45	.13	cdy
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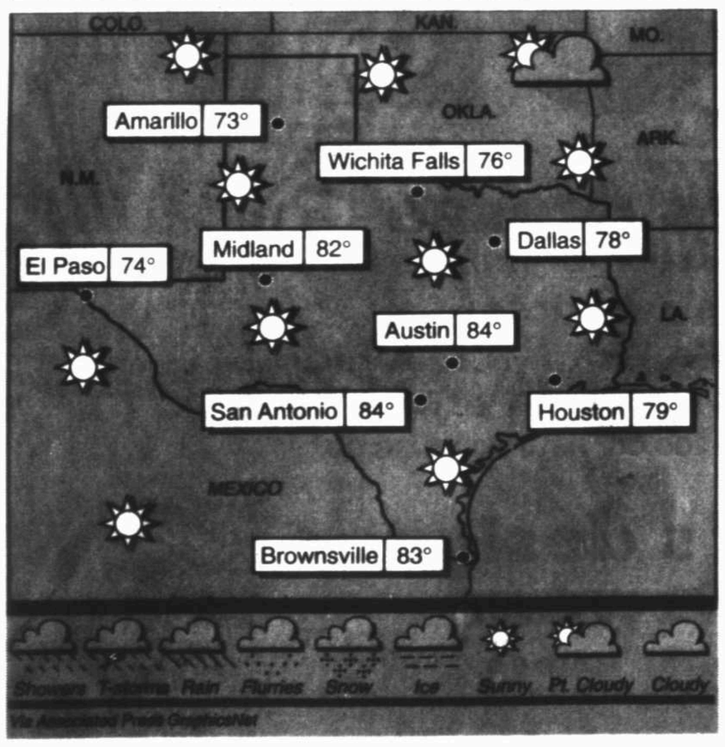
State forecast



Texas temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	72	45	
Amarillo	60	35	
Austin	83	60	0.40
Beaumont	87	63	0.01
Brownsville	87	73	
Childress	68	42	
College Station	82	62	0.10
Conroe	84	67	
Corpus Christi	91	67	
Corsicana	77	60	
Cotulla	88	63	
Dalhart	61	35	
Dallas	72	56	0.03
Del Rio	86	61	
Denton	73	51	
El Paso	66	43	
Fort Stockton	77	49	
Fort Worth	71	54	
Galveston	86	67	
Houston	86	67	
Junction	76	52	0.87
Kingsville	90	72	
Laredo	90	54	
Lubbock	63	37	
Lufkin	83	65	
Marfa	64	37	
McAllen	94	71	
New braunfels	87	63	0.02
Paris	73	54	
San Angelo	75	52	
San Antonio	83	61	0.01
Victoria	87	69	0.04
Waco	77	59	0.26
Wichita Falls	66	43	

DEAL: Clinton says effort will continue despite walkout

(From 1A)

reached last June 20 with attorneys general from 40 states and other anti-smoking forces.

"I see no possibility in this environment to achieve (that agreement) ... I have told my colleagues in the industry that effective today I no longer see any purpose in working toward the June 20th national settlement."

The four other major tobacco companies later issued statements along the same line.

However, Clinton and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the Senate leader on tobacco legislation, said they would continue to push forward with legislation to curb underage smoking by raising cigarette prices.

Clinton, speaking at an elementary school in Chicago, said the tobacco industry's departure "certainly does not prohibit Congress from taking action to reduce teen smoking; there are a lot of options left to be explored."

"It would be better if we had a common position," Clinton said, adding: "I don't think there's much in it for RJR or any body else to walk away so I hope they will reconsider."

McCain, chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, said his panel didn't assume that the tobacco industry would support the legislation the committee approved last week.

That bill "was never intended to be a deal with the industry," he said, adding, "With or without the industry's support, Congress must pass a bill" aimed at curbing teen smoking.

McCain has said prospects for comprehensive tobacco legislation were on shakier ground if the industry won't cooperate, but said efforts to pass legislation were "a long way from falling apart."

McCain's legislation would require the companies to pay more than $516 billion over 25 years and lacks the shield from private lawsuits the industry demands. Instead, the bill would place a $6.5 billion annual cap on legal damages stemming from lawsuits.

It also includes advertising restrictions that experts told Congress were crucial to curb youth smoking. However, legal scholars warned that it would be an unconstitutional violation of the tobacco industry's free speech rights under the First Amendment if Congress restricts cigarette advertising without the consent of the tobacco companies.

Winning that consent appeared unlikely in the aftermath of the companies' announcement to quit negotiations.

"The bill Senator McCain had requires my signature and there is no way in the world he is going to get my signature," Goldstone said.

Asked whether the House might come up with a bill that the industry finds acceptable, Goldstone said, "I have no hope whatsoever... This isn't going to go anywhere."

Goldstone blamed the breakdown on a lack of leadership by the Clinton administration, which he said, "while publicly praising the concept (of a settlement), privately dismantled it piece by piece."

He also slammed Congress, which he said "dissolved into a taxing frenzy of a disfavored industry."

Goldstone said he will take his case to the American people, visiting all parts of the nation to convince people that Congress is unfairly trying to tax and coerce the tobacco industry and intrude "into personal choices people make."

Philip Morris U.S.A., parent of the nation's largest tobacco company, announced it will actively oppose the McCain bill because of its "punitive impact."

"We regret that an historic opportunity to resolve decades of old controversies surrounding tobacco has been lost," Philip Morris said.

Nicholas G. Brookes, chief executive officer of Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp., issued a statement saying prospects for passing comprehensive tobacco legislation have been killed.

"Congress wants us to sign a suicide note," Brookes said. "We won't do that. We won't stand by idly while a legal enterprise engaged in marketing a legal product is targeted fro extinction by politicians."

Another firm, Lorillard Inc. said, "It would be irresponsible — to our customers and our company — to agree to the kind of proposals now before Congress."

U.S. Tobacco Co., which markets chewing tobacco, said it will "vigorously oppose any excise tax or other regulatory proposals that are punitive in nature, such as the Senate Commerce Committee bill."

Steve Duchesne, a spokesman for Philip Morris, RJR, Brown & Williamson, Lorillard, and U.S Tobacco Co., said all the companies have agreed "that at the moment nothing reasonable can come of this process," in Congress.

TOUR: Delegates believe Midlanders will support efforts

(From 1A)

Dick Walsh, a co-director of the facility, told the delegation that the center came about because of the demands of Lubbock businesses but also because of an exhaustive five-year campaign by school and city leaders.

"We started planting the seeds on this 5 1/2 years ago," said Walsh, a provost for South Plains College. "We knew we had to do something and the technology center was our avenue."

"It's been an unbelievable opportunity for South Plains College," he said. "That's why we're here. Our customer is very much for the business person. We have the students as a customer and certainly as a product to go into business."

It's not unusual for the trained students to go on to jobs that pay as much as $50,000 a year, he and center officials in the tour pointed out. They and Midland school officials want to have an expanded local technology/vocational program that moves away from the stigma of unsuccessful students.

During the tour, Midland College President David Daniel said he thinks Midlanders will support the delegation's efforts. He was accompanied by Richard Jolly, MC's vice president of instruction, and Forrest Allen, the college's recruitment coordinator.

"It's a have-to, not a want-to," Daniel said. "We've got to do something."

Daniel can't predict whether Midland will back such a center, but he believes they will. Businesses continue to demand better math, science and computer skills from young people.

"I would hope that our entire community can get behind the program," he said. "It's an answer for Midland. For Midland, anything is possible."

The Lubbock technology center was founded by a financial alliance of the city's economic development board (Market Lubbock Inc.), South Plains College (in Lubbock County), and the Lubbock Independent School District.

South Plains College and LISD run the day-to-day operations of the center, which serves both groups of students. Walsh and Wayne Havens, an LISD assistant superintendent, are co-directors of the center.

The center concept actually came in stages of planning, initially started with LISD's and South Plain's auto technology programs, Walsh said. The two institutions noticed they were duplicating resources and decided to share equipment to save money.

After more business support, the cooperative programs and facilities grew. With the additional help of grant money and business support, the center opened its doors in August 1997 in a former strip mall.

Today the center provides 1 1/2-hour and three-hour classes for students of LISD's four high schools and South Plains College. The students take the courses in addition to their core courses at their home campuses.

South Plains' adult continuing education classes also use the building, which opens at about 10 a.m. and stays open until 7 p.m. weekdays.

The center has a wide variety of state-of-the-art educational technology at its disposal.

In addition to large auto-technology, welding and computer classrooms, the center has a book-free Internet and CD-ROM library for students to use for research.

The facility also is equipped with distance-learning classrooms that use an Internet linkup for students or faculty outside Lubbock. The center also has large video computer conference and meeting rooms for students and for area businesses.

Others in the delegation think Midland could use something similar to the Lubbock center and believe there's a way for public officials to come together for the concept.

Glen Hackler, the city of Midland's deputy city manager, said the city is supportive of the center concept.

"We've known for a long time that the business community is expecting an increasing focus on training opportunities and particularly for developing a skilled work force," Hackler said. "... We're really here on a learning expedition."

Hackler intends to brief the Midland City Council on the Lubbock trip at their April 14 meeting. But the city manager's office and council have no immediate plans to tackle the issue, he said.

Marvin Wynn, president and CEO of the Midland Chamber of the Commerce, said he thinks the support is there. Many businesses are in favor of the concept, but it will take time to convince the community. He said it took 5 1/2 years to convince Lubbock residents.

"We're not going to get it overnight," he said. "But this is one of the first steps."

Linda Foster, Southwestern Bell's Midland external affairs manager, said her company and others like the idea of a technology center.

"Technology is our basic business," Ms. Foster said. "When students come out a situation like here, we can bring them right into our business and they'll be productive right now."

MC teachers says history reaffirms Texas is 28th state

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

A Midland College government teacher thinks it is bizarre for separatists, including Richard McLaren, to think that the Republic of Texas still exists.

Jerry Franks said that history reaffirms that Texas is the 28th state of the United States and that the Republic of Texas hasn't been around for more than 150 years.

The contention that Texas statehood is a hoax and that the Republic of Texas is alive "just strikes me as bizarre thinking and utter foolishness," said Franks, who also teaches philosophy. "My concern is that the impressionable young not be taken in by it."

McLaren, the beleaguered separatist leader who claims that he is a Republic of Texas patriot, is being tried in federal court in Dallas in a $2 billion fraud case. He claims that his Republic of Texas checks were backed by $80 billion in assets now claimed by the state of Texas.

McLaren and his confederates "claim that they have the title to every public building in Texas, including the state Capitol, or anything that the state of Texas had on deposit," Franks said Wednesday. "Of course, they didn't have any (legal) rights (to Texas property). They made it up."

After winning independence from Mexico in 1836, the leadership of the newly created Republic of Texas immediately sought statehood. Sam Houston, the former Tennessee governor and Texas Army commander-in-chief who twice served as president of the Republic of Texas, was in the forefront for statehood.

Texas leadership, including Sam Houston, "had been asking for statehood ever since Texas got its independence" but the slavery issue precluded the republic's immediate acceptance into statehood, Franks said.

"The process was completed enough in 1845," he said. "Whoever cared to vote could vote. It was just men and just white guys. It was legitimate for the times."

The leadership and their followers "were Americans, and they knew it," Franks said. Most were "recent immigrants to Texas" from the United States.

In the 1844 presidential election, James Polk, from Tennessee, was "in favor of Texas statehood" and was elected.

His predecessor, John Tyler, drummed up support for statehood.

"There had been an attempt to annex Texas by treaty," Franks said. "But that took a two-thirds vote in the Senate," an effort that failed.

"So Tyler tried another tact, a simple resolution in Congress, that would have to pass each house of Congress by a simple majority, which it did.

"The resolution passed with a proviso that it had to be acceptable to the (Texas) Legislature and to the people of Texas," Franks said. "If Texas wanted to be a state, it would have to ... call a statehood convention to prepare the constitution and offer a referendum to qualified voters. All of those things happened rapidly within the year 1845," and the citizenry voted for statehood.

Anson Jones, the last president of the Republic of Texas, presided over the raising of the American flag" over Texas and the Republic of Texas was no more. The Texas Legislature elected Houston to the U.S. Senate.

Of McLaren's view that the Republic of Texas still exists under the guise of statehood, "People make up things about this all of the time," said Franks, who said he often reminds his students "that they are American citizens. And they might, indeed, have a gripe, a serious complaint, if somebody tried to take their American citizenship away and especially if it were Richard McLaren."

TRIAL: Question of intent at heart of case

(From 1A)

in prison and fined up to $25.25 million. Mrs. McLaren could be sentenced to 155 years in prison and fined $5.25 million.

The others could face punishments ranging from 545 years in prison and $18.25 million fine for Richard George Kieninger to 35 years in prison and a $1.25 million fine for Mark Anthony Hernandez.

Mrs. McLaren said her husband's aims were just in asking Gov. George W. Bush to submit the question of Texas' statehood or nationhood to a vote.

"People would have probably chosen to stay with the United States, and we would have said, 'Fine,' and walked away," she said.

The question of intent was at the heart of the defense's case.

Earlier, Tom Mills, Richard McLaren's attorney, told jurors that they "won't be asked to decide that Texas is not a state or that the United States is not a nation."

Rather, they must decide whether the alleged conspirators "were acting with the intent to defraud or for some other reason."

Republic of Texas members contend the annexation of Texas as a state in 1845 was illegal and that their leaders constitute the legitimate government of an independent nation of Texas.

McLaren already is serving a 99-year prison term for his role in last year's Davis Mountains standoff.

ACTION: Grand jury to monitor book

(From 1A)

Authorities in Alabama and Tennessee have returned indictments against Barnes & Noble for selling books by Sturges and another photographer, David Hamilton.

In a written statement provided to the Reporter-Telegram, officers with Barnes & Noble corporate offices said they will plead not guilty to the charges they face in Alabama. "We are confident that we will be ultimately vindicated by the court," the letter stated.

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

8-5-7

Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

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Correction

Ruby Madison's cooking classes are to be offered May 7 for the "Getting Dressed Up!" class on sauces and dressings and May 21 for the grill cooking class, "Smoke Out."

The Reporter-Telegram received incorrect information.

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Tens of thousands of Muslims stone pillars representing devil during Mecca pilgrimage

MECCA, Saudi Arabia (AP) — As the sun set Wednesday above the holy city of Mecca, tens of thousands of pilgrims took advantage of cooler temperatures to perform a key act of the Islamic pilgrimage, the stoning of three pillars that symbolize the devil.

Security guards carrying black wooden batons locked arms and formed a long human wall to guide pilgrims to the area on the Mina plain outside Mecca where they threw seven stones at each of the stone pillars.

The 2.3 million pilgrims who took part in this year's "hajj," each wearing a white seamless gown, must stone the pillars three times over as many days.

The number of pilgrims at any one time in front of the pillars reached about 20,000 in the daytime, when temperatures soared to about 108 degrees. The numbers rose to 60,000 after the sun set and temperatures fell to about 95 degrees.

"This is like the day of judgment, with all the people — white and black, young and old, Arab and foreign — walking toward God," Othman Abdo, 36, said after he cast his stones, each the size of a chickpea.

Abdo, a Sudanese, said it was difficult for him to get to the site but "the harder it is, the more merciful God will be with me."

The pilgrims chanted "Allahu Akbar," Arabic for "God is great" as they cast their stones. Some also hurled curses at the nearly 6-feet-tall pillars, saying "May God's fury fall on you."

Some 10,000 security officers were deployed throughout the area to guide pilgrims to the site.

Police using loud speakers appealed to pilgrims to remain orderly and wait for their turn. Signs were in Turkish, English and Urdu in addition to Arabic, to accommodate the pilgrims who come from about 100 countries.

On Tuesday, police arrested 16 people who were apparently part of an organized gang of pickpockets preying on pilgrims as they stoned the pillars. The pickpockets apparently stole valuables from the belts that many pilgrims wear beneath their gowns and from pilgrims' tents. Police said those arrested had $15,500 in 16 different currencies.

Two elderly pilgrims from southeast Asia died Tuesday from the heat while stoning the pillars, the al-Medina newspaper reported. In Islam, a place in heaven is reserved for people who die during the hajj.

Pilgrims will circle the Kaaba today as a farewell.

The Kaaba —a cubical stone structure rising 43 feet high — is considered the spiritual center of Islam. Muslims throughout the world face in its direction when they say their daily prayers.

The hajj reached its climax Tuesday with pilgrims walking seven times around the Kaaba.

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Mitterrand's long-hidden daughter emerges in spotlight

By Deborah Seward
Associated Press

PARIS — She has her father's smile and his passion for books. Now, with her first novel, Francois Mitterrand's illegitimate daughter is courting what she never knew while he was alive: fame.

In the past week, 23-year-old Mazarine Pingeot has made the cover of one of France's top weekly magazines, appeared in a one-hour prime time TV interview and won warm reviews for her book, "First Novel."

Many French seem fascinated by this long-hidden, self-possessed woman, whose very existence once was virtually a state secret. They are snapping up copies of her book, which is prominently displayed throughout the country.

"I'm sure it's well written," said lawyer Jean-Pierre Touati, before buying the novel in a Champs-Elysees bookstore. "She's the daughter of a great man who also knew how to write very well."

Mitterrand publicly acknowledged Mazarine only in 1994, after Paris Match magazine published a photo of him strolling in the Latin Quarter with his only daughter.

But Mazarine has said her father was very much present throughout her life, helping guide her studies and talking with her about books and philosophy.

The strongest public image of Mazarine until now was the poignant moment when she and her mother, Mitterrand's longtime mistress Anne Pingeot, joined the president's family in walking behind the coffin at his 1996 funeral.

Two years later, after suffering what she says was constant harassment by paparazzi, Mazarine is trying to create her own identity.

"I have nothing to hide anymore," she told the left-leaning weekly Le Nouvel Observateur, which put her on the cover this week.

Mazarine's first television interview was broadcast Sunday night on France's TF1 station, a few weeks after it was filmed in southern France. TF1 said 4.5 million French viewers, or 28 percent of the audience, tuned in.

A graduate of France's most prestigious college, the Ecole Normale Superieure, Mazarine fielded the toughest questions in the interview with aplomb. She responded to veiled references to her illegitimacy, for example, by saying everyone has problems in life and she wasn't going to dwell on hers.

Sales of the book, which appeared in stores last Thursday and is dedicated to her father, have been spectacular.

"First Novel" already has sold out its first print run of 50,000, and publisher Julliard has sent out three subsequent print runs of 10,000 books in the past six days.

No other postwar French leader except Charles de Gaulle elicits greater interest in France than the enigmatic Mitterrand, with his secret loves, his intellectual aspirations and hints of wartime collaboration.

The plot of Mazarine's novel, a love story between two young Parisian intellectuals, is less interesting than the clues it provides to Mazarine's true-life relationship with her famous father.

"Her father taught her tolerance and loyalty," she writes of her fictional heroine, Agathe, a name meaning "good" in ancient Greek. "Her mother, beauty. Together they taught her about freedom."

"Her parents were longtime lovers, unmarried, leading their own lives, even while loving each other more than anything," she writes. "They taught her that love was the only tie that triumphs over looks and judgments, convention and taboos."

Readers are likely to learn more about the French president from such references than in the latest book by his wife, Danielle, which is competing with Mazarine's novel for shelf space.

The young author is being compared to some of France's greatest women writers of the century: Francoise Sagan, Marguerite Duras and Simone de Beauvoir, another philosophy major-turned-novelist.

Le Monde said she demonstrated "rare ambition," and used "complex narration." Nouvel Observateur called the book "fresh" and said it had "weight."

But critic Josyane Savigneau, in the latest edition of the weekly literary supplement of Le Monde, warned of prematurely placing her in the pantheon of French female writers.

"Don't judge her. Let her blossom," Savigneau wrote. "It's the sequel to her 'First Novel' that will deliver the real truth."

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Mazarine Pingeot, the daughter out-of-marriage of late French President Francois Mitterrand, leaves the cemetery in Jarnac, France, Jan. 11, 1997 during ceremonies marking the first anniversary of her father's death.

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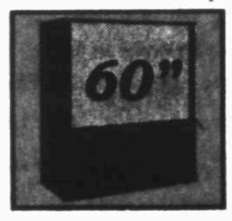

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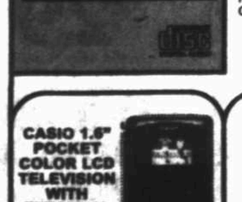

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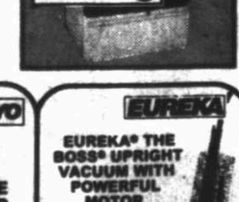

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Russian politician blames Jews for WWII, Holocaust

MOSCOW (AP) — In his most direct anti-Semitic statements yet, ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovsky blamed Jews on Wednesday for starting World War II and provoking the Holocaust.

The politician's anti-Semitic comments have drawn international condemnation for years, but Wednesday's remarks in an hourlong address to reporters were some of his least subtle.

"The essence of the conflict around the Jewish people is that when their number grows too much in some country, war breaks out there," said Zhirinovsky, who leads the third-largest faction in the Russian parliament's lower house.

"That happened in Germany ... where there were too many Jews," he declared.

Zhirinovsky, a former presidential candidate, has a flamboyant style and clearly relishes making provocative statements.

It was not clear why he called the news conference, which he turned into a monologue about his vision of the history of the Jews and their role in contemporary life.

"Many Jews were born in April," was the only explanation he provided.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center, said Zhirinovsky's statement could also have been timed for the Jewish holiday of Passover, which begins Friday, or Holocaust Memorial Day on April 23.

His allegation that Jews started World War II was not just "a slap in the face to the Jewish victims," but also an appeal to strong emotions around the war effort, one of the few national undertakings of the Soviet era that remain sacred in today's Russia, Cooper said.

"He's talking to a country that lost 20 million people in the Second World War," he said.

Cooper called on Russia's political and Orthodox Church leaders "to put Zhirinovsky in his place" and reject his statements.

Anti-Semitism is widespread in Russia, which has the third-largest Jewish population in the world, after the United States and Israel. Still, Zhirinovsky's remarks were stronger than most ever aired publicly.

While repeating several times that his party isn't anti-Semitic, Zhirinovsky accused Jews of sparking the 1917 Bolshevik revolution and bringing Russia to ruin ever since.

"You will always find Jews where war is raging, because they realize that money flows where blood is spilled," he said.

He repeated stereotypical slurs, and even accused the Jews of causing repressions and the Holocaust.

"Jews themselves, Zionist leaders, often provoked anti-Jewish sentiments, and Jewish pogroms," he said.

He also accused Jews of taking Russian women abroad for prostitution, selling healthy Russian children and transplant organs to the West and robbing Russia of its gold, diamonds and other assets.

Ironically, rumors have circulated for years that Zhirinovsky's anti-Semitism is a response to his own Jewish roots. His father's name was Volf, or Wolf, and public records indicate he had a Jewish-sounding surname, Eidelshtein, until he changed it at age 18.

Indonesia makes third IMF bailout deal, vows reform

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — For the third time in six months, Indonesia reached a new bailout deal with the International Monetary Fund on Wednesday, this time pledging to meet "to the letter" all commitments to reform its crisis-ridden economy.

Disappointed by Indonesia's promises twice before, the IMF plans to monitor progress closely in the world's fourth most populous nation.

Wednesday's compromise package came after three weeks of heavy bargaining. Indonesia showed new willingness to disband monopolies, while international lenders will allow Indonesia to cling to some subsidies to head off potential social unrest over rising prices.

Relations between Jakarta and the IMF had deteriorated to the point that the lending agency withheld a $3 billion loan installment last month pending the outcome of the latest negotiations. The installment, part of a $43 billion bailout, is now expected to be released in the coming weeks.

In Tokyo, IMF Deputy Managing Director Stanley Fischer warned Wednesday that bailout funds, which are backed by the United States and other countries, would not be released if Jakarta fails to comply with the latest deal.

Indonesia's top economic minister, Ginandjar Kartasasmita, insisted the government will comply: "There is not one single commitment that we are not going to undertake. All of them will be implemented," he said.

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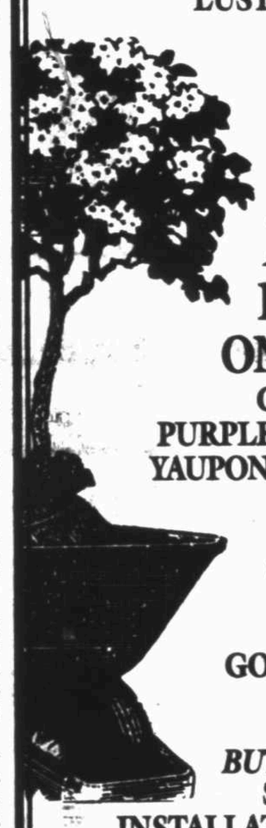

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New energy czar should be savvy leader

In the wake of Energy Secretary Federico Pena's resignation, President Clinton is at a turning point at which he needs to carefully weigh national energy options and the consequences of bad policy.

First, as he names a new secretary of energy, the president should select an individual with a strong understanding of the problems of the energy industry, one who knows the effects of excessive environmental regulation and has a commitment to securing national security and a developing a comprehensive energy policy. In short, he needs to name an individual who has a degree of sympathy for the domestic oil and gas industry, because the domestic oil industry is all that stands between the nation and total energy domination by foreign producers.

The need for competent leadership is imperative to a nation that relies on foreign producers for more than 50 percent of its energy.

The post of energy secretary is simply too critical to be downgraded to a political payoff, or a politically-correct choice. The need for competent leadership is imperative to a nation that relies on foreign producers for more than 50 percent of its energy.

Secondly, the U.S. must have a comprehensive energy policy to prevent its wavering. Before his resignation, Pena drafted such an energy policy when he submitted the National Energy Strategy (NES) for consideration. While it leaned heavily on the environmental issue, NES — while not being perfect — has the potential to become the framework for building a realistic national energy policy. For that reason it should not be cast aside, even though Pena has gone.

Today in History

Today is Thursday, April 9, the 99th day of 1998. There are 266 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 9, 1865, Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee surrendered his army to Union Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia.

On this date:

In 1682, the French explorer Robert La Salle reached the Mississippi River.

In 1833, the first tax-supported public library was founded, in Peterborough, N.H.

In 1939, singer Marian Anderson performed a concert at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., after she was denied use of Constitution Hall by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

In 1940, Germany invaded Denmark and Norway.

In 1942, American and Philippine defenders on Bataan capitulated to Japanese forces; the surrender was followed by the notorious Bataan Death March that claimed nearly 10,000 lives.

In 1947, a series of tornadoes in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas claimed 169 lives.

In 1959, NASA announced the selection of America's first seven astronauts: Scott Carpenter, Gordon Cooper, John Glenn, Gus Grissom, Wally Schirra, Alan Shepard and Donald Slayton.

In 1963, British statesman Winston Churchill was made an honorary U.S. citizen.

In 1983, the space shuttle Challenger ended its first mission with a safe landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1992, former Panamanian ruler Manuel Noriega was convicted in Miami of eight drug and racketeering charges; he is serving a 40-year prison sentence.

Ten years ago: Pro-Iranian Shiite Muslims who had seized a Kuwait Airways jetliner on April 5 killed one hostage as the hijacked plane sat on the ground in Larnaca, Cyprus.

Five years ago: Four U.S. warplanes fired at artillery in northern Iraq; the Baghdad government denied provoking the attack with artillery fire at the planes. The Rev. Benjamin Chavis was chosen to head the N.A.A.C.P., succeeding Benjamin Hooks.

One year ago: The CIA apologized to Gulf War veterans for failing to do a better job in supplying information to U.S. troops who blew up an Iraqi bunker later found to contain chemical weapons. Amid privacy concerns, Social Security officials pulled the plug on an Internet site that provided records of individual earnings and retirements.

CAL THOMAS

Judge Wright's wrong reasoning on harassment

In her dismissal of the Paula Jones sexual harassment suit against Bill Clinton, Judge Susan Webber Wright seems to suggest that men might be able to get away with one free hit on the woman of their choice in the workplace.

Jones failed to prove she suffered any employment or economic reversals after her meeting with then-Gov. Bill Clinton, a meeting at which she alleged he exposed himself and asked her to perform oral sex. Judge Wright said even if the allegations were true, it did "not constitute severe or pervasive abusive conduct for purposes of establishing a hostile work environment claim." Furthermore, she said, Paula Jones "did not as a result of the alleged conduct suffer emotional distress (ital) so severe (unital) that no reasonable person could endure it" (emphasis mine). It appears the judge is applying a subjective test for severity.

Thomas

If dropping one's pants and asking for oral sex from a subordinate is not considered severe, what is? As the husband of a working woman, the father of two daughters, the father-in-law to two women and the grandfather of two girls, I don't want a predatory male in their current or future workplaces thinking he can get away with exposing his genitals without suffering an appropriate legal penalty.

Judge Wright also wrote that an individual plaintiff may pursue a sexual harassment claim under the Fourteenth Amendment, "but such a claim must show an intent to harass because of her status as a female and not because of characteristics of her gender which are personal to her." What does this mean? What is the moral and legal distinction between a crude and boorish exposure of one's private parts to a female based on her "status as a female" and the same act based on "the characteristics of her gender which are personal to her"? This sounds like the stuff of law-school debates, not real-life situations.

Judge Wright quoted the law which says: "(A) supervisor's mere threat or promise of job-related harm or benefits in exchange for sexual favors does not constitute quid pro quo harassment." It should. Is it only the woman who submits to such pressure who has legal recourse, or should the man who is guilty of the conduct be made to pay for it anyway, even if the woman rejects his advances?

It is true that some women have filed sexual harassment claims based on politics, greed, revenge and the most superficial of comments about their clothing or hair, so the law should be written in such a way that men would be protected from frivolous and unfounded lawsuits. After all, most women can turn off most men by expressing a desire not to be bothered. Modern women can flip the bird at men who so much as honk at them in traffic. Others may cool off men with a crude verbal remark. By the law should be invoked against those whose initial act (as alleged of Clinton by Jones) is so offensive that it constitutes sexual harassment in and of itself, or for repeated verbal abuse or unwelcome physical touching.

It defies logic that Judge Wright could say the alleged exposure by Bill Clinton "(does) not demonstrate conduct that was so severe or pervasive that it can be said to have altered the conditions of plaintiff's employment and created an abusive working environment." In order to have reached such a conclusion, the judge said Clinton would have had to have done it more than once. As for "severity," one might reasonably conclude that the alleged behavior by a sexually aroused governor for whom Paula Jones worked constituted a "severe" act.

But it's all over now, unless an appeal is filed. But it's not over for some women in the workplace. Still, men had better be careful. Judge Wright's ruling applies only to Bill Clinton, who has paralleled skills in escaping dangerous situations.

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ART BUCHWALD

Despite talk, reform hasn't changed

The most popular word in Washington is "reform." Senators, congressmen and members of the administration are constantly using it to explain to the electorate where their hearts really are.

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When the legislators greet each other in the morning they say, "Have a nice reform day." Before partaking of their lunch they pray, "Oh Lord, please show us how we can reform this legislative body so everyone will be given a fair deal no matter how much he donates to our campaigns."

This year the latest reform bill was sabotaged by the Republicans when someone pointed out that the GOP would run out of cash in 1998 if they didn't permit large companies and vested interests to give soft money to our great political system.

The good thing about soft money is that it looks like molasses but goes through politicians' hands without getting their clothes soiled.

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What makes soft money so attractive to politicians is that the people who give it can hire a senator or a congressman, or even sleep in the Lincoln Bedroom, if that is what the donor dreams of doing.

Long before the country was corrupted, our political leaders talked about reform. One group wanted to reform the Declaration of Independence, another the Constitution. Nothing ever came of these efforts because it precluded political favors. But it became a patriotic tradition, like setting off firecrackers on the Fourth of July.

The Republicans were the first to kill reform as a viable solution to a political problem.

Trent Lott, the Senate Majority Leader, told his troops, "We got the money, so why fix the problem when it isn't broken?"

A few honorable Republicans persisted in their fight for reform and were ordered to be investigated by the Senate Rules Committee on charges of political fund-raising harassment.

Despite all the talk, nothing has changed since the first reform bill was introduced in 1790 by Frederick Zither, a reform Republican who went bankrupt without collecting any soft money and was buried in Potter's Field. Legislators still tell jokes about him when they are on their way to the bank to cash their soft-money checks.

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It's about the Big Picture! Our community is made up of civic, social, charitable and governmental area of activity which must work in harmony to provide for a properous future. Mike Bradford has demonstrated time and time again his ability to work with others to reach a consensus and offer plans of action to arrive at a common goal. His positive approach and commitment to our community is needed in the Commissioners' Court. For the future of Midland County I urge you to vote for Mike Bradford, Candidate for county commissioner Precinct 2.

Sherri Brannon Merket

Pat Schneider proves she represents her precinct

The one big issue in the campaign for county commissioner is representing the people in one's precinct.

Pat Schneider has proven that she has, and will do this. She always has returned phone calls, gone out to see what the problem is, studied both sides of an issue; talked with all concerned, and in many instances gotten all parties together to resolve the issue.

For example: When Best Buy wanted to build on the Loop — (remember it was the first of many) — Pat knew she wanted economic development for Midland, but also wanted to preserve the integrity of the neighborhood. She spent many hours with all concerned, individually and in groups. It was she who suggested the town houses as a buffer, and pushed it through. There is also a brick fence and Mondale pines 15 feet apart as a buffer.

This fence and tree became the standard almost every developer since then, including the area in front of Crestwood and the Target complex, has adopted this standard buffering.

There are many, many more instances of Pat responding to her constituents. She has always responded quickly, analyzed the situation, studied all sides, and negotiated. She is not a one-agenda person, nor does she have any preconceived ideas, but takes each situation as it comes.

Isn't this the kind of person you want as your county commissioner? Proven by experience: You call, and Pat was there!

Mary Mann

Schneider is most qualified candidate for commissioner

Are you aware of the many areas in which a City Council person works?

One important area is roads, which are certainly the lifeline of West Texas. As a councilwoman representing the growing part of the city, Pat Schneider has become familiar with specifications, standards, upkeep and cost of building and maintaining roads. She also has worked with the exchange of services between county and city.

She was the coucil representative on the I-20 corridor study done by the city of Midland, with interested and concerned citizens and city staff. She knows the TX-DOT personnel and actively is involved in the Interstate 20 corridor study currently underway which extends from the eastern end of Midland County to the western side of Ector County.

It would be a waste not to use this invaluable knowledge — so I urge you, as a thinking, forward-looking person — vote for Pat Schneider for county commissioner.

Jimmy Stringer

Bradford willing to work for good of community

Mike Bradford's direction to Midland and Midland County is well known in the area's civic and charitable endeavors. He has been active in Leadership Midland, Hearthstone and The High Sky Children's Ranch. He acted as foreman of the special grandjury on juvenile gangs, working with a diverse group on a plan of action for the entire community. Mike is always there, always willing to work for the betterment of the area.

Mike has good contacts and work relationships out side the immediate area, enabling him to see and understand the bigger picture. With his contacts in Austin and Washington, D.C, Mike would bring insight as to the effect of proposed legislation on county affairs. Mike is a quiet man. Mike is a peace maker. Mike knows how to bring everybody's ideas together and make them work!

Mike Bradford has the qualifications, the experience, the loyalty and the integrity befitting a county commissioner. I want to see Mike Bradford on the Commissioners' Court!

Nan Sommer

Possible obstruction of justice links Starr's wide-ranging probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — From fraudulent land deals in Arkansas to taped allegations of sex with the president, Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr is conducting two criminal investigations into possible obstruction of justice.

With President Clinton under investigation in the Monica Lewinsky probe, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and a former law partner, Webster Hubbell, continue to be the focus of a grand jury in Arkansas that expires May 7.

Starr eventually will make decisions on whether to refer to the House of Representatives any evidence turned up against the president. He also must determine separately whether to proceed further with the Little Rock part of the Whitewater investigation focusing on real estate transactions there.

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But "no decision has been made on the issuance, timing, or contents of such a submission," Starr said in a statement Wednesday.

The investigation "continues to be impeded by a variety of privilege invocations," Starr's statement added.

"We are proceeding expeditiously in all phases of the investigation, including the litigation necessary to gather and assess all relevant facts," Starr concluded.

One individual, speaking on grounds of anonymity, said any decision on sending material to the House is delayed indefinitely by court challenges blocking Starr's access to some testimony from key witnesses such as presidential adviser Bruce Lindsey.

The Washington Post initially reported the work by Starr's office in the compilation of material was ready for a possible referral.

Under the law, if Starr finds "substantial and credible information ... that may constitute grounds for an impeachment," he must turn that over to the House. A Judiciary Committee official said the prosecutor has not yet had any discussions with the panel.

Using more than 20 hours of tape-recordings in which Ms. Lewinsky alleges she had an affair and was then urged to lie about it, Starr is using a grand jury in Washington to question dozens of witnesses who could corroborate what the former White House intern said on the tapes.

Starr had hoped that Hubbell would be a key witness in the criminal investigation of failed real estate deals in Arkansas that Mrs. Clinton assisted. But the investigation turned to payments to Hubbell from friends of the president, amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars when the former associate attorney general's memory lapses made him useless as a witness.

Presidential confidant Vernon Jordan is one Clinton friend who arranged a job for Hubbell and a job offer for Ms. Lewinsky as the former White House intern was filing an affidavit in court denying she had a sexual relationship with Clinton.

With the grand jury in Arkansas going out of business May 7, Starr will have to decide whether to end the probe now or ask a federal judge to empanel a new grand jury that would delve into the Clintons' involvement with their business partner and savings and loan owner, the late Jim McDougal. He said last month that he hoped he would not need to ask for a new grand jury there but that he had not yet decided.

The criminal investigation in Arkansas focuses on the efforts of Clinton supporters to shape the testimony of key witnesses and to conceal documents from investigators, according to grand jury witnesses who have testified in recent months.

The focus of Starr's investigation in Arkansas is the activity of Mrs. Clinton, Hubbell and his father-in-law, prominent Little Rock businessman Seth Ward, regarding five adjoining parcels of real estate controlled by McDougal south of Little Rock, Ark., according to recent grand jury witnesses and lawyers familiar with the investigation.

The property encompasses thousands of acres and covers parts of two counties.

In the middle of the expanse is Lorance Heights, an 800-acre tract purchased by the Clintons' and the McDougals' Whitewater Development Corp. in 1986, with the initial $25,000 payment coming out of the proceeds of a fraudulent $300,000 loan. The Clintons say their business partner McDougal never told them about Lorance Heights or the $300,000 loan.

As a partner at the Rose Law Firm, Mrs. Clinton performed legal work on Castle Grande, a 1,000-acre McDougal-controlled tract to the north of Lorance Heights. Federal regulators say Ward became a "straw" buyer for part of Castle Grande, holding the property in his name in order to evade regulations that limited the amount McDougal's S&L could invest in a real estate subsidiary. For his role, Ward was to receive real estate commissions on the sale of the property. Ward walked away from McDougal's savings and loan with $650,000, some $350,000 of which Ward eventually relinquished after a lengthy court battle against federal regulators who took over the failed financial institution.

Former Gov. Jim Guy Tucker recently began cooperating with Starr's probe, but another potential witness, McDougal's ex-wife, Susan, refuses to do so. And Starr's most important witness, McDougal, died last month while serving a prison term for conspiring to defraud his savings and loan.

Many records no longer exist: Mrs. Clinton in 1988 directed the destruction of law firm files detailing her work for McDougal's failing savings and loan.

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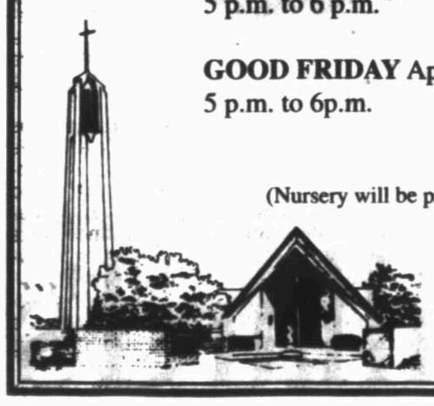


Florida investigates nursing home chain after Medicaid patients evicted

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — It was time to lay carpeting and hang wallpaper, the nursing home said, so dozens of elderly and bedridden residents had 30 days to move out with no guarantee they ever could return.

It was just coincidence, the home's owners said, that all the patients evicted were on Medicaid — and that the entire building had been renovated just three months earlier.

But in an unfortunate coincidence for the operators' parent company, Vencor, news of the evictions came the same day their top executive was quoted in The Wall Street Journal as saying they planned to rid their nursing homes nationally of Medicaid patients, who bring in less money than private patients.

Now the state of Florida is investigating whether the $3.5 billion nursing home giant tried to dump Medicaid patients, using the renovation project as a ruse.

But unlike most nursing homes in Florida, Vencor's Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center of Tampa is not required to accept a certain number of Medicaid patients for state licensing.

That means a mass Medicaid eviction there would be "not necessarily illegal, but ruthless," state Agency for Health Care Administration spokeswoman Edie Ousley said Wednesday.

So the state investigation also will focus on the quality of care at the home, she said. The state also is investigating Vencor's 20 other nursing homes in Florida, which have a total about 2,000 Medicaid beds.

"They were moving them out so quickly. These patients were crying, 'Where are we going to go?' They were being treated like cattle being herded," said Nelson Mongiovi, whose 93-year-old mother was among the 52 patients ordered discharged.

"These are fragile human beings," he said. "I was really fearful they were going to do a mass move and kill these people. I said, 'I need someone to help me in my corner.'"

Mongiovi got his wish. He was named as a plaintiff in an emergency injunction issued late Tuesday to halt the discharges. He also was listed as plaintiff in a lawsuit expected to be filed today against the nursing home.

Also this week, the state Agency for Health Care Administration launched its investigation of Vencor's nursing homes, 11 of which are required under their state licenses to accept Medicaid patients. And Florida Attorney General Bob Butterworth promised his own review.

A spokeswoman for Vencor, based in Louisville, Ky., said the court action was unnecessary because the nursing home agreed on its own to halt the discharges once it realized the state was concerned.

"We wanted to do what's most sensitive for the patients," Susan Moss said. "We will not do anything until we make sure we have a plan the state agrees with."

Moss said it was coincidence that the patients ordered discharged were all Medicaid patients. The discharges were needed because the 170-bed home was undergoing the second phase of a renovation project, she said.

"This building is full. We actually did do our best to try to relocate as many of these patients as possible on other floors of the facility," Moss said, adding that three Medicaid patients were relocated within the building.

Moss said Vencor consulted with the state before proceeding with the plans — a claim state Agency for Health Care Administration spokeswoman Edie Ousley denied.

"Vencor never asked for permission," Ousley said. "This was all news to us."

The state was particularly concerned because the same day officials learned of the discharges, the Journal published an article about Vencor evicting all Medicaid patients from an Indianapolis home and making plans to withdraw homes in nine states from Medicaid.

"We'll go out of Medicaid in all 300 buildings if we don't start to see a little change in the Medicaid program," chief operating officer Michael Barr told the newspaper.

According to the Journal, only a few states, California and Tennessee among them, bar mass evictions of Medicaid patients. California and Tennessee require nursing homes to wait until a patient dies or chooses to leave. Nearly all other states leave evictions up to the nursing homes.

Medicaid patients bring in about $18,000 less a year than some residents who pay on their own. But, Vencor officials said, that has nothing to do with the discharges in Tampa.

Ousley said the state is investigating to make sure that is true.

"Our goal is to ensure their top priority is the health and safety of the patients, as opposed to the bottom line being their top priority," she said.

The eviction letters were dated March 30. By the time state officials got involved Tuesday, about 10 residents already had moved from the home.

Among them was Anthony DiFranco, a 77-year-old stroke victim who moved to a new nursing home less than a week ago. His daughter, Ana Anello, said the move aggravated his persistent cough and upset him so much he no longer talks to anyone.

Now she is struggling to decide whether to keep him in the unfamiliar nursing home or risk his health again by moving him back to the old place.

Mongiovi's mother, Adelaida, suffers from severe dementia and doesn't realize how close she came to being moved, he said.

She weighs 90 pounds, is on a feeding tube and oxygen, and must be turned every two hours. Mongiovi and his wife decided to put her in a home only because she needed constant care. And because the home was five blocks from their home, they could visit daily.

"When we come in, she looks at us and smiles and she will kind of mumble. All day long she just looks at the walls. If you put her in a strange place with strange walls," he said, "I don't know if she'll survive."

'Seinfeld' cast tapes last show

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After nearly a decade of chatting in the coffee shop, munching on cereal, breaking up with all potential mates and yada yada yada, Jerry, George, Elaine and Kramer are ending their run as masters of their TV domain.

The final episode of "Seinfeld" — famously about nothing at all except laughs — was to be taped Wednesday night. The show is going out on top, still television's No. 1 comedy and the centerpiece of NBC's powerhouse Thursday night lineup.

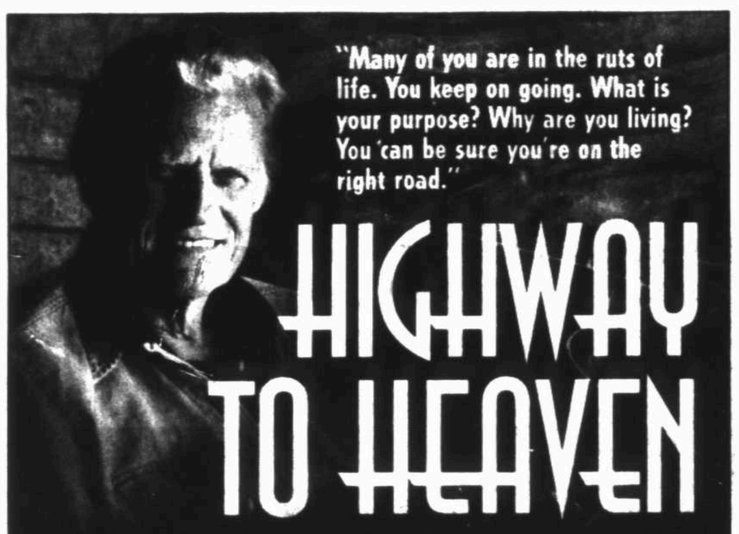
The hourlong finale, which will air on May 14, was being handled under top-secret conditions reminiscent of the "Who Shot J.R.?" episode of "Dallas."

A VIP crowd was expected to watch some scenes, but the ending will be filmed without an audience. Those involved with the show were asked to sign confidentiality agreements, and scripts were kept from actors and NBC executives.

"It's surreal if you're an actor. You don't know what you're going to be doing," John O'Hurley, who plays catalog guru J. Peterman, told the Los Angeles Times. "We're just told what to do."

Supposed leaks about the ending — one of which had Jerry and his pals ending up in Los Angeles — were dismissed by producers as inaccurate.

The finale was written by Larry David, who created the show with its star, Jerry Seinfeld.



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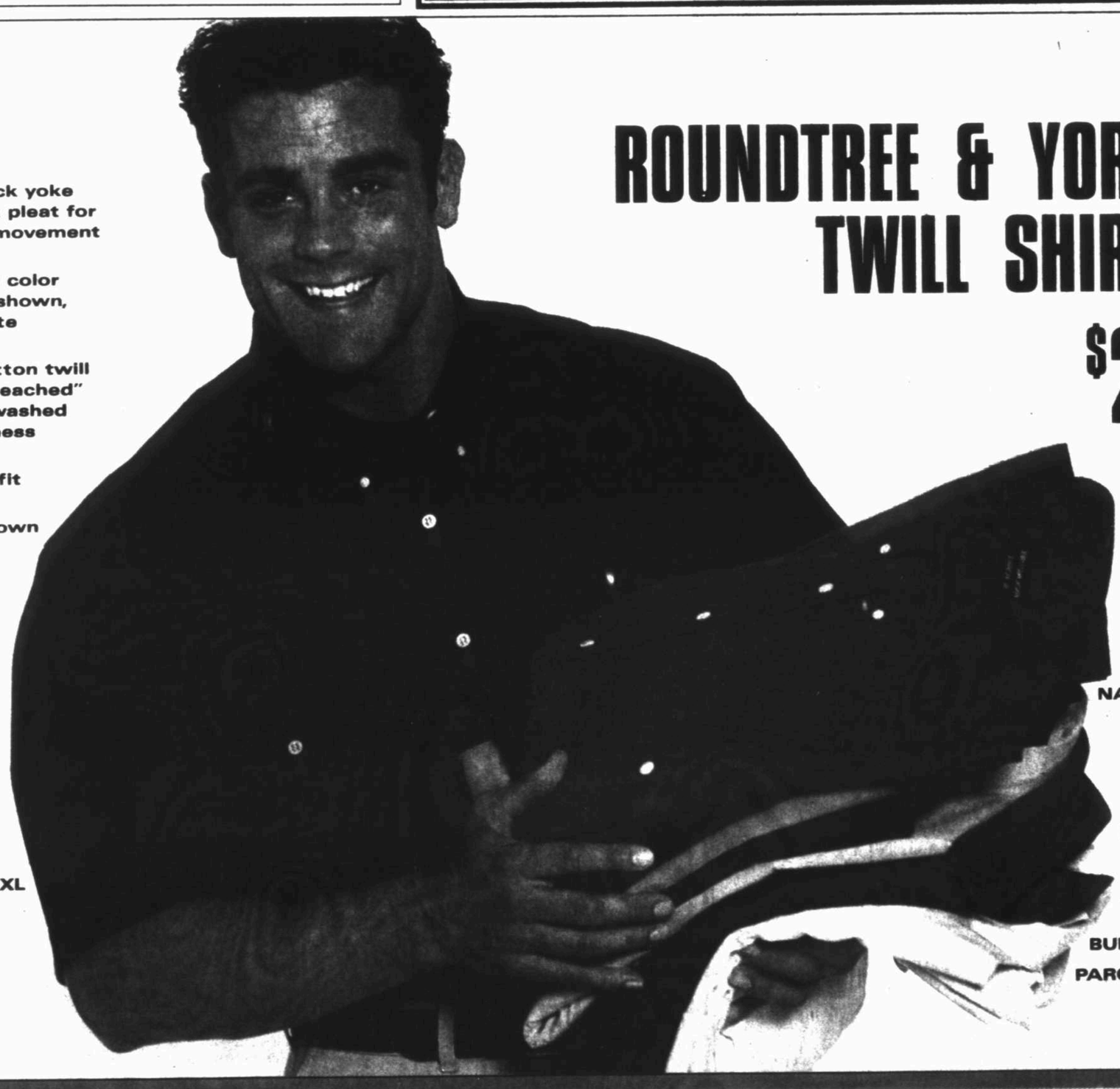

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Lawmaker refines death proposal

■ Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, still backs his proposal that 11-year-olds be eligible for the death penalty, but says the sentence ought not be carried out until they turn 17.

By Peggy Fikac
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A state lawmaker who proposes allowing 11-year-olds to be sentenced to death for capital murder said Wednesday those bound for execution should be held in juvenile facilities until the sentence would be carried out — at age 17.

"In no way do I want an 11-, 12-, 13-year-old kid in a TDC (Texas Department of Corrections) facility, even if they're waiting for death row," said Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie. TDC is the former name for the adult prison system.

Pitts said he was concerned about children being placed in a facility with adult "hardened criminals."

"I don't want them to be taken advantage of," he said, and suggested, "Maybe we ought to have some type of facility like death row" for such juveniles.

Pitts, who made the proposal concerning capital murder in the wake of the Jonesboro, Ark. schoolyard shootings, stressed that he would expect an execution to be sought only rarely for young defendants.

He emphasized the idea simply would be an option for local prosecutors and judges.

Under his proposal, someone as young as 11 who is convicted of capital murder could face either life without parole or the death penalty.

Since he made the proposal Monday as part of a juvenile crime package, Pitts said his office had received hundreds of telephone calls, with about 60 percent in favor and 40 percent against.

Gov. George W. Bush, a fellow Republican, has said he won't back the idea.

Under current law, someone can be sentenced to death for a crime committed at age 16, but the execution isn't carried out until the person is at least 17, according to the attorney general's office.

Pitts on Monday had said he would look at whether such a delay should be built into his proposal, adding that appeals likely would take that long, anyway.

On Wednesday, Pitts said, "I think that a small child needs to answer to their crime, but I think the actual putting to death should take place as the current law says.

"I've had a little time to think about it. I've had a lot of calls I was putting people to death at age 11. That is not my intention," he said.

Pitts added, "I want every appeal process ... to take place before this child would be put to death."

Pitts, who plans to introduce the juvenile crime package when lawmakers meets in regular session in January, said he would continue to refine it.

"That's why I put the proposal out there, so I could get some comment," he said. "I think the basic plan is going to stay. There's going to be probably some expanding of it."

BASIN BRIEFING

Rotary anniversary

The 70th anniversary of Rotary clubs' presence in Midand is to be celebrated 6:30 p.m. today at the Petroleum Club. The featured speaker is to be Kay Graham, president of the Sweetwater Rotary Club. Also participating will be Leila B. Seal, president of Midland Rotary Club, and District Gov. J.B. Roberts of Plainview.

Housing help

The Midland Neighborhood Housing Services seeks applicants for its program for disabled residents. Five residents will be granted $15,000 toward the purchase of a $39,000 home. For more information call Rosie Rodriquez at 620-1530.

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Midland Neighborhood Housing Services esta aceptando applicaciones para el programa de casas nuevas para personas incapacitadas. Se construiran cinco nuevas viviendas en lo que resta de esta año. Las casas tendran un costo de $39,000, el programa le ayudara con $15,000 y el cliente conseguira un prestano por solo $24,000. Si desea mas informacion llame a Rosie Rodriguez al 620-1530.

Austin rickshaws

AUSTIN — Rosie Sanchez, 24, feels a little frustrated that she had to park so far from Sixth Street. But after strolling down the block, the Southwest Texas State University senior stares in amazement at a blue carriage, decorated with flashing red lights and a reflecting orange triangle. She discovers that the human-powered carriage, a rickshaw, can give her a ride not only to her car, but to anywhere in downtown Austin.

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Infectious pests

BEAUMONT (AP) — El Niño has another unpleasant surprise for Texans this year: lots of disease-carrying insects and rodents.

Extra rain from the Pacific weather phenomenon that has pounded California also translates into prime breeding ground in Texas for insects such as fleas, ticks and mosquitoes along with more vegetation where rodents forage.

"We obviously can't predict what's going to happen, but because of the wet weather, we are very much more likely to see more flea and tick diseases and it certainly stands to reason that the rodent population will increase," Julie Rawlins, a Texas Department of Health epidemiologist, told the Beaumont Enterprise.

Although no reports of any hantavirus or mosquito-born encephalitis have surfaced so far this year, Ms. Rawlins noted that those kinds of epidemics usually don't occur until later on in the summer.

Entomologists expect the mosquito population to flourish in late summer.

Selena records

HOUSTON (AP) — Financial records that disappeared during the 1995 Selena murder trial might have been found at long last. Nueces County District Attorney Carlos Valdez said Wednesday that a Harris County court reporter called him to say she had possession of two boxes that might contain the missing records.

The court reporter, Sandra Oballe, said someone else found the boxes in the Houston jury room where the case was deliberated and contacted her. She called Valdez on Monday.

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.

Flatlanders Toastmasters Club, Chevron Bldg., 15 Smith Rd., 11:30-12:30 p.m., 967-7286.

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

Post traumatic stress disorder support group for women, 6 p.m., Community National Bank, 601 E. Florida Ave., 570-9412.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) No. Tx139, 7 p.m., 1007 Austin St., 694-8643.

Permian Basin Hotel/Motel Association, noon, 561-8000.

VFW Post No. 4149, 7:30 p.m., 500 Airpark Road, 684-9226.

AT LEFT Mica Odom, left, served as presiding officer of the Senate, and Rebecca Kirchner was majority leader during a debate over a bill. BELOW Lee High School students recently participated in a mock Congress.

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A LESSON IN DEMOCRACY

LHS students learn about parliamentary process

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Lee High School students recently found out what it's like to be a U.S. senator or representative.

The school's government classes have staged mock presentations in which students emulate the U.S. Congress and tackle controversial issues like immigration and anti-tobacco legislation.

Sam Manning, chair of the social studies department and a government teacher, said the exercise teaches students that their system of government promotes healthy, peaceful national debate.

"We're trying to teach them that government is participatory," Manning said. "You can debate issues in a parliamentary way. You can resolve those issues in a parliamentary system. We're trying to teach them that we have a system of resolving conflict and we have a peaceful system ... from top to bottom."

Manning said that students learn the rules of debate as a way to respectfully argue the issues. The students choose a house speaker and a presiding officer for the senate, majority and minority leaders and whips, and committee chairmen.

All those speaking on the bill must learn to be organized and address issues according to procedures.

"They learn how to formally debate issues in parliamentary procedures, how to resolve conflict without getting too emotional," he said. "We try to teach kids to address the chair instead of each other, so they won't be attacking each other."

