

MONDAY MORNING

Park & Pray

Churchgoers attend Park Avenue Christian Church's drive-in service at a parking lot at the church in Tucson, Ariz./**1B**



SPORTS

NBA playoffs

The regular season ended with a Houston win and a day off for the Chicago Bulls, who look for many like the team to beat./**1C**

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Air Force may have found A-10

Search plane spots debris on mountain; weather stalls ground effort

By Robert Weller
Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. — A helicopter crew hovering beside a sheer cliff in the central Rocky Mountains found what is likely the wreckage of a missing bomb-laden warplane, but saw no sign of the pilot, the Air Force said Sunday.

Because of high winds, a ground crew could not be sent in to examine the wreckage stuck in the snow. The search could begin Monday.

"It is our collective judgment that what we have seen is likely to be A-10 airplane pieces," Maj. Gen. Nels Running said, adding that he is 99.9 percent sure it was Capt. Craig Button's A-10 Thunderbolt.

The plane has been missing since April 2, when Button, 32, took off from a Tucson, Ariz., base on a routine training mission and veered north, heading to Colorado with four bombs aboard.

An Army National Guard helicopter crew spotted the wreckage while hovering within 30 feet of the steep cliff.

A close-up look revealed pieces of gray painted metal that could have been from the plane's interior and several smaller pieces of metal, Running said. