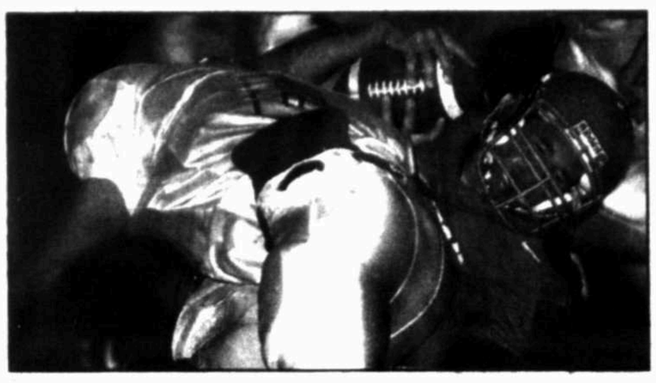


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OPEC announces cuts through March

■ Cartel pledges to maintain current production levels, which removed 4.3 million barrels a day from the market, and sent prices to more than $24.

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

The Permian Basin is breathing easier today following an announcement by Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) oil ministers that the petroleum cartel would stick to current production cuts until March 2000 and maybe beyond.

The 11 oil ministers, meeting in Vienna, Austria, pledged to maintain current levels of production that have removed 4.3 million barrels per day from the market since February, sending oil prices from record lows to more than $24 a barrel.

The ministers issued a communique saying they hope to see prices increase further, and expressed concern over what they say is a continuing oil surplus in world markets. The communique said OPEC will review market conditions in March 2000 and act to ensure continued market stability.

OPEC Secretary General Rilwanu Lukman of Nigeria, speaking at a news conference, said he would not rule out the possibility that group members would keep producing at these levels beyond next March.

Representatives from four non-OPEC producers — Mexico, Russia, Oman and Angola — also expressed support for continued cuts in output.

Higher oil prices, which began a slow climb in February and have succeeded in turning the Permian Basin economic index from a steep nosedive to a slow climb, have been the salvation of many Permian Basin companies and jobs. It has also been the salvation of some OPEC economies that were severely affected by the price crash. Two of them, Venezuela and Saudi Arabia, were borrowing to meet social obligations.

Oil price stability quickly became a matter of controversy, however, when Sen. Charles Shumer (D-N.Y.) told the Wall Street Journal that he had written to President Clinton and Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson, asking them to initiate sales of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to help drive prices down.

"The U.S. can and should defend itself from what amounts to nothing less than economic warfare," he said, calling OPEC's decision to maintain quota cuts and keep oil prices above the $20 level, "unreasonable and irresponsible."

Harold Hamm, chairman of Save Domestic Oil (SDO), an independent group that has filed a lawsuit against Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Venezuela and Iraq for selling crude oil in the United States at prices below the cost of production, said Shumer's remarks were typical of a politician from an oil-

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Pet project

Midlander joins city in its battle against pet overpopulation

Through the first eight months of the year, Midland Animal Control has handled almost 4,100 dogs, 2,700 cats and 600 wildlife and livestock.

Of the animals handled, the large majority of dogs — 2,300 — and cats — 1,876 — have been euthanized. Only 700 dogs and 60 cats have been returned to their owners and 350 dogs and 93 cats adopted by new owners.

"We have to euthanize every day," said Coy Willis, director of the city's animal shelter.

It's a problem Beth McAlpine hopes to solve as she tries to form a fund-raising auxiliary.

"The goal is to form a group to raise funds to fund spaying and neutering clinics and a group of people to go into the schools and talk to students in elementary schools, junior highs and even the high schools about pet responsibility and at the end of the talk make a plea to spay or neuter their pets," she said.

Beth McAlpine hopes to form an auxiliary that would raise funds for spaying and neutering clinics and to educate pet owners.

Willis said the shelter auxiliary "could help get the word out that these are adoptable, viable animals. The only problem is there aren't enough homes. There are two solutions to the problem of overcrowded shelters. One is education about adopting from a shelter and the second is controlling the pet overpopulation."

Damon Wright, shelter manager at the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), said, "You cannot overemphasize the importance of spaying and neutering. Anything done toward that goal is beneficial."

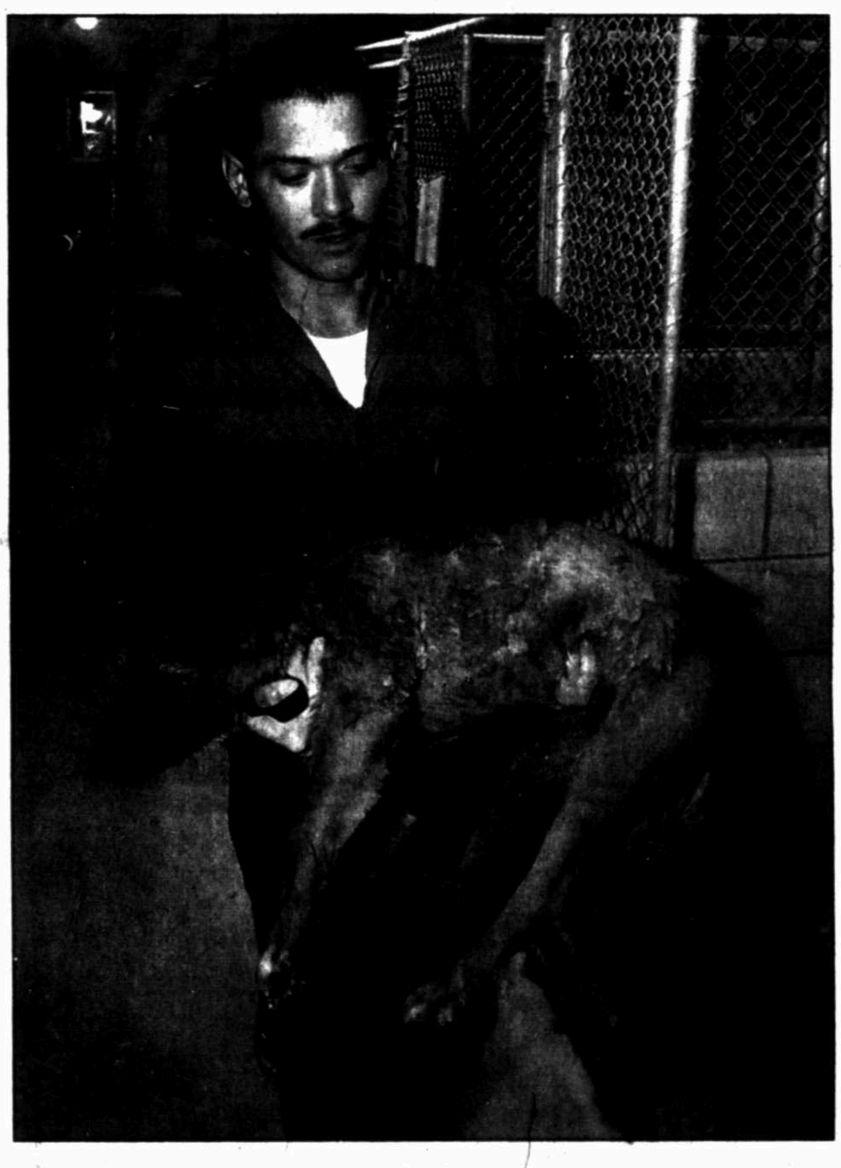
With the economic turmoil the area saw earlier this year because of the sharp drop in energy prices, Wright said his shelter has seen a high increase in dumping and forfeiture of pets and fewer people wanting to adopt pets. And the ones looking for pets are more selective, he said.

"The glut has been high since May," he said. "We are at capacity and have been staying that way."

The SPCA shelter benefits from an auxiliary that operates the Wags to Riches thrift store and holds the annual Cause for Paws benefit to raise funds for the shelter.

Anne Coller, a volunteer at the store, estimates that in a year the store raises $18,000 to benefit the shelter.

She said she would like to follow the example





Kennel technician Josh Siruta, above, carries a dog to its cage after it was dipped Wednesday at Midland Animal Control. Of 4,100 dogs rounded up this year, about 700 were returned to their owners and another 350 adopted out, officials said. At left, one of about 2,700 cats taken in this year awaits a home or euthanasia. About 60 have been returned to their owners and 93 adopted out, animal control officials said.

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Story by Mella McEwen | Photos by Brian Adamcik

TAAS lawsuit raises varied local sentiment

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

The search for equality in education is of particular interest in Midland and the recent Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund lawsuit against the state of Texas is no different.

The lawsuit to end the use of TAAS tests as a high school exit requirement draws specific interest because the judge sitting over the case, U.S. District Judge Edward Prado, is the same judge overseeing Midland's search for unitary status.



Lara

MALDEF is claiming that the Texas Academic Assessment Skills test keeps Hispanic students from graduating and even results in many students giving up and dropping out. Although Prado didn't allow the charge, MALDEF also claimed that state education officials had intentionally discriminated against minorities with the TAAS.

Local sentiment about the issue seems to vary.

MISD Trustee George Lara didn't feel he had enough information to form an opinion, although he did recognize there is a disparity between Anglo and minority performance on the test.

"I know there is a gap between the minority and the majority population in the TAAS testing but I don't know if that's because of ethnic bias or not," said Lara.



Fuller

Trustee James Fuller made similar comments.

"I haven't looked at the data but I can say that there are parents who are not necessarily Hispanic who believe that tests in general are ethnically biased," Fuller said.

"From my knowledge and involvement, I am aware that the state goes through an extensive procedure to make sure the tests are not culturally biased," said Midland Independent School District Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr., adding that he personally doesn't think there is any ethnic bias on the TAAS.

He did admit that minority passing rates on the TAAS are lower than that of Anglo students. In fact, only 53.3 percent of Hispanic Midland 10th-graders passed all sections of the TAAS test in 1998. Fifty-one percent of black Midland 10th-graders passed all tests, compared to 85.1 percent of white 10th-graders.

All Texas seniors must have passed the exit TAAS exam before receiving a high school diploma. Those not passing the TAAS but completing the requisite number of credits are given certificates of completion.

"It is a reality that there are more minority students not graduating high school because of the TAAS test," said Baressi, "Whether that's discrimination, or a shortcoming on ability of schools and parents to bring their children to that level or not is another matter."

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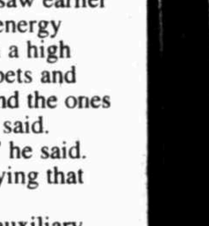
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Deliberations to resume in dragging death trial



Lawrence R. Brewer, left, father of defendant Lawrence R. Brewer Jr., shakes the hand of James Byrd, father of dragging victim James Byrd Jr. The men were at the Brazos County Courthouse Wednesday, awaiting the jury's decision in the punishment phase of Brewer's trial.

AP Photo

BRYAN (AP) — A jury failed to reach a decision Wednesday on punishment for former prison gang leader Lawrence Russell Brewer, the white supremacist convicted of capital murder for the chaining and dragging death of a black East Texas man last year.

After hearing testimony over eight days, the panel had two options: life in prison or death. Deliberations began just before 10 a.m. but after more than 11 hours, the jury said it wanted to resume discussions this morning.

Brewer's former prison pal, John William King, 24, already is on death row, convicted and condemned in February for the murder of James Byrd Jr. A third man, Shawn Allen Berry, 24, is set to be tried next month. Prosecutors also will seek the death penalty in that case.

The jury early in its deliberations asked to see some of Brewer's letters and a portion of his testimony that described events immediately preceding Byrd's death. Those were pro-

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Barak's journey to new Berlin peaks at Holocaust memorial

BERLIN, Germany (AP) — To a cantor's mournful chant of the dreaded names of death camps, Israel's prime minister joined Germany's chancellor Wednesday at the ruins of a Nazi crematorium, the emotional peak of a charged visit to a resurgent Berlin.

The ceremony, like the rest of Ehud Barak's trip, was carefully crafted to recognize the sensitivities of the Jewish state. Although Barak was not the first Israeli leader to visit the Sachsenhausen concentration camp near Berlin, he was the first since Germany reclaimed the one-time seat of Nazi power as its capital.

He also was the first state visitor invited since the changeover — a way for Germany to show it recognizes a special responsibility to those who might be offended.

The day was strong on symbolism, beginning with Barak's entourage. It included three aging, frail survivors of Sachsenhausen who now live in Israel, and a group of vibrant Israeli teenagers, meant to represent the strength of the country.

"I'm proud to be here," said 19-year-old Yuval Ronen, a soldier. He was accompanied by his grandfather, Yerachmiel Bahir, a 77-year-old Sachsenhausen survivor.

"It's important to be here for my grandfather, of course, who suffered so much here," said Ronen, dressed in uniform. "But also to represent our country. We are here, and we are strong."

Yet he also echoed a new generation of Israelis when he said he'd sampled the sights of Berlin, and had no trouble being in Germany.

"My grandmother refuses to come, but I have no problem with it," he said.

Still, emotions run deep among older Israelis, some of whom had deep objections to Barak's visit.

"A thousand years will pass and the disgrace of Germany will not pass," Dov Shilansky, a Holocaust survivor and former Israeli parliament speaker, said by telephone from Israel. "And yet, we, the Jews, have to be those who jump at the chance to attend every German celebration?"

The sensitivities were apparent in the planning of Barak's 24-hour journey. A contemplated tour of the recently reopened Reichstag, once again the seat of the German parliament, was scuttled. Most Israeli officials said that was due to scheduling constraints, but others indicated the reason was more emotional.

The Reichstag has strong associations with the Nazi era, even though Hitler never governed from the building and the Nazis are believed to have set it on fire in 1933.

At Sachsenhausen, chosen for the visit due to its proximity to Berlin, the leaders passed through an iron gate with the Nazi slogan "Arbeit Macht Frei," a cynical pledge to the 200,000 inmates interned there from 1936-45 that work would free them.

Standing side by side near the ruins of a crematorium built in 1943, both men issued pleas for tolerance.

"We owe it to the dead, but also to ourselves and our children, that we win the fight against hate and contempt for humanity and lay a secure basis for a peaceful future," Schroeder said.

He stressed the government's determination to preserve the benign democracy fostered by his predecessors in Bonn, the Cold War capital.

"This democracy has a special responsibility through its policies to protect human rights," he said.

Barak, for his part, spoke of the need to pass on to new generations the story of "the evil that befell our people."

He proclaimed: "We will defend ourselves and every Jew, wherever they are. We swear that as long as we can still breathe, there will be no more Auschwitz, no more death marches of Jews into gas chambers, no more mass graves."

As the two leaders prepared to lay wreaths on the brick ruins, an Israeli student played a call to mourning on a trumpet, and Berlin's chief cantor, Estro Nachama, chanted the names that evoke such horror: Auschwitz, Treblinka, Buchenwald, and many others.

A 17-year-old Israeli, Nurit Cohen, sang a lilting Hebrew song that symbolizes anti-Nazi resistance, and the ceremony closed with the Israeli anthem, Hatikvah. The German anthem was not played.

The two leaders toured a barracks that was burned in a 1992 arson fire at the camp blamed on neo-Nazis, shortly after a visit by former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The barracks have been restored, though charred beams were left as a sharp reminder.

Though the thrust of Barak's visit to Germany was mainly symbolic, he also discussed Middle East peace with its leaders.

He had more substantive discussions on the issue with French President Jacques Chirac, whom he met with for two hours in Paris later Wednesday.



AP Photo

Israel's Prime Minister Ehud Barak, center, lays a wreath in front of a memorial at the former Nazi concentration camp in Sachsenhausen north of Berlin on Wednesday. Barak is on a two-day state visit to Germany.

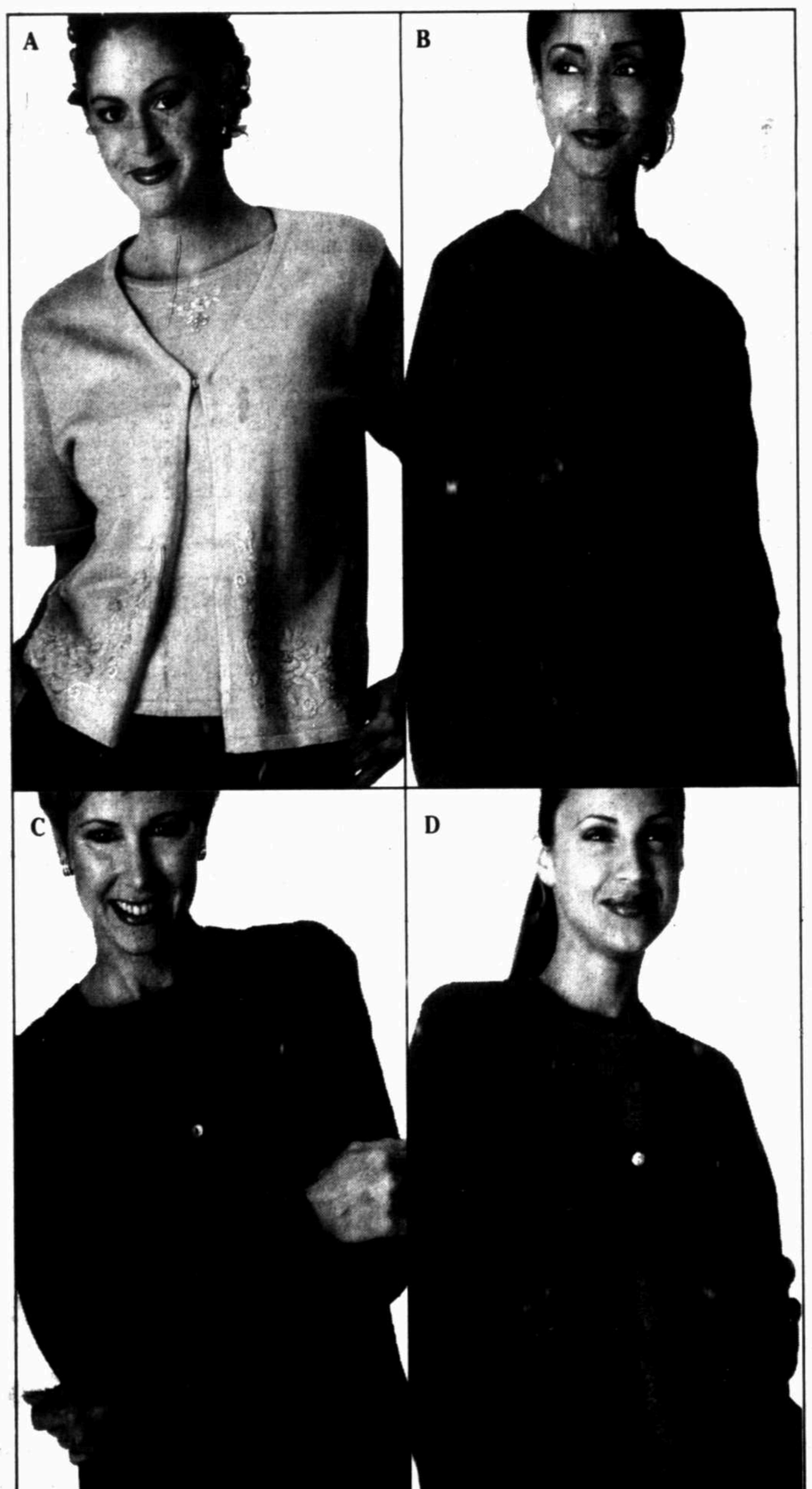
Chirac is keen to play an important role in Middle East peacemaking, as a counterweight to U.S. influence. The French leader held an unexpected meeting with Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa over the weekend, and was expected to be carrying a message from the Syrians for Barak.

Barak has made it clear, however, that Israel prefers that France and Europe in general serve only as a "security net" for talks, not as a direct intermediary.




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Peacekeepers calm looters; journalist dies

DILI, East Timor (AP) — Struggling to keep the situation in East Timor under control, peacekeepers stopped crowds of hungry refugees from looting Wednesday, collected weapons from pro-Indonesian militias and sent an advance team into the territory's second-largest city.

But in the first show of defiance toward the international force, armed men killed one Western journalist and attacked two others, raising fears that the peacekeepers themselves could come under attack as they deploy into more areas outside Dili.

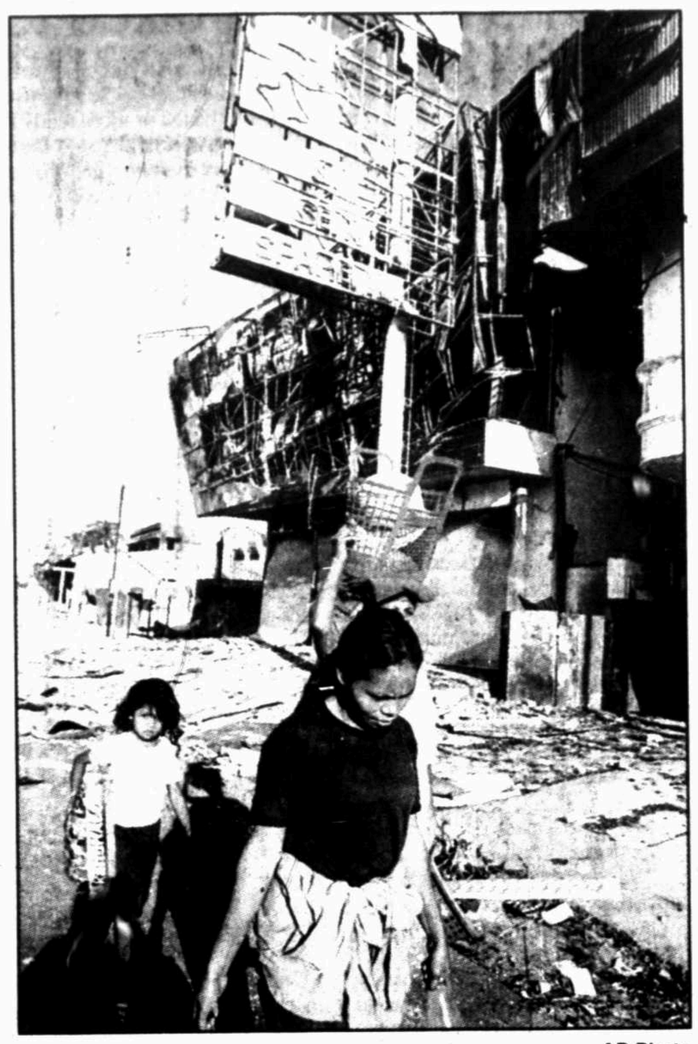
Many Indonesians accuse the foreign media of stirring up problems in East Timor and conspiring with the United Nations to rig the outcome of an Aug. 30 referendum, in which East Timorese voted overwhelmingly to become independent from Indonesia.

"It would appear that the militia have attempted to step up some activities as a show that all is not yet secure. Well, I would agree with that," said Australian Maj. Gen. Peter Cosgrove, commander of the peacekeeping force.

Cosgrove said he did not have enough soldiers to protect all of the residential areas in East Timor's ravaged capital, Dili.

Thousands of East Timorese descended from the hills Wednesday morning and stormed a government warehouse, looting 110-pound sacks of rice, sugar and tins of cooking oil. Indonesian guards were overwhelmed, but peacekeepers soon arrived and brought the crowd under control without using force.

Relief efforts, which began again Wednesday, were expected to pick up Thursday. Food drops had been suspended since Monday in favor of airlifting peacekeepers and supplies for the multinational force.



AP Photo

East Timorese residents walk through a destroyed pro-independence neighborhood as they return home in the provincial capital of Dili, East Timor, east of Jakarta, on Wednesday.

Less than half the force, expected to number 7,500, was in the territory by Wednesday. Despite the paucity of troops, 150 peacekeepers flew in Blackhawk helicopters to East Timor's second-largest city, Baucau, to secure the airport, said Brig. Mark Evans, land forces commander.

The militia violence has waned since the peacekeepers' arrival Monday, but in the Dili suburb of Becora, Dutch journalist Sander Thoenes was killed, officials said Wednesday. Thoenes, a 30-year-old reporter for London's Financial Times newspaper, had disappeared after being attacked Tuesday.

In a separate attack, two other journalists were ambushed and managed to escape. Their driver was severely wounded.

At the United Nations in New York, Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas said he deeply regretted Thoenes' death.

Russian public pays its last respects to Raisa Gorbachev

MOSCOW (AP) — Several thousand Russians paid their last respects Wednesday to Raisa Gorbachev — and some also asked forgiveness for a nation that reviled her while she lived for being the antithesis of the typical Soviet leader's wife.

Mrs. Gorbachev's death Monday, after a battle with acute leukemia, has prompted an outpouring of veneration from ordinary Russians.

"That's a peculiarity of our nation — they know how to bury, but they can't honor the living," said one mourner, Yelena Bondarenko.

A solemn procession for the wife of former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev lined up outside the Russian Culture Fund, which she founded. Mourners waited more than an hour to lay flowers at the foot of her coffin, which was heaped with blossoms.

The mourners were mostly women, and mostly middle-aged or elderly — about the same age as Mrs. Gorbachev, who died at 67. They also were members of a generation that had bitterly resented her for — unlike the wives of previous Soviet leaders — being stylish, sophisticated and outspoken.



AP Photo

Former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev, with his daughter Irina at his side, weeps during a ceremony paying last respects to Raisa Gorbachev in Moscow Wednesday. Mrs. Gorbachev's body was flown from Germany after she lost her battle with leukemia on Monday.

World leaders including President Clinton, French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder sent condolences to the Gorbachev family.

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and President Boris Yeltsin's wife, Naina, along with several other government and parliamentary leaders, came to pay tribute at Mrs. Gorbachev's coffin.

Pope tells young people he plans visit to Holy Land

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Israeli and Palestinian youths won from Pope John Paul II something that so far has eluded their political leaders — a firm pledge that he plans to visit the Holy Land.

"You know that, if God wills, I plan to go to the Holy Land on a pilgrimage tracing the stages of the history of salvation," John Paul said in a written message he gave to a group of three young people Wednesday. "God willing, therefore, we shall have the chance to meet again on your own soil."

Until now, John Paul has spoken of such a trip as a hope more than a plan.

A stop in the Holy Land — in both Israel and Palestinian-controlled territories — is on a proposed itinerary the pope has sketched for pilgrimages across the Middle East.

The trips could begin as early as December with a visit to Ur, the Biblical birthplace of Abraham in what is now Iraq, although no date has been fixed.

The United States and the Iraqi opposition have expressed misgivings, claiming the trip would be a propaganda coup for Iraqi Saddam Hussein. John Paul insists no political significance should be attached to any of the trips.

Three young people representing the Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths met with John Paul during his general audience in St. Peter's Square. They represented the Peres Center for Peace, founded three years ago to promote peace and reconciliation among Israelis and Palestinians.

A stop in the Holy Land will be "a big step for us and for him," said Reem Shadid, 15, a Muslim. "We are all waiting for him to come in March."

The Vatican has never given a date, but there are expectations the trip will take place in March.

In his message, the pope encouraged the youth in their efforts at reconciliation. By the time he visits, the pope said, "I trust that ... you will have begun your venture and that together we will be able to see its first fruits."

Taiwanese die in rubble, anger builds

TUNGSHIH, Taiwan (AP) — In hushed voices, people talked about victims crying through the night, beneath the hulk of fallen concrete and brick that was once a 14-story apartment building.

By Wednesday, the second day of Taiwan's earthquake disaster, the moans and pleas for help were fading away, one by one. Neighbors were full of grief and anger, saying more should have been done to dig out their friends and families.

Tuesday's quake, which was followed the next day by three strong aftershocks, killed 2,003 people, injured 4,400 and left 100,000 homeless, the Disaster Management Center said.

About 500 emergency workers from 14 countries arrived to help out, but Wednesday's search efforts resulted in only nine rescues of the estimated 2,600 people still trapped in crushed buildings.

His arms crossed tightly on his chest, Chou Jing-jum frantically told anyone who would listen that his son had been left to die under the debris.

"There was a voice yesterday. It was my son's girlfriend, who was with him, crying out for her father," Chou said over and over. He was too consumed with agony to say what his son's name was.

"Nobody came to dig them out," Chou finally said.

Chou had tried to dig his son out, and had gotten so far into the wreckage that he found some business cards from his son's room. But emergency workers stopped him from going in deeper, fearful he would be buried by aftershocks.

Whispering, so as not to upset neighbors standing nearby who have missing family members, several others described how an unidentified, trapped woman continued to cry into the early morning hours Wednesday but had stopped by daylight.

A large crowd spent much of the day staring at the top of buildings that had fallen and completely blocked off the street, once a lively strip of noodle stands, convenience stores and other small shops.

Nearby, scores of rescue volunteers and soldiers chatted idly, waiting for the tools and expertise they said they would need to uncover those buried under tons of unstable slabs of building material.

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Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high at 80-85 and southerly winds blowing at 5-15 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for fair skies with a low in the mid-50s.

Friday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high in the upper 80s.

Friday night's forecast calls for fair skies with lows in the 50s.

After an overnight low of 48, Wednesday's high reached 77, compared to the record high for that date of 100 set in 1977. The record low of 42 was set in 1995.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Wednesday	.00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday	.00 in.
Total for month	0.95 in.
Total for year	7.32 in.
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Yesterday's temperatures

High	77
low	48
Normal high	83
Normal low	59

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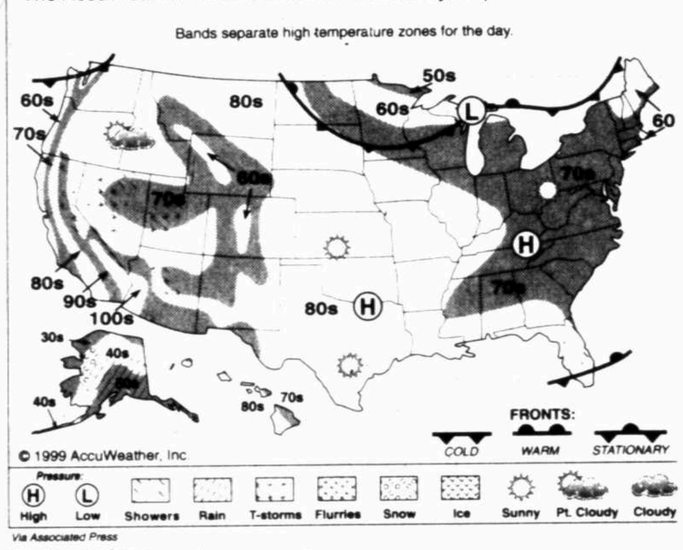
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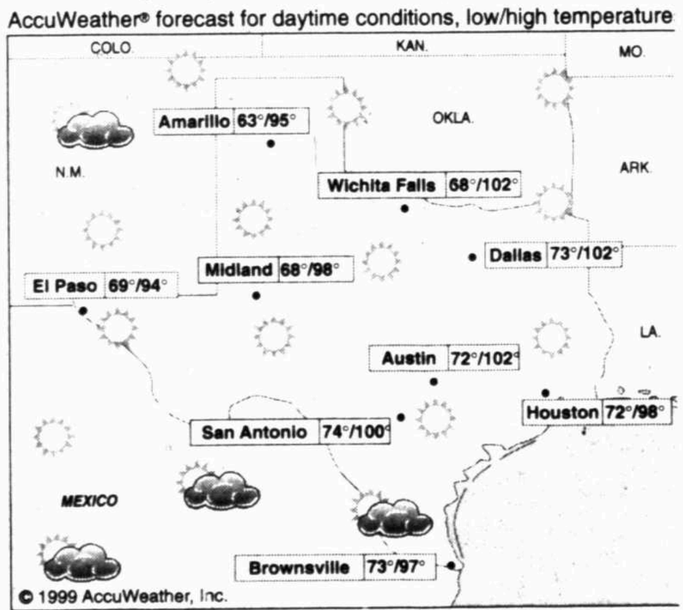
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Richmond	65	50	.38	clr
Roanoke	67	48	clr	
Rochester	59	45	clr	
Rockford	73	36	clr	
Sacramento	90	62	cdy	
St Louis	74	43	clr	
Salem,Ore	88	52	cdy	
Salt Lake City	81	52	cdy	
San Diego	73	67	.02	clr
San Francisco	67	56	.09	cdy
Santa Fe	77	42	cdy	
Sioux City	84	40	cdy	
Sioux Falls	82	38	cdy	
South Bend	70	38	clr	
Spokane	86	51	clr	
Springfield,Ill	72	36	clr	
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	80	69	cdy	
Tucson	96	79	.01	cdy
Tulsa	72	43	clr	
Washington,D.C	65	49	.16	clr

State forecast

Texas weather

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Texas temperatures

	High	Low	Pcp.
Abilene	73	47	
Alice	88	69	
Amarillo	68	45	
Arlington	75	48	
Austin/Bergstrom	84	59	
Beaumont	89	60	
Brownsville	92	70	
Childress	72	48	
College Station	82	54	
Conroe	83	54	
Corpus Christi	92	69	
Corsicana	78	49	
Dalhart	72	44	
Del Rio	86	70	
Denton	75	44	
DFW Airport	77	52	
Dryden	77	62	
El Paso	75	59	
Fort Stockton	67	58	
Fort Worth Alliance76	44		
Galveston	86	68	
Georgetown	81	52	
Guadalupe Pass	60	49	
Harlingen	91	69	
Hondo	89	65	
Houston Intrctnl	87	56	
Huntsville	82	51	
Junction	79	60	
Kingsville	91	70	
Laredo	92	70	
Longview	75	49	
Lubbock	70	48	
Lufkin	78	51	
Marfa	66	54	
McAllen	95	72	
McKinney	75	47	
Mineral Wells	78	44	
New Braunfels	86	62	
Paris	72	45	
Rockport	92	68	
San Antonio	86	64	
San Marcos	84	61	
Shreveport, La	75	53	
Terrell	77	48	
Texarkana, Ar	74	48	
Tyler	73	48	
Victoria	88	64	
Waco	80	52	
Wichita Falls	75	45	
Wink	65	50	

TAAS: Doctor thinks all standardized tests are biased

(From 1A)

Dr. J.E. Mendez, of Midland, thinks there is no question that the TAAS test is biased.

"There is bias in all standardized tests — period. And we always need to understand there is going to be bias, whether it's socioeconomic, ethnic or geographic," Mendez said. "I don't think that's the question. The question is what do you do with that information?"

According to Mendez, whether or not there is bias doesn't change the fact that the TAAS test is a basic information assessment test.

"I will have to say that the irony of all this is ... these are very basic tests. My personal perspective would be that I'm glad we have standardized test to show there is a huge gap of the most basic information for X number of students. My own sons have taken TAAS tests, of course. They kind of scoffed at it and said it was basically easy."

Lee High School sophomore Michael Gonzalez, 15, didn't necessarily agree that it was easy, but he also didn't think the tests were biased against him.

Which brings up another issue altogether. If young Mr. Gonzalez didn't have trouble on the test and Mendez's sons didn't, is the issue really one of ethnic bias or is it more a question of socioeconomic bias?

Only 48.4 percent of Midland's 10th-grade economically disadvantaged students passed all TAAS tests in 1998.

"From my perspective, the real issue is economic disadvantage regardless of race or ethnicity. Those (economically disadvantaged) students don't have the home life that exposes them to reading material and other experiences that cause kids to be more motivated or more ready for instruction at school," said Baressi. "It's been proven that that's a bigger factor than race or ethnicity."

Fuller adds yet another perspective.

"I feel the issue is making sure that instruction is taking place and that students are not simply relegated to being taught the task is some sort of crash method. We need to prepare them to take the test themselves," said Fuller, adding that regardless of why there is a disparity between Hispanic and white students, the disparity exists.

Mendez agreed with Fuller to the extent that the TAAS, regardless of bias, is necessary to point out where work is needed.

He added that the testing is biased but not necessarily intentionally.

"Anyone who denies that (bias) is not paying attention to the data that has come out," Mendez said.

Mendez also said that students, regardless of ethnicity, should be held to a minimum standard. "Students should meet a certain minimum requirement and I personally don't understand why it can't be used that way. If you can't meet the minimum requirements, you can't go to the next step, certainly not college."

The MALDEF hearing is expected to last three to five weeks and it could be an additional 90 days before Prado would make a decision. Prado is expected to hold court over MISD's unitary status hearing on Nov. 8.

TRIAL: Jury's request for dictionary denied

(From 1A)

vided.

When the panel later asked if the court could define the terms "society, violence and probability," it received a reply there was no legal definition for the terms. Jurors requested a dictionary, which was refused because a dictionary was not among the evidence.

The same jury considering Brewer's punishment convicted the 32-year-old parolee, the "Exalted Cyclops" of his Ku Klux Klan splinter group, on Monday of capital murder for the death of Byrd. A former Jasper vacuum cleaner salesman, Byrd was abducted the early hours of June 7, 1998, and taken to a remote area northeast of Jasper.

Byrd then was harnessed by the ankles with a 24 1/2-foot logging chain to the bumper of a pickup truck and viciously dragged for three miles along a rutted logging path and bumpy asphalt road.

He was decapitated midway through the tortuous ride when his head slammed into a culvert.

His shredded torso — minus a head, neck and arm — was dumped between a black church and cemetery where it was found a few hours after daylight. The hate crime outraged the nation.

"Under the circumstances of this case, obviously there is a serious need to protect future victims from this man," Jasper County District Attorney Guy James Gray said, describing Brewer to the jury Wednesday as a racist psychopath.

Brewer's attorneys said the evidence did not support a death sentence and contended Brewer had functioned well in earlier imprisonment.

"Society is going to be adequately protected," Doug Barlow said, arguing for a life term. "Our prison system is designed to take care of somebody like Russell. The death penalty should be used only as a last resort. We extinguish somebody's life only when nothing else can be done."

Jurors considered three questions: whether he was a future danger to society, whether he intended to kill Byrd and whether any mitigating circumstances about him should be considered.

Answering "yes" to the first two questions and "no" to the third, State District Judge Monte Lawlis would sentence Brewer to lethal injection. Any other answers and Brewer would go to prison for life. Jurors were not told a life term would mean at least 40 years in prison without chance of parole.

Both Brewer and King were adorned with racist tattoos etched while they served time at the Beto I Unit prison in East Texas. And in each of their trials, attorneys argued unsuccessfully the gang emblems were meant to guarantee them protection from attacks by black and Hispanic inmates.

Brewer's parents Tuesday implored the jury to spare the life of their son, who they said was a shy person, more a follower than leader, but who went bad as a teen-ager when he succumbed to illegal drug use.

Evidence showed Brewer, a convicted burglar whose probation was revoked because of a drug offense, came to Jasper to stay with King a couple of weeks before the slaying and after losing his job because he lied on an employment application about his criminal past.

Documents showed that during their prison time, they belonged to the Confederate Knights of America, a racist group, and recruited others to join. Prosecutors said they planned to perpetuate the group outside prison and call it the Texas Rebel Soldiers.

At King's trial, they said Byrd's murder was intended to give the group notoriety.

Brewer wrote letters to King saying he had become a "hero" and a life sentence would do no justice. He said lethal injection would be "a little old sleeping medicine." Brewer's attorneys characterized the writings as only bragging to impress other inmates.

Brewer testified the three white men picked up Byrd, offering him a ride as walked home from a party, then drove to a remote logging road. Berry killed Byrd by slashing his throat during a fight between Byrd and King, Brewer said.

He acknowledged trying to kick Byrd once but said he hurt his toe, went into the truck cab to smoke a cigarette and didn't realize Berry had chained Byrd to the bumper until they began driving away.

DNA evidence, however, showed Byrd's blood on the shoes of all three men.

King was tried in Jasper but Brewer's case was moved to Bryan, about 150 miles west of Jasper, to mitigate pretrial news coverage.

Shania Twain wins CMA's entertainer of the year award

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Shania Twain won best entertainer while the Dixie Chicks picked up three awards Wednesday at the Country Music Association Awards, and the presence of George Jones was strongly felt despite his absence.

"I'm embarrassed that I'm crying, but it's just such an honor," said Ms. Twain, who said her celebration would include trying to meet Dolly Parton, who was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Show host Vince Gill cheered Twain on, debunking critics who say her pop-leaning music isn't really country: "Well, Shania, that should shut everybody up," Gill said. "You did it baby."

The Dixie Chicks — Natalie Maines, Emily Robison and Martie Seidel — won for best vocal group, and "Wide Open Spaces" was named best single and video.

Tim McGraw won best male vocalist, and Martina McBride was named best female vocalist.

Jones boycotted the awards because he was asked to shorten a performance of his single "Choices," which lost out to "Wide Open Spaces" in the race for best single. But Alan Jackson, a close friend, closed his own performance of "Pop a Top" with a snippet of "Choices" in support of Jones, bringing the audience at the Grand Ole Opry to their feet.

Jackson was inspired by a visit to Jones earlier this year in the hospital, after Jones nearly died because of a car wreck, said Jackson spokeswoman Kay West.

"Alan said that had George Jones died there, there would have been a 10 minute tribute to him on the show," West said. "But he lived, and they wouldn't give him three minutes."

Brooks & Dunn won their eighth straight trophy for best vocal duo.

"Thanks, we know you're getting tired of seeing us up here, but we really appreciate you giving it to us again," Ronnie Dunn said.

Dunn and Kix Brooks have won the duo award every year since The Judds ended their 1988-91 domination of it.

In other awards, Jo Dee Messina won the Horizon Award for career progress, and McGraw's "A Place in the Sun" was named best album.

The Dixie Chicks opened the show with "Ready to Run," making their entrance from under the grass skirts of three backup dancers on stilts.

Brooks & Dunn performed their single "Beer Thirty" and McGraw sang a tribute to his wife Faith Hill, "My Best Friend." Twain sported a hot pink ensemble to sing her "Come On Over," and was presented an award for promoting country music overseas.

Two pop acts performed duets with country singers: Merle Haggard was joined by Jewel on "That's the Way Love Goes" and 'N Sync and Alabama performed "God Must Have Spent a Little More Time on You."

Conway Twitty and Johnny Bond were inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame along with Parton.

"I feel like I died and went to hillbilly heaven," Parton said.

The CMA Awards were broadcast live by CBS from the Grand Ole Opry House.

About 6,000 members of the country music industry nominate and select the winners for the CMA Awards.

OPEC: SPR is for national emergency

(From 1A)

consuming state. He called the sale of strategic petroleum reserves (SPR) to manipulate oil prices unthinkable.

"That is not what SPR was created for. The SPR is for national emergencies, not to control oil prices for consumers," Hamm said. The Oklahoma oilman said it was appropriate to sell strategic petroleum reserves at a high price to buy at a low price, and balance value, but not to manipulate the price of gasoline.

Hamm called Shumer's comment about economic warfare ridiculous. "The price of gasoline has only gone up only about 20 cents in our area. That's not a critical point." Average pump prices for a gallon of gasoline in the United States stood at nearly $1.32 a gallon this month, up from less than $1 in February, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations.

Hamm said the fact that oil prices have increased 140 percent since March shows the severity of oil dumping in the United States.

OPEC comprises Saudi Arabia, Iran, Venezuela, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Qatar, Nigeria, Libya, Algeria, Indonesia and

PETS: Overpopulation everyone's problem, Willis says

(From 1A)

of a shelter in the Northeast that has such a strong spaying and neutering program that "some days it doesn't have any animals to adopt. People here think an animal wants to have that litter of puppies or kittens, but they don't. The mom will care for them six weeks and then she's done with them. This is not something she's dying to do."

Even no-kill shelters have to turn away animals that are eventually euthanized, pointed out Willis, who said the issue is everyone's problem.

"We spend tax dollars on this and we need to figure out a way to quit spending tax dollars to keep up with — we're not even keeping up with it — the population explosion. The solution is out there — spaying and neutering."

Ms. McAlpine said she is "within the normal realm of animal lovers" but had a college roommate who was more concerned about animals. The roommate would carry a shovel in her car to move animals that had been hit by cars.

She is taking her inspiration in starting the auxiliary from a lesson she learned driving through Amarillo one day with her roommate. They saw a little dog trying to dodge its way through traffic and her roommate wanted to pull over and rescue the pup. But in the 90 seconds it took her to convince Ms. McAlpine to turn around and get the dog, it had been run over.

"A lot of people will see animals loose and think 'I'm busy' or 'I'm going somewhere.' I place animals like young children, not that smart yet. If you saw a young preschooler on the street without its mother, you'd want to stop and see what the situation is."

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Those interested in participating in the auxiliary can contact Ms. McAlpine at 683-2907.

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Justice sues tobacco companies for billions

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department sued the nation's tobacco industry Wednesday seeking billions of dollars spent treating smoking-related illnesses, accusing cigarette-makers of a 45-year campaign of deceit "to preserve their enormous profits whatever the cost in human lives."

"They placed profits above the public health," Attorney General Janet Reno said as her department filed a civil suit in U.S. District Court against the major cigarette-makers and research and public relations institutes they funded. "The cigarette companies realized — at least since 1953 — that the truth poses a mortal threat to their businesses."

The lawsuit alleged the companies have conspired since the 1950s to defraud and mislead the public. The industry concealed data that showed nicotine is addictive and smoking causes disease, sponsored and publicized biased research and suppressed development of safer cigarettes in violation of federal anti-racketeering law, the suit alleged.

"Smoking is the nation's largest preventable cause of death and disease, and American taxpayers should not have to bear ... the staggering costs," Reno said. Federal health plans spend more than $20 billion a year treating smoking-related illnesses, which take 400,000 lives a year, she said.

Company spokesmen questioned the government's legal arguments and motives. They promised to fight in court rather than settle, as they did in agreeing last year to pay state governments more than $200 billion over 25 years.

"This blatantly political lawsuit is ... the height of hypocrisy" given how long ago the government warned of health dangers from smoking, said Greg Little, associate general counsel of Philip Morris, the nation's largest cigarette-maker.

The state lawsuits involved Medicaid payments the states made to the poor. The federal suit involves Medicare for the elderly and military and veterans health insurance.

The department also formally announced the closing, without charges, of a nearly 5-year-old criminal investigation of whether tobacco companies lied to Congress or regulatory agencies about the addictiveness of nicotine.

The lawsuit names Philip Morris Inc.; Philip Morris Companies; R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.; American Tobacco Co.; Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp.; British-American Tobacco P.L.C.; British-American Tobacco (Investments) Ltd.; Lorillard Tobacco Co. Inc.; Liggett and Myers Inc.; the Council for Tobacco Research U.S.A. Inc., and the Tobacco Institute Inc.

The 131-page lawsuit quoted Brown & Williamson general counsel Addison Yeaman as stating in 1963 that "we are in the business of selling nicotine, an addictive drug." But it said Brown & Williamson decided to withhold its research on nicotine addictiveness from the U.S. surgeon general when he was preparing his first warning about smoking and health in 1963.

When the surgeon general finally concluded in 1988 that nicotine is addictive, the Tobacco Institute attacked the report saying the "claims that cigarettes are addictive contradict common sense," the suit noted.

The American Lung Association applauded Reno's move as overdue. But the National Association of Manufacturers said it set a bad precedent for industries "that fall out of political favor."