The issues during the week of debate ranged from taxes, education, drug and alcohol abuse, tobacco and technology. The students have been preparing for weeks.

The government teacher has been showing his students the diversity of the American political system.

Manning estimates that across the United States, there are easily 80,000 different units of government, from local city councils and hospital districts to state legislatures and the U.S. Congress.

Some complain that the American system of government is inefficient and undemocratic compared to other nations. Manning said the system has many strengths.

"It's set up to be inefficient; it slows it down so that bad

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Jackson pays visit to woman on death row

Associated Press

GATESVILLE — Erica Sheppard, one of seven women on Texas' death row, met Wednesday with the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the man her mother credited with changing Ms. Sheppard's mind about volunteering to be put to death.

"I felt her sense of joy, her sense of security," Jackson said after spending nearly an hour with the inmate, who had been scheduled for execution April 20 but decided 12 days ago pursue appeals.

"It's important that the legal process be exercised to its fullest, that the judicial process be honored, that her humanity be shared with the world. And we intend to do just that."

Prosecutors say Ms. Sheppard's appeal could take a year or more to complete. The average time spent on death row for the 147 inmates executed in Texas since 1982 is nearly 10 years.

Ms. Sheppard, 24, would have been the first Texas woman executed since Karla Faye Tucker was put to death Feb. 3. With the execution last week in Florida of Judy Buenoano, 54, known as the "Black Widow," she would have been the fourth woman executed in the United States since the Supreme Court in 1976 allowed the death penalty to resume.

Ms. Sheppard was condemned along with an accomplice, James Dickerson, for the June 1993 stabbing and clubbing death of Marilyn Sage Meagher, a 43-year-old Houston real estate agent and mother of two.

Ms. Meagher was accosted at her apartment by the pair, who stole her car. The victim's throat was slashed with a butcher knife and her skull crushed with a 10-pound statue. Ms. Sheppard's bloody palmprint was found inside Ms. Meagher's apartment.

Ms. Sheppard was 19 and unemployed at the time. Testimony at her trial showed Dickerson stole the car so they could drive to Bay City, about 100 miles away, to visit a friend.

On Wednesday, Jackson was accompanied to the Mountain View Unit of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice by Ms. Sheppard's mother, brother and her three young children, 8- and 6-year-old boys and a 5-year-old girl.

Jackson and Madelyn McNeil, Ms. Sheppard's mother, said the inmate was remorseful and repentant. Ms. McNeil said she wrote Jackson for help and that

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U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison paid a visit to the Tall City Wednesday to discuss a package of incentives for the oil and gas industry she has introduced in Congress.

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Reporter-Telegram

Hutchison details oil and gas incentives package

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison visited Midland Wednesday to unveil a package of oil and gas incentives she has introduced in Congress.

The Texas Republican, in Midland to address the Uptown Midland Business and Professional Women's Club, also discussed her work on women's issues in the Senate.

"It's clear our domestic oil and gas industry is on the ropes," she said, noting that crude oil prices have fallen 25.5 percent since last fall. Along with Sen. Don Nickles, R-Okla., and Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, she has introduced legislation designed to provide both tax and regulatory relief to U.S. oil and gas producers.

The legislation includes tax incentives for drilling oil and gas wells that may be considered marginal, or for producers to reopen marginal wells.

Regulatory relief would include royalty-in-kind legislation allowing producers to give the federal government a portion of the oil and gas produced on federal lands rather than a percentage of the production's monetary value. The bill would also transfer authority over oil and gas operations on federal lands from the Bureau of Land Management to state oil and gas regulatory agencies.

The legislative package, she said, has its roots in the success of similar incentives in Texas and on the federal level when the BLM helped companies increase activity in the Gulf of Mexico.

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ED TODD

Restraint of wagging tongues would be a wonderful thing

The babbling tongue is the worst offense of all common sins. And babble the tongue does in circles high and low, in and out of politics, around tables long, square, and round, in alleys and uptown clubs, in gab sessions and board rooms, among the good and the bad.

Todd

Gossiping is like the temptation to indulge in your favorite ice cream, a box of Cracker Jacks, another drag on that cigarette if you are seemingly incorrigibly hooked on tobacco, and another sip of your favorite intoxicating nectar. It often is hard to resist even though the rewards of just abstinence are spiritually uplifting and cleansings.

For awhile, wallowing in the obscene and profane may seem so fleshly gratifying like warmth before it becomes searing and destructive heat and fire. It is not quite spiritually enlightening and morally good to dip into the forbidden and to sling the smut around.

The 1990s aren't the sole custodian of the vulgar age and the gossip mill. Crassness has been around for awhile. It comes with unbridled spoken language and the impulse to permit the mind, via the wagging tongue, to speak all manner of improprieties. Vulgarity in speech and in print has plunged into a quagmire level of apparent acceptability, certainly not respectability, in some quarters and especially over the public's commercial airwaves.

And it is even in print and graffiti and on radio and television as, I suppose, a means to entertain and to shock and, to some people's notion, to communicate.

But the laughter of those who snicker and make loud noises at crude jokes is somehow jaded with impurity just like those off-color remarks and abuses of the language that have no redeemable value. But those abuses are protected by the honor and magnanimity of the United States Constitution and the precious free-speech amendment.

It is a shame that bodily functions and body parts and beliefs in God and in spiritual values and honor and right and life are ridiculed with such dispatch in society. The very Constitution is held in disrespect when people and things and ideals and wonders in nature are demeaned.

And good literature? It is ennobling from the earthy Geoffrey Chaucer to the erudite William Shakespeare in how and in what manner it treats life. It is not rude.

But the babbling tongue, the rudest of all, needs the leveling effect of honor and integrity and accountability and the purity of love.

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

POLICE REPORTS

Midlander killed

FORT WORTH — A Midland woman was killed and her husband injured in the early-morning hours Saturday following a one-car rollover in Fort Worth.

Midlanders Steven and Danita Walker were ejected from a vehicle driven by Michael Childres of Bedford, according to police reports. The vehicle was eastbound in the 3900 block of Texas Highway 121, the Airport Freeway, in Fort Worth, according to Lt. Mark Krey of the Fort Worth Police Department.

Investigators believe the vehicle drifted left and the driver overcorrected with a violent jerk of the steering wheel, sending the vehicle into an end-over-end and side-to-side roll.

Walker, 44, and Mrs. Walker, 44, were both ejected from the back seat. Childres also was ejected, but his wife remained in the vehicle and had to be cut free by rescue crews, Krey said.

Mrs. Walker died en route to John Peterson Hospital.

Childres remains in very critical condition. Mrs. Childres and Walker are expected to recover.

No charges have been filed pending further developments in the driver's medical condition, Krey said.

Crime Stoppers

Midland Crime Stoppers officials are seeking information on a felony theft that occurred on Feb. 24 at Adkins Supply Co.

More than $38,000 worth of oil-field equipment was reportedly taken. This merchandise could have been sold to other supply companies or to other individuals who could rebuild pumps and other oil-field equipment, according to Sgt. Jim Crouse of Midland Crime Stoppers.

Anyone with information regarding this or any other felony crime should call 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP. All callers remain anonymous and caller identification equipment is never used.

Midland Police Department
Tuesday

Theft: Jewelry was taken from 300 N. A St. It was reported at 3 p.m. by Monserratte Sanchez.

Theft: Several items were reportedly missing from inside a boat at 3610 Big Spring St. It was reported at 8:06 p.m. by Steven Tischer.

Wednesday

Vandalism: A door was reportedly damaged at 702 S. Tilden St., reported at 1 a.m. by Lacy Virgie.

Midland County Sheriff's Department
Tuesday

Vandalism: A pickup was reportedly scratched at 2217 E. Interstate 20. It was reported at 5:10 p.m. by Carey Harris.

Theft: Gasoline, worth $12, was reportedly stolen from a business at 3115 E. Texas Highway 158. It was reported at 6:24 p.m.

Vandalism: A rear window was broken on a vehicle at 1304 W. CR121. It was reported at 8:11 p.m. by Eva Urias.

Theft: A lawn mower was taken from 2414 Cloverdale. It was reported at 8:21 p.m. by Francisco Brito.

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

VISIT: Jackson honors woman's request

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her daughter agreed to pursue appeals if he would get involved.

"She said if you could promise me that Rev. Jackson is going to see me and possibly help me, I'll change my mind," Ms. McNeil said.

State Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, who brought Jackson to the prison, did not participate in the meeting with Ms. Sheppard but did promise to make arrangements to hire her a private attorney.

Ellis would not say if he was willing to make similar legal arrangements for all other death row inmates, many of whom have difficulty finding attorneys. Besides the seven women on death row, Texas has 441 condemned men, housed in a prison just outside Huntsville, about 150 miles to the southeast.

"I hope this case will be a catalyst for the debate," Ellis only would say.

When Ms. Sheppard told a Houston judge in January she wanted to die, she had attorneys made available to her if she wanted to pursue appeals. At the hearing where her April 20 execution date was set, she said she understood but still wanted to die.

"She wants to have the lawyer of her choice," Jackson said. "She in part said she had given up the appeal process because her lawyer said it was futile. She wanted to go ahead and surrender her spirit and die to spare her children of growing up with the anxiety of a death watch. She felt all had been lost. Now she says she wants to live."

HUTCHISON: Senator touts proposal

(From 1B)

Ms. Hutchison said she attached an amendment — stopping the BLM's plan to increase tax rates in the Gulf of Mexico — to the supplemental appropriations bill making its way through Congress. Murkowski joined her in attaching another amendment halting the sale of North Shore reserves because of concern that the additional supply would send prices even lower.

Ms. Hutchison, co-chairman of the Congressional Oil and Gas Caucus, also mentioned another amendment prohibiting the Department of Energy from selling reserves from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for less than the production cost. Though the DOE had said it would proceed with the planned sale, Ms. Hutchison said opposition from a number of senators prompted the agency to delay the sale and wait on the outcome of the amendment.

"We're doing all we can to give the industry incentives because not only is it important for our country to be strong and self-sufficient, the industry produces jobs for our economy," she said.

Acknowledging that incentive packages are difficult to pass, she thinks hers can be successful if she can make her colleagues understand the importance of the domestic oil and gas industry.

Ms. Hutchison, the first woman elected to represent Texas in the U.S. Senate, said she and her colleagues are working hard to address issues of concern to women.

She cited the passage of legislation she sponsored this year that will allow stay-at-home wives and mothers to open Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs).

But that, she told the group, is a first step. Congress is also working toward eliminating the marriage tax penalty faced by 21 million married couples. She is cosponsoring legislation that would allow married couples to file tax returns separately or jointly, depending on which method benefits them most.

"If a Midland teacher making $26,000 marries a Midland police officer earning $31,000, they will owe Uncle Sam $1,000 more in taxes," she said. "If you're just starting out, if you're trying to buy that first home, that $1,000 means a lot."

She said in the event of a budget surplus and tax cuts, Congress' first priority would be to eliminate the marriage tax penalty. She added that she would sponsor legislation mandating that half of a budget surplus be spent on tax relief for working families and small businesses, and the other half used to pay down federal debt.

"We have a $5 trillion debt," she said. "We cannot tell our children and grandchildren that we have been responsible stewards of their future."

Ms. Hutchison said that she supports protection of endangered species, clean air and water and safe workplaces, but wants such protections enacted with common sense and balanced with the rights of private property owners.

In other topics:

n Ms. Hutchison said she hoped President Clinton would name a new secretary of energy, to replace Federico Pena who resigned this week, who understands and is supportive of the domestic energy industry.

n Noting that she worked to hire 1,000 more Border Patrol agents — two-thirds earmarked for Texas — she said she hopes that as illegal immigration and drugs along the border are reduced, the government will increase Border Patrol enforcement in second- and third-tier areas such as Midland and Odessa.

n On the controversies that have surrounded President Clinton since January, she said she is "embarrassed for the United States that we have these kinds of activities about the activities of the president in the White House. The president should be the moral leader of the country as well as the political leader. I'm troubled about the allegations that have come out, not just once or twice, but repeatedly about this president's actions while in the White House. It's a troublesome area for all of us."

OBITUARIES

Danita Walker

Danita R. Walker of Midland died Friday, April 3, 1998, in Fort Worth, Texas, in a car accident. She is survived by her husband, Steven Walker of Midland; her mother, Doris Dillard and stepfather, Elmer Dillard of Buffalo Gap, Texas; two brothers, Danny Rogers Jr. and wife, Melba, of Sacramento, California, David Rogers of Midland; two stepbrothers, Bob Dillard of Midland and Bill Dillard of Grapevine, Texas; her grandmothers, Opal Smith of Aspermont, Texas, and Jewell Thompson of Cross Plains, Texas, and also by her father-in-law, Don Walker of Midland; a brother-in-law, Donny Walker of Levelland; a sister-in-law, Debbie Rhoades of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Danny Rogers Sr., in January 1998.

Danita was born in Abilene, Texas, on September 16, 1954. She married Steven Walker of August 5, 1973. She attended school in Hobbs, New Mexico, and Andrews, Texas, before graduating from Lee High School in 1972. She earned a BA of business administration, management in 1977, from UTPB. She worked as a landman for numerous companies, beginning with Boyd & McWilliams, Harry Blomquist III, Stringer Oil & Gas Co., Cass Energy Corp., and Santa Fe Energy Resources. At the time of her death, she was working with Greg McCabe as an independent landman.

Danita became a certified professional landman in 1991. She was a longtime member of Permian Basin Landmen's Association, serving on the board of directors for several terms and holding numerous positions as officer for the organization. Danita was the first woman to be elected to serve as president of the PBLA, serving from 1992 to 1993. She represented the PBLA as its Region V director to the American Association of Petroleum Landmen from 1996 to 1997, and was currently serving as the chairman of the Policy Manual Update Task Force and assistant chairman of the Publications Committee. She served as chairman of the Spouse Events for AAPL's 1996 Annual Conference and had served on the Industry and Public Relations Committee for AAPL.

She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Midland, serving as chairwoman of the outreach committee, member of the Foundation review committee, Church Council, AIM team and restructure committee, member of New Life Sunday School class and was a founding member of New Challenger Sunday School Class.

Visitation with the family will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 9, at Ellis Funeral Home. Burial will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, 1998, at Resthaven Memorial Park. A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Friday, April 10, at the First United Methodist Church of Midland, Texas, followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall. Officiating pastors will be the Rev. Lane Boyd, the Rev. Molly Krueger and the Rev. John Rech.

The family requests memorials be sent to the Danita R. Walker Memorial Charity Foundation, c/o PBLA, P.O. Box 2292, Midland, Texas 79702 or the First United Methodist Church.

Blanks Oglesby

Blanks W. Oglesby, longtime West Texas wool and mohair buyer, died on April 8, 1998, in Midland, where he was living at the Trinity Towers Retirement Center. He was 86 years of age. Mr. Oglesby was born in Mertzon, Texas, the son of Sam Oglesby and Caledonia Blanks Oglesby, longtime ranchers in West Texas. He had six brothers and a sister, all of who preceded him in death.

After graduating from Mertzon High School, Mr. Oglesby attended New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, New Mexico. After his time in New Mexico, he moved to San Angelo, Texas, where he worked as an office boy for the National Wool Marketing Corporation in 1932. With his interest in the wool business, Mr. Oglesby moved to Boston, Massachusetts, where the action in the wool business was for prospective young wool buyers. He worked there as a wool grader until he moved back to Texas in 1935. He then began a short career as a traveling freight agent for a shipping company in Houston.

After leaving the shipping business, Mr. Oglesby worked for a number of wool businesses, which included Hills, Oglesby and Divine, in Boston; Rankin Wool Warehouse Company, in Rankin and Santa Rita Wool Company in San Angelo. In 1947, he went to work for the Fred Whitaker Company in Boston as a West Texas and New Mexico wool buyer. In the early '50s, he went to work for Lobsitz Mills Company of Newark, New Jersey, as a wool and mohair buyer and later managed the Associated Wool Processors of Texas scouring plant in Del Rio, which was owned by Lobsitz Mills. The scouring plant closed in 1970, with the death of its owner. In 1971, Blanks became a commission wool buyer and bought wool and mohair for several different companies. He retired in the late '70s and after several years living in Del Rio, moved to Midland to live closer to his daughter, Leonore Chambers.

Mr. Oglesby was married in 1935, to Annlouise Parker Oglesby, who passed away in 1981. They have three children, Leonore Chambers of Midland, Michael Oglesby of Grundy Center, Iowa, and Blanks Jr. of Fort Worth. There are eight grandchildren. Mr. Oglesby married Joey Lamb of Del Rio in 1983 and they divorced in 1995.

Family visitation will be Thursday, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Stockton Williams officiating. Interment will be in Eldorado Cemetery, Eldorado, Texas at 3 p.m.

The family requests memorials be directed to West Texas Boys Ranch, 102233 Boys Ranch Road, San Angelo, Texas 76904.

Pallbearers will be Tommy Chambers Jr., Ty Chambers, Mark Oglesby, Dwight Oglesby, Ford Oglesby and Lloyd Perkins. Honorary pallbearers will be Hedlee Wardlow, Bob Qualia, Pat Rose III and the staff and residents of Trinity Towers.

Billy Terry

McCAMEY — Billy Ray Terry 59, of McCamey, brother of Midlanders Robbie Wroe, Georgia Hall, Cecila Jackson, Maple McMaryion and Melissa McMaryion died April 4, at an Odessa hospital.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at First Baptist Church in McCamey with the Revs. L.H. Degrate, Ellis Lane and Jackie Jeffrey officiating. Burial is to follow at Garden of Memories in McCamey under the direction of Richard W. Box Funeral Home in Crane. Visitation is to be Thursday, April 9 and Friday, April 10, at the funeral home.

He was born on March 13, 1939, in McCamey.

He had been employed by Chevron for almost 20 years until he became ill in 1989. He was a Methodist.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Maggie Mae Myers and a brother, George McMaryion.

Other survivors include his wife, Ruby (Evans) Terry of McCamey; a daughter, Sandra K. Jones of Odessa; five sons, Billy R.Terry Jr., Kenny R. Terry, Rodney R. Terry and Steven R. Terry; all of Odessa; another sister, Lessie Sims of Odessa; four brothers, the Rev. Joe L. Terry and Nolan McMaryion, both of Odessa, Lawrence McMaryion of Mesquite and Clifton Pettis of El Paso; and 14 grandchildren.

Maurine Johnston

Maurine Johnston, formerly of Midland, died Friday, April 3, 1998, at Llano Hospital in Llano, Texas. Memorial services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, in the First United Methodist Church Glass Chapel with the Rev. Molly Krueger officiating.

She was born May 21, 1921, in Nocona (Montague County), Texas to Joshua M. and Eva Marmaduke Johnston. She was reared in Montague and Crane counties and finished high school at Crane and attended Texas Tech University. She lived in Midland from 1947 through 1988, at which time she moved to LBJ Lake at Kingsland in Llano County, Texas. While living in Midland, Mrs. Johnston was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She was a stockbroker and accountant for various companies in Midland before retiring.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Duke Johnston of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and one niece, Patricia Ann Johnston of Midland.

She is survived by her brother, Bill Johnston and sister-in-law, Clara, of Midland; five nieces, Shanann Passley of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Lynn Parrish of San Diego, California, Virginia Davis, of Rockwall, Texas, Cidney Ratliff of Seattle, Washington, and Jan Yost of San Angelo, Texas; her nephew, Jeff Johnston of Midland; several great-nephews and great-nieces; and two godchildren, Mike Epps of Lubbock and Toni Wallingford of Houston.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to the First United Methodist Church, 3305 N. Baird, Midland, Texas 79701 or to a charity of your choice.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials. A longer, more detailed obituary is available for a charge. It may include tributes, expanded biography, organizational associations, notes of appreciation, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and a photo.

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

Flora Jones

LITTLEFIELD — Flora Lucile Jones, 92, of Littlefield, mother of Midlander Dortha Morrow, died Tuesday, April 7, at a Lubbock hospital.

Services are to be 3 p.m. Friday, April 10, at the Crescent park Church of Christ in Littlefield with Wiburn Dennis officiating and Eric Dickey assisting. Burial is to be at City of Levelland Cemetery under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home in Littlefield.

She was born Oct. 17, 1905, at Baby Head.

She lived in Levelland from 1943 to 1972, when she moved to Stockdale and moved to Littlefield in 1981. She was past president of the Levelland Garden Club and a member of the Crescent Park Church of Christ in Littlefield.

She was preceded in death by her husband, C.O. Jones, in 1977, and by a son, Roy Wade Jones in 1953.

Other survivors include two sons, Calvin Jones of Littlefield and Bob Jones of Hereford; another daughter, Helen Middleton of Southgate, Mich.; 17 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; two nephews; and one niece.

The family requests memorials be directed to Cherokee Children's Home in Cherokee.

Gladys Elliott

HOBBS, N.M. — Gladys Elliott, 83, of Hobbs, N.M., mother of Midlander Olivia Moore, died Tuesday, April 7, in Midland.

Services are to be 2 p.m. today, April 9, at First United Methodist Church Chapel in Hobbs with the Rev. Keath Baskett officiating. Burial is to follow at Prairie Haven Cemetery in Hobbs under the direction of Griffin Funeral Home in Hobbs.

She was born July 27, 1914, in Emory.

She moved to Hobbs, N.M., in 1947, from Oklahoma. She was a Hobbs, N.M., public school teacher for 43 years. She was active with the Salvation Army and in various Methodist women's groups.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Elliott, in November 1987.

Other survivors include another daughter, Cytha Peters of McCamey and four grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Midland Inc. or First United Methodist Church.

LHS: Students get glimpse of parliamentary process

(From 1B)

decisions aren't made," he said, referring to the mock Congress. "If this is pretty slow-moving, imagine the real Congress."

While the government has its weaknesses, Manning says the nation remains generally prosperous under its government.

"A lot of our people live very well because ... of our leaders," he said. "We have a two-party system. Third-party systems have very little chance."

In addition, the far left or far right have difficulty getting elected at the national level in the United States, he noted. Candidates generally make compromises on the issues to appeal to more voters; thus there's a moderating effect in national elections.

In times of crisis, the government can move fast, he noted. The federal government's executive branch — the president and federal agencies such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Pentagon — can act quickly in times of war or natural or economic disasters.

Some Lee students said they like the model, even if they're not sure that our government is the most efficient at resolving conflict.

Senior Tiffany Turner was chairwoman of the Senate's "crime and punishment" committee. She also supported a bill to ban all indoor smoking except on private property. The bill was modeled after recent federal legislation.

"I think it's a pretty good bill," she said. "It's one of those things where no one's rights are being infringed upon. Those who want to smoke can smoke. Those who do not want to smoke, then you don't have to worry about catching another person's second-hand smoke."

Ms. Turner said she's enjoyed working on her own bill to make sure all U.S. immigrants are eligible to serve in the U.S. military.

Another group of students simulated the U.S. House of Representatives.

Junior Dellanira Hinojos said she liked what she saw, but it's a little on the dull side.

"They passed one of my bills, smoking in public places. It's kind of fun," she said. "If I go to a restaurant, even if it's a non-smoking area, you can still smell the smoke. It's healthy (not to smoke). If we care about other people, we think about other people, not just people who smoke."

Manning said the whole idea is to get students to participate in democracy and talk about the issues, just like the real public servants would.

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2 p.m. — First Baptist Church

DANITA WALKER
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Ellis Funeral Home

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UT student starts rickshaw business in downtown Austin

By Jenn Sanchez
The Daily Texan

AUSTIN — Rosie Sanchez, 24, takes a break from bar hopping Friday night to gobble down a fajita in front of a dance club.

Standing on a crowded street in downtown Austin, she feels a little frustrated that she had to park so far from Sixth Street.

But after strolling down the block, the Southwest Texas State University senior stares in amazement at what could be her ride back.

A blue carriage, decorated with flashing red lights and a reflecting orange triangle, catches her attention.

After a quick inquiry, Sanchez discovers that the human-powered carriage, called a rickshaw, can give her a ride not only to her car, but to anywhere in downtown Austin, from the Red Room on Seventh Street to the Spaghetti Warehouse on Fourth Street.

"They are so cool," Sanchez says. "I think it's a great idea. It's a new thing, it's cheap because you only have to tip and you get to go wherever you want."

The carriage is one of five that hit the streets this spring, as an alternative way for party goers to safely get around downtown.

In a few weeks of owning and operating Golden Boy Rickshaws, UT student Daniel Navarro has been pleasantly surprised with his business' success. Navarro and his crew have pulled an estimated 500 customers, including working downtown San Antonio one weekend.

"It's like taking a taxi," he says. "Tourists can get a tour of downtown Austin or partygoers can get bar-to-bar service. We will even wait for them to go somewhere else. People want to get from point A to point B, or even to point C and I take them there."

Rickshaw runners pull the carriage by two five-foot wooden handles that have two bicycle-like tires, while the passengers sit in what looks like a ferris wheel seat and lay back to enjoy their ride.

The rickshaws hold about 600 pounds, so runners can pull about four people at a time around downtown.

"Take a ride, we work for tips!" yells rickshaw runner Edward Navarro as a couple of students approach him and then hop in for a ride.

Bryan Deham, a master's candidate in business administration, watched the runners for several hours before finally deciding to take a ride.

"I think we ran over someone's foot, but it was quite entertaining," he says after the ride. "It is definitely a great idea — it's especially adding to the greater city of Austin. It's the best way to get around downtown."

Navarro said the idea for his rickshaw business came after watching a kung fu movie at 4 a.m. with his brother and roommate last October.

> **'They are so cool. I think it's a great idea. It's a new thing, it's cheap because you only have to tip and you get to go wherever you want.'**
> — Rosie Sanchez, first-time rickshaw customer

"Runners were pulling rickshaws throughout the movie. It hit me like a big light bulb in my head: I could do this in Austin. So I put it down on paper and started working on my ideas that night," he said. "I started finding out more about rickshaws. I bought them in Canada for about $2,000. I got a city license permit and had to get insurance for them, but everything finally came through."

Rickshaw comes from the Japanese word jinrikisha — jin meaning man, riki meaning strength and sha meaning carriage.

These 'pedicabs' were first used in Japan around 1870 and then spread thought the Orient, Asia and Africa. However, today rickshaws are illegal in many Chinese cities because the government views these "human horses" as being undignified, according to a rickshaw home page, http://www.tor.shaw.wave.ca/dillan/history.html.

Although the Golden Boy's runners are not even half the size of horses, some said their job is a great way to stay in shape.

Rickshaw runner Kama Bruce said he enjoys just about everything about his job, even running from Stubb's Bar-b-q to La Zona Rosa, his farthest pulling distance so far.

"You have to be in somewhat decent shape as far as your legs go and by the end of the night you're exhausted, but it's better than jogging on your own," said Bruce, an elementary education junior. "I'm not in it for the money, I'm just doing it for fun, but my biggest tip has been $40 from a lady. It's a different adventure every night; you never know who you're going to meet or pull."

Austin Police Department Officer Lee Sayga, who has been patrolling Sixth Street for the last 14 years, said although there have not been any problems with the rickshaws, he is skeptical of their safety.

"They don't bother me," Sayga said. "But I wouldn't take a ride on them ... I don't even ride a bicycle."

However, runners say they are as careful as possible and respect the safety concerns of customers.

"The rickshaws are definitely a safe way of transportation and follow the same rules of the road as cars do," Bruce said. "We're going faster than the horse carriages, so we can't mess around and are very observant of everything happening around us."

No complaints have been recorded yet with Navarro's company, but some downtown workers said they need some time to adjust to the new business.

"The first time my horse saw the rickshaws her eyes nearly popped out of her head — she was looking for the horse for the carriage," said Katey Graham, an Austin horse carriage driver.

"Other than that, we've gotten used to them. They're quiet, they're no problem and certainly safer than drunk drivers."

But Sanchez said she prefers riding the rickshaws to the horse carriages because she wants to be animal-friendly.

"The poor horses don't even look like they want to be pulling people around, but they have to do it," she says. "The guys on the rickshaws are out here because they want to be out here running around."

She added that she plans to continue using the rickshaws whenever she can't get a close parking spot.

"It's great because I parked all the way on Fourth Street and now I can take a rickshaw ride back to my car," Sanchez said. "I don't have to worry about being mugged or raped if I'm alone."

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State 'playing with fire' if tobacco settlement not finalized quickly, Morales says

AUSTIN (AP) — Wednesday's announcement that cigarette makers will fight proposed national anti-tobacco legislation shows why Texas needs to wrap up its $15.3 billion court settlement fast, Attorney General Dan Morales said.

"We are playing with fire if we delay finality of this settlement any longer," Morales said.

"Let's get our own deal done. We can't control what's going on in Washington. We can control what's going on in Texas."

His remarks came only hours after major cigarette manufacturers said they would fight anti-tobacco legislation in Congress. They said they support last year's less-expensive agreement to curb teen smoking but concluded that effort is now "dead."

That prompted Morales to say it now "is as imperative as it ever has been that we ... get this money in the bank, start putting it to work for our state, for our taxpayers, for our kids."

Texas is one of three states to already settle with the tobacco industry. The settlement resulted from a lawsuit filed by the state seeking damages for smoking-related health care costs paid by the state.

The agreement, before U.S. District Judge David Folsom in Texarkana, calls for the companies to pay Texas $15.3 billion.

But the deal isn't final. Two major complaints are pending.

Some counties and hospital districts have complained that the agreement prohibits them from filing their own lawsuits against the tobacco industry to recover costs of treating more than $5 billion in tobacco-related illnesses at public hospitals.

Gov. George W. Bush and seven legislators also argue that Morales lacked the authority to promise a 15 percent fee, amounting to $2.3 billion, to five private lawyers who worked on the case for the state.

Linda Edwards, a spokeswoman for Bush, said the governor also wants the settlement to become final.

"He hopes the attorney general will join him and agree to separate the issue of attorneys' fees so the $15.3 billion settlement award to Texas can become final," Ms. Edwards said. "The governor wants to ensure taxpayers are off the hook for the excessive $2.3 billion in attorneys' fees."

Morales has said tobacco companies — and the federal government if necessary — will cover the attorneys' fees.

Morales on Wednesday said the pending objections need to be resolved quickly so Texas can grab its money.

"The volatility that surrounds every single aspect and component of this situation is something we simply do not want to play games with," he said. "It would be my hope and my expectation that we could achieve finality in our state judgment as soon as possible."

The attorney general said his office has been conferring with representatives of Bush and the counties, and he voiced optimism that resolution is near.

"We are engaged in discussions with all of those parties and we are encouraged that we will be able, in the very near future, to arrive at an accommodation by which everyone is in agreement that the interests of taxpayers in our state will be served," Morales said.

He said that could be "a matter of days, if not a matter of weeks."

Morales said the state's settlement could be jeopardized if the tobacco companies were able to argue that a major change has been made. He said he wants to make sure that doesn't happen.

"Texas has prevailed. We have won our lawsuit. We have $15.3 billion that we are ready to take to the bank," he said.

Although the state has its own deal, Morales said national legislation is needed for two critical actions: regulation of tobacco by the federal Food and Drug Administration, and restrictions on tobacco marketing and advertising aimed at youth.

Former Tigua leader indicted in theft of sacred artifacts

EL PASO (AP) — A former Tigua Indian war captain has been indicted for taking a sacred drum and other artifacts amid a dispute that caused a rift in the tribal leadership.

Marty Silvas, who was ousted from his ceremonial position, could face up to life in prison if convicted on the charge of theft of over $200,000, a first-degree felony.

Silvas is accused of stealing the junachido drum, considered the heart of the West Texas tribe, the pipe, two religious masks called "Los Abuelos," a ceremonial bowl and the Red Stone.

The Tiguas' ancestors carried the drum from their New Mexico home during the 1680 Pueblo revolt.

Silvas could not be reached for comment on the indictment handed up Tuesday.

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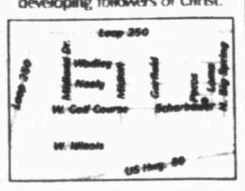

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Clinton presses Congress to OK tax credits to help repair schools

Hearst News Service

CHICAGO — President Clinton, touring a dilapidated school building here, called on Congress Wednesday to give federal tax credits for locally-issued bonds to build and repair public schools — a task that could cost $185 billion over the next eight years.

Clinton urged the Senate to set aside a Republican proposal to subsidize private school spending with tax-free education savings accounts in favor of a Democratic proposal to modernize deteriorating public schools.

Chiding lawmakers for approving more than $200 billion for highways and bridges but not making schools an equal priority, Clinton said, "I believe that we should have a good road program. I believe that unsafe bridges ought to be repaired. But none of that will matter very much if we let the education system come crumbling down around our children."

Saying that a third of the nation's schools need major repairs, Clinton said, "This is a national priority."

Speaking to about 500 children and community leaders, the president added that "all over the country, all kinds of people have just sort of given up on public schools and the kids that are in them and the children whose first language is not English."

Clinton's audience had waited for him more than an hour beneath a rain-swept tent set up in a grassy courtyard at the Rachel Carson Elementary School in a racially mixed, lower-middle class Southside Chicago neighborhood.

"We should use good times to think about the problems that remain today and the challenges that loom ahead tomorrow," Clinton said. "It is a responsibility of good citizens in a democracy to bear down and do more in good times — not to relax and pat ourselves on the back."

Clinton visited a dilapidated wing of the Carson school that had been built in 1917. He stepped inside a classroom where the floor was so badly buckled that the space was used only for storage. To underscore the contrast, he also visited a science laboratory in a new wing of the school.

On the issue of highways and schools, Clinton said that while the American people were "ahead of the politicians" on pressing efforts to improve schools, Congress "sometimes is a little behind the president."

Republican Sen. John Ashcroft of Missouri, also in Chicago to speak at a prayer breakfast, said Clinton's education spending plans would stifle local decision making while giving power to officials in Washington. He called for block grants of federal funds to local school districts.

"The key to a renaissance in American education is empowerment of parents and communities," Ashcroft said.

Clinton backed a Democratic proposal that calls for giving federal tax credits in lieu of interest to investors who would underwrite nearly $22 billion in local bonds to finance school construction and rehabilitation.

The proposal for the federally backed, zero-interest bonds would cost taxpayers about $11 billion in lost revenue over a decade, according to the Treasury Department.

Officials said the bonds would be available to 100 school districts that have the largest number of low-income children, 25 districts with limited resources and to states working to help local school districts modernize buildings.

Doing their part

Dollar by dollar, Americans chip away at national debt

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's mostly checks for $10 or $15, but one man sent real gold, and an 84-year-old Minnesota woman chipped in $15,235 to help pay off the national debt. A few benevolent souls even tucked a little something extra in with their tax returns.

The Minnesotan, retired librarian Gudrun Hertsgaard of Minneapolis, makes $5,000 in charitable donations each year, of which $3,000 goes to the U.S. Treasury.

"I work on all my friends to do it, only they kind of laugh at me," she said. "When it gets to their pocketbook, they won't cough it up."

Since 1961, Americans have sent the Treasury $56.8 million to help put the nation back into the black. That sounds generous, but it would cover the interest on the $5.5 trillion national debt for about an hour and a half.

And contributions — ranging from inheritance checks to proceeds from a car wash — have been waning in recent years. Some worry that expectations of a balanced federal budget this year for the first time in nearly three decades have caused people to mistakenly believe the national debt has been erased.

Not only is the debt still here, it's growing.

People have always been able to send the government money, but not until 1961 did Congress allow them to earmark contributions for the national debt. Since the 1982 tax year, the Internal Revenue Service has included instructions in its tax booklet on how to do it.

On page 29 of this year's tax guide, taxpayers are advised to write separate checks payable to the "Bureau of the Public Debt." Even if taxpayers simply want to forfeit their refunds, they need to write separate checks.

In fiscal 1996, 366 Americans slipped checks totaling $85,378 to reduce the federal debt inside their tax returns. That was down from the 3,570 taxpayers who sent in $347,700 in fiscal 1983.

Most contributions to the debt come in separately from tax forms.

"A couple years ago, somebody actually sent in some gold. We went to a metals dealer, got it appraised and sold it. It was a couple hundred dollars' worth," said Peter Hollenbach, a spokesman for the Bureau of the Public Debt in Washington.

AP Photo

Eighty-four-year-old Gudrun Hertsgaard holds some of the cancelled checks that she has personally sent to the Bureau of Public Debt, Monday, in her Minneapolis home. Hertsgaard, a retired librarian, makes $5,000 in charitable donations each year, of which $3,000 goes to the U.S. Treasury.

A Lithuanian immigrant sent in a five-figure check.

"The man just wanted to show his appreciation for the freedom and democracy he's appreciated since he was living here," Hollenbach said.

Many letters sent with contributions ooze with patriotism. Others lament the government's stack of promissory notes.

One from Arizona said: "I know it's only a drop in the bucket, but every little bit helps." Another from New Hampshire said: "I would like my first month's Social Security check to be applied to reduce the national debt."

When Minnie Vogel died in 1984, she left $153,000 to retire the debt to "show my appreciation and love in helping my country in this small way." After a four-year legal battle over whether her home state of Kentucky was entitled to inheritance taxes, the state got $30,000, the Treasury a little more than $100,000.

The government never knows how much in contributions to expect.

From 1961 to 1983, annual contributions ranged from about $3,000 to $900,000.

The total topped $1 million for the first time in 1984 and shot up to $4.5 million in 1992, when independent presidential candidate Ross Perot was wielding his charts and graphs about the budget and the debt.

Interest died down after President Clinton's election, and contributions slipped to $1.84 million in 1993. An anonymous large donation sent the 1994 total shooting up to $20.7 million, but by last year contributions had dropped to $956,000.

Some worry that contributions could drop off even more if Americans continue to confuse the debt with the deficit. The national debt primarily represents the mountain of budget deficits that have stacked up over the years. The deficit — or surplus, as expected this year — is the difference between government revenues and spending in a given year.

"People hear there's a surplus, and they think the debt is done," Hollenbach said.

Still, some enterprising Americans aren't deterred by talk of a surplus.

Students at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn., soaped about 50 cars at their "Drive Down the Debt" car wash, passed the hat and sent the government $300.

The Richmond, Va.-based Eskimo Pie Corp. pledged a nickel for each box of ice cream bars it sold in one month. In May 1993, it unloaded 1,437,890 nickels on the lawn of the U.S. Capitol.

The government wasn't keen on counting them.

"We told them to put the nickels back in the truck and send us a check," Hollenbach said.

The company did.

Tax-deductible contributions to reduce the public debt must be by check to the Bureau of the Public Debt, Capital Area Servicing Center, 1300 C St. SW, Washington, D.C. 20239-0001 or enclosed with completed tax forms. In the check's memo section must be written: "Gift to reduce the public debt."

Kennel Club recalls book listing some dogs as bad with children

NEW YORK (AP) — The American Kennel Club is recalling the latest edition of its bible, "The Complete Dog Book," after pet owners objected that some of the nation's most popular breeds were listed as not good with children.

Scotties, dalmatians, Yorkshire terriers, Rottweilers, dachshunds and 35 other breeds were deemed unsuitable for kids in the recently released 19th edition of a book that has sold more than 2 million copies since 1929.

Within days of the new edition's release, breeders and owners complained that the new classifications were unfair and uninformed.

The Kennel Club quickly recalled the $33 book and said it would be reissued. Sam Perry, a vice president and general counsel for the club, on Wednesday refused to discuss what revisions would be made.

The club, in a statement released Wednesday, apologized for "unintentional errors" and blamed the mistake on a change in format "without proper vetting."

"The AKC sincerely regrets the distress caused to dog owners and breeders by the errors," the club said. "AKC neither agrees with nor endorses the material."

The club said the publisher was asked in January to suspend sales and recall the books, which will be replaced for free with a revised edition in June.

"The information certainly was not supplied by anyone who evidently knew what they were talking about," said Patty Brooks of Strafford, Mo., whose husband, Fred, is a breeder and president of the Scottish Terriers Club of America.

The not-good-with-children list includes Chihuahuas, toy poodles and whippets, while breeds with more dangerous reputations, like the American pit bull, are listed as good with children.

Another problem is that the "not good" for children list is sometimes contradicted by the book's more detailed remarks about temperament.

Scottish terriers, for example, are said to be "loving and gentle with people," while the more obscure wirehaired pointing griffon is described as "trustworthy ... an excellent family dog." Yet both breeds were deemed bad for children.

Dog owners who objected are just defending their breeds, said Jere Mitternight of Metaire, La., secretary of the Dachshund Club of America.

Mrs. Mitternight, who owns seven dachshunds, said they are great with children, but cautioned against the smooth-haired breed for the very young.

"The puppy mills are turning out a lot of those dogs and their temperament is bound to be bad," she said.

Alexandra Day, author of the popular "Good Dog, Carl" children's books about a baby-sitting Rottweiler, said there was no basis for that breed — the nation's third most popular — to be criticized, either.

"They are family dogs, but they protect their own," said Day, of Seattle.

Her Rottweiler, Zabala, regularly works with therapists and kids at hospitals. "He loves to play," she said. "He's been around literally hundreds of children."

Paddie Swift, a mother of two walking her dalmatian, Griffen, in New York's Central Park on Wednesday, mused that Disney may be forced to change the name of the movie to "101 Dalmatians Ready to Eat Your Kids."

"I think the American Kennel Club has bit itself in the foot," she said.

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School financing plan draws fire, keeps administrators busy

By Tamar Lewin
N.Y. Times News Service

SANTA FE, N.M. — If there is anywhere where the struggle over school-financing disparities ought to be over by now, it is in New Mexico.

After all, New Mexico took drastic action back in the early 1970s, when the first round of lawsuits challenging school-financing systems got under way. To level the field between rich districts and poor ones, and avoid the mire of litigation, New Mexico limited the amount districts could spend on their own schools and made the state, rather than local property taxes, the main source of money to operate schools.

So why, 25 years later, does the school in the fancy part of Santa Fe have a physical education teacher paid for by parents, while the school on the poor side of town has none? Why do the schools on the Zuni reservation have so little money for maintenance and repairs that they have had to lock up the swimming pool?

And how is it that Michael Davis, the state superintendent of education, and his staff still spend fully a third of their time defending — and adjusting — the school-financing formula?

"The fight over equity never goes away," Davis said. "And it never will. I'm very proud of our formula, which I think is the fairest in the nation. The state provides more than 90 percent of school operating funds, so we can give every child in New Mexico access to the same educational opportunities. But it's always going to be a work in progress."

There is no move afoot to abandon New Mexico's financing formula altogether — and everyone seems to agree that the state's system is far closer to equitable than in the old days. And nationwide, most experts say, there has been real progress in reducing disparities.

But there is an increasing recognition that leveling the field financially is not the only issue, and that it is also important to concentrate on making sure that, even in poor states like New Mexico, each child gets a decent education.

If financial equity was the issue of the '70s and '80s, the issue of the '90s — and the touchstone for much of the litigation now in the courts — is the adequacy of the education the state offers children.

"I'm not sure equitable means much if there's not enough money to provide an adequate education," said Allan Odden, a school-financing expert at the University of Wisconsin. "I think maybe we've kind of dragged out our focus on equity long enough and are now shifting to something more substantive. New Mexico's a good example, and California's another one, that sets spending at the state level, and no one can go above that level, which is very low. So it's equal — but there's not enough money."

School financing remains one of the knottiest problems of education, not just in New Mexico but throughout the nation. Most states have faced lawsuits over financial equity. But two decades of state supreme court rulings — 18 of them striking down school-financing systems as unconstitutional — have produced a welter of conflicting standards for determining the fairness of financing schemes.

And in many states, the school-financing battles are still raging, both in the courts and in local politics. It is an issue that will not go away, in part because education represents the largest single component of most state budgets.

"It is always, everywhere, an extraordinarily powerful political issue," said John G. Augenblick, a Denver education consultant who has been involved in many states' school-financing debates. "Not every legislator has a hospital or industry in his district, but everyone has a school district, and so everyone will fight endlessly over how much of the pie they should get."

There is tremendous variation in how states pay for their schools. In New Hampshire, where there is a strong tradition of local control and no statewide tax,

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— Michael Davis, New Mexico state superintendent of education

90 percent of the money comes from local property taxes — but that will be changing due to a December court ruling declaring the system unconstitutional. Hawaii, at the other end of the spectrum, has a single school district, which gets 90 percent of its money from the state.

While there is tremendous variation from state to state, the trend since the 1970s has been for states, as in New Mexico, to assume a greater share of the responsibility for school financing — and to impose some kind of ceiling on affluent districts' spending.

But within these more-equal systems, some schools and some districts are, as George Orwell would have it, more equal than others. In Santa Fe, for example, Partners in Education, a local nonprofit group, raises $300,000 a year, mostly for grants to teachers for art projects, field trips and a literary magazine.

Even within Santa Fe, there are differences. Many years ago, when the state cut the budget for physical education, parents at the Acequia Madre Elementary School on the east side of town, near where tourists come to stroll among art galleries and tasteful adobe houses, raised money to keep their teachers. But over on the west side, home of trailer parks and storage warehouses, parents do not raise much money for the Agua Fria Elementary School, and there is no physical education teacher.

In some states, like Kentucky, court challenges have led not just to school-finance reform but a whole new system of governance, academic expectations and accountability mechanisms. Kentucky was forced to revamp its school system completely: It increased per-pupil spending by 34 percent in the first three years of reform and, at the same time, rewarded schools that performed well and gave more power to schools.

INCREASINGLY, education experts have been trying to codify just what it takes — in terms of teachers, curriculum and expenditures — to provide an adequate education.

And over the next decade, Odden and others said, educators, state budget officials and judges handling school-finance lawsuits will be increasingly developing standards of adequate education, and then thinking about how to make sure each school has enough money to meet those standards, even in poorer states.

"It's a much broader question of school reform, rather than just looking at equity," Odden said. "It may also be a federal issue, because if states like New Mexico don't have enough money, they may need extra federal support. That's an issue that's going to have to be on the table."

The federal government, on average, provides 7 percent of each state's education finances. And there has been strong resistance whenever it has made any move to increase its involvement in what has always been a state function.

Legally, the idea that education is a federal responsibility has been resoundingly rejected: In a 1973 Texas case, the Supreme Court ruled that education was not a fundamental right guaranteed by the Constitution. It was that decision that led to the onslaught of litigation challenging school-financing systems under state constitutions' requirement for "ample," "thorough," "efficient" or "adequate" public education.

In several states, school-financing litigation has become one of the constants on the docket: In New Jersey, Ohio, Texas and elsewhere, there have been generations of court rulings that toss the ball back to the legislature, only to have a revamped system face a new challenge back in the courts. But there is no consistency in the decisions, no single standard has emerged by which to guage how much equity is required, and how much has been achieved.

As has been apparent in New Mexico, it is never as simple as providing the same amount of money for each child, for there are profound differences in children's needs. For example, high school students cost more to educate than third-graders; students in sparsely populated areas, who must be bused long distances, cannot be schooled as cheaply as those in cities where the economies of scale come into play. And students who are not native English speakers, or those with physical or mental disabilities, often need expensive special services.

The New Mexico formula has always recognized these differences, with a "rural isolation" factor, for students spread over the state's mountainous desert expanses and a density factor for poor urban children — a factor that recently, after a court challenge, was converted into an "at-risk" factor for districts with a lot of poor, non-English-speaking children.

But because each district has unique needs, the push to adjust the formula never stops. Right now, the Santa Fe schools are seeking a cost-of-living factor, since teachers in the capital pay such high rents — on average salaries of $28,000, well below the national average — that in one recent survey, 8 in 10 teachers reported that they were thinking of leaving.

"The cost-of-living situation is so severe, we have teachers bail out midyear," said Aaron Trummer, the principal of Santa Fe High School, a 22-building campus spread over 90 hilly acres south of town.

This year, the governor approved a $75,000 study on housing costs in the state, and how they affect teacher recruitment and retention.

Army inspection raised concerns about juice discovered to contain E. coli

By George Raine
Hearst News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Four months before E. coli bacteria linked to unpasteurized Odwalla apple juice killed a young girl in Colorado and caused about 70 other infections, the U.S. Army rejected a proposal by the company to sell its fresh juices at commissaries because of concerns over the risk of food-borne disease.

An Army inspector, after touring Odwalla's plant in Dinuba, Calif., on June 6, 1996, concluded that risks of "deterioration or adulteration" were posed in a food process that was unpasteurized and included no preservatives. She also found what she considered to be a high bacterial count in a sample.

Documentation about the inspection has surfaced in one of the lawsuits filed in Seattle against Odwalla on behalf of a Chicago girl, Amanda Berman, who suffered kidney damage after drinking fresh apple juice in 1996. Odwalla paid her $125,000 in medical bills.

If the Berman cases go to trial, food microbiologists will debate whether the Army inspector's finding of high bacterial counts was accurate or significant. Lawyers on both sides also will argue over whether Odwalla tried to withhold evidence about the inspection.

Attorneys for Odwalla's insurance company did not disclose documents pertaining to the inspection in response to requests for information from Seattle lawyers Bill Marler and Dennis Stearns, who represent Berman and other clients. They have asked a King County Superior Court judge in Seattle to impose sanctions on opposing lawyers for nondisclosure of what they believe is significant evidence that they discovered separately.

Marler and Stearns call the documents "smoking guns" that they say show, at the least, that an inspection found inadequate controls against product contamination.

Documentation has emerged indicating an Army inspector found evidence of 'deterioration or adulteration' in the manufacture of Odwalla apple juice, as well as a high bacterial count.

Chris Gallagher, a spokesman for Odwalla, said Monday the documents reflected nothing more than the Army's "lack of interest in purchasing a large stock of fresh juice."

"We had a process (in 1996) that we believed wholly effective in producing safe, high-quality juice," Gallagher said.

E. coli bacteria was ultimately identified in an Odwalla product and blamed for the death of 16-month-old Anna Gimmestad of Evans, Colo., who died of heart and lung failure on Nov. 8, 1996. About 70 other infections in western states were linked to Odwalla products.

Some of these infections resulted in serious hemolytic uremic syndrome cases in youngsters, a condition that can result in permanent kidney damage, although long-term consequences cannot be predicted with certainty, pediatricians say.

Shortly after the outbreak, Odwalla began to pasteurize its apple juice.

In June 1996, an Army veterinarian, Capt. Lorraine L. Linn, toured the Dinuba plant and wrote, "After careful review of the product, production methods and our microbial test results, we have decided that control measures and established criteria are not available to ensure maximum reduction of the risk involved with food-borne disease."

Before writing that, Linn contacted a food microbiologist at the University of California at Davis, Linda Harris, who had outlined for her outbreaks of bacterial infection associated with unpasteurized apple juice.

In testing at the United States Army Veterinary Command at Fort Sam Houston, microbiologists found the Odwalla sample had a range of 310,000 to 400,000 "colony-forming units" of bacteria. Linn judged that to be high. A CFU is the number of microorganisms per milliliter. The Army laboratory's count of up to 400,000 in the Odwalla sample may or may not be significant, according to Harris and three other food microbiologists.

Harris; Dean Cliver, also of the University of California at Davis; Mike Doyle of the University of Georgia in Athens; and Jim Waddell, acting chief of the Food Safety Section of the California Department of Health Services in Sacramento, all said they would need to know a history of such counts in a product. And, they said, many bugs are simply not harmful to humans.

"That is not an indicator of the presence of harmful bacteria," Doyle said. "The same can be said about mold count. High counts of mold are indicators of incipient spoilage, but not necessarily an indicator of a health problem."

"There is really no standard in the food industry or by government as to what an acceptable range is," Waddell said.

But Robert Carter, of the Florida Department of Citrus at Lake Alfred, Fla., in a report on Florida orange juice, found that 200,000 microorganisms per milliliter "would indicate possible quality problems in the market."

Linn said the lab test had been done after the sample traveled over a day to Texas, and at testing time its temperature was 40.6 degrees. In Half Moon Bay, Odwalla's Gallagher said Odwalla kept its product at 32 to 34 degrees. Warming would accommodate bacterial growth in the fresh juice, he said.

Report details degrading instance of hazing in Coast Guard

N.Y. Times News Service

New recruits on board the Boston-based Coast Guard cutter Spencer were slapped and beaten, and others were subjected to a a vulgar and degrading ritual, according to a Coast Guard investigation.

The investigation, which already has led to the disciplining of 11 members of the crew, found that supervisors on board the ship condoned such behavior or looked the other way.

In a remarkably frank 16-page report, backed by 59 exhibits, the Coast Guard portrays the 270-foot Spencer to be a ship of iniquity. The investigation began when an apprentice seaman complained to the Coast Guard — and eventually a private attorney — of hazing aboard the Spencer.

"This investigation uncovered an unhealthy climate within the Spencer Deck Department," wrote Vice Admiral Roger T. Rufe Jr., commander of the US Coast Guard Atlantic Area. "This climate developed and was allowed to continue due to a failure of leadership at the petty officer, chief petty officer and officer level.

The hazing complaint was made last year by Robert Urban, 19, of Mount Pocono, Pa., who said he was held down and beaten days after being assigned to the ship as a deck hand last November. About one-quarter of the ship's 100-person crew is assigned to the deck department, the crew responsible for affecting rescues and standing watch. Urban's complaints were first made public in The Boston Globe in January.

As a result of the incident, 11 people, from seaman to lieutenant junior grade, have been disciplined. The Coast Guard has begun discharge proceedings against one seaman; others face loss of rank and pay and restrictions in their shore privileges.

The Spencer is one of 28 large cutters that patrol United States territorial waters. Duties include drug interdiction, search and rescue, and enforcement of fishing regulations. When Urban joined the ship last November, it was at sea in the North Atlantic.

Urban and his attorney, Stephen Hrones, were concerned that the assault occurred Nov. 11, but the investigation languished.

Rufe found that the ship did not try to cover up the incident, but "lack of progress, for a variety of reasons, in the preliminary investigation directed by the Commanding Officer (of the) Spencer created a perception that the Coast Guard did not take Urban's allegations seriously."

Hrones Tuesday praised the Coast Guard for its thorough investigation.

J. Kipling Louttit, the commanding officer of the Spencer, said he was "very much" troubled by the report. "I think that the point needs to be made that the crew members involved made a concerted effort to hide the action, to the point of posting lookouts, and they lied to me and the investigating officer (Mark Bickford) when we convened the first investigation."

The second investigation, conducted by Lieutenant Commander Kevin Harkins, found that "Urban's description of the assault is accurate; his perception that he was 'held down and beaten' is valid."

The investigation also found that such activity was commonplace. Many members of the deck department received "pink bellies" where they were held down, hands and feet bound with duct tape, while their stomach was slapped and hit as others stood around chanting the victim's name.

Departure ceremonies included shaving body hair of an individual and rubbing his body with ketchup, mustard, toothpaste, breadcrumbs, and cookies. Other incidents included a naked man sitting on the victim's face and a practice where the victim would be restrained and a member of the deck force would use his genitals to strike the victim on the forehead.

A petty officer in the deck force "was an active participant in wrestling and giving pink bellies," Harkins found. "His behavior encouraged an environment where it was acceptable behavior to harass and tease people. As a senior petty office in deck berthing, he had a responsbility to stop degrading behavior, and failed to do so."

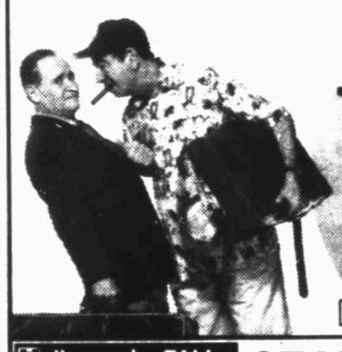
The Coast Guard has a strong anti-hazing policy, and the investigation will be used in leadership development.

In addition to the discipline, The Spencer has moved the deck force berthing to a more central area of the ship and increased anti-hazing programs.

"What happened is not what the Coast Guard stands for and what the cutter Spencer stands for," said Commander Paul Zukunft, the Spencer's supervisor in the Atlantic Area Command.

"This message will be shared with other ships so we can learn from our mistakes."

Some arguments stand the test of time.



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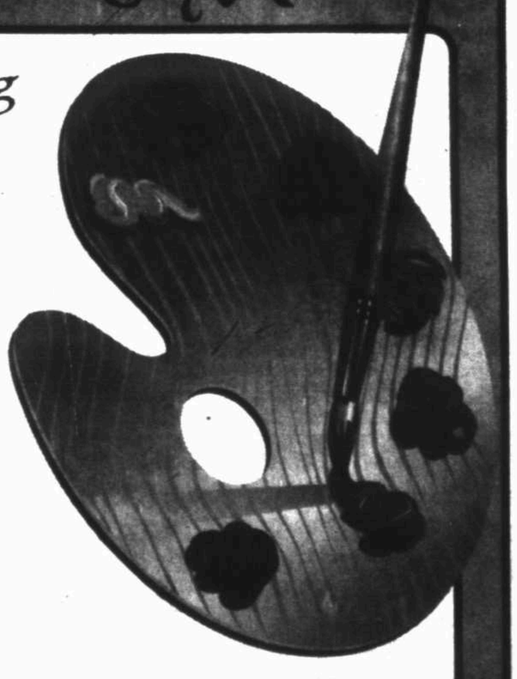

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Agency proposes rollover warning labels for sport utility vehicles

WASHINGTON (AP) — Statistics showing sport utility vehicles have double the rollover risk of other vehicles have prompted the government's highway safety agency to propose strongly worded labels for them.

The labels proposed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will use bright colors and show a vehicle tipping sideways with the words: "Warning: High Risk of Rollover," according to documents obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press.

The agency proposal, to be unveiled today, would apply to most sport utilities including such popular models as the Chevy Blazer and Chrysler Jeep Grand Cherokee. But it would not apply to larger sport utility vehicles with a wheel base over 110 inches such as Ford Expeditions or General Motors Suburbans.

"Sport utility vehicles have the highest rollover-related occupant fatality rate — double the average for all vehicles types," said NHTSA Administrator Ricardo Martinez. "We want to make sport utility drivers aware of the need for care in certain maneuvers (such as sharp turns) because these vehicles drive very differently from passenger cars."

Sport utilities have higher ground clearance for off-road use and a higher center of gravity that agency officials believe is a key factor in the higher rollover rate.

There are 98 rollovers per 1 million sports utility vehicles each year, compared with 47 rollovers per 1 million for all vehicles.

AP Graphic

The new government warning label for sport utility vehicles.

A warning label already is required for sport utilities, but it is a 20-year-old, text-only label that tells motorists that the "vehicle may roll over" if the driver makes sharp turns.

Barry Felrice of the American Automobile Manufacturers Association, said the Big Three domestic automakers would "look at the proposal carefully."

"The risk of rollover for any vehicle is relatively low," Felrice said, adding that the way a motorist drives is an important factor.

In 1996, about 30 percent of all passenger deaths involved crashes in which a vehicle rolled over. Single-vehicle rollover crashes accounted for 19 percent of passenger deaths in cars, compared with 35 percent in pickups and 53 percent in utility vehicles, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety.

The labels also promote seat belt use. More than 9,000 people die in accidents in which vehicles roll over, according to the agency. In those crashes, the likelihood of being killed is 40 times greater if an occupant is ejected.

'NHTSA used focus groups to determine that bright orange or yellow labels with graphics increased the likelihood drivers would see and read the message.

Some consumer and interest groups want vehicles to be labeled with comparative information about their rollover propensity, and several are pushing for a government rollover standard for light trucks.

Joan Claybrook, president of Public Citizen, said many consumers "have no idea light trucks have a high propensity to roll over — particularly the sport utility vehicles."

Animals' deaths at newest park prompts investigation of Disney

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Disney, which produced "Bambi" and "The Lion King," is being scrutinized over the deaths of several animals at its newest theme park.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is investigating Walt Disney World in the deaths of four cheetah cubs, two rhinos, two hippos and four other creatures at or en route to the entertainment giant's new Animal Kingdom.

"This isn't a movie they're making, this is real life," said Joe Taksel, a spokesman for the Animal Rights Foundation of Florida.

Taksel's group plans a protest at the April 22 opening of the park, which will feature 1,000 exotic animals.

Disney is under pressure to put the final touches on the $800 million, 500-acre theme park. It will fly in 5,000 reporters, analysts and travel planners for the opening.

USDA spokesman Jim Rogers said the investigation was started after the agency received an anonymous tip, but he wouldn't say what inspectors are looking for.

The USDA, which has the power to fine an animal exhibitor or take away its license, had previously reviewed most of the deaths and found no violations of federal animal welfare regulations.

Disney officials said Wednesday they've done nothing wrong.

"We know that our animals receive the best care, live in a superior habitat and are cared for by a highly qualified and dedicated team of animal care experts," said Disney spokesman Bill Warren.

Top conservation groups, including Wildlife Conservation Society, are behind the project. State regulators also cleared the park this week in the deaths.

"Certainly 12 animals dying is a concern, but then again you need to look at the circumstances and none of these circumstances were related," said Capt. Jerry Thompson, statewide inspections coordinator for the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.

Last September, a female black rhinoceros died from a perforated intestine caused by a stick the animal had eaten. Disney said the animal ate the stick before coming to the park.

The four cheetahs died in late December of kidney failure; ethylene, an ingredient used in antifreeze and solvents, was found in their systems. Disney said the cubs had only been at the park for a few days.

A female hippopotamus died in February from multiple infections after being there for only a few weeks. The infections probably were caused earlier, Disney said.

A 48-year-old hippopotamus died of cardiac arrest in March while it was being transported from an Oklahoma City zoo to Animal Kingdom. Also last month, a white rhino died after being anesthetized during an examination.

In late February and early March, two West African crown cranes were accidentally run over by Disney tour trucks. Also last month, two Asian small-clawed otters died after eating a large quantity of seeds in loquat fruit, which they don't usually eat.

Study finds possible harm from higher doses of vitamin C

N.Y. Times News Service

Those who think that if a little vitamin C is good, more must be better should think again, say a team of British researchers, who found that a supplement of 500 milligrams a day could damage people's genes.

Many Americans take that much, or more, in hopes of preventing colds and reaping the widely celebrated antioxidant benefits of vitamin C. Antioxidants, which block cellular and molecular damage caused by the highly reactive molecules called free radicals, are believed to protect against heart disease, cancer, eye disorders like cataracts and macular degeneration, and other chronic health problems.

But the British researchers, chemical pathologists at the University of Leicester, found in a six-week study of 30 healthy men and women that a daily 500-milligram supplement of vitamin C had pro-oxidant as well as antioxidant effects on DNA, which houses the genes. The researchers found that at the 500-milligram level, vitamin C promoted genetic damage by free radicals to a part of the DNA, the adenine bases, that had not previously been measured in studies of the vitamin's oxidative properties.

'The vitamin C in supplements mobilizes harmless ferric iron stored in the body and converts it to harmful ferrous iron, which induces damage to the heart and other organs.'

— Dr. Victor Herbert, professor of medicine at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York

The finding, published in the current issue of the British journal Nature, corroborates warnings that have been issued for decades by an American physician, Dr. Victor Herbert, professor of medicine at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. Herbert has shown, primarily through laboratory studies, that vitamin C supplements promote the generation of free radicals from iron in the body.

"The vitamin C in supplements mobilizes harmless ferric iron stored in the body and converts it to harmful ferrous iron, which induces damage to the heart and other organs," Herbert said in an interview.

"Unlike the vitamin C naturally present in foods like orange juice, vitamin C as a supplement is not an antioxidant," Herbert said. "It's a redox agent — an antioxidant in some circumstances and a pro-oxidant in others."

In contrast, vitamin C naturally present in food, he said, has no oxidizing effects.

Vitamin C supplements in large doses have been linked to genetic damage as far back as the mid-1970s. In a study then, Canadian researchers found that use of the vitamin in doses larger than in the British study, but not much larger than the amounts some people take to ward off colds and the flu, damaged genetic material in three systems: bacterial cells, human cells grown in test tubes, and live mice.

The lead author of the new study, Dr. Ian Podmore, said that at 500 milligrams, vitamin C did act as an antioxidant on one part of the DNA, the guanine bases. Oxidation of guanine to oxoguanine is what is usually measured to determine the degree of DNA damage through oxidation.

As expected, when the volunteers took a daily 500-milligram dose of vitamin C for six weeks, oxoguanine levels indeed declined, "which is why vitamin C is generally thought to be an antioxidant," Podmore said.

But when they measured a second indicator of DNA oxidation, oxoadenine, the researchers found that it had risen rather than declined, "indicating genetic damage to this DNA base," Podmore said.

A colleague, Dr. Joseph Lunec, said that at the 500-milligram level, vitamin Cs "protective effect dominated, but there was also a damaging effect."

"There should be caution about taking too much vitamin C," Lunec said. "The normal healthy individual would not need to take supplements of vitamin C."

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Fresh herbs: The spices of life

By Linda Swanson and Kitty Crider
N.Y. Times News Service

Fresh herbs bring the same excitement to food that color did to computer monitors. And home gardeners are embracing these ingredients with enthusiasm, from the basics to international varieties.

They are filling their growing pots and cooking pots with such aromatic flavors as basil, thyme, mint, rosemary, oregano, chives, sage and epazote.

If you've missed out on this movement, spring '98 is the time to jump in. It's easier than mastering the Internet and local experts are only too happy to give you a hand.

Sources: "Along the Garden Path" by Bill and Sylvia Varney, "The Herb Garden Cookbook" by Lucinda Hutson, "The Encyclopedia of Herbs, Spices and Flavorings" by Elisabeth Lambert Ortiz, "The Classic Herb Cookbook" by Jill Norman, and Twila Willis, owner of The Herb Bar.

ROSEMARY

A spiky bush resembling a diminutive pine tree, rosemary is one of the herbal stars of the '90s.

Pungent with a pinelike flavor, it tumbles with roasted new potatoes, coats poultry, accents nuts, tops focaccia, skewers grilled chicken and shrimp and highlights lamb.

Rosemary sprigs are popular for garnish, slashed across a plate or upright for height. Attached to a place card, sprigs give a trendy greeting to dinner guests. Thrown on a grill, sprigs enhance the smoky aroma.

The dark, almost needlelike leaves of rosemary can be sharp and are better stripped from the stem and chopped for addition to a sauce or dish. Whole sprigs, however, can be placed in stews or roasting pans and removed before serving.

Herbal lore: In Greek history, students wove rosemary into their hair to stimulate the brain for exams.

OREGANO

What would pizza, spaghetti, chili, frijoles, zucchini or any of hundreds of other dishes be without this herb?

Oregano, characterized by heart-shaped leaves, comes in such varieties as Greek, Italian and Mexican.

Experts say distinguishing among the many varieties is confusing (plants themselves are often mislabled) and the best way to find the one you like is by pinching off and smelling and tasting the leaves. (For that reason, unless you already know what you like, start with a plant instead of a seed if growing your own.)

Fresh oregano can be tossed into salsa and sauces or sprinkled on meats for roasting.

However, some experts prefer to use it in its dried form, when its flavor is intensified. Incidentally, toasting dried oregano in a pan briefly before adding to a dish brings out even more flavor.

Herbal lore: Oregano helps dispel hypochondria.

BASIL

With its large emerald green leaves, basil is used prolifically as a garnish as well as for flavor.

Its "nicey spicy" flavor marries well with tomato and frequently finds its way into Italian sauces, salads and sandwiches. In recent years, basil has won new acclaim in this country in pesto — an uncooked sauce of basil, nuts, parmesan, garlic and olive oil — that is spread on breads, pizzas, pastas and vegetables.

Sweet basil is probably the most common variety, but there are dozens of others, including lemon, purple and Thai.

The downside of this herb is that its leaves bruise easily and turn black quickly in the refrigerator.

Growers suggest snipping just before using or, if you purchase a bunch, sticking the stems in a glass of water on the counter.

Herbal lore: In India, every good Hindu goes to rest with a basil leaf on his breast. This is his passport to paradise.

THYME

A diminutive herb that has inspired songs as well as catchy titles, thyme marries well with poultry.

Its fragrant leaves fill the kitchen with wonderful aroma when roasting or baking.

Not limited to meat, sprigs of thyme can be placed in water for steamed vegetables, boosting flavor without spoonfuls of salt.

Thyme also is a key component of a bouquet garni, that bundle of fresh herbs dropped in soups, stews and sauces during cooking (but removed before serving).

There are dozens of species of thyme, including the garden variety, French (big in Provence) and lemon, a citrusy kind used in both sweet and savory foods.

Herbal lore: Its aroma represents graceful elegance and an expression of praise for those who have these qualities is, "They smell of thyme."

SAGE

In decades past, sage was associated with Thanksgiving dressing.

More recently, however, this herb is showing up in biscuits, tucked inside or under the skin of roasted poultry, stirred into risotto, stuffed in sausage and threaded on kabobs with meats.

Sage tends to have rough-textured leaves and comes in many varieties, including garden, purple and pineapple.

Whole leaves lend themselves to garnishes: floating on tops of soups or ringed around the turkey platter.

Herbal lore: Do not try this at home, but Greeks, Romans and Arabs used sage as a curative for snake bites.

MINT

Mint is a favorite flavor for iced tea, juleps, peas, desserts and lamb.

But as America's plates have become more international, this herb has flourished in Middle Eastern, Indian, Thai and Vietnamese cuisine.

Although prized for its refreshing flavor, mint doubles as a delightful garnish.

There are hundreds of varieties of mint, including chocolate, pineapple and apple.

Peppermint and spearmint are the most common. Fresh mint is preferred for most dishes — try it sprinkled in a salad or on fresh vegetables.

Dried mint, however, makes soothing teas.

Herbal lore: Mint is said to repel fleas.

CHIVES

Chives look like grass or anorexic green onions. However, unlike scallions, the green part of the herb is more prized than the bulb.

Diners know chives best as the green topping on a baked potato or soup, the flavor mate to sour cream, the accent in butters and cheese spreads.

The smallest and mildest member of the onion family, chives provide the taste of onion without the usual bad breath.

They wilt quickly after being cut and more often are used fresh than cooked. Add them to a dish just before serving.

(Chives like to be clipped frequently, but if you are harvesting your own, resist the temptations to snip the tops haircut style. Instead pinch the stems at the base.)

The flower of chives is quite tasty in salads.

Herbal lore: Chives are a natural antibiotic and antidote for various poisons.

EPAZOTE

Called the bean herb, epazote (ep-a-ZOH-te) has been used by Mexican cooks for centuries to flavor their dishes and reduce the gaseous effects of legumes.

But that does not mean that U.S. scientists have put their stamp of approval on this culinary and medicinal herb. Some contend it may produce toxic side effects and caution against its overuse.

Still, many new cookbooks and restaurants, especially Southwestern and Mexican, include it in recipes.

Sometimes called goosefoot — because of the shape of its leaves — the herb generally is added the last 15 minutes of cooking and sparingly, as it is potent, almost turpentine-like in flavor.

Like cilantro, it is an acquired taste.

Common in South Central Mexico, this herb is being used increasingly in Texas and New Mexico.

Herbal lore: Inherits its name from Aztec expression *epatl tozil*, meaning animal of strong smell.

Choosing Easter candy requires good taste

By Laura Dempsey
N.Y. Times News Service

They can package and repackage, tie shiny bows and make little bunny shapes, but the bottom line is it's still a Butterfinger. Or a Nestle's Crunch. Or an M&M.

And that's just fine.

When it comes to candy holidays, Easter is second only to Halloween, which, according to our experts, can be a little much.

"I eat more at Easter, but I get more at Halloween," said Natalie Lawrence, 8, one of six second- and third-graders from the Lutheran School of Dayton who volunteered to taste and comment on the plethora of Easter candy on the market.

"I get a lot of stuff at Halloween I don't like," added Shamauria Harris, 8, and after sorting and sifting and ranking according to favorite, the candy has lost a little of its appeal. Plus, she said, "some of it might not be safe."

Not only that, said Natalie, but "some I see and say, 'yuck.' "

Easter, on the other hand, is candy you can count on. It comes straight from a visiting bunny or Mom and Dad, who have been known to add a toy or two to the Easter basket.

"I got one of those flexible bunnies last year," said Shaye Young, 9.

Alyssa Murraine, 8, sums up the appeal of Easter candy in one word: "Chocolate."

But the votes were split between that and jelly beans, which these days come in flavors your grandma never dreamed of.

Coconut, banana, watermelon and cinnamon: All these — and more — are available, but our tasters chose their samples the old-fashioned way, by color.

Green. Red. Yellow. All had their proponents. Black? The heads shook a universal "no way."

Another thing Easter has going for it is sugar-coated marshmallow, pressed into shapes and dipped into dye. These treats are ubiquitous this time of year; otherwise, they're tough to find.

And that's fine, too, because they're not for everybody.

"They're sticky," said Tommy Sheid- enberger, 8, as he patiently peeled the wrappers off shiny little eggs and ate them, one by one. They were silver, pink, green and blue, and it didn't matter to him — or anyone else — which one he got.

"It's a Butterfinger," he said, chewing on crunchy chocolate. "It just tastes like a Butterfinger."

The same was said for Nestle's Crunch, which upped the ante by wrapping up white chocolate crunchies in little egg shapes.

The panel agreed that the candy-bar variations were preferable to the pure chocolate eggs, but either was fine with them. The special holiday foil wrap didn't impress them much, either.

"It's just to keep it clean," said Shamauria, "and to keep the chocolate from melting all over the place."

A big hit was the extraordinarly sour, egg-shaped bubble gum, probably because it was a refreshing change from all the sweetness.

When asked to design the perfect candy, the kids stopped chewing and turned thoughtful.

"Sugar," said Tommy. Just sugar? "Yes."

"Chewy, chocolate candy," said Shamauria, her mouth full of sour gum.

"Peeps, those marshmallow sugar things," asserted Alyssa, having maneuvered a big, purple marshmallow bunny to a pile all her own.

"Almonds with chocolate egg coating," chimed in Natalie, imagination working overtime.

Shaye pondered the question, then shrugged. Nothing came to mind.

"I like popcorn," he said, finally.

And while the panel couldn't unanimously endorse chocolate or jelly beans, preferring a mix, heads nodded in vigorous agreement when Shamauria voiced the biggest downside to a festive Easter basket.

"All that grass!" she said, obviously disgusted. "Can't eat that."

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Common West Texas weeds described

By Deborah A. Benge Frost

Spring brings flowers, green grass and, unfortunately, weeds.

Weeds can ruin an otherwise perfect spring garden, and at this time of year they aren't uncommon. Weeds seem to be suddenly 2 feet tall, but they actually got their start in the fall.

Benge Frost

A wide variety of winter weeds grow in area landscapes. Some of the more common ones are:

■ A tall, bright green plant with tiny yellow blooms at the top called London Rocket Mustard, Sisymbrium irio, is one of the most common. This a cool-season annual germinate its seeds and grows in the cool months of the year and only lives one growing season, so its seeds germinate primarily in the fall and early winter. It will, however, germinate seeds in late winter and spring too, but the real-ly big ones germinated in the fall. Control with a pre-emergent herbicide put down by mid-September. Control this time of year should take place following a rain or irrigation. After the soil is moist, apply some back-bending, arm-pulling herbicide. London rocket has a long tap root that slides out of the soil with a slow, steady pull, provided the soil is moist. Or use a sharp hoeing tool.

■ Another mustard is called Tansy, which is a cool-season annual that has shorter stature, gray green finely cut leaves and a seed pod one-third the length of London Rocket. It too has the small yellow flowers on the top of the plant. Tansy Mustard is toxic to livestock. It can be controlled the same way as London Rocket.

■ Henbit, although a winter weed, is almost cute. This cool-season annual has been blooming for weeks with small, tubular flowers atop a 5- to 8-inch tall plant. It is easy to recognize by its square stems and scalloped leaves that cluster at intervals along the stem. Again, it can be suppressed by using a pre-emergent herbicide in the fall. It tends to be a very weak annual, so simply mowing it is the easiest, fastest and safest way of control this time of year.

■ The wild grass that is most frustrating this time of year is called Rescue, although most would refer to it as "Pestcue" grass. Locally, it's called wild rye. It too germinates in fall, and by this time of year it can be 1 inch to 1 foot in height. Weeds have the uncanny ability to flower and set seed regardless of their vigor, size or growing conditions, so Rescue grass can be found in all sizes, from a short ground-hugging grass to a towering dark green, vigorous grass. The seed head is slender and elliptical in shape, and the seeds make a chevron pattern in the head. Reduce the number of weeds in the spring by applying a recommended pre-emergent in the fall. This time of year there are some post-emergent control measures, but they only have limited success. Spot treat with glyphosate or a post-emergent herbicide such as MSMA or cacodylic acid, or just mow. This grass, as well as the others, will die in the late spring heat. Rescue can leave behind bare or thin places in the turf. Good lawn care management practices can patch these up by mid to late summer.

■ Filaree is another winter annual or biennial that grows from a rosette; all leaves and flower stalks grow from a central crown. These leaves are a medium to bright green and very lacy. The flower stalks rise up from a few inches to 12 inches tall and are topped with a cluster of purplish-pink, five-petaled flowers. It is a member of the true geranium family (not the pelargonium that we commonly call geranium), so it shares those same characteristics. It has a thick, stout tap root and is much harder to pull from the soil. It usually is not a big problem in the lawn.

Other weeds, such as prickly lettuce, annual sow thistle, black medic, wild onion and wild garlic, give gardeners a tough time in the early spring, but the ones already discussed are most common. Good lawn care management will take care of the weed problem. Thick, vigorous grass will help prevent many weed problems.

To help keep your lawn healthy, use these practices:

■ Frequent, regular mowing;
■ Timely fertilizer, slow release fertilizer application;
■ Deep infrequent irrigations; and
■ Pest management practices when necessary.

The bottom line to weed management is good lawn care. For more information concerning good lawn care practices, contact the Ector or Midland County Extension offices and ask for "Home Lawn Care" publication.

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DEAR ABBY

Bride's dream wedding sunk by lack of cash

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My oldest daughter (I'll call her "Alexis") is being married this year. She is planning a very large, expensive, fairy-tale wedding. Her father and I recently divorced after 29 years of marriage.

Van Buren

I have told Alexis and my ex-husband that I don't have a lot of money for this occasion because the divorce wiped out most of my savings. My daughter claims she doesn't want to hear it. I have offered to pay for her wedding gown. My ex insists that he expects me to pay for half the wedding, even if I have to take out a loan from him to do it.

I have tried to be upfront, but no one is listening. I'm 50 years old and need to save toward my retirement. I can't possibly afford to risk my entire future. Also, we have two more daughters — so it's likely there will be more weddings in the future.

Please keep in mind that it won't be possible for me to volunteer to pay for only "my" invited guests. Almost everyone on the bride's side will be mutual friends and family both of my ex and myself.

Give me some desperately needed advice that won't hurt my daughter's feelings. I love Alexis very much and don't want to be responsible for spoiling a very special time in her life.

What are my responsibilities in this matter? — NEEDS HELP IN NEW YORK

DEAR NEEDS HELP: It is extremely unwise to jeopardize your future for the sake of one day. I have always advised parents not to go into debt for a wedding. A wedding should be a gift from the parents, not an obligation.

Don't allow Alexis' unreasonable demands and those of your ex to intimidate you. Pay for what you can reasonably afford, and let your daughter adjust expenses accordingly.

DEAR ABBY: The letter signed "Examining Life in Ohio," from the woman who was married to a decent man but didn't consider him her "soul mate," prompts this letter.

I met my soul mate, and on our first date we both knew it. I figured it was the greatest love in the history of the world. I would have died for this man.

We were the perfect match! We had our ups and downs, and his family threw barbs at me every chance they got, but I withstood it because I knew I had his love.

So what happened? After 38 years, I finally admitted what I had been denying for decades (and he still denies): My husband is a more or less functioning alcoholic. He absolutely refuses help, and things are getting worse. The clues have been there for a long time.

Now I am envious of older couples enjoying their later years, while I live with a man who is dishonest and lies constantly. I cannot trust him. I dread holidays with our children and grandchildren. I'm embarrassed and ashamed of him. Not only do I no longer love him — I don't even LIKE him.

A decent man in one's "golden years" must be wonderful. — MARRIED PRINCE CHARMING

DEAR M.P.C.: You have my sympathy. Please do not allow yourself to remain submerged in your husband's alcohol problem.

If you haven't already done so, consider attending meetings of Al-Anon. The members are nonjudgmental and supportive. They offer first-hand experience to help you put your life back in order — whether or not your husband chooses to admit his problem and sober up.

Al-Anon is worldwide, and you can locate a chapter by checking your telephone book.

DEAR ABBY: "Indebted to Them, Lakewood, Calif." was contrite about how she had treated her mother and stepfather. She asked if she should say something to apologize, and to thank them for putting up with her behavior.

Some time ago, you suggested that children write a letter to their parents saying how much they loved them and thanking them for all they had done. I not only took your advice — I went further by writing letters to my in-laws from my first marriage, and also my present in-laws.

After my parents died, we found they had saved my letter. My father-in-law has shown the one I sent him to everyone in his rather large family. He is very proud of it.

In the letters, I thanked each of them for their gifts, tangible and intangible, and asked them to forgive my shortcomings. In the case of my in-laws, I thanked them for their daughter — "a gift I will always treasure."

Abby, please suggest that "Indebted" put her feelings in writing so folks will have something to cherish for the rest of their lives. — TOM COLLIMORE, SAN MARCOS, CALIF.

DEAR TOM: Thank you for the reminder. For years I have urged readers who are fortunate enough to have their parents (or even one parent) to whom they can give such a priceless gift, to write a letter expressing their love and gratitude for the countless things a parent must do to raise a child. Such a letter is sure to become a treasured keepsake.

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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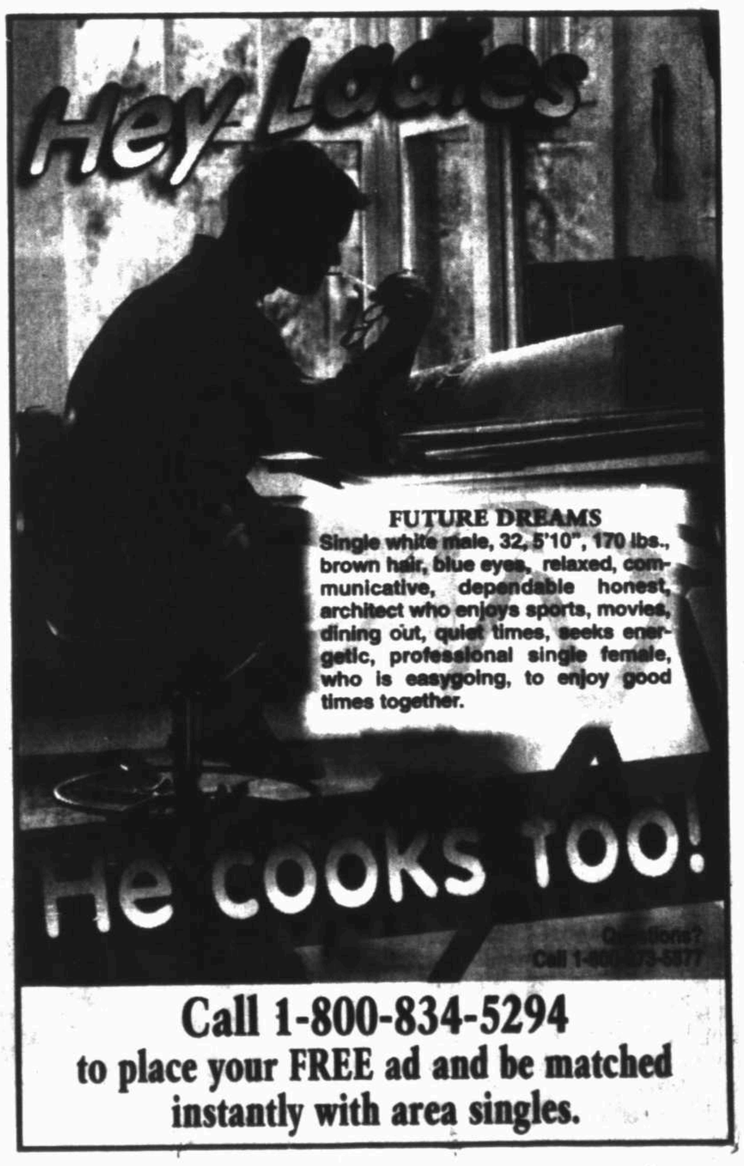

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Light it up!

The lighting laboratory at the New York School of Interior Design is installed with scores of ceiling fixtures, panels of different lights, computers and light evaluations. All of this technology helps students master the mysteries of lighting.

AP Photo

Staff Reports

Ever since the lightbulb was invented, the question of where to put light — so it is most functional — has been around. Now, technology has allowed light to be controlled to the point of an art form, and questions arise on how best to show off a collection, light up a den or avoid glare near a television.

Lighting style meets with function to make lighted areas visually pleasing as well as practical. Yes, plenty of light is needed in homework and reading areas. Dim lighting and mood lights might better serve a conversation area, and every host and hostess knows that candles create a more intimate setting.

Using interior lighting in the home has become a technically challenging art form. Colleges offer courses in the subject and laboratories are filled with lighting gadgets for budding interior designers attempting to master the mysteries of illumination.

When properly used, light enhances the character of a room, highlighting specific objects or creating a certain mood. Narrow beams of light can be projected from floors or ceilings to illuminate a piece of artwork of plant.

Lampshades can skew lighting, projecting strong patterns of light above and below a shade.

Ceiling spotlights and track lights can be aimed at particular spots in a room that need to brought out of darkness.

Work areas may need more intense light, but it needn't be harsh. For example, a desk lamp can be aimed to project a beam onto a desktop.

LIGHTING BEDROOMS

Decorating bedrooms with today's lighting styles is one of the easiest ways to make them more attractive and comfortable.

Clear or white decorative globes are a perfect fit for many hanging fixtures over counters or tables. They provide clean, bright light while enhancing the appearance of the fixture.

Bedside table lamps are the most popular fixture for lighting the bedroom. The 3-way bulbs allow many options from a low general light to brighter levels for reading. Soft pink bulbs create a mood of romance.

Indirect ceiling lighting doesn't have to be harsh when color-enhancing fluorescents are placed in fixtures just below the ceiling.

ILLUMINATING THE KITCHEN

Many designer kitchens feature track or recessed lighting rather than traditional fluorescent fixtures. This is another great way to brighten your kitchen with halogen lighting. Under-cabinet fluorescent fixtures will shed bright, shadowless light on work areas as well as countertops. They are easy to install and many models simply plug into existing wall outlets.

Ceiling fixtures should illuminate the entire kitchen, even inside cabinets and drawers. Both color-enhancing fluorescent lamps and crisp clean halogen lighting can make your kitchen the place where friends and family want to gather, whether it's time for dinner—or time for homework.

Butterflies abound in zoo's 'free-flight' exhibit

Staff Reports

FORT WORTH — If you haven't had much luck attracting butterflies or other insects to your garden, visit the Fort Worth Zoo's "Bug Bonanza" to learn about various insects and what attracts them.

"Bug Bonanza" will be presented from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. April 25 and 26 only.

The zoo has opened "Terminix Insect City," an insectarium that displays the important roles that insects and spiders play in the environment. More than 25 species of insects are on display in the permanent exhibit, including hissing cockroaches, beetles, scorpions, and black widow spiders.

Guests will be able to participate in an insect safari, scavenger hunt, face painting, bug keeper demonstrations, feeding demonstrations, story time, and bug-themed crafts projects. Other exhibits include the "Incredibugs" giant animatronic insects and a free-flight butterfly greenhouse with hundreds of live butterfiles.

The "Bug Bonanza" activities will be free with regular zoo admission.

Admission to "Incredibugs" is an additional $2.50.

For more information call the zoo's 24-hour hotline at (817) 871-7050 or visit the zoo's Internet web site at www.fortworthzoo.com.

Photo courtesy of Fort Worth Zoo

A young girl gets up close and personal with a butterfly in the Fort Worth Zoo's free-flight butterfly greenhouse. The butterflies are some of the live species on exhibit. Other species include hissing cockroaches, beetles, scorpions and black widow spiders. The zoo is highlighting the insect world during its April "Bug Bonanza."

Blooming beauties

Photo courtesy of West Texas Iris Society

Iris, in all colors, will be exhibited and judged at the West Texas Iris Society's 20th Annual Iris Show April 18 at Kingsway Senior Citizen's Center, 3303 W. Illinois. Judging will be conducted from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The show will be open to the public for viewing free of charge from 1-5 p.m. The show theme is "Treasures of Memories," featuring show themes from the past 20 years. The society's annual Iris Rhizome Sale will be conducted Aug. 22 at Mannings Nursery, 2820 W. Golf Course Rd.

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GOLF — The Masters, first round, 3 p.m., USA.

NHL — Phoenix Coyotes at Detroit Red Wings, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.

NBA — Seattle Sonics at Dallas Mavericks, 7:30 p.m., FSN.

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NBA — Utah Jazz 98, San Antonio Spurs 88.

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BASEBALL — Texas Rangers at Chicago White Sox, ppd., rain.

Houston Astros at San Francisco Giants, late.

TEXAS LEAGUE — El Paso Diablos 5, Midland Angels 1.

Sports Today

TEXAS LEAGUE — El Paso Diablos at Midland Angels, 7 p.m., Christensen Stadium. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).

PREP BASEBALL — Midland High vs. Midland Lee, 4:30 p.m., Ernie Johnson Field.

PREP SOFTBALL — Abilene Cooper vs. Midland High, noon, MUGS Field.

Midland Lee at Abilene High, 4:30 p.m.

PREP TRACK — Tall City Relays, 3 p.m., Memorial Stadium.

'Horns still looking

AUSTIN — The search for a basketball coach at the University of Texas may be expanded, a high-ranking university source said Wednesday.

The search, which has included Utah's Rick Majerus, Oklahoma's Kelvin Sampson and then centered on Washington coach Bob Bender, could be expanded to include Wake Forest's Dave Odom, said the source, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

On Tuesday, members of the Texas screening committee had focused their attention on Bender.

Longhorns athletic director DeLoss Dodds had indicated he wanted to hire someone by Wednesday, if possible, because it marked the first day of the national signing period for high school recruits.

But a group of UT officials on Wednesday pushed for an interview with Odom, who has been at Wake Forest for nine years and took the Demon Deacons to seven straight NCAA tournaments before narrowly failing to make the tournament this year, the source said.

Odom is a proven coach of big men, having been credited with developing former star center Tim Duncan, now with the San Antonio Spurs. The Longhorns' offense figures to form around 7-foot center Chris Mihm over the next few seasons.

UT officials, however, were unclear if Odom would agree to meet with them. Odom has expressed that he's happy at Wake Forest after signing a new contract two years ago. He is a native of North Carolina and also has two sons who coach in the area — at East Carolina and at Furman.

Odom's secretary said the coach was out of the office Wednesday at speaking engagements. Wake Forest athletic director Ron Wellman also was out of the office Wednesday and didn't immediately return a message left by the AP.

Meanwhile, in Seattle, Bender, 40, held a news conference to say that he hadn't been offered the job at Texas and didn't know that he would take it if offered.

"I would hope this is decided as quickly as possible," Bender said. "But I don't think this is something that's going to happen in 24 hours. They're going to need some time.

"They have not offered me anything and I don't know what my final decision would be," he said. "Texas is a place where you can win a national championship and Washington is a place where you can win a national championship."

Bender's overall record in five years at Washington is 68-72, but he has improved the team's mark each year, culminating with a 20-10 season this year and a berth in the round of 16 of the NCAA tournament.

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Midland Lee's Chavaye Glover sprints toward the finish line at the West Texas Relays last month in Odessa. She'll compete in the Tall City Relays this weekend.

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Track teams can use Tall City Relays as final tuneup for District 4-5A Meet

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

With the District 4-5A Track and Field Championships just a week away, there aren't many chances left for teams to fine tune their engines before going full-throttle next Friday and Saturday at Odessa's Ratliff Stadium.

For five girls teams and seven boys teams, today's Tall City Relays is as good an opportunity as any.

The Relays takes place at Midland Memorial Stadium. The field event finals begin at 3 p.m. The running preliminaries start at 3:30 p.m., while the bulk of the running finals get underway at 6:45 p.m.

This year, both defending champions come back as the Midland High boys and Midland Lee girls try to repeat as champions.

The Bulldogs compete against a field which also includes three other 4-5A squads — Midland Lee, Odessa Permian, San Angelo Central. Permian and Central have won the last 11 district titles. El Paso Andress, El Paso Coronado and Amarillo High give the roster a regional flair.

"There are seven good track teams coming," Midland High track coach Wes Cope said. "Looking at the list (of the other teams), I think 'my gosh, that is six of the best track schools year after year in West Texas'. That is awesome. You have some people who can run.

"I want our kids to have some success and take care of little business."

The Lady Rebels go for their fourth team title of the year, when they take on Midland High, Odessa Permian, El Paso Austin and El Paso Bowie. That makes for some good competition to prepare for the Lady Rebels for the ultimate — a shot next week's district title.

"These girls have sensed the fact that

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Hot 'Dawgs get another shot at Lee

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

They appeared headed in opposite directions 23 days ago following the District 4-5A baseball opener at Zachery Field, as the Midland Lee Rebels spanked the Midland High Bulldogs 13-3 in a game which looked like it would give an indication of things to come.

Since that game, one team has gone on to plant itself firmly near the top of the district race while the other has struggled to stay in the playoff picture. While that was expected, the team near the top and the one near the bottom is something of a surprise.

Midland High lost its next game to Odessa Permian 7-5, but has since won four in a row and now sits alone in second place in the district with a 4-2 record (16-8 overall). Lee, ranked as high as No. 4 in the state, went into an unexpected tailspin, losing four straight district games before beating San Angelo Central 11-5 Tuesday to renew hope for the second half of district.

The beginning of the end, so to speak, will be today at Ernie Johnson Field, when the Rebels host the Bulldogs at 4:30 p.m. in as important a game between the two schools as there's been in some time.

"It's the same old Midland High-Lee game," said Lee coach Jesse Benavidez, who has been coaching in this rivalry since 1991, coincidentally, the last time both Midland schools made the playoffs. "All (the Bulldogs) have to do is put up the score from the last game and that's motivation enough."

Perhaps Midland High has used that motivation in its current winning streak, which reached five with a 4-2 eight inning victory over Lubbock High in a non-district game Tuesday. The Bulldogs turned their season around by handing first place Abilene High its only defeat in district thus far, a 12-5 thumping at Zachery.

Midland High also won a wild one over Abilene Cooper, another perennial district power, 16-13, accomplishing two-thirds of the goal coach Barry Russell set for his team in reaching playoff status.

"I've said all along we've had to beat the big three," said Russell of Abilene High, Cooper and Lee. "To prove that we have to beat Lee. We've been fortunate enough to get through

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MASTERS

Woods takes on history

AP Photo

Tiger Woods watches his drive during a practice round Wednesday at Augusta National. Woods won the Masters with a record 18-under par performance last year, and there are high expectations for him to fill at this year's tournament.

■ Woods has tough act to follow after winning Masters at 18-under last year.

By Ron Sirak
AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — A sense of history hovers over the Masters, almost as if the breezes caressing the towering Georgia pines carry the spirit of Bobby Jones and the memory of Ben Hogan.

And if that warm Southern wind whispers the names of Jones and Hogan, the voices of the tens of thousands of fans covering the hills of Augusta National Golf Club scream the name of Tiger Woods.

Even Augusta National members, the calm men in green jackets, were swept up in the anticipation over how Woods will follow last year's startling victory.

"I think it's fair to say we don't get excited," Augusta National chairman Jack Stephens said on Wednesday when questioned about whether the tournament committee considered drastic changes to the course after Woods shot a record 18 under par last year and won by a record 12 strokes. But asked what Augusta officials would do if Woods broke the record again this year, Stephens said deliberately but without hesitation: "I suppose we anoint him."

Woods was almost anointed — prematurely — 12 months ago when he became the youngest of the 61 Masters champions. But if there is one thing the men in the green jackets know it's that greatness is not measured by one performance.

"The record was broke after 32 years, and then only by one shot," Stephens said of Woods' 270 total, eclipsing the 271 by Jack Nicklaus in 1965 and matched by Raymond Floyd in 1976.

"I've never seen so much excitement as we had in the clubhouse last year," Stephens said. "When he made that putt on 18 to break the

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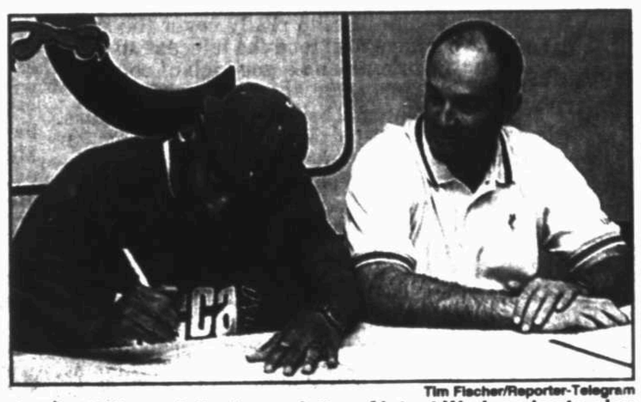

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Calvin Williams, left, signs a letter of intent Wednesday to play basketball at North Texas next year as his coach at Midland College, Pat Rafferty, looks on.

Chap guard Williams inks with North Texas

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Midland College basketball coach Pat Rafferty is losing another player from his team. It's not because he's mad at the program, he's just moving on to a Division I school.

Freshman 6-foot point guard Calvin Williams signed a letter of intent Wednesday to play with the University of North Texas. Williams goes from a 26-4 team to a rebuilding program with the Eagles, who went 5-21 last year.

The fact that he could contribute early and be close to home enticed Williams to leave Midland College after one year and sign with North Texas.

"It was kind of easy to sign with North Texas," said Williams, a graduate of Dallas' Kimball High School. "With the recruits coming, North Texas should be on the map pretty soon. My family will also get a chance to see me more often."

As a Chaparral, Williams was the starting point guard for a team that made to the Region V semifinals. Williams averaged just 3.6 points and 2.6 assists per game, but it was his ability to lead the team on the floor that made him a special player. North Texas coach Vic Trilli said Williams' leadership is what enticed him to sign the Chaps' floor general.

"The fact that he is so steady and did what coach Rafferty

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Diablos hold Glaus without homer, hand Angels their 2nd straight loss

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

It was a bummer of a night at Christensen Stadium Wednesday.

Bummer 1: Troy Glaus didn't hit a home run.

Bummer 2: El Paso's Diablos won the game, 5-1.

Bummer 3: The Diablos took over first place in the Texas League West with their second consecutive victory over the Midland Angels, who are now experiencing their first losing streak of the season.

The Angels' Glaus, who had hit seven home runs over the last five games, saw his effort to set the Texas League record for homers in consecutive games fall by the wayside. Glaus could do nothing but double and single, both oddities for the 6-5, 220-pound UCLA product. Glaus has now hit three singles and three doubles this year, but he has seven homers.

The Texas League and minor league record for homers in consecutive games is seven with Tulsa's Dan Collier the latest to accomplish the feat last season. Only three players in history have done that. But Glaus must start over now.

But homers did come in this game. El Paso's Santiago Perez hit his second dinger of the year in the sixth to give the Diablos a 2-1 lead over Midland and Toby Kominek broke up a pitching duel with a two-run shot in the ninth, also his second long ball of the season. Kominek drove in three runs in the game, lacing a run scoring double in the second for the first run of the game.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

El Paso's Miguel Correa dives back into first base as Midland's Danny Buxbaum tries to slap a pickoff tag on him. El Paso defeated the Angels, 5-1, Wednesday at Christensen Stadium.

"I got a couple of pitches to hit, but I don't think we had a good approach to hitting a lefty pitcher," Kominek said. "Tyrone (Hill, the Angels starter) threw a good game. We were rolling over on a lot of pitches trying to pull the ball. But when we got to their pen, we began to drive the ball more."

Hill and El Paso's Rafael Roque were locked in a great pitching show through six innings. Hill ended up taking the loss, but gave up only two runs while striking out six Diablos. Roque, who got the win, gave up only one run and five hits to the Angels over seven innings. In fact, it was a rare 2-1 game heading into the top of the ninth inning.

That's when the Diablos broke the game open. Midland reliever Juan Alvarez faced only seven batters in his first two innings of work. He got two outs in the ninth with no one on after Miguel Correa was picked off of first base. Then the roof caved in.

Mike Groppuso laced a line drive to left field where Midland's Eddie Christian didn't get a good look at the ball and it bounced off his glove for a two-base error. The Angels could have been out of the inning. Instead, more woes awaited.

Mike Rennhack then hit a trampoline triple to center. Rennhack's looper landed in front of Midland center fielder Norm

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AP Photo

Matt Kuchar, right, checks Phil Mickelson's watch while they wait their turn to hit on the 15th tee of the Augusta National Golf Club. Wednesday was the final day of practice for the Masters, which starts today.

Kuchar living his dream at Masters

By Paul Newberry
AP Sports Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Matt Kuchar munched on a sandwich and potato chips Wednesday in the section of the Augusta National clubhouse marked "Players Only."

To his left, John Daly puffed on a cigarette. To his right, Phil Mickelson glanced at a newspaper. Davis Love III settled into a seat right across the table, then Greg Norman joined the group a few minutes later.

Kuchar's eyes, wide and alive, wandered back and forth, soaking it all in.

"It was great to hear their stories," the 19-year-old Georgia Tech sophomore said. "John Daly was telling some funny stories about his days in college. Greg Norman started talking about all his toys and how he's driving the pace car in the Indianapolis 500."

Kuchar is this year's Tiger Woods — invited to the Masters as the reigning U.S. Amateur champion. But unlike the hoopla that followed Woods from the very first day he stepped inside the gates at Augusta National, Kuchar slinks around the grounds in virtual obscurity.

"I just came in at the right time and at the right place," said Kuchar, who surprised even himself by winning the U.S. Amateur title in August. "I'm kind of riding his wave. Tiger has made golf so much more popular. For me to follow in his footsteps is lucky."

This week, the cheers for Kuchar have been respectful — after all, Augusta National cofounder Bobby Jones never surrendered his amateur status — but more of the furor is reserved for players like Woods and Els, Faldo and Norman, Nicklaus and Palmer.

This is the true amateur experience at the Masters, which went through an anomaly during Woods' three years as an amateur champion. Guys like Kuchar, one of five amateurs in the 88-player field, are here to immerse themselves in the experience, immune to the hordes of media and fans.

Nothing is too mundane, from sleeping in the dorm-like austerity of the Crow's Nest to glancing out from the veranda at the hordes of people already gathered on the course in the early-morning mist.

"Everybody tells me the same thing," Kuchar said. "Enjoy it. Soak it up. No matter what I shoot, I'm sure I'll enjoy it."

A bit of nervousness is sure to creep in Thursday when Kuchar tees off in the first round alongside Woods, in keeping with the Masters tradition of pairing its defending champion with the country's reigning amateur champion.

For one day, at least, Kuchar can expect more scrutiny than he's ever faced, even if it's only because of his playing partner.

How will he cope with it?

"I guess that's the question of the week," said Kuchar, who met Woods in December but didn't talk with him during their first three days in Augusta.

"I don't know the answer. I don't know what it's going to be like. I'm just going to go out there and have fun. I think I'm going to love having that kind of gallery."

Mickelson, the 1990 U.S. Amateur champion, is Kuchar's Masters mentor. The two met three weeks ago at Bay Hill, where Kuchar played at PGA Tour event as an amateur, and arranged for a practice round Tuesday at Augusta National.

"I feel like we're old friends," Kuchar said. "He's always one of the players that I followed growing up and it's good to play with him."

Kuchar got out of bed bright and early Wednesday and headed downstairs for breakfast. Because rain was forecast for later, Mickelson sent word that he wanted to play earlier than planned.

When Kuchar stepped up to the first tee shortly before 9 a.m., Mickelson had arranged a round with Mark Calcavecchia and Jeff Maggert.

"Mickelson and I won," Kuchar said proudly. "He had a bunch of birdies, but I helped out with a couple," including a 15-foot putt at No. 11, the beginning of "Amen Corner."

"Calcavecchia was not very happy with that one," Kuchar said, a mischievous grin on his face.

Kuchar was able to finish out his practice round, but he didn't get to participate in another Augusta National tradition, the par-3 tournament. The rains arrived Wednesday afternoon, just as Kuchar was warming up to play with his new pal, Mickelson, and two-time Masters champion Ben Crenshaw.

Masters leaves string of broken hearts

By John Diamond
Associated Press Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Even the name of the tournament implies success. But just about every year at the Masters at least one person goes away heartbroken. Every hero at Augusta National has a counterpart with a story of disaster.

When Jack Nicklaus won his sixth green jacket in 1986, it was only a missed 10-foot birdie putt by Tom Kite on No. 18 and a bogey there by Greg Norman that spared him from a playoff.

Two years ago, Norman, veteran of many an Augusta disappointment, added another scar, blowing a six-shot lead with a final-round 78 as Nick Faldo grabbed his third green jacket.

Weeks later, Norman got a letter from fellow golf pro Scott Hoch.

"Been there, done that," it said.

Hoch was recalling his own missed 30-inch putt on the first playoff hole of the 1989 championship. Faldo, again, was the beneficiary, winning with a birdie on the next hole.

Is there something about Augusta that produces so many bitter disappointments?

"It's the most nerve-wracking course in the world," Faldo said. "It's as simple as that."

Ed Sneed bogeyed the last three holes to fall into a playoff and ultimately lose to Fuzzy Zoeller. For Sneed, it was a one-way ticket to the broadcast booth.

CBS announcer Ken Venturi has watched these disasters and more, and lived through a couple of his own. In 1956 he ballooned to an 80 in the final round to miss a chance to become the first amateur to win the championship. Four years later he watched as Arnold Palmer finished birdie-birdie to snatch the title from him by a stroke.

"People forget, when I shot 80 I hit 15 greens in regulation — I three-putted six times," Venturi recalled Wednesday. "I was trying to lag it up there. ... The hardest thing to do here is to try to protect a lead."

AP Photo

Greg Norman became a symbol of Masters frustration when he blew a six-shot lead in the final round to lose the 1996 tournament.

The disasters often flow from mental errors. Hoch was hardly the first golfer to miss a 30-incher under pressure. But Venturi said Hoch made a mental error by not putting out his ball before Faldo approached his putt for bogey on No. 10, the first playoff hole.

If Hoch sinks it, Venturi argues, the tournament is over. If Hoch misses, Faldo is still under pressure to make his putt.

As it happened, Hoch marked his ball. Faldo thought his own putt was a mere formality, that Hoch had the tournament won, and so he putted relatively free of pressure, and made his bogey. Hoch then had all the pressure on him, and he buckled.

That the Masters returns to Augusta each year — to the scene of the crime, as it were — adds poignancy to these disasters. It's hard to imaging Hoch playing the 10th hole without thinking, at least fleetingly, of the '89 Masters.

Venturi felt the twinge as he watched Norman flame out.

"I was there, 40 years ago," Venturi said.

To this day, Hoch knows there are fans who still snicker when he stands over a short putt.

"I thought they were kind of easy on (Norman)," Hoch said. "But they were pretty rough on me."

Tom Kite is another who can't help but recall the disappointments. He had the misfortune to play one of his best Masters last year, when Tiger Woods ran away from the field by a dozen strokes. Then there was the 1986 Masters, when Kite left a shot at a playoff resting on the lip of the 72nd hole.

"Yeah, you always look back. When you come that close, you always look back and think of could-haves, would-haves, all that stuff," Kite said. "There were a couple in particular where I had great opportunities to win and I felt like my game was right at the peak, and either I didn't do it or somebody else did something else that was great."

Venturi couldn't help smiling as he noted how Palmer finished 3-3-3 to beat him in the 1960 Masters. The next year he double-bogeyed the final hole to clear the way for Gary Player to win.

"No one ever let down for me," Venturi said.

For some, disappointment at the Masters has not prevented success in other majors. Norman has two British Opens, Venturi and Kite each own a U.S. Open title. Ben Hogan three-putted the final hole to lose by a shot in 1946 before his storied career took off.

Others think about green jackets that might have been, and try not to see red.

Masters' Top Contenders

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — A capsule look at the top 30 players in the 62nd Masters held April 9-12 at Augusta National Golf Club. Listed in order of predicted finish:

ERNIE ELS
Masters played: 4.
Best finish: T8 (1994).
Last year: T17.
Tee Talk: Has two firsts, two seconds and two thirds worldwide this year. Has power and patience to play this course. Loves major championships, finishing in the top 10 nine times in 22 career starts. Also loves rivalry with Woods. Wants this one — and gets it.

TIGER WOODS
Masters played: 3.
Best finish: 1 (1997).
Last year: 1.
Tee Talk: Played the final 63 holes last year 22 under par in shooting a record 270 and winning by 12 strokes. Hard to match near-perfect performance when he had no three-putt greens, but can win with a lesser effort.

JOHN DALY
Masters played: 5.
Best finish: 3 (1993).
Last year: DNP.
Tee Talk: Missed last year because of alcohol rehab. Playing most consistent golf of career. Perfect for Augusta — long and great touch around the greens (1st in putting). More patience than ever. A great dark horse pick.

DAVIS LOVE III
Masters played: 8.
Best finish: 2 (1995).
Last year: T7.
Tee Talk: Got first major at PGA last year. Playing with more confidence than ever. Has been in the hunt here before. Could come down to how he putts on back nine on Sunday.

TOM WATSON
Masters played: 24.
Best finish: 1 (1977,'81).
Last year: 4.
Tee Talk: If anyone could break Nicklaus' record as oldest winner at age 46, it is the 48-year-old Watson. Playing 25th Masters. Is 10th in greens hit and a surprising 11th in putting. That's a winning combination at Augusta.

SCOTT HOCH
Masters played: 12.
Best finish: 2 (1989).
Last year: 38.
Tee Talk: Most under-appreciated game in golf. Is 13th in driving accuracy, 33rd in greens hit and 23rd in putting. One of best from 100 yards in, which is where the Masters is won. Lost in playoff to Faldo in 1989 when he missed a 30-inch putt. Augusta owes him one.

DAVID DUVAL
Masters played: 2.
Best finish: 18 (1996).
Last year: MC.
Tee Talk: Has won four of his last 10 events. Comes into Augusta 19th in greens hit and 2nd in putting, the two most important statistical categories at Augusta. Could be ready for a major.

TOM LEHMAN
Masters played: 5.
Best finish: 2 (1994).
Last year: T12.
Tee Talk: Hasn't won on PGA Tour since taking British Open and Tour Championship in 1996. Closed with very strong 68 at Players Championship to get share of second place. Hits a ton of greens (4th), but needs good week with the putter (89th).

COLIN MONTGOMERIE
Masters played: 6.
Best finish: 17 (1995).
Last year: T30.
Tee Talk: Playing more in U.S. this year in effort to win first major. New right-to-left ball flight will help here. Stands best chance if the scores don't go real low.

NICK FALDO
Masters played: 14.
Best finish: 1 (1989-90,'96).
Last year: MC.
Tee Talk: Hasn't putted well (134th) since he missed several short ones in the last round of the 1996 British Open. Still the most determined grinder in golf. A threat if he gets to the weekend in contention.

JIM FURYK
Masters played: 2.
Best finish: 28 (1997).
Last year: 28.
Tee Talk: Shows more maturity every time out. Putts with the best of them. Strong, all around game: 25th in driving accuracy, 38th in greens hit, 25th in putting. May need a few more years here to get the patience to win.

BILLY MAYFAIR
Masters played: 5.
Best finish: 12 (1991).
Last year: DNP.
Tee Talk: Seems to have rediscovered his game. Qualified with playoff victory in LA over Woods. If his iron game stays strong (27th in greens hit) and he makes some putts, could get a top-10.

JUSTIN LEONARD
Masters played: 3.
Best finish: 7 (1997).
Last year: T7.
Tee Talk: Since June has come from five strokes back in the final round to win the Kemper Open, the British Open and The Players Championship. Can get very hot with the putter and has matured into a real pressure player. Can't miss as many greens (114th) and win at Augusta.

LEE WESTWOOD
Masters played: 1.
Best finish: 24 (1997).
Last year: T24.
Tee Talk: At age 24 deserves to be in the group with Mickelson, Duval and Furyk right behind Woods, Els and Leonard among best young players in the world. Closed with a 68 and a 69 to finish fifth at The Players Championship then won at New Orleans.

LEE JANZEN
Masters played: 6.
Best finish: 12 (1995,'96).
Last year: T26.
Tee Talk: Hits a lot of greens (13th) and makes a lot of putts (14th). Will he bounce back after final-round collapse in Players Championship?

MARK CALCAVECCHIA
Masters played: 11.
Best finish: 2 (1988).
Last year: T17.
Tee Talk: Hard work with Butch Harmon has paid off. Is hitting crisp irons (11th in greens hit). If he can raise putting slightly (50th) could contend.

GREG NORMAN
Masters played: 17.
Best finish: 2 (1986-87,'96).
Last year: MC.
Tee Talk: Has played only 17 1/2 competitive rounds this year and only six on the PGA Tour. Withdrew at Players Championship because of sore left shoulder. Does the fire still burn?

BERNHARD LANGER
Masters played: 15.
Best finish: 1 (1985,'93).
Last year: T7.
Tee Talk: Has the imagination around the greens that characterizes the European game and explains why they do so well at Augusta. Might have one more run left in him.

JOSE MARIA OLAZABAL
Masters played: 10.
Best finish: 1 (1994).
Last year: T12.
Tee Talk: Continues remarkable comeback after missing 18 months with foot problems. Second on 1998 European money list behind Els. Has all the shots and at 32 should have lots of good golf ahead if him.

PHIL MICKELSON
Masters played: 5.
Best finish: 3 (1996).
Last year: MC.
Tee Talk: A dozen victories and still not 28. Hasn't proven himself in a major championship. Can be inconsistent off the tee (87th). Fascination with lob shot around the greens not a plus at Augusta which demands more variety.