"The NAM is very concerned that this lawsuit is being brought for all of the wrong reasons," said Michael E. Baroody, senior vice president, policy and communications. "It appears to be motivated by a desire for revenue and changes in industry practices that could not be reached through the free market or the normal legislative ... process."

Government warns parents of Internet 'page-jacking'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government warned parents Wednesday about a dark threat on the Internet: Web sites that nearly duplicate legitimate ones but whisk children and others into an electronic maze of pornography.

The Federal Trade Commission called the ploy "page-jacking" and described it as the most pernicious example it has discovered in the 100 cases of Internet deception investigated.

The agency on Wednesday showed how a consumer who clicked to visit an Internet site apparently about a popular movie, "Saving Private Ryan," was sent with no warning to Web sites with lurid photographs advertising "barely legal Asian girls."

When puzzled surfers try to close those browser windows, other windows that opened automatically displayed different pornographic sites.

In extreme cases, those sites also temporarily can disable a Web browser's "back" and "forward" navigation buttons to make it even more difficult to quit.

"Think about what it would be like if you saw your 7-year-old child looking at this, and she couldn't turn if off and you couldn't turn it off," said Jodie Bernstein, director of the commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection.

The FTC, alleging deception and unfair trade, said it obtained temporary restraining orders earlier this week in U.S. District Court against Carlos Pereira, believed to be living in Portugal, and Guiseppe Nirta of Australia and his company, WTFRC Ltd.

Allen Asher, deputy chairman of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, said federal police there served search warrants Wednesday.

Here is how the scheme works:

■ A company's popular Web site is digitally copied, including the hidden "meta tags" that help the Internet's search engines categorize its content, and then published on different computers elsewhere.

■ A few lines of software code, called Javascript, are hidden within the duplicated Web site to immediately redirect visitors elsewhere — often to pornographic sites that pay a few cents for online referrals — and to make it difficult for a person to shut down the browser software or surf elsewhere.

One victim compared the experience to opening a family restaurant, then finding an adult bookstore built across the street in an identical building and under the restaurant's own marquee.

"It's like some sleazeball has tunneled under your front door and set up a trap door," said John G. Fischer of Irving, a lawyer for Adrenaline Vault, a Web site that fell victim this spring. Youngsters looking there for details about software games instead found their computer screens filled with pornography.

The FTC said it helped uncover evidence of the scheme using its new Internet lab.

Don Blumenthal, who runs the lab, said the FTC uses a private Internet provider as its investigators surf the Web to avoid tipping companies that the government, with its familiar "ftc.gov" moniker, is visiting. The agency also is establishing secret e-mail accounts for these digital detectives to cloak their online identities.

The FTC has taken a lead role among all federal agencies enforcing U.S. laws on the Internet, but its unclear how its lawyers and eight new computers will make more than a tiny dent in fraud on the Web, where criminals can organize operations overseas to thwart U.S. laws and can vanish and reappear under different names in a matter of hours.

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NCF	ATT D28 n	24⅛	+1/16
AVX	AVX Cp	37⅜	+1⅛
AXF	AXA Fncl	56⅜	+¾
AAM	Aames	13/16	–1/16
ABT	AbtLab	42¼	–¾
ANF	AberFitc s	35¼	–⅞
ABY	Abitibi g	12⅞	+1/16
AK	AckGrp	d12½	–⅛
ACN	Acuson	d12⅜	–⅜
ADX	**AdaEx**	**28⅞**	**–⅛**
AMD	AMD	18 1/16	+7/16
AVC	Advocat	1	
AEG	Aegon	85	–½
ARX	Aeroflex	15	+5/16
AET	Aetna Inc	69 11/16	–1 1/16
ACS	**AffCmpSv**	**39¾**	**–¼**
ASV	AgSvcs	14¼	–1
AEM	Agnico g	6⅜	+1/16
AGU	Agrium g	10 1/16	–1/16
APD	AirProd	30 11/16	–1 5/16
ABF	AirbFrt	21 7/16	–1½
ARG	Airgas	10 11/16	–⅛
ALPpN	AlaPw pfN	d23	
ALPpQ	**AlaPC pfQ**	**23⅜**	**–1/16**
ALK	AlskAir	39 15/16	–⅝
ALB	Albemar	17	+1/16
ABS	Albertsn	42¼	+1¼
AL	Alcan	30 13/16	–⅛
ALA	Alcatel	27⅞	+⅜
AA	Alcoa s	62	–⅞
AYE	AlgEngy	33	–⅛
ALT	AlteaTelDy	17½	+⅞
AGN	Alergn	106⅝	+1⅜
AC	AliCap	27 1/16	–1/16
AWF	AllWrld2	9 3/16	–1/16
LNT	AlliantEgy	27⅞	
ATK	AlliantTch	70	–1/8
ALD	AlldSgnl	63⅝	–⅝
AW	AlldWaste	12⅞	–⅝
AFC	AllmrFn	52 3/4	–1 1/16
ALL	Allstate	32½	–⅞
AT	Alltel	68⅛	–⅞
ALO	Alpharma	35 9/16	+⅝
AZA	Alza	49⅝	–⅝
ABK	AmbacF	49½	+⅜
DOX	Amdocs	23 7/16	+7/16
AHC	AmHes	60⅞	–⅛
AEE	Ameren	38¾	+¼
AOL	AmOnline s	91	+6⅛
AWA	AmWest	18½	–1/16
AEP	AEP	35	
AXP	AmExp	136 7/16	–1 5/16
AFG	AfnclGp	27¾	+1/16
AGC	AGenCp	66½	+7/16
AM	AGreet	25 9/16	+⅛
AHP	**AHomeP**	**44⅞**	**–7/16**
AIG	AmIntGp	s90 15/16	–1 1/16
CAN	AmNatCan	nd14 5/16	+1/16
ACR	ARetire	9⅜	+3/16
SKI	ASkiing	3 13/16	–1/16
ASD	AmStd	41 1/16	+2
AMT	AmTower	22¼	–¼
AWK	AmWtr	28⅞	–¼
ACF	Americdt	15 1/16	+1/2
AAS	AmerSfc	s23 5/16	+1/16
AIT	Amertech	64 1/8	+1/2
ASO	AmSouth	s21 9/16	+¼
AAP	**AmwyAs**	**11 9/16**	**+ 1/16**
APC	**Anadrk**	**31⅝**	**– 7/16**
ADI	Analog	57 15/16	+2⅜
AU	Anglogld	27⅜	+13/16
BUD	Anheus	71 5/16	–1
ANN	AnnTaylr	42 5/16	–1 1/16
AOC	Aon Cp s	d31¼	–3/16
APA	**Apache**	**41½**	**+1½**
APAPC	Apach pfC	38 5/16	+1 9/16
AIV	Aptlnv	38⅝	
APM	ApplMg	13 1/16	–1/16
A-G	Aqria	12⅝	–1/2
ARA	Aracruz	20½	–1 5/16
AAC	ArcadiaFn	4⅛	–3/16
ADM	ArchDan	12 3/16	+7/16
ASN	ArchstnC	20¼	–1/8
ARI	ArdenRlt	21 7/16	–1/8
AGY	Argosy	14 3/16	–5/16
AS	Armco	6½	+⅝
ASp	Armc pf	u39⅝	+3
AH	ArmorHl	9⅛	+1/16
ACK	ArmWl	46 7/16	–13/16
ARW	ArrowEl	19 1/16	+1/16
ATA	Artra	17 5/16	+3/16
ARV	Arvin	d31 1/16	–13/16
AR	Asarco	22½	+2
ASL	Ashanti	7 1/16	+1/16
ASH	Ashland	36⅛	+5/16
pAp	AsiaPlp	6¾	–1/4
pAPrWS	AsiaPlp wt	d1 1/16	–1/16
AFS	AscFCap s	36½	+¼
AZN	AstraZen	42 1/16	+13/16
FDY	AtchCst	9⅛	+5/16
ARC	AtlRich	86 5/16	+1 3/16
CGO	AtlasAr s	20⅝	–1⅛
ATO	**ATMOS**	**24¼**	**+¼**
AOR	AuroraF	15¼	–3/16
AN	AutoNatn	11⅝	–1/16
AUD	AutoDta s	41⅞	–1⅛
AZO	AutoZone	26 5/16	–1/4
AVB	AvalonBay	34 1/8	–1 1/16
AVY	AveryD	53 1/16	–3/16
AVL	Aviall	10¾	
AVS	Aviation	19 15/16	+1 1/16
AVI	Avis	21 1/16	–5/16
AVA	Avista	18 5/16	+1/16
AVT	Avnet	45¼	–1/16
AVP	Avon	39⅝	+⅛
AZR	Aztar	10	
AZX	Azurix n	12 5/16	+7/16
BBT	BB&T Cp	31	
BCE	BCE g	47⅞	–1 1/16
BJS	BJS	34 3/16	–1/16
BJ	BJs Whls	s28 15/16	+13/16
BPA	**BP Amoco**	**108¼**	**+2½**
BKF	BakrFl	19 9/16	+1/16
BHI	BakrHu	28 1/16	–1 1/16
BLL	Ball	44¼	+⅜
BTN	Ballnty	6 1/16	–3/16
BMP	BallardM	24⅜	+¼
BFT	BallyTotF	32⅝	–¼
BFR	BncoFrn	18 3/16	–5/16
BRS	BcoRioP	10 1/16	–3/16
STD	BcoSnCH	10¼	+1/16
BWP	BcoWiese	13 1/16	–1/16
ONE	BankOne	d35⅝	–⅛
BAC	Bk of Am	53½	–7/16
MBK	BkTokyo	153 1/16	–5/16
BK	BkNY	33 1/16	–⅜
BKB	BkBost	41¾	–3/16
BTpR	BnkTpfR	24	–1/16
BCR	Bard	47 3/16	–5/16
BKS	BarnNbl	26¼	+5/16
BRL	BarrLab	28⅝	–1/16
BRR	BarrettRs	36 1/16	–1/16
ABX	BarrickG	20	+3/16
BMG	BatlMt	2 1/16	+1/16
BOL	BauschL	63 11/16	+1/16
BAX	Baxter	61½	+1
BVC	BayView	14 1/16	+¾
BSC	BearSt	41½	+¾
BEC	BeckCoult	42½	–1⅞
BDX	BectDck	26 1/16	+1/16
BEL	BellAtl	u67 1/16	+2 9/16
BLS	BellSo s	44⅛	+⅜
BLC	Belo	20¼	+¼
BMS	Bemis	34⅞	+¼
BNO	BentonOG	2½	+3/16
BBC	BergBr s	11⅛	
BRK/A	**BerkHa**	**A60500–1200**	
BRI	BerkRty	11 15/16	
BRY	**BerryP**	**14¼**	**+ 5/16**
BBY	BestBuy	59¾	–½
BFO	Bestfds	50 11/16	+1/16
BS	BethSt	d7⅛	–1/16
BEV	Beverly	4 5/16	+1/16
BGF	BigFlower	28⅜	–1/16
BDY	BindlyW s	14 3/16	–1/16
BXM	Biomtrx s	24	+1
BVF	Biovail	51⅞	–2
BIR	BirSt	7½	
BDK	BlackD	48⅞	–1/16
BLY	Blain

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Tkr Name Last Chg

A-B-C

ATV ACTV 14 +1/16
ADCT ADC Tel 38 -1/16
AHLS AHL Srv 26 -1/16
ASML ASM Lith 65 +3/8
ATMI ATMI Inc 36 +1 3/16
ABDR AbacusDir 12 1/2 +10 5/16
ABTE AbleTel 8 3/4
BOUT About cm n 44 5/16 +5 1/16
ACRI AcaciaR u14 7/8 +1/16
AKLM Acclaim 7 -1/16
ACDO Accredo n 31 3/4 +1/4
ACTL Actel 19 1/4 -1/16
ACTN ActPerf 19 15/16 -1 3/16
ASWX ActivSf n 24 1/16 +2 7/16
ATVI Activisn 17 1/4
ACXM Acxiom 16 7/16 +9/32
ADPT Adaptec 35 -1/16
ADAP AdaptBrd 31 7/8 +3 3/16
ADLAC Adelph n 6 1/16 -1/16
ADFC AdForce n 20 1/2 +15/16
ADBE AdobeSy 107 1/8 +15/16
ADVP AdvPara 59 3/16 -1/4
ADIC AdvDigi s 33 7/8 -1 3/16
AFCI AdvFCm 19 7/8 +7/16
ANSI AdvNeur 8 1/8 +1/32
ARTT AdvRadio 13 +1/16
ALSI AdvLrng s 16 9/16 -1 1/16
AERL AerialC u29 1/4 +3
AFFX Affymet 106 15/16 +15/16
AGIL AgileSft n 68 -1/4
ABTX AgriBio 4 27/32 -1/32
AIRO AirontW n 19 15/16 -1/32
AAIR AirTran 5 3/8
AKZOY Akzo 42 1/8 -3/8
ALGX Allegt Tr n 58 7/8 +2 1/32
ALLP AllaRPh 5 31/32 -1/32
ARLP AlliceRs nd 13 7/8 -1/4
ALSC AllianSemi 11 1/32 -1/4
AHAA Alphalnd s 56 1/4 +1
ALTN Altelon 11 3/32 +1/8
ALTR AlteraCp s 48 5/16 -1 13/16
AMZN Amazon s 66 +3 3/4
AEOS AEagleO's 49 +2 1/16
ECGO AmerEco 11 3/32 -1/32
AIPN AmintPt 23 3/32 -1/32
AMSY AMS 26 1/16 +3/4
APCC APwCnv s 19 15/16 -1/16
AXTI AmrXtal 19 1/8 +1 3/8
AMTD AmrTrde s 18 5/16 +1 1/16
AMGN Amgen s 83 7/8 +1 3/16
AMKR Amkor 19 5/16 +3 5/16
AMPD Ampdy 5 3/4 +15/16
AMPDW Ampd wt 1 9/16 +3/16
AMMB Amresco 3 25/32 +5/32
ANLT AnlySur 16 -1/4
ANCR AncorCm 24 3/4 +7/16
ANDW Andrew 16 15/16 +5/8
ADRX AndrxCp s 68 3/4 +2 5/8
ANIC Anicom 5 1/8 +1/32
ANSR AnsThnk 14 3/8 +7/16
ANTC Antec 49 1/4 +1/2
APEX Apex s 19 9/16 -3/16
APOL ApolloG 21 1/4 -7/16
APNT AppNetS n 27 5/8 +1 1/4
APPY AppleC 70 5/8 +1 1/16
ADSX ApldDig n 2 -1/16
AMAT ApldMat 83 11/16 +2 3/16
AMCC AMCC s 82 1/2 +3 1/4
APLX Applix 14 1/2 -1/16
APGRW ArchCm wt 7 3/32 -1/16
ARDT ArdentSft 26 3/8 +5/16
ARIA Ariad n 13
ARBA Arba n 149 1/2 +16 5/16
ADSP ArielCp 4 5/16 -1/16
ARNX AronxPh 4 7/8 -1/16
ARTG ArtTech n 29 +1/16
ATSN Artesyn 20 1/8 -3/8
ASFT Artsft 4 7/16 -3/16
ASTN AshtnT 6 13/16 +3/16
ASKJ AskJvs n 39 1/4 +2 3/4
ASDV AspctDv 25 1/4 +1/16
ASPT Aspect Tel 16 1/16 -1/16
ASTE Astec s 23 5/8 -3 3/8
ASFC AstoriaF 30
ATHM AtHome s 38 5/16 +12 1/32
ATML Atmel 38 5/8 +1 3/8
ADBL Audible n 11 3/4 -3/16
AHWY adhghwy n 12 3/4 +1/2
ABTL autobytel n 14 9/16 +1/16
ADSK Autodesk 23 1/16 +4 9/16
AVNT Avanti 19 1/2 -1/16
AWRE Aware 31 7/8 -1 11/16
AZTC AztecTc 2 +1/4
BEAV BE Aero 12 3/8 -2 1/32
BEAS BEA Systs u32 5/16 +4 11/16
BMCS BMC Sft 67 7/8 +2 1/2
BAMF Baan Co 14 3/4 +1/8
BWEB BackWb n 17 7/8 -1 1/16
BAMB bamboo n 21 7/8 -1/4
BGALY BncGalic 19 11/16 -7/16
BPLS BankPlus 3 15/32 -5/32
BNYN BanyanSy 8 7/16 +1/4
BNBN barnbl cm n 18 13/16 +7/16
BBBY BedBath 32 +1 3/16
BELW Bellweth 5 1/2 +1/16
BYND bynd com n 13 1/2 -5/16
BIDS Bid com gn 5 7/32 -9/32
BGE BigEnt 19 1/2 +5/16
BCHE BioPharm 25 3/16 +5/16
BGEN Biogen s 85 3/4 +7/16
BMET Biomet 28 1/4 -1/2
BTGC BioTcG 10 1/8 +1/8
BBQX BlackBx 53 7/16 +1 3/16
RIND BlueRh 8 3/4 +1/2
BOBE BobEvn 20 7/16 +1/4
BLPG BorLePr 8 1/4 -1/4
EPAY BttmlnT n 21 15/16 -8 1/2
BRNC BraunCn n 17 7/16 +1/16
BFAM BrghtHr n 14 13/16 -1/16
BGHL Brightpt 6 1/8 +7/32
BRYO BrioTech 23 7/8 +1 1/16
BVSN BroadVis u139 +17 11/16
BBSW BrodbSft n 27 1/4
BRCM Brdcom s 114 1/4 +10 1/8
BRCD BrcdeCo n 225 -8 7/8
BRKT Brookfrt 15 1/2 -3/16
TMBR BrownTom 14 3/8
BOCB Buffets 10 5/8
BBRC BurrBrn 39 1/2 -1/8
BUSR BusnObj 52 3/4 +3/4
CLBE C-CUBE 37 15/16 -5/16
CBRL CBRL Grp 13 7/8 +1/8
CBTSY CBT Gp 25 5/16 +7/16
CDRD CDRadio 27 1/2 -1 7/16
CDNW CDnow 12 1/2 +3/16
CMGI CMGI s 82 13/16 +2 11/16
CNET CNET s 42 5/16 +3 1/4
CNXS CNS 11 3/32 +1/32
CSGS CSG Sys s 22 -1/4
CADE Cadelin 3 3/8 +1/32
CATP CambTch 13 3/4 +3/4
CMDC CareMatrix d 5 3/32 -1/32
CACS CarrAcc 48 -1/4
CWST Casella n 15 7/8 +3/16
CELG Celgene 27 5/8 +1 1/16
CNDS CellNet 5 13/16 +3/16
CLST Cellstar 7 7/16 +5/16
CNTO Centocor 58 13/16
CETV CEurMda 2 3/16 -1/16
CENT CenGardn 7 15/16 +1/16
CTRY CentBnc 5 29/32 -3/32
CEPH Cephln 20 9/16 +1/8
CHRS ChrmSh 5 9/32 -3/64
COFI ChtOneF 22 15/16
CHTT Chattm d 21 1/2 -3 1/2
CHKP ChkPnt n 89 1/16 +4 1/16
CHKRW ChkDr wt 1/16
CKFR ChkFree 42 5/8 +1/4
CHDX Chemdex nu 32 1/16 +4 1/2
PLCE ChildPl 27 1/4 -1 7/16
CHINA China cm n 68 3/16 +3 11/16
CHIR Chiron 34 5/16 -1/4
CHRM Chrmhmd 9 1/4 +1 1/4
CIDCO Cidco 13 3/16 -1/8
CIEN CienaCp 41 3/16 +1 5/16
CTAS Cintas 58 1/16 +3 7/16
CPCI Ciprico 12 1/16 +5 3/16
CRUS Cirrus 11 1/8 +1/8
CSCO Cisco 72 1/4 +1 1/8
CTXS CitrixSy s 89 1/4 +23 5/32
CLRN Clarent n 52 5/16 +1 1/16
CLFY Clarify 47 1/4 -3/8
CWEI ClayEng 13 3/4 +7/16
CLNT Clearnet 18 1/4 +1 1/8
CBLT CblTgPr n 104 7/32 +9 5/32
CGNX Cognex 32 5/32 -7/32
COGI Cognicse g 12 5/8 -5/16
CTSH CogTech 24 7/8 +1 3/4
COHR Coherent 21 3/4 +3 3/4
CSTR Coinstar 9 5/8 -1/4
CMTO Com21 13 3/16 -3/16
COMR Comair s 16 1/8 +1/8
CMCSK Comc sp s 35 1/4 -3/16
CMRC ComOne n 127 +11 3/4
CICI Cominteli 1 15/32 -1/32
CBSS CompsBc s 25 9/16 +5/8
CBSI CmpBusn 14 1/4 -1/16
CHRZ Cmpthtz 12 1/16 -1/16
CMNT CptVerx 12 5/16 -3/16
CPWR Compuwr s 29 3/4 -1 1/16
CMVT Comvers s 89 1/4 +1 5/8
CNCX ConcNet s 20 3/4
CPTS Conceptn 1 1/2 -1/16
CCRD CncrdCm 38 5/8 +1 1/16
CEFT CncEFS 35 7/8 +3 9/32
CCUR ConcCm 7 1/2 +1/32
CNDR CndrTch 24 5/32 -1 9/32
CNXT Conexnt n 81 3/4 -1/8
CNMD Conmed 25 1/4 +1/8
CNKT Connectinc 2 3/4 -1/32
CONV Convrgnt n 11 3/8 +1/8
CMTN CopMtrn n 82 1/16 -7/16
COPY Copytele 11 3/32 +1/32
CORR CorTher 21 9/16 -3/16
CORL CorelCp 7 15/32 -1 1/32
CEXP CorpExp 9 1/4 -3/32
CSCQ CorrecSv d 6 1/2 -3/4
CAIR Corsair 7 1/2 -3/16
CPWM CostPlus s 43 -1 1/4
COST Costco 68 7/16 +1 11/16
CLTR CltiPhr d 17 -1 1/16
COVD CovadCm s 45 1/16 +3/16
CMOS CredSys u49 1/4 +1 13/16
CREE CreeRsh s 40 -7/16
COPI CrescntO 4 1/16 -7/16
CPTH CritPath n 38 1/8 +1/4
TWRS CrwnCstl 19 1/16 -1/4
CCEL CryoCell 6 1/16 +3/16
CBST CubistPh 9 7/8 -5/16
CUST CustmTrk 28 1/4 +3/4
CBUK CutterB s 14 3/8 +3/16
CYCH CybrCsh 7 13/16 +1/16
CYBR CyberCare 1 7/32 +1/16
COOL CyberOpt 8 1/4
CYMI Cymer 35 1/8 -1/2
CYTO Cytogn 2 -1/16

D-E-F

DACG DA Cons d4 1/2
DIIG DII Grp 38 15/16 +1/4
DSPG DSP Grp 42 1/2 +3 11/16
DZTK Daisytek 10 3/4 +1
DBCC DtBdcst 7 11/16 -1/8
DDIM DtaDimn d2 1/4 -5/16
DWSN Dawson 10 3/4 +1/8
DBRSY DBeer 27 1/4 +5/8
DELL DellCptr s 46 1/16 -2 7/16
DNTE Dendrite 43 5/16 -1 5/16
DPAC DnsePac u47 5/8 +11/16
XRAY Dentsply 21 3/4 -13/32
DMHS DiamlnSrv 16 3/8
DTPI Dmnd T 4 17/8 -1
DITI Diatide 9 7/32 +1/32
ISLD Digisld n 26 3/8 +1 1/8
DMIC DigMic 14 3/4 -1 1/32
DRIV DigRiver 20 1/4 +3/4
DVNT Dvrsnt g 8 3/8 +3/16
DLTR DlrTree 37 5/8 +1/16
DCLK DblsClck s 1 7/8 +1 9/16
KOOP drkoop n 18 5/16 -3/4
DSTD DualStar 5 9/32 +1/32
DURA DuraPh 13 11/16 +3/4
DRMD Duramed 9 +1/4
DRCO DY DurbanRo 12 3/32 +1/32
EGRP ElTrade s 23 1/2 +3/8
ETEL e-Net 8 7/16 +1/16
ETEK ETekDyn n 59 3/4 +3/8
EELN E-loan n 36 +3/8
ESPI e spire 7 15/16 +3/16
EBAY eBayInc 149 1/4 +8 1/2
ECIL ECI Tel 27 13/16 +1/16
EPTG EPLTch 1 7/32 +3/32
ESST ESSTech n 14 +1/16
EUSA EgleUSA s 26 3/4 +1 1/8
ELNK Ethlink 43 1/2 +4 11/16
EWBC EstWstB n 10 3/32 +1/32
DISH EchoStar s 93 +5 1/2
DSTI EclpSurgu 16 15/16 +1 3/16
ECLP Eclipsys 13 +3/16
EDMC EdcMge s 14 1/16 -3/16
EGGS Eggshead 7 1/16 -1/16
EGHT 8X8 Inc 4 9/16 +3/16
ELCO Elcom n 4 25/32 -5/32
EPLTF EiciIntl u1 1/2 +1/2
ESIO ElecSci 53 -7/16
EGLS Elctrgls 24 1/2 +1 1/2
ERTS ElcArt 73 3/16 +1 7/16
ECHO ElcClear 1 3/32 -3/16
EFII EFII 60 +3 1/2
ELSI Elctsrc 1 1/16 +1/16
ELRNF ElronEl 24 1/4 +3/8
EMMS EmmaCmu 89 1/4 +1 1/16
EMLX Emulex s 83 1/4 +3 5/16
EMUS Emusic n 18 13/16 -2 5/16
ENML Enamelin d1 +9/32
ENGA EngageT n 35 13/16 -1 1/16
ENTU Entrust 22 7/16 -1/16
ENZN Enzon 29 3/4 +2 1/16
EPNY E piph n 45 3/16
ERICY EricTel 31 1/4 +3/8
ETEC EtecSys 41 9/32 +1 13/32
ETYS eToys n 62 1/2 -6 1/16
XLTC ExclTch u15 +1
ELOT Executone g 3 15/32
EXDS ExodusC s 80 +7
EXPD Expdlnt s 36 7/8 +7/16
EXTR ExtNetw n 54 -1 1/16
FYII FYI n 33 1/16 +1/16
FFIV F5 Netw n 69 1/2 +2 27/32
FVCX FVC com 14 3/8 -1/2
FGCI FamGolf 2 -5/16
FDAV FDaves 2 1/16 +1/16
FATB Fatbrain n 16 3/8 -3/8
FITB FfthThrd 59 3/4 -3/8
FILE FileNet 11 15/16 +1/16
FNCM Finet com 3 7/16 -3/32
FCGI FstCnsit 10 -3/8
FHCC FstHlth 21 3/4 +13/16
FSCO FSecCp 23 1/16 +1/2
FSLA FSentBc 7 23/32 -15/32
FCLX FirstCom 10 +1/2
FISV Fiserv 31 11/16 +1 1/2
FLAS FlashNet n 97
FLEX Flextrn s 62 7/8 +3/16
FCIN FlourCty 21 1/16 +3/16
FCOM FoxCom n 25 1/16 -3/8
FCSE FoxsEn 12 5/32 -1/32
FONR FonarCp 8 3/4
KIDE 4KidsEnt s 30 1/16 +1 9/16
FRTE ForteSft 27 1/2 +3/16
FFTI 4FrntTch 15 1/4 +3/8
FRAG FrenchF 7 1/2 -1/16
FRNT FrontrAir 10 3/8 -3/8
FFEX FrozenFd 6 1/32 +1 1/32
FUSE FuseT 6 17/32 -1/32
FNDT Fundtch 23 1/4 -1 3/8
FSON FusnMedu 12 5/8 +5/8

G-H-I

GSTX GST Tele 7 11/32 -1/4
ZOOX Gadzoox n 89 1/4 +1 1/8
GAEO Galileo Cp 20 1/16 -1/8
GALE GalileoT s 31 7/8 +2 1/16
GDEN Gden cm n 13 9/16 +7/16
GMST Gemstar s 88 3/4 +9/16
GLGC GeneLgc 6 7/8 -1/32
GNLB GeneLTc 3 1/16 +1/16
GMGC GMagic 2
GNSS GenMcr 22 1/16 -1/4
GCTI GenesyTe 38 3/4 +1 9/16
GENE Genome 5 +1/32
GNTA Gentia 2 5/32 -9/32
GNTX Gentex 21 3/8 -7/8
GNTI GentiaS 2 1/2 +7/32
GENZ Genzyme 21 5/16 +2 5/16
GZSG GzymSrg n 7 1/4 -1/16
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LVLT Level3 58 +2 3/16
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M-N-O

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SILK Silknet n 49 1/2

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BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES
Wednesday $24.12
Previous $24.46

POSTED
Wednesday $21.25
Previous $21.75

NATURAL GAS
Wednesday $2.426

Oil, gas rise

Expected though it was, the unity displayed by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries at its meeting in Vienna nudged oil back toward the $25-a-barrel level it flirted with last week — more than double the price of last spring.

West Texas intermediate crude oil for delivery in November rose 18 cents to $24.12 on the New York Mercantile Exchange, while October unleaded regular gasoline increased 1.71 cents to 69.84 cents a gallon.

In London, North Sea Brent crude rose 25 cents to $22.93 on the International Petroleum Exchange.

Other energy futures were mixed Wednesday. October heating oil rose 0.43 cent to 60.21 cents a gallon, and October natural gas fell 0.01 cent to $2.426 per million British thermal units.

Dow falls

NEW YORK (AP) — Blue-chip stocks fell again Wednesday, extending Tuesday's 225-point plunge by the Dow Jones industrial average and pushing the index to its lowest level in three months.

But strength among technology shares and smaller-company issues bolstered the broad market, with the Nasdaq composite index rising back toward record territory.

The Dow fell 74.40 to 10,524.07, about 800 points below its record-high close of 11,326.04 set Aug. 25. Yet even with the slide from record levels, the barometer of 30 major companies still holds a gain of 14.6 percent for the year.

Broad-market indicators were mostly negative. But the strength in technology stocks helped lift the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index by 2.93 to 1,310.51, while the Nasdaq composite rose 37.06 to 2,858.16, about 30 points shy of a new high.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 1.03 to 427.53.

Dollar falls

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar continued to fall against the yen Wednesday as traders anticipated little action from Japanese financial authorities or others to curb the yen's rise.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 103.93 Japanese yen, down from 104.87 late Tuesday.

The Bank of Japan surprised markets Tuesday by refusing to adjust its money supply policy as a way of slowing the yen's rise, a step that Japanese politicians had been demanding.

Hopes are also declining that Japan will be able to enlist help in curbing the yen from its economic partners at a Group of Seven meeting this weekend. Japan has intervened in currency markets several times this summer in an attempt to slow the yen's rise, but without success.

In other trading, the euro was quoted at $1.0448, down from $1.0485 late Tuesday.

The dollar also was quoted at 1.5369 Swiss francs, up from 1.5287, and 1.4702 Canadian dollars, down from 1.4750. The British pound fell to $1.6284 from $1.6311.

Currencies of the 11 countries participating in the euro are no longer traded separately and are tied to the euro by a fixed rate. Based on Wednesday's euro rate, the dollar was worth: 1.8719 German marks, up from 1.8653; 6.2780 French francs, up from 6.2558; and 1,853.16 Italian lire, up from 1,846.53.

Chicago exchange has cool idea

Companies that depend on the weather can use new futures to hedge risk

By Dave Carpenter
Associated Press

> **'Business are gambling on the weather anyway ...'**
> — Jeff Porter, VP of Koch Energy Trading

CHICAGO — Investors can literally bet on the weather now.

Weather futures made their debut Wednesday on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, enabling investors to speculate on what the temperature is going to be in four U.S. cities.

Utilities, insurance companies and other businesses with a lot riding on the weather can use the futures to hedge their risk.

An electric company, for example, might seek to insulate itself from a milder-than-normal winter. A peach grower in Georgia might want to protect itself against a frost. A clothing store chain could offset its losses from stocking its shelves with too many sweaters.

Soon, some traders won't know whether to watch the Weather Channel or CNBC.

The Chicago Merc, where investors buy and sell futures and options contracts on everything from milk to Treasury bonds, says weather affects 20 percent of the $9 trillion U.S. economy.

"Now it's possible to do something about that by taking a position on how warm or cold it's going to be," says Pete Barker, vice president of the exchange.

Weather futures already have been trading on the over-the-counter market for the past two years.

Investors place their "bets" on the average temperature in Atlanta, Chicago, Cincinnati or New York. Plans call for later adding Dallas, Philadelphia, Portland, Ore., and Tucson, Ariz.

The Merc offers monthly contracts based on heating degree days expected in those cities. A degree day is a measure used to describe how much the temperature differs from the standard average for one day.

Heading into fall and winter, the contract is based on an index that measures how much the actual daily average temperature in those cities is below 65. For example, an average temperature of 55 for a full day would equal 10 index points. If that temperature held at 55 over a 30-day month, the index swing would be 300 points.

For an initial investment, a trader has to put up a down payment for each contract traded.

For the Chicago temperature contract covering October, a trader would have to put down $1,400 per contract.

A trader makes money on a contract when the index rises after it is purchased. A gain of 20 points, at $100 a point, would be worth $2,000. A trader loses money when the index falls after the contract is purchased.

The weather contracts did not exactly hit the Merc by storm Wednesday.

The contracts are being traded electronically only, not in the pit where traders shout and gesticulate wildly. The Merc said 53 contracts were sold in the first five hours, for a modestly successful start.

"Businesses are gambling on the weather anyway, and this allows them to hedge their positions," says Jeff Porter, vice president of Koch Energy Trading of Houston.

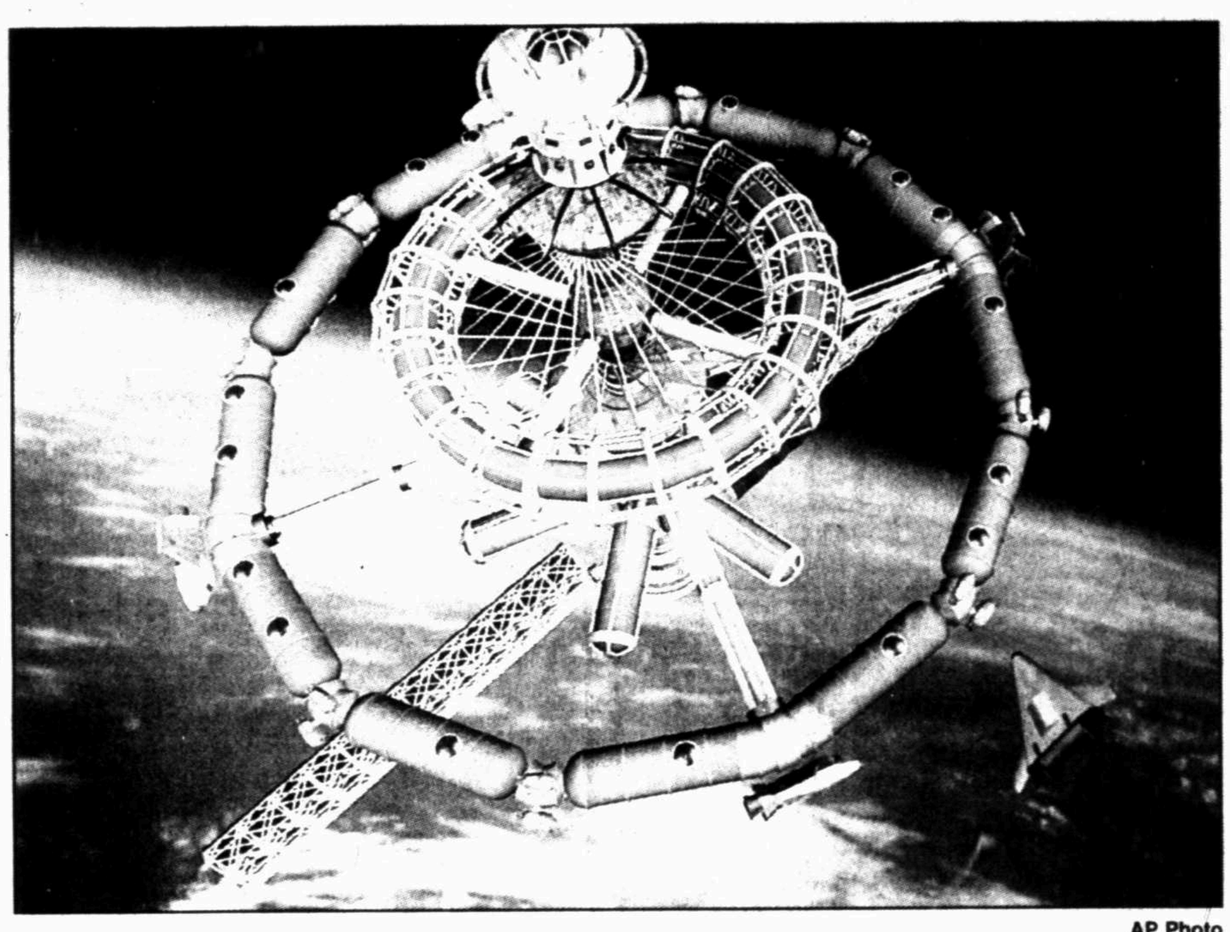
For example, commodity traders who deal in such things as heating oil, orange juice or coffee place their bets with a close eye on the weather.

Insiders already are talking about the possibilities of snowfall futures, which could help protect ski resorts or snowblower manufacturers.

The Chicago exchange doesn't pretend to be able to predict the weather any better than your uncle with his trick knee. But officials warn this isn't a place to look for big profits.

"It's tough to predict weather with any accuracy beyond 10 to14 days," Barker says.

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A prototype of an orbiting hotel as well as other projects that could make space the final frontier of tourism is seen in this artist's rendition designed by the Wimberly, Allison, Tong & Goo, WAT&G, the official architects and designers of the Space Island Project, in Los Angeles. The company wants to use empty space shuttle fuel tanks to build an orbiting hotel similar to the space Hilton depicted in the film "2001: A Space Odyssey."

Dell launches ads for PCs targeted at consumers

AUSTIN (NYT) — Until recently, Dell Computer Corp. considered most consumers to be more trouble than they were worth.

The company was content to focus on large accounts in business and government that ordered PCs by the hundreds or thousands, and didn't require a lot of costly technical help.

But changes in Dell's approach to customer support and burgeoning consumer interest in the Internet have helped turn around the company's view of that market.

Wednesday, Dell announced its broadest effort to capture consumer business by backing what it calls "the most consumer-friendly PCs" with a major U.S. advertising campaign.

The products, which include a PC "juke box" system that allows users to create CDs of their favorite music, and portables in gray or blue, will be available beginning this weekend, when Dell's advertising campaign begins.

Janet Mountain, general manager of Dell's consumer business, said its so-called Dell4Me program marks a shift to emphasizing what technology offers rather than merely touting products.

"What we wanted to do is to be much more explicit about letting consumers see how they're going to use technology in such a way that brings benefit to them," Mountain said during a press conference in New York City.

Dell said it is the first major computer maker to offer PCs with cable modems, a feature that will be available in limited areas where Excite(at)Home offers cable access to the Internet. In addition, Dell will sign customers up for the high-speed Internet service. Dell also said a new Inspiron model will be available in grey and blue, taking a lesson from Apple Computer Inc.'s success with multicolored iMacs.

Dell's courtship of consumers in recent months has included Internet access through DellNet, while DellAuction.com, lets customers buy and sell used and refurbished Dell PCs. These features make the consumer business more attractive because Internet access brings Dell monthly revenue, while the auction and Gigabuys.com, Dell's online PC product store, expand sales opportunities.

Dell's overriding goal is to be the source of all its customers' computing needs and to build customer loyalty.

NAME DROPPING

A. SCOTT DUFFORD, vice president of Trend Exploration I L.L.C., an independent oil and gas producer, has been elected to the board of directors of First National Bank of Midland.

He received a bachelor's degree in geology from Texas A&M University in 1982 and joined Marathon Oil Co. in Midland. In 1987 he and Terry Holland formed Trend Exploration. Dufford is a member of several professional societies and a minority owner in the Lubbock Cotton Kings hockey franchise.



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Navarro

The board of directors of Community National Bank has appointed **LISA ROSE** operating officer, bookkeeping/data processing. She joined the bank in 1989 as a return items clerk. She will office at the main bank at 601 E. Florida.

LARRY EDGERTON, managing partner of the accounting firm of Elms, Faris & Co. L.L.P. has been named to the executive board of the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants. He will serve as coordinating officer for membership on the executive board of the TSCPA board of directors.

TXU Electric & Gas has appointed **MIKE NAVARRO** district operations manager with new responsibility for construction and maintenance of electric service in addition to customer service and community relations in the Midland area. The area includes Midland, Lamesa, Sweetwater, Snyder, Colorado City and Big Spring.

He joined TXU 26 years ago and has served in various customer service and managerial capacities prior to assuming his new responsibilities.

CHARLES ANGLIN has joined Midland Red Oak Realty as comptroller/treasurer.

He and his family return to Midland, where he spent a year in the oil business before joining a commercial builder. The company relocated to Plano, where he spent 10 years before joining the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. for 10 years. He most recently was with American Physician Partners Inc.

JOE PUCKETT has been promoted to president of Norwest Bank's Lea County offices in New Mexico. He joined Norwest Bank in 1989 and has been executive vice president/business banking manager for the Lea County offices since 1996.

Bergen receives Walton award

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

The local Wal-Mart store presented its annual Sam Walton Business Leader Award Wednesday to Debbie Bergen, owner of Debbie Bergen Promotional Products.

Receiving the award as the Midland Chamber of Commerce began its monthly board meeting, Ms. Bergen said she was honored to receive the award and was astounded when she heard the reasons she had been nominated.

"Debbie was selected by the chamber to receive the award, which goes to a local business leader who exemplifies the principles of our founder," said Mike McClanahan, store director of the Midland Wal-Mart. "Those principals are: respect for the individual, service to the customer and a commitment to continue to strive for excellence. She was chosen for the outstanding way she serves her customers, the way she treats her employees and the way she gives back to the community."

Ms. Bergen said she was honored to be chosen "of all the people in the community" and felt her community involvement was a reason she received the award.

"I believe in giving back to the community that's been good to you," she said.

Each year, chambers of commerce select business people in Wal-Mart and Sam's Club communities around the country to receive the award, sponsored by the Wal-Mart Foundation and local Wal-Mart stores. She was one of 1,600 to be honored nationwide.

The chamber also received a $500 grant from Wal-Mart to be used as it sees fit.

Also at the board meeting, Bruce Partain, membership and communications manager, said 450 reservations have been received for tonight's annual meeting at the Midland Center. Additional tickets are still available, he said.

Dennis Clayton, manager of the chamber's economic development division, said volunteers with the retention expansion committee continue to visit existing businesses, with 13 visited in the last month. The committee is designed to help determine the business' needs and ways to help them not only stay in business but to expand.

The Midland Manufacturers Association held its second gathering, he said, and established a standing meeting date as the first Tuesday of each month.

In the last month, Clayton reported, eight prospect proposals were developed, one from a local company, one from within the state and six from outside of Texas.

In other reports:

- The Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau was responsible for bringing in organizations and tourists with direct visitor spending of more than $6 million, said Vic Hardy, vice chairman of the CVB.
- Shura Lindgren, director of convention and visitor development, said that the Midland Center hosted 463 events year-to-date and 487 have been booked. She said she expects next year to be even busier for the center. With renovations near completion, she said events celebrating the improvements will be held in January.

Tropical storm drenches Gulf Coast; schools shut, homes flooded

MIAMI (AP) — Tropical Storm Harvey drenched Florida's Gulf Coast with more than 10 inches of rain Tuesday, forcing schools to close, flooding homes and businesses and playing hav oc with travelers' plans.

The storm left streets in the small fishing village of Everglades City under 2 feet of water as it quickly moved across South Florida toward the Atlantic Ocean.

At 4 p.m. CDT, Harvey's center was about 35 miles southwest of Palm Beach, with sustained winds of about 50 mph.

In advance of the storm, schools were ordered shut in such Gulf Coast counties as Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota and St. Lucie, mostly out of fear of street flooding. Some government offices also closed for the day.

"We've had up to 30 homes and businesses suffer some flooding," said Ken Pineau, director of the Collier County Emergency Operations Center in Naples.

At least five Florida airports reported flight cancellations, and delays were common throughout the state.

The storm dumped 10 inches of rain on Collier County and about an inch on Miami-Dade County, on Florida's Atlantic Coast, where two possible tornadoes were spotted.

On Monday, Gov. Jeb Bush declared a state of emergency for 56 of 67 counties in anticipation of the storm.

The Tampa area was spared the brunt of the storm, and evacuation warnings were lifted. The port of Tampa also reopened, allowing for the return of a cruise ship that had been stranded in the Gulf of Mexico with 1,700 passengers after an engine room fire.

Public health systems ill-prepared for terrorist attacks, officials say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Local public health systems remain ill-prepared to respond to potential biological or chemical terrorist attacks, emergency management and medical officials told a House subcommittee Wednesday.

An administration official, acknowledging the situation, said the Department of Health and Human Services was working hard to improve it.

"Public health is a critical component of a comprehensive response plan, yet, collectively, we are far from where we need to be to have an integrated response capability in every state," Ellen Gordon, immediate past president of the National Emergency Management Association, told the House Government Reform Committee panel on national security, veterans affairs and international relations.

Gordon, also the administrator of Iowa's emergency management division, said state emergency management directors believe there are a variety of reasons why most state public health systems are unprepared. Among them, she said, are lack of coordination among medical, emergency management and law enforcement agencies, and little capacity to detect a potentially deadly biological attack soon after it occurs.

"States need the immediate help of Congress and the federal government to bring the public health system up to an appropriate level of readiness," Gordon said.

A Senate committee heard similar testimony at a hearing in June 1998.

Joseph Waeckerle, chairman of the American College of Emergency Physicians' Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Task Force, said many plans are based on a model that does not address biological agents, which require a different response from what would be used for a chemical spill or attack.

Training emergency health care personnel to recognize and respond to such attacks is needed, as well as a central federal office to coordinate planning, he said.

Most health care providers lack the knowledge or "level of suspicion" to detect a biological attack and, without it, "our country will be missing a critical link in the appropriate management of a terrorist attack," Waeckerle said.

Robert Knouss, director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness at HHS, said his office was helping local jurisdictions by creating Metropolitan Medical Response Systems. Contracts have been awarded to 47 metropolitan areas to plan their response to a release of chemical or biological weapons, he said. The administration's fiscal 2000 budget request contains funding for 25 more cities.

Kosovo refugees head home with U.S.-born bundle after hard times

DALLAS (AP) — A family that made headlines when their baby was the first among Kosovo refugees born in the United States has returned home.

Naim and Lebibe Karaliu left on Tuesday after about 15 weeks in a North Dallas apartment. They were bound for the rural Kosovo village of Ferizaj.

Mrs. Karaliu gave birth to a boy after she and her husband had fled war-torn Kosovo. They named the child Amerika as a token of appreciation to their adoptive home.

But the couple's sentiment toward the United States soon changed.