Heavy showers wipe out par-3 contest

By Paul Newberry
AP Sports Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Sandy Lyle is a two-time Masters champion — in the par-3 contest, that is.

Lyle won the rain-shortened event Wednesday with a score of 24, lowest among the 16 players who finished their rounds before heavy showers sent competitors scurrying for cover.

■ Masters Notes

A year ago, Lyle won the par-3 with a birdie on the second hole of a playoff with Mark McNulty.

David Duval had the only hole-in-one Wednesday on the picturesque course, which is located in the eastern corner of the Augusta National Golf Club. It came at No. 2.

Among the players who didn't get to tee off was U.S. Amateur champion Matt Kuchar, who was planning to use his grandfather as his caddie.

"I wish I could have played," Kuchar said. "The par-3 always sounded like so much fun. The crowd really gets into it."

The par-3 contest has been a Wednesday tradition at Augusta National since 1960. Tournament players, non-competing past champions and honorary invitees are allowed to play.

STEPHENS SPEAKS: Another annual event at Augusta is this question for club chairman Jack Stephens: "Will you consider televising the entire tournament?"

As usual, CBS is allowed three hours of back-nine coverage for the final two rounds this year.

"There's a lot to see on the front nine," Stephens said. "But to really cover the front side, we'd have to extend the telecast an hour and a half to really do a good job of covering it. ... We're just reluctant to do that."

Augusta National believes it adds to the aura of the Masters — not to mention the demand for tickets — to have some holes that are seen only by the fans at the course.

"We're not scared of having a tournament and nobody showing up," Stephens said. "Still, I think there's value added to the ticket, when they see shots that nobody else sees."

He also believes the casual fan is more likely to watch a shorter telecast.

"We get letters from women who don't play golf but they say they can devote 2 1/2 hours to watching our tournament," Stephens said. "If people who don't play golf watch our tournament and get interested in golf, that's a big plus. if we've turned them off with a five-hour telecast, we lose them."

Stephens was asked if watches the Super Bowl, one of sport's lengthier events.

"Fourth quarter," he replied.

COLIN'S CADDIE: Joe Collins couldn't believe what he was hearing: Colin Montgomerie needed a caddie, and he was offering Collins the job.

"You talk about feeling great," the 45-year-old Collins said. "Not only was a player interested in me, but he's a player good enough to win here."

Montgomerie was forced to scramble for local help when his regular caddie, Alastair McLean, had to return to Europe to undergo back surgery. Collins, who hasn't caddied in the Masters since 1986, was recommended to the Scottish golfer.

Collins, who has been a caddie at Augusta National for 27 years, used to work the Masters every spring. But his workload diminished after players were allowed to bring their own caddies in 1983.

Collins said his philosophy for offering advice to a golfer of Montgomerie's stature is simple: "I wait until he asks."

The caddie fee for regular members at Augusta National is $45, but Collins can expect a better payout for working with Montgomerie.

SIGNING: Williams picks UNT

(From 1C)

told him to do is what I liked about Calvin," said Trilli in a phone interview from his North Texas office. "What I liked most of all is what he does defensively."

Williams was the best defensive player among the Chaparrals as his 66 steals led the team.

Williams, who is planning to be an education major, said he should have a great opportunity to play right away with the Eagles.

"I should fit in well with North Texas. They like to run just like we did at Midland College," he said. "Just like anywhere else, I have the opportunity to start. It's just going to be up to me to go in there and work hard."

Trilli said that with only two returning players from last year's squad there should be no question that Williams will get some serious playing time.

"He's got a great chance to play," said Trilli, who just finished his first year at UNT. "We also signed two more players from Kimball in the early signing period who Calvin knows, so that will make it easy for him."

Rafferty said he was disappointed to lose Williams but was happy for his young point guard.

"I'm more happy for him, tenfold," Rafferty said. "It's a great opportunity for him to get back closer to home with his family. I think the UNT program is at a place right now where Calvin can get in on the ground floor and have three years in the program. It was a no-brainer. That's what he came here for. He knows that just because our coach-player relationship is over, our relationship is not over.

"This kind of joins the list of guys that have come through here the last four years that came here for the reason he did. The Bakers, the Rices and the Palacios. That's what we're here for. It just kind of caps off a successful season."

Williams will also miss coach Rafferty and the experience at Midland College.

"Coach Rafferty is tough but he is a great coach to play for," Williams said. "It's been great. The Midland fans have been great and I couldn't have been happier with my stay here."

Snead will make tee time

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — A chipper Sam Snead was released from the hospital Wednesday, weakened by stroke symptoms that turned out to be mere fatigue. He was set to take part in the ceremonial opening of the Masters on Thursday.

The golf world received a scare as word circulated that Snead, who has attended every Masters since 1937, was in University Hospital after suffering what appeared to be a minor stroke.

The picture improved as the day wore on. By late morning, hospital officials said Snead was awake and feeling fine. Then Masters officials said Snead was itching to get out to Augusta and join Byron Nelson and Gene Sarazen in opening the tournament.

MASTERS: Woods set tough standard to beat

(From 1C)

record that clubhouse exploded."

Then Stephens, in just about the biggest understatement to come out of a very understated man, said: "Last year was an unusual year."

If last year was unusual, this year is unreal.

"A lot of us are interested to see what happens," PGA Championship winner Davis Love III said. "After all the talk, what will Tiger Woods do? Can he prove it playing under all of this."

His Masters victory was like an alarm clock going off next to the heads of the best players in the world.

Since the first weekend of July, Woods has been winless on the PGA Tour. During that stretch, Ernie Els has emerged as a legitimate challenger for the title of world's best golfer.

A slew of other players, including Love, Justin Leonard, David Duval, Jim Furyk and Lee Westwood have kicked their games into higher gear.

Asked if the outcome of the Masters was a foregone conclusion and whether the other 87 players were competing for second-place money, Love stared long and hard at the questioner, then snapped: "I'm not even going to answer that."

Love's response was merely one reflection of the new level of intensity many players have one year after Woods stole the show.

If Woods wants to prove his performance was no fluke, a bunch of other players seek to prove that pro golf is not merely Woods against everyone else.

Throw in Nick Faldo, Greg Norman, Tom Lehman, Phil Mickelson, Colin Montgomerie and John Daly among those with something to prove and Woods will have all the competition he can handle when the tournament begins Thursday.

Woods was near-perfect last year in making 21 birdies, two eagles and only seven bogeys, never once having a three-putt green in 72 holes. But near-perfection is a state rarely maintained for long in golf.

Tom Watson, a two-time winner at the Masters, knows how easily things can unravel at Augusta. He points to a 10-foot putt Woods made on No. 14 on Saturday last year.

"His putt looked like it was going so hard when it hit the hole," Watson said. "If he had missed the putt it would have been terrible. All you need to do is miss one of those things and have a return putt and you start getting a little gun-shy on these greens."

Confidence can disappear that quickly at Augusta.

Watson searched for words to explain the allure of the Masters.

"The tournament started on a great note because of Bobby Jones," he said. "Then you have to add to that all those who have won the tournament, from the Nicklausses and the Palmers to the Demarets and the Sneads and the Hogans and the Nelsons," Watson said. "They are the masters of the game."

Another part of the allure is that the Masters is the only one of the four major championships played on the same course every year.

"The golfing public and the non-golfing public alike understand when they talk about the 15th hole at Augusta and how the ball comes off the green back into the water," Watson said. "There's a familiarity with the Masters."

Familiarity, the saying goes, breeds contempt. At Augusta, it breeds respect. If Woods can match what he did at the familiar old course last year, those tall pines that whisper Jones and Hogan can start to learn to pronounce Woods.

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Justice dh	3	0	2	Grieve rf	3	0	1
MRmrz rf	3	0	0	Stairs dh	3	1	2
Berroa lf	3	0	0	Giambi 1b	4	0	1
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MRmrz rf	5	0	1	Stairs dh	3	1	1
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Dnston ss	1	0	0	Mgdan 3b	3	0	1
Frymn ss	3	1	0	Mack pr	0	1	0
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Cleveland	020	211	000	— 6
Oakland	200	002	010	— 5

E—Branson (1), McDonald (1), Spiezio (2), Velandia (1). DP—Cleveland 2. LOB—Cleveland 8, Oakland 11. 2B—Borders (1), Grieve (1), Magadan (1). HR—Justice (2), Giambi (2). SB—Lofton (4), Giles (1), McDonald (3). CS—Dunston (1). SF—Justice.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
JrWright	4	6	2	2	1	5
Krivda W,1-0	2 2-3	4	2	2	1	1
Morman	1-3	0	1	1	1	0
Plunk	2-3	2	0	0	0	1
Assenmacher	1	1	0	0	0	1
MJackson S,4	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Oakland						
Candiotti L,0-2	4	4	5	2	4	3
Small	3	3	1	1	1	2
Dougherty	2	0	0	0	0	0

Morman pitched to 1 batter in the 8th, Candiotti pitched to 1 batter in the 5th. PB—Hinch. T—3:07. A—6,963 (45,177).

YANKEES 4, MARINERS 3

NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi	SEATTLE	ab	r	hbi
Knblch 2b	3	0	1	Cora 2b	5	0	2
Jeter ss	5	1	1	Gipson pr	0	0	0
O'Neill rf	4	0	1	ARdrgz ss	5	0	2
BWlms cf	5	0	3	Grfy Jr cf	5	0	1
TMrtnz 1b	4	0	0	EMrtnz dh	4	0	0
Strwbr dh	3	1	1	Segui 1b	4	1	3
Raines ph	0	0	0	GHill lf	3	0	0
Bush dh	1	1	0	DWilsn c	2	0	0
Curtis lf	3	1	1	RWlkns ph	0	0	0
Posada c	4	0	1	MHrzano c	0	0	0
Brosius 3b	4	0	1	RPerez rf	4	0	0
				RDavis 3b	4	2	2
Totals	36	4	10	4 Totals	36	3	10

New York	000	010	120	— 4
Seattle	000	100	101	— 3

DP—New York 1. LOB—New York 11, Seattle 10. 2B—Jeter (2), BWilliams (2), Strawberry (2), Griffey Jr (1). 3B—Segui (1). HR—Curtis (2), RDavis 2 (3). SB—Knoblauch (4), Brosius (1), ARodriguez (1). GHill (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Irabu	5	4	1	1	2	7
Buddie	1 2-3	2	1	1	0	0
Lloyd W,1-0	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Nelson	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Stanton S,1	1 1-3	3	1	1	1	0
Seattle						
Cloude	6	2-3	6	2	2	4
Fossas	1-3	1	0	0	1	1
Ayala L,0-1	1 1-3	3	2	2	1	0
Timlin	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Spoljaric	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	3

HBP—by Irabu (DWilson). WP—Irabu 2, Cloude. T—3:42. A—33,922 (59,084).

BLUE JAYS 9, TWINS 6

TORONTO	ab	r	hbi	MINNESOTA	ab	r	hbi
Stewart lf	5	1	2	Lawton cf	4	0	1
TFrndz 2b	4	3	1	Gates 3b	1	0	0
SGreen rf	3	3	2	Ochoa rf	5	0	1
Cnsaco dh	5	2	4	Molitor dh	4	1	0
Stanley 1b	4	0	1	Ortiz 1b	5	0	0
Sprgue 3b	0	0	0	MCdva lf	5	1	2
Grbeck 3b	3	0	0	TWlker 2b	4	2	2
Crespo ph	0	0	0	Hcking ph	0	0	0
Dsndro 3b	0	0	0	Coomr 3b	5	0	2
JoCruz cf	4	0	1	Stnbch c	1	1	0
Fltcher c	4	0	1	Meares ss	3	1	2
AGnzlz ss	4	0	0				
Totals	36	9	11	7 Totals	37	6	10

Toronto	410	002	020	— 9
Minnesota	030	003	000	— 6

E—Dalesandro (1), TWalker (1), Coomer (2), Steinbach (1), Meares (2). DP—Minnesota 1. LOB—Toronto 11, Minnesota 10. 2B—Canseco 2 (3), Ochoa (3), TWalker (2), Coomer (3), Meares (4). HR—SGreen (3). SB—Stewart (1), TFernandez (1), Canseco (1). CS—Stewart (1). SF—Crespo, JoCruz, Meares.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Hentgen W,1-0	5 2-3	7	6	6	3	2
Plesac	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Quantrill	1 2-3	2	0	0	1	2
RaMyers S,2	1 1-3	1	0	0	1	1
Minnesota						
Hawkins L,0-1	3	5	5	5	4	0
Trombley	1	1	0	0	2	0
Swindell	1	3	1	1	0	0
FRodriguez	2	2	3	1	1	1
Carrasco	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Guardado	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Aguilera	1	0	0	0	1	0

Swindell pitched to 1 batter in the 6th, FRodriguez pitched to 2 batters in the 8th. HBP—by Hawkins (Sprague). WP—FRodriguez, Carrasco. T—3:30. A—8,532 (48,678).

NL Boxes

PIRATES 5, BRAVES 3

ATLANTA	ab	r	hbi	PITTSBURGH	ab	r	hbi
AJones cf	4	0	0	Wmack 2b	3	1	0
Pride rf	4	0	0	Kendall c	4	2	3
Edmnd p	0	0	0	MSmith lf	4	0	0
ChJnes 3b	4	1	1	KYng 1b	4	0	2
Glrrga 1b	4	2	2	Alnswrt cf	4	0	0
Klesko lf	3	0	0	JGillen rf	3	1	2
JLopez c	3	0	2	FGrcia 3b	3	0	0
Grffnno 2b	4	0	1	Collier ss	3	0	0
Blliard ss	3	0	0	Loaiza p	3	1	1
DBtsta ph	1	0	1	Chrstns p	0	0	0
Neagle p	2	0	0	Loiselle p	0	0	0
Tucker rf	2	0	0				
Totals	34	3	7	3 Totals	31	5	8

Atlanta	010	000	002	— 3
Pittsburgh	002	120	00x	— 5

E—Collier (2). DP—Pittsburgh 1. LOB—Atlanta 6, Pittsburgh 3. 2B—ChJones (2), Kendall (2). HR—Galarraga 2 (3), Kendall (1), JGuillen (2). CS—KYoung (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Atlanta						
Neagle L,1-1	7	7	5	5	1	8
Edmondson	1	1	0	0	0	1
Pittsburgh						
Loaiza W,1-0	8	5	3	3	2	3
Christiansen	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Loiselle S,3	2-3	2	0	0	0	0

Loaiza pitched to 2 batters in the 9th. WP—Neagle, Edmondson. T—2:13. A—11,254 (47,972).

PHILLIES 9, MARLINS 5

FLORIDA	ab	r	hbi	PHILA	ab	r	hbi
RJcksn lf	4	0	1	Glnville cf	5	2	1
Booty 3b	0	0	0	Jfferies lf	4	2	2
Rnteria ss	3	1	0	Rolen 3b	5	0	2
Cunsell 2b	3	1	1	Lbrthal c	5	1	1
Shfield rf	5	0	1	Brogna 1b	4	3	4
Kotsay cf	4	1	2	MLewis 2b	4	0	1
DLee 1b	4	1	1	Abreu rf	4	0	1
Zaun c	4	0	0	AArias ss	3	1	2
Berg 3b	2	0	1	MiGice p	2	0	0
Cnglosi ph	1	0	0	Wnston p	0	0	0
Dmsbr p	0	0	0	Sefcik ph	1	0	0
Ldwick p	1	0	0	Sprdlin p	0	0	0
Ojala p	1	1	0	Amaro ph	1	0	0
Hnrqez p	0	0	0	MLeitr p	0	0	0
Esnrich lf	1	0	0	0			
Totals	33	5	7	4 Totals	38	9	14

Florida	000	012	200	— 5
Philadelphia	010	125	00x	— 9

E—Zaun 2 (2), Berg (1). DP—Philadelphia 1. LOB—Florida 8, Philadelphia 7. 2B—Kotsay (2), Rolen 2 (4), Brogna (3), AArias (1). 3B—Jefferies (1). HR—DLee (2). SB—Brogna 2 (2). CS—Kotsay (1). SF—AArias.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida						
Ludwick L,0-2	3	4	1	1	0	2
Ojala	2 1-3	7	6	4	1	5
Henriquez	1 2-3	3	2	2	0	1
Darensbourg	1	0	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia						
MiGrace W,1-1	5	6	3	3	4	7
Winston	1	0	0	0	1	1
Spradlin	1	1	2	2	2	1
MLeiter	2	0	0	0	0	3

MiGrace pitched to 2 batters in the 6th. Balk—Spradlin. T—2:57. A—11,769 (62,363).

CARDINALS 13, ROCKIES 9

ST. LOUIS	ab	r	hbi	COLORADO	ab	r	hbi
Clayton ss	6	1	1	Lnsing 2b	5	2	4
DeShds 2b	3	3	2	1 Burks cf	5	0	3
DHwrd 2b	0	0	0	LWlker rf	5	0	1
McGwr 1b	4	2	2	Bchette lf	5	0	0
RLnkfd cf	3	2	2	4 Helton 1b	5	2	2
McGee lf	6	0	1	2 Castilla 3b	3	1	1
Mabry rf	5	1	2	2 JReed c	3	1	1
Gaetti 3b	5	1	0	0 NPerez ss	4	1	1
Lmpkin c	6	0	1	0 JmWgt p	0	0	0
Aybar p	4	2	2	1 BMJns p	1	0	0
Acvedo p	0	0	0	0 Bates ph	1	1	0
Ptkvsk p	1	1	1	0 DeJean p	0	0	0
Painter p	0	0	0	0 Vn Wal ph	0	1	0
				Veres p	0	0	0
				Clbrnn ph	1	0	0
				Munoz p	0	0	0
Totals	43	13	14	12 Totals	38	9	13

St. Louis	126	010	210	—13
Colorado	100	124	010	— 9

E—Mabry (1), Lansing (3), NPerez (4). DP—St. Louis 2. LOB—St. Louis 13, Colorado 5. 2B—Lansing (3), Burks (3), JReed (2). 3B—Burks (1), NPerez (2). HR—RLankford (1). SB—Lampkin (2). CS—Castilla (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis						
Aybar W,1-1	5	10	5	4	0	2
Acevedo	1-3	0	3	3	3	0
Petkovsek	2 2-3	3	1	1	0	2
Painter	1	0	0	0	0	1
Colorado						
JmWright L,0-2	2-3	6	8	8	6	2
BMJones	2 1-3	4	2	2	1	1
DeJean	1	1	0	0	0	1
Veres	2	3	3	2	2	0
Munoz	1	0	0	0	0	1

Aybar pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. HBP—by BMJones (RLankford). Balk—JmWright. T—3:43. A—48,020 (50,200).

Late Boxes

YANKEES 13, MARINERS 7

NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi	SEATTLE	ab	r	hbi
Knblch 2b	6	2	2	1 Cora 2b	5	1	2
Jeter ss	5	2	2	0 ARdrgz ss	6	1	2
O'Neill rf	4	2	3	2 Grfy Jr cf	3	0	1
BWlms cf	4	1	1	1 Gipson cf	2	2	2
TMrtnz 1b	5	2	2	1 EMrtnz dh	4	1	1
Strwbr lf	4	3	3	4 Segui 1b	5	0	2
Curtis lf	1	0	1	2 GHill lf	3	1	2
Raines dh	5	0	1	0 DWilsn c	2	0	0
Posada c	4	1	2	2 MrzanoC	1	0	0
Brosius 3b	3	0	1	0 RWlkns c	1	0	0
				RPerez rf	5	1	1
				RDavis 3b	4	0	1
Totals	43	13	18	13 Totals	41	7	14

New York	601	400	020	—13
Seattle	100	012	210	— 7

E—TMartinez (1), Brosius (2). DP—New York 1, Seattle 1. LOB—New York 8, Seattle 13. 2B—Jeter (1), O'Neill (3), BWilliams (1), Strawberry (1), Curtis (1), Cora (3), ARodriguez (1), Segui (5). HR—Knoblauch (1), Strawberry 2 (2), Posada (2), ARodriguez (2), RPerez (1). SF—Posada, RWilkins.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
DWells W,1-1	6	9	6	6	3	3
Holmes	1-3	2	0	0	0	0
Nelson	1	3	1	1	2	1
Stanton	1 2-3	0	0	0	0	4
Seattle						
Bullinger L,0-1	3 1-3	12	10	10	0	2
BWells	2 2-3	2	1	1	2	1
Ayala	1	0	0	0	1	0
Fossas	1	3	2	2	0	2
Slocumb	1	1	0	0	1	1

DWells pitched to 2 batters in the 7th. T—3:47. A—28,424 (59,084).

College Baseball

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SOUTHWEST

Baylor 10, Dallas 2
NW Louisiana 17, Texas Southern 8
Oklahoma 7, SW Texas St. 6
Oral Roberts 18-18, Panhandle St. 0-3
Sam Houston St. 6, Texas Lutheran 2
Texas Tech 19, New Mexico Highlands 10
Trinity, Texas 14, National Christian 5

FAR WEST

Arkansas 12, Long Beach St. 9
Azusa Pacific 12, CS Hayward 3
Cal St. Northridge 11, Hawaii-Hilo 1
Portland St. 15, Portland 1
Willamette 6, Pacific, Ore., 4

EAST

Albany, N.Y. 11, St. Rose 3
Amherst 12, Mass. College 9
Babson 10, Wentworth Tech 1
Brandeis 8, E. Connecticut 6
Cent. Connecticut 9, Mass.-Lowell 4
Davis & Elkins 7, Fairmont St. 0
Fitchburg St. 12, Clark U. 5
Fordham 14, Wagner 10
Manhattan 2-1, Fairfield 1-0
Marist 14, Army 5
New Paltz St. 12, Vassar 8
Oswego St. 5-3, Clarkson 1-1
Phila. Textile 18-21, N.J. Tech. 7-1
Quinnipiac 6, Assumption 4
Rider 17, St. Peter's 3
St. Anslem 3, Bentley 2
St. Francis, NY 3, Iona 2
St. Mary's, Md. 17, Salisbury St. 5
S. Connecticut 8, Queens Coll. 6
S. Maine 6, St. Joseph's, Maine 3
Stony Brook 8-4, New Haven 1-4, 2nd game, tie, darkness
Suffolk 21, Mass. Maritime, 4
Toledo 14-6, Marshall 1-2
Towson 14, Long Island U. 10
W. New England 5, Westfield St. 5, 8 innings, rain
W. Virginia St. 16-9, Concord 7-6

SOUTH

Alabama A&M 14, Samford 12, 10 innings
Anderson 10-7, Erskine 9-3
Ark.-Little Rock 11, Tenn.-Martin 5
Bridgewater, Va. 13, E. Mennonite 6
Carson-Newman 6, Tusculum 5
Clemson 13, Charleston Southern 3
Delta St. 9-5, Belhaven 6-2
Evansville 10, Louisville 4
Florida 8, Bethune-Cookman 5
Florida Southern 10, Warner Southern 6
Florida St. 4, Jacksonville 3
Georgia St. 7, Jacksonville St. 5
Georgia Tech 3, Georgia 2
George Washington 12, James Madison 5
Jacksonville St. at Alabama, ppd., severe weather
Lynn 7, Nova Southeastern 6
Memphis at Vanderbilt, ccd., weather
Mississippi St. 7, New Orleans 6, 10 innings
N.C. Charlotte 12, Coll. of Charleston 5
Old Dominion 6, Liberty 1
Richmond 11, Campbell 3
South Alabama 9, NE Louisiana 3
South Carolina 8, Furman 2
S.C.-Aiken 13, Catawba 7
Southern Miss. 17, Mississippi 10
Troy St. 4, SW Louisiana 2
Tulane 24, Centenary 6
Virginia 4, Virginia ech 3
Va. Commonwealth 17, Radford 6
Va. Wesleyan 7, Randolph-Macon 5
Webber 4, Tampa 1
West Florida 17, Lyon 5
William Carey 5, Nicholls St. 0

MIDWEST

Bowling Green 9-7, N.Illinois 0-10
Cincinnati 8, Dayton 4
Culver-Stockton 15, Hannibal-LaGrange 14
Detroit 11, Michigan St. 7
E. Illinois 5, Olivet Nazarene 4
E. Michigan 2-17, Ohio U. 0-3
Grace 5-6, Tri-State 2-8
Illinois 18, W. Illinois 2
Illinois St. 2, Bradley 1
Indiana Tech 13, Ind.-Purdue-Ft.Wayne 3
Iowa St. 8, Iowa 3
Marietta 10-12, Muskingum 6-3
McKendree 12, Quincy 4
Metro State 5, Nebraska-Kearney 2
Michigan 11, Oakland, Mich. 0
Minnesota 18, Concordia,St.P 0
N. Iowa 3, Creighton 2, 2nd game, ccd., rain
Notre Dame 11, Chicago St. 5
Ohio St. 7, Youngstown St. 4
St. Thomas, Minn. 8-4, Augsburg 0-0
Siena Heights 8, Albion 7
W. Michigan 13-8, Akron 0-9
Wichita St. 5-15, SW Missouri St. 4-3
Wittenberg 16-7, Earlham 1-4
Xavier 8, E. Kentucky 1

Texas League

At A Glance
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First Half
Eastern Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Shreveport (Giants)	4	3	.571	—
Tulsa (Rangers)	4	3	.571	—
Arkansas (Cardinals)	3	4	.429	1
Jackson (Astros)	3	4	.429	1
Western Division				
El Paso (Brewers)	5	2	.714	—
Midland (Angels)	4	3	.571	1
San Antonio (Dodgers)	3	4	.429	2
Wichita (Royals)	2	5	.286	3

Wednesday's Games
Tulsa 6, Arkansas 5
Shreveport 5, Jackson 2
El Paso 5, Midland 1
Wichita 10, San Antonio 6
Thursday's Games
Arkansas at Tulsa
Shreveport at Jackson
El Paso at Midland
Wichita at San Antonio
Friday's Games
Arkansas at Tulsa
Shreveport at Jackson
El Paso at Midland
Wichita at San Antonio

Transactions

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Signed INF Pat Listach to a minor league contract. Sent C Einar Diaz outright to Buffalo of the International League.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Traded C Mike Macfarlane to the Oakland Athletics for OF Shane Mack and a player to be named.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Recalled OF Jack Voigt and INF Jason Wood from Edmonton of the PCL. Designated C Izzy Molina for assignment. Placed RHP Mike Fetters on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 6.

National League

HOUSTON ASTROS—Placed RHP Jose Cabrera on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Bob Scanlan from New Orleans of the PCL.

Montreal at Milwaukee, ppd., rain
N.Y. Mets at Chicago Cubs, ppd., rain
Philadelphia 9, Florida 5
Pittsburgh 5, Atlanta 3
St. Louis 13, Colorado 9
Houston at San Francisco (n)
Arizona at Los Angeles (n)
Cincinnati at San Diego (n)
Thursday's Games
Atlanta (Millwood 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Leiber 0-0), 12:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Reed 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Trachsel 1-0), 1:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (Tomko 1-0) at San Diego (Langston 1-0), 4:05 p.m.
Florida (Meadows 0-1) at Philadelphia (Green 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Montreal (Vazquez 0-1) at Milwaukee (Mercedes 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Mercker 1-0) at Colorado (Thompson 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Suppan 0-1) at Los Angeles (Valdes 0-1), 9:05 p.m.
Houston (Bergman 0-1) at San Francisco (Gardner 1-0), 9:05 p.m.

NHL Results

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-New Jersey	46	22	9	101	210	152
x-Philadelphia	40	25	11	91	226	178
Washington	36	29	12	84	206	192
N.Y. Islanders	28	38	10	66	200	211
N.Y. Rangers	23	37	18	64	188	220
Florida	23	41	12	58	185	234
Tampa Bay	17	51	9	43	145	250
Northeast Division						
x-Pittsburgh	37	23	17	91	210	177
Montreal	36	30	11	83	224	194
Boston	35	28	13	83	202	180
Buffalo	34	27	15	83	195	171
Ottawa	30	32	14	74	177	188
Carolina	32	36	8	72	187	199
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
x-Dallas	45	21	11	101	225	158
x-Detroit	42	20	15	99	235	184
x-St. Louis	41	27	8	90	230	184
Phoenix	31	33	12	74	208	210
Chicago	30	35	12	72	185	187
Toronto	27	41	9	63	179	224
Pacific Division						
x-Colorado	37	25	16	90	218	195
Los Angeles	35	30	11	81	213	205
San Jose	32	37	8	72	196	205
Edmonton	31	36	10	72	195	210
Calgary	25	37	14	64	200	228
Vancouver	24	40	13	61	214	261
Anaheim	24	40	12	60	187	241

x-clinched playoff berth

Wednesday's Games
Late game not included
Buffalo 3, Carolina 1
N.Y. Islanders 3, New Jersey 2
Philadelphia 6, Tampa Bay 1
Dallas 2, Washington 1, OT
Edmonton at Anaheim, (n)
Thursday's Games
N.Y. Islanders at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Islanders 3, Devils 2

New Jersey	1	1	0	— 2
N.Y. Islanders	1	1	1	— 3

First Period—1, New Jersey, Morrison 3 (Elias, Andreychuk), 9:37. 2, New York, Palffy 40, 15:05.

Second Period—3, New Jersey, Andreychuk 13 (Elias, Stevens), 5:05.

Third Period—4, New York, Palffy 41 (Czerkawski, Jonsson), 7:02. 5, New York, Reichel 24 (Palffy, Linden), 19:36 (pp).

Shots on goal—New Jersey 8-11-7—26. New York 6-7-9—22. Power-play Opportunities—New Jersey 0 of 3; New York 0 of 5. Goalies—New Jersey, Brodeur 43-16-7 (22 shots-19 saves). New York, Salo 22-27-5 (26-24). A—12,811 (16,297)

Sabres 3, Hurricanes 2

Carolina	0	0	1	— 1
Buffalo	1	2	0	— 3

First Period—1, Buffalo, Woolley 9 (Peca, Brown), 16:32 (pp).

Second Period—2, Buffalo, Sanderson 11 (Zhitnik, Barnaby), 17:55.

Third Period—3, Carolina, Sheppard 17 (Halko, Gelinas), 18:35. 4, Buffalo, Varada 4 (Ward), 19:02 (en).

Shots on goal—Carolina 4-7-5—16. Buffalo 11-5-11—27. Power-play Opportunities—Carolina 0 of 5; Buffalo 1 of 5. Goalies—Carolina, Kidd 20-20-3 (26 shots-24 saves). Buffalo, Hasek 31-23-12 (16-15). A—16,644 (18,595).

Flyers 6, Lightning 1

Philadelphia	1	0	5	— 6
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	— 1

First Period—1, Philadelphia, LeClair 47, 3:26. 2, Tampa Bay, Dykhuis 5 (Tucker, McCarthy), 9:01.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—3, Philadelphia, LeClair 48 (Gratton, Desjardins), 7:49. 4, Philadelphia, Sillinger 20 (Daigle, Forbes), 8:26. 5, Philadelphia, McGillis 11 (Coffey, Brind'Amor), 13:45 (pp). 6, Philadelphia, Gratton 19 (Daigle, Sillinger), 15:11 (pp). 7, Philadelphia, Forbes 12 (Coffey, Podein), 18:54 (pp).

Shots on goal—Philadelphia 9-14-14—37. Tampa Bay 6-7-3—16. Power-play Opportunities—Philadelphia 3 of 7; Tampa Bay 0 of 3. Goalies—Philadelphia, Burke 12-13-5 (16 shots-15 saves). Tampa Bay, Fitzpatrick 7-21-1 (37-31). A—14,280 (19,758).

Stars 2, Capitals 1

Washington	0	0	1	— 1
Dallas	0	1	0	— 2

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, Dallas, Skrudland 6 (Bassen), 4:26.

Third Period—2, Washington, Nikolishin 4 (Bondra), 14:06.

Overtime—3, Dallas, Langenbrunner 22 (Lehtinen), 3:28.

Shots on goal—Washington 7-4-3-0—14. Dallas 6-10-7-3—26. Power-play Opportunities—Washington 0 of 6; Dallas 0 of 6. Goalies—Washington, Kolzig 29-17-10 (26 shots-24 saves). Dallas, Belfour 33-12-10 (14-13). A—16,517 (16,928).

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Playoff Glance
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FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-5)
New Mexico vs. San Angelo
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Malone knocks Robinson out; Utah finishes off San Antonio

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — With David Robinson out with a concussion caused by Karl Malone's inadvertent elbow, the Utah Jazz beat the San Antonio Spurs 98-88 Wednesday night to clinch the Midwest Division title for the second straight year.

Robinson was guarding Malone in the lane 2 1/2 minutes into the game when the Utah star took a pass from John Stockton and turned to the basket. Malone's elbow caught Robinson on the right side of the head and the San Antonio 7-footer dropped to the floor unconscious.

Robinson regained consciousness about 2 minutes later and was helped off the floor by trainers and doctors. He was taken to a hospital, where a CAT scan revealed no neurological damage beyond the concussion.

Malone scored 32 points for the Jazz, who moved a game in front of idle Seattle for the best record in the Western Conference.

Tim Duncan had 34 points for San Antonio, which is a half-game ahead of Phoenix for the fourth-best record in the West.

Knicks 83, Heat 80

NEW YORK — Allan Houston scored 29 points, Chris Childs had his first productive game in weeks and the New York Knicks played tight defense to prevent Miami from attempting a final shot.

In a possible preview of a first-round playoff series, the Knicks showed some of the energy and heart they had been lacking lately while losing five of their previous six games.

Nets 117, Celtics 104

BOSTON — Sam Cassell scored 29 points and Keith Van Horn had 24 points and 11 rebounds as the New Jersey Nets won their third straight game.

Antoine Walker led the Celtics with 43 points, but he missed two free throws with 4:57 left and the Nets leading 97-93. Chris Gatling followed with two layups as the Nets went on a 10-2 run that gave them a 107-95 lead with 3:08 to play.

■ NBA Roundup

Bucks 107, Raptors 100

TORONTO — Ray Allen scored 25 points and Elliot Perry had 14 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter as the Milwaukee Bucks handed the Toronto Raptors their 11th straight loss.

Toronto tied a franchise record with its 61st loss of the year before 14,168 fans, the smallest crowd of the season at SkyDome.

Gary Trent led the Raptors with 24 points.

76ers 109, Hornets 101

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson had 30 points, a career-high 10 rebounds and six assists to lead the Philadelphia 76ers over the Charlotte Hornets.

Derrick Coleman had 25 points and nine rebounds for the 76ers, who have won four of their last five games.

Magic 95, Pistons 87

ORLANDO, Fla. — Nick Anderson had 26 points and Derek Strong came off the bench to score 20 as the Orlando Magic kept their fading playoff hopes alive.

The Magic trail New Jersey by 1 1/2 games for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. The Nets play a more favorable schedule down the stretch than Orlando, which plays four of its last five games on the road.

ANGELS: Glaus still manages to go 2-for-4

(From 1C)

Hutchins, but bounced over his head and rolled to the fence before Jed Dalton could track it down from right field. Groppuso scored.

Midland manger Don Long then came on with Lou Pote to replace Alvarez and Pote gave up a 3-0 count home run to right field by Kominek.

"I got a 3-0 fastball," Kominek said. "I think this team is going to score a lot of runs this season. We've got the speed, power and players who can hit for average. When that happens, you put up a lot of runs."

Kominek played the last two seasons in the California League and it's looking like Double-A ball might not present a problem.

"You're probably seeing a higher caliber player here than in the Cal League," Kominek said, "but I've seen a lot of these same guys in the Cal League before. So, it isn't a huge change. Players may be more consistent at this level."

Midland tied the game at 1-1 in the fifth inning when Jed Dalton scored from third base on a single by shortstop Chuck Abbott. The Angels missed some golden opportunities to score more. Glaus was left stranded at second in the first after a two-out double. The Angels had runners at first and third with no outs in the fifth and a run in, but didn't score again. Midland also had runners at first and third with one out in the seventh and didn't score and had runners at first and second in the eighth with one out when Danny Buxbaum hit into a double play.

Buxbaum came into the game as the hottest Angel in the batting average race. He was hitting a cool .500 with 14 hits in his first 28 official at-bats, but he took an 0-for-4 collar in this one. Glaus is now the only Angel who has hit safely in all seven Midland games. Glaus is now hitting at a .433 clip and has 15 RBIs, which leads the Texas League in the early going. His 10 extra base hits are also a league high and he had an amazing 1.308 slugging percentage going into Wednesday's game, another league high.

Angel Dust: Tonight's 7 p.m. game will pit Midland righty Rob Bonanno (1-0, 1.50 ERA) against El Paso lefty Valerio De Los Santos (0-1, 32.40)... Hill had a good outing and it's good to see. He missed the better part of two seasons to surgery, but seems to be back and throwing well with two good outings. Hill missed all of 1994 and most of 1995 due to injury/surgery. He retired in 1995 and did not pitch in 1996 or 1997. He's given up only three runs in 13 innings and only has a loss to show for it. He deserves better...

El Paso 5, Midland 1

El Paso	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Iapoce cf	4	0	2	0	Hutchins cf	4	0	1	0
SPerez ss	4	1	1	1	Christian lf	4	0	0	0
Correa rf	4	0	2	0	Glaus 3b	4	0	2	0
Barker 1b	4	0	0	0	Norton dh	4	0	1	0
Groppuso 3b	4	2	1	0	Herrick pr	0	0	0	0
Rennhack dh	4	1	1	1	Buxbaum 1b	4	0	0	0
Kominek lf	4	1	2	3	Curtis c	4	0	1	0
RPerez 2b	4	0	0	0	Abbott ss	4	0	2	1
O'Neal c	3	0	1	0	Dalton rf	3	1	1	0
					Durrington 2b	4	0	0	0
Totals	35	5	10	5	Totals	35	1	8	1

El Paso	010	001	003	— 5
Midland	000	010	000	— 1

E-Roque, RPerez, Christian. DP-El Paso 1, Midland 1. LOB-El Paso 3, Midland 9. 2B-Glaus, Groppuso, Kominek, Iapoce. 3B-Rennhack. HR-SPerez (2), Kominek (2). SB-Iapoce (4). CS-Iapoce, Correa.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
El Paso						
Roque W,1-0	7.0	5	1	1	1	4
Chavez	1.0	2	0	0	0	4
Sadler	1.0	1	0	0	0	2
Midland						
Hill L,0-1	6.0	6	2	2	0	6
Alvarez	2.2	3	2	0	0	4
Pote	0.1	1	1	1	0	0

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LOCAL SPORTS

MHS sets cage banquet

Midland High will hold a basketball banquet for both the girls and boys teams on April 29 at Midland Center.

The Midland High boys won the 1998 state Class 5A championship on March 14, beating San Antonio Taft in the finals. The MHS girls made the state playoffs, but lost to Amarillo Palo Duro in the first round. Palo Duro went on to be a state finalist, winning the Region I title in Midland.

It was the first state title in Midland High's basketball history.

A meet the players session will start at 6:30 p.m., followed by the banquet at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Nolan Richardson, the head basketball coach of the University of Arkansas.

Tickets are $8 and are available through the two teams' booster clubs, Stadium Sports, Manning's Garden Center and Bill Williams Tire Center.

Richardson has West Texas roots, growing up in El Paso and playing for Don Haskins at Texas Western (now UTEP). In 1994 he coached Arkansas to the NCAA title. Richardson has put the Razorbacks in the NCAA Final Four two other times, made the Elite Eight once and the Sweet Sixteen two times. He has won close to 75 percent of his games.

He coached Western Texas College of Snyder to a national junior college championship in 1980 and led the Westerners to two other national tournament berths. He won the NIT championship at Tulsa in 1981 and coached MHS graduate Herbert Johnson while there.

Thurman commits to McMurry

ABILENE — Midland Lee's senior 5-foot-10 post Tamika Thurman has committed to play women's collegiate basketball at McMurry University.

"Tamika is the complete package. She excels in the classroom, has an outstanding character and her potential is limitless as an athlete," said Lady Indian coach Sam Nichols. "We are excited about getting another athlete from District 4-5A."

Thurman will become the fifth former District 4-5A player on the Lady Indian roster. The other four are Odessa Permian's Macheic Crawford, Midland Lee's Nisha Washington, and Midland High's Ogonna Merritt and Talitha Belcher.

Thurman, who was a three-year letterman, had her senior season cut short after breaking her ankle during a Christmas tournament. She earned second team all-district honors as a junior.

The McMurry Lady Indians finished 14-11 overall and finished fourth in the American Southwest Conference in 1998. The season was the best for McMurry in five years.

Watson signs with Morningside

SIOUX CITY, IOWA — Morningside College men's basketball coach Jerry Schmutte announced Wednesday that Midland's Cory Watson is among the three transfers who will join the Chiefs for the 1998-99 season.

Watson, a graduate of Midland Lee, is a transfer from Temple Junior College where he helped the Leopards to a 44-19 record over his two-year career.

He averaged 10.1 points, 5.4 assists, 2.8 steals, and 2.4 rebounds per game this past season for a Temple team that finished 21-10 and went to the first round of the Region V tournament. Watson received honorable mention All-North Texas Conference honors. He was named the North Texas Conference player of the week once.

Watson scored 521 points and dealt 278 assists over his Temple career.

Ladies Challenge Match/RHCC

Midland Country Club won the Ladies Challenge Match against Ranchland Hills Country Club. The score average for MCC was 74.29 compared to RHCC's 75.65.

For MCC, Low Gross was Sylvia Roberts (90), Low Net was Denna McGuire (69). For RHCC, Low Gross was Jo Dickson (80) and Low Net was Pebble Corbell (69).

Lee JV beats MHS JV

Midland Lee's junior varsity beat the Midland High JV 12-6 in baseball action Wednesday night.

Collin Gilliam got the win for the Rebels (5-2 district, 13-4 overall) by going 4 1/3 innings in relief. Offensively for Lee, Josh Haney went 2-3 with a double and a home run, Greg Moore was 3-3 with two RBI, Joe Frazier went 2-4 with a double, Jonatham Rogers was 2-5 with a double and two RBI, and Joe Lilley and Jorge Figueroa each added RBI.

Taking the loss for MHS was Santee Hathaway. For MHS, John Schlaffer had a home run, anbd Matt Bose went 3-4 on the day.

Tall City Qualifiers Meet

Abell 7th grade took first place in the Tall City Qualifiers Meet held Wednesday.

Abell had 167 points compared to Alamo's 115. Goddard and San Jacinto rounded out the finishers.

Standings — 1. Abell 167; 2. Alamo 115; 3. Goddard 106 1/2; 4. San Jacinto 87 1/2.

Abell Results— Pole vault: 3rd Keith Vest 7-6; 4th, Brandon Fuller 7-6. Long Jump: 1st, Eric Gutierrez 16-11 3/4. 1200: 1st, Michael Groves 4:01.81; 2nd, Scotty Napier 4:05.48; 5th, Brandon Fuller 4:12.15. 400 Relay: 2nd, (Gutierrez, Mayberry, Munguia, Malone) 50.99. 110 Hurdles: 1st, Ryan Snell 18.01; 4th, Andrew Weaver 18.13; 5th, Trevor Williams 20.03. 100: 4th, Jessie Mungia 12.95; 5th, Eric Gutierrez 13.00. 300: 3rd, Mike Lee 42.91; 4th, Nathan Billingsley 43.56; 6th Matt Weatherford 44.73. 235 Hurdles: 1st, Snell 35.21; 2nd, Andrew Weaver 37.56. 200: 3rd, Munguia 26.25; 6th, Lee 26.59. 1200 Relay: 1st, (Guterrez, Billingsley, Lee, Groves) 2:52.83.

Langenbrunner lifts Stars past Caps in OT

DALLAS (AP) — Jamie Langenbrunner's goal with 1:32 left in overtime lifted the Dallas Stars to a 2-1 victory over Washington on Wednesday night, ending the Capitals' five-game unbeaten streak.

The Capitals had tied it with 5:54 left in regulation on Andrei Nikolishin's fourth goal. But Langenbrunner scored the game-winner on a wrist shot from the slot.

The Stars, attempting to get back on track following a 2-5-1 slump, improved to 101 points, two better than the Detroit Red Wings in the race for the best record in the Western Conference.

Washington is trying to hold on to the fourth seed and first-round home-ice advantage in the Eastern Conference playoffs. The Capitals maintained the position by one point over three teams, Montreal, Boston and Buffalo, a 3-1 winner Wednesday night over Carolina.

Washington tied it 1-1 when Petr Bondra stole the puck from defenseman Darryl Sydor and passed to Nikolishin, who stuffed a shot between the post and goaltender Ed Belfour.

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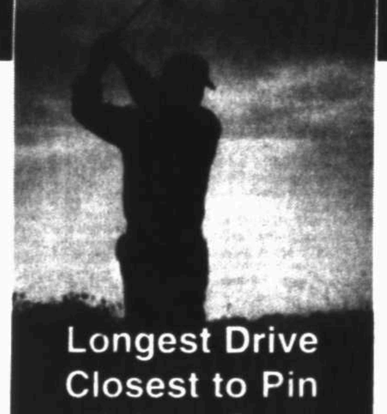

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Track Rosters

Midland High Girls

Seniors

Tiana Bedoy	triple jump
Sonia Castillo	weight throw
Amber Dozier	relays
Angela Hatfield	100, 400, Long jump
Mahogany Jones	hurdles
Jessi Watkins	800
Kristin Goodlett	shot put

Juniors

Amy Dawson	hurdles
Lacey Eberle	high jump
Niki Green	relays, 200
Sara Holland	200, 400, 800 relay
Heidi Longa	relays
Shai Simpson	400, Relays

Sophomores

LaDerbia Cooper	long jump
Lindsey Lasiviter	discus
Markeisha Taylor	relays, 200, triple jump

Midland Lee Girls

Seniors

Marisa Beck	800, 1600
Tracy Brotsch	400, 800, 1600, 1600 relay
Toya Clater	sprints, relays, jumps
Amanda Douglass	100, relays, long jump
Chavaye Glover	400, relays, long jump
Shamique Polk	sprints, relays
Sheree Whitehead	100, 400, relays, high jump
Lauralyn Willrow	100, 200
Dorothy Jackson	manager
Kelly Ray	manager

Juniors

Christina Brown	shot put
Ebony Coleman	100, 200
Lindsey Jacobs	1600, 3200
Lindsey Lambiotte	sprints, 300 hurdles
Kasi Nix	discus
Sarah Parshman	discus
Lesa Scott	100, 200
Stephanie Slaughter	hurdles, 1600 relay
Maurion Strambler	100, relays, jumps
Mayra Uanis	400, 800
Christ West	discus

Sophomores

Courtney Creswell	high jump
Dominica Glover	shot put, discus
LaToya Jackson	shot put
Julie Jay	hurdles, 400, 1600 relay, HJ
Janet Lindsay	200, 400
Diana Loveless	1600, 3200
Deserae McCurley	hurdles
Tiffany Ordonez	shot put
Stephanie Ornelas	400, 800, 1600 relay

Freshman

Kate Simpson	1600, 3200

Midland Lee Boys

Seniors

Brian Boyd	shot put
Gerardo Diaz	hurdles, mile relay
Paul Guerrero	100
Jason Hernandez	100

Juniors

Raymond Curcio	1600, 3200
Ken Myer	400, 1600 relay
Josh Miller	discus
J.R. Norman	100, spring relay
Rex Richards	shot put, discus

Sophomores

Jaquan Andrews	high jump
Andy Brewster	discus
Yhudi Diaz	400
Thomas Glover	triple jump, 300 hurdles
Clint McNutt	200
Justin Pehlke	shot put
Autry Pryor	400, sprint relay
Sam Sheerod	long jump
Isaac Washington	200

Midland High Boys

Seniors

Luke Hardaway	discus
Eli Hernandez	1600, 3200

Juniors

Luke Conder	discus
Weldon Cooks	100, 200 400 relay
Shamond Davis	100, 200
Josh Eaton 400, 1600 relay	
Tim Hernandez	400
Raji Hickey	200, 400 Relay
Reagan Hignojos	1600, 3200
Joey Kindred	800, 1600 Relay
Jerome Lightfoot	400, 1600 relay
Justinio Montelongo	100, 200
Wes Solensky	Pole Vault
Ricky Villanueva	200, 400 relay

Sophomores

DeJuan Daniel	triple jump
Caleb Brown	pole vault
Coley-Joe Cawaylua	shot put, discus
A.J. Durham	110 hurdles, relays
Tony Durham	110 hurdles, 300 hurdles
Randy Gardner	high jump
Cavine Harris	100, 200
Pat Hinshaw	shot put
Dantae Jackson	long jump, triple jump
Frank Lewis	shot put
Elijah Melton	800
Melvin McKee	shot put
Jerry Morgan	pole vault
Brad Nix	pole vault
Tyler Stumbaugh	110 hurdles, 300 hurdles
Steven Smart	800, 1600
Jimmy Smith	400, 1600 relay
Justin Smith	high jump
Albert Hall	400
Jesse Anderson	discus
Brandon Amato	discus

Freshman

Anna Taylor	300 hurdles

TRACK: City hosts Tall City Relays

(From 1C)

we have a chance to win the district title," Lee coach Randy Smith said. "Some of these girls were in first grade the last time Lee won a district championship (1986)."

While two of the four city track teams are going after legitimate team titles hopes, two others are focusing on getting the most out of this opportunity and cash in later, at district.

Both the Midland High girls and Lee boys probably will not have the depth to challenge for a team title however, both have realistic prospects beyond district.

"We are trying to get sharp," Midland High coach Susan Nix said. "We will not get faster, but we have to get sharper.

"This is just another competition and competing every week is what makes the difference."

"It is a jockey-type situation," Lee coach Kelvin Ratliff said of being so close to district. "You find out where they can excel beyond the district meet.

"I want to see our kids compete. If they do that, I will be satisfied."

What will be an interesting sidebar to the preparation for district is the fact that this Tall City Relays has as many "potentially great matchups" as any Midland meet in the recent past.

From field events to the sprints, there will be many matchups to keep an eye on. The meet will feature athletes who will threaten at their respective district meet and at the Region I-5A Championships.

The boys 100 meters, one of the marquee races in track, will be a fast final. Not only will 4-5A's best, Midland High's Weldon Cooks and Permian's E.J. Miller, be among the finalist but so will Andress' Cheron Figgs, who has the No. 1 time in El Paso. All three runners have broken 10.6 seconds. Cooks (10.49) and Figgs (10.50) have done much better.

In the 200 meters, Figgs and MHS' Raji Hickey should make for an fast final. Both runners have broken 21.8.

Two of top distance runners in 4-5A will also be present. Central's Dorian Martinez (4:33.86) and Permian's Josh Vickers (4:36.84) have to top two 4-5A times in the 1600 meters. The two are also in the top three in the 800.

Tall City Schedule

The tentative schedule for today's Tall City Relays track and field meet which will be held at Midland Memorial Stadium:

Field Events

3 p.m. Girls shot put, boys high jump, girls long jump, boys discus throw, boys triple jump.

4:30 p.m. Boys shot put, girls high jump, girls discus throw, boys long jump, girls triple jump.

5 p.m. Boys pole vault

Track Preliminaries

3:30 p.m.	Girls 100 hurdles
3:40 p.m.	Boys 110 hurdles
3:50 p.m.	Girls 100 meters
4 p.m.	Boys 100 meters
4:10 p.m.	Boys 400 meters
4:20 p.m.	Girls 400 meters
4:30 p.m.	Girls 300 hurdles
4:40 p.m.	Boys 300 hurdles
4:50 p.m.	Girls 200 meters
5 p.m.	Boys 200 meters

Running Finals

5:10 p.m.	Girls 3200 meters
5:30 p.m.	Boys 3200 meters
6:45 p.m.	Girls 400-meter relay
6:50 p.m.	Boys 400-meter relay
6:55 p.m.	Girls 800 meters
7 p.m.	Boys 800 meters
7:05 p.m.	Girls 100 hurdles
7:10 p.m.	Boys 110 hurdles
7:15 p.m.	Girls 100 meters
7:20 p.m.	Boys 100 meters
7:25 p.m.	Girls 800-meter relay
7:30 p.m.	Boys 400 meters
7:35 p.m.	Girls 400 meters
7:40 p.m.	Girls 300 hurdles
7:45 p.m.	Boys 300 hurdles
7:50 p.m.	Girls 200 meters
7:55 p.m.	Boys 200 meters
8 p.m.	Girls 1,600 meters
8:10 p.m.	Boys 1,600 meters
8:20 p.m.	Girls 1,600-meter relay
8:30 p.m.	Boys 1,600-meter relay

One of the better girls matchups comes in the 400 meters. Last week, Permian freshman Kelly Wilson became the second runner in the district to break 60 seconds. Her time of 59.85 places her just behind Midland High's Shai Simpson (59.80).

"It going to be a race," Nix said. "If she gets a good start and runs a hard first 200, she will win it."

Also, the girls sprints will be interesting. El Paso Austin's Alisha Leverett is second in El Paso in the 100 (12.35) and 200 (26.12). Lee can match that speed with some of its own. Amanda Douglas and Maurion Strambler have run 12.4 or better in the 100. Toya Clater has run 26.01 in the 200.

This meet serves as a tune-up for pre-district but also gives Tall City track fans to see their hometown runners up close.

"This what I am most excited about it," Smith said. "We have been traveling every weekend. Hopefully they can showcase the talents they have here."

"The Lord usually gives good weather Easter weekend," Cope said. "There is no reason to stay home Thursday night. It will be a nice way to spend an evening before Good Friday.

Local Softball Today

Abilene Cooper vs. Midland High

Where: MUGS Field in Ulmer Park...

When: Noon...

Coaches: Midland High — Rich Wieligman. Abilene Cooper — Connie Finn.

Records: Midland High is 17-8 overall and 8-2 in district play. Cooper is 14-11 and 1-8...

4-5A Significance: Midland High can clinch a state playoff berth with a victory today or with a San Angelo Central loss to Odessa High. Cooper is out of the state playoff running, but needs a win to keep from finishing in sole possession of last place. If MHS wins its last two games, the Lady Bulldogs will own no worse than a tie for the District 4-5A championship...

Notes: Midland High is coming off a 7-2 win over San Angelo as third baseman Chancey Davis had a perfect day at the plate, going 4-for-4 and driving in three runs. She was batting second in the order for the first time. Cooper, on the other hand, lost Tuesday to Odessa Permian, 10-3, in a battle for the 4-5A cellar. MHS had 10 hits against Central Tuesday, five of them for extra bases, including a triple by Alicia Kirk. Cooper had only two hits against Midland Lee on Saturday as Lee won 4-0. The hits were by Stephanie Banks and Dena Foster (4 and 5 in the order). MHS missed the playoffs last year after winning the 4-5A title in 1996, but it would take a league disaster to keep MHS out of the playoffs this year. MHS would have to lose two games and San Angelo would have to win three and then MHS would have to lose a district playoff to Central in order to fall from the playoff berth...

Next: Midland High will travel to Odessa High on Tuesday to end regular season play.

Midland Lee at Abilene High

Where: Abilene High...

When: 4:30 p.m...

Coaches: Midland Lee — Perry Young. Abilene High — Diane Anderson.

Records: Midland Lee is 18-9 overall and 7-2 in district play while Abilene High is 25-4-1 and 8-2...

4-5A Significance: In all probability the winner of this game will tie Midland High for the District 4-5A championship when all is said and done, so you could say this has championship significance. Midland Lee is the defending champion of 4-5A and needs this victory for a chance to retain that title...

Notes: Abilene High is coming off a 10-1 victory over Odessa High while Midland Lee was open. The Lady Rebels defeated Abilene Cooper 4-0 last Saturday. Abilene High defeated Lee 3-0 in the first half as the Lady Rebels got only three hits (two by Jennifer Aman and one by Crista Hargrove) off of Abilene's sophomore hurler Traci Smith. Abilene High's Michelle Martin hit a home run to lead off the sixth inning against Lee in the first half to break open a scoreless tie. Samantha Hirsch and Brandy Rice drove in insurance runs in the seventh. In that game, Lee never got a runner as far as third base...

Next: Lee will host Odessa Permian on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. at the Lee softball diamond.

BASEBALL: Lee, MHS square off

(From 1C)

two of (the usual contenders)."

Although Midland High has already doubled its district win total over last season, its performance in the first game against the Rebels didn't make that appear as if it could happen, at least not after only six district games. In some ways, the game was an aberration, but in others, it wasn't.

What has continued for Lee from that first game is its hot hitting. The Rebels (15-6 and 2-4) scored five runs in the first inning and haven't let up since, averaging 12 runs a game in district.

"I'm more concerned about how we do," said Russell of dealing with Lee's offensive thunder. "We didn't play very well that first time so I'm not as concerned about what Lee does."

Where the Rebels have struggled has been in the field. The win over Central, with junior Eric Neatherlin picking up the win in his first district start, broke a string of four straight losses in which the Rebels gave up at least 10 runs apiece.

In those losses, the Rebels also made some key errors which opened the floodgates for a lot of runs.

"I'm not disappointed in the pitching as much as I am the plays we didn't make behind the pitching," Benavidez said. "We've made some mental mistakes as far as not catching and fielding the ball."

Benavidez said he will likely send one of two juniors, right-hander Josh Ramos or left-hander Nate Brignon, to the mound against the Bulldogs. Midland High will counter with one of two senior right-handers, Joey Schlaffer or Lee Martin. Schlaffer, who struck out 12 in Saturday's 5-3 win over Odessa High and fanned nine Rebels in relief in the first meeting, appears the likely starter.

What follows is a recap and some observations, some serious, some not so, on the first half of district action as it pertains to Midland High and Lee.

KEEPING IT CLOSE: Lee has had no trouble winning the blowouts this season, as its big wins over MHS and Central prove. Closer games, though, have given the Rebels trouble. Three straight losses to Cooper, Abilene High and Permian have all come by one run.

A close game today might work to Midland High's advantage. The Bulldogs have won each of their last four games by no more than three runs.

THAT OLD MOJO: So far this season, the Rebels and Bulldogs share at least one common trait against a district opponent — an inability to beat Permian. The Panthers have beaten Lee and MHS both in the Tournament of Champions and in the first half of district. Only Permian's victory over the Bulldogs in district was greater than one run.

Permian is also the last district team to defeat the Bulldogs and Rebels, and at 3-3 in district sits tied for third place between Midland High and Lee in the standings.

"We played poorly in our first two (district) ball games," Russell said. "Permian is the one we really wish we could have back."

LIGHT METAL BEATS HEAVY LUMBER: Games like Midland High's low-scoring win over Odessa High last weekend are the exception. Games like Abilene High's rallying from a six-run deficit to beat Lee 13-12 are the rule. Offense is up around the district, and the local coaches seem to think the potency of aluminum bats accounts for that.

"I think hitting is that way throughout the district," said Benavidez, whose team has scored at least six runs in every district game. "I think a lot of it has to do with the improved aluminum bats. It's going to take at least six runs to win most games."

The Rebels hit four home runs in beating Central, two of which went the opposite way, aided in no small part by the wind. Ernie Johnson Field has been particularly receptive to the long ball, with 10 hits leaving the yard in three district games. Lee's Ryan Klatt and Matt Whitaker each have a pair of homers at Johnson this season.

"Since aluminum bats have come around everybody's starting to hit better because it takes away the inside pitch," Russell said. "Guys can get fisted and hit a home run."

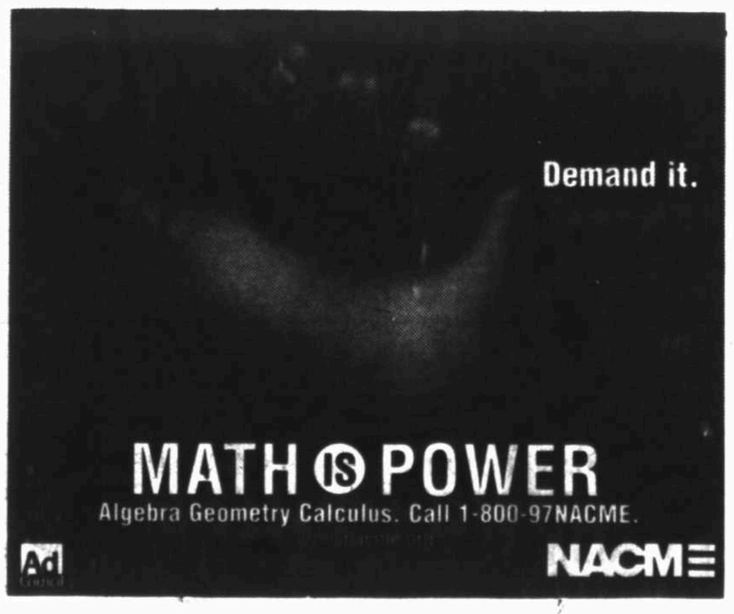
WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS: At 5-1, Abilene High might appear to be the class of the district, and the Eagles are probably the most solid bet out of any of the teams to make the playoffs. On balance, though, the rest of the district is tighter than Marge Schott's wallet. If Lee beats Midland High today, the Rebels will be only a game out of a playoff spot with key games coming up at Odessa High and at home against Cooper.

"We're going to have to depend on (other teams) for some help," Benavidez said.

Midland High is in a comfortable position now, being the only team with a win over AHS, but the second half will be no cakewalk to a playoff berth. The Bulldogs have to go on the road to face the Eagles in the second half and have big games with Lee and Permian, both of whom have beaten them.

At 2-4 and tied for fifth, Lee and Cooper will be playing the second half with something to prove. The team they are tied with, Odessa High, has victories over both the Rebels and Cougars and could be as dangerous as anybody in the second half of district.

"I don't think there's a team in this district who's out of it," Russell said.



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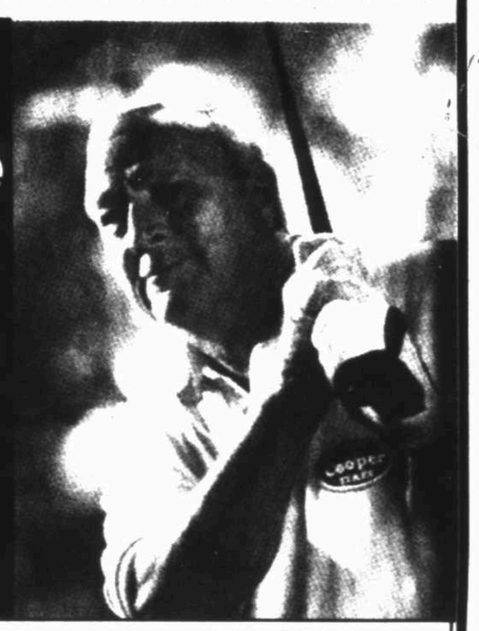

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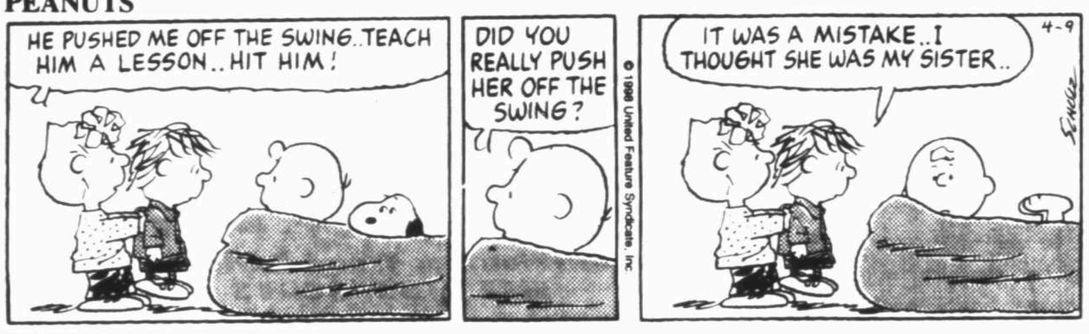

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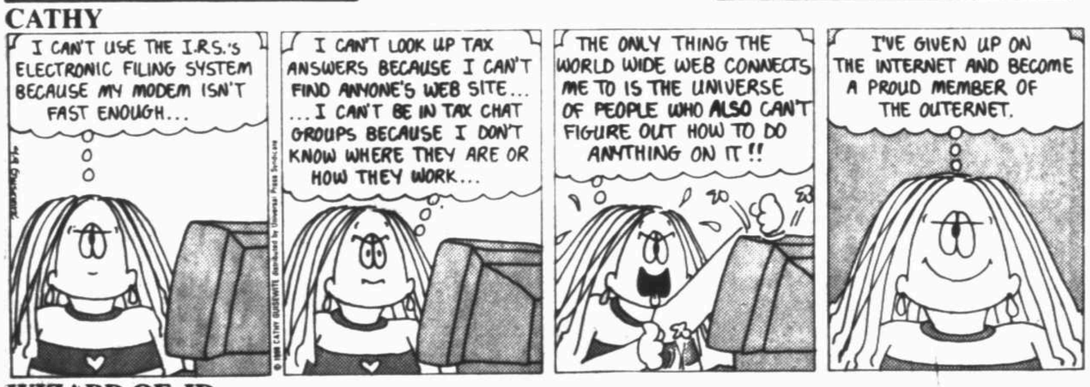

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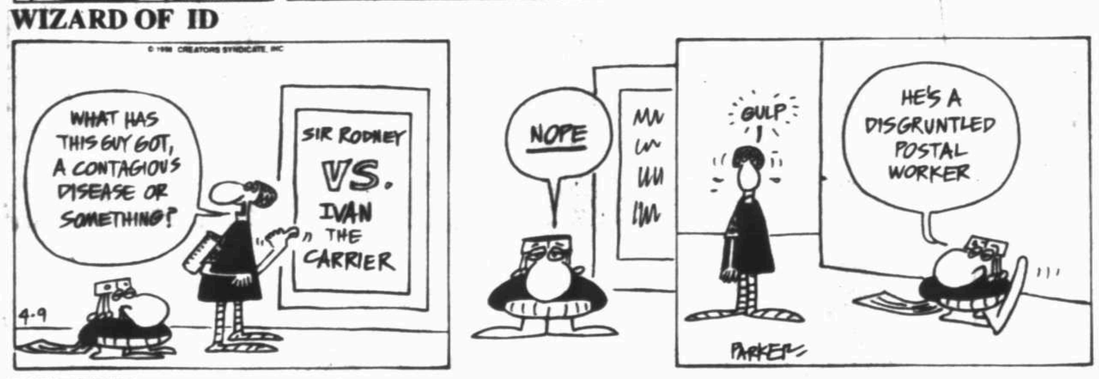

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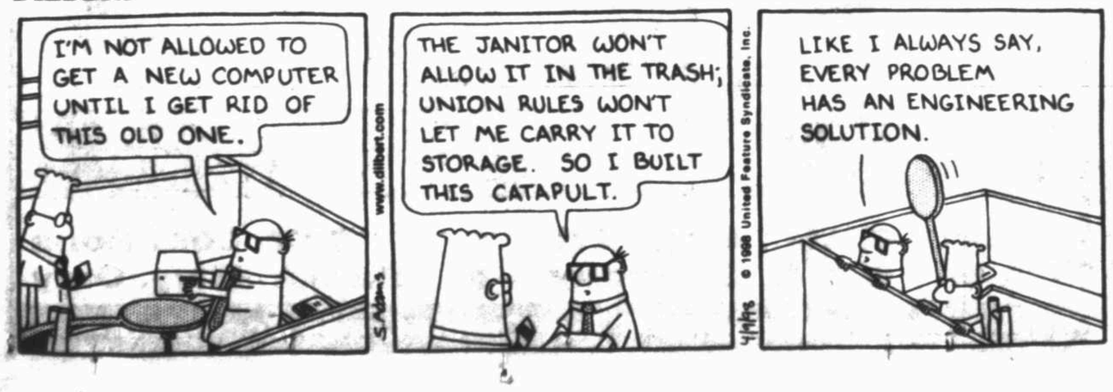

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THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 1998

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 9, 1998:
Be more direct with others. You often discover that your message does not get through. Work on your communications skills, and watch for clues from those with whom you interact. Daily work, schedules and health matters will be a major focus. You might want to change some of your health and dietary patterns. If you are single, you will meet someone special, who could have a healing effect on you. If attached, work together to improve the quality of your life. Sharing more of your dreams and vulnerabilities brings you closer. VIRGO stumps you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Nothing should keep you from the real task at hand. Think through a decision or save it for another day. Work is intense, yet you complete a lot. Question whether you are as efficient as you could be. It's time for some health resolutions. Tonight: A strenuous workout at the gym.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Creativity needs an outlet, or else you will create a lot of mischief. A loved one demands attention, and it is well worth your time to accommodate him. Don't make waves now; simply enjoy the easy pace. Make special weekend plans. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Emphasize home and family. You evaluate a major change. As you juggle the pros and cons, open up discussions with others. Get feedback. You come from solid foundations. Consider bringing more work home. You need a change. Tonight: Put your feet up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Ask questions, return messages and keep up with work. You are overwhelmed by what you hear. Evaluate options; much is subject to change. Explain your position in discussions, and catch up on news at the same time. Friendliness works. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Carefully manage finances. You offer much more than you are aware. A partner is in an indulgent mood. Discussions are positive, but remember, only you can plead your case. Take time to purchase a token of affection for a loved one. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★½ You are in a whirl. For once, let spontaneity take over, instead if being logical. You might uncover something fun and intriguing if you let go. Others egg you on. Social events take a high priority. Try to get out of the office a little early. Tonight: Whatever suits you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Play the day low-key. Take a day off, if you need it. You push yourself way too hard. You might think you have received a once-in-a-lifetime offer. Not so! Stick around; there are more coming. Remember, you don't have to explain all your actions. Tonight: Nap first, then out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Sometimes it is important to pull back, rather than simply playing into events. You need to see what is happening, and recognize the key players in your life. Do not relinquish your goals. Make time for networking and socializing. Tonight: Join your friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Take positive steps, bask in the limelight and take responsibility. If you have been thinking about starting your own business, now is the time. Others look to you for good ideas and direction. Check in on an older relative; he appreciates your attention. Tonight: Out and about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Make calls, reach out for another and gather information. You don't have all the facts. Touch base with those in the know, and investigate further. Let out your buoyant personality. Discuss an upcoming vacation; make it exotic. Tonight: Browse through a favorite bookstore.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ A partner insists on dominating, which is OK with you. You see another side of this person. Recognize your limits while you continue to discuss the pros and cons of a key issue. Decisions about money could take awhile to come to fruition. Tonight: Dine at a favorite spot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Others seek out your attention. Discussions are lively, and popularity is high. Be more aware of someone's motives. You smile when you eye your options. Make that extra effort to relate to co-workers. They respond to the personal touch. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

GOREN BRIDGE

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MAINTAIN COMMUNICATION

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A 4
♡ J 2
◇ A K 7 6 4
♣ 9 5 3 2

WEST
♠ 10 9 7 2
♡ Q 8 4
◇ 3 2
♣ Q 8 7 6

EAST
♠ 8 6
♡ A K 10 9 7
◇ Q J 8
♣ J 10 4

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 5 3
♡ 6 5 3
◇ 10 9 5
♣ A K

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	1♡	1♠	Pass
2◇	Pass	2♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Four of ♡

For a seemingly simple deal, this hand poses a surprising number of problems in both the bidding and play. North-South overcame them all to land an excellent game.

The first problem was North's rebid. Although it is usually right to bid out your shape, the club suit is so bad that we have considerable empathy for North's decision to rebid two diamonds. Now South had no convenient rebid. To raise diamonds to the three-level would not be forcing; and a jump to four diamonds would bypass three no trump, perhaps the only makable game. Since a jump rebid to the three-level with a five-card suit was equally unthinkable, South compromised with a heart cuebid, over which North could do no better than take a preference to spades with a doubleton high honor.

West led a heart to partner's king, and a trump return put declarer on the spot. North's diamonds could be set up but the only entry was the ace of trumps. And trumps could not be drawn before the diamond suit was established because the defenders could then take two more heart tricks to set the contract.

South overcame the hurdle elegantly. The second trick was won in dummy with the ace and low diamond was led away from the ace-king. The defenders were left without resource. Since there was still a trump on the table to take care of a third round hearts, the most defenders could get were two hearts and a diamond, since the 3-2 diamond split meant that declarer could draw trumps and run the diamonds for all the discards needed from the closed hand.

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THURSDAY EVENING — April 9, 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 286	Wheel of Fortune	Figure Skating: World Championships, Exhibition 88335				A Gala for the President at Ford's Theatre		News 91248	Cheers 84016	Nightline 8422	Politically Incorrect
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	World's Wildest Police Videos 26373		When Good Times Go Bad! 69903		Team Knight Rider 22557 (TVPG-V)		Home Improvement	Mad About You	Vibe 28426	
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 6118	Grace Under Fire	Billy Graham Crusade 13996		Diagnosis Murder 22644 (TVPG-V)		48 Hours 84080		News 6111847	Golf (10:35)	Late Show With David Letterman (10:59)	
(9) KWES	9	9	News 8354	Seinfeld 9606	Friends 4422	Just Shoot Me	Seinfeld 3170	Veronica's Closet	ER: A Bloody Mess 57354 (TVPG)		News 5825903	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:39)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	Jewish	J. Hagee	The Light of the Southwest 82624				News	J. Meyer	Richard Roberts 92354		C.A. Dollar	Crystal
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 394009		West Texas Journal	Small Business	Mystery! (Part 1 of 2) 193486 (TVPG)		America on Wheels: Car Wars 173625 (TVG)		Telecourse 438064			
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/Rev	Handball With Chris Matthews 4247977		Rivera Live 4256825		The News With Brian Williams 4276469		Charles Grodin 4246248		Rivera Live 7313538	
(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	Coach 229199	Buffy the Vampire Slayer 478536 (TVPG-V)		Dawson's Creek 487286 (TV14-DLS)		News 467422		Beverly Hills, 90210 477809 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night 232147 (TV14-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Thunder 366373 (TV14)		Thunder 342793 (TV14)		Anne Iron Eagle III (R, '92) + Louis Gossett Jr., Rachel McLish 22078				Thunder 799847 (TV14)	
(14) FAM		14	The Waltons: The Cloudburst 156093 (TVG)		Rescue 911 791170 (TVPG)		There Was a Little Boy ('93) ** Dyllan Sherman, John Heard 7				The 700 Club 790441		Bonanza 306151 (TVG)	
(24) BRAV		24	Bravo Profiles 846915		The Secret Rapture (R, '95) ** 737737				Robeson	2 Girls/1Guy	Tango Bar (10:05) ('95) *** 2657857			
(25) BET		26	Planet Groove 781983				Hit List 331462		Comicview 931606		BET Tonight 781183		227	Mid. Love
(27) DISN		27	Better or Worse	Alice in Wonderland (6:25) (G, '51) *** 7858195			Annie (7:55) (PG, '82) ** (Albert Quinn, Aileen Quinn)				Walt Disney Presents 475441 (TVG)		Zorro 758286	Mickey Mouse Club
(28) CNN		28	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today		Larry King Live 355267		The World Today		Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Sports
(29) ESPN		29	SportsCenter (6:30)	NHL Hockey 419151						Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter 181644		Baseball Tonight	America's Horse
(30) USA		30	Highlander: Band of Brothers 514083 (TVPG)		Walker, Texas Ranger 364915 (TVPG)		Golf: The Masters, First Round 554538					Silk Stalkings: Bio-Dri 950422 (TV14-S)		Highlander 434809
(31) FX		31	Miami Vice 7079373		The X-Files 2924809		NYPD Blue 2933857		In Color	In Color	The X-Files 2916880		NYPD Blue 5314539	
(32) A&E		32	Law & Order: Mushrooms 979809 (TVPG)		Biography 719441 (TVG)		The New Explorers 735489 (TVG)		The Unexplained: Zombies 719825 (TVG)		Law & Order: Big Bang 718712 (TVPG)		Biography 126977 (TVG)	
(33) TLC		33	Villa's Home Again	Villa's Home Again	Medical Detectives	Medical Detectives	Great Mysteries & Myths 739719 (TVG)		Connections 3: Life is No Picnic 135575 (TVG)		Medical Detectives	Medical Detectives	Great Mysteries & Myths 469915 (TVG)	
(34) NICK		34	Doug 559996	Rugrats 540248	World of Alex Mack	Bewitched 862460	The Wonder Years	The Wonder Years	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi 255828 (TVG)	Newhart 784101	Dick Van Dyke
(36) LIFE		36	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Race Against Time: The Search for Sarah				Attitudes	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Mysteries
(39) OUTDR		39	Great Outdoorsman	Trailside	Bicycle Racing	Fat Traxx 3007944	Bicycle Racing: Criterium International 3730712				Bicycle Racing	Fat Traxx 1639118	Bicycle Racing: Criterium International 1635567	
(42) UNI		42	Sin Ti 45286 (TVPG)		Esmeralda 29147		Pueblo Chico, Infierno Grande 82977 (TV14)		Bienvenidos 95441 (TV14)		Impacto Extra	Noticiero Univision	Al Ritmo de la Noche 913644 (TV14)	
(43) FSN		43	Horse Racing 31408		Sports Tonight	NBA Basketball: Seattle Sonics at Dallas Mavericks 231793					Baseball (JIP) 68847			
(44) COM		44	The Daily Show	Ben Stein's Money	The Favor (R, '94) ** (Bailey Jane Kraus, Elizabeth				One-Night Stand	Make Me Laugh	The Daily Show	Ben Stein's Money	Saturday Night Live 1593354 (TVPG)	
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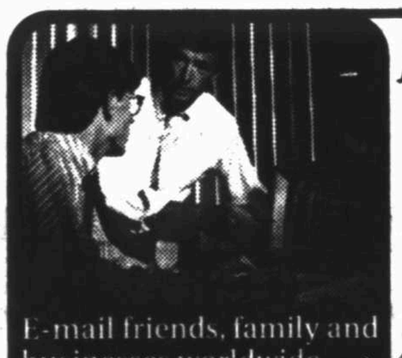
(20) DISC		20	Gimme Shelter 974441 (TVG)		Wild Discovery 724373 (TVG)		Animal X 828170	Movie Magic	Wings: Harrier 720557 (TVG)		Justice Files: Justifiable Homicide 723644		Wild Discovery 131809 (TVG)	
(21) AMC		21	Tales of Manhattan (6:30) 942119			Blacks in H'wood		Ghosts of the River ('30) 6425809			Gang of Freedom (10:15) ('30) ** 8154838			
(22) THN		22	Dallas 291441		Champ. Bull Riding		Prime Time Country		Today's Country		Dallas 280624		Dukes of Hazzard	
(23) TNT		23	Babylon 5 294151		Mad Hatcher ('33) *** (John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara) 12788644						The Quiet Man (6:45) ('52) **** 40401828			
(46) HBO		46	The Evening Star (6:15) (PG-13, '96) ** 7		Tin Cup (R, '96) ** (Kevin Costner, Rene Russo) 892308						Iceman Tapes: Conversations With a Killer		From the Earth to the Moon 262944 (TVPG)	
(47) MAX		47	Carlito's Way (6:30) (PG, '93) ** 2		The Star Chamber (R, '83) ** (Michael Douglas, Hal Holbrook) 4021109				The Surgeon (R, '98) ** (Rutger Hauer, Christ		Chasers, Rear	Political Planet (6:45) ('98) * (Elizabeth Kabler) 9109091		
(48) SHOW		48	The Shining ** (R, '80) (Jack Nicholson) 9166718		Bio-Dome (PG-13, '96) * (Pauly Shore, Stephen Baldwin) 7				Eddie Murphy Raw (R, '87) (R, '87) ** 8278448		Stargate SG-1 (10:15) 24291947 (TVPG-LV)		White Tiger (R, '98) + (Gary Busey) 7917186	
(49) TMC		49	Cable Guy (R, '96) (Jim Carrey) 4	Arachnophobia (6:20) (R, '90) + (Jeffrey			Kazaam (R, '96) (Shaquille O'Neal, Francis		Things to Do in Denver When You're Dead (R, '95) ** (Andy				Playback (11:30)	
(50) VC1		50	Good Burger (R)		G.I. Jane (R, '97) *** (Demi Moore, Viggo Mortensen) 6917441				Female Perversions ('96) 2615727		Female Bondage (PG-13, '97) ** 4663939		The Edge	
(51) VC4		51	Money Talks (6:30) (R, '97) ** (Chris Tucker, Charlie Sheen)								Money Talks (R, '97) ** (Chris Tucker, Charlie Sheen)		Money Talks (R)	
(88) PLAY		88	Adventure (AO, '98) (Jordan, Alyssa Lee)				Private Liaisons		Adult Stars: Specialists		Fantasy Lane (AO, '98) (Leslie Glass, Chloe)			
(89) HC		89	Split the Dragonfly (PG-13, '97) ** 8146888				Gang Related (R, '97) ** 8161461				Soft Bodies: S'hearts		Soft Bodies Foreign	



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PEOPLE

Nelson Mandela to attend Diana Ross' one concert in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — **Diana Ross**, in town to open a new auditorium, strolled arm-in-arm with **President Nelson Mandela** on Wednesday.

Diana Ross is in Johannesburg to open a new auditorium.

The singer will hold one concert here Thursday, with Mandela in attendance.

"I hardly go to music concerts, but tomorrow I will be going to her concert," he told reporters. He was rewarded with a kiss on the cheek and a hug from his guest.

"I have been wondering if she would be humiliated to visit an old man like me," said the 79-year-old president, drawing a laugh from Ross.

"I'm moved to tears," she responded.

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CHICAGO — **R. Kelly's** upcoming album may be Grammy-winning material, but it was loud Grammy-winning material to police.

The rhythm and blues star, whose "I Believe I Can Fly" is an anthem for the ambitious, refused to lower the volume on his car stereo Monday and was cited for violating the city's strict noise ordinance.

The singer, who doesn't use his first name (Robert) professionally, was arrested on disorderly conduct charges when he became verbally abusive. He posted $75 in bond and was released. A hearing was scheduled for May 7.

Kelly, who won three Grammys this year, was playing a demo tape of a new album when he ran afoul of the law.

"I think this is absolutely ridiculous," said **Wayne Williams**, a vice president at Kelly's label, Jive Records.

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NEW YORK — The "South Park" cliffhanger will be resolved this month rather than in May, thanks to hundreds of complaining fans.

The cable network said Wednesday it moved up the broadcast of its episode where Cartman's father is revealed from May 20 to April 22.

Comedy Central originally promised the answer on April Fools' Day, but the episode poked fun at cliffhanger television instead.

Fans of the cartoon weren't amused. More than 2,000 people called or sent emails to protest.

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. — **Hayden Carruth** turned down an invitation to the White House because the Clinton administration has "abused the interests of poets and their readers continually."

The poet and author said he first planned to ignore the invitation to visit April 22 for a "Millennium Evening" in celebration of American poetry.

But after thinking about the government's budget cuts for the National Endowment for the Arts, which "have destroyed many individual artists," he decided to reject the invitation in a letter to the Clintons.

"Thank you for thinking of me," Carruth wrote.

"However, it would seem the greatest hypocrisy for an honest American poet to be present on such an occasion at the seat of the power which has not only neglected but abused the interests of poets and their readers continually, to say nothing of many other administratively dispensable segments of the population. Consequently, I must decline."

Sue Vogelsinger, communications director for the White House Millennium Council, said Clinton's support for the arts has been "really quite strong, but someone always is going to disagree, so it's not too big a surprise."

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WASHINGTON — **Jimmy Carter** has his own sub.

The Navy on Wednesday named its third and final nuclear Seawolf submarine after the former president because he's the only commander-in-chief to have served aboard such vessels.

"President Carter is the only U.S. president ever to qualify in submarines. He has distinguished himself by a lifetime of public service, and has long ties to the Navy and the submarine force," a Navy statement said.

Carter graduated from the Naval Academy in 1946 and served in the Atlantic and Pacific submarine fleets. He resigned his commission when his father died and went home to run the family's Georgia farm and supply company.

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EDINBORO, Pa. — Another year, another honorary doctorate for television's "Mister Rogers."

Fred Rogers, host of the PBS children's series "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," will be awarded the doctorate on May 9 by the University of Pennsylvania at Edinboro.

"I will have to admit we're kind of on the tail end of giving him an honorary doctorate," university spokesman William Reed Jr. said. "If I remember right, he has 39 of them to date. We may be the 40th or somewhere in that neighborhood."

Rogers' show debuted in 1968 and is the longest-running program on public television.

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DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Edited by Trude Michel Jaffe

ACROSS
1 Durrell tetralogy finale
5 Mexican Indian
10 Obi
14 Goals
15 "Oliver Twist" villain
16 Beethoven's "Archduke"
17 "Ruddigore" art
20 Pianist Ax and others
21 Degrade
22 Skater Midori
23 Camera necessity
25 Visits
29 Held tight
31 Entitlements org.
34 Mil. no-no
35 Felipe of baseball
36 Gambling monogram
37 St. Francis, frequently
42 Sea eagle
43 Ridicule
44 Part of Q.E.D.
45 Rachel Carson subject
46 Impudent
48 Astonished reactions
49 London apartment
50 King topper
52 Bridal path
55 Always
60 Work by Rivera
63 Monogram pt.
64 Bestow
65 Stuffing herb
66 Fill to repletion
67 Festive fundraisers
68 Joint

DOWN
1 Bistro's relative
2 Actor Neeson
3 Role for Gwyneth
4 "B" — boy
5 Until now
6 Food-storage bag brand
7 Ring decisions
8 Chariot add-on
9 Okla. winter time
10 Attempts
11 "Nessun dorma" is one
12 Perches
13 Doublet's partner
18 "The Bridge of San — Rey"
19 Telephoned
23 Berg opera
24 Organic compound
25 Zoo enclosures
26 Conscious
27 Doone of Exmoor
28 Hon. degree
30 Wants
31 Certain cocktails
32 Slip holder-upper
33 Aids nefariously
38 Symbol
39 One of the Ephrons
40 Shoo!
41 Oolong, for example
47 Cuban cigar
48 Microbe
49 Champagne glass
51 Natives of 53 Down
52 "Night Train" novelist
53 Island near Mull
54 Agitated state
55 And others: Abbr.
56 Perfume ingredient
57 "The Plague" setting
58 Fury
59 S. Grant's opposite
61 Darning tool
62 Lobbyists' org.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

S	L	A	P		B	O	S	S		S	L	A	N	T
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A	R	E	N	A		I	N	C	H		A	R	I	E
J	U	G	G	L	E	D	T	H	E	B	O	O	K	S
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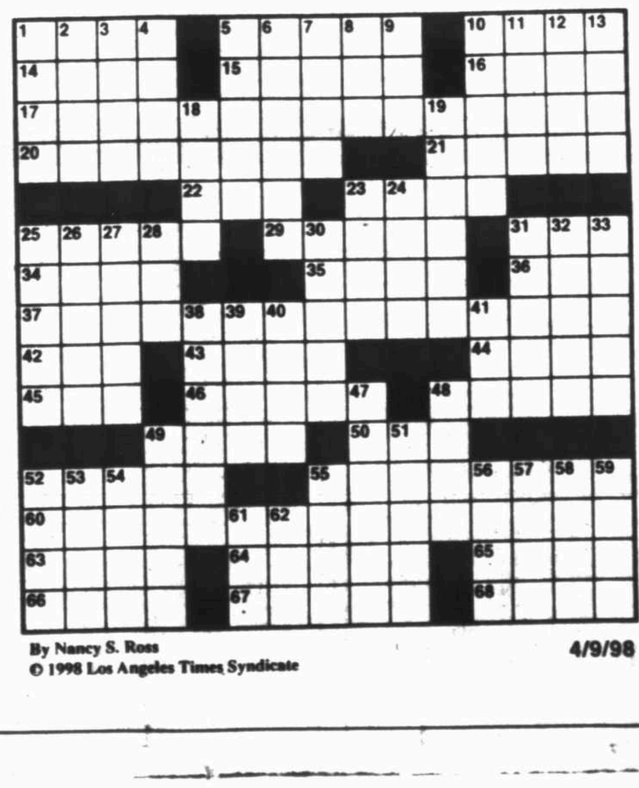

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PhilMor	161414	39 15/16	+2 1/4
Compaq s	142620	24 5/16	+1/4
Lucent s	100473	68	+1 13/16
Ford s	79239	44 1/2	+1 1/8
Travelrs s	73858	67 1/4	-1 1/8

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PennTr	5 9/16	+13/16	+17.1
Agribrd n	36 11/16	+4 7/16	+13.8
EK Chor	25/8	+5/16	+13.5
QMS	4 1/4	+3/8	+9.7
Agrium g	15 5/16	+1 3/16	+8.4

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AMD	27 5/16	-3 3/16	-10.5
Paracelsi	4 1/16	-7/16	-9.7
Unitrode s	15 3/4	-1 5/16	-9.4
Weider n	14	-1 1/4	-8.2
EnisBu	11 7/16	-7/8	-7.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,296
Declined	1,708
Unchanged	508
Total issues	3,512
New Highs	83
New Lows	17
Volume	734,097,480

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR	48548	110 5/16	-5/16
TWA	28051	10 1/4	+3/8
ViacB	15837	55 9/16	+15/16
Blessings	12461	20 3/8	+3 1/16
Diamnds n	9495	89 9/32	-3 9/64

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Blessings	20 3/8	+3 1/16	+17.3
B&HO	5 3/8	+3/4	+16.2
Halsey	3	+3/8	+14.3
PortSys	4 1/2	+1/2	+12.5
Viac wtE	2 13/16	+5/16	+12.5

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChiRivet s	40 3/8	-5 3/8	-11.7
CelSci	4 11/16	-9/16	-10.7
Servotr	8 3/8	-7/8	-9.5
AudioBC n	4 1/8	-3/8	-8.3
Sulcus	2 3/16	-3/16	-7.9

DIARY

Advanced	308
Declined	309
Unchanged	172
Total issues	789
New Highs	18
New Lows	8
Volume	34,611,720

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Intel s	200335	72 9/16	-1/16
DellCptr s	140177	85 3/4	+2 5/8
Ascend	106207	40 11/16	+2 3/8
Microsft s	91997	88 15/16	+1 11/16
Cisco s	84167	68 5/16	-1 1/16

GAINERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LeapGrp	27/8	+1 7/16	+100.0
Neoware	3 5/8	+1 1/2	+70.6
ATC Com	3 3/16	+1 5/16	+70.0
IntlSprts	2 1/8	+1 1/16	+47.8
LCA Vis	2 15/32	+23/32	+41.1

LOSERS ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Tecnmtx	23 1/16	-11 9/16	-33.4
SonoSg n	9 1/4	-4 1/16	-30.8
Oshap	7 1/2	-2 3/8	-24.1
HarvRst pf	2 1/4	-1 1/16	-23.4
RoomPl n	2 1/16	-9/16	-21.4

DIARY

Advanced	2,268
Declined	1,926
Unchanged	1,430
Total issues	5,624
New Highs	129
New Lows	56
Volume	719,596,700

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 alphebetically 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.

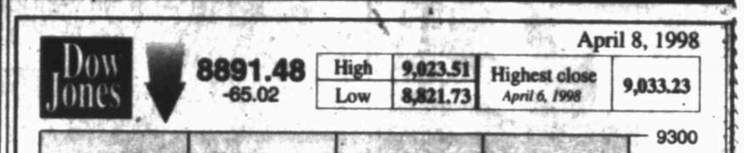
Generally, ticker symbols resemble the company name although some – BUD for Anheuser Busch Cos. and FON for Sprint Corp. – are more related to what a company does. Tickers on the New York and Amex usually don't exceed three letters. On Nasdaq, they go up to five letters.

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.

MARKET ROUNDUP



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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
9,094.76	6,356.78	Dow Jones Industrials	8,956.50	-76.73	-.85	+13.26	+35.52
3,655.96	2,336.12	Dow Jones Transportation	3,535.15	-65.86	-1.83	+8.56	+45.73
291.90	208.98	Dow Jones Utilities	288.26	-.57	-.20	+5.56	+34.56
587.91	387.12	NYSE Composite	577.75	-5.42	-.93	+13.02	+43.61
750.22	541.02	Amex Index	735.65	-7.13	-.96	+7.46	+31.03
1,865.80	1,194.16	Nasdaq Composite	1,798.71	-30.43	-1.66	+14.54	+43.05
1,131.99	733.54	S&P 500	1,109.55	-11.83	-1.05	+14.34	+44.83
487.36	248.65	Russell 2000	475.15	-6.73	-1.40	+8.73	+37.34
10,671.59	7,059.97	Wilshire 5000	10,536.74	-117.15	-1.10	+13.32	+44.23

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Tkr	Name	Last	Chg
A-B-C			
AIR	AAR s	28	-1/16
AAN	ABN Amro	u26	+1
ACL	ACE Ltd s	38 1/16	-3/16
ACG	ACMIn	10 5/16	-3/16
GSF	ACM Sc	10 3/16	-1/16
SI	ACMSp	6 7/16	-1/16
ADF	ACMMD	14	...
ART	ACNielsn	26 1/16	-1/16
AES	AES Cp s	54 1/8	-1 1/4
AFL	AFLAC	63 7/8	-1 7/16
AG	AGCO	27 5/16	-3/8
ATG	AGL Res	21 1/4	-3/16
AKS	AK Steel s	21 3/4	...
PIN	AMF n	27 5/16	-3/16
AMR	AMR	138 13/16	-2 5/16
RCM	ARCOCh	47 1/4	-1/2
ASA	ASA Ltd	24 7/16	+3/16
T	AT&T	65 11/16	+1/16
AVX	AVX Cp	20 3/16	-1/2
AAM	Aames	15 5/16	+9/16
ABT	AbtLab	75 11/16	-1 1/16
ANF	AberFitch	41 7/16	+1 7/16
ASI	AccuStff	35 11/16	+11/16
ACN	Acuson	17 3/4	-1/16
ADX	AdseEx	27 9/16	+1 1/16
AMD	AMD	27 5/16	-3 3/16
ADV	Advest	u29 1/16	+1 5/16
AD	Advolnc	27 1/16	-1/16
ARX	Aeroflex	13	+1/16
AET	Aetna Inc	86 3/4	-7/16
AFA	AffCmpSv	36 7/8	-9/16
AEM	Agnico g	7	+1/4
AGX	Agnbrd n	36 11/16	+4 7/16
AGU	Agnum gu	15 5/16	+1 3/16
AHM	Ahmans	78 13/16	-1 7/16
APD	AirProd	82 7/16	-7/16
ABF	AirbFrt s	39 5/16	+1 3/16
ARG	Airgas	17 7/16	-1/16
ATI	AirTouch	49 7/16	-5/16
ATIpfB	AirTch pfB	42 3/4	-1/16
ALPpB	AlaP pfB	25 1/4	+1/4
ALPpC	AlaP pfC	25 5/16	-3/16
ALPpD	AlaP adj pf	24 7/16	...
ALPpQ	AlaPC pfQ	25 1/16	...
ALK	AlskAir	56 5/16	-1/16
AIN	Albnyin	25 7/8	-1/16
ACV	Alberto	30 1/16	-1/2
ACVIA	AlbCulA	26 5/8	-1/4
ABS	Albertsn	51 3/8	...
AL	Alcan	30 5/8	-1/4
ALA	Alcatel	36 1/4	...
AYE	AlgEngy	32 5/8	-3/8
ALT	AllegTeldy	26 5/16	+3/16
ALN	AllenTel	15 5/16	+1/16
AGN	Allergn	38 3/16	+7/16
AC	AlloCap s	26 13/16	+9/16
AlwF	AllWrld2	13 7/16	-3/16
ALD	AldSgnl s	45 7/16	-7/16
AFC	AlmrFn	64 7/8	+1/16
ALL	Allstate	93 11/16	-1 3/16
AT	Alltel	42 7/8	-11/16
AMX	Alumax	46	+1/2
AA	Alcoa	68 5/8	+7/8
AZA	Alza	45 1/4	-7/8
AU	AmaxG	3 9/16	+1/16
ABK	AmbacF s	59 7/16	-1/16
AHC	AmHes	55 1/4	-11/16
AEE	Ameren n	41 7/8	+1/16
AOL	AmOnline s	71 7/8	+1 1/8
AwA	AmWest	27 11/16	-1/2
ABI	ABankrs s	65 3/16	+1/4
AEP	AEP	49	-9/16
AXP	AmExp	103 13/16	+9/16
AFG	AFnclGp	44 1/4	-3/8
AGC	AGenCp	64 11/16	+1/2
AGT	AGnHosp	26 1/16	-1/16
AM	AGreet	47	-3/16
AHL	AHeritage s	u24 3/8	+1
AHP	AHome	94 1/4	-1 7/8
AIG	AmIntG s	124 7/8	-3/16
PLB	AlPC n	35 7/8	-1/2
ENQ	AMedia	7 5/8	-1/16
AGP	APadP	7 3/8	+7/16
AFM	AmRadio	65 3/8	-1/8
ASC	AmStor s	24 3/16	-1/16
AW	AmWste	4 1/16	+1/16
AWK	AmWtr	32 3/16	+5/16
ACF	Amercrd	30 11/16	-3/16
AIT	Ameritch s	46 9/16	-1 3/16
AMH	AmerUs	30 5/8	-15/16
AME	Ametek n	28 7/8	-5/16
AN	Amoco	84 3/16	-1 5/16
AMP	AMP	40 5/8	-1/8
ASO	AmSouth s	60 7/16	-1/16
AAP	AmwayAs	16 7/16	+3/16
AUL	AmwayJ	8	+5/16
APC	Anadrk	72 1/16	...
ADI	Analog	33 3/4	+1/16
BUD	Anheus	47 9/16	-1 1/16
AXE	Anixter	18 1/8	-1/4
ANN	AnnTayl	15 13/16	-1/16
AHR	AnthCap n	15	...
AOC	Aon Cp s	68 5/8	-1/16
APA	Apache	39 5/8	+3/16
AIV	AptInv	38 3/4	-3/8
APM	AppMtg	11 1/8	+1/4
APW	AptPw s	37 11/16	+5/16
AHG	Apria	8	-3/16
AAC	ArcadiaFn	7 7/16	+3/16
ACI	ArchCoal	27 3/16	+15/16
ADM	ArchDan	21 1/16	-1/16
ARI	ArdenRlt	28 5/16	-1/16
AF	ArgentFd	12 5/16	-1/16
AS	Armco	6 1/16	+1/16
ARW	ArrowEl s	26 3/8	+1/4
ARV	Arvin	39 11/16	-1/16
AR	Asarco	26 7/16	-1/16
ASL	Ashanti	10 7/16	-1/16
ASH	Ashland	52 15/16	-9/16
APH	AsiaPR	2 1/16	-1/16
PAP	AsiaPlp	14 9/16	+3/16
GRR	AsiaTigr	8 3/16	+5/16
AFS	AscFCap	u83 3/16	-5/16
A	AstraA s	21	...
FDY	AtchCst	16	+7/16
ATEp	AtCan pf	25 5/8	+1/8
ARC	AtlRi. s	75 1/2	-1 7/16
CGO	AtlasAr	33 1/4	+1 13/16
ATO	ATMOS	29	-3/16
ALV	Autoliv n	30 1/4	-3/16
AUD	AutoDt	64 13/16	+5/16
AZO	AutoZone	32 1/4	-3/16
AVN	AvalonPr	28 5/16	-3/16
AAV	Avatex	u2 3/4	+1/16
AVY	AveryD	53 5/16	+3/16
AVI	Avis n	32 1/16	+5/16
AVT	Avnet	57 5/8	+13/16
AVP	Avon	81	-3/4
AZR	Aztar	7 7/8	-3/16
BPI	BA Mrch	17 3/4	+1/2
BBK	BB&T Cp	65 9/16	-15/16
BCE	BCE g s	39 11/16	-3/8
BPCpA	BCP Bk pr	121	-1 1/4
FBF	BEA Inco	81 5/8	...
BJS	BJ's	35 1/16	+13/16
BJ	BJs Wh.pf	38 3/4	-1
BMC	BMC	19 3/8	-7/16
BKpD	BNY Cp pf	24 7/8	...
BPT	BP Pru	d14 1/2	+1/16
BHI	BakrHu	39 7/16	+5/16
BLL	Ball	34 3/16	+3/8
BMP	Ballard	25 1/4	+3/4
BFT	BallyTotF	32 3/4	+1 1/16
BGE	BaltGE	32 1/4	-5/16
ONE	BancOne	61 1/8	-2 5/16
BB	BooBHIF	14	-3/4
BFR	BncoFrn	27 1/2	-3/8
BRS	BcoRioP n	12 5/8	+1/16
BSB	BcSantCh	14 1/4	...
BWP	BooWiese	5 3/16	...
AED	BcoAEdw	17 3/16	+3/16
BTC	Banctec	24 1/2	-3/4
MBK	BkTokyo	12 7/8	+3/4
BMO	BkMont g	56	+3/16
BK	BkNY	62 5/16	-1
BAC	BankAm s	84 1/2	-2 1/8
BACpY	BkAm pfY	24 7/8	-1/8
BBX	BkAtlA s	13 9/16	+3/16
BKB	BkBost	110 9/16	-1 7/16
BT	BankTr	124 7/16	-5/8
BTpQ	BnkT pfQ	24 7/8	+1/16
BAR	BanrAer	11 9/16	+1/16
BCR	Bard	37 3/8	+5/16
BKS	BarnNbl s	37 1/16	-9/16
BRL	BarrLab s	44 1/16	+1 1/16
ABX	BarrickG	23 1/8	+1/16
BMG	BattlMt	6 7/8	+3/8
BOL	Bausch&	u48 3/8	+1/4
BAx	Baxter	58 1/16	+1/16
BYApD	BayAp pfD	25	-1/16
BAy	BayNtwk	24 5/16	-1 1/16
BSC	BearSt	54 1/4	+1/4
BEC	BeckCoult	57 1/16	-5/16
BDX	BectDk	u70	+9/16
BEL	BellAtl	98 1/16	-4 5/16
BLS	BellSo	65 5/16	-1 9/16
BLC	BeloAH	52 3/4	+1/2
BMS	Bemis	43 5/16	-1 1/16
BNL	BenefCp	136 3/4	-1 3/16
BNO	BentonOG	12 5/16	-1 1/16
BEI	BergE s	24 11/16	+1/16
BBC	BergBr s	46	-7/16
BRK/A	BerkHa	Au69400	+800
BRI	BerkRty	12 1/16	+1/16
BRY	BerryP	14 5/16	+3/16
BBY	BestBuy	70 15/16	+2 5/16
BFO	Bestfoods	116 1/16	-7/16
BS	BethSt	14 7/8	...
BTL	BetzDearb	56 13/16	-7/16
BEV	Beverly n	14 3/16	-3/16
BVF	Biovail	38 13/16	+1 1/16
BIR	BirSti	15 7/16	-3/16
BDK	BlackD	53	-1/16
BKH	BlkHlCp s	22 1/2	-7/16
BBT	Blk1998	9 1/4	-1/16
BLK	Blk2001	8 5/8	...
BKT	BlkIT	7	...
BMN	BlkMTAr	10 11/16	+1/16
BNA	BlkNA	10 3/4	...
BGT	BlkStr	8 5/8	+1/16
BTT	BlkTT	9 1/4	...
EWB	Blanch	35 7/8	-1/16
HRB	BlckHR	48 11/16	-11/16
BSI	BlueSq	13	+3/16
BXG	Bluegreen	u9 3/4	+3/4
BTH	Blyth s	33 5/8	+9/16
BA	Boeing s	55 1/4	-3/8
BCC	BoiseC	35 3/4	-1/16
BBA	Bombay	4 5/8	-1/16
BCU	BordCh	7 11/16	-1/16
BGP	Borders	31 13/16	-5/16
BWA	BorgWAuto	64 15/16	+7/16
BXP	BostPrp n	34 1/2	-3/8
BSX	BostSc	69	-13/16
BOW	Bowatr	55 5/8	+7/16
BXH	BoxHill n	13 1/16	+5/16
BYD	BoydGm	6 15/16	...
BRH	Brahma n	15 1/8	-1/16
BDN	Brandyw	24 3/4	+1/8
BDT	BredTch	23	+1/16
EAt	Brinker	21 5/16	+7/16
BMY	BrMySq	104 1/8	-3/16
BP	BritPet s	86 15/16	-1 7/16
BST	BritSti	24 7/16	+5/16
BGL	Brooke	16	+7/16
BF/A	BrwnFA	52 3/4	-13/16
BF/B	BrwnFB	56	-15/16
BFI	BrwnFr	33 9/16	+1/16
BC	Brunswick	33	-7/16
BD	BudgetGp	37 9/16	-1/16
BCF	BurlCoat s	18 3/16	+3/16
BUR	BurlInds	16 15/16	-7/16
BNI	BurlNSF	97 1/4	-4 7/16
BR	BrtRsc	48 5/8	+7/8
BRU	BurlRsCl	9 1/8	+1/4
BPP	BurnPP	14 3/8	+1/8
BCA	BushBA	30 1/16	+1/16
VNT	CANTV	40 7/8	+1/4
CBS	CBS	u35 7/16	...
CI	CIGNA	204 7/8	-3 3/8
HIS	CIGHI	8 1/16	...
CIT	CIT Gp n	31 3/16	-1 9/16
CKR	CKE Rst	33 1/16	+1 5/16
CMT	CMAC Inv	63 5/16	-5/16
CMX	CMI Cp	7	+1/4
CML	CML Gp	1 9/16	...
CMS	CMS Eng	46 1/2	+5/16
CNF	CNF Tran	36 5/16	-3/8
CAO	CSK Ato n	25 1/4	-1/2
CSX	CSX	58 5/16	-1 11/16
CVS	CVS Corp	77 1/4	-3/16
CDT	CablDsg s	28 1/16	+15/16
CS	Cablitrn	14 3/16	+13/16
CBT	Cabot	38 13/16	-7/16
CBR	CIBER s	34 1/16	+3/16
CSN	CinnBell s	34 5/16	-11/16
CMZ	CinMkt	31 7/8	-1/16
CPX	CineOd	11 1/16	-1/16
CIN	CINergy	35 15/16	-1/2
CC	CircCtyCC	43	+1/2
KMX	CirCCar	12 1/2	+1/16
CIR	Circus	19 1/2	+3/8
CCi	Citicorp	164 7/8	-1/16
CZN	CitzUtil	10 1/4	+1/8
CYN	CityNC	38 1/4	-1/16
CLE	ClairesStr	22 1/4	+1/16
CMH	Clayth	20 1/2	-7/16
CCU	ClearC	96 1/2	-1 1/16
CDG	CliffsDr s	41 5/16	+9/16
CLX	Clorox s	87 3/4	-3/8
CUI	CoachUS	44	-3/4
CGP	Coastal	u67 1/8	+1/4
KO	CocaCl	78 1/16	-15/16
CCE	CocaCE su	38 1/16	-3/16
KOF	CCFemsa s	19 7/8	+3/8
CDE	Coeur	12 5/16	...
CZT	Cogniznt	56 1/4	-7/8
CLN	Colemn	23 25/32	-23/32
CL	ColgPal s	84 5/8	-1
CNB	ColBgp	35 3/4	-1 1/4
CXE	ColHln	8 7/16	-1/16
COT	Coltec	24 1/16	+3/4
CG	ColumEgy	80	-1/2
COL	ColHCA	32 1/16	...
CDO	Comdisc s	41 3/4	-1/4
CMA	Comerica s	68 1/2	-1 5/16
CFB	CmcFdl s	37	+5/16
CTV	ComScop n	14 1/16	-1/16
CPU	CmpUSA	19 5/16	+9/16
CPQ	Compaq s	24 1/16	+1/16
CMP	CompCre	12 3/16	+7/16
CA	CompAs s	55 5/16	-1/16
CSC	CmpSci s	53 7/16	+3/16
TSK	CmpTsk s	35 1/16	-1/2
CQ	Comsat	34 5/16	-3/16
CRK	ComstkRs	11	-1/16
CAG	ConAgra s	30 1/16	-1 1/16
CIV	Conectiv	21 1/16	-3/16
CNE	ConnEn	31 5/16	+9/16
CNC	Conseco	49 13/16	+7/16
CNCpE	Consc pfE	172 1/2	+1
CNCpF	Consc pfF	54 1/4	...
CIG	CnCigar	15 1/16	+9/16
ED	ConEd	45 5/16	-11/16
CGX	ConsGph	80 3/4	+3/4
CNG	ConsNG	58 1/16	-1 1/2
CDP	ConPap	64 1/16	+1/4
CNS	ConStor	42 7/16	-1/4
CFN	Contlfinl	32 3/4	-1
CAl/B	ContAir B	59 1/2	-3/4
CAN	ContCan	36 9/16	-1/16
RON	CoopCa s	60 3/4	+1 7/8
COO	CoopCo	40 11/16	-7/8
CBE	Cooper	65 15/16	-3/4
CTB	CooprTr	23 13/16	+3/16
ELP	Copel n	14 1/16	-3/16
CRH	Coramh	2 1/4	-1/16
CFL	CoreStF	88 5/16	-15/16
CPO	CornPdt n	36 1/4	-1 1/16
CNO	CornPpn	22 1/16	+9/16
CPP	CorPrpt n	18 3/16	-1/16
TCR	CornRit n	12 1/16	-3/16
GLW	Corningin	39 3/4	...
CCA	CorrectCp	33 1/4	+1 1/16
CGZ	Cotellignt	26 1/4	+11/16
CCR	CntwCrd	52 1/4	-1/2
CVD	Covance	21	-1/2
COX	CoxCm	42	-3/8
CR	Crane Co	51 5/16	-1/16
CEI	CresRE	37 9/16	-15/16
CEIpA	CresRE pf	25 7/8	...
CF	Crestar	59 7/16	-1 5/16
CRM	CrimiMa	15 3/16	-1/16
CNK	CrmpKni	28 1/2	+1/16
XTO	CrosTbr s	19 7/16	-7/16
CRT	CrosTim	16 3/4	+1/4
CCK	CwnCork	51 7/16	-1 1/16
CRY	Cryolife	16 1/2	+1/16
CUL	CulignWtr	60 3/4	+11/16
CUM	CumEng	53 3/16	-1
CY	CypSem	9 1/2	-1/16
CYM	Cyprus	16 13/16	...
CYT	Cytec	53 1/2	-1
D-E-F			
DPL	DPL s	19	-1/16
DHI	DR Horton	21 7/16	+3/16
DSP	DSP Com	15 5/16	+1 1/16
DST	DST Sys s	u55 7/16	+1/2
DTE	DTE	39 15/16	-1/16
DAI	DBenz	101 3/4	-1 5/16
DS	DaiSem	33 7/8	-1 7/16
DCN	DanaCp	58 1/2	-5/16
DAN	Daniel	19 7/16	+7/16
DRI	Darden	16 1/16	+3/16
DGN	DataGn	17 1/16	-1/16
DPT	Datapt	2 15/16	+3/16
DH	DaytHud	84 7/8	-1
DF	DeanFd	47 1/16	-3/8
GVT	DWG	8 5/16	-1/16
DBS	DebtStrt n	10 5/16	-1/16
DE	Deere	59 1/2	-3/16
DKB	DekbGn s	69 5/16	+1 1/16
RMY	Delcoff n	15 1/2	+1/16
DLP	DeltPine s	47 7/16	-11/16
DAL	DeltaAir	113 7/8	-1 1/16
DLX	Deluxe	31 3/8	-3/16
DDC	DetDiesl	22 5/16	+5/16
DT	DeutTel	21 7/8	+7/16
DEX	Dexter	40 1/16	-5/16
DEO	Diageo n	50	-1/16
DL	Dial	23 1/16	+3/16
DO	DiaOffs s	45 1/4	+13/16
DBD	Diebold	40 9/16	-7/16
DEC	Digital	51 5/16	+9/16
DDS	Dillards	36 3/16	+3/16
DME	DimeBcp	30 7/8	-1/16
DMN	Dimon	d15 3/16	-3/16
DIS	Disney	107	-7/16
DYS	Dist&Srv n	17 1/16	-3/16
DOL	Dole	47 3/16	-5/16
DG	DollarG s	38 1/2	-1/16
DFF	Dominick	46 1/2	...
D	DomRes	40 13/16	-3/16
DCI	Donldson s	24 11/16	-1/16
DLJ	DonLuf	90	+5/16
DK	DKaran	13 1/2	...
DNY	Donlley	43 1/2	...
DOV	Dover s	36 3/4	-1/16
DOW	DowCh	95 1/2	+1 5/16
DJ	DowJns	53 1/16	-3/16
DI	Dressr	48 3/16	-1/16
DSM	DrySM	9 1/2	-1/16
DD	DuPont s	w71 1/16	-1 7/16
DRD	DuaneR n	24 1/4	-1/4
DNP	DufPUtil	10 7/16	...
DUK	DukeEngy	58 3/4	-1 1/16
DRE	DukeRlt s	24 3/4	+1/8
DNB	DunBrd	34 1/2	-3/8
DYT	Dynatech	48 5/16	-1/16
DX	DynexC s	11 5/16	-3/8
EA	EAInds	4 13/16	-1/4
EEX	EEX Cp	9 1/16	-1/16
EGG	EGG	27 5/16	-1/16
EMC	EMC s	36 11/16	+1/16
EVI	EVI Inc s	44	+3/8
EMN	EastChm	u69 1/2	-1/16
EK	EKodak	64	+1/2
ETN	Eaton	92	-7/8
ECH	Echlin	50 1/16	-3/8
ECL	Ecolab s	29 1/4	-1/16
EIX	EdisonInt	28 7/8	-5/16
AGE	Edwards s	46 3/4	-1/16
EPG	ElPasNG s	37 7/16	-9/16
ELN	Elan	62 1/16	-1 15/16
ELK	Elcor s	u27 3/4	-1/16
ETT	ElderTr n	17 3/4	+3/8
EDS	EDS	44	+1
ELF	ElfAquit	61 5/16	-7/8
EOLpB	ElfOv pfB	25 7/8	...
EMR	EmrsnEl	u66	-1/8
EDE	EmpDist	20 7/16	-7/16
EOC	EngChile	19 1/16	+1/16
ICA	Empica	12	+7/16
ELM	ELaMod	19 1/16	-1/4
ELE	Endesa s	u26 1/16	+1/4
TEG	EnrgyGp	56 1/8	+1/4
ENI	Enersis	31 7/16	-1/16
EC	EngiCp	19	+1/16
EFS	Enhance	70 3/16	+1 1/16
EBF	EnisBu	11 7/16	-7/8
ENA	Enova	27 7/16	-3/16
ENE	Enron	45 5/16	-7/8
ENEpC	EnrLLC pf	25 1/16	-1/16
EOG	EnrmOG	23 1/16	-7/16
ESV	ENSCO s	26 1/16	+1/8
ETR	Entergy	29 1/16	+1/4
PEGpS	EntCT pfS	24 1/16	...
EPR	EnterPT n	19 3/4	...
EOT	EottEng	17 1/2	-1/8
EFX	Equifax	37 3/4	-5/8
EQ	EqtCos	u65 1/16	+9/16
EQT	EqtResc	32 7/8	+3/16
ENN	Eqtylnn	15 7/8	+1/4
EOP	EqOffPT n	30 1/16	-1/4
EQR	EqtyRsd	50 7/8	+5/16
EQRpC	EqtR pfC	27 1/16	+1/16
EQRpG	EqtR pfG	25 7/8	+1/16
ESF	EsprtSan	25 7/8	-1/16
EL	EsteeLdr	69 15/16	-5/16
ETH	EthanAl s	8 1/16	-1/16
EY	Ethyl	7 7/8	-1/16
EWF	EurWtFd s	21 5/8	+1/4
RE	EverestRe	43 9/16	+5/16
ECI	ExcelCm	21 13/16	-1/16
XEL	ExcelRl	28 3/16	-9/16
ER	ExcRlsk	72 1/4	+1/4
XL	Exel	80 13/16	+3/16
EX	ExideCp	18 1/2	-1/8
ESA	ExtStayA	14 7/16	-1/8
XON	Exxon	66 1/16	-1 3/16
FDX	FDX Corp	70 3/4	+1 1/8
FPL	FPL Gp	62 7/16	-11/16
FFD	FairCmt s	19 7/8	+1/8
FDO	FamDlr s	36 1/16	-5/16
FNM	FanniMae	83 1/16	-15/16