The family complained that they weren't getting enough financial help and that baby Amerika lacked enough to eat. Amerika's father later took back the complaints, saying he had received three months' free rent, free phone service and donations of clothing and food.

Salvadoran workers allegedly make Kathie Lee clothing line in sweatshops

NEW YORK (AP) — Three years after Kathie Lee Gifford pledged to help end labor abuses in the apparel industry, thousands of Salvadoran women still produce clothing for her label under brutal conditions, a labor rights organization said Tuesday.

"I have a signed agreement by Kathie Lee stating that she would never again tolerate sweatshop conditions. None of these promises have been kept," said Charles Kernaghan, head of the National Labor Committee.

Two women who once worked at the factory in Santa Ana, El Salvador, described 11-hour, six-day work weeks in sweltering conditions for a base wage of 60 cents an hour.

"We would like to meet with Kathie Lee, to tell her about conditions under which we produce her clothing," 43-year-old Blanca Ruth Palacios said at a news conference.

Bob Adler, chairman of the Kellwood Co. division that licenses the Kathie Lee line, said monitors sent to the Caribbean Apparel factory in Santa Ana could not immediately substantiate allegations of major physical and psychological abuse.

He did acknowledge, however, that there was a suspicion of problems at the factory and some supervisors were "short" with employees.

Mrs. Gifford released a statement expressing concern over the allegations and pledging to remove her clothing line from the factory if her investigators find trouble.

Three years ago, Mrs. Gifford was criticized when labor activists revealed that some of her line was produced in a Honduran sweatshop.

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National Merit Scholars make Midland proud

Midland Independent School District (MISD) Board President Becky Oekerman and Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr. are rightfully proud of the 11 Midland High School seniors who were named to the list of National Merit Scholar semifinalists. That accomplishment speaks well not only of the students' capacity and willingness to excel, but also of the fact that the school district is dispensing a quality education.

Additionally Trinity School, a private school, had three students named to the list which is an indication of the emphasis placed on education in this community. That is important because in a community such as Midland where there is an emphasis not only on the sciences but also on the arts, a solid and well-rounded education is an accomplishment that is prized.

Without education, Midland would come up far short of the high ideals on which this community was originally built. In the century-plus since, Midland has grown and prospered because it was led by individuals who had vision and who inspired vision in others.

Because of those visionaries, Midland's schools and Midland College have become wonderful institutions that offer outstanding educational opportunities. Of course, the level to which those students climb on the educational ladder depends to a great degree on personal initiative, parental support, and other factors that stimulate their desire for knowledge. But the opportunity is there nevertheless.

Without a doubt, however, those who become National Merit Scholars represent the "cream of the crop" — the achievers who will be well worth watching in coming years. Most will become leaders of tomorrow.

Education is extremely important. In fact, Aristotle — the Greek philosopher who knew more than a little about education — once said, "All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth."

Congratulations to the National Merit Scholar semifinalists. They make us proud!

Today in History

Today is Thursday, Sept. 23, the 266th day of 1999. There are 99 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 23, 1779, during the Revolutionary War, the American warship Bon Homme Richard defeated the HMS Serapis after American commander John Paul Jones is said to have declared: "I have not yet begun to fight!"

On this date:

In 63 B.C., Caesar Augustus was born in Rome.

In 1642, Harvard College in Cambridge, Mass., graduated its first class.

In 1780, British spy John Andre was captured along with papers revealing Benedict Arnold's plot to surrender West Point to the British.

In 1806, the Lewis and Clark expedition returned to St. Louis from the Pacific Northwest.

In 1846, the planet Neptune was discovered by German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle.

In 1939, Sigmund Freud, founder of psychoanalysis, died in London.

In 1952, Republican vice-presidential candidate Richard M. Nixon went on television to deliver what came to be known as the "Checkers" speech as he refuted allegations of improper campaign financing.

In 1957, nine black students who had entered Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas were forced to withdraw because of a white mob outside.

In 1962, New York's Philharmonic Hall (since renamed Avery Fisher Hall) formally opened as the first unit of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

In 1973, former Argentine president Juan Peron was returned to power.

Ten years ago: President Bush, saying he was "very pleased" with talks between Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, told reporters there would be a superpower summit later in the year.

Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council rewarded Yugoslavia for sealing its border with Bosnia by easing sanctions in sports, cultural exchanges and air traffic. The White House announced a shakeup involving two dozen staff members.

One year ago: The U.N. Security Council demanded a cease-fire in Kosovo and threatened further action if fighting continued. Sammy Sosa hit his 64th and 65th home runs, tying Mark McGwire for the single-season record. Federal regulators approved the merger of Citicorp and Travelers Group. Actress Mary Frann, who played Bob Newhart's wife on TV's "Newhart," died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 55.

George Will

Bush's upward mobility only seems effortless

WASHINGTON—William F. Buckley, having had the experience with President Nixon, says few pleasures are as intense as seeing a president take notes while you talk to him. The pleasure-drenched intellectuals and policy experts who have been to Austin to advise George W. Bush report that he listens to them and likes what they say and (therefore?) is a formidable fellow.



Will

But the question remains: Is he what Franklin Roosevelt seemed to be when he first sought the presidency, or is he what Roosevelt actually was? Walter Lippmann's famous misassessment was typical of the intelligentsia's condescension toward FDR: "A pleasant man who, without any important qualifications for the office, would very much like to be president." FDR proved to be much more layered, devious, subtle and tough than anyone anticipated.

For voters trying to take Bush's measure, help is coming to bookstores. In "First Son: George W. Bush and the Bush Family Dynasty," Bill Minutaglio of The Dallas Morning News provides evidence that Bush has more fiber than his famous affability might suggest.

Minutaglio's deft and convincing portrait of the "combustible" and "caffeinated" Bush, with his occasional "bantam rooster strut" and "chinny defiance," suggests that Bush's self-definition began at Yale in the 1960s. There he reacted strongly against what he calls the "heaviness" of that place and time. By "heaviness" Bush means the amalgam of guilt and arrogance characteristic of America's elites then. "There was," Minutaglio quotes Bush remembering, "this whole period of 'Well, I'm going to dedicate my trust fund to whatever, whatever, whatever,' and 'You're at fault.'"

Days after his father lost the 1964 Senate race against Ralph Yarborough, one of the most liberal senators, the first son, walking on campus, introduced himself to Yale's leftist chaplain, William Sloane Coffin Jr., who said, "Oh, yes, I know your father. Frankly, he was beaten by a better man." Says Minutaglio, "For the next thirty-five years, that encounter with Coffin would resonate in Bush's mind."

Bush's protracted recoil against "intellectual arrogance" continues: His in-house intellectual is his close adviser Karl Rove, a history buff and political theorist who has no college degree. Minutaglio calls him "a thinking man's anti-intellectual."

In Minutaglio's portrait of the presidential aspirant as a young man, Bush is seen at the Harvard Business School wearing his Texas National Guard flight jacket, and chewing tobacco. Back in West Texas he sleeps on a broken bed frame lashed together with neckties, and uses Scotch tape to attach the tassels to his loafers. Yet outward casualness covers considerable discipline.

Bush's upward mobility in politics only seems effortless. He deftly deflected rival Republicans from running for governor. He defeated Gov. Ann Richards when she had a 60 percent approval rating. He won re-election in a 68 percent landslide. He has dominated this Republican presidential nomination season. As an Andover classmate remembered him at school, "He rose to a certain prominence for no ostensible, visible reason."

But Bush's long apprenticeship in politics began when he campaigned in his father's losing Senate race against Lloyd Bentsen in 1970. Eight years later the first son lost a rough campaign for Congress in West Texas, where, Minutaglio suggests, the risk-taking ethos of the oil business may have contributed to the wastrel ways of his young manhood.

The headmaster of Bush's private secondary school in Houston aspired to give students "a sense of style," meaning "the individual's capacity to attain his goal without wasteful and irrelevant effort." At Bush's Andover graduation the headmaster urged graduates to "take with you a sense of style," a "distinction in manner and bearing."

FDR, a virtuoso of charm and guile, was more a manner than a mind, but in politics, manner — style — can be a kind of program. Bush seems to know this.

In the current issue of American Heritage, Richard Brookhiser, journalist and historian, notes that from 1901 to 1921 three authors held the presidency — Teddy Roosevelt, William Howard Taft and Woodrow Wilson — and the last two were former professors. The country chose among the three of them in the 1912 election. But such intellect in politics is rare, and perhaps should be. Brookhiser says that the three philosophers who followed Washington in the presidency — Adams, Jefferson, Madison — served a total of five terms, only one of which, Jefferson's first, was successful.

"Perhaps," Brookhiser writes, "the wise leader should strive to have intellectuals on tap and not be one himself." That Bush understands this is suggested by Minutaglio's book, and by the contented purring of the intellectual pilgrims to Austin.

George Will's column is distributed by the Washington Post Writers Group.



Letters

Showing of American pride in paper greatly appreciated

I was beside myself Sept. 18 to see Dorothy Perkins ringing the bell for the Daughters of the American Revolution in the Reporter-Telegram.

Just to see something great about Americans and America on the front page of our newspaper was a surprise, and to mention a few signers with respect to their duties was also. And beautiful English we have and we have established an English-American country. I am so pleased to see some mention of America, her flag and now even her Constitution.

As all the minorities are written about now, perhaps we can join together and fly our flag — we might even pray out loud, celebrate our day. Where's our parade Mr. Mayor?

Thank you Reporter-Telegram, for letting us love a page of your paper. It would be nice if radio and TV could see your page!

Dollie Neal Ballenger

Waco coverup is not very surprising considering past

Why am I not surprised to hear that there has been a Clinton/Reno Department of Justice coverup regarding the use of pyrotechnic devices at the Waco massacre? Why am I not surprised to hear that the military was involved, in violation of law?

Why am I skeptical that any investigation conducted by the Clinton/Reno Department of Justice will be thorough, open, and honest?

Could it be that the history of lies, coverups, diversions, obfuscation, deceit, and poor judgment involving Waco, Whitewater, Travelgate, Filegate, Chinagate and illegal fund-raising, Chinese espionage, Paula Jones, Monicagate, bombing aspirin factories, proposing to pardon terrorists, reluctance to diligently enforce immigration laws, etc., has colored my judgment? Could it be I am led to suspect that a new Reno investigation will be less than thorough, open, and honest because of the fact that not a single Reno "investigation" has ever found any wrongdoing by any member of the Clinton administration? You bet!

I am sure these people are sometimes truthful, but how can you tell when?

Can you depend on it? No, because liars cannot be trusted.

R.B. Wacker

Jurors sometimes convict a person who is innocent

In reference to the letter regarding the alleged assailant who was set free and acquitted of felony assault charges, please be aware that, unfortunately, this situation is often two-sided and ambiguous. Jurors often convict innocent men and women, as well.

Painfully, this happened in this very county to my son. Not only have we had to suffer the losses of family members but equally the loss of our son to the prison system and a horrendous conviction. I will pray that no other families have the burden of a similar loss.

Sadly, merely circumstantial evidence and negative hearsay constitutes guilt in the minds of some jurors and those same jurors may believe biased and often fabricated testimony and convict an innocent man. Please pray with our family as well that this wrong may be righted and an innocent man be set free.

Nancy Martin

Drug use question will follow Bush through 2000 campaign

With our Texas governor running, I think he will be our next president. The drug controversy question will, of course, follow his bid for office.

There are people and the media that want to ask him about his past. Personally I think it's up to him. We have all made mistakes in our past. We should elect a president for his good merits and on what he promises to do for this country, not on something he did in his youth.

We all have to remember that we did elect a president who didn't like it and didn't inhale.

Mark Buttery

Doonesbury



Art Buchwald

Movie stars take interest in election system

Hollywood is starting to be heard from on the presidential elections. First Warren Beatty stuck his foot in the water. Now rumor has it that Richard Dreyfuss might go for the prize, and there is even talk that Cybill Shepherd may decide to run.

Why the sudden interest by movie stars in our election system?

This might be the answer. Rock Luck Buck, one of the film industry's biggest stars, meets with his agent, Fog Murphy, at the Polo Lounge.



Buchwald

"What have you got for me?" Rock asks.

"I know this is going to sound weird, but the only thing that is open is president of the United States. It doesn't pay much, but the perks are fantastic — you have your own plane, Camp David and the Marine Corps Band. It's a great opportunity for you until Steven Spielberg finishes his next script."

"Who else is up for the part?"

"Warren Beatty, Richard Dreyfuss and Charlton Heston. But I heard they want you. Rock, I think you should take it because it will give you tremendous exposure. You have charisma, and that is what it takes to play the role."

It's true they laughed when Ronald Reagan announced he was going to run for office, but he won in a landslide.

"I don't know. I think I can beat Gore, Bradley and Bush, but Warren Beatty will give me a tough time. Besides, what do I have to offer the people that Dan Quayle doesn't?"

"An Academy Award-winning performance. Remember when you did a remake of 'Grapes of Wrath'? The people haven't forgotten that. And then there was 'Yankee Doodle Dandy,' when you played George M. Cohan's sidekick. And the fans still remember your scene on the beach with Deborah Kerr in 'From Here to Eternity.' Any one of those will beat Pat Buchanan in Iowa."

Rock says, "It sounds good, though I would prefer 10 percent of the gross from the U.S. foreign aid budget."

"What I haven't told you is that Barbra Streisand has agreed to sing the 'Star-Spangled Banner' for you when you announce your candidacy at the Shrine Auditorium."

"It's true they laughed when Ronald Reagan announced he was going to run for office, but he won in a landslide. He opened it up for other actors who were out of work."

Fog says, "The American people have a lot of respect for actors who want to be president."

Rock replies, "At the moment I don't know whom I'd like to beat — Beatty, Dreyfuss or Shepherd. What I intend to do is wait for the polls' two thumbs up."

Art Buchwald's column is distributed by the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

Businesses funding backup day care for workers

NEW YORK (AP) — Susan Deland loved her job as a lending officer at J.P. Morgan, but as her maternity leave wound down, she couldn't find a good nanny. The day she called to resign, her company stepped in.

Her employer offered a spot for her son in a backup day care center, where children can go if a sitter is ill, their school has a snow day or the youngster is sick and can't go to group day care.

That solution gave Ms. Deland time to find a sitter, and saved Morgan from losing a talented employee.

Backup care is growing quickly. Thirteen percent of employers now provide it, up from 5 percent in 1993, according to Hewitt & Associates, a consulting firm.

Hillary Rodham Clinton praised the idea Wednesday after touring a Manhattan backup center used by more than 30 companies, including Morgan and Sony Music Entertainment. The first lady is an all-but-announced Democratic candidate for a Senate seat from New York state.

She stood for a minute watching 13-month-old triplets who had been dropped off that morning because their father — who usually takes care of the children — was busy with the family's move to a new house.

"This fills a real need that exists in the child care world," the first lady told a gathering of business leaders and work-family researchers. "Productivity goes up and turnover goes down when employees know that their child is well taken care of."

The center she visited is run by ChildrenFirst Inc., a Boston-based company that runs 18 backup programs nationwide, all for well children. A large day care chain, Bright Horizons Family Solutions, runs 38 backup centers, including some that take mildly ill children. Fourteen of those opened in the last year.

Companies find that it is often cheaper to buy slots in a backup center that many employees take turns using than to build their own day care center.

Fees vary, but it generally costs companies with 300 or fewer employees $28,000 a year and up to buy a slot at a ChildrenFirst center. Building an on-site child care center can cost millions, an impossible price tag for small companies.

Half of ChildrenFirst's corporate clients charge their employees nothing for the care, while half charge a nominal $10 to $20 a day.

Many companies find that the service pays for itself.

Chase Manhattan Bank, one of the pioneers in the field, says it saved $820,000 in reduced absenteeism in 1996 alone by offering backup care for its New York employees.

Now the bank has three of its own centers nationwide and plans to add eight more by 2001. Some of the centers also offer separate rooms for mildly ill children who can't attend group care.

In addition to offering 20 free days a year of backup care, the company offers eight extra weeks to workers returning after the birth or adoption of a child.

"It's a critical juncture for people," said Christine Fossaceca, work-life director at Chase. "They're making a decision about whether to return to work."

For Janette Hartman, who takes telephone orders for the Lands' End catalog, the company's backup center in Dodgeville, Wis., ended her worries over what to do when her 4-year-old couldn't go to day care.

"I had to leave early, or not go to work. Occasionally I could find a friend," she said. "Now I don't have anxiety over what's going to happen to my child."

Report suggests blacks aren't underrepresented in network TV

NEW YORK (AP) — Four of the six broadcast networks have a higher percentage of blacks as regular characters in prime-time comedies and dramas than the general population, according to a new study.

The report by TN Media suggests television is no whitewash, as some civil rights groups have charged.

The NAACP is considering a boycott of network television because of what it considers a dearth of minorities on TV. Hispanic groups have similar complaints, and are in the midst of a two-week "brownout" urging their followers not to watch TV.

The study by TN Media, which advises companies on TV advertising, said 18 percent of CBS's characters this fall are black, as are 14 percent of ABC's. Blacks represent about 13 percent of the U.S. population.

Eight percent of NBC's characters are black, and 7 percent of Fox's.

The two developing networks, which both air shows that specifically appeal to a black audience, do much better. On UPN, 45 per cent of the characters are black. Twenty-three percent are black on the WB.

The six-network average is 16 percent.

"The networks seem to be fairly representative," said Steve Sternberg of TN Media.

It's not clear how much the percentages changed after the NAACP made diversity a public issue. With the situation was pointed out to the networks, several shows in production began adding minority characters.

A spokesman for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said the organization is equally concerned about the lack of minority executives, writers and production people at the networks.

"Certainly we're glad that there are a number of minority characters on camera," said the NAACP's John White, "but we're still saying this is more than a matter of who's on screen."

Only 3 percent of the prime-time characters on the networks are minorities other than blacks, the report said. Hispanics alone make up 9 percent of the population.

Sternberg argued that the belief that blacks were much better represented on screen during the 1970s and 1980s is not true. And he disagreed with the notion that networks don't cater to blacks because advertisers are only interested in young, upscale whites.

"Everyone appealing to the same audience hurts us all, viewers and advertisers alike," he said. "It limits our choices, further polarizes the audience and contributes to network ratings erosion."

TN Media's study of viewing habits indicated that CBS is the most popular network among black viewers, as it is now with all viewers. Blacks watch nearly 72 hours of television, on average, each week, while whites watch 50 hours.

Almost half of all Hispanic television viewing is of Spanish-language television, the report said.

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Acclaimed cellist Rostropovich makes rare TV appearance

NEW YORK (AP) — Mstislav Rostropovich will be playing more than the cello when he makes a rare television appearance on PBS' "Live from Lincoln Center." The acclaimed musician will be playing mind games as well.

"I hate TV!" Rostropovich exclaims. "It's only because of this occasion I'm doing it. When I see the camera, I immediately think how I look. Automatically. I lose the music.

"I must hypnotize myself for this particular concert."

He's making the effort for the New York Philharmonic's opening night performance, which will air at 7 p.m. CDT today on PBS stations. Kurt Masur conducts.

Rostropovich, a passionate performer who prefers bear hugs and kissing hands to handshakes with fellow musicians, will play Dvorak's "Cello Concerto," which he first recorded in 1952.

His conductor then was Vaclav Talich, who had known Dvorak and gave the 25-year-old cellist pointers about how the composer wanted it played. Rostropovich, now 72, has been following Talich's guidelines for 47 years. Rostropovich has performed the premieres of 117 cello concertos which were written for him.

While he plays a concerto, he says, he feels it's the best possible music. "I dedicate all my heart and spirit to it. If I criticize a concerto a little bit, I must stop playing this concerto. Some I play only once in my life. Some maybe twice."

Born in the Soviet republic of Azerbaijan, Rostropovich angered Soviet rulers when he helped dissident writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn.

"He lived five years in my home in Moscow," he said. "That's why the government threw me out of the country. I was told, 'You must put him out.' No. That's a human feeling; it's not about politics. He was my friend; he had no place to live."

The couple and their two daughters were given exit visas in 1974 and left for the West. Their citizenship was revoked in 1978, later to be reinstated by Mikhail Gorbachev.

Rostropovich was amazed when the Berlin Wall came down.

"Until I was 47, I was in the Soviet Union, on one side of the Berlin Wall. I was sent out of my country without any hope I was ever coming back. When the Berlin Wall was crushed, I think maybe my two lives will come together."

They have. After giving a master class at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia Oct. 1, Rostropovich will return to Paris only long enough to change suitcases and go to Russia to be a godfather at a christening, to receive an award and to hear some students.

Last March, after a Moscow concert was panned by a critic, he said he wouldn't perform in Russia any more. "I'm still of that opinion," he says now. "Of course, I'll still go there."

His professional engagement calendar is full until 2003, about half playing cello, about half conducting.

Rostropovich plays a Stradivarius cello that has a scratch made by Napoleon's spur when he was looking at the instrument. "It doesn't hurt the sound; it only makes the cello more famous."

Was Napoleon a music lover? Rostropovich's eyes twinkle as he answers: "I never spoke to him on this subject."

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Second bomb explodes at black Florida university

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A pipe bomb exploded Wednesday in a building at Florida A&M University, the second blast at the historically black school in less than a month.

No injuries were reported and damage was minor in blasts that were accompanied by the warning it's "just the beginning, brother."

In Wednesday's explosion, a caller to a Tallahassee television station used racial slurs and said the students at Florida A&M didn't need a university. WTXL-TV received a second call laced with profanity and racist remarks after the bomb went off.

"FAMU has seen the beginning of this ... they got no business having a college where there ain't nobody ... smart enough to get a degree .... This is just the beginning, brother," the station quoted the caller as saying.

In the Aug. 31 blast, a caller told the same station he wanted to "get rid of some of them niggers." No one was hurt and there was little damage from that blast.

Authorities also received a call Wednesday warning of a bomb in another campus building, but a search turned up nothing.

"There are obvious, commonsense connections you could make," said Byron Price, FBI supervisor in Tallahassee. But he added that authorities have no concrete evidence linking the two explosions.

Authorities have offered a $10,000 reward for information leading to an arrest and conviction in the first bombing.

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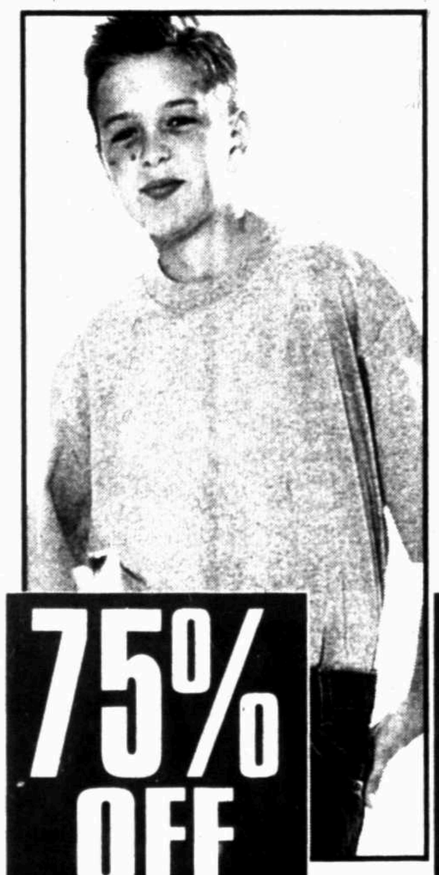
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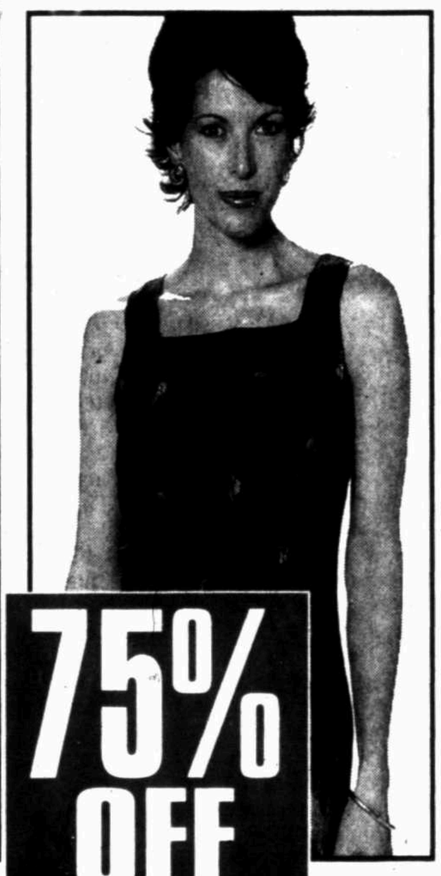
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Greenwood residents protest Loop 250 plan

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Greenwood residents were among a capacity crowd in the Midland County Commissioners' Courtroom Wednesday to protest any extension of Loop 250 into their rural community.

"We don't want the city coming to us," Greenwood resident Kimberly Gerard said.

Moments earlier, Gary Law, director of transportation, planning and development for the Texas Department of Transportation's 12-county Odessa District, had outlined TxDOT's 25-year plan for I-20 development in the Midland-Odessa area.

The Greenwood community is about 10 miles east of downtown Midland.

Rather than funding southward extension of Loop 250 into Greenwood, Ms. Gerard and some other Greenwood residents preferred that TxDOT fund the widening of Farm-to-Market Road 307, which connects the Greenwood community to Midland at Fairgrounds Roads in southeast Midland, to a four-lane roadway.

Like other Greenwood residents, Ms. Gerard moved to the community for its rural setting, building her home on a 25-acre spread just off County Road 1130 about a mile south of I-20.

"We don't want the loop in Greenwood in any way, shape or form," said Ms. Gerard, who is CO2 business manager for Petro Source Corp. in Midland.

Ms. Gerard said she had helped draft a petition, signed by more than 100 Greenwood and Midland residents, including homeowners, to request a TxDOT feasibility and route study and an environment assessment for the southern portion of Loop 250.

That study would begin at Fairgrounds Road on the eastward development of the loop east of Midland and south to CR 1130 to FM 307 "and beyond its final proposed destination of Loop 250 West" in completing a full circle virtually encircling Midland and looping into rural areas to the east and south.

"We feel that it is certainly a social injustice to enter that rural community with any type of loop or major-access route," said Ms. Gerard, who noted that a major thoroughfare there would divide the community and take away from its rustic aura and peaceful setting.

TxDOT, Law said, "does not have authority to extend Loop 250 beyond its current approved project and that is the interchange" of I-20 and Loop 250 east of Midland.

"Anything south of there, we still have to go through feasibility studies," Law said. "On the east side of town, this interchange is the end of our authority to extend Loop 250."

Were CR 1130 to be widened as part of the loop, Ms. Gerard said that her house would have to be uprooted. CR 1130 intersects FM 307 about 1.7 miles south of I-20.

"To the east of County Road 1130, there are a probably a 120 homes that access off of east side, and on the west side, you have this new development," Ms. Gerard said. "My home is on the west side. And you have Stoneridge (Addition)" to the west.

The loop running south on CR 1130 "would split us. And right now, we are community. I would lose my home if they do what the (TxDOT) want."

Rather than developing CR 1130 into a thor-

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Kim Gerard, who lives in Greenwood, discusses why residents don't want Loop 250 extended out toward Greenwood.

Two-car accident

Afternoon accident injures both drivers

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

A two-car accident at the intersection of Kansas Ave. and Terrell St. turned out to look worse than it was. Arriving on the scene, officers saw a Chevrolet Suburban turned on its side. Worse yet, the dispatch call that went out at about 12:45 p.m. had identified that a young man was trapped within his car.

No special equipment was needed to remove 17-year-old David Cole from his car but he was taken away from the accident in an ambulance.

"He (Cole) was complaining that ... side hurt and that could indicate internal injuries," said Bobby Welborn, accident investigator for the Midland Police Department.

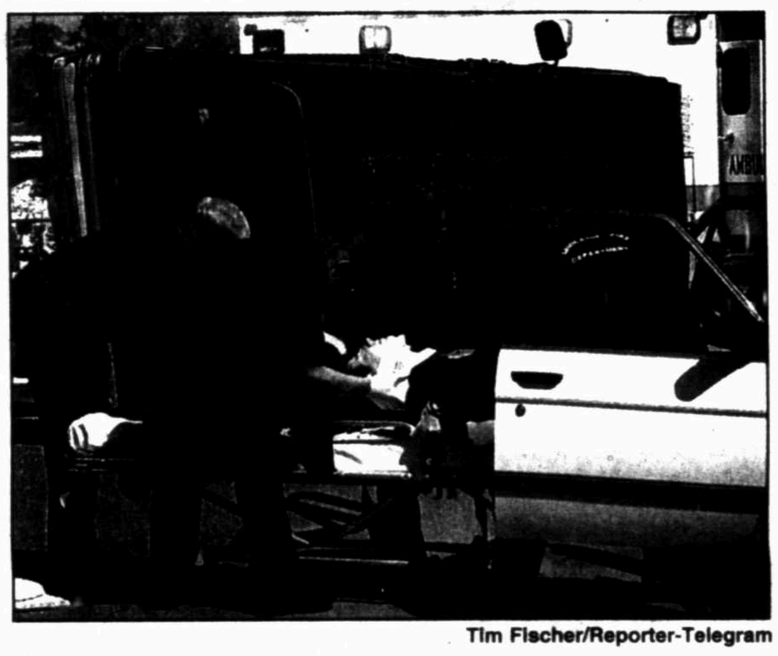
Javier Lozano also was taken to the hospital but his injuries seemed to be less severe.

"I guess he will be all right," said Lozano's stepson Oscar Molinar, who arrived on the scene after the accident. "He was limping around but I guess he was more scared than anything."

According to witnesses, passengers and police, the accident occurred when Cole, driving a white four-door BMW, ran a stop sign. Cole was traveling eastbound on Kansas Ave. and Lozano's suburban was heading south on Terrell.

"I guess he didn't see the Suburban," said Jeff Pickering, an 18-year-old passenger in the BMW. "I know I didn't see it."

Cole's other two passengers, Alex Noel, 17, and Roger Thornton, 17, also claimed not to have seen the truck coming.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Paramedics work to remove David Cole, 17, from his car early Wednesday afternoon. The car was struck broadside on the driver's side by a Suburban, driven by Javier Lozano, seen on its side in the background. Both drivers were transported to Midland Memorial Hospital while three passengers in the BMW were not injured. Cole was cited for running a stop sign at the corner of Kansas Ave. and Terrell St.

The Midland High School students did admit that Cole had run the stop sign, however.

"We were coming down Kansas Street and David tried to swerve. That's when he (Lozano) hit him right in his door," Thornton said.

The boys were returning back to school from lunch when the accident occurred. All involved were wearing seat belts and Cole was cited for running the stop sign, police said.

Big Spring United Way tops 22 percent of campaign goal

By T.E. Jenkins
MRT Correspondent

The Big Spring United Way announced its Howard County fund-raising campaign has more than 22 percent of the $225,000 goal for the year already "in the bank" as of this week.

Big Spring United Way Director Carol Jennings said although the group collected an estimated $47,000 in the less than two weeks since their annual Kickoff Luncheon, next week promises to be even better.



Jennings

"The bulk of our fund-raising efforts each year come from employee donations in the workplace," Jennings said. "Next week, a good many of the local businesses that participate each year will be turning in their numbers, so I expect that total will rise considerably by the end of next week."

Jennings said a great deal of the fund-raising success can be attributed to an increase in dollars donated by Howard County schools.

"We've had a 43 percent increase in donations from the area schools," said Jennings. "That's a rather considerable increase over last year's number, and an extremely pleasant surprise for everyone here at the United Way."

Although Jenning's may be pleasantly surprised by the "first inning" of the 1999 fund-raising effort, local agencies that benefit from the United Way are ecstatic.

"There is just no way to really put into words how important what they do for us really is," said Major Roy Tolcher of the Big Spring Salvation Army. "For us to know that portion of our yearly budget is already there for us each year is an immense relief for our agency."

Tolcher said it's good to see things going well for the United Way effort early on, and hopes to see that same spirit of giving Howard County has become famous for continue.

"In this current day and time, and with the economic situation we are seeing in not only West Texas, but all over the world, the

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Volunteers sought to 'Make A Difference'

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Volunteers are being sought to participate in Make A Difference Day Oct. 23, an annual day of volunteering around the country.

"Go out and do something as small as mowing an elderly neighbor's yard or as large as organizing a coat bank so youngsters will have coats," said Jose Cuevas, City Council member-at-large Wednesday.

Locally the event, created in 1992 by "USA Weekend" magazine and the Points of Light Foundation, is sponsored by Wal-Mart, Home Depot and the Reporter-Telegram.

The three have identified four community projects: completing a house for Habitat for Humanity; helping the senior citizens at Trinity Towers conduct their fall festival; assisting Casa de Amigos in painting emergency addresses on curbs; and helping the congregation of the Glory of God Church make repairs to their church.

Standing outside the Glory of God Church, Cuevas urged volunteers to report their projects so they can be entered for local and national recognition from USA Weekend.

He said the city of Midland will recognize a local project with the City of Cham-

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Midlanders urged to lend a helping hand

Midland residents are being asked to help make their community a better place by volunteering for "Make A Difference Day" on Saturday, Oct. 23.

Volunteers are sought for projects taking place all over Midland that day. If you as an individual or your civic organization or church group would like to get involved in "Make A Difference Day" you can obtain a volunteer application by contacting Chris McCarver at 687-8882 at the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Also, if you have a community project that you think needs the attention of volunteers on Oct. 23, you can obtain a project application form by calling the same number as above.

Former youth minister indicted for sexual exploitation of child

By Art Sinclair
MRT Correspondent

The former youth minister of a local church is to surrender to U.S. Marshals sometime this week to face two charges of sexual exploitation of children.

Gary Don McCoy Jr., 27, former youth minister at Greenwood Baptist Church, is to be arraigned in Judge Royal Ferguson's federal court in Midland by Friday, according to the local U.S. attorney's office.

According to the indictment issued Wednesday, Sept. 15, by a Midland federal grand jury, in July 1999, McCoy "intentionally employed, used, persuaded, induced, enticed and coerced a 15-year-old minor female to engage in sexually explicit conduct."

McCoy is accused of producing material "that had been mailed, shipped and transported in interstate commerce," the indictment states.

A second count charges the defendant with "Knowingly possessing three or more photographs which contain visual depiction of a nude minor female engaging in sexually explicit conduct."

The U.S. attorney's office is recommending no bond in the case.

Ed Todd

Winning a pilot's wings: Seeking glory in the wild blue yonder

Winning your wings or washing out: It's either soaring high into the heart's dreams or crashing and burning.

For many an aviation cadet in World War II, winning those glorious wings was turning fantasy into reality.



Todd

Washing out of flight school was the dread of most and the fate of some.

"Winning your wings in World War II ... was the ultimate goal and intense desire of all young cadets," recalled Jack Edwards, a West Texan and a World War II naval aviator who won his wings and the privilege of flying fighter aircraft. It was the longing of many school children steeped in aspiration but too young to join in that great war effort abroad and at home more than 50 year ago.

Washing out, life's nadir for cadets, meant "dashed hopes and bitter disappointment" for cadets, Edwards said.

Winning those "glamourous wings" and the flying those "hot" aircraft was the hope and the promise.

Getting there was the goal. And winning the confidence of flight instructors at primary, basic, and advance levels of flying was the way to the wings.

Some cadets were "luckier than others," Edwards said, and got breaks at crucial times when other might not have.

Flight instructors, as unrelenting and demanding as they might have been, won their wings, too, and experienced those hopes and fears

"It was my lifetime ambition (to fly airplanes)," reflected Midlander George Donnelly, a World War II Army Air Corps flight instructor and B-17 Flying Fortress and B-29 Superfortress pilot.

"I was a pretty mean instructor, I guess," Donnelly said recently on flight training in the Confederate Air Force-American Airpower Heritage Museum "Remembrance of War" series.

Donnelly taught basic maneuvers and aerobatics. "One I really used to enjoy was the Immelmann turn," Donnelly recalled. "It's a half loop with a half roll on top" to gain altitude and simultaneously change flight direction.

"I was prepared," Donnelly said. Whatever the maneuver, even if the airplane fell out of the sky and went in a spin or if he pulled a split S and headed home, Donnelly "thrilled the cadets."

He recalled flying formation whereby cadets would "really tuck it in close, and if I found some guy who had his eye off of me for 30 seconds, I'd cut my throttle and drop my flaps, and then just give him holy hell when he sailed by me."

Ultimately, the flight instructor was preparing the cadet for combat mainly as a fighter pilot or bomber pilot who proficiently could fly the aircraft without really worrying about flying the aircraft and who could be watching out for his friends in arms.

"That's what you were preparing them for," Donnelly said. "That was our criteria, at least it was mine. Eventually, he (the cadet turned aviator) might fly my wing" in combat. "And I didn't want him worrying about flying that airplane. I wanted him watching me — watching out for me. You knew he was depending on you, and you were depending on him."

Odessan Murrell Howell, a wartime flight instructor, recalled teaching a reluctant cadet — a professional baseball player.

"And he did not want to learn to fly," Howell said, "but it looked like a way (for him) to keep out of combat. He sure did not want to get drafted. So, he came into the Air Corps and to flight training." Instead of focusing on flying, the cadet "would stop and he would say, 'Do you know how many stitches are in a baseball?'

"'Can I wash out?'" he would plea.

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Area briefs

Backyard composting classes

Two series of composting classes will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, Oct. 12 and 14, and Oct. 26 and 28. The classes are open to the public, and registration is by phone, 915-498-4071. Participants will receive training in backyard composting, as well as a compost bin to get them started.

Backyard composting has been proven to reduce the amount of yard waste finding its way into landfills as well as being the perfect amendment to soils. The addition of compost to a landscape will improve the soils nutrients and thereby produce healthier plants.

The classes will taught by Debbie Frost, Texas Agriculture Extension Service agent. They are brought to the public with the funding provided by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, City of Odessa and Keep Midland Beautiful.

Silver Star for gallantry awarded

After 55 years, Midlander Richard E. (Dick) Wilson, will be awarded the Silver Star for gallantry during World War II at 10:30 a.m. today at the Confederate Air Force hanger. The Silver Star will be awarded to Wilson by his nephew Col. John S. Wilson, United States Air Force.

Wilson volunteered for service in 1942 and upon entering military service was assigned to the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was subsequently posted to England with the 366 Bomb Squadron, 305 Bomb Group, 8th Air Force.

On his 21st bombing mission over Germany, Staff Sergeant Wilson's B-17 bomber was destroyed by enemy anti-aircraft gunfire. He was taken prisoner of war camps. Of the five surviving aircraft crew members, Wilson is credited with the evacuation of several from the falling airplane, and for saving the life of one, all at great risk and disregard for his own safety.

3-day pastel workshop

LUBBOCK — Pastel artist Vicky Clark of Seminole is scheduled to teach a 3-day pastel workshop Friday through Sunday, Oct. 1-3, here. Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 24.

Sponsored by the Lubbock Art Association, it is open to the public. Cost for the workshop is $110 for LAA members and $130 for non members, with materials furnished by the participants.

Hours for the workshop are Friday, 6 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 1:30 to 5 p.m. The location is to be announced. Contact Beth Pennington at (806) 698-0292

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.

The Permian Basin Stamp Club will meet at the General Mail Facility, Midland International Airport, 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome. For more information, call Mike Cherrington at 699-0202.

Flatlanders Toastmasters Club, Chevron Bldg., 15 Smith Rd., 11:30-12:30 p.m., 987-7286.

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

Optimist Club of Midland, noon, Best Western Sidewalk Cafe.

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

Project ADAM, (Alternatives to Domestic Assault for Men), 570-0467.

Midland Gem and Mineral Society, 7 p.m., Sibley Center by SE entrance of Hogan Park. Call 686-7442.

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

Parents Anonymous, 7 p.m., for location and other information, 570-1084.

Survivors of Homicide Support Group, 7:30 p.m., second-floor classroom at law-enforcement building, 400 S. Main St., 688-8909.

Northside Lions Club 7:30 a.m., Plaza Club at ClayDesta, 694-5624.

National Association of Retired Federal Employees 6 p.m., Mr. Gatti's.

Overeaters Anonymous, 7:30 p.m., 408 South G St.

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous, noon, First United Methodist Church, 694-2860.

Palmer Drug Abuse Program Parent Group, 7 p.m., second floor First Baptist Church, 685-3645.

Obituaries

Adonna Yost

Adonna A. "Donna" Yost was born July 28, 1913 in Dallas. She married John Russell Yost in Dallas on August 19, 1937. They moved to Midland in August of 1957. Mrs. Yost was a very active member of First Presbyterian Church. She loved to play golf and was a member of the Midland Country Club and Ranchland Hills Country Club Ladies Golf Associations.

Mrs. Yost was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Yost. She is survived by her son, Bill Yost and his wife, Elaine, of Minneapolis, MN; her daughter, Ann Yost Caponio and her husband, Sam, of Mendocino, CA; her sister, Ruth Weimer of Tucson, AZ; 4 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; 2 nephews, John Clayton Yost and Randolph Yost, both of Houston; and 1 niece, Sally Yost of Santa Fe, NM.

Mrs. Yost died at a local health care center Monday, September 20, 1999.

Visitation will be Thursday, September 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Graveside services have been scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, September 24, at Resthaven Memorial Park with Dr. Jerry Hilton officiating. Ellis Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Death Notices

Bertie Ingram

Bertie Floyd Ingram died Wednesday, Sept. 22, at a local hospital.

Funeral services are to be 11 a.m. Friday at First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Sammy Hayes officiating. Burial is to be in Tishomingo, Oklahoma City Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born March 28, 1902 in Ardmore, Okla.

He was a member of First Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include his wife, Aubra Ingram of Midland; two daughters, Imogene Gover and Othalene Channell, both of Midland; a sister, Velma Henson of Tishomingo, Okla; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Alice Faught

Alice M. Faught died Wednesday, Sept. 22, at a local health care center.

Services are pending with Stufflebean Funeral Home of Pauls Valley, Okla., with local arrangements under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born July 20, 1905 in Rawlins, Wyo.

Survivors include three daughters, Elaine Hammers of Midland, Pat Phillips of Wakeeney, Kan. and Beverly Weld of Baton Rouge, Louis.; a son, Robert Faught of Topeka, Kan.; 11 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Patricia Griffith

GATESVILLE — Former Midlander Patricia Ann Griffith, 57, died Monday, Sept. 20, at her residence.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Scott's Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bruce McCarver officiating. Burial is to follow at Moffet Cemetery.

She was born June 26, 1942 in San Angelo.

She worked for Dillard Department Stores for years. She was a member of Mountain Baptist Church in Gatesville since 1988.

Survivors include her husband, Dennis C. Griffith of Gatesville; two daughters, Patricia D. Griffith of Gatesville and Debra A. Keel of Midland; her mother, Ruby C. Lightsey of Gatesville; a sister, Myra Booth of Abilene; and two brothers, Pete Lightsey of Brookhaven, Miss. and Noel Lightsey of Kings Mountain, N.C.

In lieu of flowers, your time or memorials may be made to The National Kidney Foundation or the Mountain Baptist Church.

Harrie Smith Jr.

HOUSTON—Former Midlander Harrie A. Smith Jr., 67, died Tuesday, Sept. 21.

Memorial services are to be 3:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24 at Forest Park Funeral Home, 12800 Westheimer, Houston.

He was born Oct. 21, 1931 in Texon.

He also lived in Big Lake. He had been an Eagle Scout. He won the UIL State Championship in the 120-yard high hurdles in 1950.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Bukley Smith; his parents, Harrie A. and Crystal Smith of Midland; and a son, Michael Cooley of Houston.

Survivors include a daughter, Deborah Smith; three sons, James Cooley, Harrie Cooley and David Cooley, all of Houston; two sisters, Dana S. Clifton of Bonham and Beverly S. Wakefield of Odessa; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Houston Hospice, 8811 Gaylord, Houston 77024; or the American Cancer Society.

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 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

C. E. Long Jr.

C. E. Long Jr., 84, died Wednesday, Sept. 22, at Manor Park's Younger Center.

Services are pending with McCoy Funeral Home of Sweetwater.

James Countryman

CORPUS CHRISTI—James Countryman, 45, formerly of Seminole, son and brother of Midlanders Jean Countryman and Harold Countryman, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, in Corpus Christi.

Funeral services are pending with Memorial Funeral Home of Seminole.

Paul F. Caudle

Paul F. Caudle died Wednesday. Services are pending with Sunset Memorial in Odessa.

LOOP: Residents say extension would split the community

(From 1B)

Rather than developing CR 1130 into a thoroughfare, Ms. Gerard said that there are "other points east and west. No homes would have to be taken. You would not split a community. There are much better alternatives out there. We just ask that they (TxDOT officials) look at it."

The feasibility-route-study petition is to be followed by a petition to absolutely stop any access of Loop 250 into the Greenwood area.

"We just don't want it," Ms. Gerard said of Loop 250 running through the Greenwood area. "We support doing things that are going to keep our community safe. We do not support things that are going to be detrimental to our community or to the safety of our people."

Scott Dickerson, a Greenwood developer, noted that Midland's growth is to the north and west.

Trey and Lisa Buescher, who are neighbors of Ms. Gerard off CR 1130, opposed CR 1130 development.

"We don't want it," Mrs. Buescher said.

"I feel like it is going to divide our community," Buescher said.

Among the protesters of Loop 250's intrusion into Greenwood were those who feared Midland might try to annex Greenwood and would consider incorporating Greenwood to prevent annexation, and those who wanted to "preserve our (Greenwood) school."

"We do not have any intentions of allowing ourselves to be a part of Midland — not anything against Midland. We support Midland (as a shopping center). We just don't want to be a part of the city," Ms. Gerard said.

James Brooks, a Greenwood farmer and veteran Greenwood Independent School District trustee, said that any money to be spent on Loop 250 into Greenwood "could be a whole lot more wisely spent in making a four-lane road out of (FM) 307. And dumping all that I-20 traffic off (CR) 1130 is going to make congestion on (FM) 307 worse. That's my opinion.

"It should be a top priority as far as widening," Brooks said of FM 307. "There's a lots of traffic on it."

If a Loop 250 South route were selected, Brooks suggested County Road 1140 which, he said, is "the dividing line between" the Midland and Greenwood schol districts.

The "up side" of the Loop 250 controversy, Ms. Gerard said, has been in making the Greenwood community "tighter group of people — much more so than it was, absolutely.

"We like to believe we are rural," Ms. Gerard said, "and we want to keep it that way."

In a unanimous 4 to 0 vote, the Midland County Commissioners' Court on Wednesday adopted the county's Fiscal Year 2000 budget of $21.44 million.

The court is to set the 1999 tax rate, proposed at 25.7 cents per $100 valuation, in its 9 a.m. Monday, Sept. 27, meeting in the Midland County Courthouse. The current 1998 tax rate is 22.75 cents.

In an agreement between the city of Midland and Midland County, officials named County Fire Marshal Dale Little as the community's Emergency Management coordinator effective Oct. 1. He succeeds the interim coordinator, Midland Fire Chief Andy Mehl. Pat Repman, Midland city fire inspector, was named deputy coordinator.