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Name	Last	Chg
A B C		
ANET ACT Net	13½	+⅜
ADCT ADC Tel	26⅞	+⅜
ADLI ADFlexi	17⅜	+¼
ADAC ADAC T	12	+½
ADVSF ASE Tst s	48¾	+1⅞
AGMLF AGM Ltd n	87⅛	+1⅛
ATCT ATG Com	3½	+1/16
ATMI ATMI Inc	29	+¼
ABACF Abacan	1	NC
AbAx Abaxis	2⅝	+1/32
ABTE AbleTel	7⅝	+⅛
AXAS Abraxas	8⅞	+⅛
ACLY AccleR	15⅝	+⅞
ACNTF AccentS	½	...
ACCS AccesHlt	37⅞	+1⅛
AKLM Acclaim	6⅞	–1/32
ACMIC AccuMed h	1 9/32	+1/32
ACTN ActPerf	33⅛	+⅛
ATVI Activisn	11⅛	...
ACXM Acxiom	24⅜	+1⅞
ADPT Adaptec	19⅜	+⅜
ADBE AdobeSy	44⅝	+⅜
ADLRF AdrianR	⅛	+1/16
ADTN Adtran	27⅝	+1⅛
ACSC AdvCoS n	u13⅛	+1⅛
AFCI AdvFCm	37⅜	+2½
ARTT AdvRadio	14⅞	...
ATIS AdvTiss	8½	+⅜
ADVNA Advanta	24⅞	–⅜
AERL AerialC	7⅜	+½
AFFX Affymet	31½	+¾
ATAC Attmark	21¼	+⅝
AGPH Agourn s	34⅞	+1½
AGRX AgriBio	15⅝	+½
AGIC AirExp s	27¼	–¼
AIRR AirTran	u6⅞	+13/16
AKRN Akorn	6⅜	+⅛
AKZOY Akzo	100⅜	+1¼
ALAN Alanco	½	...
ALLY AlaGam	5	–1/32
ALSC AlaSam	8½	+⅜
ALLC AlaCap	28¾	–¼
AWIN AlaWste	24½	–¼
ALTR Altera	37⅜	+⅝
AMZN Amazon n	88⅝	+3⅜
AMTD AmTrde	26	–1¼
ACNS AComS	17⅛	+⅜
ADSI AmDisp	37⅝	+3/32
AEOS AEagleO	su49⅜	+1 3/32
AFWY AmFrght	10⅞	+1/16
AMPW AmInPwr	½	...
AMIN AmInPt	32½	+⅛
AMTK AmMatT	2½	+⅛
AORI AOncol	14⅜	–1/32
APCC APwrCnv	29⅜	+⅛
RAZR AmSafRz	18	+1⅛
AMWD AWood	u29¾	+⅜
AMRN Amenn	30⅜	–1¼
AMES AmesDS	21	+37/64
AMGN Amgen	57¹¹/₁₆	–⅛
AMMB Amresco	32⅞	–1⅞
AMLN Amylin	3	+⅛
ANLT AnlySur	43 9/32	+9/32
ANDW Andrew	19⅜	–¼
ADRX AndrxCp	37⅛	–1⅛
ANGN Angeion	3	–1/32
AGOLY Angiogld	4⅜	–⅛
APOG ApogeeE	13⅝	–¼
APOL ApolloG	50⅝	–¼
APPL AppleC	25	–½
APFB Applebee	23⅝	+1⅛
ACTC ApiCeil n	3¾	–⅛
AMAT AplldMat s	35⅛	...
APSG ApldSig	14⅛	+¼
AKSEF Arakis	2	...
ARSW ArborSft	44⅜	+1/32
AVEI ArtVasc s	35⅞	–1⅛
ASND Ascend	40⅜	+2⅜
ASTN AshtnT	2⅛	–⅛
ASHW Ashwrth	18⅝	+⅜
ASDV AspctDev	u6¼	+7/16
ASPT AspectTel	27⅝	+1⅛
ASFC Astoria F	57	–⅜
ASYT AsystTch s	22⅝	–⅜
ATEN AtEnter n	16	+1⅛
ATHM AtHome n	31⅛	–⅛
ATML Atmel	17⅝	...
ATRX Atrix	19⅞	+1⅛
AURA AuraSy	3 1/16	+1/32
AUTOF Autodesk	41¼	–1
AVCO AvtProt	13⅝	+⅜
AVNT Avanti	19 7/16	+1/16
AVID AvidTch	39	+¾
AWRD AwrdSft	13 7/16	+⅝
AWRE Aware	14⅛	–¼
AXNT AxentT	29 9/32	+1 3/32
BEAV BE Aero	32⅞	+½
BEAS BEA Sys	26 29/32	+9/32
BSYS BISYS	37⅛	...
BMCS BMC Soft	81	–1⅛
BAANF Baan s	46⅜	+⅞
BLDPF Ballard n	121 3/16	+1 5/16
BGALY BncGalic	21⅛	–1⅛
BPLS BankPlus	u16	+⅛
BKUNA BnkUtd	15	+½
BNTA Banta	32⅛	–⅛
BNYN BarrynSy	6⅛	+⅛
BBBY BedBath	51⅜	+1⅜
BCICF BellCda gn	22¼	+⅛
BSPT BellSpt	8¼	+¼
BMRQ Bchmarq	15 7/16	–1/16
BERW Beringer n	52⅛	+1⅛
BCHE BioPhar s	23⅝	–1/16
BICO Bioctrl	⅞	–1/16
BGEN Biogen	46 1/16	–1⅛
BMET Biomet	29	+¼
BTGC BioTcG	8¼	–⅛
BBOX BlackBx	32⅛	–⅞
BOBE BobEvn	21⅜	–⅛
BONT BonTon	16	+⅜
BORL Borlnd	9	–⅜
BOST BostChk	4½	–⅞
PUTT BrassieG	⅝	...
CELL Brightpt s	17⅛	+1
BRIOF Brolnd	u3⅛	+⅝
BVSN BroadVis	18 7/16	+¾
BROD BrodSft	18 9/16	+⅝
BRKL BrknaB n	17 9/32	–3/32
BRKS BrooksAu	13 1/16	–⅜
BRKT Brooktrl	18¼	+⅜
TMBR BrownTom	21⅞	+⅛
BCMD BrushCrk	9 3/32	–1/16
BBRC BurrBrn s	23 1/16	–⅜
BOBJY BusnObj	13	–⅜
CUBE C–CUBE	18⅜	–¼
CBTSY CBT Gp s	51⅛	...
CDRD CDRadio	26⅛	+⅝
CDNW CDnow n	30 15/16	+3 1/16
CTIC CellTh	9⅜	–3/16
CNDS Cellstx	12⅝	–⅛
CLXX Cellxch	⅛	–1/16
CLST Celstar s	32 9/16	+9/16
CTSC CelrTch	2⅛	+⅛
CNTO Centocor	40⅝	–1 7/16
CEPH Cephlin	12⅜	–⅛
AMFM ChancMd	s48	+⅛
CHRS ChrisSh	4⅞	+⅛
COFI ChkDnaF	67⅜	–1⅛
CHKPF ChkPnt n	39⅞	–⅜
CKFR ChkFree	28	+⅞
CHML ChkMnlt s	39⅞	+⅛
CHCS Chicos	u8¼	+¼
ChHS Childstr	3 9/16	+1/16
CHIR Chiron	20½	–⅛
CCSI ChromCS	13⅛	–¼
CDCO Cidco	8⅝	+⅛
CIEN CienaCp	41 9/32	–9/32
CCON Circon	18 11/16	+⅛
CRUS Cirrus	9⅛	+⅛
CSCO Cisco s	66 1/16	–1/16
CTXS CitrixSy s	49⅞	+1⅛
CTYSC Cityscape h	9/32	–1/32
CLMT ClareTch	22¼	+2
CLFY Clarify	13½	+½
CCPRZ CstFedL rt	16⅞	+¾
CXIPY Cohesp	60⅜	–⅛
CGNX Cognex	22	–⅛
CCSC CoherC	45⅞	+⅜
COHR Cohernt s	21⅝	...
COHO CohoEn	7 1/32	+1/32
WDRY Connnch	20 15/16	–⅝
CWTR CdwtrCr	19⅝	+½
CMED ColoMED	8⅞	–⅛
COLM ColSpct n	22	+5/16
COMR Comair s	25⅝	+⅛
CMCSK Comc sp	35 1/32	+3/32
CMCAF CincstUK	13	+⅛
CBSS CmpsBnc	48 1/16	–1⅛
CBSL CmpBusi s	39 3/16	+1 9/16
CCEED CptCnc s	3 9/16	–⅛
CHRZ CmptHz s	4 1/16	–⅞
CLCX Cntrl rm s	12	–1
CPRD CmpPr	23¾	–1/4
CPWR Compwr s	47½	+1/4
CMVT Comvers	46⅛	+⅝
CCMC CncmNngd	31⅛	–⅞
CNCX ConcNet n	26½	–⅛
LENS CodCam	u4⅝	+⅛
CCUR ConcCm	3	...
CFWY CnsFrtC n	17¾	+⅛
CPSS ConPort	13¼	+½
CORR CorTher	18 5/16	–1⅛
CRLBF CoreLab s	u27⅛	+1⅜
COSFF CoreCp g	29 9/32	–9/32
CEXP CorpExp	10⅞	+⅛
COST Costco	54 1/16	+1⅛
COSE CostEnerl0	⅝	+1/16
CVTYD Coventry	17½	+⅜
COVN Cvntryl n	5	+⅜
CBRL CrkrBrl	39½	+⅛
CREAF CreTcLtd	22¼	...
CMOS CredSys	26	+¼
CREE CreeRsh	15 1/16	+1/16
CRYSF CrySys	4¾	–⅛
CDSC Cumetrix n	6¼	...
CYCH CyberCsh	16 9/32	+9/32
CYBG CyberGrd	13⅝	+⅛
CYBX Cyberonic	30⅛	+¼
CYGN Cygnus	12 9/16	–1/16
CYLK Cylink	14⅛	–⅛
CYMI Cymer s	20 9/32	–1/32
D E F		
DCXI DCX	2⅛	+1/32
DIIG Dll Grp s	18⅛	...
DMMC DM Mgt	19⅛	–⅛
DMIF DMI Fin	21½	+1/16
DIGI DSC	18	–⅛
DSET DSET Cp	n21⅛	+2⅛
DuSA DuSA	14 3/16	+1/16
DANKY Danka	17⅜	+⅛
DAOU DaouSys	20 29/32	+1 9/32
DBCC DtBdcst	5⅝	+⅛
DDIM DtaDimn	11⅜	...
DSYS DataSysN	6⅜	+⅛
DTLN DtTrlnt	38⅝	–⅛
DWRX DtaWrks	22 9/16	+⅛
DSCP Datascpe	27⅜	+⅛
DSTM Datastrm s	21 5/16	+1/16
DATC Datatec	5⅜	–⅛
DAVX Davox s	27	–⅛
DWSN Dawson	14 5/16	–1/16
DPSI DaweaP	12⅛	–⅛
DBRSY DBasy	22⅝	+⅜
DEEP DeepTech	13 1/32	+1/32
DELL DellCptr s	65⅛	+2⅝
XRAY Dentsply s	31 29/32	–9/32
DESI Designs	22	+3/32
DMED Diametrc	8⅞	+½
DIMD DiamM	14⅝	+11/16
DGII DigiInt	27⅞	+⅝
DIDA DigData	1⅛	–⅛
DMIC DigMic s	13⅛	...
DSLGF Discreet	20⅝	–⅛
DVNTF Divrsnt g	4 15/32	+9/32
SOLLY DrSolom	26⅛	–⅞
DLTR DlrTree s	52⅜	–⅛
DBCO DomBridge	1⅛	+1/16
DCLK DbleClck n	35 7/16	+1 11/16
DBRN Dress8	28⅞	+⅛
DURA DuraPh	23⅛	–⅛
DROOY DurbanRo	29 9/32	...
DYGND Dynagn s	9 3/32	...
EGRP ETrade	23 9/16	–⅜
ETEL e–Net	11⅛	–⅜
ECILF ECI Tel	30⅛	...
ESCMF ESCMed	30⅝	–2⅛
ESREF ESG Re n	24⅛	+⅛
ESST ESSTech n	8⅝	+½
EAGL EgleHld	17 11/16	+⅛
EUSA EgleUSA	25 7/8	–1 5/16
ESCI EarthSc	1½	–⅛
ELNK Ethlink n	66⅝	–⅜
ERTH ErthShll n	d14⅛	–⅞
EESI EstnEn	25½	–½
DISH EchoStar	23	+½
ESSI EcoSoil	u12⅜	+½
EDFY EdifyCp	11 1/16	–5/16
EGGS Egghead	8⅝	–⅛
IFLY 800 Trav n	4 15/16	–15/32
IFLYW 800 Trv wt	2 1/32	+1/16
ELCO Elcom n	5 27/32	+9/32
ERTS ElcArt	42⅝	+⅛
ECHO ElClear	13⅜	+⅜
EFII EFII	23 3/16	+2 1/16
ELSI Elctsrc	21 3/32	...
ELRNF ElronEl	17 11/16	+⅞
ELTX Eltrax	u8⅜	+½
ENCD Encad	12 1/16	+⅞
ENVY Envoy	41	...
EQCS EqCompr	2 7/32	...
ERICY EricTel	51 11/16	–⅜
ERICZ EricT ADD	6 15/16	–⅛
EPIE Eskimo	14	+⅛
ETEC EtecSys	55 5/8	+1 9/16
XCIT Excite n	53 1/2	+1 1/16
EXDS ExdsCm n	32 5/16	+⅛
FPAM FPA Med	15	–½
FSII FSI Intl	11 5/16	+⅜
FBAR FamBarg	21 1/16	+⅜
FGCI FamGolf	44 7/8	+1 7/8
FDJA Farooqja n	10 1/4	+⅜
FSCX FastCm	12 7/32	+3/32
FAST Fastenl	40 1/2	–⅝
FITS FbnThed s	85⅝	+1⅝
FILE FileNet	48 15/16	+1 1/16
BSMT FitzBelt	5¼	...
FINL FinLine	23⅝	+⅜
FAVS FstAlrt	7¼	+⅜
FSCO FSecCp s	23⅝	+½
FTEN FstTenn s	33 1/16	–⅛
FISV Fiserv	62	+⅛
FLDR Flanders	5 15/16	+⅛
FONX FonixCp	4⅞	+⅛
FDLNB FdLobB	10¼	+⅛
FDLNA FdLobA	10 1/16	+⅛
FORE ForeSys	18⅛	–⅛
FORD Forward s	3	+1/16
FOSL Fossil	33½	–⅛
FOUR FourMda	u10⅛	+⅜
FRAG FranchF	19	–⅛
FGII FGoldmn s	33 3/16	...
+1 3/16		
FROM Friedmn	21 15/16	–⅛
FFEX FrozenFd	9 11/32	+1/32
G H I		
GADZ Gadzooks	23½	–⅜
GALTF GalileoT n	28 15/16	+1 5/16
GRDG GardnR	21¼	+⅛
GART Gartner	32	–⅜
GATE GateField	15⅝	+1/32
GELX GelTex n	27⅛	+⅛
GMGC GMagic	4	...
GNCI GenMun	36⅛	+1⅛
GNSSF GenMicr n	12¼	+⅜
GCTI GeneTle n	36 3/16	+⅛
GNSA Gensia	5 9/32	–1/32
GENZ Genzym	31⅜	...
GEOC GeoTelCm	28¼	+⅝
GOTK GeoTk	1⅛	...
GERN GeronCp	11⅜	–⅛
GETY Gettylm n	27	–⅛
GILTF GilatSat	37⅜	–½
GILD Gilead	42⅝	–¼
GTAX GilmnCio	u17	+1½
GEMS Glenayre	12⅛	+⅞
GLBL Globlind s	18½	–⅝
GTSG GlbITle n	40¼	+¼
GVIL GlbVilag	1⅛	...
GSTRF Globalstr s	63	–1
GTSX GoltITSy	7 3/32	...
GGUY GoodGy	10 13/16	–⅛
GDYS GdyFa n	43 27/32	–1 5/32
GOTH Gothic l n	2⅛	+1/32
GUCO GrndUn n	7⅛	...
GYMB Gymbr sp	23⅞	–⅜
HBOC HBO s	59¼	–1 5/16
HMTT HMTTch	13	+¼
HNCS HNC S t	39	+11/16
HDCO Hadco	36⅜	–⅛
HKID HppyKds n	u12	+⅞
HRBC Harbngr	34 25/32	–23/32
HARBD HarbrFL s	11⅞	...
HDWY Headway	u9 9/16	+11/16
HCFP HlthCFP	50⅞	+1⅞
HATV HrstArT n	35	–½
HTLD HrtlndE	25½	–½
HPRT Heartport	12 3/16	–1 5/16
HBCCA Heftel s	43⅛	–⅛
HSIC HSchein	43 1/16	–1⅛
HRBC HrtgBrn n	22	–5/16
HRSH Hirsch	8⅝	+⅛
HLYW Hlywd E	14¼	...
HCAP HmeCap n	7⅜	–3/32
HCOM HmeomC n	12 29/32	–5/32
HOFF HrznOff n	d13 11/16	–⅜
HBAN HuntBnk	35½	–1⅛
HTCH HutchT	26⅜	+⅛
HMAR HvideM	17	–¼
HYSW HyprSt	44 7/16	+1 1/16
ITWO i2 Tech	68 1/16	+2 1/16
IAT Iat Mlt	5⅛	–1/32
IBAH IBAH	5⅜	...
ICGX ICG Com	36 7/16	+1 9/16
IDPH IDEC	41	–⅜
IDXX IdexxLb	17⅝	–½
IDMC IDM Env	3 9/16	+1/16
IDTC IDTCorp	35 1/16	+3
IDXC IDXSys n	46⅛	+⅜
IGEN IGEN	42½	+9/16
IMCO IMC Mt	14½	+¾
IMPX IMP	1 15/32	...
INSO INSO	18¼	–⅛
ISSX ISS Grp n	43⅝	+4 1/16
IIXC IXC Com	50 15/16	+⅝
ICMT Icn CMT n	16⅞	+1⅛
ISCO IllniSup	1 11/32	+9/32
IMAT Imatrn	3⅜	–1/32
IMGN Imungn	1⅝	+1/16
IMMU Imunmd	5½	–⅛
INFS InFocus	8	+⅛
INCY Incyte s	44 27/32	–9/32
ICBC IndpCm n	17⅝	...
INFM Infinium	20½	...
IAIC InfoAnly n	13⅝	+1⅛
IMRS InfMgeR s	36 3/16	+1⅛
IRIC InfoRes	16¼	...
IFMX Informix	8½	+1/32
SEEK Infoseek	20 11/16	+⅝
INHL InhalTh	25½	–⅜
INVX Innovex	28 3/32	+9/32
ICST IntegrCirc	18 29/32	–1/32
IDTI IntgDv	14½	–⅝
IPEC ItgPrc	19	+⅜
ISSI ISSI	9 15/16	+⅜
INTS ItgSys	19⅞	+⅛
INTC Intel s	72 9/16	–1/16
ICOM Inteloct	8⅜	+⅛
INEL IntelEl	7 13/32	+1/32
IFSIA Intrfcin	42 7/16	+1/16
IFSC Intfrm	12 1/32	–3/32
INGR Intgph	7½	+⅛
ICIX IntrCm	72⅜	–1½
IFCI IntrFbcm	5 15/16	+7/16
MURXF IntMur	12⅜	+⅛
INSS IntlNtwk	28 15/16	+⅜
IPMCF IntlPrecM	17 3/32	–3/32
ISWI IntlSprts	2⅛	+11/16
IPIC Interneur	12 13/16	–⅛
ISLI Intersiv	16⅜	+⅞
INTV Intvoice	10 7/16	+1 3/16
INTU Intuit	46 13/16	–⅜
INVN InVision	9 15/16	+⅛
IRIDF IndmWr n	61¼	+⅛
ISIP Isis	15⅝	–⅛
OREX Isolyser	2 7/16	–3/32
J-K-L		
JDEC JD Edwrd n	38 15/16	+1 3/16
JBIL Jabil s	30⅝	+⅝
JCOR JacorCm	57⅛	–2⅛
JAVC JavaCtrl	4⅛	+⅛
JAII JohnstnA	16¾	+⅞
JMED JonesM	33 7/16	+1/16
JUNI JunprGrp	5¾	–1/16
FEET JstFeet	20¼	...
KTWO K2Dsgn n	9⅛	–1/32
KTWOW K2Dsgn wt	9⅛	–1/32
KLAC KLATenc	37 1/16	+⅜
KOGC KallOG	2 7/32	...
KWIC KdyWrks s	u57	+8½
KTTY KittyHk	19	+1/4
KNIC KnickLL	d4	...
KREG KllRlEst n	12½	+1/16
KMAG Komag	13⅞	–1/16
KKRO KooKR	3 1/32	...
KLIC Kulcke	19⅞	–⅜
LCAV LCA Vs	2 15/32	+29/32
LHSG LHS Grp n	99⅜	+9 15/16
LAORF LaTeko	⅞	...
LBOR LabrRdy s	29 11/16	–1
LRCX LamRsch	26⅜	–⅛
LAMR LamarAs s	33⅜	–⅛
LNCE Lance	21 29/32	–9/32
LDRY Landrys	30	+⅛
LSCC Lattice	48⅜	+⅜
LEAP LeapGrp	2⅞	+1 1/16
LBMSY LeerBus	2 1/16	+1/16
LGTO Legato	62 1/4	+⅛
LHSPF LfthHaus n	99	+3⅜
LVLT Level3 n	64½	–⅛
LEVL LevelOne s	25 9/32	...
+2 3/32		
LFCO LifeFinl n	21 9/16	+⅛
LGND Ligand B	15	+⅛
LNCR Lincare	75⅜	+½
LLTC LinearT	65¼	–⅛
LIPO Liposm	5⅜	–3/16
LGWX Logic n	13⅞	+1⅛
STAR LneSStx	20 9/16	–1/16
LISB Ll Bcp	64¼	–⅞
LCOS Lycos	58 11/16	+⅝
M N O		
MCIC MCI	49¼	–⅛
MMCN MMC Nt n	19⅝	–⅜
MRVC MRV Cm	23 9/16	+⅜
MSCA MS Carr	33 9/16	+⅜
MTIC MTI Tch	15 5/16	–3/16
MCHM MacroCh	11	+⅛
MACR Macrmdia	15 9/32	+9/32
SHOO Madden	9	+⅛
MADGF MadgeNt	5 3/16	+1/16
MLRC Mallon	9¾	+⅛
MANU Manugist s	56¾	–⅛
MDCO MarDri	22 5/16	+⅞
MRNR MarinerH	u17⅞	–⅛
MSGI MktServ	3 15/16	+⅛
MRIS Marshlis	57⅜	–⅛
MAST Mastechs	59 15/16	+3 1/16
MASC Masteringu	12 1/16	+2 3/16
MATH Mathsft	4	...
MAVK MavTube s	17⅜	+⅜
MXIM Maxim s	34 1/16	+⅜
MCCRK McCor	33	–1¼
MCLD McLeod	40⅞	+⅜
MEDA Medaph	10⅛	+⅜
MEDX Medarex	5 11/32	+9/32
ARTS MediaArt	19¾	+⅜
MMGR MedMgr	29¼	+⅛
MRII MedResc	5 13/16	+17/32
MORX Medics	39 13/16	–¼
MDIX MedixRs	9 3/32	...
MEGO MegoFin s	5 3/32	+3/32
MEHL MehlBio	23/32	+1/16
SUIT MenWre	40⅜	+⅜
MNTR Mentor	27⅜	–⅛
MENT MentGr	10¼	+⅛
MSEL Merisel	3	–1/32
MMSI MertMd	6¼	–⅛
MAIR MesabaH	33¾	–1/16
MMWW Metamor	34 9/16	–⅜
METHA MethdA	15	–1 1/16
MCOM Metrom	10⅜	–⅜
MFNX MtrmdF n	32⅞	+3⅜
MIKE MichStr	36	+⅜
MCRL Micrel s	34 13/16	–⅞
MLIN MicroLin	6½	–1/16
MWHS MicroWre	15½	+⅜
MICA MicroAge	13⅞	+1⅛
MCHP Microchp	24 15/16	+⅞
MUEI MicronEl	14¼	+½
MPRS MicrPrse	13 1/32	–1/32
MSFT Microsft s	88 15/16	+1 1/16
MIAM MidAmIn	26⅝	–1⅞
WAND MilestnSci	16 5/16	–15/16
MLNM MillPhar	16⅞	+⅛
MLHR MillrHer s	31 7/16	–15/16
MSPG MindSpr	65 9/16	+2 9/16
MIND Mitcham	12⅞	+½
MTEL MobiTel	22⅜	+⅜
MDYN MolecDy	13 1/16	–1/16
MOLX Molex s	27¼	–⅛
MOLXA MolexA s	26⅛	+⅛
MOVA Movado s	30¼	+2
MGAM MultimdG	7 15/16	+⅛
NTKI N2K Inc n	29¼	+⅛
NABI NABI	2 1/16	...
NATL NAt Tech	2 15/16	+3/32
NBTY NBTY s	29 15/16	+⅛
NCSS NCS Hlt	30⅛	+1/16
NTAH NamiTai	15¼	+⅜
NLCS NtlCptr s	21⅞	+1
NEGX NatlEng	29 15/16	+⅛
TEAM NTeam	9¼	–3/32
NWIR NtlWire s	u17 1/16	+1/16
NMSS NatlMicr	29⅝	+⅛
NAUT Nautica	27⅝	–⅜
NMGC NeoMgic	18 9/32	–1/32
NWRE Neoware	3⅝	+1 1/32
NWREW Neowre wt	¼	+1/16
NETM Netmng	3 29/32	+9/32
NSCP Netscape	16 15/16	+⅜
NETV NetVant	8 7/16	–⅛
NETA NetwrkAsc	64 9/16	–1 5/16
NTWK NtwkCn	5¾	+⅜
NPIX NtwkPer	5 1/16	–⅜
NCEN NwCntF n	11¼	+1⅜
NXTL NextelCm	32 29/32	+9/32
NXLK Nextlink n	30 15/16	+⅜
NSANY Nissan	7⅜	+⅛
NCTI NoiseCT	⅞	–1/32
NOBE Nordst	60 7/8	–1⅛
TNFI NrthFce	22 7/16	+⅜
NTRS NorTrst	76	+1⅛
CBRYA NorCran	17	+⅛
NWAC NwstAri	54⅜	–⅛
NWNG NwNG	26⅞	+1/16
NORT NortonDril	1 3/32	+1/32
NCES NCESvc n	8 7/16	+⅛
NOVL Novell	9⅝	+⅛
NVLS Novlus s	43 1/32	+1 1/32
NKOT NuKote	3⅜	+1/64
NYMXF NymoxP n	6 9/16	–1/16
ONTC ON Tch	2⅝	–⅛
OSHSF Oshap	7½	–2⅜
OAKT OakTech	6¼	+1/16
OBJS ObjctShreu	32 7/32	+⅜
OAIC OcwenAl n	15 15/16	+⅛
OKEN OldKent s	38¾	–⅜
OMPT Omnipoint	26	–⅜
ONSL Onsale n	29¼	–1⅞
OMKT OpenMkt	20 9/32	+25/32
OPTK Optimag	3⅜	–⅛
OPTN OptnCr	3⅞	–⅛
ORCL Oracle s	27⅛	–⅛
ORBI OrbSci	45⅞	+1 9/16
ORBKF Orbotch	32	+⅛
FIBR Osicom	4	–1/32
OSTE Osteotch	23¼	+½
OSSI OutbkSts	39¼	+⅜
OXHP OxfordHlt	16 9/16	+⅞
OZEMY OzEmail	u20⅝	+2⅞
P-Q-R		
PCMS P–Com s	18½	...
PLDI PLD Telec	7 7/16	+⅛
PMCS PMC Srra	u44½	+1
PMTS PMT Svc	20½	...
PRIA PRI Auto s	25¼	...
PSCX PSC	11¼	+⅜
PSIX PSINet	12⅜	+⅜
PSSI PSS Wrld	21¾	+⅞
PCAR Paccar s	62⅜	+⅞
PCTH PacA&E	6 11/16	+⅛
PGEX PacGate n	56¼	+2½
PSUN PacSun s	42⅜	+2¼
PHSYB PacifCB	74 13/16	–1 5/16
PAGE PagingN	15⅝	+⅛
PAIR PairgTch	22	+⅜
PALX PalmEx	12⅝	–⅛
PMTI Palmyrkd	1¼	–1/32
SPOT PanAmSat	84⅜	+4⅛
PNDA PandaPrj	5 1/32	–⅛
PRLN Peraclon	½	+1/16
PMED ParaMed	4⅞	+29/32
PRDM Pardgm	5⅛	+1/16
PLLL ParPet	5 7/16	+9/16
PNTC PartnTch s	31⅜	+1⅛
PRXL Parexel	28⅝	–⅜
PCTY PartyCity s	31⅞	–⅛
PSNRY PassRsrl	13	...
PGNS PatnoG	35⅛	+⅜
PTEN PattEng n	12⅝	+⅛
PAYX Paychex	s56⅝	+⅜
PROD Peapod n	6⅛	–⅜
PRLS PrlasSys n	17⅜	+⅛
PEGA Pegasys	17⅜	+⅛
SPWY Penskelt	31⅜	+⅛
PSFT Peoplft s	51⅛	–1
PRGN Peregrne	u22	+1 9/16
PTUS PeqtupS	d6⅛	+1
PRGO Perrigo	12⅜	–1/32
PHELK PhlNtlnv	22½	+½
PETM PetsMart	10	+5/16
PDSE Pharlnt	15⅛	–1 1/32
PARS Pharmos	3½	–1/16
PLAB Photrin s	28⅛	+1 7/16
PHYC PhyCor	21½	–⅛
PHMX PhyMatrix	10¼	–⅛
PHYN PhysRell	12½	–½
PHYS PhysioCon	17½	+⅛
PCTL PicTel	6⅜	+⅛
PACC PigAm	u34⅝	+⅜
PCLE PinnSyst	34⅜	+⅜
PIOS PionStd	12¼	+⅛
PSQL PlatSoft	21⅞	+2
PLAT PlatTc	24⅝	+2
PCRV PowerCnv	3⅝	+⅞
PWAV Powrwav	13½	–⅛
PFNT PrefNet	1⅝	–1/16
PLSIA PrmLasr	9 3/16	...
PLSIZ PLas wtB	2⅜	–⅛
PTEK PremT	32¼	+1⅜
PRMS Prmsry	27 9/32	+1 1/32
PRST Prestek s	15⅜	+⅝
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OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Wednesday $15.55
Previous Close $15.22
Year Ago $19.35

POSTED
Today $13.25
Previous Close $13.00
Year Ago $17.75

NATURAL GAS PRICES
Wednesday $2.380

Prices rise

NEW YORK — Gasoline rose almost 2 percent, pulling crude oil higher, after an industry report showed demand rose to a 16-month high last week.

Gasoline for May delivery rose 0.86 cent, or 1.7 percent, to 50.44 cents a gallon on the New York Mercantile Exchange, its biggest gain in almost two weeks. Crude oil for May delivery rose 33 cents, or 2.2 percent, to $15.55 a barrel, while heating oil rose 0.74 cent, or 1.7 percent, to 43.20 cents a gallon.

The American Petroleum Institute figures showed a 9.6 percent jump in gasoline demand to 8.94 million barrels a day, the highest since December 1996. The stockpile drop reported by the API — 1.96 million barrels in the week ended April 3 —was above analysts expectations for a rise of about 50,000 barrels.

Gasoline use rose amid warmer weather in much of the country. Low prices at the pump are likely to help demand in the weeks ahead.

Dollar falls

NEW YORK — The dollar dropped 2 yen against the Japanese currency and 2 pfennigs against the German mark Wednesday as investors anticipated improving economic conditions in both countries.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 131.18 yen, down from 133.35 yen late Tuesday. The U.S. currency also was changing hands at 1.8123 marks, down from 1.8356.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Monday: 1.5068 Swiss francs, down from 1.5235; 6.0790 French francs, down from 6.1545; 1,792 Italian lire, down from 1,812.25; and 1.4235 Canadian dollars, up from 1.4228.

The British pound was quoted at $1.6762, up from $1.6681.

Dow slides

NEW YORK — Technology stocks rose after two days of heavy selling, but the Dow Jones industrial average sagged again Wednesday amid fears that the impending flood of profit reports won't justify Monday's push above 9,000.

The Dow finished 65.02 points lower at 8,891.48, extending Tuesday's 76-point drop.

Stocks were pressured throughout the day by a weak bond market, which was weighed down by a drop in the value of the dollar. The dollar's strength, which makes the payoff on U.S. investments more lucrative in other currencies, has been a pivotal force behind the strong foreign demand for American stocks and bonds.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by a 4-to-3 margin on the NYSE, where volume totaled a modest 616.33 million shares.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index fell 7.90 to 1,101.65, and the NYSE composite index fell 4.07 to 573.68.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 8.30 to 1,807.01.

Aviation agreement

PARIS — France and the United States signed a civil aviation agreement Wednesday that will lift restrictions on commercial airline schedules in five years and increase the flights between the two countries by 42 percent in the meantime.

The new treaty is intended to increase competition on flights between the United States and France and lead to lower fares.

Until the scheduling restrictions are lifted, French and U.S. airlines can increase their total flights to 212 per week between the two countries from the current 149. But in five years the airlines will be able to schedule as many trips as they want to whatever cities they care to serve.

OPEC cuts won't raise gasoline prices

Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — Gasoline prices are expected to remain low this summer despite recent attempts by foreign oil producers to curtail production, Energy Secretary Federico Pena said Wednesday.

Pena, citing a new Energy Department report, said at a news conference that the price of regular unleaded gasoline will average $1.10 per gallon in June through August, a 10-cent drop from 1997.

That would be the largest drop in summer gasoline prices in 12 years. The last large price decrease was in 1986 when prices fell more than 20 cents from those of the previous summer.

Pena said that when inflation is taken into account, this summer's gasoline prices will be the "lowest in recorded history."

Currently, the average price for regular unleaded gasoline is $1.03 a gallon nationwide, but a slight increase usually occurs during the traffic-heavy summer months, according to the department's Energy Information Administration.

According to the EIA, this summer's gasoline prices are expected fluctuate and could be as low as $1.08 or as high as $1.18 per gallon in some parts of the country.

Pena said the low prices are likely to cause a jump in demand for gasoline and a surge in highway travel. Miles traveled could rise by 3.8 percent this summer, with motorists traveling 1.37 trillion miles, "the equivalent of more than 7,200 round trips to the sun," Pena added.

The department's report said the lower oil prices could save consumers as much as $12 billion in energy costs this year — an average of $105 per household. The study estimated that reduced gasoline and heating-oil prices had cut household energy costs in the first three months of 1998 by $5.9 billion.

Last month's agreement among members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to reduce oil output was expected to raise gasoline prices, which have currently fallen below $1 in some areas of the United States.

But Pena said he does not anticipate supply shortages this summer and predicted gasoline prices to continue "well below average for some time."

The low prices will continue despite the OPEC agreement because non-member countries, such as the United Kingdom, are expected to increase oil production in coming years, a move that would offset OPEC's reduction, EIA spokesman Jonathan Cogan said in an interview.

"The two forces are going in opposite directions," he said.

Cogan also said the success of OPEC's agreement depends on how well the member countries comply. Some may not comply fully, he added.

"If the reduction produces a significant price increase, some countries may be tempted to produce slightly more oil to make more money," Cogan explained.

In addition, this year's unusually warm winter — the warmest in 23 years — caused a drop in demand for heating fuels, producing a slight surplus in petroleum products, Cogan said.

Pena, who announced Monday he will step down from his post in June, also released a new national energy strategy that called for promoting energy efficiency, increasing the use of natural gas and environment-friendly energy sources, and continuing to cooperate with other countries on global energy issues.

Even so, he said, by 2010 the United States is expected to be importing 60 percent of the petroleum Americans use. The nation now imports about half of what consumers use.

Pena also announced he has postponed the sale of millions of barrels of oil from the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) for at least a month. He said he is working with members of Congress to find ways to avoid the sale.

Current production has caused an oil glut and driven prices down to $10 a barrel, Pena noted, adding that selling SPR supplies now would result in millions of dollars in losses since each barrel was originally purchased for $27.

Texas could end interstate banking ban

N.Y. Times News Service

AUSTIN — Texas Banking Commissioner Catherine Ghiglieri said she will drop her opposition to interstate banking if a decision by federal regulators is upheld in court.

Ghiglieri filed three lawsuits to preserve Texas' interstate banking ban and lost two of them. She expects a federal judge in Dallas to rule on the third, involving NationsBank Corp.'s plans to merge its Texas operations with its Charlotte, North Carolina-based holding company, by June.

If the judge rules against her, Ghiglieri said she will recommend that the state legislature lift the ban it enacted in 1995 when it convenes in January.

"I don't think that NationsBank should have a competitive advantage over every other bank in the state," Ghiglieri said. "The legislature's going to have to change the law before other banks can benefit."

On Friday, the federal Office of the Comptroller of the Currency gave NationsBank permission to combine its $44.2 billion Texas operations with its holding company. The decision overrides the state law "opting out" of interstate banking.

By combining, NationsBank says it can operate more efficiently and cut costs. The move is part of the company's strategy to operate as one nationwide bank.

Interstate banks — such as Chase Manhattan Corp., Wells Fargo & Co., Banc One Corp. and Norwest Corp. — already operate in Texas, but they must form separate subsidiaries with independent boards consisting mostly of Texans.

Officials for Chase, Norwest, Wells Fargo and Banc One said they are reviewing the OCC's decision in the NationsBank case.

Ghiglieri has been a staunch supporter of the Texas banking ban, accusing NationsBank and the OCC of attempting to use federal loopholes to trample state law. Losing the battle will cost Texas $19 million a year in franchise taxes and possibly thousands of jobs, she estimates.

Congress approved interstate banking in 1994, giving each state the choice of whether to participate. Only Texas and Montana declined.

"I guess when Congress said we could opt out, they didn't really mean it," Ghiglieri said.

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Carry-on luggage rules

Ronald Thackery of Highlands Ranch, Colo. puts his carry-on bag in the overhead compartment of a United Airlines flight from Denver International Airport in Denver to Portland, Ore. Tuesday. On May 15, United will join a growing number of airlines in enforcing tighter restrictions on the amount and size of carry-on baggage to reduce the delays and discomfort to fellow passengers. The new policy limits all passengers to two 'reasonably sized' pieces of luggage that are no more than 45 linear inches.

U.S. firms extend bids for Energy Group

■ Texas Utilities, PacifiCorp extends offers without raising them.

Associated Press

LONDON — Two U.S. holding companies bidding for Britain's Energy Group PLC extended their offers Wednesday without raising them.

Texas Utilities Co. has already bought 23.5 percent of Energy Group, and investors holding another 5 percent say they will accept the Dallas company's offer of 840 pence ($13.94) per share. That values Energy Group at 4.38 billion pounds ($7.27 billion).

PacifiCorp has bid just 820 pence ($13.61) per share, while purchasing 8.8 percent of Energy Group. PacifiCorp, based in Portland, Oregon, says it has received acceptances from investors holding another 1.8 percent.

Texas Utilities extended its offer until April 21. The PacifiCorp bid was extended until April 28.

Energy Group had last year agreed to a merger with PacifiCorp, but appears likely to go along with whoever bids the most. Neither suitor has raised its offer since early March.

Energy Group's assets include the top U.S. coal group, Peabody Holding Co. Inc., and Britain's top electric utility, Eastern Group, which has 3.1 million customers north of London.

Energy Group was part of the old Hanson PLC conglomerate that was broken up before founder Lord Hanson retired.

THE ECONOMIST

Today's cost of living actually is 'as good as it gets'

By M. Ray Perryman

Do you remember how great life used to be? An afternoon at the movies was just a dollar and the Coke at the counter was a dime. For decades, a Hershey bar and a pack of Wrigley's spearmint were each just a nickel. But is life really so much more expensive today? As a matter of fact, the good days are here and now.

The cost of living has soared in dollar terms, but not in what really matters - the time we spend working in order to have what it takes to live. Making money takes time, so when we shop for an item, we are really spending our time. The measure of a good's value is the hours and minutes we spend purchasing it. Given this perspective, a new study by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas shows how the price of goods has actually fallen over the years. To say it another way, each year it takes less of our time to purchase the goods and services we seek. The good fortune we have become accustomed to is more than luck. Our level of prosperity is the direct result of free markets at work.

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Just think about what happens when a new product hits the market. It's typically very expensive, affordable to only the wealthiest consumers. Over time, however, the good or service becomes commonplace as competition drives down the price. This pricing pattern occurs across the spectrum of goods and services, whether for dry cleaning, food, housing, or one of today's myriad electronic marvels. Year after year we spend less time working for our hair cuts, airline tickets, or entertainment. In a very real sense, the cost of American life is getting cheaper. Today, most Americans enjoy a level of comfort and wealth once thought to be beyond the reach of kings.

Consider the nation's cost of living. Average Americans, such as workers earning hourly wages in production or nonsupervisory manufacturing work, earned less than 15 cents an hour just a century ago. By 1997, this figure hit $13.18. The sum is nothing to sneeze at, but it's a far cry from the flamboyance displayed by the rich and famous at the Academy Awards. Nevertheless, the number is useful because it represents the average amount earned by a large segment of American society. Consider, then, the costs of some of the basics in terms of time on the job. One-half gallon of milk cost 89 minutes of labor in 1919, 16 minutes in 1950, 10 minutes in 1975, and 7 minutes in 1997. A pound of hamburger required 30 minutes in 1919; it fell to 11 minutes in 1975 and to 6 minutes in 1997.

When it comes to our homes (and what's in them), the work-cost time for purchases has consistently declined. While the price of today's homes includes amenities never dreamed of decades ago (such as central heat and air, insulation, and extra bathrooms), the cost-per-foot fell from 7.8 hours in 1920 to 5.6 hours in 1996. The study concludes that today's housing is - even with all the extras - still 6 percent cheaper than in 1970. Your closet holds bargains as well. Over the past century, the work-cost time needed to afford your Levis fell by almost 7 hours to 3 hours and 24 minutes, now costing only a third of what they were in 1900.

Then there's all of the stuff we own. The first "hand-held" pocket calculator (that was really too big for a pocket) went for $120 in 1972. Now a mini-calculator is under 10 bucks (or even free as an advertising gimmick). The early color TV sets cost more than $1,000 in the mid-1950s, but a 25-inch color set with a remote ran about $300 in 1997. It would have taken an average American 562 hours to earn the money for a set in 1954; today it takes only 23 hours. Cellular phones sold for $4,195 in 1984. Now a good one runs about $100, or you can get one free with your monthly service contract. And who needs to be told of the phenomenal drop in computer prices.

This, my friends, is capitalism at its best. We owe the prosperity of our times to the routine workings of our free enterprise system. In the product market, the system rewards discovery, innovation, and efficiency. Rich consumers reward the innovator by paying high prices for new products early on. In effect, the wealthy nurture infant industries and product lines by paying most of the initial fixed costs. Then the rest of us get to enjoy the onset of competition as products such as electronics and computers are reproduced at a lower and lower price. The benefits flow to Americans in the form of better values-more for our money and more for our time.

Although critics decry the uneven distribution of American income, very well-off citizens serve a role in developing markets. By freely spending, the rich spur a "democracy of consumption" by starting the process of lowering prices and, thus, driving our market economy forward. As you can see, capitalism has given us a system that harnesses the spending of a few and parlays it into affordable goods for the masses.

Before the Great Depression, Herbert Hoover made a presidential campaign promise of a "chicken in every pot . . . and a car in every garage, to boot." We still haven't made it that far, and we still have problems to solve. You have to admit, though, that we're a lot closer than we were in the "good ol' days."

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Curtis' 8th-inning homer dooms M's

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Chad Curtis hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning Wednesday to give the New York Yankees a 4-3 victory over the Seattle Mariners in Hideki Irabu's first start of the season.

Curtis homered 410 feet over the center-field fence off Bobby Ayala (0-1) after Ayala walked pinch-hitter Tim Raines to lead off the inning, giving New York a 4-2 lead.

Graeme Lloyd (1-0), the third Yankees pitcher, pitched one-third of an inning for the win. Irabu went five innings, giving up one run on four hits and two walks.

Mike Stanton gave up one run in 1 1-3 innings for the Yankees' first save of the season.

Russ Davis hit two solo homers for Seattle.

Athletics 3, Indians 1
Indians 6, Athletics 5
(completion of suspended game)

OAKLAND, Calif. — Kenny Rogers pitched seven strong innings and A.J. Hinch singled home the go-ahead run in the seventh for Oakland in the second game.

Rogers (1-0), obtained in a trade from the Yankees last November, got his first win for Oakland just a few hours after the Indians completed a 6-5 victory over the A's in a game that started Monday night.

It took the Indians just 20 minutes to complete their win in the suspended game, a contest that was delayed hours by rain on Monday night and then suspended because of the AL curfew.

In the scheduled game, Rogers allowed one run and four hits — only one after the first inning. The left-hander struck out five and walked four. Bill Taylor pitched the ninth for his first save.

Dave Burba (1-1) took the loss.

Blue Jays 9, Twins 6

MINNEAPOLIS — Shawn Green homered for the third consecutive game and Jose Canseco had four hits to lead Toronto.

Green and Canseco each drove in two runs, including one apiece in a four-run first inning.

Pat Hentgen (1-0) gave up six runs in 5 2-3 innings, giving up his first earned runs against the Twins since May 15, 1996.

But it didn't matter as the Twins made two errors in the first inning, another in Toronto's two-run eighth and starter LaTroy Hawkins (0-1) gave up five runs on five hits and four walks in three innings.

Randy Myers got the last four outs for his second save.

Rangers-White Sox washed out

CHICAGO — Wednesday night's game between the Texas Rangers and Chicago White Sox was rained out and will be made up as part of a doubleheader on Aug. 28.

Aaron Sele (1-0), the Rangers' scheduled starter Wednesday, will pitch Thursday afternoon. Chicago will skip left-hander Mike Sirotka (0-1), the scheduled starter Wednesday night, and go with right-hander James Baldwin (1-0) on Thursday.

■ AL Roundup

AP Photo

New York Yankees second baseman Chuck Knoblauch leaps out of the way of the Seattle Mariners' Alex Rodriguez on a double play attempt in the bottom of the ninth Wednesday in Seattle. Knoblauch's throw was true, wrapping up a 4-3 win for the Yankees.

Sele was the winning pitcher last week when Texas beat the White Sox 20-4 in the right-hander's debut with the Rangers.

Neither team has played since Monday and there is more rain in the forecast Thursday, meaning pitchers could get backed up.

"It's just a quirk of the early-season schedule, combining the days off and rainouts," Texas manager Johnny Oates said.

Notes: The White Sox have 10 players on their roster with less than one year of major league experience, the most notable being 20-year-old rookie shortstop Mike Caruso. ... "He probably doesn't realize the magnitude of the job he has. He's just out there playing," Sox manager Jerry Manuel said of Caruso. Caruso has only one error and is 7-for-19 in the first six games (.368). Rangers reliever Xavier Hernandez, recovering from shoulder surgery last August, threw 10 minutes of easy toss Wednesday in Port Charlotte, Fla. He's scheduled to pitch in a simulated game Thursday and return to Texas for rehab and evaluation.

Haas continues exit of seeds from Salem

Associated Press

HONG KONG — Germany's Tommy Haas joined a growing list of seeds to lose at the $340,000 Salem Open, falling to South African qualifier Neville Godwin in the first round Wednesday.

Haas, the No. 2 seed ranked 34th by the ATP Tour, lost 6-3, 6-4 in the heat and humidity at Victoria Park.

Earlier, No. 4 seed Brett Steven of New Zealand was upset by Sebastien Lareau of Canada, who won 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), 6-3.

Haas's exit is the latest setback in a tournament still reeling from the defeats of top seed Michael Chang and No. 5 seed Vince Spadea. Pete Sampras pulled out last week because of injury.

Haas, who helped Germany to a 5-0 Davis Cup victory over South Africa last weekend, was unable to get his game going against Godwin, who is ranked 208th in the world.

"It's the first time I have played outdoors in a long time," Haas said. "I was not able to feel the ball.

"I've been on the road for a long time and it's disappointing to lose. I have to get ready for my next tournament."

Godwin played his fourth match in the competition, having had to play through the qualifying tournament to get to the main draw.

"I'm actually feeling pretty good," he said. "I got here last Thursday and it's good preparation to come early especially as there's a huge difference in heat (from playing) indoors in Europe."

No. 3 seed Thomas Johansson of Sweden needed three sets before advancing to the second round after defeating David Wheaton 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

Sandon Stolle became the first player to enter the quarterfinals when he defeated fellow Australian Ben Ellwood 7-6, (7-5), 6-4.

■ Tennis Roundup

Top-seed Mantilla, No. 2 Moya advance in Estoril Open

OEIRAS, Portugal — Top-seeded Felix Mantilla of Spain beat countryman Javier Sanchez 6-1, 6-3 Wednesday in the first round of the Estoril Open.

Mantilla, ranked 13th in the world, will play last year's losing finalist, Italian Andrea Gaudenzi, in the second round.

No. 2 Carlos Moya of Spain defeated Bohdan Ulihrach of the Czech Republic 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Fifth-seeded Frenchman Fabrice Santoro was upset 6-2, 5-7, 6-0 by Julian Alonso of Spain.

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Bell, Berry crank homers to lead Astros

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Jose Lima recovered from a shaky start to win his second straight outing and Derek Bell and Sean Berry each hit home runs as the Houston Astros beat the San Francisco Giants 6-3 Wednesday night.

Lima (2-0), in his second start of the season after pitching in the Houston bullpen for all but one game last year, allowed three runs on eight hits in 6 2-3 innings while striking out five and walking three.

Billy Wagner struck out Charlie Hayes with two runners on for his second save.

Bell, who was 3-for-5, drove in three runs and Berry connected for a three-run homer. Craig Biggio went 3-for-5 with a double and a run scored.

Kirk Rueter (1-1) took the loss, giving up six runs on 10 hits in 6 2-3 innings. He struck out three and walked two, both of whom scored.

Lima, who won his season debut last week against Colorado, was touched for a two-run single by Stan Javier in the first inning but for the most part pitched his way out of trouble after that.

He allowed three singles in the fourth, including a two-out basehit by Rueter that loaded the bases. He escaped the jam by getting Darryl Hamilton to ground out to first.

In the fifth, Lima allowed a leadoff single to Bill Mueller but then induced Barry Bounds to ground into a double play and fanned cleanup hitter Jeff Kent.

Phillies 9, Marlins 5

PHILADELPHIA — Rico Brogna went 4-for-4 and scored three runs Wednesday night as the Philadelphia Phillies sent Florida to a team record eighth straight loss with a 9-5 win over the Marlins.

■ NL Roundup

Former Marlin Alex Arias, Gregg Jefferies and Scott Rolen each drove in two runs apiece as the Phillies won their third straight game.

Phillies starter Mike Grace (1-1) allowed three runs and six hits in five-plus innings. He struck out seven.

Pirates 5, Braves 3

PITTSBURGH — Jason Kendall homered and went 3-for-3 off former batterymate Denny Neagle to support another good early-season start by Esteban Loaiza.

Loaiza (1-0) was working on a three-hitter until Andres Galarraga hit his second homer of the game in the ninth, a two-run shot that followed Chipper Jones' double. Galarraga is 9-for-12 with two homers lifetime off Loaiza.

Jason Christiansen got one out before Rich Loiselle finished up for his third save as Loaiza improved to 3-0 in April over the last two seasons.

Loaiza gave up five hits, struck out three and walked two.

Rain postpones Expos and Brewers

MILWAUKEE — Montreal will have to wait at least another day to end their worst start in franchise history.

Rain and dipping temperatures forced the postponement of the Expos' Wednesday afternoon game against the Milwaukee Brewers.

Cubs-Mets game called by rain

CHICAGO — The Mets and Cubs were postponed and rescheduled for a July 24 doubleheader. On Thursday, Rick Reed (0-0) will face the Cubs' Steve Trachsel (1-0) to finish this rain-shortened series.

Cardinals 13, Rockies 9

DENVER — Forgoing the long ball, Mark McGwire and St. Louis punished Colorado.

The Cardinals, who had nine straight extra-base hits on Tuesday, had 12 straight singles before Ray Lankford's two-run homer in the seventh. Lankford also had a two-run single.

McGwire, who hit 58 homers last season and who homered in each of his first four games this season, failed to connect for the third straight game. He did, however, have two singles and two RBIs.

Ellis Burks had a single, double and triple and drove in four runs for the Rockies, who lost their fourth straight game.

Piazza breaks off negotiations with Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A day after being booed before and during the Los Angeles Dodgers' home opener, All-Star catcher Mike Piazza broke off contract negotiations with the team.

Piazza's agent turned down a contract offer from the Dodgers earlier in the week that would have been the richest in baseball history.

"I have instructed my agent, Dan Lozano, to shut down contract negotiations with the Dodgers," Piazza said in a statement issued before Wednesday night's game against Arizona. "I let the talks become a distraction, and for that I apologize to my teammates and our fans.

"For the rest of the season, I will focus completely on bringing a championship to Los Angeles and will not discuss my contract status with anyone until the season ends."

Dodgers general manager Fred Claire also issued a statement, saying, "We concur with Mike Piazza's decision, and we look forward to negotiating with Mike and his agent at the conclusion of the season."

Claire later told reporters the Dodgers still hope to sign Piazza.

"Very definitely, we're not going to close any doors," Claire said.

Claire pointed out that the Dodgers would be the only team eligible to discuss money with Piazza during the first 15 days after the World Series ends next fall.

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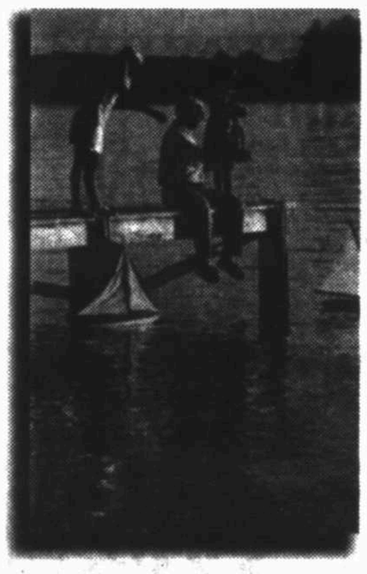

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Lone Star Park opens with new, improved races

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

GRAND PRAIRIE — Like a college recruiter, Corey Johnsen chases talented prospects.