Hidalgo County Sheriff's deputy convicted in case-fixing scheme

McALLEN (AP) — An Hidalgo County Sheriff's deputy has pleaded guilty to taking money from defendants in exchange for fixing cases.

Cornelio Garza, 41, was indicted last month for using his position as a warrant officer to extort money from defendants in criminal cases.

The indictment alleged he took payments totalling about $36,000 from three different people facing criminal charges in Hidalgo County.

Garza pleaded guilty on Tuesday to one count of accepting $10,000 in exchange for promises about a pending court case. He will be sentenced Dec. 7 before U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela and faces up to 20 years in prison.

Garza has agreed to make restitution to the victims, the FBI said in a release Thursday.

VOLUNTEER: Local groups plan to help with charitable projects

(From 1B)

pions award in April. Wal-Mart will recognize two projects in each state with $2,000 prizes, and 10 national projects will receive $10,000 donations to the charity of their choice from Paul Newman and the profits from the sale of his food products.

Pastor Dan Gonzales of the church said since 1984, when members of the congregation found the building that houses their church, they have worked inside and out to make repairs.

"We're not a large congregation but we have large hearts," he said. "Our prayer is that together, we can do exactly that — make a difference in the lives of the people we serve."

Home Depot associates will work on the Habitat home and at the church.

Alynda Best, executive director of Habitat for Humanity, said her organization is excited about the help to build a house at 312 E. Spruce. Building will get underway in early October with volunteers from the Junior League and Burlington Resources "raising the roof," she said.

Carla Gonzales with Wal-Mart said her store's associates will assist St. Ann's Catholic Church and school gathering items for the Rainbow Room, which benefits the children served by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

"Anything the community is involved with we support 110 percent," she said.

Brenda Wallace, executive director of Midland Neighborhood Housing Service, said her agency plans to participate, volunteering with Casa de Amigos.

Roy Loris, senior district executive with the Boy Scouts, said the Buffalo Trails Council's project is "S.M.A.S.H.: Scouts Making All Schoolgrounds Homelike."

Cub Scout packs and Boy Scout troops will volunteer to clean up neighborhood schools.

UNITED WAY: Eleven agencies in Big Spring rely on funding

(From 1B)

early success of the fund-raising is excellent," said Tolcher. "I just hope it will continue through the rest of the year."

Tolcher said economic strife is something his agency is sees increasing.

"It used to be that at the end of December, you could expect a couple of months to get something of a breather," said Tolcher. "Now, however, the pace just keeps speeding up, and it's really everything we can do to keep up with it."

The Salvation Army isn't the only Howard County agency that benefits from the funds raised by the local chapter of the United Way. Eleven local agencies and outreach programs draw a great deal of their annual operating budgets from the entity, including: American Red Cross, Boys Club of Big Spring, Buffalo Trail Boy Scouts of America, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Northside Community Center, Howard County Rape Crisis/Victims Services, Salvation Army, Westside Community Center, Westside Day Care Center, West Texas Girl Scout Council and the YMCA Fitness Center.

With so many agencies depending on the efforts of the United Way, Jennings said he doesn't feel intimidated.

"Not a bit," said Ms. Jennings. "The people of Howard County have always been willing to help when they know it's for a good cause, and I'm confident we will make our goal this year despite the economic pressures being felt by so many.

"Next week we will be placing the progress thermometers on the lawn of the Howard County Court House, and I'm proud to say they will be coming out with a good level already on them."

TODD: The big thing is to really want to fly

(From 1B)

"'Yeah,'" Howell replied. "'You're going to wash out if you don't shape up.'" And so he did. "He absolutely would not fly."

Midlander Bill Jessup, a World War II flight instructor who piloted fighters, bombers, trainers, and transports in the war, said that "the big thing was to have someone who really wanted to (fly) and was really interested. That makes all the difference in the world."

Odessan Noris Nelson, who piloted the B-17 pilot over Europe, recalled his flight training, especially early on in the PT-17 Stearman biplane.

"We had a lot of fun," Nelson said. "My instructor one day pulled that Stearman up, rolled it over on its back and kicked the rudder. It went into a upside-down spin. He got it out of that. He said, 'I don't want you to try that. I just want to show that it could be done.'"

W.F. "Bill" Stepp, who piloted the legendary P-51 Mustang in combat over Europe, won his wings in fulfilling his dream of flight.

"When you get your wings and your gold bar (military commission), you are 10 feet tall and bullet proof," said Stepp, of Odessa. "And you think every girl out there is gorgeous, and they were."

Gorgeous most of all, though, were those wings.

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

Police Reports

Theft of tools

The Midland Sheriff's Office needs help in a burglary of a building case which occurred on Aug. 5 in Midland County.

Burglars, according to reports, broke into a business at North County Road 1130 in the early morning hours. The suspects cut a hole in the fence and took tools and equipment at an estimated value of $19,000, reports said.

Sheriff officials say the tools can be easily identified by the initials D.T. written on them with a welding bead.

Anyone with information about this crime should call Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS or 1-800-7-LOCK-UP. Information leading to an arrest or indictment can be worth up to $1,000.

Midland Police Department
Sunday

Assault: An assault was reported at 2402 W. Kentucky Ave. It was reported at 2 a.m.

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Monday

Theft: A theft was reported at 601 N. Loraine St. It was reported at 1:30 p.m.

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Tuesday

Theft: A theft was reported at 5408 Thomason Drive. It was reported at 8:54 a.m.

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Midland County Sheriff's Office
Monday

Criminal mischief: Criminal mischief was reported at 718 Global. It was reported at 7:19 p.m.

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Burglary: A burglary was reported at 12 E. Industrial Loop. It was reported at 7:49 p.m.

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Manor Park, 2208 N. Loop 250 W., received the September Community Achievement Award from Keep Midland Beautiful. Turf specialties has worked with the Manor Park staff to design gardens and plant a variety of shrubs and flowers. Front row, left to right: Brad Graves and Raul Flores, Manor Park staff. Back row: Brent Kemper, Turf Specialties; Chris Newman, Manor Park; Greg Sly, Turf Specialties; Don Knight, Manor Park; Liz Harrel, Keep Midland Beautiful; Kenny Gallagher, Manor Park; and Raymundo Rayos Jr., Manor Park.



Trinity School has received the School Campus Award from Keep Midland Beautiful for the second year in a row. Kelly Beal, a Trinity trustee and chairwoman of the building and grounds committee, spearheaded an effort to plant pine trees along the athletic grounds facing Wadley Avenue with the help of Trinity students. Left to right: Noel Carrasco, Trinity maintenance department; Terry Elrod, Trinity maintenance department; Liz Harrel, Keep Midland Beautiful; Rhonda Durham, Trinity Head of School; Michael Midkiff, Trinity senior and tree-planter; David Blackketter, Trinity freshman and tree-planter.

LCRA proposes boating limits on Lake Travis

AUSTIN (AP) — Concerned about too much speed, noise and crowding on Lake Travis, the Lower Colorado River Authority is proposing tough new restrictions on summertime boating.

"Cigarette" and other high-speed boats would be banned from the lake on odd-numbered weekend days from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Personal watercraft such as Jet Skis would be banned on even-numbered weekend days.

Both kinds of craft would be prohibited on the Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day holiday weekends.

The popular lake, located just west of Austin, has become increasingly congested as the city has boomed in population and recreational boating has increased, officials said.

"We recognize that some of the recommendations will be controversial, but it is time to take serious steps to protect public safety and reduce the threat of accidents that could injure or kill innocent people," LCRA general manager Mark Rose said Wednesday.

"We want recreation on Lake Travis to be an enjoyable experience, not a dangerous one," he said.

The LCRA also is proposing other limits on speed and engine noise, such as "no wake" zones within 100 feet of shore all around the lake and imposing a decibel limit on boat noise. A 40 mph daytime and 20 mph nighttime speed limit is being recommended.

Legislative authority could be sought to charge a fee for private boat dock permits, plus legislation to require boater education and licensing and to increase fines for reckless operation, speeding and boating while intoxicated.

The LCRA, which regulates Lake Travis and four other Highland Lakes that stretch out northwest of Austin, indicated that some of the proposed rules could be extended to the other lakes under its jurisdiction.

The LCRA said the actions are being proposed because more people have been buying and building homes around the lake and using more boats and personal watercraft.

Despite increased enforcement efforts, the LCRA said it has received a rising number of complaints, primarily related to personal watercraft and high-performance boats.

"Although the LCRA has taken a number of actions in recent years to improve safety on Lake Travis and the other Highland Lakes, public complaints continue to increase, particularly about speed, noise and congestion," Rose said.

The LCRA governing board tentatively is scheduled to consider the recommendations for Lake Travis in February.

The agency plans to get public comment on the proposals in three ways. A committee representing 20 interest groups will evaluate the recommendations; a public hearing is planned for January on recommendations; and the public can comment through the LCRA's Lake Travis web site.

Ride safety gets renewed focus in wake of accidents

DALLAS (AP) — Visitors will find fewer ups and downs at this year's State Fair of Texas, where the German-made Wildcat roller coaster has been declared verboten.

After a summer in which four people died in separate roller coaster accidents around the country, fair officials have hired a second full-time ride inspector and decreed that the coaster planned for this year fair's won't make the cut.

"When we went to look at it, it wasn't quite ready," said lead ride inspector Dan Dudley. "It didn't have all the modifications on it we wanted and they're still working on it today. We're hoping to have it here next year."

Dudley said the Wildcat wasn't unsafe, but the maker was unable to complete a requested alteration to the electrical system to prevents cars from colliding.

Fair spokeswoman Nancy Wiley said that despite the Texas fair's recent safety streak, officials were being more cautious after problems across the nation.

In August, a woman and her daughter died when they were ejected from a coaster in Ocean City, N.J. A week earlier, a disabled 12-year-old boy died on a ride in Santa Clara, Calif., when he slipped out of a harness. The same week, a man who had partially wriggled out of a shoulder harness fell from a stand-up roller coaster in Doswell, Va.

"There probably has not been as much attention to ride safety (in the past) as there is at the moment because of incidents that have happened other places," Ms. Wiley said.

The last State Fair of Texas ride death occurred in 1983, when a car flew off a ride and killed one person. In 1979, two gondola cable cars from the Swiss SkyRide fell to the midway, killing one man and injuring 17.

Nationally, injuries have become a bigger problem recently.

Emergency-room injuries from amusement park rides rose 87 percent from 1994 to 1998, Consumer Product Safety Commission chairwoman Ann Brown wrote recently to a congressman looking into ride safety.

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Legal showdown possible over Barnes' deposition

AUSTIN (AP) — A legal showdown is looming between former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes and lawyers for a fired Texas Lottery official over Gov. George W. Bush's admission into the National Guard during the Vietnam War.

Lawrence Littwin claims GTECH, the private company that runs the lottery, used its political influence to get him fired as executive director. Littwin's lawyers say GTECH feared Littwin would be a critic of the company.

Littwin's lawyers have suggested that Barnes, a former GTECH lobbyist, helped the company keep its state contract to run the lottery in exchange for keeping silent about helping Bush get into the National Guard in the late 1960s. They say they intend to ask Barnes about the National Guard issue during a pre-trial deposition Monday.

Bush, the Republican presidential front-runner, has denied seeking help to get into the Guard.

Meanwhile, Littwin's lawyers lost an effort Wednesday to question Lottery Commission chairwoman Harriet Miers. Federal Magistrate Judge Paul D. Stickney said Littwin's lawyers failed to show a compelling reason to interrupt the schedule of a top state official for a deposition.

Linda Eads, deputy attorney general for litigation, said that without rulings like Stickney's, state officials would be summoned into court all the time. She said the state is sued an average of 20 times a day, and she regularly attends hearings on requests to order state officials to testify.

"I'm spending a lot of time doing this now that George Bush is running for president," she said.

Blocked from questioning Ms. Miers, Littwin and his lawyers are turning their full attention to interviewing Barnes on Monday.

"Barnes was reportedly close friends with Gov. Ann Richards and other state officials and is alleged to have helped the current governor, George Bush, avoid active duty during the Vietnam War," Littwin said recently in response to questions from GTECH's lawyers.

He said he based his accusations on an anonymous letter that circulated among state officials. The letter alleges that a Bush aide brokered a deal in which GTECH kept its state contract to run the lottery in exchange for Barnes' silence on Bush and the National Guard.

Barnes was scheduled for a deposition earlier this month, but it was postponed while Barnes' lawyers went to court to block the interview. U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks ruled that Barnes could not block questions about Bush's military service.

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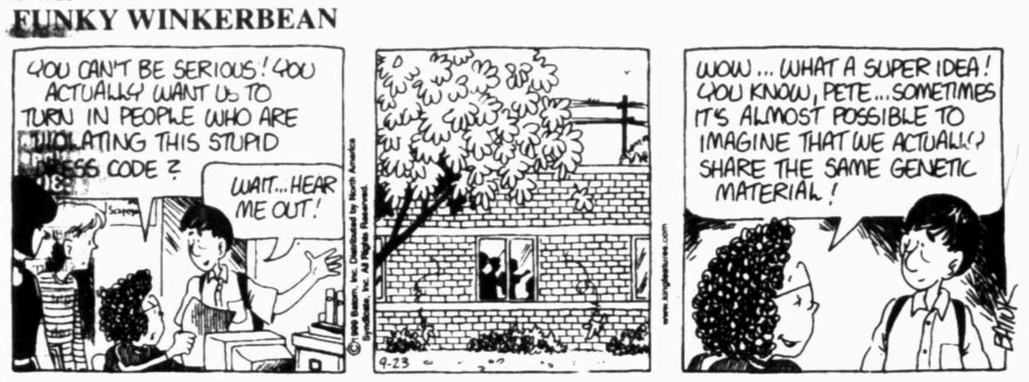
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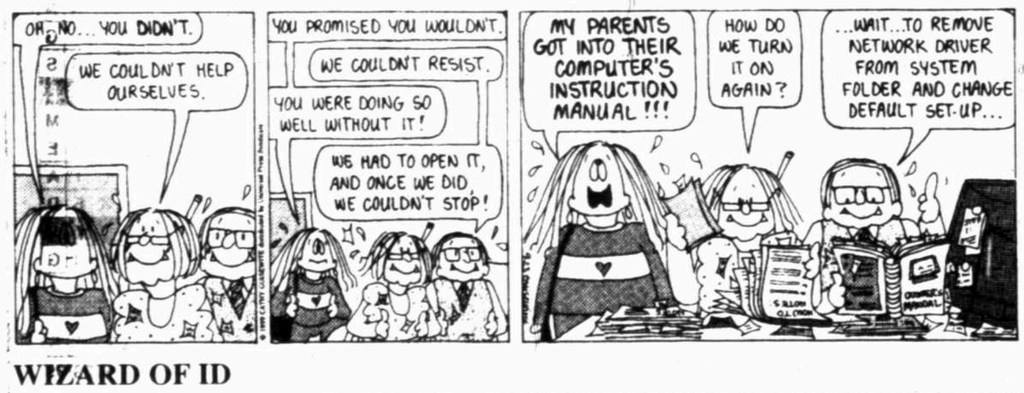
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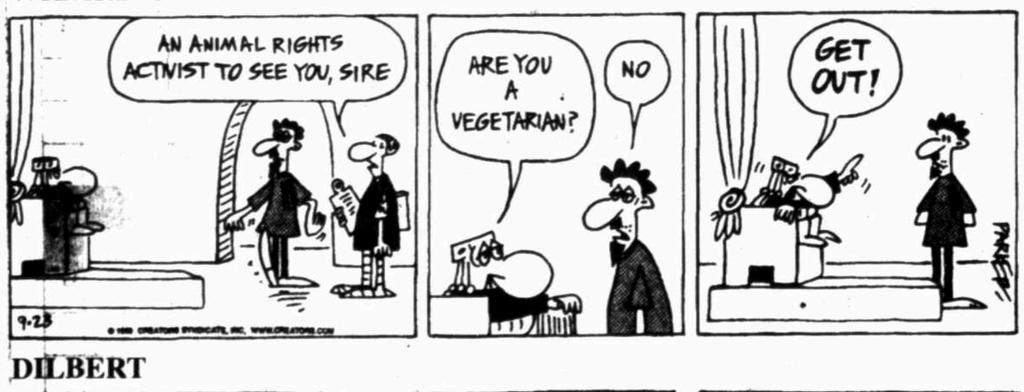
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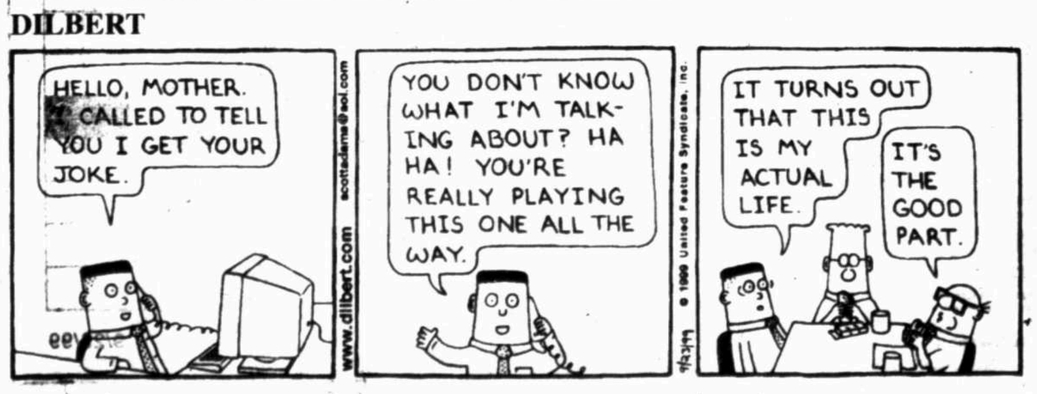
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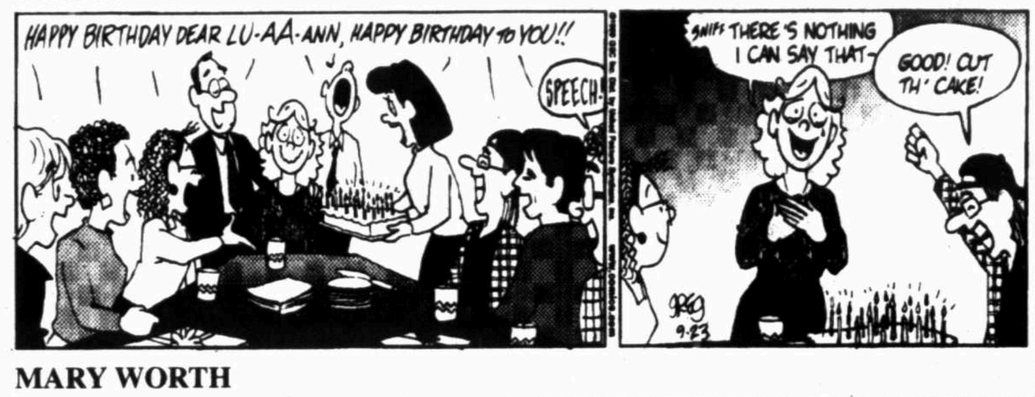
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★ The sun glides into your opposite sign, commencing a monthlong cycle of challenges. How well this period flows will reveal a lot about how you are living your year. Meanwhile, others unleash their frustration and anger today. Tonight: Take a break from the world!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Today is all about work, work and more work! An associate could challenge every money decision you ever made, or so it feels. This person needs to air out his feelings. Negotiate later — certainly not today! Tonight: Work late, but make time for a friend, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Others seek you out for advice and feedback, but when you give them direction, you meet with disagreement! Work proves to be daunting. Do this, and you will be pleased with the net result. Tonight: All eyes turn to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Look within yourself when challenged by the here and now. Your outlook on life and your ability to visualize could make a considerable difference. Office- and work-related matters might have you frazzled. Look carefully at what you might change. Tonight: Take in a movie.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Dig into a situation rather than reacting to others. You get a lot of flack and could take it personally. Brainstorm, with an eye to challenges and what could be. Take time to talk with an upset loved one, if he can calm down. Your caring does make a difference. Tonight: Be with someone you are comfortable with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ Be sure of yourself and don't let others shake you up. You find both family and associates disagreeable, for the moment. You could be irritated, but there are many ways of expressing your frustration. Tonight: Let another choose.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ What you hear could irritate and distract you from what you need to accomplish. Stay even, and know what you want to do. Misunderstandings run rampant; you feel as if you are cornered. Don't worry. Just concentrate on work. Tonight: Soak away stress.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ The expense of a risk causes you to think twice about it. That's a good thing! Revamp your budget and stay on top of spending. A child or loved one might need to wait. Creativity spins out. You come up with unusual solutions. Curtail flirting, or be more aware if someone offers you what you want. Tonight: A little play will do you good.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★ Stop complaining about your family and problems. You could actually be the source of your problems, whether you immediately recognize it or not. Hold up the mirror and see where you might have an issue with control and anger. Tonight: Confide in a friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Keep communication flowing, with an eye to the future and what could be. You could be a lot angrier and more frustrated than you realize. Take charge and move forward. Keep talks flowing, yet emphasize responsibilities. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★ Expenses soar out of whack. Friends are challenging, if not downright difficult. You might feel like you have to pick up where another leaves off. Remember that you don't have to absorb another's responsibilities. Think carefully about what you want to do. Tonight: Do some fall shopping.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your smile beams in others, but it scarcely soothes another's frayed nerves. A boss could be contrary and tough to handle. Remember who is in charge here, even if you don't want to bend. An associate becomes more open and trusting in the next few weeks. Tonight: You're top cat!

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BORN TODAY
Actress Elizabeth Pena (1961),

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

The Right Ruff

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
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♡ A 7
◇ K 3
♣ K 4 3 2

WEST
♠ A 10 2
♡ K Q J 8 3
◇ Q 10 6 5
♣ 8

EAST
♠ K J 7 5
♡ 10 9 4 2
◇ 9 2
♣ 9 7 5

SOUTH
♠ 3
♡ 6 5
◇ A J 8 7 4
♣ A Q J 10 6

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	1♡	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
5♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: King of ♡

Playing at five clubs, declarer's problem was simple. With a sure loser in each major, all South had to do to assure the contract was avoid losing a diamond trick. The solution was not quite as easy to find.

With an opening bid opposite a partner who opened and a fit in South's second suit, North was able to describe the hand nicely with a jump to four clubs. South had no ambitions beyond game.

West led the king of hearts, taken with dummy's ace. The king and ace of diamonds were cashed, and a diamond was ruffed with the king of clubs, a precaution that was necessary when East failed to follow. Declarer drew two rounds of trumps and, had the suit divided evenly, or West had the length, all would have been plain sailing. Unfortunately East held three trumps so, when declarer tried to ruff another diamond, East overruffed and the defenders took their major-suit tricks for a one-trick set.

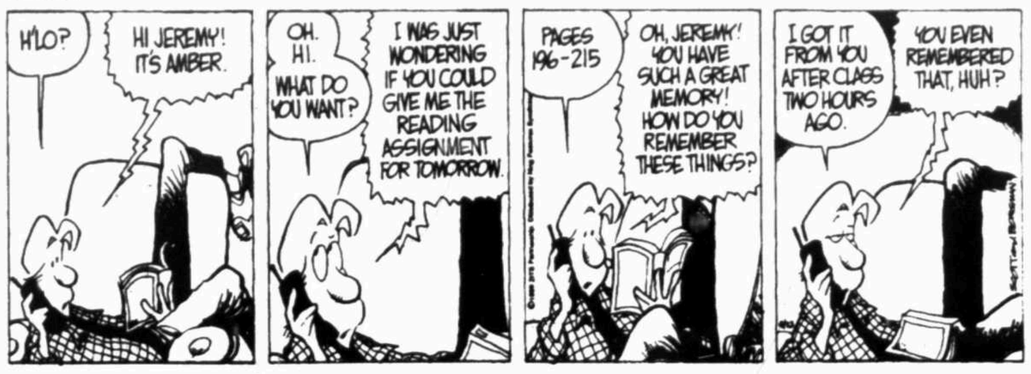
Declarer looked for the wrong ruff. Instead of ruffing the third diamond, declarer should have discarded a heart from the table. Now declarer can ruff a diamond with the king of trumps should West continue the suit, return to hand with a trump and ruff a heart low to fulfill the contract.

CLOSE TO HOME



With the restaurant's violinist out sick, waiter Randy Vorkle filled in with his rendition of "Some Enchanted Evening."

ZITS



BABY BLUES



DENNIS THE MENACE



"MR. WILSON SAYS I SOUND LIKE A BROKEN RECORD." "WHAT'S A RECORD?"

FAMILY CIRCUS



"I think I'll go give Gregory a hug."

TV TONIGHT

THURSDAY EVENING — **September 23, 1999** — 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 491	Wheel of Fortune	Whose Line Is It?	Lethal Weapon 3 (R, '92) ** (Mel Gibson, Danny Glover) 579694					News 5012694	Nightline (10:35)	Politically Incorrect	Cheers (11:35)
(5) KPEJ	24	5	Home Improvement	Judge Judy 45507	World's Wildest Police Videos 10472		Family Guy 97472	Action 16507	Judge Judy 81472	Mad About You	Jerry Springer 19743		Unhappily Ever ...	NewsRadio 74304
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 1149	Entertain. Tonight	Diagnosis Murder: The Roast 63946		Chicago Hope: Team Play 72694		48 Hours: Mr. Wonderful 52830		News 2552033	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Craig Kilborn
(9) KWES	9	9	News 9101	Seinfeld 3781	Friends 6526	Jesse 9965 (TVPG)	Frasier 2946	Stark Raving Mad	Third Watch 84502 (TV14)		News 6407217	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	News 34014	John Hagee Today	The Light of the Southwest 70014				Richard Roberts 26584		News 84168	Joyce Meyer 60588	Faith Pleases God Church 64746	
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 826033		Live From Lincoln Center: New York Philharmonic Opening Night 532217 (TVG)				The Border (Part 1 of 2) 101101 (TVG)		Telecourse 487033			
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(6) CNBC		8	Business Center	Upfront Tonight	Hardball With Chris Matthews 4143897		Rivera Live 4129217		The News With Brian Williams 4132781		Hardball With Chris Matthews 4142168		Rivera Live 2259675	
(10) WGN		10	Caroline in the City	Baseball: Chicago White Sox at New York Yankees 719014						News 327120	MacGyver: Renegade 968491 (TVPG)		Charmed: Love Hurts 214317 (TV14-LV)	
(11) WTBS		11	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	WCW Thunder 394859 (TVPG-DLV)		WCW Thunder 303507 (TVPG-DLV)		The Chimp Channel	WCW Thunder 435287 (TVPG-DLV)	WCW Thunder 437205 (TVPG-DLV)			The Chimp Channel
(14) FAM		14	Animals	Show Me	Life	Life	Captains Courageous ('96) ** 287120				The 700 Club 206255		Show Me	Show Me
(20) DISC		20	The Super Hunts 464217 (TVPG)		When Airplanes Crash 778897 (TVPG)		Shipwreck! 754217 (TVG)		Into the Unknown 767781 (TVG)		When Airplanes Crash 777168 (TVPG)		Shipwreck! 178033 (TVG)	
(21) AMC		21	The Lied Seed (4:45)		Gypsy ('62) *** (Rosalind Russell, Natalie Wood) 199255					The Young Philadelphians ('59) *** (Paul Newman) 804875				
(22) TNN		22	The Waltons 788217		Life & Times/J. Denver		Prime Time Country		Championship Rodeo		Dallas 888656		Dukes of Hazzard	
(23) TNT		23	ER 704255 (TV14)		The Searchers ('56) **** (John Wayne) 63165507					Highlander (9:35) (R, '86) * (Christopher Lambert) 1731965				
(24) BRAV		24	Inside Actor's Studio		Thirty-Two Short Films About Glenn Gould				Bennett's New York		Thirty-Two Short Films About Glenn Gould			
(26) BET		26	Planet Groove		Amen	Sparks	Comicview 509762		Hit List 529526		Tonight W/Tavis Smiley		Sparks	227
(27) DISN		27	Flubber (PG, '97) ** (Robin Williams, Marcia Gay Harden) 2901502			Frankenstein and Me (7:40) (PG, '96) ** (Jamieson Boulanger, Burt Reynolds) 67310149				Flubber (9:20) (PG, '97) ** (Robin Williams) 31295158			Zorro 257897	Mickey Mouse Club
(28) CNN		28	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today		Larry King Live 309781		CNN NewsStand		Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 723507	
(29) ESPN		29	SportsCenter (5)	Thur. GameNight	College Football: Clemson at Virginia Tech 844588						SportsCenter 119120		SportsCenter of the Decade 646472	
(30) USA		30	JAG: Full Engagement 476089 (TVPG)		Walker, Texas Ranger 385101 (TV14-V)		Bird on a Wire (PG-13, '90) ** (Mel Gibson, Goldie Hawn) 534439					Baywatch: Hijacked 237287 (TVPG)		Silk Stalkings
(31) FX		31	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue 2625859		The X-Files 2634507		Married ...	Married ...	The X Show 2617830		The X-Files 8466859	
(32) A&E		32	Law & Order: Blood 459385 (TVPG)		Biography 763965 (TVG)		Investigative Reports: Talk to Me: Hostage Negotiators of the NYPD 743101				Law & Order 762236 (TVPG)		Biography 163101 (TVG)	
(33) TLC		33	48 Hours: Perfect Match 773385		Slide! 807781 (TVG)		Raging Rivers 883101 (TVG)		Ferocious Oceans 803965 (TVG)		Slide! 806052 (TVG)		Raging Rivers 689507 (TVG)	
(34) NICK		34	Hey Arnold!	Rugrats 329192	Wild Thornberrys	Cousin Skeeter	Brady Bunch	I Love Lucy	The Jeffersons	Taxi 467304 (TVG)	Mary Tyler Moore	Happy Days	WKRP in Cincinnati	The Wonder Years
(36) LIFE		36	Miracle Landing ('90) ** (Wayne Rogers, Connie Sellecca) 288149				Empty Cradle ('93) ** (Kate Jackson, Lori Loughlin) 290694				New Attitudes	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Weddings
(39) OUTDR		39	Great Outdoorsman	Wilderness Camper	Bicycle Racing: 1999 Mercury Tour 8230675				Mountain Biking	Triathlete Magazine	Bicycle Racing: 1999 Mercury Tour 3049149			
(42) UNI		42	Sonadoras 99588		Camila 16694		Tres Mujeres 92014		Lente Loco 87694	Picardia Mexicana	Impacto Extra	Noticiero Univision	Lo Mejor de Al Ritmo de la Noche 72472	
(43) FSN		43	Baseball: Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox 214421						The Last Word	Hardcore Baseball	Fox Sports News 77743		Fox Sports News 54439	
(44) COM		44	Daily Show	Ben Stein's Money	Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (PG, '88) ** (Steve Martin, Michael Caine) 1040598				Bob and Margaret	Frank Leaves	Daily Show	Ben Stein's Money	Saturday Night Live 1038472 (TV14-D)	
(46) ANIM		46	Animal	Animal Dr.	Beyond the Andes		Big Cat	Insectia	Emer. Vets	Rescues	Beyond the Andes		Big Cat	Insectia
(47) E!		47	Emergency	Model	Talk Soup	Mysteries	Last Days of Elvis: True Hollywood Story				H. Stern	H. Stern	Wild on the Vine	
(48) TVL		48	Dragnet	Heroes	Beaver	Jeannie	Adam-12	Dragnet	All/Family	Maude	Sanford	Hitchcock	Emergency! 4212439	
(49) ODSY		49	ALF 786859		ALF 810255		Wounded Heart ('95) (Paula Devicq) 890491				Lonesome Dove		L. Maltin Presents	
(50) HGTV		50	Old House	Workshop	W. Scott	Made?	Designing	Kitchen	Homestyles: Colonial		W. Scott	Made?	Designing	Kitchen
(51) MSNBC		51	InterNight 4673014		Special Edition		News w/Brian Williams		Time & Again 2612385		Special Edition		News w/Brian Williams	
(52) TELE		52	Catalina y Sebastian		Senora 967762		El Amor de Mi Vida		Edicion Especial		Noticiero	Ocurrio Asi 628781		Buscando
(60) TOON		60	Scooby	Laboratory	I'M Weasel	Chicken	Bugs	Jerry	Flintstones	Scooby	I'M Weasel	Chicken	Batman	Dragon
(61) TCM		61	Murder Most Foul (5)		The Harder They Fall ('56) *** 4808743				The Tip Off ('31) ** 8287781			The Prizefighter and the Lady		
(62) HIST		62	20th Century		Paths to Empire		Korean War: Fire & Ice		The Submarines		Secrets of World War II		Paths to Empire	
(63) ESPN2		63	RPM 2Ngt.	NFL 2Night	MLS Soccer: Columbus Crew/ Chicago 1065526				50 Great	NFL 2Night	Minor-League Baseball 9199101			
(64) SCIFI		64	Star Trek 4881762		Sliders 4388507		Leviathan (R, '89) * (Peter Weller) 4368743				Star Trek 4387878		Sliders 1129588	
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(65) FLIX		65	Heart of Dixie (5:00) (PG, '89) * 82391648		Fantasy (R, '83) ** (Steven Weber, Michael T. Weiss) 2007365				The Last Emperor (8:35) (PG-13, '87) **** (John Lone, Joan Chen) 46399656					
(66) SHOW		66	Young Frankenstein (5) (PG, '74) 38665		Spaceballs II (R, '98) * (Michael Madsen, Natasha Henstridge) 9723626				The Baby Dance (8:35) ('98) ** (Stockard Channing, Laura Dern) 95820699		Linc's 382149		Compromising	Movie
(67) TMC		67	The Bride (4:25)	Dr. Quinn's Baby Calm 31362979	('98) ** (Bryan Brown, Dean		Dancer, Texas Pop. 81 (PG, '98) ** (Breckin Meyer) 3757675		Def Jam's How to Be a Player (9:40) (R, '97) * (Bill Bellamy) 45305946				Trial By Jury (11:15) (R, '94) ** 12478149	
(68) HBO		68	The Kindness of Strangers 137526 (TV14)				Gang Related (R, '97) ** (James Belushi, Tupac Shakur) 109743				Inside the NFL 128878 (TVPG)		A Real Sex Xtra: The Best of Real Sex	
(69) HBO 2		69	Conspiracy Theory (4:45) (R, '97) 43884870		Reverb 9880410 (TV14)		How Stella Got Her Groove Back (R, '98) ** (Angela Bassett, Taye Diggs) 9877946				The Falcon & the Snowman (R, '85) ** (Timothy Hutton, Sean Penn) 97130878			
(70) HBO 3		70	Abundance (5:15) (R, '88) ** 38756138		Larry Sanders	Dennis Miller Live	Gentle Into the Night ('96) ** (Julie Harris, Tcheky Karyo) 5971472				The Late Shift (9:45) (R, '96) *** (Kathy Bates) 69999965			Movie (11:45)
(71) MAX		71	The Object of My Affection (5) (R, '98) 919217		Can't Hardly Wait (PG-13, '98) ** (Jennifer Love Hewitt) 8990120				Color of Night (8:40) (R, '94) * (Bruce Willis, Jane March) 65827472				Predator 2 (R, '90) ** (Danny Glover) 77933323	
(72) MAX 2		72	The Apostle (5:45) (PG-13, '97) *** (Robert Duvall, Farrah Fawcett) 96199327				Gremlins (PG, '84) ** (Zach Galligan, Phoebe Cates) 7146859				The Substitute 2: School's Out (9:50) (R, '98) 4962897			Movie (11:55)

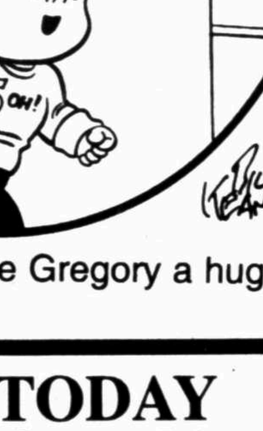
PEOPLE TODAY
Noggin hires Nye as 'sparkologist'

NEW YORK — **Bill Nye** the Science Guy has been hired as head "sparkologist " at Noggin, a new cable channel for children.

Noggin said Wednesday that Nye will develop new programming and serve as an adviser and on-air presence at the network, whose slogan, in the form of a question to kids, is: "What sparks you?"

PBS has dropped Nye's Emmy-winning series, but it will continue for one more year in syndication. "The Science Guy" will live on in Noggin reruns, but Nye said he wants to develop a new show, perhaps something to do with math.

"I'll be sorry to see it go," he said, "but I also want to do something new and cool and different."



Bil Nye the Science Guy will be asking kids, "What sparks you?"

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ASHLAND, Ore. — A recent fire that burned down a modest rental home drew little attention until a librarian recalled that **Vladimir Nabokov** finished his masterpiece "Lolita" there.

Nabokov rented the house in the summer of 1953 and "found Ashland singularly favorable to literary inspiration," Brian Boyd wrote in his 1991 book, "Vladimir Nabokov: The American Years."

"Lolita was now purring along steadily," Boyd wrote, "and had reached the point where he could begin to dictate his finished chapters to **Vera** (his wife) at the typewriter."

The book was published in 1955.

Over the years, the house lost much of its luster as a charming cottage and was turned into three apartments. It burned Saturday when a 19-year-old resident forgot to turn off two burners on the stove, firefighters said.

Author Bill Ashworth read Boyd's book in the early '90s and noted the home's address because it was about a block from where he lived.

The Russian-born Nabokov died in 1977.

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LOS ANGELES — **Courteney Cox** has officially added Arquette to her name.

"It's for real. It's on my Social Security card, everything. No hyphen," the "Friends" actress told "Entertainment Tonight" in an interview broadcast Wednesday.

"It feels like, wow, I'm changing my identity. It was scary. It feels good, like I'm really committed. It feels better than not doing it and it made him happy."

Cox married **David Arquette** on June 12 and is now going by the name Courteney Cox Arquette.

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LOS ANGELES — **Bill Cosby** is back with the "world's largest checkers tournament" to benefit a foundation named after his slain son.

The second annual Bill Cosby Cube Checkers Challenge begins Saturday at a Target Store in Chicago. It is the first of four regional events nationwide culminating with a championship match Nov. 8 in New York City.

The tournament benefits the Hello Friend/Ennis William Cosby Foundation, which helps young people with dyslexia and other language-based learning disabilities. Ennis Cosby suffered from dyslexia.

Ennis Cosby, 27, was shot to death during a 1997 holdup while he fixed a flat tire. Mikail Markhasev was convicted and sentenced to life in prison without parole.

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SAN DIEGO — A legal dispute is marring the golden years of **Rue McClanahan.**

Dirk Summers, a former friend of the "Golden Girls" actress, was placed on probation Tuesday for failing to repay $200,000 to Ms. McClanahan and more than $200,000 to actress **Marsha Hunt.**

He pleaded guilty to grand theft.

Ms. McClanahan, 65, said she lent the money to the former screenwriter and director to build a $5 million health spa, but the plan fell through.

Summers, who has known Ms. McClanahan since 1980, said the actress lied about the money because he didn't want to marry her.

Ms. McClanahan denied they were romantically involved and said she lent him the money because he risked losing his house.

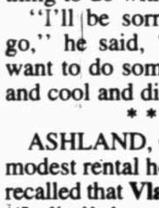
Last week, a jury awarded Ms. McClanahan $200,000 in a lawsuit against the bank that handled escrow proceedings for the spa.

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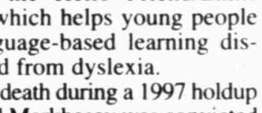
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Consumer group says deregulation costs telephone customers $1.1 million

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas telephone customers are saving money thanks to a telecommunications bill passed by lawmakers, but the same bill is keeping Texans from saving $1.1 billion more, two consumer groups charged Wednesday.

A spokesman for the state's largest phone company, Southwestern Bell, called the group's assertion ''absurd and suspiciously one-dimensional.''

According to a study released by Texas Citizen Action and the Gray Panthers, ceilings on local, basic phone rates in effect until 2005 allow Southwestern Bell and other phone companies to keep fees steady while operating costs decline.

The study, written by Economics and Technology, Inc., a Boston-based telecommunications consulting firm, was centered on Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

''We capped the prices, and on first blush, that sounds like a great deal. Consumers have six years that they know their telephone service will not go up,'' said Sheila Holbrook-White, executive director of Texas Citizen Action.

''The problem is that the caps don't make up for the difference between what they are charging and what it costs them to provide service. This is a sweet deal for them, but not consumers,'' she said.

If the Texas telecommunications industry follows national trends, advances in fiber optic and digital switching technology along with more customers should drive the per-unit cost of telephone service down, the report says.

The average rate of basic residential service would decrease from about $10.40 a month to $8.66 a month over the next six years if rates reflected declining operating costs, the report says.

Southwestern Bell would get about $1.1 billion less from customers for basic telephone service over the next six years if the rate caps decreased in tune with the per-unit cost of telephone service. The report did not evaluate GTE's rate structure.

Southwestern Bell's spokesman, Bill Maddox, said the company's customers are saving money under the legislation.

''Anyone who would complain about local rates in Texas being capped for six more years would boo Santa Claus at a Christmas parade,'' he said.

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Mexican politics: Don't use Virgin of Guadalupe in campaign

By Susan Ferriss
N.Y. Times News Service

MEXICO CITY — The mother of Mexico is becoming the mother of all election squabbles.

Mexico's ruling party filed an official elections commission complaint this week charging that Vicente Fox, a top presidential rival, unlawfully exploited the image of Mexico's beloved Virgin of Guadalupe for political gain.

"You don't do that stuff with the Virgin," said political analyst Raymundo Riva Palacio, commenting on the spat over the Virgin.

The complaint against Fox — whom polls show is highly popular — threatens to gnaw at him just as he is kicking off his official campaign to oust Mexico's ruling Revolutionary Institutional Party, or PRI, from the presidency after 70 years in power.

On Wednesday the PRI requested that Mexico's Federal Elections Institute investigate whether Fox should be sanctioned or fined for waving a banner of the Virgin of Guadalupe at a Sept. 10 political rally.

THE BATTLE began when Fox was holding a campaign rally that day in Leon, in the state of Guanajuato, which he governed until recently stepping down to pursue the presidency. Delegates representing Mexico's conservative National Action Party, or PAN, recently named Fox their nominee for Mexico's presidential election on July 2, 2000.

At the rally of some 5,000 people in Leon, Fox's children gave him a banner as a gift. When he unfurled it publicly, it proved to be an image of Mexico's Virgin of Guadalupe, topped with a crucifix. Some reports say that Fox waved the banner and implied he would carry on a battle for democracy begun in 1810 by the Mexican priest Miguel Hidalgo.

In Fox's home state of Guanajuato, Hidalgo exhorted the masses to rise up and fight for independence against the Spanish, shouting "Long live the Virgin of Guadalupe."

Fox's action was a lightning rod for instant criticism in a country that's at once deeply Catholic and deeply committed to keeping religion out of most politics.

'The Virgin of Guadalupe belongs to all Mexicans and should not be used for partisan purposes. She is the only thing that unites all Mexicans.'

— Norberto Rivera Carrera, Mexican Cardinal

One of Mexico's most beloved presidents, Benito Juarez, fought in the 19th century to curb the power of the Catholic church, which was seen as an ally of the Mexican elite. After the Mexican revolution, Mexicans fought another civil war over the suppression of priests and Catholic practices.

Since then, the Mexican government has tried to strike a balance, allowing religious freedom but forbidding religious organizations from getting involved in politics and prohibiting politicians from using religious symbols.

THE VIRGIN OF Guadalupe is a potent symbol that goes beyond religious faith. Legend has it she appeared to a Mexican Indian in 1531, instructing him to build a shrine in her honor. The Virgin was dark-skinned and spoke to the Indian in his language — details that have fueled the Virgin's reputation as "the mother of all Mexicans" and a symbol that cannot be claimed by any one political group.

Following Fox's use of the Virgin banner at a rally, Mexico's interior secretary said Fox had shown "an insolent lack of respect," but he said he considered "the case closed."

THE CATHOLIC Church weighed in next, not condemning Fox but gently chastising him.

"I don't know to what end he's using the Virgin of Guadalupe," said Mexican Cardinal Norberto Rivera Carrera. "I think we all carry the Virgin of Guadalupe with us. He can do that too, but the Virgin of Guadalupe belongs to all Mexicans and should not be used for partisan purposes. She is the only thing that unites all Mexicans."

Members of the PAN have a reputation for being closer to Catholic doctrine than other parties in Mexico. But Fox — who is running an anti-corruption, anti-PRI campaign — has never been viewed as promoting the church or Catholicism.

Still, he was forced to issue an apology, explaining that the banner was gift from his children, who simply wanted to "invoke the protection of the Virgin . . . during my campaign for the presidency of the Republic."

"It is not my intention to use this image as an instrument in my campaign," he said.



Jose Cura of Argentina, poses outside the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. He is the first tenor since Enrico Caruso to make his debut at the Met.

AP Photo

Jose Cura: New tenor opens at Met

By Mary Campbell
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — In 1903, Enrico Caruso made his Metropolitan Opera debut on opening night, as the Duke in "Rigoletto." He went on to have a record 17 opening nights.

This year, Jose Cura will become the first tenor since Caruso to make his Met debut on opening night when he sings the part of Turiddu in "Cavalleria Rusticana." Placido Domingo will sing in "Pagliacci," the opera paired with "Cavalleria Rusticana" at the Met's opening Monday night. This breaks Caruso's record, which Domingo tied last year.

"Sharing this opening night with Domingo is a pleasure and satisfaction, a heavy responsibility, of course," Cura says. "Hopefully, if God gives us good health, it's going to be a very remarkable evening."

Some in the opera world expect Cura to become the next tenor superstar.

But he gets stiff competition from a few others.

Returning to the Met this season are two tenors who have recently emerged to thrill audiences — lyric tenor Roberto Alagna in "The Elixir of Love" and heldentenor Ben Heppner in "Tristan and Isolde."

Meanwhile, the New York City Opera, which was Domingo's first house here, is enthusiastic about three young tenors: Matthew Polenzani, Alfredo Portilla and Gordon Gietz.

Cura, at 36, is between Alagna and Heppner in voice type. He sings the hefty dramatic roles that Domingo sings, but not the German roles. He's from Argentina and his career has been mainly in Europe. Cura (pronounced COOR-a) is surprised to be thought an overnight arrival. He has been on the stage since he was 12. He's also a little disconcerted when he's called a hunk. But at 6-feet 1-inch, in T-shirt, slacks and running shoes, with the athletic look of a rugby player, which he has been, he isn't one of the short tenors who are the despair of tall sopranos.

"The fact I know martial arts means I'm in control of the balance of my body, which makes a lot of difference when you're on stage," Cura says. He keeps fit but isn't able to work out every day.

In "Pagliacci," where Canio is an older man whose wife strays with a young man, Cura plays Canio as a violent husband. "One of the best compliments I had in my life was after my first 'Pagliacci,' in Zurich, when people said I was disgusting. It means the portrayal was believable," Cura says.

"The message I try to give as Turiddu is that he's that kind of mixture that only a teen-ager can have. All of a sudden you feel king of the world, macho of the macho. When real danger comes, you call your mama. He's just come back from military service. He's 18 or 19. Now, you're close to being at man. At the beginning of the century, you were a kid."

When he sang "Cavalleria" in Italy, Cura's Turiddu called weakly for his mother when he realizes he'll die. That seemed logical to some critics; others thought he lost his voice.

Critical opinion often has been divided about Cura's interpretations. "I'm not out there trying to provoke people. I'm trying to go to the last consequence," the tenor says. "In 'Samson,' in the first act, I'm a roaring beast. In the third act, I sing almost without voice. He is weak, blind, tortured, almost surely castrated. His soul is talking with God."

A critic who heard him sing "Fedora" at the Chicago Lyric slashed his performance. The bad notice crushed him, he says, but the Chicago audience lifted him again. After his second performance, he received the first standing ovation of his career. "I'll never forget it."

Cura sang his first "Otello," that endurance test for dramatic tenors, at 34, in Turin, Italy.

"I knew I was maybe the youngest 'Otello' ever," he says. "I knew because of that I was not going to be able to be extremely strong and loud. The only way for my voice to survive was to play a man who suffers with interior pain. Half the critics said I didn't have voice enough for the role and half said it was a nice new version of the role, which is what we need.

Cura was born in Rosario, Argentina, into a wealthy family. His father, who owned a metals conglomerate, lost everything when the military came to power. Cura was 14. He was able to stay in school and study music — six instruments, conducting and composing as well as voice. Cura has made three CDs for Erato. For the newest, "Verismo," he conducts the Philharmonia Orchestra of London while singing. Two of the arias are from "Cavalleria Rusticana."

SLUR: Sitcom remark offensive to some

(From 8B)

Although no offense was intended, he was not minimizing anyone's objections to the scene, Kohan said.

Rosario and Karen have a prickly but caring relationship, one that is "much more evenhanded" than the premiere episode indicates and which will be demonstrated in the future, he added.

A more thoughtful approach clearly is needed, said Lisa Navarrete of the National Council of La Raza, the group coordinating the two-week boycott of ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC that continues through Saturday.

She said the sophomore series about the friendship between homosexual Will (Eric McCormack) and heterosexual Grace (Debra Messing) takes care to include a range of gay characters and is otherwise smartly written.

"It's unfortunate that a show that has done quite a bit to break stereotypes about gays would resort to such cheap shots at the Latino community," she said. "It seems as if it's a pretty lazy thing for them to do when they are meeting a high standard in other areas."

The inclusion of such a slur when television is under scrutiny for excluding minorities is revealing, Navarrete said.

"That's the frustrating thing for us; people are not connecting the dots, and this is an example," she said. "Here's the network under siege for not having enough diversity in its minority characters, and the writers and producers aren't making the connection that maybe they shouldn't engage in this kind of thing."

The sensitive nature of ethnic (or racial or religious) differences, however, does not mean that they have to be skirted or treated in a timid, politically correct fashion.

Hispanics and other minorities are just calling for well-considered attention — and the sooner the better.

"Not only have we been penalized and offended by being excluded (from television), but we're being insulted with the kinds of roles we get," said Alex Nogales, chairman of the National Hispanic Media Coalition. **NOTE: Most of the episodes aired on Tuesday night had voiced over the word tamale with "sweetie." It may be that only television critics saw the original sitcom.**

DEAR ABBY

Taking deceased's property is burglary, plain and simple

By Abigail Van Buren



Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: The letter about the ex-wife who removed property from the home of her former mother-in-law on the day of the woman's funeral prompts this letter. You were right when you advised that what the woman did qualifies as criminal activity. Entering a dwelling in order to remove property not your own is a felony called burglary.

I would not merely call my lawyer; I would immediately notify the police before the ex-wife disposes of the property.

Having knowledge of a crime and failing to report that crime is also a violation in some jurisdictions. The irony here is that the son of the deceased may be adding to the offense by failing to notify the police.

Also, the executor of the estate has an additional duty, enforced by the probate court, to secure and properly dispose of the deceased's assets. Failing to do so is also an offense.

You knew all of this, I'm sure. I am a retired law enforcement officer, but please just sign me — NOT A LAWYER IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR NOT: I was not aware of much of the information in your letter, and I'm sure it will be of interest to many people.

I received another comment about that letter from an attorney in Louisiana, who informed me that asking one's lawyer to write a letter demanding the property be returned, and threatening to call the law if it's not, could be construed as extortion or coercion. So I'm revising my answer: Waste no time in informing the police about the theft.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have a dilemma over something that occurred at our wedding. We invited my mother's first cousin (whom I've only met twice) and his wife out of courtesy to my grandmother. (My mother is deceased.) The cousin called our home five days before the wedding and INFORMED us that he would be picking up his son from college and bringing him to the wedding, too, "since he's family and all." He said he'd be doing this because it would give the three of them time to spend together.

Given the late notice with which he called, we decided that it was simply too late to add another guest. I spoke with him the following day, and he agreed with us and said it was "no problem" to come without his son.

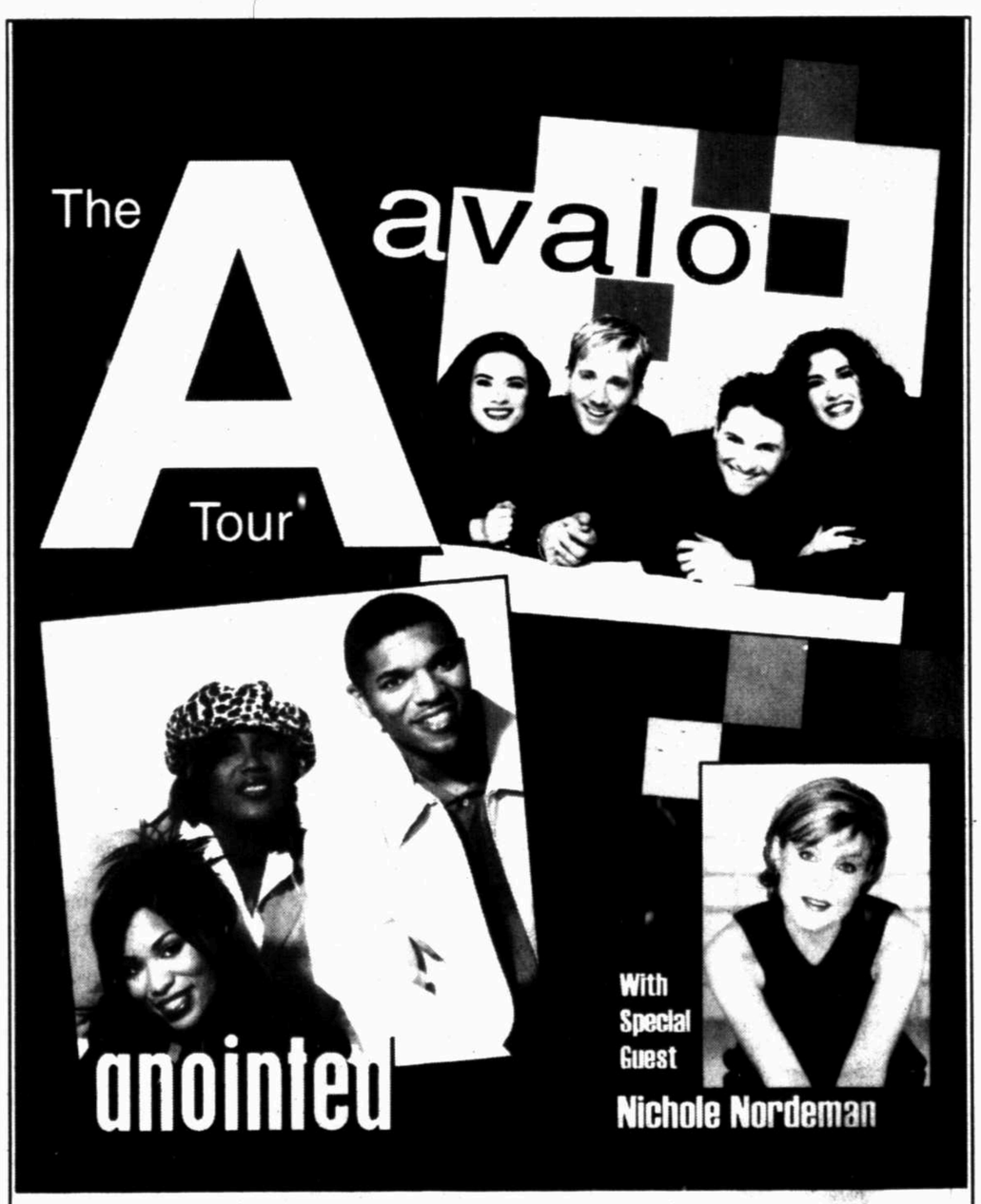
To our surprise, however, while dancing at our reception, my new bride and I noticed the cousin's wife and son dancing! We don't know when he arrived or if he was there for the ceremony, cocktail party and/or dinner (however, no dinner was ordered for him and no place seating reserved). They never came over to speak to us during the evening, and we decided not to address the issue on our wedding day.

Abby, we spent a year carefully planning our wedding, and as hosts, we felt it was presumptuous of them to make a decision about our guest list against our explicit request. Under the circumstances, we do not feel comfortable accepting their wedding gift. We appreciate the gift, but are too hurt by the disrespect and disregard we feel we were shown to accept it. Should we send a letter explaining our feelings and return the gift, or is there a more appropriate course of action? — IGNORED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR IGNORED: Although I don't blame you for being furious, to return their gift would mean the end of the relationship. Unless you're prepared for that, I wouldn't recommend it. Remember instead the happiness of the occasion, and don't dwell on the faults of these distant relatives.

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Acosta back on beat and in kitchen

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

Yes, I'm back this week.

I know last week many of you saw the Oscar De La Hoya picture and thought it was me. (I get that all the time.) However, I just took the week off so De La Hoya could have a chance to be on the page.



Acosta

But now I am back and a few things happened on my week away from gracing the cover of the Qué Pasa page.

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Where's the Jump

First of all (and I putting this at the top for a reason), some people are having trouble finding the jumps, or the end of the stories that start on this page. In fact my mother was telling me that someone she works with told her, "I can't find the end of stories, why should I read the page."

Well, I think I can answers both of those questions.

Here is how you find the jumps for this page: Newspapers have sections, A, B, C, D and so on. We are usually on the cover of section D. However, we jump to the back page of Section C.

"Watcha," look at the back of the section that you took this page out of ... see it ... its right over there ... no, over there.

See us?

Good.

The second half of that issue concerns why you should read the page.

You should read the page because it not only puts issues important to the Hispanic community in the forefront, but allows some people a chance learn more about a culture that exists in the community in which they inhabit.

What is Diez y Seis De Septiemebre?

What are the top Tejano hits?

What is going on the Hispanic community across the country?

All these things have been and will continue to be covered on the Que Pasa page.

And ...

I'm a pretty darn funny, mister, and if you don't read my column you will miss all the inside jokes Thursday afternoon at the water cooler. Plus, I always write columns about what is going on in my life all the time. If I run into you one day you may be the topic of an ñFace column.

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So, is it a date?

Not too long ago I wrote a column about a friend of mine going to dinner with me, which raised questions about what is and what is not a date.

I put it in the readers' hands to write in and help.

If you're thinking, "Man I should have written in," don't worry, everyone reading this is thinking the same thing.

However, every time I made a business call I was given a tidbit of information.

"Hello, this is Richard Acosta, I'm a newspaper reporter at the Midland Reporter-Telegram. May I speak with Joe"

"Yes, Richard ... by the way it is not a date if ..."

I got answers from "You have to specifically say: 'This is a date' for it to be a date.'" To, "There has to be a romantic long-term interest between the two people for it to be a date."

I would like to thank everyone for his or her help, but in order to get closer to this issue, I had to turn to my new friend from Michigan.

She had been reading the paper, and the issue from my column came up while we where having idle chitchat. After a few moments of verbal volleyball, she had the most profound answer I have ever heard concerning this subject.

"If you don't know if it is a date or not, then it is not a date."

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New feature

Now that we are all up-to-date on everything, I would like to announce a new feature I will be doing for this page.

It started back when I was 16 years old and my baby sister Christina was 14.

Mother called us into the kitchen and said, "If you want to eat, you had better learn how to cook. If you want clean clothes, you had better learn how to wash. NO WIRE HANGERS."

Since then I've become quite a master in the kitchen.

I'm the captain of cutlery; the master of mixing; the general of garnishing; and I tell you it's a good thing, because in the last four years, I have yet to meet a woman who can cook.

Now before you start sending in letters, I would like to point out that I'm not saying there is anything wrong with a woman who can't cook. Cooking, after all is an art form that not all have the ability to master. Like all art forms, if it is not practiced then it will not get better.

I do, however, think it is fairly sad when someone says, "The only thing I can make is reservations."

Cooking for yourself is not only cheaper than going out, but can be a relaxing and soothing way to unwind at the end of the day.

The feature will be either be called "Cooking with Acosta" or "In the Kitchen with Richard," or something like that.

All the recipes will be easy to make and will either be made by me or by someone locally.

If you would like to offer a recipe to the feature, call me at 915-687-8856. If you send in a recipe, that means you have agreed to have it published: In other words, don't send in your family's secret recipe that has been passed down from generation to generation Also, we can take a photo of you cooking your recipe. Any takers?

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Send comments, story ideas and love letters to "nface@quepasa.com." Or send in your above mentioned whatnots to the Midland Reporter-Telegram C/O ñFace Richard Acosta at, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland Texas 79701. Please included where you read the Midland Reporter-Telegram and the Qué Pasa page.



Owners Faustino "Tino" and Mary Frances Quiroz have made the Crown Royal Club a gathering place for families marking milestone events.

Tim Fischer/ Reporter-Telegram

The Crown Royal Club:

A 16-year family legacy

By Erica Garibay
Staff Writer

For 16 years Midlanders have seen The Crown Royal Club fill its parking lot with cars on Saturday nights when couples would celebrate a new beginning in life with a wedding reception and dance and when young girls honored their 15 years of life with a quinceañera. The dance hall/night club not only hosted dances, it also packed its dance floor with screaming fans to see Tejano performers, such as Emilio, David Lee Garza, Joe Lopez y Grupo Mazz and La Mafia for concerts. The Crown Royal even gave Midlanders the chance to hear the sounds of BB King years ago.

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Crown Royal Club owners, Faustino "Tino" and Mary Frances Quiroz, unveiled their vision when they became the owners of a business in the Midland-Odessa area. They called it The Crown Royal Club and it opened its doors on May 10, 1983. Before owning the club, Quiroz was a builder for 20 years, and with his qualifications, he built the dance hall from the ground up.

It has been 44 years since Mr. and Mrs. Quiroz first met behind DeZavala Elementary School on the cold cement slab in 1955. Five years later on June 24, 1960, they exchanged wedding vows at St. George Catholic Church, what is now Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church (OLG) in Midland.

The couple has two daughters, Yolanda Madrid of Midland and Sylvia Henson of Dallas, as well as five grandchildren, Chris Madrid, 19; Mark Madrid, 14; Veronica Madrid, 3; Daniel Henson, 13; and Tony Henson, 10.

Sixteen years ago Mr. and Mrs. Quiroz were given the idea to open a dance hall for the OLG Catholic Catechism Doctrine (CCD) program, where Mrs. Quiroz was a CCD teacher for 10 years. The religious education program needed a place to hold Queen Coronation dances and Senior Recognition dances, both of which she participated in. The couple opened the first Hispanic dance hall/center of its type. (There were other Hispanic-owned dance clubs, including the Gran ...a.)

The club has hosted Jamaicas (church festivals) with OLG, providing food booths, face painting, games, and entertainment outside in the dance hall parking lot.

"There were people everywhere — on gates, on trees and on the streets.
— Faustino and Mary Frances Quiroz, speaking on attending Selena's funeral in Corpus Christi

The Crown Royal Club became such a big hit among the Hispanic community, they were offered a chance to open a chain of clubs. "We have high standards for The Crown Royal here," said Mrs. Quiroz, and they declined the offer. The couple hopes to see their grandchildren take over and keep the club within the family she said.

The dance hall once offered a Mexican restaurant inside the facilities. The business was "very stressful and time consuming," leading to its closure she said. "Even after the restaurant had closed, people still came to eat," she added. Shortly after the restaurant sealed its doors, they decided to join the radio industry.

In 1993, 10 years after The Crown Royal was built, KWELL 1070 AM was brought to life. The voices of five DJ's are heard over the radio waves every week, Jorge Arturo Gonzalez, Gabriel Bustamantes, Arturo Villalobos, Jo Ann Sanchez and Obedd Vallenzuela. Melissa Sierra is the program director, and their daughter, Yolanda, is the traffic manager. Música Mexicana, Regional, Tropical, Norteña, Ranchera, Tejano and International music is played throughout the day. KWELL is the first Hispanic-owned radio station in the Midland-Odessa area. "The people you work with are very different," Mrs. Quiroz said about the KWELL employees.

Recalling the past few years, Quiroz said he remembers when Selena danced on their stage several times before the singer's fame. "After dances, we would make menudo and she would sit down on the floor and she would dance with the grandkids," he remembered.

When Selena died, the Quirozs were sent a personal invitation to attend her funeral in Corpus Christi. "There were people everywhere — on gates, on trees and on the streets," the couple recalls. When rumors about her death were scattered across other local radio waves, Quiroz ordered that KWELL not mention a word of the incident until the truth was revealed. He had his employees call Abraham Quintanilla, Selena's father, and get the correct information. When the message was clear that she was shot by her fan club president, Quiroz said KWELL provided their listeners with the truth.

"We have grown with our friends, seen their children have quinceañeras and eventually get married," said Mrs. Quiroz, reminiscing about her friends and their families.

Mrs. Quiroz said the secret of her success is "to give everything all your might, 100 percent to everything you attempt and you will be successful." She added, "God gave us five senses, put them to use."

(And with the radio station) "Instead of a 24-hour job, it is a 25-hour job," commented Mrs. Quiroz.

Coming Sunday!



Ashley Hernandez celebrated her birthday with a traditional coming-of-age ceremony. Read about it in Sunday's Lifestyle section.

Sitcom plays loose with Hispanic slur

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Viewers taking part in this week's Hispanic boycott of major broadcast networks, dubbed a "brownout," are protesting the new season's lack of minority characters.

That means they will have missed Tuesday's premiere of "Will & Grace" on NBC, for which they might be grateful.

In a scene that plays with startling insensitivity, tart-tongued character Karen Walker notices that her Salvadoran maid has paused for a conversation.

"Hey, you're on the clock, tamale. Get to work," snaps Karen (Megan Mullally).

In the melting-pot Southern California neighborhood where I grew up, epithets like "tamale" were fighting words. Turns out they still are.

"Oh, no," Federico Subervi, a University of Texas media professor, said after hearing the sitcom exchange. "It's an ethnic slur. ... I don't know what it is with these scriptwriters. What's in their heads?

"The writers and the network executives, the ones who have the final word, they don't get it. They really do not get it," Subervi said. "When Latinos and others are saying increase our numbers, it does not mean increase our stereotypical representations."

The verbal sparring between Rosario Salazar and her boss on "Will & Grace" isn't a fair fight, a case of tit for tat. Rosario responds to Karen's very personal barb with a weak "Listen, lady, I'll squash you like a wormy apple."

Asked about the use of the word "tamale," which was included in a preview tape of the episode distributed by NBC, series executive producer David Kohan said a longer version of the scene called Karen to task for her ignorance. It was edited for time.

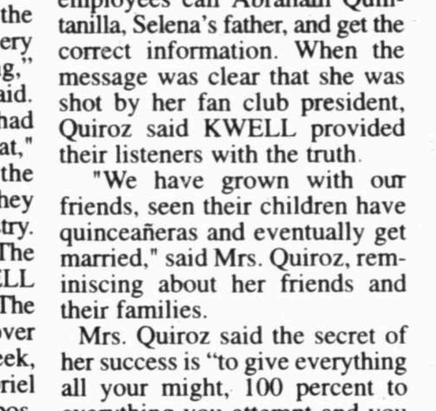
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TOP 20 Tejano HITS

1. ***Fuiste Mala*** sung by Los Kumbia Kings
2. ***El Perdedor*** sung by Intocable
3. ***El Azucar*** sung by Los Kumbia Kings
4. ***Contarle a Ella*** by Bobby Pulido
5. ***Me Hace Llorar*** by Masizzo
6. ***La Papaya*** by Ruben Vela
7. ***Pasion*** by Limite
8. ***Dejalo al Tiempo*** by Intenso
9. ***Me Enamore*** by La Tropa F
10. ***Mi Chatita*** by Michael Salgado
11. ***Dejame Ser Yo*** by Intocable
12. ***Cowboy Kumbia*** by Javier Molina
13. ***El Amigo Que Se Fue*** by Intocable
14. El Tiki Tak by Elida y Avante
15. ***Por Esto Te Amo*** by Los Palaminos
16. ***Mil Botellas*** by Jay Perez
17. ***El Cazador*** by Bobby Pulido
18. ***Es Tan Dificil*** by Ram Herrera
19. ***Me Vuelvo a Enamorar*** by David Lee Garza
20. ***Amor de Juventud*** by Ramon Ayala

From KMRK Tejano 96.1 for the past week

Viva Las Vegas!



Lupe Martinez

Lupe Martinez of Midland won the three-day and two-night Las Vegas prize package that included airfare, hotels, concert tickets to the Chris Perez performance at Mandalay Bay and backstage passes. She also received a CD, cassette tape, T-shirt and Chris Perez cassette tape rack. Prizes were offered courtesy of Hollywood Records and the Reporter-Telegram

Watch Que Pasa for more Tejano concert contests!

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AP Photo
Ryder Cup veteran Payne Stewart helps Justin Leonard line up a putt Wednesday during a practice round for this weekend's battle between the U.S. and Europe.

Stewart willing to take mantle as leader of American squad

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

BROOKLINE, Mass. — Payne Stewart is the kind of guy who cranks up the volume on Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA" in the hallway of the hotel, someone who would look as comfortable draped in the Stars and Stripes as in his knickers and tam o'shanter.

How badly did he want to play in this Ryder Cup?

After securing his spot on the team by winning the U.S. Open, he was at The Country Club within a month getting to know the course. During the last two major championships, he proudly wore a Ryder Cup hat during the practice rounds.

Nothing, however, showed his determination quite like his victory at Pebble Beach in February, which moved him that much closer to his first Ryder Cup team since 1993.

"I want to get on the Ryder Cup team because I'm tired of us losing," he said. "The last two Ryder Cup teams I was on, we won. And the last two I wasn't on, we didn't win."

Here he is, finally, ready to make a difference, willing to grab his teammates by the collar and shake some spirit into them if he finds it lacking.

"He's a beauty," Mark O'Meara said. "Payne is Payne. He's got a tremendous love for the game of golf, and it shows. And I think that helps our team, no question about it."

Remember that roar Stewart let out when he made a 15-foot par putt to win the U.S. Open? Should the United States finally win back the Ryder Cup, he just might be heard all the way back to Britain.

"He wears his feelings right there on his sleeve for all the world to see," Tom Lehman said. "And for that reason, he's a fantastic teammate and partner. If you have problem being excited about what's going on being around him, you have a real problem."

Lehman and Davis Love III played against Stewart and

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Cowboys Update

Report: Team close to moving camp
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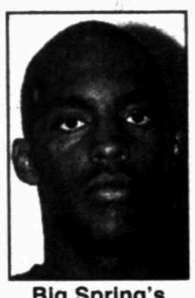
AREA FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Big Spring focuses on fifth victory

■ Steers look to complete a perfect predistrict schedule Friday night against Abilene Wylie.

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

The question should no longer be — and maybe never should have been — whether or not the Big Spring football team is any good. Through four games, the Steers have answered that with a resounding yes.



Big Spring's Colby Ford rushed for 226 yards, 5 TDs versus Estacado

Yet, here the Steers are, four games into their season without a blemish on their record and they have perhaps surprised even themselves. If they beat Abilene Wylie at home Friday at 7:30 p.m., they will close out a challenging pre-District 5-4A schedule with a 5-0 mark.

In winning their first four games, the Steers have outdone themselves each week, especially offensively. Big Spring has been impressive so far, but has maybe achieved a little more than it bargained for.

"I don't think we were expecting that," said Big Spring coach Dwight Butler of his team's 4-0 start. "We felt if we could be 3-2 or 4-1 that would be good. We're playing some awful good people, so realistically you don't expect (to be undefeated)."

Butler even got a small monkey off his back last week at Lubbock Estacado. The Steers beat the Matadors 38-22, the first time in 11 years at Big Spring one of Butler's teams has beaten Estacado in Lubbock, and only Big Spring's third victory over the Mats in the last 18 tries. Colby Ford was a one-man wrecking crew for Big Spring running the ball, with a season high 226 yards on 24 carries and five touchdowns.

Abilene Wylie (2-2) presents another obstacle for the Steers as well. The two teams met last season in Abilene, and Wylie humiliated Big Spring 34-7. At the time the Steers were 1-4, but they went on to post a 3-2 record in district and make the playoffs.

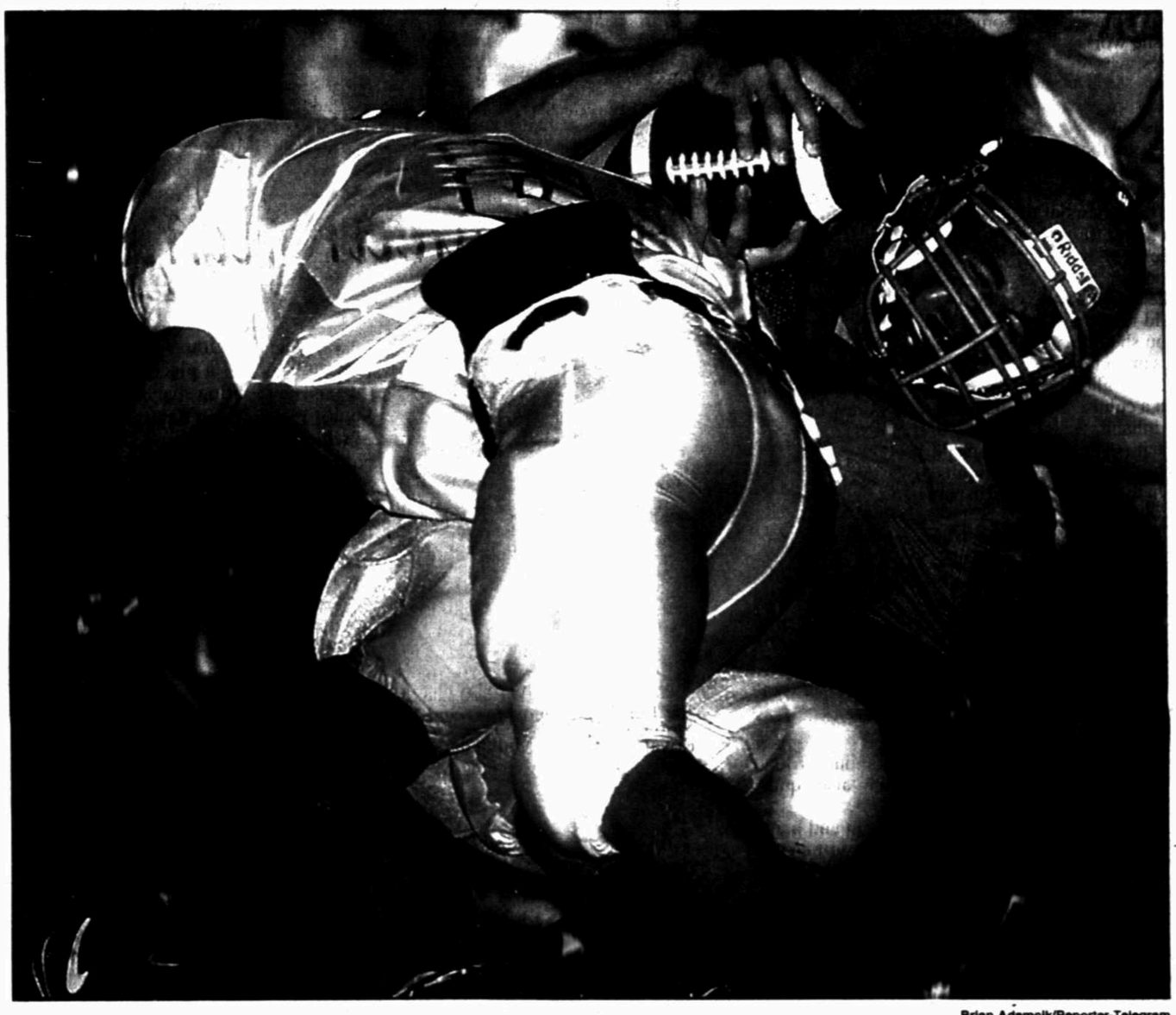
Although a year has passed since the last meeting between the two teams, Butler says that the Bulldogs aren't easy to prepare for and that the key for his team is knowing where to line up defensively against senior running back Bo Brown (395 yards, 49 carries, three touchdowns running and two receiving) and sophomore quarterback Caleb Ensor (490 yards and four touchdowns).

"I think they are a little more diversified than most of the teams we'll see," said Butler of Wylie. "We've counted on film and they run about 70 different formations. They've run the same program for a long time.

"The challenge for us is to be in the game mentally."

Butler feels that last season his team wasn't into the game mentally, physically or emotionally. Last year's poor showing against Wylie should provide motivation for the Steers, as well as preserving

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Stanton quarterback Will Harris tries to avoid a shot from Greenwood defender Justin Brooks. Harris and the rest of the Buffaloes will try to better their 3-0 record Friday when they host Reagan County.

Stanton faces toughest test yet

■ Reagan County tries to hand the Buffaloes their first loss of the season.

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

For a young football team like Stanton, every win helps build confidence.

After a 3-0 start, the Buffaloes must be beaming with it, although head coach Mark Cotton would still love to see much more improvement from his team.

At 8 p.m. Friday, the Buffaloes face their biggest test of this young season when Stanton hosts Reagan County. The 2-1 Owls are coming off a 33-13 win over Lubbock Cooper last week, while the Buffs were 37-13 victors over Class 3A Colorado City.

"They're by far the most talented team we've faced this year," said Cotton about the Owls, "Basically, they're the same kids as last year."

The Owls' strengths lie in their running game and an offensive line which averages around 240 pounds per man. But probably the big weapon in the Owls' arsenal is Marcus Stenix, a standout wide receiver and defensive back.

"Stenix is being pushed for all-state as receiver and rightfully so," Cotton said. "He's dangerous. He reminds me a lot of Tyron Davis, a player we had a few years ago."

Stenix also anchors a stingy defense, which has given up very few points this season. Reagan County's defense goes up against an improving Stanton offense, which despite giving up four fumbles, put up 30 points against the Wolves. Clay White intercepted a pass for a TD as the defense added seven.

Last year, the Buffs rolled over the Owls, 63-0, in Big Lake but Reagan County looks to be much improved with 26 lettermen and 14 starters returning.

"There's no doubt about it that we've got our work cut out for us," Cotton said.

The Buffaloes are a little banged up going into this game as they have two offensive lineman which are questionable and senior running back Adrian Hernandez out for at least another week with a knee injury.

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OSCAR LEROY

Aggies appear to be only true power in Big 12 thus far

Go figure?

If you look at this weekend's college football games, it's kind of hard to tell who are the powerhouses and who aren't. If you go by this weekend's results you would think, Louisiana Tech, New Mexico State, Cincinnati and North Texas are the up-and-coming powers. Well, as coaches say, "One game doesn't make a season."



LeRoy

Looking at the Big 12 there hasn't been much to brag about lately. Two teams, which were supposed to have good seasons, have some big question marks. Texas Tech continues its soap opera in Lubbock with Spike Dykes playing both villain and hero, while Nebraska keeps switching around quarterbacks like Elizabeth Taylor keeps switching husbands and hospitals.

Schools which should be listed as probable powers this year are Texas, Colorado, Kansas State and Oklahoma — all of which still have some questions to answer before they are considered "true Big 12 powers."

Iowa State appears to be improving, although we will find out just how improved it is when it hosts Kansas State this Saturday. In the yet-to-show improvement list are Baylor and Kansas.

Right now the only power in the Big 12 appears to be Texas A&M, which rolled over Tulsa 62-13. Now, the Golden Hurricanes might not be considered a stout opponent for the Aggies, but A&M did what it was supposed to do against an inferior opponent — beat it badly at home.

The No. 5 Aggies face a good test this Saturday against Southern Mississippi, which is coming off a 20-13 loss at Nebraska in which two of the Cornhuskers' scores came off Southern Miss turnovers. The opportunistic Aggie defense capitalized on six Tulsa turnovers. It only spells possible disaster for Southern Miss at the expanded Kyle Field. **Texas A&M 35, Southern Miss 14**.

Texas opens its Big 12 schedule this Saturday when the No. 22 Longhorns travel to face Baylor. The 3-1 Longhorns haven't looked that impressive, but again, they are winning and that is more important. This Saturday, the Longhorns face a desperate Baylor team in search of its first win. The Bears could've very easily been 2-1, but an 0-3 start hasn't helped a still very young team's confidence much.

Let's break down this game:

Passing game — For Texas, there is no rush getting Chris Simms on the field when Major Applewhite has taken the offense under his guidance. At the receiver position, Kwame Cavil has pro-like size and talent. For Baylor, after battling it out with Odell James in two-a-days, Jermaine Alfred emerged as the starter. The Bears' receiving corps is still very young with the go-to guy yet to emerge. The edge goes to **Texas**. Alfred is solid but Applewhite is awesome and he has plenty of capable targets to throw to.

Running game — Hodges Mitchell emerged as Texas' go-to back with a career-high 188 yards against Rice. Baylor's running game with Darrell Bush and Elijah Burkins struggled against OU last week and although the talent is there, the position just hasn't emerged as a force to be reckoned with. The edge goes to **Texas**.

Defense — This is where it might get interesting. Mack Brown's crew has done a good job of revitalizing the Longhorns defense with some added speed. Baylor's defense is dominated by seniors and it will be this unit which needs to come up with some big plays if the Bears have a chance for an upset.

My pick for this game **Texas 24, Baylor 17**. The Bears play well at home but Brown wants to get his Longhorns jump-started in Big 12 play.

Other Texas schools in action:

SMU 21, Hawaii 10. The Rainbows have lost 15 consecutive road games which could only mean a must-win for 0-2 SMU.

Rice 21, Navy 7. The Owls finally play a team they can physically match up with. Quarterback Chad Richardson might finally get on track against the 1-2 Midshipmen.

NMSU 38, UTEP 21. The number one thing the 3-0 NMSU Aggies have to guard against is a letdown after a 35-7 thrashing against Arizona State in Tempe. UTEP hasn't proven it can stop anybody other than a struggling New Mexico offense.

Last Week's record: 3-1 (.750). Season record: 7-3 (.700).

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Smith realizes importance of latest triumph

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Emmitt Smith's latest milestone was an emotional one — once he realized it.

Smith passed Tony Dorsett to become fourth on the NFL's career rushing list with a 7-yard touchdown run in Dallas' 24-7 victory over Atlanta Monday night. Among the first to greet Smith on the sidelines was Dorsett, who was at the game to help celebrate the Cowboys' 40th anniversary.

"He said, 'Congratulations,' and I said 'Thank you,'" Smith said. "Then I kept on moving to go sit down. I didn't even realize what he was saying congratulations for."

Smith wasn't seated long when he heard the good news over the Texas Stadium loudspeaker. As fans cheered, he went back to Dorsett, hugged him and whispered a few words.

"I had to go tell him in his ear how much I greatly appreciate what he's done, the standards he has set," said Smith, who last season passed Dorsett as the leading rusher in team history. "I wanted him to know that I greatly, really, truly in my heart appreciate him as a person, as a Dallas Cowboy and as a football player."

Smith wasn't done with his thank-yous.

He also sought Daryl Johnston, Smith's lead blocker in 131 of his 142 games, but probably not for any more. Johnston re-injured a neck injury in the opener and won't return this season. Although he's going to try coming back next year, the odds are long.

Johnston will remain with the team for moral support and advice. On Monday night, the guy affectionately known as "Moose" was walking the sidelines carrying a clipboard. Fans gave him a Mooooooose call when he was shown on the stadium's television screen early in the first quarter. He got more air time when Smith hugged him following the milestone.

"Not having him out there is different for me because this guy has led me for all these years and all those yards," said Smith, who came into the league in 1990, a year after Johnston. "Not to have him is like losing a brother almost. That's an unfortunate part of the business. He's truly going to be missed by me."

Talking about Johnston made Smith choke up a bit. He ended a group interview with that response and hurried off a podium.

While Smith was kind enough to appreciate others, football fans should be doing the same for him.

Think about it: Barry Sanders is retired. Jamal Anderson is hurt and done for the year. Terrell Davis is struggling without John Elway.

And Emmitt just keeps going.

"He's a real competitor, a fighter," quarterback Troy Aikman said. "He's still got a lot left in the tank."

Two years after career lows of 1,074 yards and four touchdowns, Smith has opened 999 with consecutive 100-yard games and three touchdowns.

Against Atlanta, he even had his longest run in two years, a 37-yarder, and he proved he's still durable with 29 carries. Dallas is 15-1 when he has at least that many attempts.

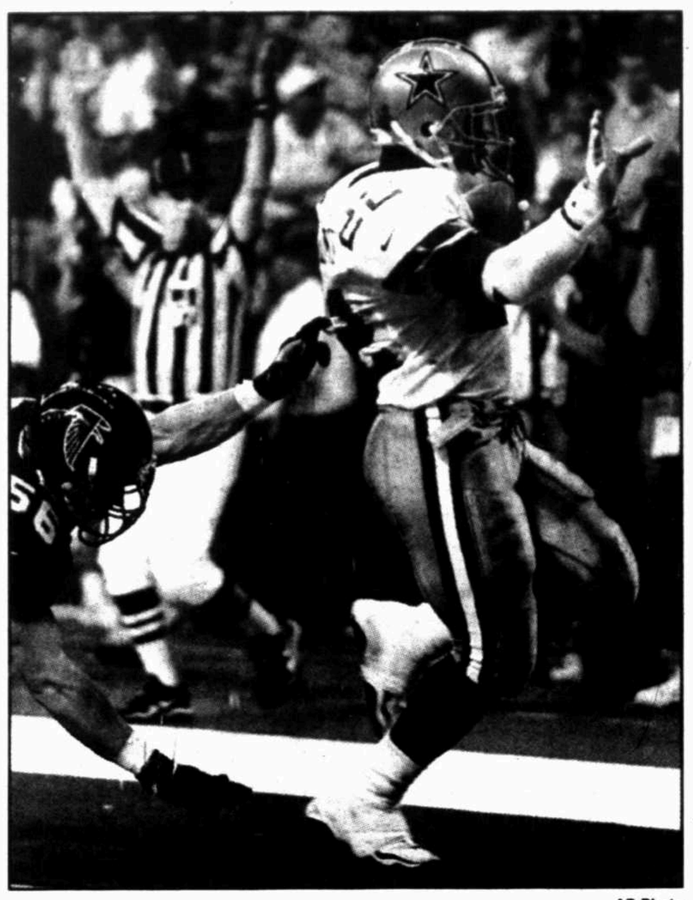
"I can stand here with a smile on my face knowing that my career is long from being over," said Smith, whose three rushing TDs extend his NFL record to 128.

Smith's 108 yards against the Falcons give him 12,783 in his career. Dorsett had 12,739.

Before he can get to Walter Payton (16,276) or Barry Sanders (15,269), Smith must catch Eric Dickerson (13,259). That's likely to happen in five games, maybe six.

It would be more fitting for it to happen in six games, which would be Nov. 8 at Minnesota, another Monday night game.

In 20 Monday Night Football appearances, Smith has 2,057 yards, the most of any player in the series' 30 years.



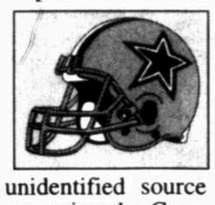
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Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith (22), seen here scoring in Monday night's game with Atlanta, passed former Cowboy Tony Dorsett on the all-time NFL rushing list.

Report: Cowboys close to deal that would move camp

■ Radio station reports that football team could move training camp to Rio Grande Valley.

EDINBURG (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are close to sealing a deal to move their training camp to the Rio Grande Valley, radio station KURV has reported.



KURV quoted an unidentified source Wednesday as saying the Cowboys are nearing a deal with Dallas-based developer Ray Hunt to build a complex at a Hunt project, but a Hunt Realty spokesman denied the report.

"Yes, we have been talking to the Cowboys among others and we'll continue to do anything and everything we could to get them to the Valley but I would not say that we're close to a deal," said Ron Mills, managing director of Hunt Valley Development.

The Sharyland Plantation development in southern Mission and southern McAllen is a mixed commercial and residential development now under construction. Part of that construction is a sports complex.

Mills said his company has been talking to a variety of people who might want to use the complex, including major league and minor league teams and children's sports camps.

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple said he could not confirm the radio report until owner Jerry Jones makes an announcement.

Local tax incentives are part of the package, the Edinburg station reported. Those incentives must still be approved by the two cities.

The Cowboys have trained the past two years in Wichita Falls.

Poll picks Cowboys as 'America's team'

By Michael Buteau
Bloomberg News

NEW YORK — The Dallas Cowboys are still "America's Team."

According to a recent Harris Poll, the Cowboys are the country's favorite National Football League team for the sixth straight year, beating out the San Francisco 49ers, Green Bay Packers and Denver Broncos.

The Cowboys, who won the last of their five Super Bowls in 1995, were picked as either the first or second favorite team by 22 percent of 541 Americans who said they follow professional football.

"It doesn't seem to matter if they're in the Super Bowl or win the Super Bowl, people seem to either love or hate the Cowboys," said David Krane, senior vice president of the Harris Poll.

In previous polls, Krane said the Cowboys ranked both as America's favorite and least favorite team.

"To a certain extent, our question is more of a beauty contest," he said. "I think we would get a different answer if we asked who do you think is the best team."

The Cowboys, coming off a 10-6 record last season, are among the best teams in the NFL this season. They're off to a 2-0 start following Monday night's 24-7 win over the Atlanta Falcons. They opened the season with a 41-35 overtime victory against the Washington Redskins. The survey was conducted before the start of the season

The Packers, last year's second-favorite team, dropped into a second-place tie this year with the 49ers as 18 percent of those surveyed picked the teams as either their first or second favorite.

The Denver Broncos, winners of the past two Super Bowls, ranked fourth on the list for the second straight year, with 13 percent choosing them as either their first of second favorite team.

Bruised Badgers await No. 4 Michigan

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

What's a Badger to do?

Barry Alvarez can't coach from the sideline because he needs knee replacement surgery. Heisman Trophy hopeful Ron Dayne is nursing a sprained ankle. Now the big question is whether Wisconsin can stay with No. 4 Michigan after losing to lowly Cincinnati.

■ College Picks

Don't worry, wide receiver Nick Davis says, No. 20 Wisconsin will be ready to open Big Ten play against the Wolverines at Camp Randall Stadium.

Alvarez is to have surgery Oct. 5 and probably will coach from the press box Saturday.

"We're just going to support him and get through it," Davis said.

And Dayne, who had 231 yards in last week's 17-12 loss to the Bearcats, says his ankle is fine.

"It's feeling good," Dayne said. "I'm able to run."

But how is Wisconsin (2-1) to support Dayne's bruising runs? Against the Bearcats, Scott Kavanagh threw for 85 yards. That won't do against the Wolverines (3-0).

Last year, Wisconsin traveled to Ann Arbor with a 9-0 record and No. 8 ranking. The 15th-ranked Wolverines won, 27-10, and ran for 257 yards against the nation's best rushing defense. Dayne was held to 58 yards.

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr doesn't see much change in the Badgers, but he certainly expects a closer game.

"Essentially, Wisconsin has the same team it had a year ago, with the exception of the quarterback," Carr said, referring to Kavanagh replacing Mike Samuel. "They have a strong, powerful offensive team. They have a strong defense. They have a great punter. They want to play ball control, field-position football. They have the kind of people that allow them to do that."

Michigan needs to get its offense untracked, too. Jeff Del Verne kicked three field goals in an 18-13 win over Syracuse.

Carr says he'll continue alternating quarterbacks, with Tom Brady starting and Drew Henson playing the second quarter. He also wants more touchdowns.

The picks: No. 1 Florida State (minus 20) at North Carolina
Seminoles hit the road for the first time. ... FLORIDA STATE, 35-10.
Indiana (plus 26) at No. 2 Penn State
Good chance for Lions to find a running game. ... PENN STATE, 42-10.
No. 3 Florida (minus 20) at Kentucky
Gators secondary better be in shape. ... FLORIDA, 45-21.
No. 4 Michigan (minus 3) at No. 20 Wisconsin
Are the Badgers for real after shocking loss at Cincinnati? ... MICHIGAN, 24-20.
Southern Mississippi (plus 10 1/2) at No. 5 Texas A&M
Second straight toughie for Golden Eagles. ... TEXAS A&M, 31-24.
No. 6 Nebraska (minus 17) at Missouri
Huskers return to the scene of '97 miracle catch. ... MISSOURI, 24-21.
Memphis (plus 30 1/2) at No. 7 Tennessee
Vols take out frustrations on Tigers. ... TENNESSEE, 41-13.
Clemson (plus 12 1/2) at No. 8 Virginia Tech (Thursday)
Tigers upset Cavs, now look to take out Hokies. ... VIRGINIA TECH, 28-21.
No. 9 Miami (minus 11) at East Carolina (at Raleigh, N.C.)
Pirates are 3-0; 'Canes looking to rebound from tough loss to Penn State. ... EAST CAROLINA, 27-24.
Central Florida (plus 27 1/2) at No. 11 Georgia
Golden Knights will be happy when this one's over. ... GEORGIA, 45-14.
Cincinnati (plus 32) at No. 12 Ohio State
First the Badgers, now the Buckeyes? Nah. ... OHIO STATE, 52-10.
Northwestern (plus 28) at No. 13 Purdue
Don't get caught looking ahead to Michigan fellas. ... PURDUE 49-13.
No. 14 Arkansas (minus 3) at Alabama
Hogs' QB is hurting; Tide's whole program is hurting. ... ALABAMA, 27-26.
No. 15 Kansas State (minus 15 1/2) at Iowa State
Cyclones RB Darren Davis needs a big day. ... KANSAS STATE, 31-21.
No. 16 Southern California (even) at Oregon
Ducks looking for two in a row at home over Trojans. ... USC, 35-30.
Virginia (plus 6 1/2) at No. 17 BYU
Cavs go west of Mississippi for just 11th time in 1,074 games. ... BYU, 27-24.
No. 18 UCLA (minus 1) at Stanford
Bruins needed two fourth-quarter TDs to win last year. ... STANFORD, 35-28.
Illinois (plus 6 1/2) at No. 19 Michigan State
Believe it or not, this is a Big Ten battle of unbeatens. ... MICHIGAN STATE, 27-17.
Temple (plus 28) at No. 21 Marshall
Thundering Herd plan to stay in Top 25 awhile. ... MARSHALL, 42-10. No. 22 Texas (minus 16) at Baylor
Longhorns, beware of wounded Bears. ... TEXAS, 34-30.
South Carolina (plus 13) at No. 23 Mississippi State
Gamecocks looking at 14th loss in a row; Bulldogs looking for 4-0. ... MISSISSIPPI STATE, 31-13.
Wyoming (plus 9 1/2) at No. 24 Air Force
Falcons have 11-game winning streak. ... AIR FORCE 27-17.
No. 25 North Carolina State (minus 6 1/2) at Wake Forest
Demon Deacons set spring trap on napping Wolfpack. ... WAKE FOREST, 21-17.