But instead of pursuing linebackers and quarterbacks, the vice president and general manager of Lone Star Park has been after owners and trainers.

It says a lot for the success of Lone Star last year that Johnson has successfully wooed some high-powered owners to this year's meet. It begins Thursday night.

The first big races of the year will be the Lone Star Derby and the Texas Mile on April 19.

Louie Roussel of New Orleans is a good example of Johnsen's recruiting powers.

Roussel's 25 horses from the Fair Grounds have arrived at Lone Star. Roussel, who owned and trained the 1988 3-year-old champion Risen Star, usually sends his horses to Arlington International but it was closed this year. His other options were Churchill Downs and Delaware Park.

"They recruited us hard," Roussel said. "I'm bringing some tired horses to Lone Star but they still wanted me and I appreciated that."

Lone Star got off to a good start last year and 1998 looks even brighter.

"We exceeded our own expectations last year," said park president Robert J. Kaminski. "We are even more committed to having world class racing this year."

And unlike many other horse tracks, it has a healthy financial foundation thanks to simulcasting.

"We spent over $900,000 in capital improvements," said Johnsen. "We had a solid first year in terms of finances."

Johnsen said owners spent some $40,000 to answer the one big complaint from last year — that the track was too hard.

"We mixed in an organic stabilizer similar to Metamucil, and it gives the track more bounce," Johnsen said. "It also retains water better. It's a relatively new surface for racing."

Johnsen said one of his big off-season jobs was to get the word out on Lone Star.

AP Photo
Lone Star Park workers drive past the infield sign Wednesday after putting on the final touches for the season's first race day today.

It was Johnsen who persuaded trainer Bob Baffert to bring some of his horses to Lone Star. Baffert was the trainer of Kentucky Derby winner Silver Charm and has another top entry this year in Indian Charlie.

While Baffert has yet to use the Lone Star Derby as a Kentucky Derby prep, it could happen down the line.

"Baffert loves Lone Star," Johnsen said. "It's trainers like him who keep bringing a better grade of horses to our track. We will definitely have an upgrade in quality of our horses this year. And Bob will bring some horses in."

Baffert's horse, Anet, won both the Lone Star Derby and the USA stakes last year at Lone Star.

Lone Star's second season opens Thursday with a post of 6:35 p.m.

For the first live race, I Are Sharp will try to defend its title in the $75,000 Premier Stakes. The horse won the first race in the history of the track last season and is a 12-to-1 favorite. Last year, I Are Sharp went off at 50-to-1 and paid $101 on a $2 bet.

The season runs through July 19th. Post times are 6:35 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays. On Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays it's 1:35 p.m.

General admission is $2, the same as parking.

Report: KC's Allen to announce retirement

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Marcus Allen, who holds the NFL career record with 123 rushing touchdowns, will announce his retirement Thursday and move into the broadcast booth, according to a local CBS affiliate.

The former Heisman Trophy winner will leave the Kansas City Chiefs and take a job as an analyst with CBS Sports, KCTV reported Wednesday.

A week ago, Allen told Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer that he would return to play out the final year of his contract.

A press conference was scheduled by the Chiefs for 4 p.m. EDT. The Kansas City Star reported in Thursday's editions that CBS also planned an announcement.

"I would be remiss if I would say anything that would usurp the press conference," said Ed Hookstratten, Allen's agent. "Marcus Allen will announce his plans for the future at the afternoon press conference in Kansas City."

KCTV sports anchorman William Jackson, a co-host with Allen of a local television show, reported that a source "close to the situation" had indicated that the running back would retire. Jackson said he had not discussed the report with Allen.

Allen could not be reached for comment, and a Chiefs spokesman was out of town.

The 38-year-old Allen, who has played 16 seasons, was signed by the Chiefs as a free agent from the Raiders in 1993.

Allen had said before last season started that it would be his last, although he had one year remaining on his contract. But he began suggesting during the season that he would return.

Schottenheimer said recently that Allen had told him during a Las Vegas golf outing that he would return to finish his contract.

Allen came to Kansas City after languishing Oakland, where he fell into disfavor with Raiders owner Al Davis.

Allen immediately became as popular in Kansas City as Joe Montana, another player signed at the end of his career by Chiefs president Carl Peterson.

Both Montana and Allen have infectious personalities fans identified with. But Allen might have had the more lasting effect on the field for the Chiefs.

Time and again, it was Allen who was called on in key short yardage situations, and time and again he responded.

And there was still the potential in the 1981 Heisman Trophy winner from Southern Cal to break a big gainer. He had a 30-yarder last season that was vintage Allen — spotting the smallest hole, breaking loose behind the linebackers and breaking arm tackles.

But it also was a sign that Allen had lost a step. It probably would have been a touchdown in his earlier years, but he was caught from behind.

Schottenheimer began recent seasons by saying Allen would fill a backup role behind featured back Greg Hill.

But each year, Hill had a diminished role, and he was released following the past season. It was Allen who was sent in when the Chiefs needed a key first down or were near the goal line.

But the Chiefs never achieved the Super Bowl with Allen, going out in 1995 with a stunning loss to wild card Indianapolis and this year with a loss to eventual champion Denver, both at home.

Trainer rebuilds with 12-horse stable

By Gary West
The Dallas Morning News

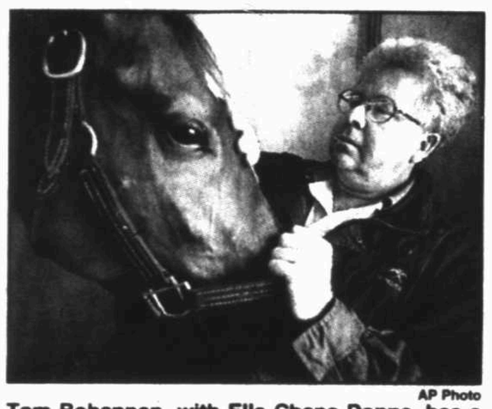
GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas — For trainer Tom Bohannan, the road that returns to the Triple Crown and prominence could begin in Texas. That's his hope.

Three times Bohannan watched a horse he trained prance onto the track at Churchill Downs while the band struck up My Old Kentucky Home, and one of those ran second in the Kentucky Derby. He saddled two Preakness winners and even developed a champion. He was at the helm of one of the most productive and powerful stables in the country. And then, in a very short time, that stable literally vanished.

And so he's rebuilding, at least for the moment, in Texas. Bohannan has a 12-horse stable based at Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie, where on Saturday he'll send out Ells Chana Donna in the $50,000 Irving Distaff Stakes.

Although born in Mobile, Ala., 43 years ago, Bohannan grew up in the horse country of Lexington, Ky. While in high school, he owned quarter horses; but once out of school, he had dues to pay if the racetrack was to render a career. For many years, he worked for trainer George "Rusty" Arnold, a regular visitor to winner's circles in New York, Kentucky and Florida. Bohannan started as a hot walker — that is, he walked horses that were hot from exercise or racing until they cooled down. Then he became a groom, with the responsibility of feeding and caring for four horses, and then a foreman.

And in 1989, he became the private trainer for the famed Loblolly stable, which bred and raced many horses of quality. This was the reward for years of hard work, this a rare opportunity, and Bohannan seized it. Over the next six years, he developed such stakes horses as Pine Bluff, Prairie Bayou, Dalhart, Aztec Hill, Fenter, Totemic, Dry Bean, Marked Tree and Idabel.


AP Photo
Tom Bohannan, with Ells Chana Donna, has a 12-horse stable based at Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie. Ells Chana Donna will race Saturday in the $50,000 Irving Distaff Stakes.

In the early 1990s, Bohannan never had more than 30 horses in his stable, but it was one of the nation's most successful. For three straight seasons, his stable earned more than $2 million; in 1993, it earned $3.2 million, and he ranked 13th in the national trainers' standings.

Him most conspicuous successes were Pine Bluff and Prairie Bayou. Pine Bluff won the 1992 Arkansas Derby, ran fifth in the Kentucky Derby, then won the Preakness and ran third in the Belmont. the next year, Prairie Bayou won the Count Fleet, Whirlaway and Jim Beam Stakes before finishing second in the Kentucky Derby and then winning the Preakness. He was the year's champion 3-year-old.

"Pine bluff was the most talented horse I ever had," Bohannan said, "but Prairie Bayou was the most honest."

Shortly after Prairie Bayou's championship campaign, John Ed Anthony, the president of Loblolly, announced the dispersal of the stable. The horses were sold. And Bohannan, who about the same time went through a painful divorce, became a public trainer.

"In this sport, things seem to happen in cycles," Bohannan said. "In 1993, I had as good a group of 3-year-olds as a trainer could have; then the next year, I had a weak group. It's all a cycle. After the Loblolly dispersal, I had to count my blessings; I realized I was fortunate to have the horses I had and the success I had with them. It has been frustrating the last few years not to have a 'big' horse in the barn, but I just have to keep working hard, and that will happen."

He decided to come to Lone Star, he said, largely because several owners for whom he trains horses live in Dallas — Richard Strauss, Bob Gorsky and Roberta and Ward Williford. Strauss, who won the 1986 Breeders' Cup Mile with Last Tycoon, and the Willifords recently purchased a son of Devil's Bag for $100,000 at the Ocala Breeders' Sale of 2-year-olds in training. Gorsky and John Eaton of Atlanta recently purchased Ells Chana Donna.

"We're trying to build a stable that can compete successfully here and then go elsewhere and win races," Bohannan said, "and it's slowly coming around."

Making her first start for Bohannan in the Jersey Lily Stakes at Sam Houston, Ells Chana Donna moved strongly to the lead and then suddenly retreated to ninth. In that there was a lesson: When she makes the lead, she thinks her work is done and pulls herself up.

"She's a big, strong tough mare, and she tries hard," Bohannan said, "but she has to have a race set up for her. She gets a little lost if she gets out there by herself. You have to time it just right; she's a difficult horse to ride."

Marlon St. Julien will probably ride her Saturday as Bohannan continues the rebuilding process.

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Colts want assurance Manning's knee is OK

By Steve Herman
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts are leaving nothing to chance.

With the first pick in the April 18 draft, the Colts are expected to take either Peyton Manning of Tennessee or Ryan Leaf of Washington State, either one of whom would likely be the starting quarterback for what last season was the worst team in the NFL.

But first the Colts must convince themselves they won't be getting damaged goods.

Manning, who was hospitalized before the Orange Bowl with a ruptured bursa sac in his right knee, was cleared by every other team during physicals at the annual Scouting Combine at the RCA Dome in February.

He did not participate in any drills at the combine in order to give the knee more time to heal, but he had a private workout for the Colts last week in Knoxville, Tenn.

Manning also was not among the 55 players who were brought back by the NFL scouting office on Friday and Saturday for additional physicals, but he was expected to have his knee examined again in Indianapolis for the Colts.

"The whole thing is just to check the (original) physical, and what medical situations there are," Duke Babb of the scouting office said Wednesday.

Babb said any team can designate a player for a re-check to see how an injury is healing.

Manning said last week that his knee has healed, and the Colts never mentioned it when they put him through the 45-minute session in Knoxville. Colts president Bill Polian, coach Jim Mora and several assistants watched Manning throw, then left for Pullman, Wash., for a similar workout with Leaf.

Polian, hired in December after owner Jim Irsay fired Bill Tobin at the end of a 3-13 season, has not indicated a preference for either Manning or Leaf.

Some observers say the 6-foot-5, 230-pound Manning may be more ready for the NFL than Leaf, who decided to enter the draft after his junior season at Washington State. Leaf also attended the combine in February but did not work out because of a cold.

Elway to decide on future before draft

By John Mossman
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — John Elway, who admits his mind changes every day, said Wednesday he will decide before the April 18-19 NFL draft whether to continue playing or retire.

The Denver Broncos' quarterback, who turns 38 in June, finally won a Super Bowl ring last January, an appropriate capstone to his brilliant 15-year career. His family, coaches and teammates all want him to play at least another season.

"There's a million things that are going to go into this decision," Elway said, "but the bottom line is what my gut tells me. I just want to give my gut plenty of time so I can make that right decision.

He said he was in no hurry to decide because coach Mike Shanahan said he wouldn't base personnel decisions on Elway. But Elway noted that owner Pat Bowlen indicated he'd like to know by the draft.

Reaching a consensus, he said, has been tortuous.

"It changes every day, really it does," he said. "I'll go through things where I'll think: I'd like to play three more years. Then there's a time where I'll think: Just move on. Then I'll think: I'll play another year. Then I'll think: I don't want to play. It changes daily.

"I was hoping that over time I would have a consensus where, in a week, I could say, OK, four times this week I thought I wanted to play."

Elway, appearing at a press conference to promote a Celebrity Players Tour golf tournament which will be played in July, admitted that his wife, Janet, and four children want him to continue playing.

"All five have 49 percent of the vote," he said. "I've got the 51 percent."

He will seek the counsel of his wife and his parents in the next few days.

"My wife is the one who has to live with me," he said. "My dad has been a close confidant forever. I'll bounce a lot of things off them."

Six weeks ago Elway had minor surgery on his throwing shoulder. "My shoulder has a long ways to go, but other than that everything else is pretty good," he said.

He has begun working out at the Broncos' practice facility, but said those workouts shouldn't be interpreted as an indication he is preparing for the 1998 season.

"That's rehab," he said. "I've got to do that anyway for my shoulder. I want to be able to play catch with my kids when I'm 50. I've seen too many guys walk away from the game without rehabbing an injury and it affects them the rest of their lives."

He conceded there are "things you don't like" about football — especially for a player in his late 30s — such as the drudgery of training camp and feeling sore most of the week during the season.

Police make arrest in shooting

MIAMI (AP) — One man was in custody and police were seeking another in the fatal shooting of the brother of Miami Dolphins wide receiver Brett Perriman.

Garyn Perriman, 28, was shot three times March 29 in front of a convenience store. As he fell, the shooter ripped gold jewelry from his neck and fled in a gray four-door car.

On Monday, police arrested the alleged driver of the car, Adrian Lee Adams. He was charged with felony murder and armed robbery. Adams knew the victim for years, and has a cousin who had a baby with him.

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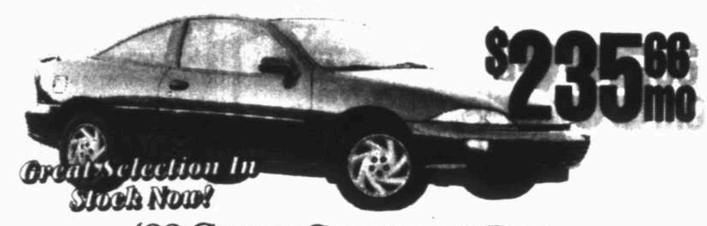

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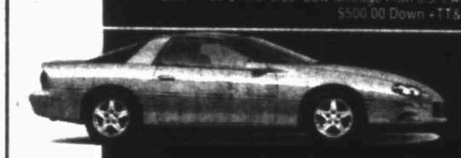

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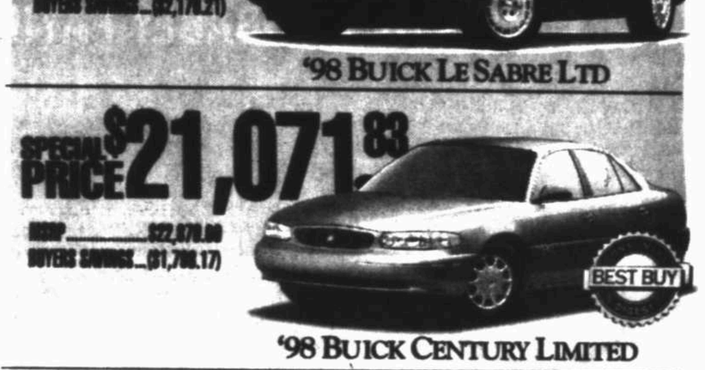

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GMC 1984 Suburban. 350 Auto, front and rear air. Electric windows, electric locks. 620-9996.

222 Suburbans & Vans

GMC 1988 Suburban Good body, new heads, runs good. $4,500 687-2395 after 5:30 pm.

NEW AT Morgan's... combination carport and storage building. Starting at $59 a month. Delivery and installation available. 563-3108.

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PLYMOUTH 1994 Grand Voyager LE. Fully loaded, rear air, keyless entry, one owner, super clean- excellent condition, $11,000. 686-0734, 687-6406.

CHRYSLER 1994 Town and Country Van, full power, tan leather interior, automatic V- 6. 96K, superb condition, $12,000. Call 694-9521

CHEVROLET 1990 Sport Van, 14 passenger, low mileage, newly rebuilt motor, great transportation, $5,995/ best offer. 580-3703 days, 682-6372 nights.

CHEVROLET 1997 Suburban LT, silver with gray leather, trailer package, CD, cassette, rear A/ C, 16K. $32,500. 366-1435, leave message.

TOYOTA 1995 PREVIA, power, tilt, cruise, am/ fm cassette, rear air, luggage rack, new tires, maintained. $18,500, or best. 697-5353.

CHEVROLET 1988 Suburban. Charcoal gray, loaded, excellent condition, very clean. $5,795. 683-6765.

CHEVROLET 1990 Travel Times. White/ gray, 85K miles, one owner, always garaged, non smoker, TV/ VCR, leather seats. $11,500. 683-1756.

225 4x4 Vehicles

FORD 1966 Bronco, 4 x 4, good condition, 3 speed, 6 cylinder, $6,000. 684-4722

GMC 1990 Suburban 4x4. V-8, automatic, rear air, 100K miles. Excellent condition, $8,950. 683-7617.

NISSAN 1989 Hard body 4x4, runs good, $4,200 firm. 570-8144 days, 694-5891 evenings

CHEVROLET 1996 extended cab Z- 71. 4 X 4 , Indigo blue, automatic, new tires, extended warranty. 458-3547.

FORD 1984 Bronco XLT 4x4. New tires, good condition, $4,800. Call 689-2904.

INTERNATIONAL 1965 Scout pickup. Good hunting rig, 4X4, new tires, runs good. Seat in bed of truck to hunt from! $1,600 or best offer. (915)-694-0431 days. (915)- 697-3784 evenings.

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TOYOTA 1995 Tacoma LX 4x4, V-6, auto, 29K, excellent condition, $16,900. 686-7757.

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MAZDA 1984 626. 2 door, 5 speed, cruise/ air, power windows, good shape inside and out. $2,500 Firm. 697-3473.

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CHEVROLET 1987 Camaro, V-8 , automatic, air, CD, white/ gray, runs and looks good. $2,800 683-3453.

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HONDA 1982 Accord, Needs work. $750 or best offer. 694-7561 leave message.

OLDSMOBILE 1985 Delta 88, tagged, inspected, runs good. $900. Call 689-6849 after 5.

PONTIAC 1989 Bonneville. Loaded, extra clean. White. $2,950. 699-1713.

FORD 1988 Country Squire Station Wagon. 90K, runs great! $2,950. See at 1200 Andrews Highway. 694-9663.

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1985 SUZUKI DR100F motorcycle, $300. Call 694-0532 after 6 pm.

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1994 SOUTHWIND 33' motor home, TV's, VCR, queen bed, hydraulic leveling jacks, 2 roof air, excellent condition, 10K. $49,000. 697-6188.

260 Boats & Motors

HOUSEBOAT. On lake Amistad at Rough Canyon, 40', twin engines, 6.5KW generator, full bath/ shower, sleeps 6. $22,000. 337-2360, 550-8666.

GLASSTRON Carlson CV 23, I/ O. 260 HP, Cobra outdrive, 350 Chevy V8, top, power steering, zip in full enclousure, 2 covers, travel and storage, tandem trailer with spare, surge brakes. Excellent condition. 3402 Crestmont Drive. $8,800. 699-7384.

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SPRINT 1997 286 Pro Tournament. Excellent condition, must see. $16,500. 685-0979 after 5.

14' ALUMINUM V hull on trailer with 1994 15 hp Johnson motor. Asking $1,500. 520-0872.

1994 KAWASAKI X 2 650 jet ski with trailer. $3,500 699-0665.

1997 DOUBLE Yacht Club Jet Ski Trailer. 2 Winches & Spare Tire. $780. 915-694-9948.

1994 ROYALE Rascal. 14" Mini jet boat. 90 hp. with trailer. $5,800.

1995 CAJUN 209. Dual console, Johnson 200 hp GT motor, flipping deck, jackplate, cover and hotfoot, trolling motor. Must sell- bought new boat! Lake ready, always in garage. 699-7542.

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310 General Help Wanted

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1109 N. Midkiff Rd**

Now hiring carhops and counter help for day shift and after school. Minimum wage to start plus generous tips. Must be at least 16 years old. Please apply in person.

Activities Director

Trinity Towers has a temporary position open for Activities Director in the Personal Care Department. The right candidate must be enthusiastic and have experience in caring for the elderly in a loving manner. Applications may be completed at 2800 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701. No phone calls please. EOE M/F

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SERVERS

I.H.O.P. in Midland is now hiring servers. 1 year experience prefered. Apply in person Monday- Friday 1- 5 pm, 2507 W. Loop 250, Midland.

***TRUCK DRIVER**

Must have current CDL, oil field experience, clean driving record; benefits and uniforms available. Transport, Vacuum Truck, Pump Truck experience is a plus. Hourly pay depends on experience. 40+ hours per week. No guarantee. Apply in person at 6601 FM 715, Midland. Midkiff Transports, Inc. 682-2405.

✔ CARPET CLEANING franchise looking for responsible dependable individual to learn carpet cleaning business. Call 699-2404 ask for Scott.

✔ PRESS OPERATOR needed. Experience required on A.B. Dick press. Call 694-1232.

AMERA TRAVEL is expanding again. Need immediately- full service Travel Agent, Outside Sales Persons, Cruise Specialist, Group Specialist and Student Travel Specialist. Send resume in confidence to: P.O. Box 9484, Midland, TX 79708 or 915-685-1288 for Interview.

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La Bodega

Now hiring:

Experienced Assistant Manager

Apply in person
2700 N. Big Spring

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ASSISTANT- Odessa American, a 30,000 circulation daily newspaper in Odessa, Texas, has an opening for an Assistant Press Foreman. Qualified applicants must have experience with a doublewide offset press preferably a Harris 1650. In addition, applicants must possess general maintenance knowledge, quality control and have excellent written and oral communication skills. Good salary with excellent benefits package. Qualified applicants should mail their resumes to: Odessa American, Attn: Bob Braswell, P.O. Box 2952, Odessa, Texas 79760-2952 or Fax to: Odessa American, Attn: Bob Braswell, 915-334-8641.

BE A Model- all ages, no experience necessary. $10/ hour on as needed basis over next 3 months. Send name & phone number to P.O. Box 3851, Midland, TX 79702.

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When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: **(this is an example)**

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Midland, TX 79702

Readers who are interested in a position offered, but do not want their resume to go to certain companies, can simply address the reply to the specific box number and place it in another envelope addressed to: Classified Supervisor and the address above. Include a list of the companies that you do not want your resume to reach. If the advertiser is anyone on your list, we will shred your resume without opening it. If you have any questions please call 682-6222.

We do not open or screen any mail that has a blind box number on the envelope. The Midland Reporter-Telegram shall not be responsible for any disclosures of information, loss of responses or misdirection of responses.

CAR WASH. Immediate openings full and part time. Apply in person: Classic Car Wash, 2503 W. Illinois.

CARHOPS NEEDED. Days and evenings. Must be friendly and energetic. Also hiring skating Carhops. Apply in person, Sonic Drive In, 4201 Midland Drive.

CARRIER. Seeking individual to deliver the San Angelo Standard Times in Midland. Earn approximately $500 per month. Call 1-800-588-1884, ext. 293.

CASHIERS WANTED. 2- 10 pm & 10- 6 am shifts available. Top pay. Apply in person, E-Z Mart, 2210 N. Big Spring. No phone calls please.

CMC LATHE and Mill Programmer/ Operator needed with experience. Manual experience a plus. We need a person able to take a print and complete the job. Health insurance, vacation pay, paid holidays. Call MIDCO Machine, 563-2010.

COURIER NEEDED- must be over 21, have good driving record, non- smoking environment. Must be able to lift 50- 60 pounds. $6/ Hour. Send resume to: P.O. Box 5204, Midland, TX 79704.

310 General Help Wanted

CRUDE OIL Haulers needed. Many shifts available. Top pay & benefits. Call 915-561-5823.

DELIVERY or Tire Technician . Must have High School diploma and good driving record. Excellent benefits. including paid vacation, retirement, health insurance and opportunity for advancement. Apply in person Credit World, 305 N. Big Spring, in Midland.

DELIVERY PERSON needed, apply in person. 3303 W. Illinois, space #8.

DRIVERS WANTED: experienced Mixer drivers. CDL, drug & alcohol screen, health card required, Inquire at Troy Vines, Inc., 2817 Rankin Hwy.

ELECTRICIAN & licensed Plumber. Both must have own tools. Also, 2 CDL: Drivers with good driving record. Phone (915)837-1222 Monday through Friday 8 to 5.

EXPERIENCED TILE Setter's helper needed. Previous callers need not call. 570-5831 Leave message.

FRONT COUNTER pressers and assemblers need to have flexible hours and be willing to learn. 905 Andrews Highway. No phone calls please.

FULL TIME help wanted. No experience necessary. Apply in person between 9 am- 2 pm at Uncle's Convenience Store- 6601 Hwy 307/ Greenwood and also at 4921 N. Loop 250 E, Midland.

FURNITURE MOVERS with experience. Heavy lifting and Class C drivers license required. Leave name /number (915)553-1464.

FURNITURE SALES, sales people and sales managers. Will train to be the best by far in the furniture industry. Full time, part time, travel and local. Hard work- - Great money! Call for an appointment, ask for Bobby. 401 W. Industrial Avenue, Midland TX 570-8650.

GENERAL- COM Aquatics now taking applications for summer employment. Positions available: Lifeguards, Swim Instructors, Maintenance Workers. Training available. Pick up applications at COM Aquatics, 3003 North "A" Street, Midland, Texas. 684-7755.

GENERAL- Hollywood Theaters now hiring all positions. Apply in person, 4915 W. Loop 250 North, Midland.

GENERAL Never before offered: Nutri/ System Direct™, Home Discount program. No program fee! Call now to order your food or be a Nutri/ System Direct™ Representative. Lose weight, make serious money. Ground floor opportunity. 1-888-588-5247.

GET OUT OF THE HEAT! Summer camp in the Cool mountains of northern New Mexico now hiring staff. Cooks, Wranglers, Maintenance, Riflery, Fly Fishing. Call Scott or Tamara 800-722-2843.

GRAPHIC ARTIST
POSITION OPEN

Young advertising agency looking for experienced graphic artist for immediate position. Design background helpful. Must be proficient with Macintosh Computers, Adobe Photo Shop Quark Freehand and/ or illustrator Must be a team player and willing to work some overtime.

For an appointment call 915-550-7339.

GROCERY. Albertson's, Andrews Hwy location is accepting applications for part time Floral Designer. Apply direct, no phone calls, please. Salary DOE. EEOC employer.

GROCERY. Join our team today. Fiesta Foods Currently has a position opened for an experienced cake decorator. Excellent pay and benefits are available. Apply in person at our 2200 Rankin Highway Baker/ Deli location.

GROCERY. Join our team today. Fiesta Foods has part time positions available for bakery/ deli clerks. Apply in person at our 2200 Rankin Highway Baker/ Deli location.

GROUNDS KEEPER needed. Large apartment community. Pool certificate required and some knowledge of sprinkler system. Energetic and enthusiastic. Drug testing and criminal history check required. Call 689-9865 for appointment.

HAIR STATIONS Available. 1 Private, 1 wet, family salon. We have more business than we can handle! Centrally located with lots of parking. Call Kelli- Salon 2000, 9- 5, Tuesday thru Saturday, 694-2517.

HAIRDRESSERS AND Nail Tech Stations for lease. Fun environment, pleasant working conditions. Call 694-8869 or 683-7268 evenings.

HANDY PERSON/ Merchandiser, hardlines experienced, to service accounts in area retail stores. 1- 2 days per week. Reliable transportation. 1-800-514-9121. Ext. #5579.

HOT OILER Operator needed with experience and CDL, good driving record, DOT physical card. Good pay, group insurance available. Permian Petroleum Services, 4601 Rankin Hwy., 682-0434.

HOT SHOT driver needed. Local- 200 mile radius. Must have 2 years experience, CDL license, drug test required. Commission paid. Apply in person, McClatchy Brothers, 3901 W. Industrial, Midland.

HOTEL MAINTENANCE position. Must have experience in all areas of general maintenance. Apply in person, Lexington Hotel and Suites, 1003 S. Midkiff, Midland.

★ RESTAURANT- Murray's Deli now hiring Cooks & Waitstaff. Apply in person, 3211 W. Wadley.

310 General Help Wanted

STORE - PROMOTIONS

We need people with Demo or Sales experience for our store booth locations selling the Midland Reporter- Telegram. Tons of promotions to close the sale. All shifts available- easy sales- call Bryan at...

567-3431
Leave a voice message.

Rosa's Cafe TORTILLA FACTORY

*Rosa's Cafes in Midland have immediate openings for **Hourly employees for day and night positions.** Flexible schedules and exceptional benefits. Applicants must be customer oriented.

Apply at 4301 N. Midland Drive
3100 N. Big Spring or 903 Andrews Hwy.

E.O.E. Drug Screening Required

Saturday Computer Operator

Part time computer operator wanted for PC/ Macintosh functions. PC experience required. Macintosh experience preferred. Previous computer operations experience a plus. Normal shift would be just Saturdays, 8 am- 5 pm, but would prefer individual that could work other hours occasionally (flexible, evening or Sunday) for systems maintenance purposes. Pay is $8/ hour.

Call 682-2119 or fax resume to 682-3041.

310 General Help Wanted

★ TEACHER- Midland Childcare Center now accepting application for teacher. Apply in person, 3701 Andrews Highway.

INVENTORY CONTROL and warehouse person. Must be computer literate and have knowledge of gas compression and processing equipment. Send resume to Box T-05100, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

JUMBURRITO INC Now hiring all positions. Apply at 908 South Midkiff.

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LANDSCAPE Bed Crew Supervisor. Experienced at shrub trimming and bed turning. Clean driving record, bilingual with English and Spanish a must, have own transportation. 687-2404- leave name and phone number on voicemail.

LUBE CENTER- Technicians needed for full- time positions in busy oil & lube center. Drivers license & good driving record required. Also, hiring Summer help & all car wash positions. Must be 16 with drivers license. Apply in person, Village Car Wash & Express Lube, 604 Andrews Hwy.

MAINTENANCE and Custodial Persons needed. Apply 602 N. Baird, Suite 200, Midland.

METAL STUD Framers and Sheet Rockers- experienced only. Apply in person, Midland International Airport, Henley Interiors.

NAIL TECH station for lease. Great location for building clientele. Comfortable atmosphere. Call 689-3339 or 570-0749.

NURSERY. Alldredge Gardens is seeking an experienced Landscape Foreman. Must have knowledge of sod installation, hydro mulching, tree and shrub installation., must be able to read blue prints. Competitive wages. EOE. 3300 N. Fairgrounds Road. 682-4500.

❤ PART TIME help needed at Players Paradise. Call 699-1848 or 682-2644.

❤ REPRESENTATIVES Needed- sell Avon part time- full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520–0119, Independent Rep.

RESTAURANT

*** THE BAR ***

Now accepting applications for several lunch and full time waitstaff positions. Apply between 8:00 to 10:00 or 2:00 to 4 pm only- Monday through Friday. 606 W. Missouri, 685-1757.

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RESTAURANT- Honest, dependable, hard working Waitstaff and Banquet staff wanted full/ part time. Must have experience. Taking applications Tuesday- Saturday 9- 11 am only. No phone calls please. Green Tree Country Club.

RESTAURANT- KD's Bar-B-Que. Cashier, Bartender, Cook, Kitchen, & Floor Help needed. Apply within, 3109 Garden City Highway (I-20 & Garden City Hwy), 683-5013.

RESTAURANT- Michael's Charcoal Grill now accepting applications for part time Counter/ Cashier, 11- 2, Monday thru Saturday. Apply in person, 723 W. Wadley.

RESTAURANT- Now Hiring: Cooks and Dishwashers. Starting pay $6- $8/ hour based on experience. JIBS Restaurant 3316 W. Illinois.

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- Waitresses, Cooks, Maintenance persons needed. Must be positive & upbeat. Call 570-6621 or come by 606 Andrews Hwy to apply.

WAITSTAFF NEEDED. Apply in person, Cowboys II Cafe, 1000A W. I-20., Midland.

310 General Help Wanted

RESTAURANT. Fuddruckers, Home of the World's Greatest Hamburger, is now hiring for All Positions, all shifts. Must be friendly and outgoing. Day and evening shifts available. Apply before 11 am and after 2 pm weekdays at Midland Park Mall.

SADDLERIDGE Lodge Assisted Living needs Cook. MUST know how to cook from scratch & follow special diets. We're looking for a well-groomed, enthusiastic team player who works well with the elderly. This part time position will eventually work into full time. Great benefits, great pay, great place to work! Apply in person, Saddleridge Lodge, 1808 W. Loop 250 North. No phone calls please.

SALES ASSOCIATE. Thursday thru Monday evenings only. Must be 21 years. Retired people welcome. Apply Amigo's Convenience Store, 3301 Andrews Hwy.

SERVERS. Ideal for high school or college students or others. Evening & Weekend shifts available. Able to communicate well and get along with the elderly. Stop by 2100 Castleford Road for application.

SERVICE PERSON for lawn service sprinkler repairs. Must have extensive sprinkler experience, above average mechanical ability and good driving record. Will consider part time. 682-4281.

SHEET METAL Duct Installer. Experience tools, references, drug testing required. Wages based on experience. Call (806)637-8024.

SHOGUN & ORIENT Express is hiring experienced cooks and cook trainees for Oriental style cooking. Also, Delivery Drivers with own vehicle and liability insurance. Other positions available also. Apply between 5 & 6 pm. at 4610 N. Garfield, Loop 250.

SONIC DRIVE INN is now hiring all positions day and evening shifts. Also looking for carhops who skate. Apply in person at 2310 N. Big Spring.

TERRACE WEST
Nursing Center

has current opening for a relief Laundry Aide. Two mornings and two evenings will work approximately 30 hour a week. All applicants must apply in person. 2800 N. Midland Drive.

WAITSTAFF wanted, evening shift. Come apply in person at Carrow's Restaurant, 2201 W. Wall.

WANTED off set printer to run A. B. Dick 360 and some bindery work. Call 682-4503. Monday- Friday 9 am - 1 pm or send resume to: P.O. Box 2641, Midland, TX 79702

311 Medical Help Wanted

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Looking for a dedicated person for our periodontal office who likes to teach as well as treat patients. Some administrative responsibilities.Experience considered.Salary open.

SEND RESUME
Patrick Makins D.D.S.
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If interested please apply in person at 2800 N. Midland Drive. Midland, TX. 79707

LVN NEEDED for every other weekend, 13 hour shift. Send resume to First Care, 2310 W. Ohio, Midland, Texas 79701.

310 Sales Help Wanted

Lacks.

*Major home furnishings retailer looking for:

PROFESSIONAL SALES ASSOCIATE

The chosen applicant should be able :

- To show history of successful sales career
- To be a self- starter
- To provide the highest standard of customer service.
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Excellent benefits included.
If you think the above description fits you and you want to take advantage of a rare opportunity to join our team, send resume to:

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3111 Cuthbert
Midland, Texas 79701
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We need 10 people to fill part time positions! Now! We are looking for Adults , Retirees, and others who need an extra $100- $250 Weekly selling the Midland Reporter- Telegram. You pick the time & you decide how many hours you want to work. Full training and transportation if needed, It's that simple! Hurry- Call Today!

Contact Bryan at 567-3431
Leave a Voice Message

311 Medical Help Wanted

CLERICAL. Needed for Medical Office: Insurance billing clerk. Only experienced in Insurance billing and/or Medical Manager need apply. Send resume to Box P-06084, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

EXPERIENCED- Collections Clerk needed in busy orthopedic clinic. Please send resumes to: Southwest Orthopaedic & Spine Center, 4304 Andrews Hwy, 79703.

LVN
Midland Dialysis Center is accepting applications for full time dialysis patient care technician, experience preferred but will train. Good benefits and salary. If interested apply at 731 W Wadley, Building K or contact Barbara Vaughn 687-1201.

MEDICAL- Challenging insurance billing position with group medical practice. Previous billing experience required with good computer and people skills. Offering excellent salary and benefit package. Please send resume and cover letter with salary requirements to Box T-05102, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

MEDICAL- Mitchell County Hospital District. "80 John Wallace" Medical Unit, Colorado City, Texas is accepting applications for a Correctional LVN. Contact Ms. LeMaster at (915) 728-2162, extension 4265.

MEDICAL. Come work for the fastest growing company in Midland/ Odessa. (2) full time shift salaried positions available for EMT or Paramedic. Must be TDH certified, 21 years or older with good driving record. Also have part time positions available. Call 550-6972 to schedule interview.

MEDICAL. Home Hospice of Midland/ Odessa seeks experienced RN for Midland Field Nurse position. It's not a job- it's a calling! Bring resume to 1802 W. Wall, Midland or call 570-0700 for Hilton or Betty.

OUTSIDE MEDICAL supply sales- Big Spring and surrounding area. Knowledge of DME, home respiratory equipment. Pharmaceutical sales background A+. Rapidly expanding local company. Salary, commission, mileage and benefits. Send resume to: PO BOX 12034, Odessa, TX 79768.

ROCK HOUSE of Midland, is accepting applications for Direct Care Staff to work with mentally challenged adults, in group home settings. Part time early morning hours, as well as mid- evening, full- time and weekend shifts also available. Must have valid drivers license, high school diploma or GED. PMAB, CNA, First Aid a plus. Apply in person @ 811 E. Texas Avenue. Benefits available to full time staff. Drug free. EOE.

312 Professional Help Wanted

ACCOUNTANT- Opening for Accountant with strong financial background. CPA preferred, oil and gas related. Growing company. Must be willing to relocate to South Texas area. Some travel to offices in Albuquerque, New Mexico will be required. Send complete resume with references to: Pedeco, Inc. HCR 8, Box 480-A, Beeville, Texas 78102.

CONTROLLER/ BOOK KEEPER wanted. 25 employee company in Austin area. Excellent salary and benefits, experience necessary, Moving expenses paid. Send resume to S. Scott, 221 Stearman Dr., Georgetown , TX 78628 or fax 512-869-0096

ENGINEER- Opening for Petroleum Engineer. Growing company. Must be willing to relocate to South Texas area. Knowledge of horizontal drilling, completion, and production a plus. Field experience a plus. Send complete resume with references to: Pedeco, Inc. HCR 8, Box 480-A, Beeville, Texas 78102.

PROJECT MANAGER for new hospital building addition in Big Spring, Texas. Previous Federal Government experience helpful. Fax resume: 972-986-1637.

312 Professional Help Wanted

GRADUATE ENGINEER needed for gas compression and gas processing equipment company. Duties to include: project development and sales. Send resume and salary history to Box T-05101, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

REAL ESTATE ASSISTANT. Computer experience a must. Prefer Licensed. Please contact Ruth Young, 682-7884.

SALES Position available for individual with knowledge of computer hardware and software. The ideal candidate will also have experience in retail sales. Benefits include paid vacations, paid medical. Call for interview 570-8195.

SHERRY OWEN, State Farm Insurance Agency, has an opportunity for a Customer Service Rep., for an ARTICULATE, INTELLIGENT, FRIENDLY & CARING individual with two years of college. Present your transcript and resume at: 2611B N. Midland Dr., Monday- Friday, 9-5.

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

CLERICAL OPENINGS, at least 6 months experience. Call OLSTEN today, 689-6607.

★ DP PERSONNEL ★
Temp & Permanent Positions
Benefits & Bonuses Available
682–0033 or 570-0197

INSURANCE AGENT needs full- time Secretary/ Receptionist for one person office. Honesty and dependability a must. Entry level salary while in training. 8:30- 5:30, Monday through Friday. Please send resume to: P.O. Box 5074, Midland, TX 79704.

INSURANCE SALES Secretary. Part- time. 24 Hours per week. Insurance experience and license preferred but not required. Normal office skills including PC, typing, and fax required. Send resume to: Joe Olguin, 3525 Andrews Hwy., Suite 101, Midland, TX 79703.

JOBS AVAILABLE
Select Staff
915-687-1545

Global Personnel Network
Temp & Perm positions. Locally & around the globe! 686–8360.

TEMPORARY OPENING- Office Administrator. Knowledge of Microsoft Office is required. Duties range from accounts payable, printing various reports, processing daily deposits, etc. Must be extremely organized & proficient at multi tasking in a professional environment. Fax resume to (915) 694-3602.

EXPERIENCE COUNTS
* Secretarial
* Word Processing
* Oil & Gas
* Never a Fee
TEMPORARY RESOURCES
684-0527

V.I.P. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES- Clerical and Industrial jobs available. Never a fee. Benefits. (915) 686–9722.

316 Sales Help Wanted

OUTSIDE SALES rep setting up credit card, check acceptance, ATM machines. Earn $500- $700 per week. No experience necessary. Call 697-3636.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

WANTED: Experienced Backhoe Operator with at least 2 years experience. For more information call Rusty's Oilfield Service Inc. at 915-756-2821.

320 Skilled Trades

WANTED LICENSED plumbers and experienced sheet metal workers. Please call 686-0002.

320 Skilled Trades

Architectural Cad Operator

Immediate position for Commercial Architectural CAD Operator, 2 to 3 years minimum experience in AutoCad release 12, 13 & 14 (optional). Competitive salary based on experience. Excellent benefits. Fax resume to: 915-697-9758, attention: Dennis W. Clayton, AIA, VP and Architectural Division Manager or mail to:

Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc.
5214 Thomason Dr.
Midland, TX 79703

320 Skilled Trades

ELECTRICAL CRAFTSMAN

Independent petroleum refinery is seeking an Electrical Craftsman with a minimum of five (5) to eight (8) years relevant work experience in maintenance and construction of electrical systems. Must be knowledgeable in the construction and trouble- shooting of switch gear, motor controls, alarm systems, calibration, and adjustment of switching devices. A current electrical journeyman's license is required.

A forty- hour work week is standard but weekend, holiday, and overtime work are necessary. Must have high school diploma or G. E. D. equivalent and be at least 21 years of age. Must be able to wear respiratory protection equipment (no beards) and be able to work safely in a hazardous environment. Must successfully complete a comprehensive physical examination by a Company Physician, which includes:

A DRUG SCREEN AS PART OF THE PHYSICAL.

The Company will offer a starting salary of $20.61/ hour to the successful candidate, a comprehensive fringe benefit program for employee and family that includes medical, dental, and life insurance, paid holidays, and vacation, 401 K, fully paid retirement plan with opportunities for growth and career advancement.

Application are available at the New Mexico Department of Labor, 704 W. Main Street, Artesia, NM. Applications must be relieved by 5:00 pm, Friday, April 24, 1998.

NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE REFINERY.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment with regard to race, color, religion, or national origin. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER, M/F**

320 Skilled Trades

STEEL ERECTION FOREMAN

Needed with experience. Must be willing to relocate to Hobbs, NM. Call (505)393-9161- Johnie Ragsdale for more information.

☞ FOREMAN.

Manufacturing company. Advancement opportunity for individual with good organizational skills for shipping and receiving department. Forklift experience a plus. Come by 2501 E. I-20, Midland between 9 and 5 Monday thru Friday.

COMPUTER GRAPHICS Artist wanted for immediate opening position. Please send resume to: P.O. Box 2636, Midland, TX 79702.

CONSTRUCTION, metal framers, drywallers, painters, concealed spline, laborers. Full time. Call 559-4879 for application.

ELECTRICIANS and cable technicians wanted. Minimum 3 years electrical. Minimum 3 years data and telecommunications. Fiberoptics experience a plus. Serious inquiries call Hensley's Computer Cabling, 683-7835 or 522-2270.

MOTORCYCLE MECHANIC. Requires individual with strong mechanical background. Experience on personal watercraft a plus. Must demonstrate excellent mechanical skills, desire to work hard and take direction. Will train the right individual. Midland Powersports, call Rodger, 520-2080.

PLUMBER- Need experienced, licensed Commercial Plumber. Experienced air conditioning & heating service technician and sheet metal helper. Apply in person at Permian Air Conditioning at 311 West 42nd Street, Odessa.

RESIDENTIAL CARPENTERS and Carpenter Helpers. Must be experienced. Call 684-3843 for appointment/ interview.

SCRAPER OPERATORS with experience needed for construction job in our area. Please contact Personnel Director at D.E. Rice Construction, 806-274-7187 for information.

TRANSMISSION BUILDER & R&R- Immediate openings. Contact Joe or David at J & J Transmission, 520-9442.

336 Adult Care Providers

INHOME CARE your locally owned sitter service. If you need dependable help call 570-4475, ask for Tamara or Jackie. (Low Rates).

CNA looking for private duty. (Home, hospital, nursing home.) Hospital Oncology experience. Call Linda 699-4954.

LVN desires full time private duty position in home, 26 years experience. Dependable, good communication skills, and excellent references provided. Call Liz at 520-4736.

LOST HOME health aid due to Medicare cuts? Still need help bathing and dressing. Call 699-9324 leave message, reasonable rates, 15 years experience, will be happy to call back!

24 HOUR Care for elderly. $1,000 month - private room, $975 semi- private. 687-2533.

ONE ROOM available, 24 hour care. Please call Gina at 699-3230 or leave message.

340 Child Care Needed

CHILD CARE needed in our home for 2 boys, 2 pm- 8 pm Monday- Thursday. For more info call 694-4866.

341 Child Care Providers

SALVATION ARMY Day Care seeking care givers part time. High School diploma or GED required. Apply in person 3500 Park Lane, Midland.

341 Child Care Providers

INFANTS ONLY. The most important decision you'll ever make for that most important person in your life! Licensed for 11 years. Jan, 697-2499.

HAVE IMMEDIATE opening for 2 or 3 year olds. Excellent references. Hot lunch/ snacks. 684-5934.

350 Business Opportunities

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Attention Readers
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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.

FREE MONEY! Insider's guide to government grants. Send $19.95 to Box 50506, Midland, TX 79705.

PET GROOMING Shop for sale. Good location, established clientele. All equipment & stock included. Located at 2509 W. Ohio. $7,500 or best offer. Call Cathy, 686-0945.

MAJOR BRAND service station for sale. Attractive accompanying income also available. Write P.O. Box 13584, Odessa, TX 79768.

Get your Real Estate license quickly, short, day, weekend, evening classes. Southwest College 697-7277

LOCAL BUSINESSES for sale. Small and large. Some have low down payments and owner financing. Call for a free confidential interview- Sunbelt Business Brokers, 520-1515.

WELL ESTABLISHED Automotive repair business for sale in Lubbock. Equipment & inventory. Very profitable. 8 Bay Service Center & Full Automotive Repair. $150,000. Call Gary, (806)792-8995 or (806)789-1843.

Bennett & Associates
Business Brokers 684-5209.
We have (many) cash buyers wanting to buy good-established businesses If you are interested in selling your business, call us today for a confidential appointment.

410 Misc. Sales

HERBALIFE & Natural efx Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 689-HERB!

WANT TO know information about Midland High/ Lee High Class of '78 Reunion. Call (915)658-7192 or write Roy Parson, 925 E. 42nd Street, San Angelo, TX 76903.

TRUCKLOAD LIQUIDATORS open Friday and Saturday 10 am- 6pm, Sundays 9 am- 3 pm. (Closed Easter Sunday). Famous brand overstocks at low prices! 2105 W. Florida in Midland.

SLOT MACHINES. 1939- (.25¢) Cherry Mills, $2,500. (10¢) Three Jacks, $1,050. Excellent working order. 520-2734.

LEANN RIMES tickets- floor and lowers, first ten rows. Credit cards accepted. (915) 520-2188.

PORTABLE COLOR TV 19", cable ready, remote control, $75, 697-1558 or 699-1454.

VERTICAL Smoker, Oklahoma Joe's brand, offset firebox, triple food racks. $200. Call 697-7168.

ACCU-SCOPE Microscope, binocular compound. 4x 10x 43x 100x oil immersion. Used twice by medical student. $500. 689-8404.

COMPUTER REPAIRS & Upgrades. Warranty or Non-Warranty. Computer City at Midland Park Mall or call 520-4455.

★ BIBLE TALK: "If I Should be Lost, Will I be Alone?" Part 5. 520-0381. Free recorded message.

410 Misc. Sales

BEAUTIFUL Dreamer's Candles- 28 Lovely fragrances. Aroma power that lasts 125 to 150 hours. Retail price- $19.95 each. Special price- $15.95 each. Anna Marie Gifts, 1705 N. Big Spring.

WEDDING DRESS, size 8, beaded lace inserts, chapel train and veil, $350. Call 699-8021.

GIRLS BIKE $20. Call 697-8376. Anytime!

BIRDVIEW Satellite receiving system complete, $250. 683-3863.

DIFFERENTIAL REAR end for 1 ton Toyota, with all 4 wheels. Brand New! Will fit 85 to 98 model! Cost $4,000 asking $3,000 561-8286 or 567-9835.

RESTHAVEN Garden of Hope, 2 spaces, $1,025 each, negotiable. Call for more information, 699-7543.

EVAPORATIVE COOLERS, Lawnmowers, Cook Stoves, Heaters, Refrigerators, Washers, Dryers, Dining Furniture/ Other. 570-4851.

PIÑATAS $15. Barney, Mickey, Sesame Street, Winnie the Pooh Power Rangers. 683-6742.

REMODELING SALE! Nice medium color kitchen cabinets and appliances. Call 682-1900.

BEAUTIFUL mermaid style wedding gown/ veil, sweetheart neckline with drop pearls. Never worn. $400. 689-6939.

LITTLE TIKES Log Cabin Play House. 3 Years old, excellent condition. $125 firm. 689-2676.

PORCH SWINGS $35, Glider swings $65, Picnic tables $85, dog houses $35 & $45. 563-0452.

CHEVROLET 1971 4'X8' pick-up bed and back window. $100 686-0050.

ABOVE GROUND pools! Complete set up- built on site- no preparation needed- starting at $59 a month. 563-3108.

RESTHAVEN- Garden of Love- Lot 439, spaces 1 & 2. $900. each negotiable. 697-2038.

413 Jewelry & Furs

LADIES 14k yellow gold wedding set .41ct. Appraised at $1,250 asking $700. Call 522-7813 or 689-7234.

ESTATE- TIFFANY mounted 1.25 caret oval cut diamond, color I, clarity SI, appraised at $9,900. Sacrifice for $4,950. 686-0547.

415 Misc. Wanted

WOULD LIKE to buy (1) Yogi Bear mug from Arbys. 694-3958.

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687–5039.

420 Good Things To Eat

20 FLAVORS of coffees and teas, Torani syrups, iced Cappuccino, Cocoa and more. Sugar free syrups, cocoa and candies also. Anna Marie Gifts, 1705 N. Big Spring.

430 Household Goods

COOKWARE- Dinner party type! 100 % waterless! Surgical stainless steel! 7- ply, 17 pieces! Retails $1,497, now $395! $75 bonus! 800-434-4628.

SEARS CRAFTSMAN 14 inch Chain Saw. Runs good, older model. $50. 570-8737.

432 Household Furniture

FOR SALE King size Shaker style water bed. Complete $150 or best offer. 570-6275.

QUEEN SIZE waterbed with bookcase headboard. $100. 684-8250 after 5 pm.

BROYHILL: large pecan Hutch- $900; Dining table with 4 chairs- $550. Both excellent condition. 697-6645, 689-0371.

FULL SIZE sofa bed, shades of blue and tan, good condition! $300, 694-2206 after 5.

LARGE Sectional sofa with recliner and full size sleeper. Asking $350. 689-6939.

CHILDREN'S BEDROOM set, includes bunk beds and dresser, $300. 570-7300 after 4.

BLACK LACQUER queen size waterbed for sale $50 or more for insight call 520-8109.

LARGE DREXEL entertainment center $700. Quality 8 light chandelier $175. Both very nice, 699-0157.

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.

435 Household Appliances

MUST SELL this week! '96 display model hot tubs/ spas. Two only- delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

APPLIANCES reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699–1224.

★ FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. 567-5221.

CHEST FREEZER- 21. cu. ft., less thant 1 year old, $300. Call 520-5378 or 550-6961.

24 inch Hot Point gas double oven $175. 36 inch beige gas cook top $75. Kenmore refrigerator, works, $200. 687-8498 694-4340 after 5.

KENMORE DISHWASHER, like new, black front, excellent condition, $100. Call 520-0446 after 5 pm.

440 Firewood

DICK'S FIREWOOD. Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453–2151, Fax 1-(915)-453-4322.

450 Sporting Goods

BELGIUM BROWNING superposed 12 gage skeet, with hard case. Excellent Beretta single barrel trap gun. 685-1948.

BROWNING BAR 338 magnum with Simmon 44 mag scope. $650. Excelent condition. Call evenings. 520-4055.

MANCO Go- Kart- 2 seat/ 5.5 HP Tecumseh engine. Excellent condition. $875. 694-3941.

FITNESS FLIER exerciser, like new. Best offer. Please call 697-0041, ask for Kim.

REMINGTON 700 Police Sniper Rifle. 308 Caliber with Swarovski Scope $1,100. L.A.R. Grizzly 45 Winchester Mag Mark I pistol with hard chrome finish, 6 clips & 357 Magnum conversion kit $1,200. H & K 91 & 93 30 & 40 round clips $40 each. Two Bren Ten Marksman special 45 caliber pistols (consecutive serial numbers) $4,000 for the pair. Two Talon Paintball Guns with masks, CO2, paint balls $200. 520-2734.

460 Antiques & Arts

THE CATS MEOW- 4000 sq. ft of fine merchandise- we buy and sell antiques. 408 Andrews Highway, Mon. - Sat., 10 - 6. (915) 687–2004.

JUDY JACKSON'S Estate Sales. An experienced professional working for you! 689-3536, 682-6147.

ESTATE Sales by JOSEPH'S. Let our experienced team liquidate your estate. 687-3040, 687-2868, 694-5034.

465 Collectibles

CURRENT and Retired Ty Beanie Babies, ceramic eggs, collectibles, art glass, organizers, commemorative bottles, gifts, souvenirs and more. Classic Products, 4411 W. Illinois, A-3 near corner of Illinois and Midland Drive. 520-4911. Open Tuesday thru Saturday.

470 Musical Instruments

CASH FOR PIANOS- Verticals and Grands. Call 1-800-201-4551.

WURLITZER PIANO in great condition. $600 686-0050.

475 Crafts & Supplies

FOR SALE- SCRAPS OF Cedar pickets 1x4's 1', 2', & 3'. For craft projects. 697-4712 or 682-5157.

490 Computers/ Access.

386 COMPUTER with color monitor and printer, rarely used. No CD drive or modem. $400. 697-3029.

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INTERNET ACCESS. Call 620-0839 for details.
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SERVICE AFTER THE SALE Computers- New and used, upgrade and repair. Night Owl Computers, 10am- 8pm, 1015-B N Midkiff. 520-5917, 686–8835.

495 FOR FREE

PUPPIES- 1/2 Lab & Dalmatian mix.6 weeks old. 570-5339.

FREE FEMALE Pointer approximately 1 1/2 years old. 687-0231. 9 am to 4 pm.

TERRIER- black & white short haired, female.620-0574.

FEMALE, 7 week old puppy. Also, Blue Heeler/ Lab. Please call 697-6184.

PIT BULL/ Shepherd puppies, 8 weeks old. Call 683-6219.

PUPPIES free to good home. German Shepherd/ Collie mix. Call 684-6745, leave message.

FREE CAT: Permanent home needed for gentle, loving, young male cat. White/ gray. 687-4516/ 699-6457

ADORABLE 6 week old kittens, 2 females. Free to good home, 694-0187.

FREE PUPPIES to good homes only!. 6 black/ collie mix puppies 520-0781.

500 Pets and Supplies

1 1/2 YEAR old male poodle, neutered, housebroken, beginning obedience trained. $120. 683-4718.

AKC AKITA puppies, born 1/31/98, 2 males, $300 each. Parents on premises. 520-7348 or 620-8855.

HOLLAND LOP Bunny with cage and feeders. $50. Call 682-0135.

CARALOT Obedience Training Center. Puppy, beginner and advanced classes. Board and train service available. 683-4718.

2- FEMALE AKC Maltese; one 4 and one 5 year old. Housebroken. $250. Call 694-7808, leave message.