Last week: 13-6 (straight up); 7-11-1 (vs. points)
Season: 49-12 (straight up); 30-26-1 (vs. points)

Sanders' father wants son to return to Lions

By David Goodman
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT — The father of Barry Sanders says his son should return to the Detroit Lions long enough to break Walter Payton's NFL rushing record. He plans to make the pitch this weekend.

William Sanders also said Wednesday he understands the Lions' reluctance to trade his son.

"If I were the Lions, I wouldn't trade Barry Sanders, either," he said.

The elder Sanders said his son is supposed to visit this weekend.

"He's in for a father-and-son talk," William Sanders said. "I'm going to advise him to go back to Detroit. No situation is so bad you can't go back."

As far as the Lions are concerned, Sanders has retired.

"We're respecting Barry's wish to retire," Lions spokesman Bill Keenist said. "And until we hear otherwise from him, we're not going to comment."

The 31-year-old running back was 1,458 yards short of breaking Payton's career record when he retired July 28. Since then, the Lions have demanded that he repay $5.6 million of the $11 million signing bonus he got when he signed a six-year, $36 million contract in 1997.

Sanders' agents, David Ware and Lamont Smith, say their client must be traded or granted free agency before any money is returned. The club says it will not give up its rights to Sanders.

Sanders will have to decide on his own whether to end his retirement, his father said.

Midland hosts national tourney

Staff report

Midland will host its 19th national softball tournament in the last 20 years when the ASA Men's Class D National Slow Pitch Tournament begins tonight at Bill Williams Softball Complex.

The double-elimination tournament will include five teams from West Texas and 85 more teams from all over the country. Midland's A-1 Embroidery/Miller Lite is considered the host team and will play in one of seven tourney-opening games at 7:30 p.m. All other teams will learn their draws at a luncheon today.

Other West Texas teams are the Big Bombers of Midland, the Jacks of Pecos, and two Abilene teams: Skinny's Yukon Jacks and Magic Tent. In all 33 states will be represented, including Alaska.

■ Class D Softball

An opening ceremony at 7 p.m. tonight will include a fly-over by the Confederate Air Force and inductions into the Midland Softball Association's Hall of Fame (inductees won't be announced until the ceremony). The National Anthem will be sung by recording artist Casey Lee Green, a 1995 Midland High graduate.

The tournament will finish up on Sunday with a championship game at 3:30 — the "if" game would be at 5 p.m.

Tickets are $5 per day, or $12 for the tournament pass. For children, prices are $3 per day or $8 for the pass.

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Area Standings

District 7-1A
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Ft. Hancock	4	0	152	7	1.000
Marfa	3	0	141	0	1.000
Fort Davis	2	1	61	49	.667
Garden City	**1**	**2**	**37**	**45**	**.333**
Rankin	**1**	**2**	**26**	**48**	**.333**
Wink	0	3	22	81	.000

Last Week's Results

Jal, N.M. 26, Garden City 12; Rankin 20, McCamey 0; Plains 19, Wink 8; Marfa 41, Presidio 0; Fort Davis 21, Van Horn 19; Fort Hancock def. San Elizario JV.

This Week's Games

Garden City at Miles, Rankin at Forsan, Fort Davis at Tornillo, Cobre, N.M. at Marfa, Van Horn at Wink, Fort Hancock at El Paso Faith Christian.

District 3-2A
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Stanton	**3**	**0**	**67**	**31**	**1.000**
Seagraves	3	0	101	35	1.000
Post	3	0	85	17	1.000
Coahoma	3	0	91	23	1.000
Tahoka	1	2	81	69	.333
Plains	1	2	25	43	.333

Last Week's Results

Stanton 37, Colorado City 13; Seagraves 33, Abernathy 14; Post 39, Lubbock Roosevelt 0; Plains 19, Wink 8; Coahoma 22, Midland Christian 7; New Deal 33, Tahoka 12.

This Week's Games

Reagan County at Stanton, Seagraves at Midland Christian, Lockney at Post, Coahoma at Hamlin, Petersburg at Plains, Idalou at Tahoka.

District 4-3A
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Crane	3	0	112	7	1.000
Greenwood	**2**	**1**	**69**	**7**	**.667**
Monahans	2	2	86	93	.500
Alpine	1	2	58	107	.333
Kermit	0	3	13	105	.000
Presidio	0	3	12	89	.000

Last Week's Results

Greenwood 35, Denver City 0; Andrews 35, Monahans 7; Crane 16, Seminole 7; Sonora 53, Alpine 16; Lamesa 50, Kermit 0; Marfa 41, Presidio 0.

This Week's Games

Greenwood at Ballinger, Fort Stockton at Monahans, Crane at Pecos, Alpine at Denver City, McCamey at Kermit, Fabens at Presidio.

District 5-4A
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Big Spring	**4**	**0**	**135**	**62**	**1.000**
Andrews	**2**	**1**	**70**	**39**	**.667**
Snyder	2	2	78	87	.500
Lake View	2	2	59	81	.500
Sweetwater	0	3	53	84	.000
Fort Stockton	1	2	17	114	.333

Last Week's Results

Big Spring 38, Lubbock Estacado 22; Andrews 35, Monahans 7; Snyder 27, Abilene Wylie 14; Lake View 20, Del Rio 13; Borger 28, Sweetwater 14; Fort Stockton 17, Pecos 14.

This Week's Games

Abilene Wylie at Big Spring, Andrews at Levelland, Sweetwater at Lubbock Estacado, Seminole at Snyder, Lake View at Pampa.

TAPPS District 3-4A
Overall Standings

Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
Mid. Christian	1	2	65	64	.333
St. Anthony	1	2	42	84	.333
S.Marcos Bpt.	1	2	61	63	.333
St. Gerard	1	2	35	64	.333

Last Week's Results

Coahoma 22, Midland Christian 7; San Marcos Baptist 34, Randolph 15; Center Point 20, St. Gerard 9; Sabinal 28, St. Anthony 14.

This Week's Games

Seagraves at Midland Christian, Sabinal at St. Gerard, Randolph at San Marcos Baptist, St. Anthony at LaVernia.

Transactions

BASEBALL
American League

TEXAS RANGERS—Sent OF Adrian Myers to the Seattle Mariners to complete the Jeff Fassero trade.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Assigned OF Adrian Myers to Tacoma of the PCL.

National League

NL—Suspended Chicago Cub 2B Mickey Morandini for two games, effective Sept. 23, and fined him an undisclosed amount, for overly aggressive behavior and making contact with an umpire during a game with Milwaukee on Sept. 17.

NEW YORK METS—Entered into an agreement to purchase St. Catherines of the New York-Penn League.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

NEW JERSEY NETS—Named Jennie Kerner vice president of entertainment development and talent relations.

NEW YORK KNICKS—Named Steve Mills executive vice president, franchise operations.

ORLANDO MAGIC—Acquired a conditional 2001 second round draft pick from Washington for draft rights to G-F Laron Profit.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Placed RB Jamal Anderson on the injured reserve. Signed RB Winslow Oliver.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed CB Chris Rodgers.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed OT Greg Studdard and FB Paul Shields to the practice squad. Waived G Glenn Rountree and FB Michael Reed from the practice squad.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

BOSTON BRUINS—Signed LW P.J. Axelsson to a two-year contract.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Signed D Anders Eriksson.

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Assigned G Rich Shulmistra and D Jeff Ware to Louisville of the AHL.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Signed F Scott Cameron, F Stanislav Gron and D Andre Lakos. Assigned G Mike Buzak, G Frederic Henry, G Jean-Francois Damphousse, D Sascha Goc, D Alex Johnstone, D Vlastimil Kroupa, D Andre Lakos, D Willie Mitchell, D Lucas Nehrling, F George Awada, F Mathieu Benoit, F David Cunniff, F Bryan Duce, F Sam Ftorek, F Stanislav Gron, F Carlyle Lewis, F Wes Mason, F Richard Rochefort, F Rob Skrlac, F Chris Thompson and F Nikolai Zavarukhin to Albany of the AHL. Returned F Scott Cameron to Barrie of the OHL, F Ryan Held to Kitchener of the OHL and F Brett Clouthier to Kingston of the OHL. Returned D Teemu Kesa to Ilves of the Finnish League.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Assigned C Derek Armstrong and G Jean-Francois Labbe to Hartford of the AHL.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Released LW Bob Errey and D David Wilkie. Assigned F Martin Sonnenberg to Wilkes-Barre-Scranton of the AHL.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Assigned D Chris O'Sullivan, LW Jarko Ruutu, D Brent Sopel and C Lubomir Vaic to Syracuse of the AHL.

International Hockey League

HOUSTON AEROS—Signed C Terry Marchant, D Ryan Brindley and D Scott Swanson to one-year contracts.

KANSAS CITY BLADES—Announced the New York Islanders assigned D Ray Schultz to the team.

Central Hockey League

TOPEKA SCARECROWS—Signed D Kirk Llano and LW Andre Quesnel.

East Coast Hockey League

JACKSON BANDITS—Acquired RW Troy Mann from Trenton for future considerations.

Major League Baseball

AL Boxes

ORIOLES 7, RANGERS 4

BALTIMORE	ab	r	h	bi	TEXAS	ab	r	hbi
ByAdsn cf	5	1	1	1	McLmr 2b	5	0	1 0
Bordick ss	5	1	1	0	IRdrgz c	4	1	2 0
Surhoff lf	3	0	0	0	RPlmo dh	3	1	1 2
Belle rf	3	2	2	1	JuGnlz rf	4	1	2 0
Conine 1b	4	0	0	0	Zeile 3b	4	1	1 1
Pckrng dh	3	0	1	1	Stevns 1b	3	0	1 0
Amaral dh	1	0	0	0	RKelly lf	3	0	1 1
Minor 3b	4	0	0	0	Clayton ss	4	0	0 0
JGrcia 2b	4	2	2	1	TGdwin cf	4	0	1 0
CJhnsn c	4	1	2	2				
Totals	**36**	**7**	**9**	**6**	**Totals**	**34**	**4**	**10 4**
Baltimore			**110**		**130**	**100**		**— 7**
Texas			**400**		**000**	**000**		**— 4**

DP—Baltimore 3. LOB—Baltimore 4, Texas 6. 2B—Belle (30), JuGonzalez (32). 3B—Bordick (6). HR—ByAnderson (23), Belle (35), JGarcia (1), CJohnson (16), RPalmeiro (45).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Ericksn W,15-11	8	10	4	4	3	2
Timlin S,26	1	0	0	0	0	0
Texas						
Helling L,13-10	5	2-3	8	6	6	2 5
Venafro	1	1-3	1	1	1	0 1
Patterson	1	1-3	0	0	0	0 2
Munoz		2-3	0	0	0	0 1

Erickson pitched to 2 batters in the 9th.

WP—Helling. T—2:46. A—34,007 (49,166).

INDIANS 9, TIGERS 1

CLEVELAND	ab	r	h	bi	DETROIT	ab	r	hbi
Lofton cf	6	2	2	0	Plonia dh	4	0	0 0
EWilsn ss	4	2	2	0	Asmus c	4	0	0 0
RAlmr 2b	3	1	2	2	TClark 1b	4	0	0 0
Baerga 2b	1	0	0	0	Palmer 3b	3	0	1 0
MRmrz rf	4	0	2	0	Encrnc lf	3	1	0 0
ARmrz rf	1	0	0	0	Easley 2b	3	0	0 1
Thome 1b	4	2	1	2	Kapler cf	3	0	0 0
Baines dh	5	0	3	2	KGrcia rf	3	0	1 0
Justice lf	3	1	1	0	DCruz ss	3	0	0 0
Frymn 3b	5	1	1	1				
SAlmr c	5	0	2	2				
Totals	**41**	**9**	**16**	**9**	**Totals**	**30**	**1**	**2 1**
Cleveland			**410**		**011**	**002**		**— 9**
Detroit			**000**		**010**	**000**		**— 1**

E—MRamirez (7). DP—Detroit 1. LOB—Cleveland 11, Detroit 3. 2B—Thome (27), Baines (18), SAlomar (12).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Wright W,8-9	7	2	1	0	1	8
Karsay	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rincon	1	0	0	0	0	1
Detroit						
Moehler L,9-16	6	13	7	7	2	3
Kida	3	3	2	2	2	3

HBP—by Moehler (RAlomar), by Moehler (EWilson). T—2:49. A—27,355 (46,945).

TWINS 5, ATHLETICS 4

MINNESOTA	ab	r	h	bi	OAKLAND	ab	r	hbi
TWalkr 2b	4	1	1	0	McDnld cf	5	1	1 0
Hcking 2b	0	0	0	0	Velarde 2b	4	0	1 0
MCdva rf	4	1	2	1	JaGbi 1b	3	0	0 1
THuntr lf	0	0	0	0	Jaha dh	3	1	2 2
Lawton lf	5	0	1	1	Stairs rf	4	0	1 0
Coomer 1b	3	0	0	1	Spiezio 3b	3	0	1 0
Koskie 3b	3	1	2	0	Mnchno ss	0	0	0 0
Gates 3b	0	0	0	0	RaHrdz c	3	0	0 0
Stnbch c	2	0	0	0	Grieve lf	3	1	1 1
Ortiz dh	4	0	0	0	Chrstns cf	0	0	0 0
JJones cf	4	1	1	1	Becker lf	1	0	0 0
CGzmn ss	4	1	0	0	Tejada ss	2	1	1 0
					Chavez 3b	1	0	0 0
Totals	**33**	**5**	**7**	**5**	**Totals**	**32**	**4**	**8 4**
Minnesota			**000**		**000**	**500**		**— 5**
Oakland			**010**		**030**	**000**		**— 4**

E—Hudson (1). DP—Minnesota 1, Oakland 2. LOB—Minnesota 7, Oakland 8. 2B—Stairs (25), Spiezio (24). HR—Jaha (34), Grieve (24). SB—MCordova (13). S—RaHernandez. SF—JaGiambi.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
Milton	5	6	4	4	3	5
Redman W,1-0	1	1	0	0	0	1
BWells	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Guardado	1	0	0	0	1	0
Trombley S,24	1	2-3	0	0	0	0 2
Oakland						
Hudson	6	2-3	6	3	1	2 5
Kubinski		0	0	1	1	0 0
Worrell L,2-2		0	1	1	1	2 0
Groom		0	0	0	0	1 0
TJMathews	1	1-3	0	0	0	0 2
DJones		1	0	0	0	0 1

Kubinski pitched to 1 batter in the 7th, Worrell pitched to 3 batters in the 7th, Groom pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.

HBP—by Guardado (JaGiambi), by Kubinski (TWalker). T—3:12. A—9,895 (43,012).

BLUE JAYS 14, RED SOX 9

TORONTO	ab	r	h	bi	BOSTON	ab	r	hbi
Bush 2b	6	0	2	1	Offrmn 2b	3	0	0 0
JoCruz lf	5	3	2	1	Frye 2b	2	1	1 1
SGreen rf	6	3	4	1	Buford cf	3	0	0 0
CDlgdo 1b	5	2	2	1	Merloni ss	2	2	2 2
CBlake 3b	0	0	0	0	Varitek c	3	0	0 0
Segui dh	3	1	1	2	Huskey lf	2	0	1 2
McRae dh	2	1	1	1	Grcpnr ss	3	1	1 0
Fltcher c	5	1	1	2	Sadler ss	2	1	1 1
TBatsa ss	6	0	3	1	OLeary lf	3	1	1 1
Otanez 3b	5	2	2	1	Cormr p	0	0	0 0
VWells cf	5	1	4	2	Ohka p	0	0	0 0
					Jffrson ph	1	0	0 0
					Wasdin p	0	0	0 0
					Beck p	0	0	0 0
					Nnnally ph	1	0	1 1
					Stanley 1b	2	0	1 1
					Dubach 1b	2	0	0 0
					Httberg dh	3	1	1 0
					Veras 3b	3	1	0 0
					TNixon rf	2	1	1 0
Totals	**48**	**14**	**22**	**13**	**Totals**	**37**	**9**	**10 9**
Toronto			**261**		**010**	**400**		**—14**
Boston			**010**		**100**	**502**		**— 9**

E—Bush (15), Buford 2 (3), Daubach (8), WVeras (6), TNixon (7). DP—Toronto 1, Boston 1. LOB—Toronto 11, Boston 6. 2B—CDelgado (39), McRae (3), TBatista 2 (24), Otanez (10), Merloni 2 (7), Nunnally (1), Hatteberg (3). HR—SGreen (40), O'Leary (28). SB—JoCruz (12). SF—Segui.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Escobar W,13-11	6	1-3	4	5	4	4
Quantrill		0	3	2	2	0 0
Lloyd	1	2-3	0	0	0	0 0
Frascatore		1	3	2	2	0 0
Boston						
Rapp L,6-7		1	6	6	3	2 0
Florie		2	6	3	1	1 2
Portugal		2	3	1	1	0 2
Rose		1	2	0	0	0 1
Cormier		2-3	3	4	1	0 1
Ohka		1-3	1	0	0	0 0
Wasdin			1	1	0	0 0
Beck			1	0	0	0 0

Quantrill pitched to 4 batters in the 7th, Rapp pitched to 4 batters in the 2nd.

HBP—by Escobar (WVeras). T—3:32. A—25,345 (33,871).

YANKEES 5, WHITE SOX 4

CHICAGO	ab	r	h	bi	NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi
Caruso ss	5	1	1	1	Knblch 2b	5	0	1 0
Norton 3b	5	0	3	0	Jeter ss	3	0	1 0
Drham 2b	3	0	1	0	O'Neill rf	4	0	2 2
MOrdz rf	3	1	0	0	BeWms cf	3	1	1 0
CLee dh	4	0	1	0	TMrtnz 1b	4	0	1 0
Sngltn cf	3	2	2	3	Bllgr 1b	0	1	0 0
Knerko 1b	2	0	0	0	Strwbr dh	2	1	1 1
Smmns lf	2	0	0	0	Soriano dh	0	0	0 0
Jcksn lf	2	0	1	0	CDavis ph	0	0	0 0
Frdyce c	3	0	0	0	Curtis dh	0	0	0 0
					JPosda c	4	0	1 2
					Ledee lf	4	1	1 0
					Sojo 3b	2	0	0 0
					Jmenez 3b	1	1	0 0
Totals	**32**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**Totals**	**32**	**5**	**9 5**
Chicago			**110**		**100**	**010**		**— 4**
New York			**001**		**100**	**021**		**— 5**

No outs when winning run scored.

E—KWells (2). DP—Chicago 1, New York 2. LOB—Chicago 7, New York 10. 2B—Norton (23), TMartinez (26). HR—Caruso (2), Singleton 2 (16), Strawberry (2). SB—Durham (32), MOrdonez (12), CLee (4). S—Frdyce. SF—Singleton.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
KWells	5	5	2	2	2	4
Pena	1	0	0	0	1	0
Foulke	2	3	2	2	1	5
Navarro L,8-13	0	1	1	1	3	0
New York						
Irabu	5	1-3	7	3	3	3 3
Watson	1	2-3	1	0	0	0 1
Nelson		1-3	0	1	1	1 0
Stanton		1-3	0	0	0	0 0
Mendoza		1	1	0	0	0 0
MRivera W,4-3	1	1-3	0	0	0	0 1

Navarro pitched to 4 batters in the 9th.

T—3:33. A—27,549 (57,545).

NL Boxes

PIRATES 3, ASTROS 2

HOUSTON	ab	r	h	bi	PITTSBURGH	ab	r	hbi
Biggio 2b	4	0	0	0	Martin lf	4	1	1 0
Javier rf	4	1	2	0	ANunez ss	2	1	0 0
Bgwell 1b	4	1	2	1	BBrwn rf	3	0	0 1
Everett cf	4	0	1	0	KYung 1b	4	0	1 1
Cmniti 3b	2	0	0	1	ABrwn cf	3	1	1 0
Ward lf	4	0	0	0	WMrris 2b	3	0	1 1
Bako c	2	0	0	0	ArRrz 3b	3	0	0 0
Gterrez ss	3	0	1	0	JOliver c	3	0	0 0
Lima p	3	0	0	0	Ritchie p	3	0	1 0
Holt p	0	0	0	0				
Totals	**30**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**Totals**	**28**	**3**	**5 3**
Houston			**000**		**200**	**000**		**— 2**
Pittsburgh			**011**		**001**	**00x**		**— 3**

DP—Pittsburgh 2. LOB—Houston 4, Pittsburgh 4. 2B—Javier (16), WMorris (19). 3B—Martin (8). SB—ANunez (6). SF—Caminiti, BBrown.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Lima L,20-9	7	5	3	3	2	10
Holt	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh						
Ritchie W,14-9	9	6	2	2	2	10

T—2:03. A—16,647 (48,044)

DIAMONDBACKS 11, ROCKIES 3

ARIZONA	ab	r	h	bi	COLORADO	ab	r	hbi
Wmack rf	5	1	1	1	NPerez ss	4	0	1 0
JBell 2b	4	1	2	0	DeJean p	0	0	0 0
LGnzlz lf	5	2	1	1	Shmprt 3b	4	0	1 0
MaWlm 3b	5	2	2	4	KAbbtt 2b	4	0	1 0
Drazo 1b	3	1	3	1	Echvrr lf	3	0	0 0
SFinley cf	4	2	2	1	Helton 1b	3	0	1 0
Frias ss	2	0	0	0	Phillips 1b	1	0	0 0
Stinnett c	3	0	1	1	Gibson rf	3	0	0 0
AnBens p	4	0	1	3	Wnhuse p	0	0	0 0
Swndell p	0	0	0	0	Beltran p	0	0	0 0
Holmes p	0	0	0	0	Sosa ss	1	0	0 0
					Clmnte cf	3	1	1 0
					Petrick c	3	2	2 3
					Hckmn p	1	0	0 0
					Cnglosi ph	1	0	0 0
					Porzio p	0	0	0 0
					Barry rf	1	0	0 0
Totals	**35**	**11**	**11**	**11**	**Totals**	**32**	**3**	**7 3**
Arizona			**410**		**020**	**220**		**—11**
Colorado			**002**		**010**	**000**		**— 3**

E—AnBenes (2). DP—Arizona 2, Colorado 1. LOB—Arizona 10, Colorado 3. 2B—JBell (30), MaWilliams (35), Stinnett (13). 3B—SFinley (9). HR—MaWilliams (35), Petrick 2 (4). SB—Womack (70), KAbbott (3). SF—Womack.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arizona						
AnBens W,12-12	8	7	3	3	1	4
Swindell	2	3	0	0	0	0
Holmes	1	3	0	0	0	0
Colorado						
Hackman L,1-1	5	7	7	7	6	3
Porzio	1	1-3	1	2	2	3 0
Wainhouse	2	3	0	0	0	1 1
Beltran	1	3	2	2	1	0
DeJean	1	0	0	0	1	0

WP—Beltran. T—2:37. A—40,115 (50,381).

CUBS 5, CARDINALS 3

ST. LOUIS	ab	r	h	bi	CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi
Rnteria ss	4	1	1	0	LJhnsn cf	4	0	0 0
McGee lf	5	0	1	0	Mrndni 2b	4	0	3 0
McGwr 1b	3	0	0	0	Sosa rf	2	1	0 0
Tatis 3b	4	0	1	1	MaGrc 1b	4	0	1 2
THwrd rf	3	1	1	1	Andrws 3b	3	1	0 0
Pquette 2b	4	0	1	0	JReed c	4	1	1 0
Drew cf	3	0	1	0	RoBrn lf	2	0	1 1
Jensen c	2	1	1	1	Portr lf	1	0	0 0
McEwg ph	1	0	0	0	Nieves ss	2	0	0 1
ACstllo c	3	0	0	0	Ayala p	0	0	0 0
Stphnsn p	2	0	0	0	Guthrie p	0	0	0 0
EPerez ph	1	0	0	0	Agilera p	0	0	0 0
Ankiel p	0	0	0	0	Trchsel p	2	1	1 0
Acvedo p	0	0	0	0	Blauser ss	1	1	1 1
Lnkfrd ph	1	0	0	0				
Painter p	0	0	0	0				
Totals	**33**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**Totals**	**29**	**5**	**8 5**
St. Louis			**011**		**001**	**000**		**— 3**
Chicago			**020**		**020**	**10x**		**— 5**

E—Jensen (1), Morandini (5). DP—St. Louis 2, Chicago 1. LOB—St. Louis 10, Chicago 4. 2B—Morandini (18), RoBrown (4). 3B—MaGrace (5). HR—THoward (6), Jensen (1), Blauser (9). SF—Tatis, Nieves.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis						
Stephenson L,6-2	5	6	4	2	3	2
Ankiel	1	0	0	0	0	1
Acevedo	1	2	1	1	0	0
Painter	1	0	0	0	0	2
Chicago						
Trachsel W,7-17	6	6	3	3	3	7
Ayala	1	1-3	1	0	0	0 1
Guthrie		2-3	0	0	0	1 1
Aguilera S,6		1	0	0	0	1 1

HBP—by Ayala (THoward). Balk—Trachsel. T—2:52. A—38,278 (38,884).

EXPOS 5, MARLINS 3

A—13,043 (53,192).

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
New York	92	59	.609	—	7-3	W-3	46-30	46-29	9-9
Boston	88	63	.583	4	z-8-2	L-1	47-29	41-34	6-12
Toronto	78	74	.513	14 1/2	z-4-6	W-1	40-38	38-36	9-9
Baltimore	74	76	.493	17 1/2	z-10-0	W-13	39-34	35-42	11-7
Tampa Bay	65	87	.428	27 1/2	3-7	L-2	32-44	33-43	4-14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
x-Cleveland	92	60	.605	—	z-4-6	W-2	46-31	46-29	9-9
Chicago	68	83	.450	23 1/2	5-5	L-2	34-41	34-42	9-9
Minnesota	62	89	.411	29 1/2	3-7	W-1	30-44	32-45	10-7
Detroit	61	90	.404	30 1/2	3-7	L-2	34-42	27-48	8-10
Kansas City	60	92	.395	32	3-7	L-1	31-45	29-47	6-12

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Texas	89	63	.586	—	4-6	L-3	45-29	44-34	10-8
Oakland	83	68	.550	5 1/2	z-6-4	L-1	50-28	33-40	12-6
Seattle	75	76	.497	13 1/2	5-5	W-1	41-36	34-40	7-11
Anaheim	63	89	.414	26	z-6-4	W-2	31-43	32-46	6-12

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Atlanta	95	57	.625	—	5-5	W-3	53-24	42-33	9-9
New York	92	60	.605	3	z-6-4	L-2	45-30	47-30	12-6
Philadelphia	71	81	.467	24	3-7	W-1	35-37	36-44	11-7
Montreal	64	88	.421	31	z-5-5	W-3	33-42	31-46	8-10
Florida	60	92	.395	35	3-7	L-1	33-43	27-49	11-7

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Houston	93	61	.604	—	z-5-5	L-1	47-30	46-31	12-3
Cincinnati	89	63	.586	3	z-5-5	L-1	41-36	48-27	7-8
Pittsburgh	75	76	.497	16 1/2	z-5-5	W-1	45-36	30-40	7-8
St. Louis	72	80	.474	20	4-6	L-1	35-40	37-40	7-8
Milwaukee	68	83	.450	23 1/2	z-7-3	L-1	26-44	42-39	8-6
Chicago	61	91	.401	31	5-5	W-1	31-46	30-45	6-9

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Arizona	92	60	.605	—	z-7-3	W-2	47-27	45-33	7-8
San Francisco	82	69	.543	9 1/2	z-6-4	L-4	48-27	34-42	7-8
San Diego	72	80	.474	20	5-5	W-1	46-34	26-46	11-4
Los Angeles	71	80	.470	20 1/2	5-5	W-4	34-42	37-38	8-7
Colorado	68	85	.444	24 1/2	3-7	L-2	38-40	30-45	4-8

z-first game was a win
x-clinched division title

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Wednesday's Games
Late Games Not Included

Minnesota 5, Oakland 4
Cleveland 9, Detroit 1
Baltimore 7, Texas 4
Toronto 14, Boston 9
New York 5, Chicago 4
Tampa Bay at Anaheim (n)
Kansas City at Seattle (n)

Thursday's Games

Oakland (Laxton 0-0 and Olivares 15-10) at Baltimore (Ponson 12-11 and Riley 0-0), 2, 3:05 p.m.
Toronto (Wells 14-10) at Boston (Mercker 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 17-9) at Detroit (Blair 2-11), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago (Parque 9-13) at New York (Clemens 13-9), 6:35 p.m.
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Europeans like 'underdog' role

By Clifton Brown
N.Y. Times News Service

BROOKLINE, Mass. — So far, Lee Westwood and Colin Montgomerie are enjoying everything about Ryder Cup week. They are enjoying their teammates, who seem relaxed and confident. They like The Country Club, a golf course that will require both skill and strategy. And most important, Westwood and Montgomerie like Europe's chances.

''It's nice being the underdogs,'' said Westwood, who couldn't resist taking a small poke at Jeff Maggert, who called the U.S. team the world's 12 best players on Tuesday. ''There's less pressure on us and more pressure on them. There's great expectation for them to win. It's in their own country, so the pressure is building.

''I think we can beat anybody. I think this format leads to shocks. They must be under pressure, being the 12 best players in the world, according to themselves.''

If the Europeans can one-putt as frequently as they think of one-liners, then the United States could be in trouble when the biennial competition begins on Friday. The Europeans seem to relish their underdog role, and in the past, they have flourished in it, winning the 1995 and 1997 Ryder Cups when the United States was expected to win.

But it is hard to imagine Europe's winning this year unless its two best players, Montgomerie and Westwood, play a huge role. Seven of Europe's 12 players are Ryder Cup rookies, and those first-timers will undoubtedly be nervous, especially playing in the United States.

'They must be under pressure, being the 12 best players in the world, according to themselves.'
— Lee Westwood, a European team member

Both Montgomerie and Westwood played the maximum five times in 1997, and that will probably happen again this weekend. That has been Europe's winning formula in past years: rely heavily on the top players, with others filling in as needed.

Montgomerie and Westwood have paced themselves during practice rounds this week, knowing they will be worked hard once the competition begins.

''It's a very tiring week mentally more than physically,'' said Montgomerie, who will be playing in his fifth consecutive Ryder Cup. ''You go out and practice, and there's got to be 30,000 to 40,000 people out there. I just hope if I do play five times, that I can get as many points as possible.''

It will be interesting to see how Montgomerie reacts, not only to being counted on so heavily, but also to playing another pressure-laden event in the United States. Montgomerie has been the dominant player on the European Tour this decade, winning the last six European money titles, and leading this year's money list again.

But he has never won a tournament in the United States in 57 attempts, and he has yet to win a major championship, something his critics point to as a glaring hole in his resume. Montgomerie has also been distracted at several events in the past by unruly fans who have heckled him; he is a player who wears his emotions outwardly.

The last thing Europe needs is a moping Montgomerie. But fans during practice rounds Tuesday and Wednesday were very cordial to all the Europeans, and Montgomerie said he expected that trend to continue.

Told that he had had problems with American galleries in the past, Montgomerie smiled and said, ''Have I?'' Then he added: ''I don't foresee any problems this week. I wholeheartedly enjoy playing golf in this country.''

Both Montgomerie and Westwood are accurate drivers, which is crucial at The Country Club. Players who drive the ball well will be able to attack the small greens and make birdies. Players who spray the ball off the tee will scramble to make pars and lose holes.

More responsibility will fall on the shoulders of Montgomerie, Westwood and Jose Maria Olazabal to lead the Europeans, because their team has undergone a changing of the guard. Five players who have been a huge part of Europe's recent teams did not qualify for this year's event — Nick Faldo, Bernhard Langer, Ian Woosnam, Seve Ballesteros and Costantino Rocca.

''It's going to be different, no doubt about that,'' Montgomerie said. ''Those guys were at the top of the tree for a long time, but that doesn't mean we can't do well without them. What's coming through in Europe is very, very good. And I'm sure we'll prove that this week.''

It is expected that the European captain, Mark James, will pair Montgomerie with Paul Lawrie in foursome and four-ball events, while Westwood could be paired with Darren Clarke, his close friend.

But regardless of his playing partner, as Montgomerie goes, so goes a large part of Europe's team. He played a major role in Europe's victory in 1997, earning 3.5 points. And he would love to contribute even more this weekend.

''I think the players are looking toward Monty, because he's been the European No. 1, for the past it seems about 35 years now,'' James said. ''He's our biggest star at the moment. Why wouldn't I play him five times? I think that's a strong possibility. As you guys would say, right now, his game is not too shabby.''

Martin closes in on PGA Tour berth

By Landon Hall
Associated Press Writer

JUNCTION CITY, Ore. — Just when Casey Martin began to realize there's more to life than playing on the PGA Tour, he started making big strides toward accomplishing just that.

Martin, who sued the PGA Tour last year for the right to ride a cart to ease the pain in his right leg, is within striking distance of earning a tour exemption for 2000.

The top 15 finishers on the Nike Tour, sort of golf's minor-league circuit, earn a PGA Tour card. Martin currently is 12th at $101,527 entering this week's Oregon Classic, held just north of his hometown of Eugene.

''This is a big week for me and my career, and hopefully I can do well,'' he said Wednesday during an interview aboard his cart, parked near the practice tees at Shadow Hills Country Club.

''But I'm just not trying to think too far in advance,'' Martin, 27, added. ''Obviously I'd like to make it, so I'd like to take advantage of where I am right now. But at the same time, I don't think it's the most important thing in my life to make the PGA Tour.''

The most important stage of his life came in February 1998, when a federal judge in Eugene ruled against the PGA Tour and allowed Martin to use a cart to get around the course in tournaments. The decision is under appeal.

Martin suffers from a degenerative condition in his right leg that makes it painful to walk. The PGA Tour, and many veteran golfers, argued that walking is part of the game and that using a cart would give Martin a ''competitive advantage'' over opponents.

After his court victory, Martin became a hero to disabled children and a media phenomenon. He signed an endorsement deal with Nike and made the rounds at talk shows.

After the spotlight faded, Martin found himself struggling on the course. He qualified for the U.S. Open and had a strong showing, but later fell to a 29th-place finish on the Nike Tour.

He played poorly to begin the 1999 season, but thanks to three top-10 finishes since the beginning of August, he could secure his PGA Tour card with a second-place finish here.

Martin began playing better after he took some time off in August. He sought treatment from a Chicago doctor who specializes in an ultrasound-guided therapy that Martin hoped would alleviate some of the pain in his leg. But it had no effect.

The pain got so bad that he considered withdrawing from a tournament in South Dakota. But he stayed and tied for sixth. The next week, he was second in Omaha, Neb.

''When my leg got bad, I kind of wanted to come home,'' he said. ''But that's when I actually started to play well, so I think I learned not to put too much pressure on myself, and if I try too hard it kind of backfires.''

LOCAL SPORTS

Blast '85 wins pair of games

ARLINGTON — Midland's Blast '85 boys soccer team won a pair of games this past weekend, beating F.W. Tejanos 5-0 and defeating the Flames 4-1.

Josh Brooks had three goals to lead the Blast against Tejanos while Jason Langhofer and J.R. Gibbs also scored. Andrew Webb had two assists and Josh Shelburne had one.

Brooks also had two goals in the win against the Flames while Chad O'Connor and Langhofer also scored. O'Connor, Brooks and Langhofer also had assists.

Volleyball

Freshmen

Lee Maroon def. Nimitz, 15-2, 15-1. Maroon (9-5): Kendalll Smith 15 service points, five assists; Melissa Bullock five service points, five assists; Marisa Dunigan two kills, eight digs; Adrienne Ross two kills, four blocks.

Midland Gold def. Bowie, 15-8, 15-10. Gold: Ember Rogers 12 service points; Leah Robison seven service points; Katy Hathaway, three digs.

Midland Purple def. Ector 15-0, 15-6. Purple: Lauren Lucas eight service points, ace; Taryn McNeil six service points; Rachel Cherry six service points; Brandy Parker four kills.

Crockett def. Lee White 15-10, 16-14. White: Shelly Stain four kills, six service points; Marissa Kuykendall five kills; Lauren Hinsley two kills; Mary Griffin two kills; Brittany Worley eight service points.

GOLF: Play starts Friday

(From 1C)

Justin Leonard during an alternate-shot match Wednesday in a gloomy drizzle at The Country Club. It was tight until the end, when Stewart holed a chip for birdie on the 18th.

About three hours later, the first words out of Stewart's mouth summed up his mood.

''I think everybody is ready for Friday,'' he said. ''I know I am. This is something I've looked forward to all year long, and I'm very excited about being back.''

That excitement may have been lacking the past couple of years, certainly two years ago at Valderrama. One of the questions Americans seem to face after every loss — five of the last seven, to be exact — is whether they possess the same passion as Europe when the stakes are as simple as a gold chalice that could fit in carry-on luggage.

That doesn't appear to be the case this year.

''We're a little bit more determined because there are a few of us that have been through some losing teams,'' Love said. ''We all get along very well. There's not any real dissension. A lot of guys are having a lot of fun.''

It all starts with Stewart. The leader is captain Ben Crenshaw, who has instilled a sense of history about the Ryder Cup and a sense of purpose about winning it back. But leadership also comes from the players hitting the shots, and the search for that player always seems to go back to Stewart.

''Payne is fired up about it,'' Love said. ''Whoever goes out with him to play better be ready for that. He's going to get us going in the morning and keep us focused on what we're doing.''

That kind of passion might be what it takes to cope with the pressure that is saddled on the American team like never before.

Just like in 1995 and 1997, the U.S. team is stacked from top to bottom — only David Duval lacks Ryder Cup experience, and the 12-man team has won a combined 11 major championships. No American is lower than 28th in the world ranking.

Not that credentials ever matter. The United States hasn't won a Ryder Cup since 1993, and not on home soil since the ''War on the Shore'' at Kiawah Island in 1991.

''They must be under pressure being the 12 best players in the world, according to themselves,'' England's Lee Westwood said, responding to Jeff Maggert's assessment the day before.

This U.S. team does not belong solely to Stewart. Tiger Woods is playing his best golf ever, and the rest of the team has looked so sharp this week that Crenshaw is not sure which four players will sit out the first round of matches when the Ryder Cup begins Friday morning.

''I didn't think it was possible that 12 fellows could be playing well at one time, and it's darn near there,'' Crenshaw said.

Woods prefers to lead by example, as do Duval and O'Meara. Stewart intends to do both, of which he could do neither the past two Ryder Cups.

''Sitting in your living room on your couch watching it, you can't make any difference whatsoever,'' Stewart said. ''So, here I am. If captain Crenshaw chooses to play me, I feel that I can make a difference playing. If he chooses not to play me, I'll make a difference by being out there supporting my team.''

TEST: Mustangs face another 3-2A team

(From 1C)

Mustangs face third straight 3-2A team

The thinking around Midland Christian these day is that if the Mustangs can just cut out the mistakes, they can be a pretty good football team.

Too many mistakes cost the Mustangs (1-2) in a 22-7 loss at Coahoma Friday. Midland Christian was penalized 12 times for 92 yards, the offense managed just 171 total yards and the defense gave up 226 yards on the ground.

"In the first half on defense, we did a very poor job of holding them down," said Midland Christian coach Greg McClendon about Coahoma's 19-point second quarter. "We're just going to have to be better up front, defensively. We came out of that game against Coahoma knowing we're a better football team but there's definitely a sense of urgency for us to get a win."

Midland Christian will face its third straight 3-2A team at 7:30 p.m. Friday when it hosts Seagraves (3-0) and as McClendon said, "This is probably the best 3-2A team.

"They're unbelievably big and they're unbelievably talented," said McClendon about the Eagles. "Their right guard and tackle weigh more than 600 pounds combined. They're not just big but athletic."

The Eagles have a very strong running game anchored by fullback Jimmy Lovington, who rushed for more than 1,000 yards last season.

With Seagraves possessing such a strong offense, McClendon said it's imperative for his offense to get on track.

"Our offensive line has to step up this week," he said. "We need to have people commit to our run in order to have our passing game become a little more effective."

Rangers hit the road to play Ballinger

After back-to-back shutouts, you can say the Greenwood Rangers spirits are a little high.

"It's a pretty good deal but everything is relative on who you play and what scheme you face," said Greenwood coach Bob Purser, whose team blanked Denver City 35-0 last week. "Right now we feel pretty good about ourselves but we know that can change."

Greenwood will surely be tested when it travels to face a usually-tough Ballinger team at 8 p.m. Friday.

The Rangers are 5-1 against the Bearcats in the last six meetings, which includes Ballinger walking away with a wacky 14-13 win last season in Greenwood. The Rangers had a chance to tie the game in the waning seconds but an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for excessive celebration pushed the extra-point attempt back 15 yards. The Rangers missed the PAT and Ballinger escaped with a win.

"There's always incentive to play Ballinger," Purser said. "It should be pretty neat to go there and play because everyone there gets excited about high school football. It ought to be a good experience for us. Win or lose it will be a learning process."

Ballinger (2-1) has a well-balanced offensive attack led by 6-foot-3 quarterback Tyler McGee and 5-8 running back Caesar Martinez. On defense, Purser said the Bearcats are very physical in their split-6 alignment.

"We definitely have our hands full," Purser said. "This is our first real road game with our bags packed and it's always a new experience."

No. 3 Trinity faces No. 2 Abilene Christian

When it comes to private six-man state power football teams, it doesn't get much better than this.

Two top five teams in the private and parochial school six-man poll face off at 5:30 Friday when No. 3 Trinity (2-1) hosts No. 2 Abilene Christian (2-1).

Abilene Christian, a TAPPS six-man team, is coming off a 56-28 victory over Moran, while Trinity, the highest rated TCAL team in the state, lost a wild and wacky game, 62-61, to Dell City, which kicked a last-second field goal to win the game.

"Dell City was a good team. It was the first time we scored 61 points and got beat," said Trinity coach Karl Kitto. "Our kids viewed the film and they understand what the breakdowns were. Plus, it was a long trip."

The Panthers love to air it out with quarterback Louis Lerma which means the Chargers' pass defense has its work cut out trying to defend the spread. Last year, the Panthers defeated Trinity 63-18.

"They 45'ed (45-point rule) us last year so we're thinking a little payback," Kitto said.

The Chargers are going to have to do without senior lineman Michael Midkiff this week as he suffered a two-inch cut on his hand against Dell City.

Sidenote: The next two home games at Trinity will be under the lights. The Oct. 1 game against Ira and the Oct. 8 game against Highland, both originally scheduled for 5:30 p.m., have been changed to 7 p.m. as Trinity is setting up light stands at Coombes Field.

AREA: Andrews tries for second straight victory

(From 1C)

their unbeaten mark and preparing for the start of district.

"It's a big game for us," said Butler. "Our biggest this week is not revenge. We want to prove to Abilene Wylie that we can play football because we didn't do that last year."

Andrews looks to maintain momentum

So far, Andrews (2-1) hasn't gotten on a roll similar to that of their fellow 5-4A foe Big Spring, but the Mustangs might be getting closer. After beating Monahans 35-7 last week, Andrews will head northwest to take on Levelland Friday at 7:30 p.m.

The Mustangs needed to establish something positive following a 29-14 loss to Hereford in their home opener, and the win over Monahans looks like a good start.

"Their confidence level is definitely better," said Andrews coach Mike Lebby of his team's attitude. "There's no doubt we feel like we accomplished some good things."

Like Big Spring, Andrews has played a tough preseason schedule, and things don't figure to get any easier against Levelland, which is unbeaten through three games. In any case, the Lobos figure to be superior to the team which Andrews defeated 35-7 last season.

Levelland alternates a pair of quarterbacks, senior Josh Yearwood, a dropback passer who has taken the majority of the snaps, and junior Kevin Romero, who is a rollout passer. Whoever throws the ball will have the luxury of having sophomore C.J. Queen catch it. Queen has some eye-popping numbers, with 15 receptions for 449 yards (29.9 yards a catch if you're counting) and five touchdowns.

"We can't give up long pass plays," said Lebby. "(The Lobos) have done that in every game."

By contrast, Andrews threw only twice against Monahans. Despite being without both starting tackles, the Mustangs still ran for 264 yards, led by Geremy Woods with 110.

"We established the running game inside the tackles and that's going to be crucial for us," said Lebby. "We're pretty much a power football team."

Bearkats aiming to recover

After giving respectable showings in each of the first two games despite a lack of numbers, the Garden City Bearkats (1-2) came down to earth a bit last Friday. Garden City fell behind early against a strong passing attack from Jal, N.M. and couldn't recover in a 26-12 loss.

Now the Bearkats have three weeks (their next two games and a bye week) before opening District 7-A play and they have an opportunity to get back on their feet starting Friday when they travel to Miles for an 8 p.m. kickoff. This will be the third road game of the season for Garden City, which plays four of its first five games on the road.

Miles might not be the right team for the Bearkats to get healthy against. The Bulldogs are 3-0 on the season and return strong skill players in quarterback Omer Puente and running back Ty Groat.

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Booster Clubs...

The **Midland High Football Booster Club** will meet every Tuesday before each football game at 7 p.m. in the MHS cafeteria through the end of the season. For more information, call Dusty or Peggy at 682-3242.

The **Midland Lee Lady Rebel Softball Booster Club** will meet the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Lee cafeteria. Call Bryan Hargrove at 688-1537 for more information.

The **Midland High Softball Booster Club** will meet the first Thursday of each month through May 4 in Conference Room A at MHS. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Contact Patti Heard at 686-9239 or David Askew at 686-7025 with questions.

The **Midland Lee Basketball Booster Club** will hold its first meeting on Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lee High School cafeteria. All boys and girls basketball fans are invited to attend and meet the coaches and their outlooks on the season. The Lee basketball boosters meet the first Monday of each month at the same site and time.

Football...

The **YMCA West Texas Adult Flag Football League** begins on Oct. 12. Games will be played at Reyes/Mashburn/Nelms Park at 7 and 8 p.m. Rosters consist of 12 players. Each player will have to sign a waiver before being eligible to play. Coaches required to attend a coaches meeting. Team fee is $150 and registration deadline is Oct. 1. For more information, call Eddie Venzant at 682-2551.

Golf...

The **Ward County Golf Course** in Monahans is hosting the following tournaments: Oct. 16-17, Fall Classic 4-person scramble, $280 per team. For more information, call Gary Wood at (915) 943-5044.

McCamey Country Club has the following events scheduled: Oct. 2, Roy Sharp 60-plus Three-man Select Shot, $60 per team, all players must be at least 60 years old; Oct. 16, 3-person select shot, $35 per person. Call 1-915-652-8904 for information.

The Midland Jaycees first "**Scramble for the Cure**", a golf tournament to benefit Round up '99 and the American Cancer Society will be held Oct. 22 at Hogan Park Golf Course. It will be a four-man scramble with 18 team and shotgun start at 1 p.m. The fee is $60 per person (includes green fees, lunch and cart). For more information contact Vaughan Edmonson at 694-8801 (day) or 694-0556 (evening).

The **Third Annual Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Permian Basin Restaurant Association Golf Tournament** will be held Oct. 14 at Hogan Park. The format is a four-man scramble with a shotgun start. The entry fee is $75. For more information, please call the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce at 682-2960 or Al Escamilla at 699-2417.

Crane Country Club will hold a couples scramble Sept. 25-26. The entry fee is $80 per team to the first 60 teams. For more information, call 915-558-2651.

Softball...

Midland's ASA/MUGS 10 and under competitive **Dream Team** will be having tryouts during the month of October. The team will consist of girls born in 1989 or 1990. Anyone interested in trying out for the team or have any questions please contact David Criner at 694-1568 or Shannon White at 699-1948.

The **West Texas Co-Ed Slamboree 3-2 Count Tournament** is scheduled for Sept. 26. Entry fee is $90 per team with a 12 player limit. For more information, call Chris Cardenas at (915) 223-1309 or 486-9402.

The **Budweiser October Jam Fest Men's Softball Tournament** is Oct. 2-3 in Pecos. Entry fee is $115 and entry deadline is Sept. 30 at 9 p.m. Call Edwin Jaquez at 520-5133 or 520-2184 for more information.

The **Budweiser October Jam Fest Women's Softball Tournament** is Oct. 2-3 in Pecos. Entry fee is $90 and entry deadline is Sept. 30 at 9 p.m. Call Edwin Jaquez at 520-5133 or 520-2184 for more information.

Tennis...

The **Midland Tennis Club** will hold the following club championship tournaments at the Midland College Tennis Center: Oct. 2-3, Men's/Women's Singles; Oct. 9-10, Men's/Women's Doubles; Nov. 6-7, Mixed Doubles. Must be MTC member and have participated in previous scheduled event.

Advanced tournament trainer clinics are scheduled for the Kimber-Lea Tennis Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for seventh grade and up and from 4-5 p.m. for fourth through sixth grades. The first session runs through Sept. 30 and the second session runs Oct. 4-Nov. 19. For more information, call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5360.

Junior tennis clinics for beginners and intermediates are scheduled Mondays through Thursdays at Kimber-Lea Tennis Club. First through third grades will go from 4-4:30 p.m., fourth through sixth 4:30-5:30 p.m. and seventh grade and up from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The second session is Oct. 4-Nov. 19. For more information, call 689-2237 or 683-5360.

USA Team Tennis 50+ Mixed Doubles is scheduled for November. Levels of 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 will be offered and the sign-up deadline is Oct. 20. For more information, call Juanell Fort at 686-0277.

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is $40 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., and 8:30 a.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Cost is $45 per month, $65 for a couple. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Rita Simmons at 684-7755.

COM Aquatics - Learn to Swim year round lessons for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn to swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normally consists of eight 30-minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details.

The **COM Masters Swim Team** is open to anyone 20 and over. There are two Masters swim team workouts. You can choose from Mon.-Wed.-Fri. or Tue.-Thurs.-Sat. at 6-7 a.m. at the COM pool. Call 684-7755 for more information.

COM Diving offers a full range of diving instruction from beginning lessons to elite team training and competition. All ages and ability levels are invited to participate. Diving lessons are offered at various times. For information, call 684-7755.

Central YMCA is offering Water Arthritis classes, beginning Sept. 27 with toning, flexibility, strengthening and range-of-motion exercises. Call 682-2551 for more information.

Central YMCA is offering swimming lessons for children and adults grouped according to ages and ability, beginning Sept. 27. Private lessons are available upon request. For more information call 682-2551.

Basketball...

Top of Texas Basketball is holding a girls shootout Oct. 10 at West Texas A&M. The tournament is UIL approved and NCAA sanctioned for all high school varsity players who wish to play in college. It will be the only opportunity for all divisions of college coaches to view players. Entry fee is $50. For more information, call Glen Morton at (806) 250-2455 or Randy Stewart at (806) 335-1219.

Blue Chips Girls Basketball Shootout is coming to the University of Houston on Saturday, Sept. 25 and to Texas Christian on Sunday, Sept. 26. Registration for for each event is between 8-8:30 a.m. The games will begin at 9 a.m. This one-day Shootout is a high exposure event designed for the student athlete who aspires to play at the college level. For additional information or an application call site director Janet Guinn at 281-875-0563 or Sport Camps Inc. at 610-446-3636.

Any area **girls and boys varsity and junior varsity basketball teams** are invited to participate in a basketball tournament at Midland Christian on Oct. 9. For information, call 697-1030.

Baseball...

Midland Junior Baseball is holding sign-ups at Stadium Sports for Fall League Baseball for ages 12-13 and 14-15. Cost is $45 for more information call Ronnie Lynch at 699-1405.

A **USSSA baseball tournament** will be held in Hobbs, N.M., Sept. 25-26, for 12-under and 10-under teams. Entry fee is $180 and entry deadline is Sept. 23. Call 1-505-392-3644 for more information.

Volleyball...

The Midland Volleyball Program will hold a **Parent Information Meeting** on Oct. 10 at the Health South Rehabilitation Hospital from 2-3:30 p.m. The meeting is for parents of players interested in playing Junior Olympic Volleyball. For information call Renee Rogers at 699-5857.

Registration is underway for **YMCA Youth Volleyball**. The league is for boys and girls in grades three through nine and begins on Nov. 2. Registration deadline is Oct. 12. Cost is $38 for non-members and $25 for YMCA members. Contact the Central YMCA for more information at 682-2551.

Miscellaneous...

The **Midland Wrestling Club** offers adult, high school, Olympic and freestyle wrestling. Call 685-0531 for information.

The Midland branch of the American Escrima Wing Tsun Organization is holding an **adult self defense combat class** in association with the Midland Wrestling Club. Classes will be held three times a week. For more information, call David Lesser at 687-6973 or 685-0531.

The **second annual Sporting Clay Shoot** is scheduled for Oct. 9 at the San Angelo Claybird Association Range on Highway 67, 12 miles west of San Angelo on Duncan Road. Entry fee is $110 per person. For more information, call Mike McAlpine at (915) 223-1200.

The **Midland Women's Bowling Association** is holding its annual fall open meeting at Midland Park Lanes Sept. 25 at 3 p.m. The meeting is open to all MWBA members.

Ripken out for rest of year with injury

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Cal Ripken will undergo back surgery Thursday and miss the rest of the season, leaving him nine hits shy of 3,000 for his career.

"I feel bad that Cal's hurt because I wanted him to get 3,000 but he'll get it next year," Baltimore Orioles manager Ray Miller said Wednesday night.

Ripken traveled to Cleveland on Wednesday to visit specialist Dr. Henry Bohlman after experiencing back spasms overnight. He will have surgery there to relieve pressure on a nerve that has been causing him discomfort.

Ripken played in 2,632 straight games before voluntarily ending the streak last September. This season, however, he twice was placed on the disabled list because of back pain, the first two trips to the DL over a sensational career that began in 1981.

The 39-year-old Ripken went on the disabled list on April 20 because of a bad back, missing three weeks, and returned to DL shortly after experiencing back pain Aug. 1.

He appeared on his way to joining Tony Gwynn and Wade Boggs as the newest members of the 3,000-hit club. It would have been the first time three players reached the milestone in the same season.

Astros' Wagner day-to-day with strained elbow

PITTSBURGH — Houston Astros reliever Billy Wagner has a slightly strained ligament in his left elbow and is listed as day-to-day.

Wagner, one of baseball's most dominating closers with his 100-mph fastball and 37 saves, felt a twinge in the elbow while getting the final two outs in the eighth inning of the Astros' 6-3 victory Tuesday in Pittsburgh.

Wagner was angry at not being allowed to pitch the ninth inning and get the save, but manager Larry Dierker said he wasn't about to risk exposing Wagner to a serious injury.

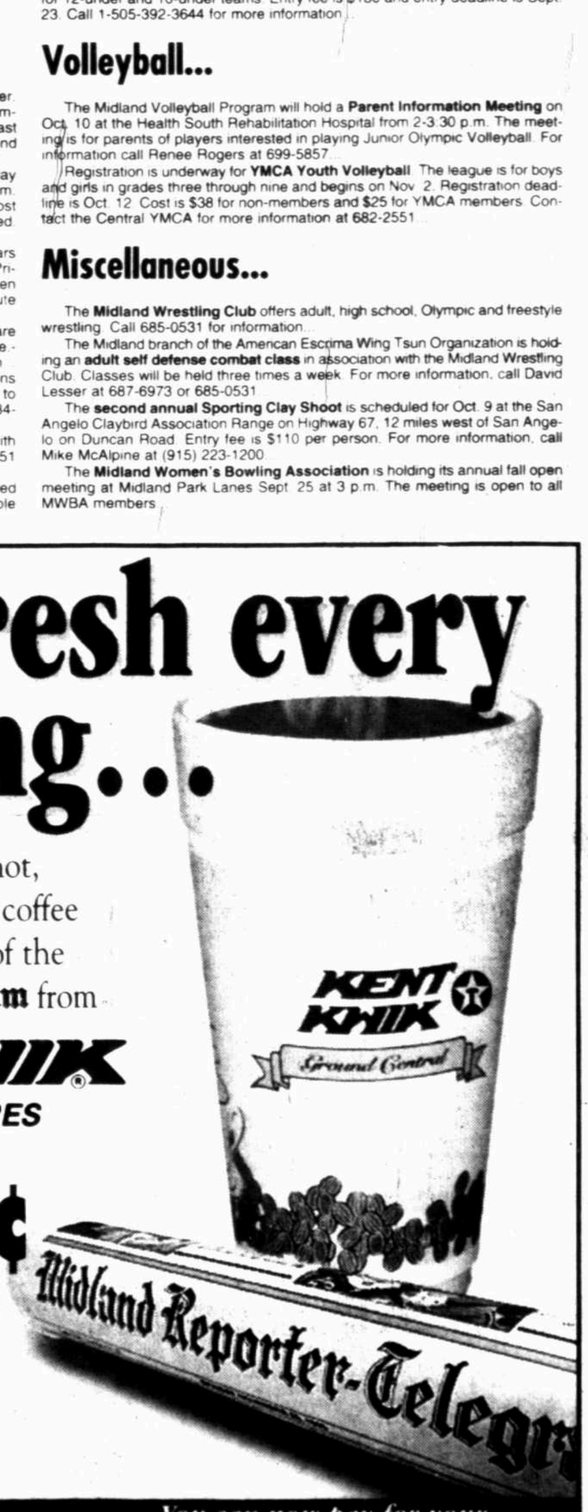
"The only one who thought he should go back out was Billy," Dierker said. "We're not going to take a chance, because we're not going anywhere without him."

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The mailing address of the Independent Executor is:

c/o ALAN H. MEYERS
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306 West Wall, Suite 700
Midland, Texas 79701

All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present the same within the time and manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 21st day of September, 1999.

CHARLES J. DUKE,
Independent Executor of the Estate of PEGGY J. DUKE, Deceased

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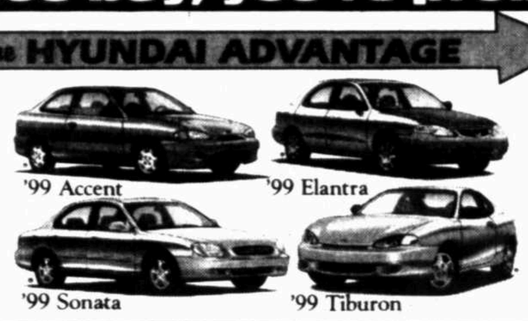
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FOUND- Female, 4 week old black/ white puppy. 3300 Block of Cunningham. Call 522-2071.

LOST- Chinese Pug, 10 months, male, purple collar. "Tatum". Vicinity of Carry/ Sunglow. 570-9168/ 522-1926.

REWARD; LOST Shih Tzu, beige and cream color, 30 pounds, answers to; Shu- Shu. Vicinity of Wadley and Fiesta Street. Call 683-3916 or 683-2811.

WE'VE FOUND a white dove. Vicinity of Scharbauer and A Street. Call 570-8828, please leave message.

FOUND: Black poodle on A Street and Cuthbert. Female, pink collar, Abernathy license. 694-7685.

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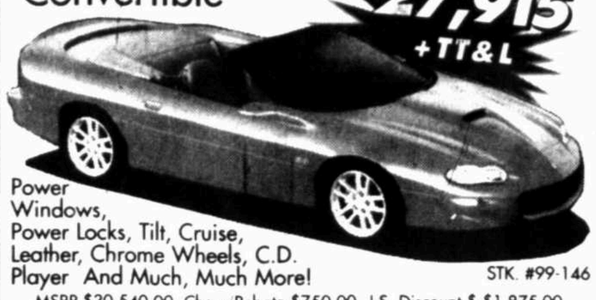
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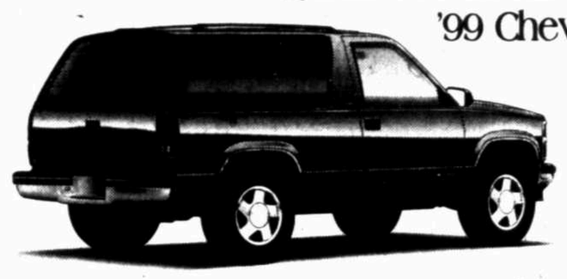
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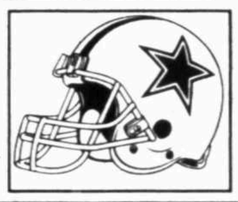
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WEBMASTER

Responsible for the ongoing redesign, development and maintenance of deadline-oriented Web site(s). Regularly design new pages and interactive capabilities for the site. Be responsible for the interface to all content providers. You will administer site databases, maintain and build on the HTML foundation and provide support for the site. You will also work with the Web development team on design, implementation and support of existing and future projects. Must be able to create and follow quality processes and procedures. Must work well with a team in a dynamic, fast-paced environment.

QUALIFICATIONS:
You should have demonstrated skills in the multiple disciplines required of a senior Webmaster including; business knowledge and demonstrated leadership, coordination and project management skills, and some artistic and graphical skills. You should have technical skills including; HTML, Java, JavaScript, Zip2, FTP an some knowledge of graphical design tools (i.e., Photoshop, Freehand, etc.) You should be able to work on MacIntosh and PCs. You should have at least three years of broad experience in Web site design, development, and maintenance as evidenced by a comprehensive Web portfolio.

Please send salary requirements and resume to:

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c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702

→NEW TODAY←

SAFE PLACE has an opening for **PUBLIC OUTREACH/ EVENT COORDINATOR** who will be responsible for community p rograms, media relations and the volunteer program. Must have a B.A. in Journalism, Management, English, Public Relations, etc., with some work experience. Will consider a high school degree with at least 6 years experience. Must be able to give public presentations, media presentations, train and supervise volunteers. Experience in event planning is helpful. Computer skills a plus (Windows 95, Office 97, MS Publisher, etc.) Position requires flexible schedule and travel within the service area. Fax resumes to: 915-686-7186 or mail to P.O. Box 2942, Midland, Texas 79702.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

★ EXPERIENCED ★ OILFIELD WELDER
Apply At
Burns Welding 804 Collins 682-0495

SALES ENGINEER; Oilfield Industrial Electronic sales. Local area, but travel may be necessary. Send resume to: P.O. Box 10201, Midland, Texas 79702. Salary DOE.

WANTED: EXPERIENCED Permian Basin Geologists/ Mudloggers. We offer competitive rates and insurance for the right personnel. Please send resume to: Box P-6024, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

320 Skilled Trades

BACKHOE OPERATOR- Oilfield experience. Apply in person TCO Field Service, 2605 Garden City Hwy.

CABINET MAKERS needed: Must be reliable and hard working. North Austin area. 512-846-1998.

EXPERIENCED GAS orifice meter measurement man. Operate and maintain 300 orifice meters. Some EFM experience a must. Must live in Big Lake or Barnhart, Texas. Send resume to: DGP Inc., 211 N. Colorado, Midland TX, 79701 or fax to 915-682-4024.

EXPERIENCED ROOFERS. Willing to travel. Only serious need to apply. For more information call Robert, 1-877-877-1712.

FIELD WELDER Wanted. Experienced only. Apply in person to Terry- 2605 Garden City Hwy.

HAVE OPENINGS For experienced vacuum and transport drivers with CDL and good driving records. Good pay, plenty of work. 4601 Rankin Highway, 682-0434.

OILFIELD ELECTRICIAN- minimum 5 years experience in troubleshooting and new well hookups. Top pay and benefits. Call 756-2201.

320 Skilled Trades

Local Manufacturing Company is seeking:

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT MANAGER

Individual should be highly motivated with strong managerial and communication skills. The Individual must be able to handle multi-tasks and establish priorities with attention detail. This is an excellent opportunity for aperson with three to five years in a manufacturing environment.

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Box N-4162, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702.

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LABORERS- Now hiring full time laborers for local manufacturing company. Experienced in spraying with paint gun helpful but not required. Come by 2501 East I-20, Midland between 2:00- 4:00PM, Monday- Friday.

LYDICK-HOOKS Roofing Co., 2131 Market Street, Midland, 520-7718. Accepting applications for roofers/ laborers. No experience necessary. Benefits include Health Insurance and Retirement Program. Physical and drug test required.

MECHANIC Position 4x4 and Diesel truck experience necessary. Send resume s to P.O. Box 167, Midland, TX 79701.

→NEW TODAY←

MECHANICAL CONTRACTOR in need of person with current air conditioning license in the Midland- Odessa area. For more information call Nelson at (214)734-6495. Bilingual a plus.

NOW TAKING applications for Lead Maintenance position available at a large Midland Apartment Community. Must be a team player with at least 1 year lead maintenance experience and be HVAC Certified. Great benefits package; fax resume to 915-570-1686 or apply in person to 6 Desta Drive, Suite 1550, Midland, Texas. EOE.

PAINTERS, Dry Wall finishers, & Paper Hangers wanted, local and travel. 686-1000, leave message.

SERVICE LINE Mechanic needed. Apply at: United Rentals, 2700 South Rankin, Midland, TX. 79706.

SERVICE TECHNICIAN To repair power electronics. Strong electrical and electronics background. Local area but travel maybe necessary. Send resume to P.O. Box 10201, Midland, TX 79702. Starting pay $2,100+ a month. DOE.

320 Skilled Trades

TEST SHOP Technicians and/ or supervisor. Contact Leah @ 563-1114.

335 Adult Care Needed

NEEDED: Responsible, caregiver in a non- smoking environment, to live with and care for an elderly man between Midland and Odessa. Must have own transportation/ references. $600/ monthly plus room and board. Serious inquires only 563-3298 leave message.

341 Child Care Providers

EXPERIENCED CHILD Care in my home. Monday- Friday. Meals, lots of fun and TLC. Drop-ins welcome. 689-4262

I BABYSIT from 2:00PM untill 11:00PM. Call 699-2314.

LOOKING FOR quality child care? For balanced meals, fun, and lots of TLC. Call 520-6530.

I BABYSIT Children at my house. For more information call at 570-4996.

FULL TIME Openings. After school care for Lamar. Monday- Friday 7am- 5:30pm. References available. 697-2680.

→NEW TODAY←

CHRISTIAN MOM willing to take care, in my home, from 7 am until 6 pm Monday to Friday. CPR and first aid certified. Non smoking. 697-3439.

350 Business Opportunities

Attention Readers
Occasionally, ads found in this section come from distant points & the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract/ or giving out your credit card or bank information.

GARAGE SALES

Hidden treasures? Junk?
Recycle your unwanted items!
Call 682-6222 today. A friendly Classified Consultant will help you create an ad that gets results!

79701

1804 COLLEGE; Today, Name brand little girls winter clothes, womens clothes, toys, jeans, stroller, antique Winchesters, Springfields, pistols, swords, bayonets and military rifles, raw and mounted steerhorns, arrowheads, antique scales, lamps, Model A Ford frames, decorative spurs, golf clubs.

MOVING SALE
by Joseph
of **John and Margaret Terry**
2817 Emerson Place
(off of Whitney)
Open Thursday & Friday 9 am

Leather chairs, Library tables, King size bed, Large oil painting by Todd, Southwest contemporary art work, Art pottery, Signed Hawkes cut glass pitcher, miscellaneous Glass. Dining room furniture, TVs, Books, Tools, miscellaneous Household goods.

All items in excellent condition, extra, extra clean!

CLEANING OUT 3 storage buildings. Too much to list. Clothes $5 per bag. Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8AM- 3PM. Corner of Marshall and California off East Flordia

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3804 WEST KANSAS; Friday- 8:30- ? Tools, iron, boxed ceiling fans- $10. Van console, TV's, furniture. Great clothes, EZ- UP shelter, humpback trunk, books, collectibles, more!

4600 Graceland- Friday and Saturday, 24th and 25th, 8:00- ? Bikes, crafts, Christmas decorations, furniture, and lots more.

4302 BROOKDALE. Estate furniture Sale- Couches, beds, tables, dressers, kitchen table, pictures, lamps, etc. Thursday through Sunday.

320 THORNRIDGE DR. (Off Thomason & Loop 250). Lazy Boy couch & love seat, $700. Soft Side waterbed- queen, $125. Coffee Table, 2 end tables, $40- set. Used carpet sculptured. Hot air cooker, $25. Bread Maker, $40. Miscellaneous- too much to mention. Reasonably priced, everyone welcome Friday- Saturday 8- ? 520-8926.

4005 TANNER DRIVE. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 9- ? Lots of toys, appliances and more.

4606 SEMINOLE DRIVE. Thursday- Friday 8- ? Black love seat/ chair, end tables, rugs, comforters, lots of miscellaneous.

4606 KIOWA DRIVE. Friday, 9- 3, Saturday 8- 4. Dinette Set, air conditioner, heaters. Etc.

79703

3304 MARIANA. Retirement sale! Dresser, chest, sofa, craft supplies, refrigerator, dining table, rainbow vacuum cleaner, lots of miscellaneous. September 23rd through 30th 9 am- 7 pm.

301 ALPINE. Baby items, toys, crib bedding, walker, play pen, women's and children's clothing, estate sale items. bricks, headboard. Saturday 7:30- ?

79705

1710 NORTH "A" #24. Friday- Saturday- Sunday 8- ? Household furniture, lots of sewing items, sewing machines, tools, vacuum cleaners, cash register, commercial fixers, lots of miscellaneous.

3111 HAYNES; Friday, 8:00! Multi- Family sale! No early birds! Something for everyone!

4314 CRENSHAW. Saturday- Sunday 8- 7. Sofa- $200. Furniture, clothes, shoes, jewelry.

The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

79707

HOMECOMING MUMS & Garters for sale, or supplies to create your own. We also have costumes for rent. Call 694-4815, 520-0416.

4717 BOULDER (in alley): Thursday only 8:30AM-? Track lights, bicycle, children's clothes, toys, much miscellaneous.

4508 SPENCE
★ **Friday Only!** ★
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
No Early birds!
★ **Lots of Goodies!** ★

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3402 STANOLIND; Friday- Saturday- Sunday- September 24- 26! 10:00 am until 4:00 each day! Estate sale! Furniture, antiques, appliances, crystal, china, silver, tools, etc.

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YADA SOFTWARE looking for partners and representatives. Call Ann at 550-5612. Website; www.yadasoftware.com.

INTERESTED In Buying established carpet cleaning company with truck mount equipment. If interested please call 694-1448.

400 Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION. Sept. 26. Midland Holiday Inn, 1:00 PM. 4300 W. Hwy 80. Something for Everyone! Partial Listing: 2 Marble top mirrored washstands, 1 Oak French Hunt cabinet, 2 Beautiful Oak Belgium China cabinets, 4 Piece bedroom set in walnut, Several Wonderful Oak and Walnut Buffets, some with marble tops some wood and mirrored, Walnut curio cabinets, interesting Oak curio Cabinet with leaded glass doors, Sets of oak and walnut chairs, Oak drop leaf tables, oak and walnut drop leaf tables, Old and very nice refinished Edwardian Washstand, 2 new good quality wicker Armoires are to be included in this sale. Also a variety of single dressers, chests, and wardrobes. Smaller items include, Bronze fiddle player, Wall hung mirrors, several pieces of stained glass, a paperweight collection, stained glass lamps, cathedral glass lamps, tulip lamps, end of the trail lamps, Mahogany pieces at this time include, the large drop front secretary, 2 fireplace mantel throne chair, 2 Mirrored hall trees a mirrored hall seat, Carved swan fainting sofa and more. Terms: everything sold "As Is, Where is". 10% Buyers Premium. Cash, Check, Visa, MC, Disc, AMEX. Kerry Fisher, TX. LIC. #12855. 915-368-9124.

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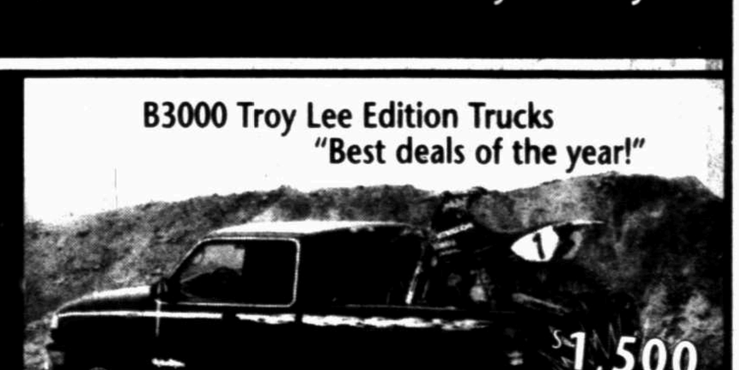
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DOG HOUSES- $35/ $45. Bookcases- $40. Porch swings- $40, glider swings- $65. All new! 563-0452.

GARDEN OF SERENITY in Resthaven Memorial Park, available spaces Lot 62, spaces 1 & 2. $2,000. Call 694-8064.

JANOME Memory Craft 9000 sewing machine with accessories, $2,000, memory disks, $50, plus materials from wifes estate. 694-3750.

HOME GYM SYSTEM- 33 separate functions- exercise machine. Like New. $375. 520-8321.

GREEN TREE Membership with full privileges. $500, 699-2377.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

COKE MACHINE for sale. Dispenses 12 oz. cans. As is, $300. 915-943-6348.

EVAPORATIVE COOLERS, mowers, washers/ dryers, refrigerators/ stoves, antiques, dining, furniture, BBQ grill, hide-away couch. 570-4851.

★ "The Old Testament, What Is It For" 915-520-0381. Free recorded message.

KODAK PHOTO CD player. Never used- not even plugged in! Value $700, asking $350. 686-7665.

YOU CAN win by losing! Join the contest to win a trip for 2 to Cozumel, Mexico. Call to find out how you can win by losing. 915-570-6313 or e-mail lparks@apex2000.net.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

→NEW TODAY←
SEARS Garage Door opener, entertainment center, lawn mowers, toddler bed with mattress, full size bedding and sheets; womens and childrens' clothing, lumber, 1986 Short bed Chevrolet truck. Call 689-2378 or 522-2467.

BINGO, American Legion, 501 Airpark Road, Friday nights, games start at 8. Food, Refreshments. 682-5511.

TOTS 2 TEENS- 350 N. Midland Drive. Taking consignments for Fall and Winter. 694-6998.

SUNQUEST WOLFF Tanning Bed. 6 months old. Barely used. Originally over $800 new, will sell for $500. 699-0532.

432 Household Furniture

FOR SALE: Hutch and dining table. $2,800 or best offer. Call 522-1049.

↓SOLD↓
ALMOST NEW King size bed set and frame, $350. Please call XXX-XXXX.

↓SOLD↓
BEDROOM SUITE; Bunk beds, two dressers, two nightstands, one desk with bookshelves. Solid oak- good quality. $1,100 or best offer. Will sell pieces individually. Call xxx-xxxx.

CONTEMPORARY Solid brass coffee table with heavy glass top, $200. Apartment size glass front china cabinet, $200. Muted plaid sofa, $60. 689-7765.

→NEW TODAY←
LARGE SECTIONAL with queen sleeper. 25" Console color TV. Two recliners. All in good condition. Call 684-9888.

AUTOMATIC Lift Recliner, Beige, $300. Please call 682-4095/ 682-3410.

62X41" 7 PIECE GLASS Topped Table. King size bed with oak headboard. 694-2963 after 5:30.

HUNTER GREEN/ Cherry wood dining table/ 4 chairs, leaf, $400. Full bedroom suite, black. Headboard, dresser, 2 nightstands, $350. Wall unit entertainment center, cherry wood, $450. Couch/ love seat, $200 for both. Will take best offer on all. 689-3378.

→NEW TODAY←
OFF WHITE Sofa, triple dresser and mirror, dinette set/ 4 chairs, 2 wall hanging mirrors. 699-2460.

→NEW TODAY←
CARGO BRAND wood chair with navy cushions, coffee and end table, lamp, small dinette set. 694-8019.

432 Household Furniture

OVAL Oak Dining Table with 4 chairs. $300. 520-5628.

LARGE O'SULLIVAN Desk in good condition. $100. 520-2207.

435 Household Appliances

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WHIRLPOOL Single door refrigerator with ice maker. Excellent condition. Paid $700, sell for $500. 685-0911.

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450 Sporting Goods

→NEW TODAY←
CLEVELAND TA4 IRONS, regular shaft, 3- PW, new in box, $400. Titlelist DCI irons, 3- SW, 1/2 inch extra length, Stiff Graphite shaft, Excellent condition. $325. 694-5266, leave message.

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465 Collectibles

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GREAT SELECTION of TY Beanies and Buddies, Dreamers candles, crosses. Illusions jewelry, handbags and more. Anna Marie's Gifts, 3312 W. Illinois.

470 Musical Instruments

PIANOS- new and used- buy, sell trade. Financing available. Tuning, repair, moving. Caldwell Music. 697-0852.

470 Musical Instruments

BUY, SELL, Trade used and new pianos. Jones Piano. 682-7533.

MONARCH ACCORDION- Pearl white, like new. Asking $300. Call 620-0724.

485 Electronics

32" MAGNAVOX Big Screen, used one year, $450. Call 563-2665 for information.

490 Computers/ Accessories

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FREE PUPPIES. Part Texas heeler/ pit bull terrier, 6 weeks old. Call 686-9238.

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BEAUTIFUL AKC LABRADOR Retriever pups. Yellows and blacks, both parents on premises. For appointment, call Michele 684-9662.

AKC REGISTERED Miniature Pincher puppies for sale. $250, black and rust. Call 915-728-5682, leave message.

QUAKER PARROT- green, about year old. Talks. Paid $200, asking $100. 687-3367.

500 Pets and Supplies

MINIATURE DASCHUNDS- parents on premises, no papers. Male- $125, female- $150. Call 689-7107.

505 Livestock & Poultry

SHOW PIGS For Sale. July and August litters. Schaefer's Show Pigs. 915/442-2401 in Rowena, TX.

1991 BRUTON Gooseneck 3 horse slant load trailer. $5,700 or best offer. Excellent condition. ($12,000 new). 398-5478/ 263-9498 leave message.

RED BARN- 12'x20' slight damage. Delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

510 Office Furniture & Misc.

ROMWEBER OFFICE furniture: Executive desk with credenza, book cabinet, secretarial desk, lamp table and four chairs. Call 684-8248 or after 5, 686-7386.

550 Portable Buildings

We move, buy, sell and rent portable buildings. MORGAN (915) 563-1860

FOR SALE- 14'X26' heavy duty built. Portable field office, tandem axles, bathroom, coffee bar with sink, storage closet. $12,000. 694-7603.

570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies

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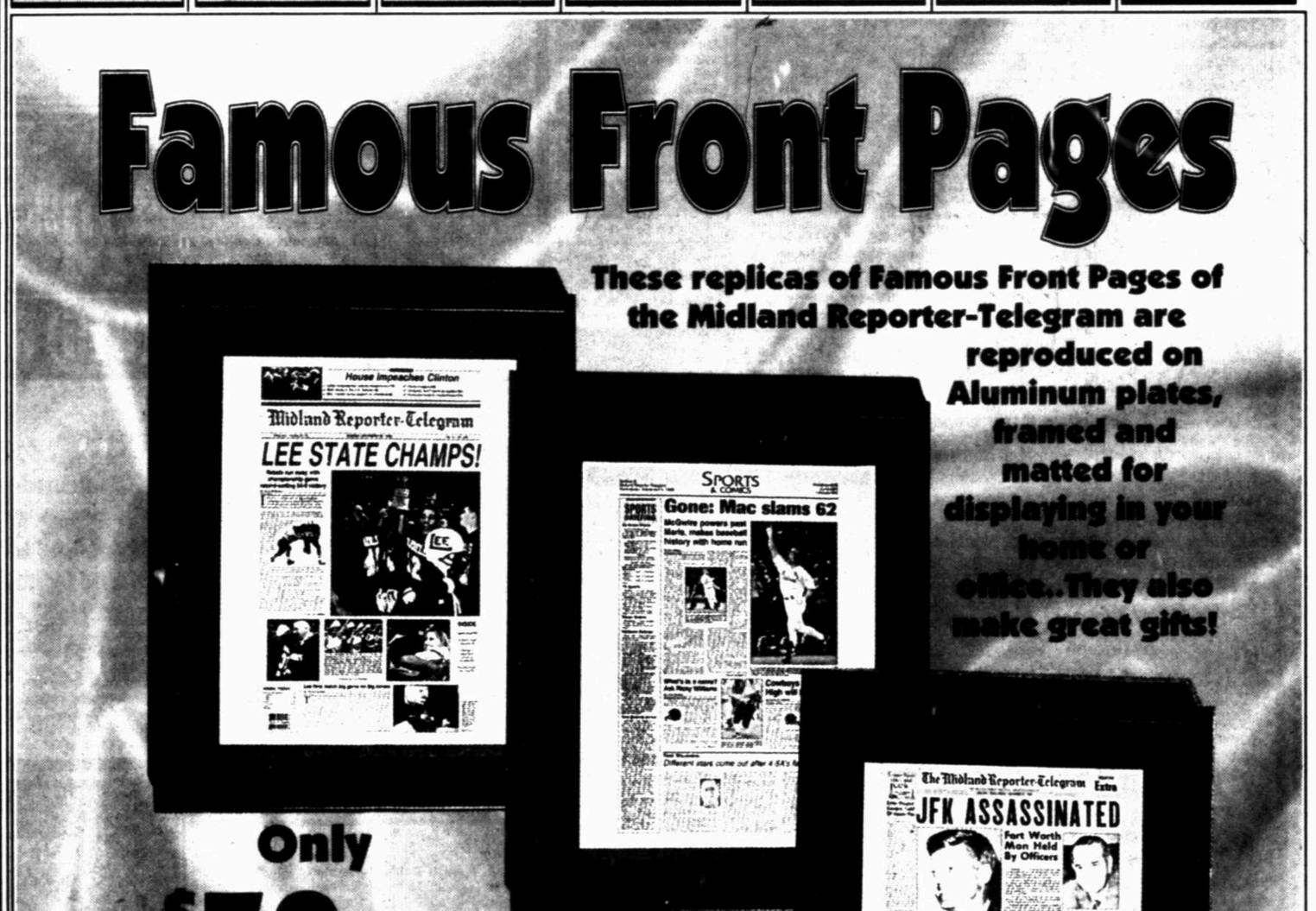
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5112-"A" SHADYLANE- 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, garage, pet?, recarpeted $550/ month. Jeannie Printz, Agent 684-8202.

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Any Home Easily Can Have a Fireplace With Vent-Free Gas Technology

(MS) — High on the "wish list" of most American homeowners is a cozy, entrancing fireplace around which the entire family can gather for enjoyment, warmth and comfort. In fact, more than 63 percent of all new homes built last year include a hearth product.

The problem is, many of the 100 million homes in America do not have a functioning fireplace. Now, it's easier than ever before to have that fireplace of your dreams. The answer is a vent-free gas hearth appliance.

Today's advanced vent-free gas technology makes it possible to easily replace a labor-intensive woodburning fireplace with a super-convenient, extremely efficient vent-free gas fireplace, or to install a vent-free fireplace where there was no fireplace at all.

Convert from Wood to Gas

"Consumers who are tired of the hassles of burning wood now have an attractive, economical and convenient option," says Sue Walker, chairperson of the Vent-Free Gas Products Alliance. "You can have it all — an irresistible, romantic fireplace just about anywhere you want in your home, and a source of plentiful and extremely efficient heat as well. These products have become an integral part of the home-remodeling and redecorating market."

Because vent-free gas products do not require a chimney, flue or vent, these appliances can be placed just about anywhere in a home. The choice is yours: along a wall, on the floor, in a bedroom, under a window, in a home office or kitchen, as a room divider, in a home workshop or garage, or in any newly added or poorly heated space.

The applications are numerous. Consider converting a masonry fireplace to gas by installing a set of extremely realistic gas logs operating on natural gas or propane. Gas log sets are designed for installation in a masonry solid fuel-burning fireplace or an Underwriters Laboratory (UL) listed manufactured solid fuel-burning fireplace.

If your home has an older woodburning fireplace that hasn't been used in years, you can install a vent-free gas fireplace insert. This appliance, which consists of a firebox and gas logs, simply slides into an existing firebox. All that is needed is a gas line run to the fireplace.

For homes with no existing fireplace at all, several manufacturers have vent-free gas fireplaces that are quick and economical to install, and have low operating costs. Vent-free fireplaces look just like masonry fireplaces and come in a wide choice of styles and types: wall and peninsula models, corner, bay and see-through appliances.

The latest trends in vent-free fireplaces are thermostats, remote controls and a large selection of woods to choose from. Manufacturers offer gas log sets that closely resemble almost any type of wood. An important advantage of a vent-free gas fireplace is that the damper remains closed and all the heat stays in the room, providing up to 99 percent heating efficiency. When you want a romantic fire on warmer evenings, just open the damper.

Another option is the vent-free gas stove. Because of "Y2K" concerns, many consumers are buying vent-free stoves just in case they lose their electricity (most vent-free gas appliances do not require electricity to operate). Vent-free gas stoves look just like old-fashioned wood stoves and come in a great choice of colors and styles. If a traditional look doesn't fit in with your home décor, classical and contemporary models also are available.

For more information about vent-free gas products or a free 16-page brochure, write to Vent-Free Gas Products Alliance, 2111 Wilson Blvd., Suite 600, Arlington, Va. 22201; e-mail: mscsmitty@erols.com. Or, visit the Web site at www.gamane-torg/consumer/ventfree.



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Wood Pellets Curb High Cost of Electric Heat

MS) — Like many Americans, Jane of Rochester, N.Y., lives on a fixed income. Her monthly budget must cover everything from buying food to keeping her house heated. Unfortunately, Jane has a problem. She heats her home using electric baseboards. And, because of the extremely high cost of electric energy — especially during the winter — Jane has found the task of staying warm at an affordable price very difficult.

Jane's dilemma is not an unusual one. For Americans heating their homes with electricity, high energy costs and price fluctuations make budgeting nearly impossible.

According to the Pellet Fuels Institute (PFI), based in Arlington, Va., if Jane is interested in maintaining a consistent and affordable heating budget, she should consider using wood pellets as a secondary heat source.

"Homeowners using wood pellets to heat their home have control over their costs," says Averill Cook, president of PFI. "Not only is the price of wood pellets stable, but by making a bulk purchase of wood pellets at the beginning of the heating season, homeowners know what they will be spending to heat their home all winter. On top of that, the appliances that burn wood pellets are extremely efficient, which means that fuel budgets can be maximized — that means more heat for less money."

While prices of electricity have fluctuated over the past 10 years, wood pellets, according to PFI, have remained relatively constant. In 1990, the cost of a 40-pound bag of wood pellets was $3. Today, that same bag of pellets runs $3. And, the association reports that the pricing for pellets will remain stable into the future.



Homeowners with electric heat can add a free-standing stove or fireplace insert — that burns wood pellets — to help reduce their winter heating bills.

"Our industry has experienced very little volatility in pricing. In the past, this has been due to a large volume of raw product available to create wood pellets," says Cook. "This also looks to be the case for the future."

Wood pellets are made from 100-percent wood sawdust with no additives. The sawdust in pellets is a manufacturing byproduct otherwise destined for landfills. Wood pellets generate heat by being burned in either a pellet stove, fireplace insert or pellet basket. There are more than 70 mills throughout the United States and Canada that are manufacturing them. Today, hundreds of thousands of pellets are sold each year.

Beat Winter's Chill With a Hot Tub

(MS) — Adding a hot tub is a perfect home improvement project for the fall. According to the National Spa and Pool Institute (NSPI), the majority of hot tub owners enjoy their tubs year-round. In fact, 22 percent actually prefer to use their hot tubs in the cooler months. New innovations like built-in freeze protection systems allow for year-round use. These include insulation for the unit, pipes and support equipment and a device to protect your hot tub from freezing that is monitored by a thermostat or time clock.

Before venturing out to purchase a hot tub, you should research the options that are available to make sure that you choose the best hot tub to match your needs and lifestyle. For free information on hot tubs and the names of NSPI-member dealers, call NSPI toll free at 1-800-323-3996.

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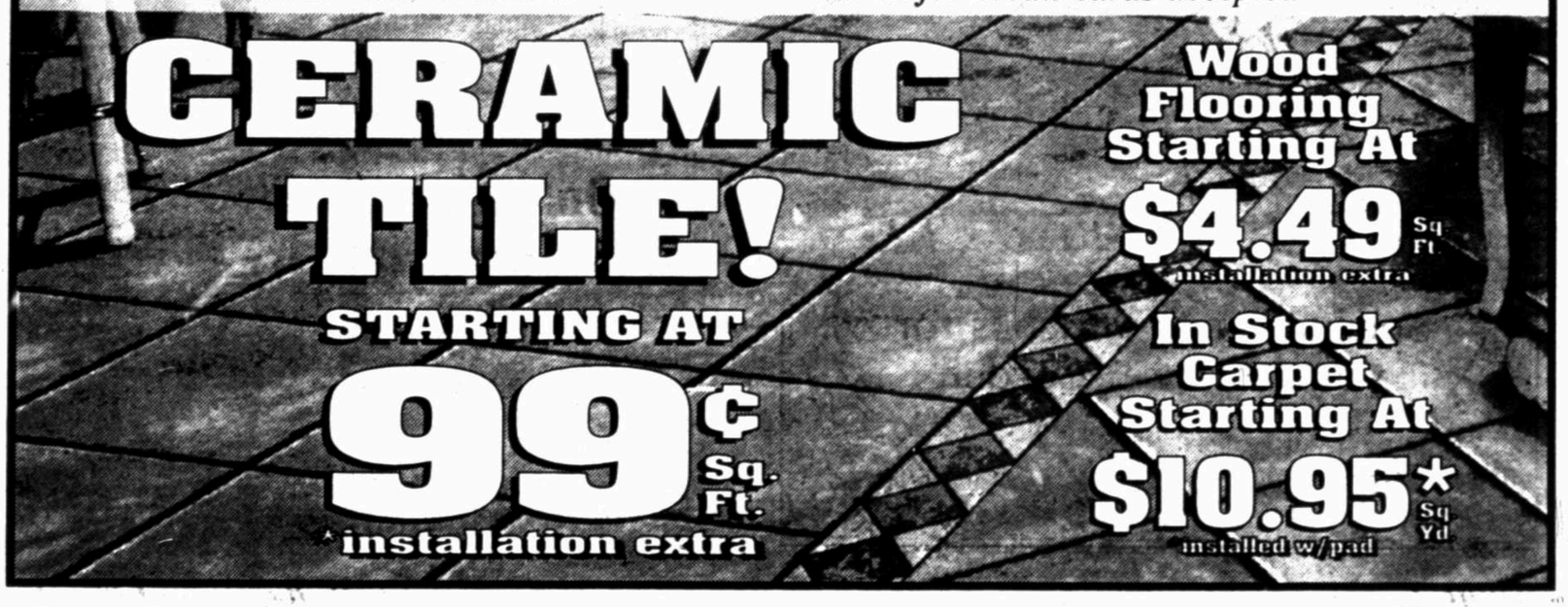
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Updating a Home's Exterior Pays off at Resale Time

(MS) — The spring home-buying season may seem far off, however, homeowners who are serious about selling should take action now. Making improvements or plans during the fall or winter months will help your home sell faster in the spring. Many home sales are decided by potential buyers at the curb, often within just a few minutes. And, since home buying largely is an emotional decision, there are several improvements you can make to strengthen the impression that your house makes.

Buyers often look for homes that they can enjoy immediately, so remodeling the exterior can give you an advantage over other sellers. And, because the exterior appearance of a house can impact the final selling price, a wise investment now will pay off at resale time.

According to Robert Johnson, executive director of the National Association of Real Estate Appraisers, replacing a worn roof or damaged siding can earn more than a 100-percent return on your investment. Landscaping makes a strong first impression on potential buyers and also can bring a full return. So, paying attention to a mix of both small touches and larger projects with high resale value is critical.

Cost-Effective Touches

Here are a few tips from building-materials leader Owens Corning on how you can update the exterior of your home to enhance its value and make it easier to sell.

• For starters, keep in mind that a home's exterior begins at the curb, not at the front door. Pay attention to worn fences, mailboxes and lamp-posts, all of which can turn buyers away before they even reach your doorstep. Drive around your neighborhood to see what gives other homes in your area their appeal.

"We've been taught not to judge a book by its cover, but the truth is, we all do," says Johnson. "A home with curb appeal can make people stop and take notice — and it makes a much stronger impact than an interior feature, like a great kitchen or fireplace."

• Grease or oil spots on driveways and walkways also can draw unwanted attention. Make sure that you remove these spots, as well as all debris, like fallen tree branches and leaves, to create a clean, unobstructed view of your home.

• Light makes your home more inviting. Make sure your porch light is working and consider adding low-voltage outdoor lighting and finishing touches, like a new doormat and flowering plants.

• Simple architectural accents can give a plain-looking home instant charm. Shutters, decorative millwork, window trim, and scallops or shakes easily change appearances for a relatively small investment.

Bigger Investments, Bigger Payoff

While paying attention to small details can improve curb appeal and draw potential buyers to your residence, larger renovation projects dramatically add to your home's appearance and, at the same time, may increase its resale value.