BLACK LABRADOR/ Golden Retriever mix. 4 males, 5 females. Excellent with children! Will be ready April 9th. $50. (includes first shots). Call 699-3006. after 1 pm.

AKC RUSSIAN Wolfhound/ Retriever puppies for sale. 6 weeks old, $694-0353.

500 Pets and Supplies

ADORABLE AKC Miniature Schnauzer pups for sale. Call 550-8915 550-6547.

FREE 5 female mixed puppies, 7 weeks old, Mother/ Cocker. 699-4134. 3903 WCR 116.

AKC CHINESE Shar- Pei , born Valentines Day, tons of wrinkles, must see to appreciate. Interested parties only. Please call 687-6251.

2 FULL BLOODED 6 week old Chihuahua pups. Please call 520-7294.

SHIH TZU puppies! AKC males, ready for Easter, $300. 520-4138.

AKC SHAR- PEI puppies, 2 black, 1 fawn, 2 brown, 1 male, 4 females. Call (915)573-5834.

505 Livestock & Poultry

PRICE REDUCED! Slightly damaged- 14x24 Red Barn- heavy duty floor- delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

RAFTER H. Trailers & Tack. Trail Magic Trailers in stock at 5203 E. Hwy 158 at Hodge Welding. 684-5850. Monday thru Friday, 8- 5. Saturday, 9-1.

CEDAR STAYS 75 cents straight, 65 cents crooked, 682-1418.

1993 CAPRI Rodeo Camper. Great condition. All extras! $6,000. 1991 Trail Magic 2 Horse Slant. Excellent condition. $4,250. 5 Year old Chestnut Mare. Great kid horse. AQHA Registered, Started Calves, $2,500. All or separate. 699-0285, or 830-597-5304.

BIG SPRING Horse, Saddle & Tack Auction, Saturday April 14th at 12:30 pm at Big Spring Live Stock Auction. Everyone welcome to buy, sell or visit. Lance Folsom (806)792-5919.

REGISTERED Arabian stud service, Preservation pedigree, with common sense and a can do attitude. $500 with guaranteed live foal 699-1473

510 Office Furniture & Misc.

IBM WHEEL RIDER 10 series 2 typewriter. Has spell check, memory, reprint capability. $150. 520-2211.

520 Store & Cafe Equip.

Shogun Steak House has 3 four well steam tables, new salad bar for sale, all with shelf guard and lights, also 2 glass door refrigerators. All for sale! Call 570-8888 after 5 or leave message..

560 Portable Buildings

WHY PAY - Rent... storage buildings/ shops- starting at $39 a month- delivery and installation available. 563-3108.

We move, buy, sell and rent portable buildings.
MORGAN
(915) 563-1860

STORAGE BUILDING- top quality, excellent condition, 8' x 12', ramp, $750. 697-7159.

Fax It!
682-6999

570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies

FOR SALE: Structural rods and pipe of all sizes at bargain prices. Call 682–1546.

LUFKIN 640AB-427-192" stroke pumping unit with 50 hp electric motor. Excellent condition. Phone 683-0858 leave message.

T & D, inspected 2 3/8 and 2 7/8 tbs. for sale. J55- N80 Pumping units, Tanks, Heater treaters, Rods. 550-9334.

1992 CASE 621 Loader with 8 foot forks and bucket. Excellent condition. 557-2402.

590 Legal Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MAXINE E. TORRANS, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Maxine E. Torrans, deceased, were issued to Louis S. Torrans, Jr., Independent Executor on the 2nd day of April, 1998 in the proceeding styled "Estate of Maxine E. Torrans, Deceased", No. P12,057 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Independent Executor, at the address given below before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner described by law. Said Independent Executrix's address is c/o Rudolph A. Woerndle, P.C., 550 W. Texas, Suite 400, Midland, Texas 79701.

LOUIS S. TORRANS, JR.
INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF MAXINE E. TORRANS, DECEASED, NO. P12,057 IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

590 Legal Notices

DATED this 7th day of April, 1998.

BOLDRICK, CLIFTON, HOLLAND & ESSMAN
1801 West Wall
Midland, Texas 79701

By: James P. Boldrick
State Bar No. 02569000

ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
(PERSONAL INJURY CASE)
THE STATE OF TEXAS
NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:

"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty two days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you.

TO **KARINA MORENO**
Defendant, Greeting:
You are commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of the Citation, the same being Monday the 4th day of May 1998, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. before the Honorable District Court of Midland County, at the courthouse in Midland, Texas. Said Plaintiffs Petition was filed on the 20th day of March 1997, in this case, numbered CV 41,529 on the docket of said court, and styled **JOHN RAMIREZ** AND **DELORES RAMIREZ, AS NEXT FRIEND OF VICTORIA RAMIREZ,** Minor Child vs. **KARINA MORENO** AND **RAMON SOLIS-MORENO** Defendants. The names of the parties to the causes are as follows: JOHN RAMIREZ AND DELORES RAMIREZ, AS NEXT FRIEND OF VICTORIA RAMIREZ, Minor Child are the plaintiffs and KARINA MORENO AND RAMON SOLIS-MORENO, are Defendants. A Brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: JUDGMENT FOR DAMAGES AGAINST DEFENDANTS, IN AN AMOUNT IN EXCESS OF THE MINIMUM JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS OF THIS COURT, INTEREST ON JUDGMENT AT LEGAL RATE FROM DATE OF JUDGMENT, PREJUDGMENT INTEREST AS ALLOWED BY LAW, COSTS OF COURT AND SUCH OTHER RELIEF WHICH PLAINTIFF MAY BE ENTITLED, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.
Issued and given under my hand and Seal of said Court, at office in Midland, Texas this the 17th day of March, 1998.

Attest: VIVIAN WOOD, Clerk
238th District Court, Midland County, Texas BY:

By: Gracie Corralez, Deputy

NO. 12,091

ESTATE OF EARL FREDERICKSON, DECEASED

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF EARL FREDERICKSON

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **Earl Frederickson** were issued on March 31, 1998, in Cause No. 12,091, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas to:

Earl Duke Frederickson

The residence of such Independent Executor is P.O. Box 387, Sonora, Texas 76950. Claims may be addressed in care of the representative of the estate:

c/o Boldrick & Clifton, Holland & Essman
1801 West Wall
Midland, Texas 79701.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Sell It. Find It. Buy It!
682-6222

79701

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, Saturday 8- 5, 1301 E. Jax (Carver Street side). Purses, dresses, shoes of all kinds, lots of miscellaneous!

GARAGE SALE! Clothes, toys, 25" TV, chair & ottoman, Fisher Price 3-in-1, miscellaneous!! Thursday- Friday, 8- 3. 1306 E Cowden.

INSIDE SALE, 3110 W. Kansas, Friday 9- 6. Bed, microwave and stand, refrigerator, couch, end tables, chairs, TV, shelves and more.

1212 S. MORAN Thursday- Friday- Saturday. Large garage sale.

MUST SEE Garage Sale. Friday & Saturday 8 am- ? Large sectional sofa with sleeper and recliner, wedding dress with veil, childrens toys, clothes, etc. 3218 Delano.

79703

THURSDAY Noon to 5; Friday 8 til. Accessories for front tine tiller, men's pants (40x30), gun reloading equipment, baby crib, lots more. 4310 Bedford.

2 PAINTBALL Guns with accessories, microwave stand, patio table with 2 chairs, Super Nintendo with games, women's and children's clothes and lots more. Friday 8:30.- ? 4612 Mercedes.

FINAL SALE! 3501 Roosevelt Ave. Thursday- Saturday, 9- 4. Old carved Chinese chest, clothes, dishes, bedroom sets, and nick- nacks. Must sell everything!

4606 SEMINOLE Thursday Only 8:30- ? Apple computer, microwave, table & chairs, bed, sofa, bedspreads, lots of miscellaneous, bookshelves.

703 AUSTIN Thursday- Friday, 8- 6, Baby and childrens clothes, swings, toys, work clothes, and more!!

79705

THURSDAY 9- 6
712 West Spruce
(off Neely by "A")

Priced to sell. Tools, hard wares, frames, golf and kitchen items, books, and clothing.

GARAGE SALE! Furniture, exercise equipment, linens, towels, lots of miscellaneous! Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 8- 5, 910 Neely.

79705

* * * * * MOVING SALE 2009 Shell. Thursday - Saturday 8:30 to 5:30. Antique bedroom suite, couch, love seat, game table/ 4 chairs, bar stools, piano/ bench, stereo, records, vacuum cleaners, lamps, tables, coffee table, chairs, double bed/ brass headboard, washer, dryer, prints, golf clubs, linens, brass, books, ladies and men's clothing, luggage, many decorator items, oxygen tank, chain saw, yard items. Much More! Handled by Floy Maberry.

THURSDAY & FRIDAY 7 -7. Furniture, stove, bikes, toys, lamps, wicker, childrens and women's clothing. 2819 W Shandon.

ESTATE SALE
2208 WARD
Thurs. 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Fri. 9 - 5; Sat. 8 - Noon

Furniture: Maple dining table/ 4 chairs, Hutch, Coffee table, occasional tables, Chairs, full size maple bedroom suite: dresser/ mirror, chest of drawers, bed, bed -side table, Kennedy Rocker, Curio cabinet, Patio furniture, cabinet TV.

Appliances: 2 Year old 18.2 cu. ft. Refrigerator, washier & dryer.

Miscellaneous: Lamps, Pictures, Fireplace screen & tools, Kirby vacuum, Pots & pans, Yard tools, Wheel barrow, assorted paint brushes & rollers, Viewmaster with fairy tales & More.

Judy Jackson's Estate Sale

6 FAMILY SALE!! 3210 Stanolind, Friday 8- 2. Sewing machine, baby items, fishing equipment, 1940's Lionel train, Little Tikes toys, dryer, clothing infant- adult, some furniture.

79707

3707 Bermuda Court, Friday 9- ? Good condition, name brand childrens and adult clothing, no early sales, park in back!

★ MOVING SALE, 2003 Wydewood Friday- Saturday 8:30- ?. Tools, furniture, televisions, dishes, pictures, books, cash register, plus much much more! 50 years of accumulation! Come by and see, something for everyone!

MOVING SALE. We sell moving boxes, cheap, cheap, cheap! 697-8800.

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720 Homes For Sale

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*NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION del miembro de la mesa directiva)

To the Registered Voters of Midland Community College District, Texas:
(Para el Votante Registrado de Midland Community College, District, Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 2, 1998 for voting n a Trustee Election to elect three members to the Board of Trustees.
(Aviso, por este medio, dado que los puestos de votacion sitados abajo estaran abiertas desde las 7:00 de la manana hasta las 7:00 de la tarde el dia 2 de mayo de 1998, para votar en la Eleccion para elegir tres miembros para la mesa directiva.)

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS LOCACIONES PARA VOTACION)

Precincts	Polling Places
101- 101A- 106- 106A- 108	Henderson Elementary 4800 Graceland
102	Alamo Junior High 3800 W. Storey
103 - 105- 105A	Bonham Elementary 909 Bonham
107	Bush Elementary 5001 Preston
104- 104A-208- 307A- 402	Midland High School 906 W. Illinois
201- 201A- 305	Carver Cultural Center 1300 E. Wall
203- 203A-308- 310- 310A	Lee Freshman 1400 E. Oak
204- 204A- 211- 211A-408- 408A- 409	Santa Rita Elementary 5306 Whitman
205- 207- 207A- 207B- 212- 212A	San Jacinto Junior High 1400 North N
206- 210- 210A	Goddard Junior High 2500 Haynes
401- 404- 407	Parker Elementary 3800 Norwood
302- 302A	Ranchland Heights Baptist 3203 S. County Road 1211
303- 304- 309- 309A	Asbury Methodist Church 106 W. Dakota
306	DeZavala elementary 705 N. Lee
403- 405	Lee High School 3500 Neely

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at:
(La votacion en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a vienes en: 0

Midland County Elections Administration
709 W. Washington
Midland, TX

Between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on the following days.

April 15 - 17
April 20 - 24
April 27 - 28

(Entre las 15 de la manana y las 5 de la tarde empesando el 15 de abril y terminando el 28 de abril.)

15 - 17 de abril
20 - 24 de abril
27 - 28 de abril

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Solicitudes para boletas por correa deben enviarse a:)

Pat Eastup
P.O. Box 3434
Midland, Texas 79702
(915) 688-1222

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on:
(solicitudes para boletas por correo deberian recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el:)

April 24, 1998 (24 de abril de 1998)

Issued this 17th day of February 1998.
Emitida este dial el 17 de febrero de 1998)

Parker Humes
Signature of Presiding Officer

April 2, 1998

590 Legal Notices

NO. 12,092

ESTATE OF DONIS FREDERICKSON, DECEASED

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DONIS FREDERICKSON

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **Donis Frederickson** were issued on March 31, 1998, in Cause No. 12,092, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas to:

Donis Frederickson

The residence of such Independent Executor is P.O. Box 387, Sonora, Texas 76950. Claims may be addressed in care of the representative of the estate:

c/o Boldrick & Clifton, Holland & Essman
1801 West Wall
Midland, Texas 79701.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 7th day of April, 1998.

BOLDRICK, CLIFTON, HOLLAND & ESSMAN
1801 West Wall
Midland, Texas 79701

By: James P. Boldrick
State Bar No. 02569000

ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE

603 Roommates Wanted

FEMALE ROOMMATE wanted to share expenses on 2 bedroom 2 bath home in country. References required. Call 684-7833 after 5 pm.

605 Apartments Furnished

1 BEDROOM apartment, living room, $250 monthly, $100 deposit. All bills paid, furnished. 686-8067.

TRAVEL INN MOTEL, 401 E. Texas, Midland. 682-9793. Cable. (Singles Weekly $77 plus tax; Monthly, $325).

1210 COLLEGE. Efficiency. Bills paid. $250 Monthly, $75 Deposit. Inquire at rear Apartment C.

1 OR 2 Bedroom Executive Apartment. Fully furnished- linens to coffee pot. All bills paid. Easy terms. Close to downtown. 682-3589.

605 Apartments Furnished

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610 Apartments Unfurnished

2 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 Bath, Fireplace, Attached Garage with All Appliances, Washer & Dryer. Approximately 1,300 sq ft: $475 Month, $300 Deposit. 422 W Pecan, Apartment C. 684-6869.

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$195 - 1 Bedroom
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ALL Utilities Paid! 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Deposit required, 683–5161.

LEASE- 1 Bedroom Duplex. 919-B Bentwood. Carport, storage building, nice yard, all appliances furnished. No pets. $325/ Month, $325/ Deposit. Call 697-1390.

$100 OFF 1st Full Month's Rent! Garden Court Apartments. One & two bedrooms. Very spacious! Monday- Friday, 12- 5:30. Call 683-9270.

LAS COLINAS, Midland's foremost townhouses, 1 bedroom, $495: 3 Bedroom, $695. Models open 3- 6 pm. except Sunday, 697-8770.

MARCH Winds have blown in special deals on our 1 bedroom dens and 2 bedroom, 2 baths. Awesome closet space! Call 520-5192.

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CREDIT PROBLEMS- Need a place to live? Call Misty- 688-3606.

SUTTON PLACE. King size. 2 bedroom Town home 1,450 sq. ft., 2 1/2 baths, fireplace, assigned covered parking. Available May 1st. Also 1 Bedroom apartment available now. 682-2423.

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THORNWOOD APARTMENTS Great prices, all sizes, great location. Free cable. 682–5381.

✔ SILVER CREEK APARTMENTS 2438 Whitmire, 687-0053. One, two and three bedrooms, washer/ dryer connections, large closets, fishing pond, and courtesy officer on premises. Don't miss our special, 1st month free on 1 and 2 bedrooms.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

CALL & CHECK Out our Specials! 1 & 2 bedroom duplexes & apartments. Some with W/ D provided. 520-4617.

625 Houses Unfurnished

$150 MONTHLY or accept valuables/ work. Bills paid. 507 North "A". Remodeled, painted, improvements. 682-3542.

BEAUTIFUL spacious homes $650. 4804 Thomason; 702 Storey (hardwood floors, character plus) Available now! 699-4461.

2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, carport, quiet neighborhood. $200 deposit, $350 monthly. Ready May 1st. For appointment call 686-0623.

NOW AVAILABLE 3 Bedroom, 1 bath. Huge yard! Covered carport, all appliances, storage building. $575/ Month. References and despot required. No vicious dogs. Hurry and call 687-6324.

LEASE- 1 Bedroom Duplex. 919-B Bentwood. Carport, storage building, nice yard, all appliances furnished. No pets. $325/ Month, $325/ Deposit. Call 697-1390.

2 BEDROOM, 1 bath HOUSE for rent,404 W. Estes. Call 683-5574.

5102 STOREY. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, shop/ storage area, high efficiency refrigerated air conditioner. $750 per month, Deposit $500. 689-6663.

LUXURIOUS 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath Duplex, with new carpet and tile. Extremely quite neighbor! $525 per month. 4808- B Harvard. 699-6724.

SEVERAL nice homes & apartments, $250-$725. Jeannie Printz, Agent 684-8202.

SPACIOUS, luxury property (in Odessa) for lease. 3 Bedrooms plus large game room or study and extra bath, gourmet kitchen with island, 2 garage. Contact Cindy Brown, Broker/ Owner with Realty Unlimited 550-5609.

GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD! 3 bedroom, 2 bath, central refrigerated air, fenced yard. $775 a month plus deposit. Call 694-4982.

2 BEDROOM DUPLEX, 217 A Circle Drive. Quiet, private, air, appliances, fenced, storage. $375/ $200 deposit. References. 694-0870.

NICE, REMODELED 2 bedroom duplex. Appliances furnished. $375 monthly, $200 deposit. No pets. 208 A Mitchell. 687-4198.

CLEAN 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. Henderson/ Goddard/ Midland High. $700/ $700, 697-8090.

FOR LEASE/ Sale: 1200 Tennessee. 3 Bedroom, 1 bath, utility room, water softener & reverse osmosis, refrigerated air. $525 a month. 684-6894.

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, 2 car carport, large living area. Parker/ Alamo/ Lee. Nice backyard for kids! Duplex. $750/ Month. Call RC (Skeet) Doss, Langston Realtors, 563-7300.

LEASE 1804 W. Michigan. 2 or 3 bedroom, hardwood floors with some carpet, 1 bath, big yard with rear parking. Available around April 1. Call 683-3540.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

LARGE 2 bedroom, 2 bath Duplex. Dining room, fireplace, garage, fenced yard. $500 monthly. 697-7097.

LOVELY 1 bedroom duplex. Handicap equipped.Newly decorated, private patio garden. $450/ deposit, bills paid. 682-5491.

3 BEDROOMS, 2 bath, Large living.$450 monthly, $225 Deposit, 682-2939. Leave Message. 1603 W. Kentucky.

FOR RENT: 2 & 3 Bedroom Duplexes. 1 & 2 Baths, Appliances. $350- $650 Rent plus Deposit. Call 699-6258 for Complete Information and Addresses.

640 Condo Townhome Unfurn.

LAFAYETTE PLACE- West Texas most elegant townhouse complex. 3 Bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths. $1,400. 684-0996.

1, 2 BEDROOMS 616- 887 ft. $295 and up. Garage, washer/ dryer, pool, fans. 689-8115.

2 BEDROOM, 2 bath Townhouse for lease near Alamo YMCA. Call 683-1091.

2, 3 BEDROOMS 1, 2 baths. 1,007- 1,391 Ft. Garage, washer/ dryer connections, microwave, fans. $660-$800/up. 689-8116, 697–9768.

3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 car garage, 1600 square feet. North West Midland $695 month. 694-7597 or 685-1980.

FAIRGATE Townhomes- 4400 Fairgate Drive. 2 & 3 Bedrooms 12 and 6 month leases. $750 & up. 1,600 sq. ft. Approx. All appliances, fireplaces, garages. Northwest side. 697-9566.

655 Mobile Homes Unfurnished

NOW AVAILABLE: 3 Bedroom homes starting at $475/ Month with all appliances, large fenced yards. References and deposit required. No vicious dogs. Hurry and call 687-6324.

660 Mobile Home Space for Rent

LOOK AT THE REST- THEN
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665 Bus. Prop./ Office Rentals

ALL SIZES and types of properties. Office, Warehouse, Retail. 800 to 40,000 square feet. 683–8681.

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FOUR ROOM Suite, ground floor, new paint and carpet. 700 sq. ft. Also 2 room suite, bills paid. Downtown. Don Roderick, Langston Realtors, 685-0400.

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LOCATION! LOCATION! 409 Andrews Highway; Retail/ office space, approximately 2,500 sq. ft. All or part. Call 683-5574.

667 Commercial Property

FOR LEASE- Commercial 2-Bay Shop. $550. Call 570-1990.

SALE/ LEASE. Office/ Retail Space. Approximately 1,875 sq ft. Call Brad, 570-1144.

ESTABLISHED 10 Year Beauty Salon Location in Odessa. Santa Fe Square- across from HEB. 580-0606.

688 Retail/ Stores

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670 Warehouses/ Storage for Rent

MINI WAREHOUSE. 510 N. Pecos- Downtown Area. 10 x 10, 10 x 15, 10 x 18- Some are temperature controlled. 24 Hour Access. Call 682-2728.

MIDLAND INDUSTRIAL Warehouse, 2601 W. Industrial, 4,500 sq. ft., dock high warehouse available. 684-3838.

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675 Recreation Resort

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LAZY DAY Cabins. Special 3 weekday nights, $99. Cloudcroft. 505-687-3693.

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685 Hunting Leases

ROCKSPRINGS, TEXAS. Deer Lease, Edwards County. White Tail, Turkey, Hogs, Dove, with cabin. 830-895-4045.

OZONA, TEXAS, Hunting lease available for '98 season. Large Deer, Turkey, Javelina. Cabin/ utilities. Call 830-896-0160.

690 Oil/Gas Leases

PRODUCING ROYALTY Interest- Wight Unit, Ector County, Texas. Price $25,000. Call (940)549-0406 for more information.

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GRASSLAND 5/3/3, 2-liv, frml. dining, 3300+ sqft. Call DENE	$219,900
NEW LISTING 3/2/2, lg. liv, seq. master, affordable. Call LYNN	$52,000
SELLER HELP 3/2/1, in-ground pool, new carpet, paint ANNA	$54,000
OASIS in Stanton 4/2/2, pool, lg. gar, lots of extras. Call LYNN	$86,500
REV 'EM UP! 5 car gar, 3/3, pool, new paint, carpet. Call NELDA	$125,000
FARM 'N SWIM lg. home, pool, acreage, more. Call LINDA	$129,000
IMMACULATE Gardendale, 4/2/2, 3-liv, 4-1/4 acres, pens. DENE	$165,000
5 BY 5-Greenwood 5 ac, 5-bed, 4 bath, 3 gar, Call DENE	$250,000
GREENWOOD-call LISA- 687-0595, 687-4419	
2 LIVING & STUDY Built '96, island kitch, formal din, 6.5 ac, GISD	$199,000
'97 CUSTOM 2 story, open kitchen/den, study, shop, 1.8 ac, GISD	$188,500
PRICE REDUCED 3/2/2, 1/2 ac, shop, RV cover, lots of "new", GISD	$79,900
BRING OFFERS! must sell. 2/2 shop on 1/2 acre. Cute! GISD	$57,000
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WITH NEW CARPET 3/2/1, ref. air, Wilshire area. Call DENE	$35,000
RE-DONE & REDUCED 3/2, 2-liv, divinely decorated. NW. ANNA	$50,000
LOW COST FHA FINANCING available for 2/1 home. LYNN.	$25,000
SOOO AFFORDABLE 2-bed, superb. Call & see it with DENE	$29,500
NEWER, CUTER cul-de-sac, 3/2/2, Bush sch., 1-yr old. RAYCHEL	$82,500
YOU NEED LIST of "new" in this Fairmont. 3/2/2. Ask for DENE	$83,000
GOING UP! 3/2/2, in Crestgate. Beautiful! You'll love it. Call LINDA	$115,000
TWO FOR ONE WITH OWNER FINANCING! Call DAVE	$43,000
COULD BE YOURS! townhouse, 3/3/2, 2-liv, wkshp. Call DENE	$130,000
THE RIGHT STUFF in Wydewood, 3/2/2, terrific! Call DENE	$84,500
SIMPLY "WUNNERFUL" Townhouse, 2/2/2. Call & see it with LYNN	$59,950
COMING SOON be first to see lg. 2/1, w/rental unit. Call ANNA	$35,000
LOTS OF NEW 3/2/2, jacuzzi bath in Wydewood. Call DENE	$93,300
TRINITY TOWNHOUSE new construction, 3/2/2. Call LINDA	$144,900
BIG HOUSE-LITTLE PRICE 4/2, 2-liv. As is. Call RAYCHEL	$25,000
WILSHIRE AREA 4/3, 2-living areas. Call & see it with BEN	$62,500
9 ACRES off 1788 on c/r 40. Your own ranchette. Just call DENE	$35,000
TWO(2) 3.8 ac. tract in restricted subdivision. Call LINDA	each $30,000
GREENWOOD new construction, 2/2/2, only 1 left. Call DENE	$92,500
GREENWOOD New-on-mkt. 3/2/2 lots of sqft. Call RAYCHEL	$99,500
GREENWOOD - Mobile Home lot, 1 1/2 ac. septic & water ANNA	$10,500
7.78 FENCED ACRES, 4 water wells, trees, off 1788	Call LINDA
ZONED COMM'L, Andrews Hwy, between hospitals.	$80,000 Call ANNA
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Bdrm.	Bedroom
Ba.	Bath
Kit.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA.	Non-Qualifying
	Assumable
QA.	Qualifying
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Ac.	Acre
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Galindo, Adam Garcia
DOB 3-4-71 152LBs 6'
Burg. Bldg/VOP
WRT# CR21441

Washington, Stacy Charmin
DOB 10-22-70 145LBs 5'5
Agg. Robbery/BF WRT# CR23202
Bond Jumping WRT# CR23574

Lujan, Juan Alonso
DOB 2-13-72 155LBs 6'
Poss. C/S Marj. o/5 u/50
WRT# CR23962

Molinar, Veronica
DOB 8-25-76 140LBs 5'7
Forgery by Passing VOP
WRT# CR22669

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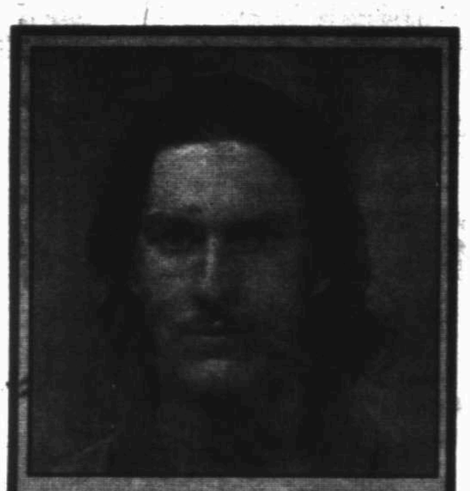
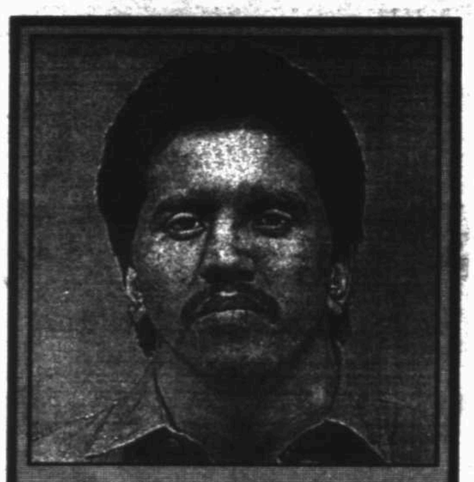
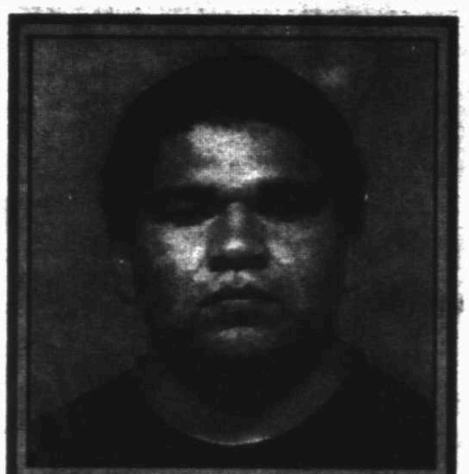


CHAMBERS, RONALD GENE
D.O.B. 5-20-75 5'8 125LBs
Criminal Mischief VOP
WRT# CRA21553



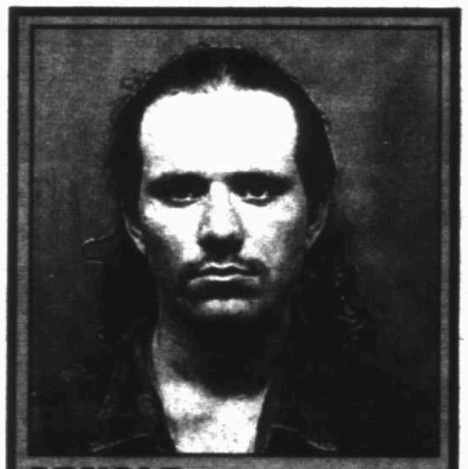
CASTANEDA, FRANCISCO BALDERAMA
D.O.B. 10-10-70 6' 146LBs
Felony DWI
WRT# CR23691

BLACK, LOUVINA MAE
D.O.B. 12-29-63 5'7 180LBs
Robbery-VOP
WRT# CRB20853



ROCHA, SAMMY GALINDO
D.O.B. 5-27-75 5'6 250LBs
Agg. Robbery VOP
WRT# CR19510
Burg. of Habitation
WRT# CR19250

ENRIQUEZ, CECILIO SOTELO
D.O.B. 4-28-79 5'6 140LBs
UUMV
WRT# CR23760



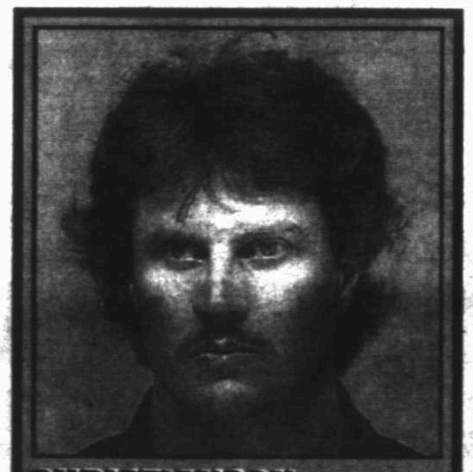
ARNOLD, JERRY ALLEN
D.O.B. 12-4-74 5'6 125LBs
Burg of Bldg VOP
WRT# CRC22931

ESPINOZA, MELISSA ANN
D.O.B. 7-19-70 5'1 115LBs
Forgery by Passing
WRT# CRC20223

SAMANIEGO, LUIS ALFREDO
D.O.B. 7-28-76 5'8 175LBs
Delivery of Controlled Sub.
WRT# CRD23162

HERNANDEZ, SIMON
D.O.B. 10-8-69 5'4 140LBs
Agg. Assault w/Deadly Weap.
WRT# CRD23041

MAYS, THOMAS LEE
D.O.B. 3-27-42 5'7 180LBs
Sexual Assault
WRT# CRB20587
Bail Jumping
WRT# CR23492



CHRISTIANSON, ROBERT CLARION
D.O.B. 6-3-65 5'6 145LBs
DWI VOP
WRT# CR20854

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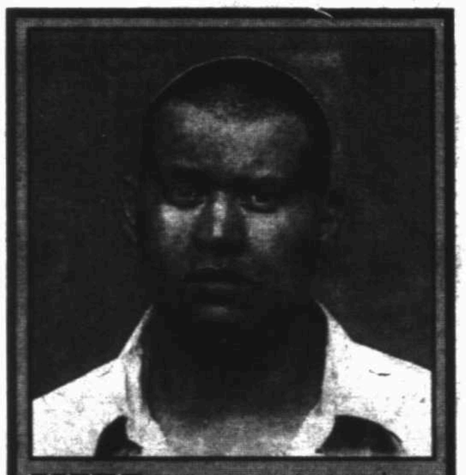
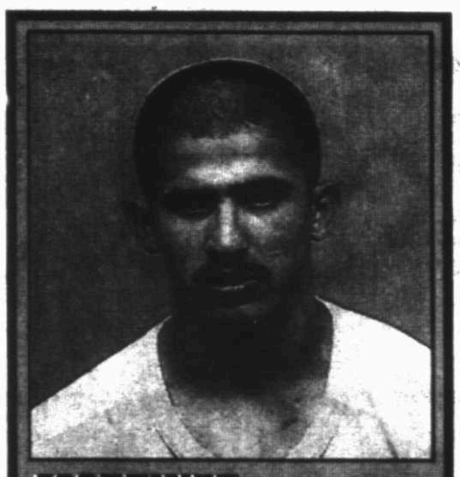
CHRISTON, TERESA LYNNE
D.O.B. 4-5-63 5'7 140LBs
Poss. Metham VOP
WRT# CRA18039

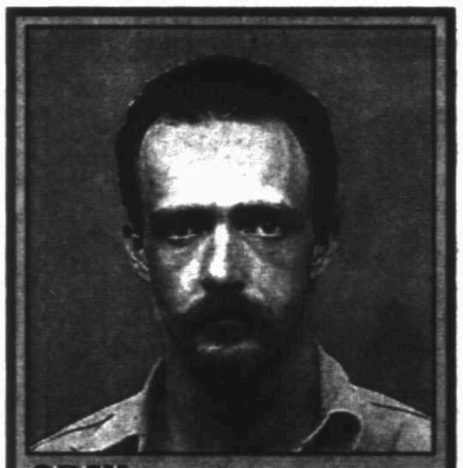


MEZA, JOSE VILLARREAL
D.O.B. 11-28-73 6' 220LBs
Burglary Bldg VOP
WRT# CRA18225

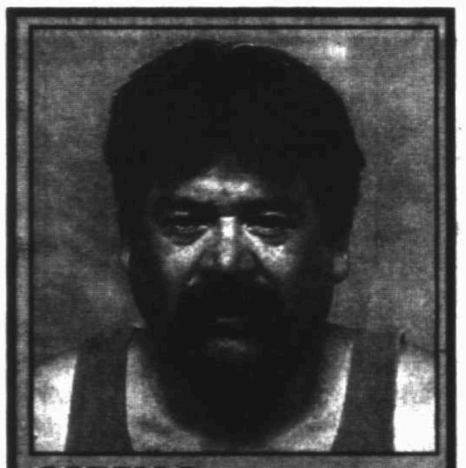


MARTINEZ, VICTOR DAVIN
D.O.B. 4-29-77 5'5 125LBs
Engaging Org. Crime Act.
VOP
WRT# CR23632

BARRAZA, PATRICIO
D.O.B.3-17-63 5'4 125LBs
Agg. Sex. Assit of a child
WRT# CR24077



GRAY, MICHAEL DALE
D.O.B. 1-5-69 6'1 135LBs
Poss. Cocaine VOP
WRT# CR21985
Bond Jumping VOP
WRT# CR23529



CABELLO, JOSE LUIS
D.O.B. 7-21-58 5'4 180LBs
Delivery of C/S Marijuana
WRT# CRD22401

LOPEZ, THOMAS JACINOTO III
D.O.B. 2-6-78 5'7 160LBs
Poss. Marij. o/50lbs
Surety Motion
WRT# CR24184

CARRASCO, JULIAN CARRASCO
D.O.B. 9-27-61 5'11 185LBs
Poss of C/S
WRT# CRD22958
Poss of C/S Cocaine
WRT# CRD22770

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B/F	=	Bond Forfeiture
CTSII	=	More than one count of the same charge
DUI	=	Driving Under the Influence (Same as DWI)
DWI	=	Driving While Intoxicated (Same as DUI)
DWLS	=	Driving While License Suspended
FTA	=	Failure to Appear
FTA/PSI	=	Failure to Appear/Pre-Sentence Investigation
Poss C/S	=	Possession of a Controlled Substance
Poss MJ	=	Possession of Marijuana
UUMV	=	Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle
VOP	=	Violation of Probation

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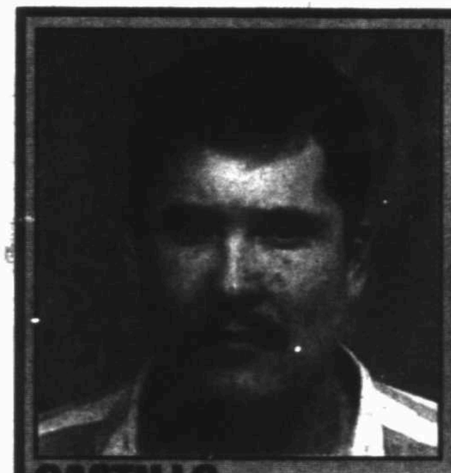
MARQUIS, SALOMON OLIVAS
D.O.B. 10-6-63 5'9 190LBs
Ind w/child Sexual Contact
WRT# CRD23084

CARROLL, GLEN ERIC
D.O.B. 7-25-69 5'8 175LBs
Burg. Bldg. Viol. Bond
WRT# CRB16097

RAMIREZ, DAVID
D.O.B. 4-6-56 5'10 150LBs
Poss. Heroin Less 28g/VOP
WRT# CRB19870



CASTILLO, ROBERTO FELIPE
D.O.B. 6-21-67 6'1 219LBs
Agg. Assault VOP
WRT# CRA19003

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D.O.B. 8-3-61 5'2 140LBs
Del. of Cocaine
Act. Transfer 1g
WRT# CR23965

VILLANUEVA, ISMAEL
D.O.B. 6-7-52 5'3 170LBs
Felony DWI/BF
WRT# CRA21949

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MIDLAND CRIME STOPPERS	MONTHLY	YEARLY
SUSPECTS ARRESTED	41	100
OFFENSES CLEARED	46	89
NARCOTICS SEIZED	$765	$1400
REWARDS PAID	$2250	$4200
PROGRAM INCEPTION DATE: 1984		

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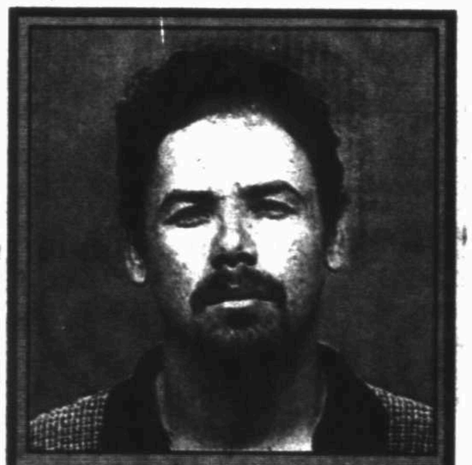

GALINDO, JOSE ALBERT
D.O.B. 4-30-74 5'10 170LBs
Fail to ID B/F
WRT# CR22942

BENITEZ, ROBERT
D.O.B. 8-6-75 5'8 140LBs
Burg of Habitation
WRT# CR23488

WILLIAMS, ANGELA KAY
D.O.B. 9-20-67 5'6 180LBs
Obtain C/S by Fraud
WRT# CR20658

ARMENTA, DANIEL PACHECO
D.O.B. 4-16-74 5'6 180LBs
Burg of Habitation
WRT# CRB23052

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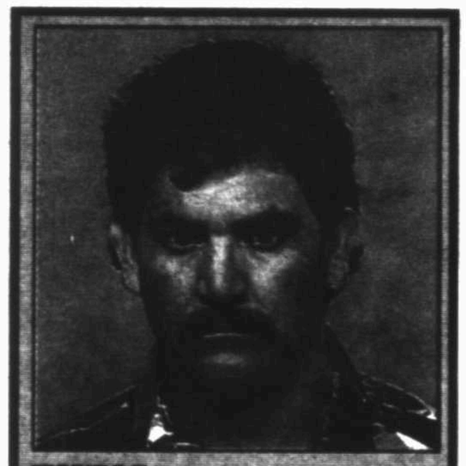

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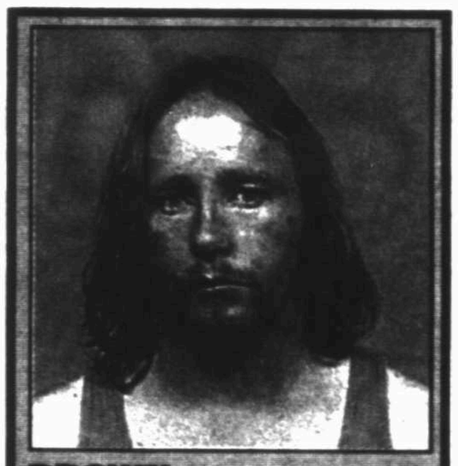

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Felony DWI/VOP
WRT# CRA22264
Felony DWI/VOP
WRT# CRA22267

NINO, CORNELIO IBARRA
D.O.B. 2-4-60 5'6 190LBs
DWI 3rd or more VOP
WRT# CR22046

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GONZALEZ, LEOCADIO RODRIGUEZ
D.O.B. 1-28-58 5'5" 155LBS
Aggravated Sexual Assault
WRT# CRB20861

CASS, GREGORY PATRICK
D.O.B. 4-7-67 5'5 140LBs
Felony DWI
WRT# CRB18556

CORELLA, MARTHA
D.O.B. 3-2-68 5'5 110LBs
Tampering w/govt records
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RANDOLPH, JAMES EDWARD
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Poss of C/S BF
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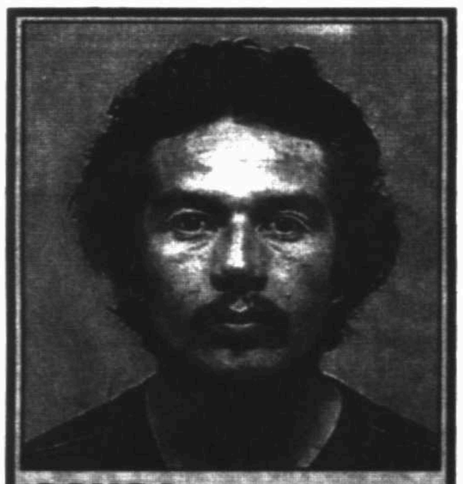

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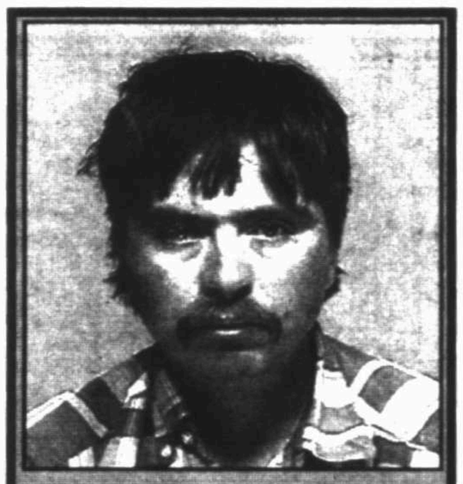

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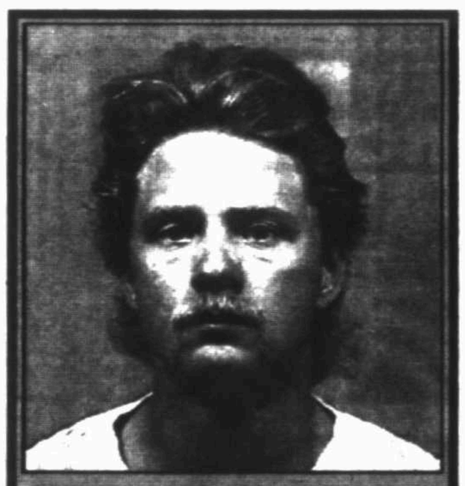

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Theft O/$750 VOP
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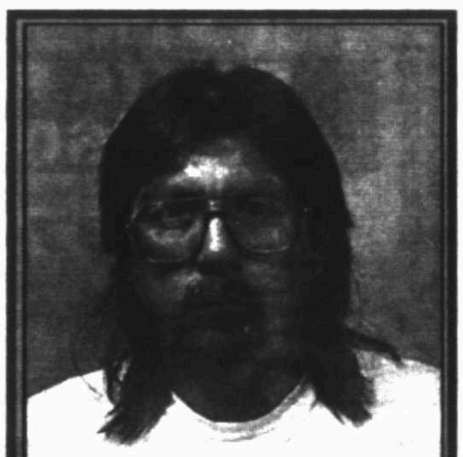

REYES, GARBIL MARTINEZ
D.O.B. 1-29-54 5'6 145LBs
Criminal Non-Support VOP
WRT# CRB22912

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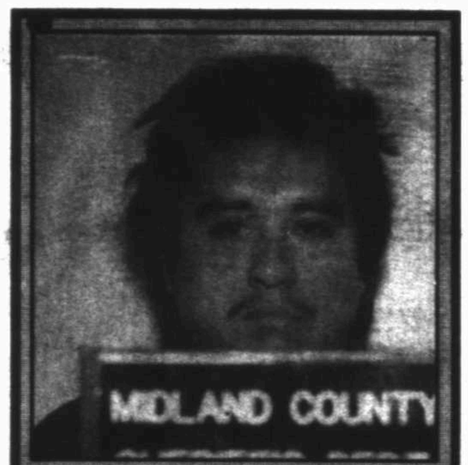
CONWRIGHT, CEDRIC WADE
D.O.B. 8-24-58 6'2 240LBs
Theft by Repetition
WRT# CR24107



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Theft of Property o/$750 VOP
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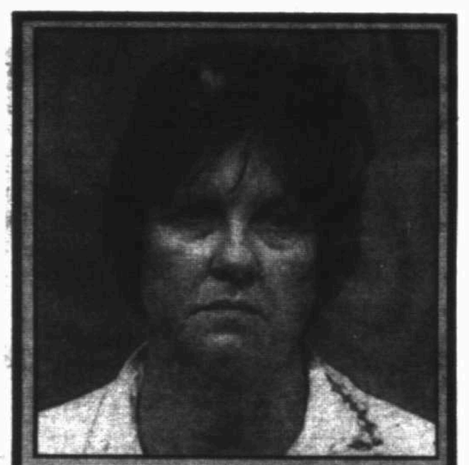

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D.O.B. 10-1-47 5'2 150LBs
Bond Jumping VOP
WRT# CR21847

POWELL, SANDRA SEGURA
D.O.B. 1-21-78 5'5 105LBs
Theft over/$1500 u/$20,000
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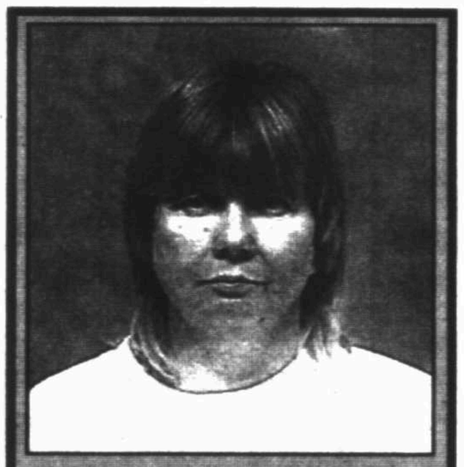

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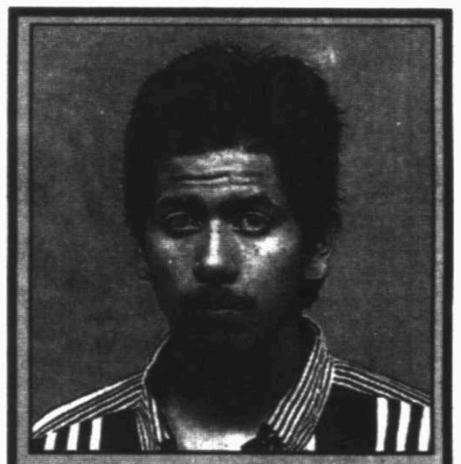
Forgery VOP
WRT# CR23366



TOVAR, PEDRO FLORES, JR.
D.O.B. 10-21-78 5'9 120LBs
Eng. Org. Crim. Act. VOP
WRT# CR22179

SHERIFF, BARBARA ANN
D.O.B. 4-4-57 5'1 110LBs
Fraud Prescription
WRT# CR24144

CRIMESTOPPERS CRIME OF THE WEEK

This week Midland Crime Stoppers needs your help in solving a credit card abuse case.

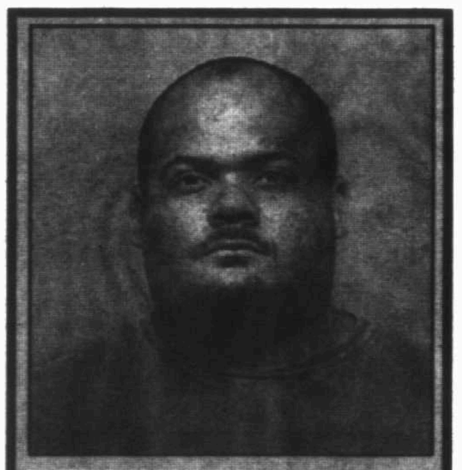
On February 21, two females, possibly hispanic, went to several convenience stores and used a stolen Fina credit card to purchase miscellaneous items.

The first suspect is described as being heavy set with black hair and approximately 20 years old. The second suspect is described as being slender with black hair and approximately 18 years old.

Each time the suspects went into the stores, they passed the credit card to the store clerk and forged the name of Teresa Simmons on the credit card receipts.

If you have any information on this crime or any other felony crime, call Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCKUP. Remember, you can remain anonymous and no caller ID is ever used.

I'm Sgt. Jim Crouse for Midland Crime Stoppers.



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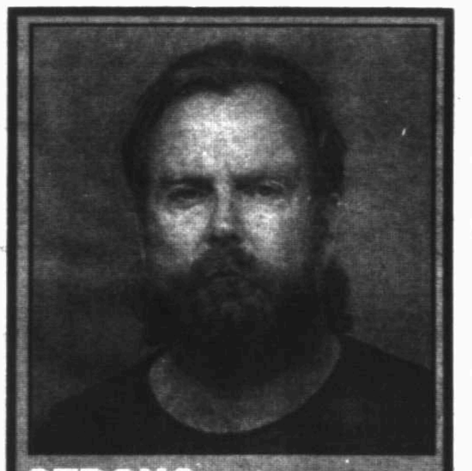
D.O.B. 12-11-72 5'11 265LBs
Del Cocaine>28gms VOP
WRT# CRB20352



STRONG, DANIEL DEGRAFFENR, JR.
D.O.B. 10-24-51 6' 275LBs
Theft of Prop o/750
WRT# CRB21680
Credit Card Abuse
WRT# CRB22283

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WHITLEY, JAKE
D.O.B. 2-26-30 6'2 218LBs
Poss. Cocaine VOP
WRT# CR21910

WINSTEAD, JAMES ALEXANDER
D.O.B. 10-26-79 5'9 155LBs
Credit Card Abuse 2x
WRT# CR23676
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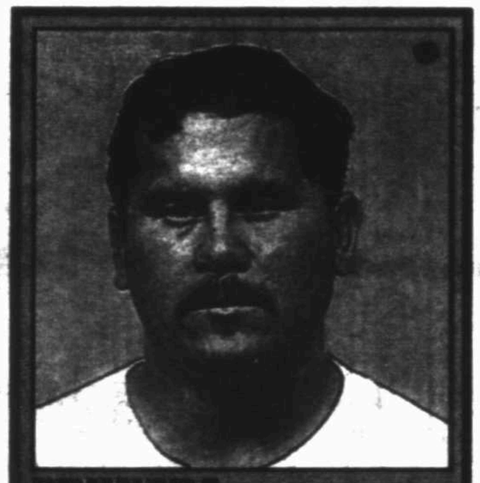
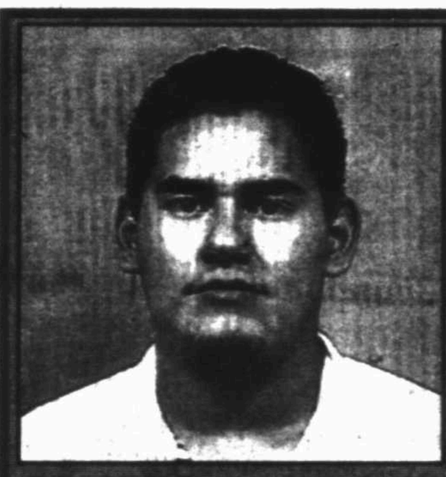


PRUNEDA, JUAN LUIS
D.O.B. 2-10-80 5'8 200LBs
Indecency w/child
WRT# F37105



BRISENO, GABRIEL UMBERTO
D.O.B. 9-17-75 5'11 210LBs
Burg. of Bldg VOP
WRT# CR22996

MENDOZA, PATRICIA ESTRADA
D.O.B. 10-20-66 5'6 165LBs
Poss. Cocaine B/F
WRT# CR23145

GUERRERO, NATIVIDAD, JR.
D.O.B. 11-23-68 5'5 220LBs
Poss. Cocaine 2cts
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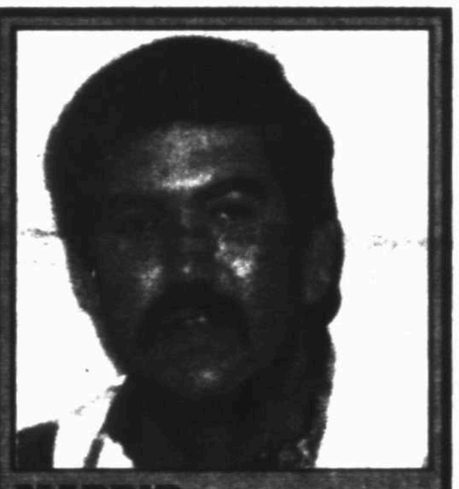
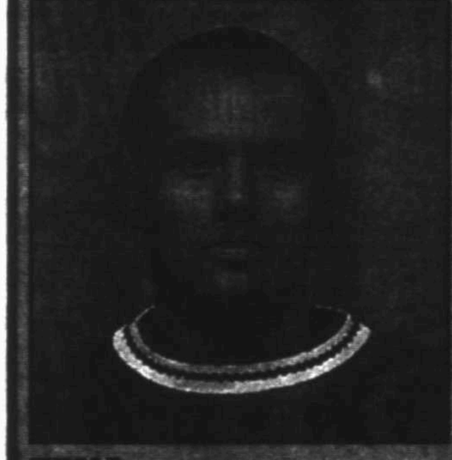


MADRID, JUAN aka Johnny
D.O.B. 3-28-68 230LBs 6'4
Murder
WRT# CRA22675



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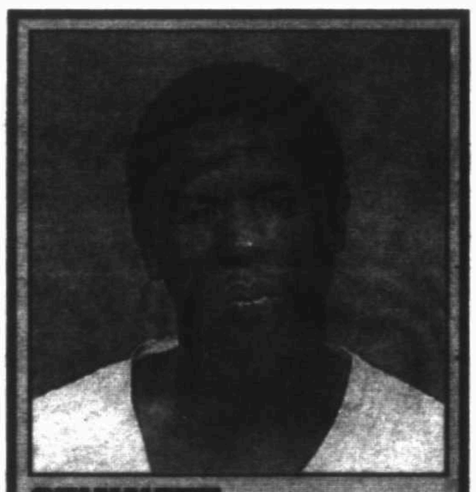
D.O.B. 7-25-78 5'6 178LBs
Eng in Org. Crim Act.
Agg. Assault
WRT# F18082



STINNETT, CURTIS RAY
D.O.B. 9-9-61 5'10 210LBs
Theft by Repetition
WRT# CR24090

Door to door sales: Watch Out!

WHAT IS A DOOR TO DOOR SALE?

Products frequently misrepresented by door-to-door salespeople include home improvements such as siding and storm windows, funeral service contracts, books, and magazines. There are some specific legal definitions of door-to-door sales that determine what is covered by the law and what is not. A door-to-door sale (the law calls it a "home solicitation transaction") takes place whenever a consumer purchases goods or services, a a place other than the merchant's place of business, for more than $25 payable in cash or installments. However, there are some exceptions and restrictions to this law that you should be aware of:

- Sales of insurance and farm equipment are not regulated by this law.
- Real estate purchases under $100 made at a place other than the merchant's place of business are not covered by this law.
- A sale where an attorney or broker assists in the transaction is not covered by this law.
- The solicitation must be made in person, not over the phone, in order for the law on door-to-door sales to apply.
- This law does not protect you if you negotiated the sale at the merchant's business establishment and the sale is the result of those negotiations.

WATCH OUT FOR TRICKS

- Be suspicious of anyone who tries to sell by playing on your emotions. For example, some sellers will suggest you are shirking your responsibilities to your family if you don't buy their product.
- Be suspicious of salespeople who tell you they are selling their service or product at the lowest price or tell you that their competitors do poor quality work.
- Be suspicious of salespeople who say they have done other work in your city or neighborhood but refuse to give you the names of some past customers.

Ask yourself how you will get your money back if the salesperson doesn't deliver or if the product is defective. If you buy from a reputable local business, you can always take the product back. If you buy from a fly-by-night seller, chances are you'll never see him or her again.

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