Replacing or updating your roof, vinyl siding or windows makes your home look as though it's in prime move-in condition — a big plus in the eyes of potential buyers. Keep in mind that if your project requires a contractor, you should hire one now for next spring.

Consider the outside of your home as a complete system of complementary products that includes roofing, siding, windows, trim and accent pieces. Develop a unique design theme for your home's exterior. For example, Owens Corning offers design collections that group the company's products together in complementary colors to create different looks and styles. These collections offer the look that reflects your personal lifestyle and tastes while taking the guesswork out of choosing the right products and colors.

You also may want to ask your contractor for help in choosing the most appropriate colors. Owens Corning has a network of Preferred Contractors who use its exclusive Exterior FXTM PRO design-visualization software. The software allows you to see how various colors and style combinations of siding, roofing, brick, doors and trim would look on a sample home or on a digital image of your own home. You can try a sample version of the software by visiting the company's Web site at www.owenscorning.com.

Whether you choose to make small changes or major renovations, taking the time now to improve the exterior of your home will save you money and effort next spring — and increase your chances of a quicker sale.

For more information on exterior products or help finding a qualified contractor in your area, visit the Owens Corning Web site or call 1-800-GET-PINK.



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"Most Americans realize that an adequately insulated home saves money and is more comfortable, however, very few realize its positive impact on the environment," says Tim Grether, technical services manager at Owens Corning. "Making simple energy-efficiency improvements to your home can yield the same results as eliminating the annual emissions of two automobiles."

According to the Department of Energy (DOE), improving your home's insulating system is one of the fastest and most cost-effective ways to reduce energy consumption and, in turn, improve the environment.

Do you Need More Attic Insulation?

Before you climb into the attic, ask yourself the following questions. If you answer "yes" to just one question, says Grether, you should re-examine the amount of insulation in your attic.

- Was your home built before 1980? In a recent survey, only 20 percent of homes built before 1980 were well insulated.
- Do you pay excessive energy bills? According to the DOE, you can reduce your heating and cooling needs by up to 30 percent by investing just a few hundred dollars in proper insulation and weatherization products.
- Are you uncomfortably cold in the winter or hot in the summer? Adding insulation creates a more uniform temperature and increases comfort.

How Much Do you Need?

Several factors, like your climate, building design, and the type and amount of existing insulation, will dictate how much insulation you will need to add to your attic.

"As a general rule, you should add an additional layer of insulation if you currently have less than 12 inches of insulation in your attic," says Grether.

For a comprehensive analysis, visit Owens Corning's new "R-Value Calculator" at www.owenscorning.com/owens/around/insulation to determine which type of insulation you will need to install based on the DOE's new R-value recommendations.

Once you've determined the type of insulation, the site can help you calculate how much insulation you need to complete your project based on the area's dimensions. In seconds, you also will know how many packages of insulation you need and the closest place to buy it.

A good insulating system combines the right products and installation procedures to provide optimum thermal performance, air-infiltration protection and moisture control.

"Before you install the new insulation, you'll need to seal any air leaks near plumbing, air ducts and wiring with an expandable foam sealant," says Grether. "Look for dirty spots in your existing insulation, which often indicates where air penetrates the living area." Moisture buildup lessens the effectiveness of insulation and needs to be controlled. Attic-rafter vents assist in the constant flow of fresh air to a home's roof or ridge vents, creating a well-ventilated attic that helps reduce moisture buildup year-round.

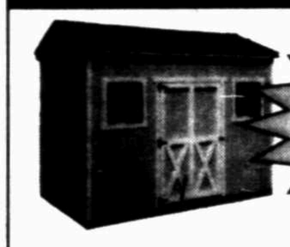
"By making some minor improvements to your insulating system, you'll reduce your energy bills and improve the comfort of your home," says Grether. "However, more importantly, you'll help reduce the amount of greenhouse gas emissions and preserve the planet's natural resources for future generations."

For additional tips on how to improve your insulation system, call Owens Corning at (800) GET-PINK or visit the company's Web site at www.owenscorning.com.



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To Stir Up Some Home Decor Changes ... Just Stir Up a Can of Paint or Stain

You've heard it a hundred times before: a fresh coat of paint is one of best ways to breathe new life into a "past its prime" space. That's because paint — and the rich or subtle color it imparts — provides a continuous canvas where eclectic furnishings and accessories, contrasting accent shades, and diverse tastes can be knit together beautifully.

Better still, painting walls, ceilings and trim is relatively easy to do, even for the novice do-it-yourselfer. Managers of Sherwin-Williams stores — the nation's largest retailer of paints, stains and related home-decor products — say that getting great results is simple. Success, they explain, comes down to two simple words: products and preparation.

The Basics

Before you pick colors, shop for paint finishes, or wander through the brush and roller aisle. First pick the right product for the job by asking yourself four key questions.

• What room am I painting, and how is that room used? Is it a low-traffic living room? A high-traffic family room? A moisture-filled kitchen or bath area? A child's room that's prone to stains and scuffs?

• What is the size of the room I am painting? Are there half-walls and lots of windows that will affect the amount of paint I should buy?

• What unique features should I plan to paint? Are the ceilings high? Is there unique moulding or trim? Is there a lot of woodwork?

• What's the current condition of the surface I plan to paint? Are the walls papered? Has drywall been chipped or dented? Is there high-gloss or flat-finish paint already in place?

Next, think about the finished look you want. What degree of gloss — or shininess — is right for the job? In general, there are five levels to choose from: flat (or matte), satin, eg-shel, semi-gloss and gloss.

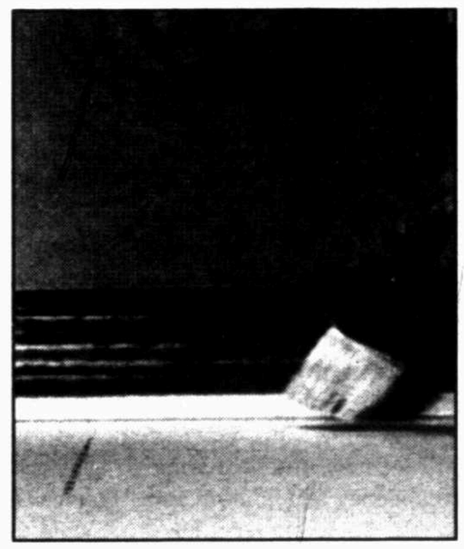
Flat finishes offer a soft, muted look that often is desirable for interior walls. However, while these finishes are pretty to look at, they tend to be less wear-resistant than their glossier counterparts. On the other hand, glossy finishes — from soft-gloss satin through true enamel-like gloss — offer greater durability and can be cleaned more easily. However, the glossier the finish, the better its ability to reflect light — and that reflective quality can focus too much attention on nicks, dents and minor surface imperfections.

How do you pick the best finish for your project? Talk to the staff at your local paint store, say Sherwin-Williams managers. Because new products continuously are being created to better meet your project requirements, you'll get the most accurate and helpful information from experts who deal with paint and related products on a daily basis.

Preparation for Success

Sherwin-Williams store managers also point out that preparation is the single biggest factor in finish-coat (also known as topcoat) success. When you take the extra time to clean, sand and prime your walls, ceilings or fixtures, you create a surface that has extra "stick" to it. That means your finish or topcoats will apply faster and more easily, and will last longer. Your neighborhood paint store has a variety of cleaning, sanding, smoothing and priming products to choose from. Just ask the store staff for help in selecting the right preparation tools for your project.

However, good preparation isn't limited just to the surface you intend to paint. It also means outfitting yourself with the correct brushes, rollers, paint trays and other accessories, as well. When you pick up paints and stains for your project, be sure to ask the paint-store manager how to select the best application tools, too. By studying this information, you quickly can determine whether the brush or roller is best used with latex or oil-based products, and what its specific application advantages are.



A fresh coat of paint is one of the best ways to breathe new life into any space.

Enjoy Your Results

Because redecorating your home with paints and stains is so fast, easy and cost-effective to do, you can get an appealing new look every few years or sooner. Just imagine how inviting a living room done in buttery yellow, a den stained in rich mahogany or a master suite finished in peaceful blue might be — and then stop by your local paint store to make those ideas a vivid reality. If you keep a simple record of your projects, listing in it the materials and application techniques you used, you'll know just what to do when it's time to repaint or touch up. You also can find lots of help on the Internet; in fact, Sherwin-Williams managers suggest stopping by their "cyber store" at www.sherwin-williams.com, where you'll find planning tools and good advice for home projects.

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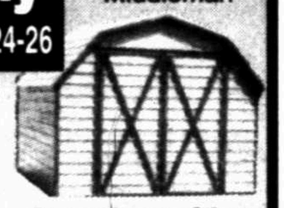
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"A water-filter system should be chosen based on the water problems you want to resolve, the contaminants you'd like to remove from your water and the amount of water you use," says Donald Brockley, president of EcoWater Systems, the world's oldest and largest manufacturer of residential water treatment equipment.

A few simple steps will help you determine the content of your water.

1. Review a water-test report from your local water utility, which describes the contaminants found in your water and the level at which they existed at the treatment facility. Recent changes in the Safe Drinking Water Act require each municipality to send Consumer Confidence Reports to their customers once a year.

2. Test your tap water using a local laboratory or a reputable water-treatment dealer. They typically can be found in the Yellow Pages under water filtration, testing or softening. A water test from your home will tell you if any contaminants are entering the water between the utility and your faucets. Your testing agent will provide you with results and some explanation of any potential problems with your water. Unfortunately, there's not a single test for all contaminants, so you'll need to rely on the advice of your water-treatment dealer or your own knowledge of water problems.

3. Once you know which contaminants are in your water and to what degree, you can begin evaluating filter products to eliminate or reduce them. Filters can be purchased from a variety of sources, from water-treatment dealers who will advise and install or, for do-it-yourselfers, at home-improvement, hardware and department stores. To be assured of quality, look for water-equipment dealers that have trained and certified service personnel or manufacturers that back their products with warranties. Some products also carry a "seal of approval" from organizations like the Water Quality Association and Good Housekeeping.

One Size Does Not Fit All

Water filters come in many types, styles and sizes. You'll need to read product literature carefully and make sure the filter removes the contaminants that you are most concerned about. Although there are no standard categories for filters, following is a review of the most common groupings from least to most expensive.

• Pour-through carafes typically use carbon filters to remove organic substances and other contaminants like chlorine, which all contribute to bad-tasting or bad-smelling water. Chlorine typically is used as a disinfectant by water utilities, but it does affect taste. Other carafes add ion-exchange resin to remove lead, or membrane filters to trap microorganisms. Tap water is poured into an upper chamber, percolates through the filter and is stored in a lower chamber. The carafes hold a half gallon or less.

• Faucet-mounted filters usually employ a carbon-type filter and can remove organic substances, chlorine and lead. They attach directly to a faucet with a diverter and allow you to use filtered water only when needed. Some have the filter housing right at the end of the tap while others have a separate unit that sits on the side of the sink. Larger units may contain a filter to remove sediment as well. A similar filter can be attached to shower heads, protecting your hair and skin from chlorine damage.

• Countertop distillers boil water, killing bacteria and viruses including cryptosporidium, then vaporize the water to separate out minerals, lead, bacteria, nitrates and other contaminants. The vapor then is condensed back into liquid form that is 99.9 percent pure. Distillers typically look like a large coffee maker and produce four to six gallons of distilled water in 24 hours at a fraction of the cost of buying bottled water.

• Cartridge systems typically are installed under the sink and filter water by running it through one to three chambers that contain filter cartridges. The different-sized systems accommodate light and heavy users. Some have a separate faucet to provide the option of using filtered or unfiltered water. Filter cartridges are available in a variety of contaminant-reducing configurations.

• Reverse-osmosis systems typically are installed under the sink and offer among the highest removal of contaminants, usually 95 percent of total dissolved solids. As the name implies, these systems use a membrane filter and the reverse-osmosis process to reduce pollutants. A storage tank holds the filtered water until drawn from its own faucet.

All filters require maintenance, mostly periodic filter replacement. Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions for replacement frequency and other maintenance.

If you're still having trouble determining what product is best, a water-treatment dealer can help you choose the treatment equipment to address your specific concern. Or, for more information on home water problems, contaminants and solutions, call EcoWater Systems at 1-800-86WATER for a free copy of "The Water In Your Life" educational booklet or visit the company's Web site at



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How to Choose Doors And Windows for Your Home

(MS) — Choosing the perfect windows and doors for your home is a little like finding a needle in a haystack: daunting and challenging with seemingly endless choices. However, don't become overwhelmed with the task before you. Instead, follow these guidelines to make the process more enjoyable ... and perhaps even fun!

BEAUTY

Take a good look at both the inside and the outside of your doors and windows: do they provide the look you want, and the look you want your neighbors to see? Curb appeal is important;k be sure you make the right impression with doors and windows that complement your home while standing alone in their beauty and style.

SECURITY

You want your front door, patio doors and windows to be as secure as they are beautiful. Look for reinforced strike plates on a door, as well as a wide span between the lockset and deadbolt to further spread impact load and increase security. Patio doors should have multi-point locking systems and reinforced strike plates. Check the frames of the doors and windows — are they strong and durable?

ENERGY EFFICIENCY

In a typical home, heating and cooling consume more than 40 percent of the annual energy budget. Keep in mind two programs when investigating the energy efficiency of doors and windows for your home:

• ENERGY STAR® — Be sure the products you choose are ENERGY STAR-certified. This means they have passed rigorous tests set forth by the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) and the creators of the program, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Energy (DOE). ENERGY STAR-labeled windows and doors are 40 percent more efficient than products required under the most common national building codes.

• The Energy Efficient Affordable Homes Act of 1999 (H.R. 1358) — Introduced in March 1999 by Rep. Bill Thomas (R-Calif.), the Act is a tax-credit proposal which, if enacted, will result in long-term energy savings, environmental benefits, and cost savings for both homeowners and builders who take significant steps to raise the energy-efficiency level of their homes. By taking the simple step of choosing energy-efficient doors and windows, you actually could wind up with more money in your pocket from the tax credit proposed within this Act. Contact your congressional representative to encourage his or her support of this important piece of legislation.

LOW MAINTENANCE

If you don't want to replace or repaint your doors and windows anytime soon, investigate maintenance needs. Will the exterior resist weather fluctuations? Is the material susceptible to scratches, dents and other marks?

DESIGNED FOR YOU

This one is really simple: Are the doors and windows easy to maintain? Are they easy to open and operate? How easily do they tilt? (Go ahead —try all of them.) How many colors and styles are available? Again, choose a company that puts ease-of-installation, ease-of-operation and a multitude of choices first.

WHOLE-HOUSE PACKAGES

If you're starting from scratch, here's something to think about: be sure all entry doors, patio doors and windows in your home match both the decor and style of the home, and each other. Find a company offering whole-house packages — products that share a design style, so that you can mix and match for the perfect combination.

WARRANTY

Always check the warranty information before you buy. Find a company willing to stand behind their products for a minimum of 10 years. Anything less, and you're taking a chance.

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The company's products are ENERGY STAR-certified. The company also is an official supporter of H.R. 1358.

For more information or to locate a dealer near you, call 1-800-PEACH99. Or, visit www.peach99.com on the Internet.

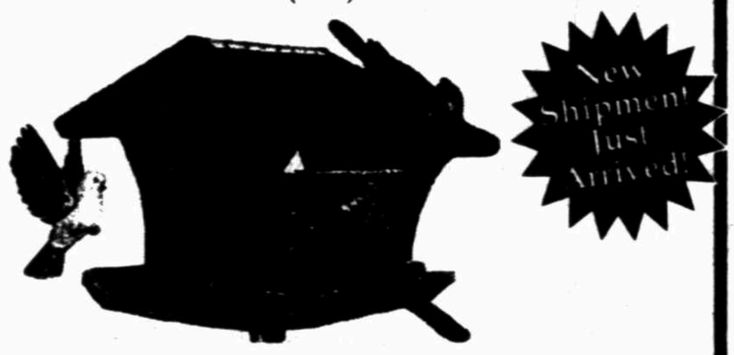


Fall Is Tool Time

It's that time of year again — time to begin tackling the list of fall home-improvement projects before the cold weather arrives. Whether painting, sealing or making repairs, be prepared with the right tools and supplies. One "must have" is a ladder — which comes in handy during many do-it-yourself projects.

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Prepare the Home for a Visit From Old Man Winter

Ice, snow and wind can have devastating consequences on the coziest of homes. In fact, winter-related catastrophes cost more than $700 million in insured losses each year, according to the Insurance Information Institute (I.I.I).

"It is when the leaves start to turn and not when the snow is beginning to fall that homeowners need to get ready for severe cold weather," says Jeanne Salvatore, I.I.I.'s director of consumer affairs. "A little time and effort now can prevent the heartache of burst pipes and other winter-related disasters later."

The I.I.I. suggests that homeowners take the following precautions:

• Clean gutters — Remove leaves, acorns and other debris from gutters, so melting snow and ice can flow freely. This can prevent ice damming — a condition where water is unable to properly drain through the gutters and instead seeps into the house causing water to drip from the ceiling and walls.

• Trim trees and remove dead branches — Ice, snow and wind could cause weak trees or branches to break, damaging your home or car and possibly injuring someone walking on your property.

• Check insulation — Add extra insulation to attics, basements and crawl spaces. If too much heat escapes through the attic, it can cause snow or ice to melt on the roof. The water then refreezes causing more snow and ice to build up. This can result in a collapsed roof, as well as be another cause of ice damming. Ideally, the attic only should be 5 to 10 degrees warmer than the outside air. Well-insulated basements and crawl spaces also will help protect pipes from freezing.

• Maintain pipes — Wrap pipes with heating tape and insulate unfinished rooms, like garages, that frequently have exposed pipes. Also, check for cracks and leaks. Have them repaired immediately to prevent much costlier repairs.

• Keep the house warm — The temperature in the home should be at least 65 F. The temperature inside the walls where the pipes are located substantially is colder than the walls themselves. A temperature lower than 65 F will not keep the inside walls from freezing.

• Check heating systems — The proper use and maintenance of furnaces, fireplaces and woodburning stoves can prevent fire and smoke damage. Have furnaces, boilers and chimneys serviced at least once a year.

• Make sure steps and handrails are in good shape — Broken stairs and banisters can become lethal when covered with snow and ice. Make repairs now to prevent someone from failing and seriously injuring themselves.

• Get to know your plumbing — Learn how to shut off the water and know where your pipes are located. If your pipes do freeze, time is of the essence. The quicker you can shut off the water or direct your plumber to the problem, the better chance you have to prevent the pipes from bursting.

• Hire a licensed contractor — Have a professional survey your home for any structural damage. If damage is discovered, have it repaired now so further damage will not occur during the winter. Also, find out about ways to prevent water damage due to snow-related flooding. Plastic coatings for internal basement walls, sump pumps and other methods can prevent damage to your home and belongings.

• Take special care if you plan to be away from home — If you are not going to be in your home this winter for an extended period of time, have the water system drained by a professional to keep pipes from freezing or bursting. Also, hire someone to check on your home on a regular basis. If there is a problem, it can be fixed quickly — lessening any damage. Activity at your home also will reduce the likelihood that it will be burglarized.

Standard homeowners policies cover winter-related disasters like burst pipes, ice dams and wind damage caused by the weight of ice or snow. Damage to homes caused by flooding usually is excluded from most standard homeowner policies.. Flood insurance is available from the National Flood Insurance Program. Ask your insurance professional about flood insurance, as well as advice about winter-proofing your home.

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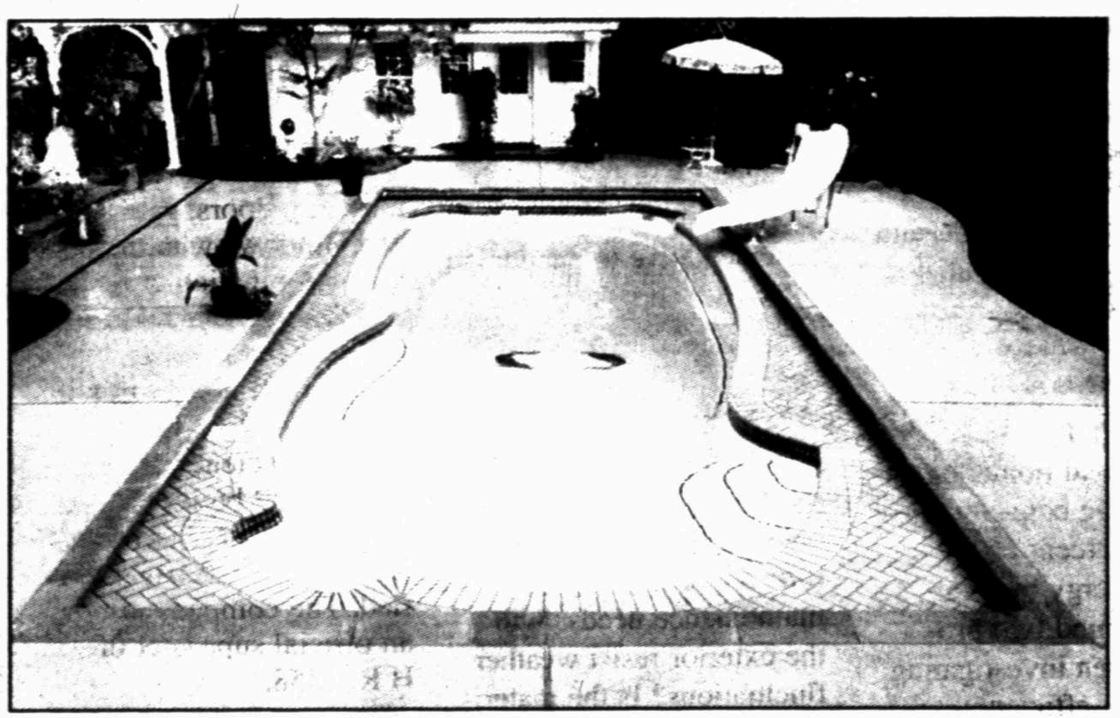
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Gardening Guide Helps Young Gardeners

Imagine a windowsill brimming with lush green plants and an array of colorful flowers all year-round. Or, a window box filled with fragrant home-grown herbs to spruce up the kitchen or add flavor to home-cooked dishes.

Looking beautiful wherever they are grown, plants and flowers can be an easy, affordable way to decorate the home — or simply add a breath of fresh air to any room. And, because they require tender love and care in order to grow to their fullest potential, plants and flowers can be good educational tools for children, not to mention a great way to get youngsters involved in home-improvement projects.

Providing a garden of information on how to cultivate a wide variety of easy-to-grow houseplants, "My Indoor Garden" (Morrow Junior Books), by Carol Lerner, can be enjoyed by youngsters of all ages, whether or not they have a green thumb.

A beginning gardening guide, the book is packed with practical advice and helpful tips on how to select the right plants for specific growing conditions; how to choose a growing site; basic plant care; and how to handle insect pests and other plant problems.

The author's detailed illustrations make the book appealing even to younger "gardeners," while the book's enlarged print

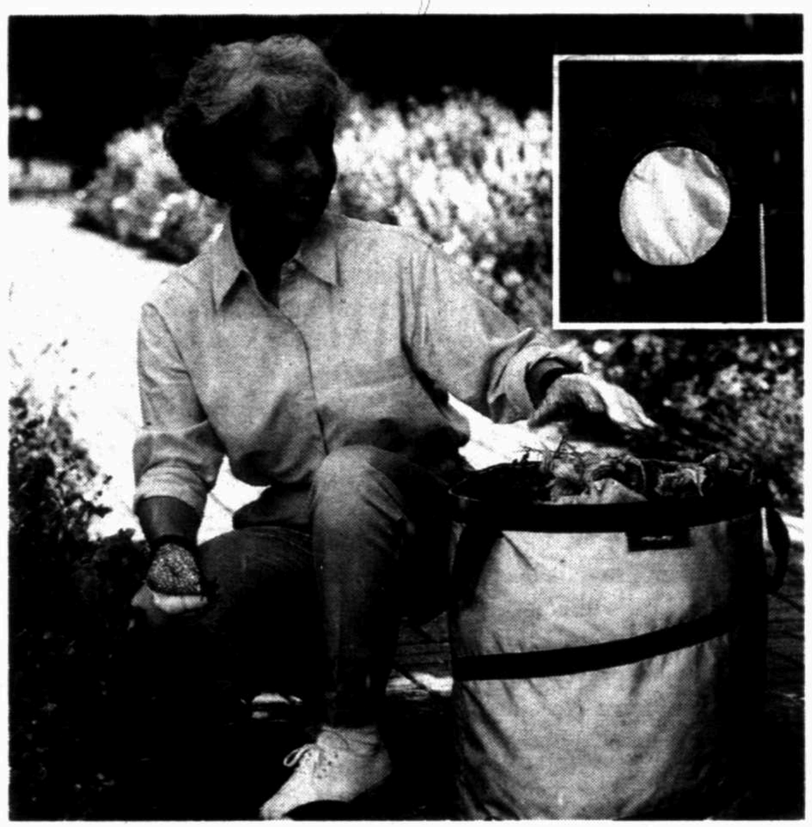


describes everything from the amount of sunlight needed to humidity and temperature to essential gardening equipment to the differences between clay and plastic pots.

The book also includes step-by-step instructions for working with composts and fertilizers, "pinching" techniques to maintain good plant hygiene, as well as the procedure for repotting plants — even those that are difficult to handle, like a spiny cactus. Leaving no seeds of information unsown, the book even explains how to prepare plants before going away on vacation.

Once the beginning gardener has raised his or her first plant, the book describes how to increase the stock of houseplants through cuttings, divisions and other propagating methods. In time, he or she will have a whole garden to tend — and that much more "life" to add to the home.

However young or old the gardener, there always is potential to learn and "grow." So, why not start with an indoor garden — and a beautiful, lush green houseplant that is sure to breathe new life into home décor.



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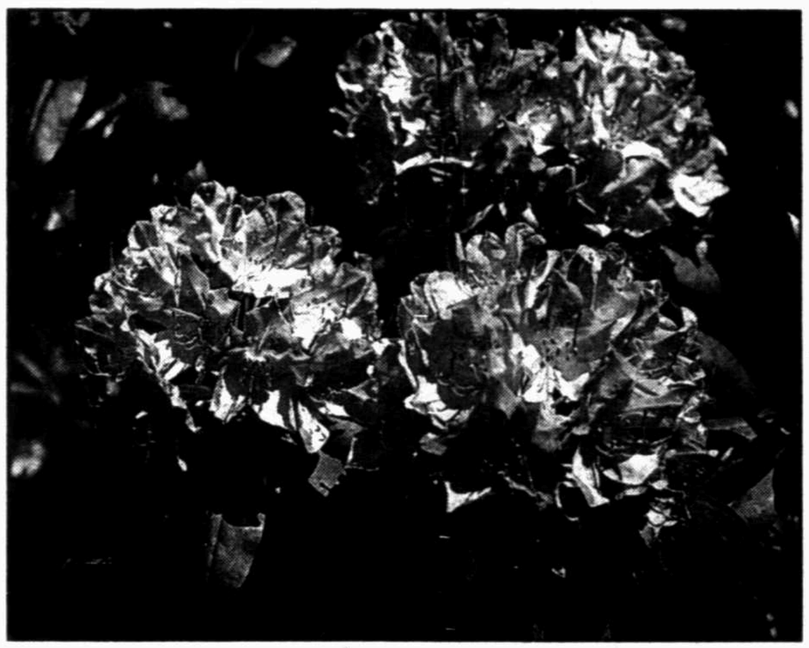
For Abundant Blooms in Spring ... Feed 'Em in the Fall

(MS) — Fall. The air is brisk, football is on the television and a turkey is in the oven. Although it's not the time you typically would be thinking of your spring garden, professional landscapers and growers suggest one final feeding of your acid-loving plants, including hollies, azaleas and rhododendrons for maximum results next spring.

According to these experts, feeding your acid-loving plants in the mid to late fall helps prepare them for winter by hardening off recent growth, aiding in root development and helping roots to store food for use in early spring. This will bring heartier, more abundant blooms from your acid-loving plants in the spring.

Hollies, azaleas and rhododendrons have special needs because they are among the many acid-loving plants which thrive in a more acidic environment. These plants are considered acid-loving because a critical nutrient, iron, is most available to them at a lower pH, when the soil is considered acidic. Without iron, these plants will turn yellow and their growth will be stunted.

Many homeowners make the mistake of thinking that all plant foods are alike, and that an all-purpose chemical plant food will offer acid-loving plants all the nutrients they need. This is not the case. Before feeding, select a plant food formulated specifically for acid-loving plants.



Professional landscapers and growers recommend that for abundant blooms next spring on rhododendrons and other acid-loving plants, it's important to feed them one final time in the fall.

Experts agree that by feeding your acid-loving plants an organically balanced plant food, like Holly-tone®, you can be assured that you are keeping the soil at an optimum pH for plant health. Developed in partnership with the Holly Society of America, Holly-tone's proprietary formula offers just the right mix of quality organic and inorganic ingredients to provide safe, continuous feeding of acid-loving plants.

Professionals also suggest using a plant food that offers more than the standard nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium ingredients (N-P-K) found in most plant foods. There are 12 additional vital trace elements and micronutrients, like iron, calcium and magnesium, that are essential to plant health. A shortage of only one of these nutrients can prevent or reduce growth to disappointing levels. When you use Holly-tone. you can be assured that you are providing all 15 essential nutrients.

It also is important to select a plant food that derives these nutrients from a complex blend of quality natural organic and inorganic ingredients, and not just from one or two simple chemical ingredients. Look for a plant food, like Holly-tone, that derives its nutrients from a wide variety of ingredients. This ensures that you are making nutrients available through a safe, natural process that actually enriches the soil to create a long-lasting reservoir of nutrients.

Here's how to fertilize this fall: Sprinkle a light feeding of Holly-tone around the base of the plant, directly onto the soil. It is not necessary to work the plant food into the soil. Although not required, experts do recommend a thorough watering after applying. This will make sure the plant food is in contact with the soil and will provide the moisture necessary for activating the decomposition process.

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To protect your delicate roses during the winter months, place a cardboard box around the plant and fill with Canadian sphagnum peat moss and leaves from your yard.

Tuck Rosebushes in for Winter

We all know the tried and true strategies for maintaining beautiful roses ... feeding, dusting, spraying, water management, etc. However, in the fall, if you don't prepare your roses for a chilly winter, you may find that your hard work during the summer has been wasted.

Roses don't fare well in cold weather, but there is hope. Canadian sphagnum peat moss can be used in an innovative way to successfully protect your roses during the chilly fall and winter months. Follow these steps this fall to preserve your precious perennials.

1. Prune a rosebush to one-half its size.

2. Bank up the area around the roots with peat moss and extra soil.

3. Place an open cardboard box over the top of the rosebush (open both ends of the box, and cut off the flaps of the end of the box that is facing the ground).

4. Fill the box with Canadian sphagnum peat moss and leaves from your yard.

5. Fold flaps closed and cover with a brick to keep the box from blowing away.

The peat moss will act as an insulator to trap in heat and keep out cold during the winter. This technique has been successful in the coldest of regions. "Even after covering with burlap, I was losing more than half of my rose garden because of our bitter winters. Since covering the roses with the cardboard and using the peat-mix insulator, I have not lost a rosebush," says Cathy Heron — an avid gardener in Zone II.

In the spring, after you remove the box, simply dig the peat into your flower beds and around your roses (about 2 inches into the top 6 inches of soil). The peat moss helps loosen heavy clay soil allowing air to get to the roots. It also adds body to sandy soil, thus saving water by absorbing and holding moisture like a sponge.

Finally, peat moss is a good choice as a soil amendment because it reduces the leaching of nutrients present in or added to the soil, releasing them over time — which is especially important for your roses.

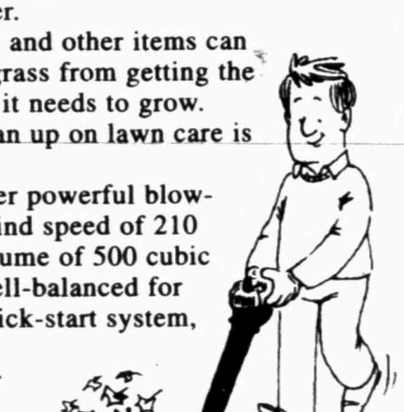
This small effort in the fall will keep your rosebushes healthy and ready to face another great growing season.

If you would like more information on "how to" with peat moss, simply send a self-addressed, business-sized envelope, requesting the "How to" series of brochures, to CSPMA, Box 385102, Minneapolis, Minn. 55438. For more information, visit the Web site at www.peatmoss.com.

Answer To Neater Lawns Is Blowin' In The Wind

(NAPSA)-Keeping your lawn free of leaves and other debris not only keeps things neat and tidy, but is a smart way to make sure the grass is always greener.

Leaves, tree bark, dead grass and other items can choke a lawn, preventing the grass from getting the needed air, water and sunlight it needs to grow. One of the easiest ways to clean up on lawn care is with a blower/vac.



Brand new this year is a super powerful blower/vac that generates a whirlwind speed of 210 miles per hour, with an air volume of 500 cubic feet per minute. The unit is well-balanced for easy handling. It features a quick-start system, variable-speed throttle control and a high-impact impeller for added durability.

The 340bv, from Ryobi, offers a 31cc, 2-cycle engine, and can be quickly converted to a vacuum with a mulching ratio of 16:1. It comes with an oversized bag capacity of two bushels, and has a shoulder strap for added convenience.

The new blower/vac is the product of two years of research, with a unique engine design that enables the unit to generate higher air speeds with more air volume.

Smaller Yards

However, if you have a smaller lawn and don't need quite so much power, a combination trimmer/ sweeper-blower may prove to be a backyard bonanza.

Ryobi's new 155vp weighs only 10 pounds, and has the trimmer power head and battery positioned on opposite ends of the shaft for great balance. This ergonomic design helps reduce user fatigue and makes it simple to trim under bushes and shrubs.

This unit also features the Power-Link coupler system, which allows the user to convert the trimmer into a sweeper without requiring extra tools. A sealed cell rechargeable battery snaps easily into place, helping maximize power, performance and durability. The trimmer comes with a charging station that can be wall mounted for extra convenience.

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HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Trimmers: For The Garden, For The Environment

(NAPSA)-For homeowners who want to keep gardens beautiful, it's a good idea not to "hedge" when choosing a trimmer.

This is especially true with new environmental regulations due to take effect in the year 2000. Environmental Agencies will begin enforcing new standards for lawn and garden equipment, first in California, then on a national basis.



New trimmer models can help keep the garden neat while also helping the environment.

Fortunately, there's a new line of grass and weed trimmers that already complies with the new regulations-and provides the added benefits of numerous attachments, lengthy running time and powerful cutting strength.

The trimmers, from Ryobi, have notched five years of field testing and residential use, and run exceptionally clean, with no gas and oil mixing. They include:

- 825r Curved Shaft Trimmer, with a 15" cutting path. The curved shaft makes it easy to trim around sidewalks and garden beds;
- 875r Straight Shaft Trimmer with a 16" cutting path. The straight shaft allows for extended reach; and
- 890r Straight Shaft Trimmer Brushcutter with a 16" cutting path. Comes with an 8" diameter, reversible steel blade for knocking down brush effortlessly.

All three models are equipped with Ryobi's new 26cc, overhead valve, AC2 4-cycle engine; a .080" dual line string trimmer head; and the patented SpeedSpool line release system that dispenses a pre-measured line of string with a single tap.

In addition, each of the units features the TrimmerPlus system, which is specifically designed to operate add-on tools at optimal efficiency and power to make gardening easy and convenient. Attachments include an edger, blower/vac, turbo blower, cultivator, treen pruner and snow thrower.

To learn more about the 4-cycle trimmers, brushcutters and the TrimmerPlus attachment system, call 800-345-8746. More information about these and other garden tools is available by visiting Ryobi's website at www.ryobi.com.

YOUR GARDEN

Mums Can Add Beauty To Flower Gardens

NAPSA)-Mum's the word!

Mums, short for chrysanthemums, can add a splash of color to a garden. They are offered in a large variety of hues, such as lavender, yellow, orange, bronze and deep purple.

Here are some tips on transplanting mums:

- The plants should be purchased when the blooms are tight and unopened.
- To get the most from your mums, they should be planted in well-drained, moist, rich soil that gets a lot of sunlight.
- Prior to transplanting them, a plant food, such as Mum Booster, should be worked evenly into the soil to a depth of six to eight inches, garden experts say.

"Mum Booster helps plants produce not only bigger, brighter blooms, but also helps create longer lasting flowers," said Lois Trigg Chaplin, a horticulturist for Birmingham-based Pursell Industries, which markets the plant food. "Although specially created for mums, it is great for other fall plants such as asters."

To keep your garden colorful past the first bloom, just pinch off the withering blossoms and a new one may take its place. A perennial, these lovely fall plants may be around to enjoy for many years with the proper care.

Mum Booster plant food features Polyon time-released fertilizer, which gives off just the right amount of nutrients for your plants. Polyon is soil temperature-activated, not soil moisture-activated, so it can't wash away or melt with excessive rain or watering.

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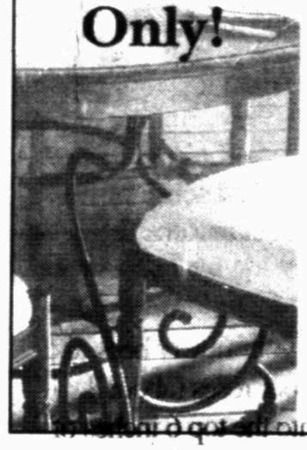
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Are Your Accommodations Accommodating You?

(NAPSA)-Are your accommodations really accommodating you? Two free new booklets offer ideas, information and inspiration. The booklets, from the makers of DuPont Corian, the original solid surface material, offer these tips to help homeowners create the home of their dreams. Remember, the best way to make it happen is to consider it a step-by-step process. It all goes like this:

• Assess your needs. Are you planning purely cosmetic changes, remodeling or renovating, complete with a new floor plan? Perhaps you're putting on a new addition. Your decision will dictate the time, money and energy that the project will require.

• Call in the troops. Unless you have plenty of experience under your belt, you'll be happier if you include a professional on your team-an interior designer, architect, certified kitchen or bathroom designer, remodeler, builder or general contractor.

• Name your price. No matter how beautiful the outcome, you won't be comfortable with your project if it far exceeds your means. The simple solution is to establish a budget early on...and stick to it. Always add a few contingency dollars for surprises.

• Put it on paper. Once you've determined a general design direction-working on your own or with your chosen resource-put your ideas on paper. By using graph paper, you can compare different floor plans until you come up with the one that's best for you.

• Shop 'til you drop. Make a shopping list, including all the items you'll need to purchase for your new living spaces. Don't leave anything out; it will give you a sense of accomplishment as you check each one off!

• Establish a schedule. Just as an over-budget project can leave a sour taste in your mouth, so can one that drags on and on. Be honest with yourself about how much time it will take. That way if you finish early, it will be a bonus. Remember, major projects are often best handled in phases.

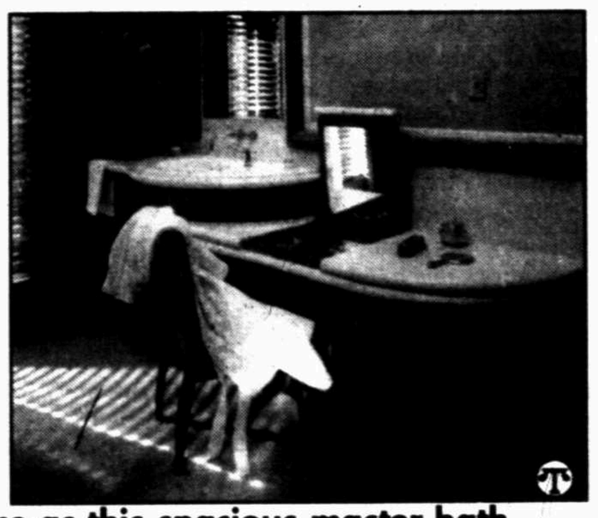
• Celebrate your success. No matter how small or large your project, give yourself a pat on the back once its completed.

Remember, too, what a great first impression the materials you use can make. DuPont Corian®, which is made from natural minerals and high-performance acrylic, combines superior design flexibility, translucency, exciting colors and textures. Builders also report that while Corian is stunning in its own right, it's also compatible with granite, glass, tile, stainless steel, even wood. In fact, the marriage of complementary materials only increases your design options, providing unlimited possibilities for color and aesthetics to suit any lifestyle.

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Beauty is more than just on the surface as this spacious master bath (left) and custom kitchen (right) show.

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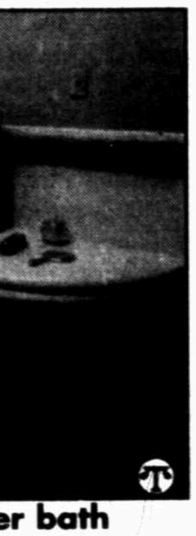
As a homeowner, you are constantly looking to improve, enhance or add style to your home. This year, update your bathroom — and your lifestyle — with the new PresageTM whirlpool bath and TrivellaTM Suite by Jacuzzi Whirlpool Bath.

Designed for corner installations, the Presage features a unique terraced rim and fluted interior for a style all its own. With room for two, the unit surrounds bathers with 10 jets, including four fully adjustable PowerPro® body jets, one side jet, three neck jets and two foot jets. The patented PowerPro system offers a unique one-to-one ratio of air and water, resulting in a broad, soothing massage. The electronic control panel offers fingertip operation, while the underwater light offers an added sense of luxury. Optional features include an integrated RapidHeatTM in-line heater and cushioned headrest.

Measuring 60 inches long by 60 inches wide by 21 3/4 inches high, the Presage pairs beautifully with the company's new TrivellaTM Suite, featuring a one-piece 1.6 gallons-per-flush toilet as well as a choice of pedestal or countertop lavatory.

For more information, visit Jacuzzi Whirlpool Bath on the Web at www.jacuzzi.com or call (800) 288-4002.





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Interior Decorating With Lattice

Lattice looks great in the garden supporting plants or on the deck providing shade from the sun and privacy from the neighbors, but what about hanging lattice inside the home? More homeowners are discovering that lattice adds charm to a room and a new dimension to interior decorating.

Lattice is a framework of strips made from plastic, wood or metal interwoven to form beautiful patterns. It is available in a variety of styles and vibrant colors that complement any home interior.

Lattice not only is beautiful, it is functional. Consider these easy and fun projects to liven up your home.

• Have a wall that needs to be "dressed up?" Hang lattice as wainscoting to provide texture and contrast against a wall.

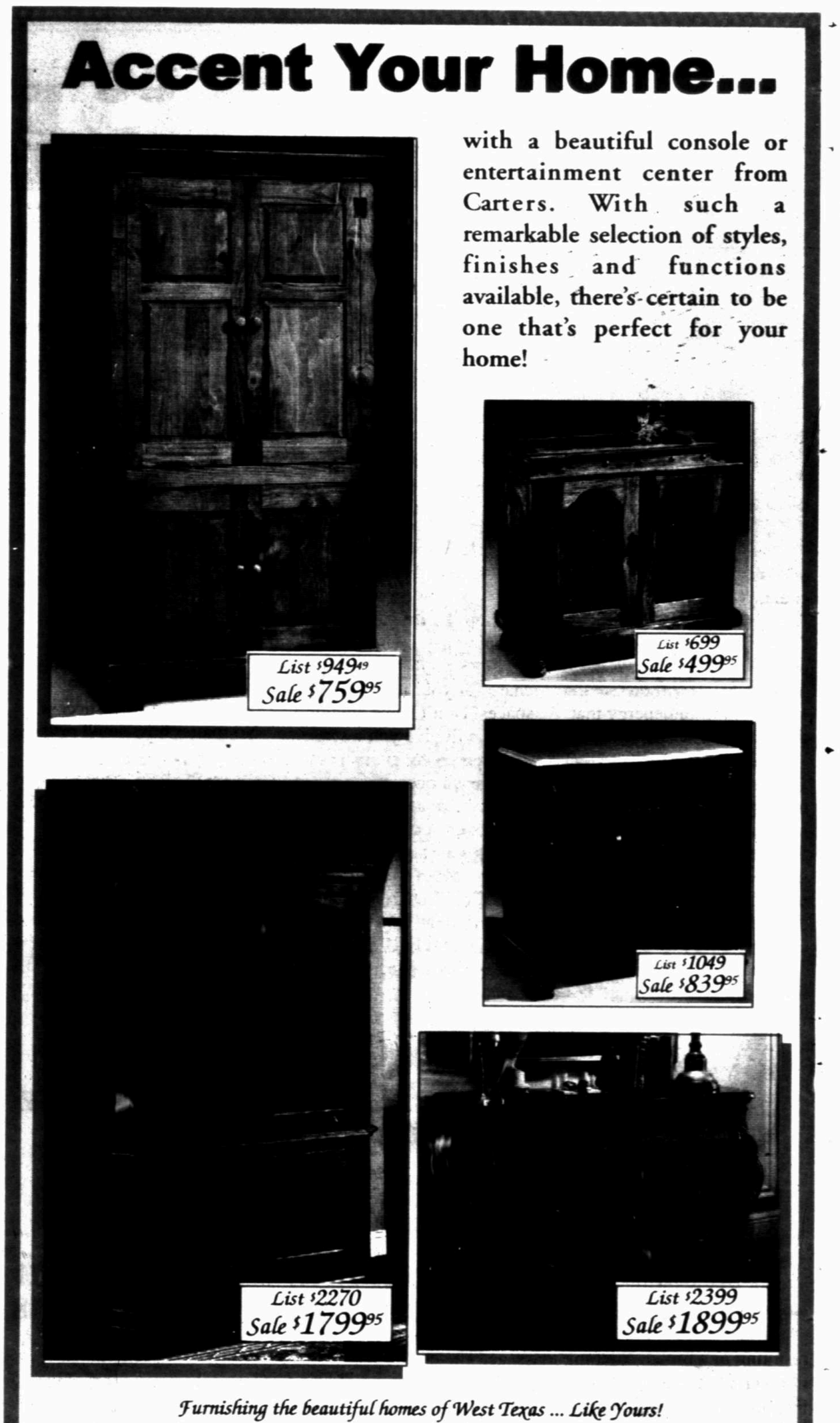
• Need to break up a large, open room into smaller, functional spaces? Divide a large room with lattice while maintaining airflow and openness.

• Are your tools disorganized? Create extra storage space by attaching lattice to walls in a basement or garage, and hang tools from it for an orderly appearance.

• Need to hide your water heater or furnace from view? Use lattice as a privacy screen to hide unsightly objects in a basement, garage or recreation room.

Decorating even is easier with plastic lattice. It is versatile and sturdy, and can be screwed, nailed and sawed without cracking. Its color will not fade and chips and scratches will not show because the color goes all the way through. For free lattice information or to locate a retailer, call 1-800-394-6679.





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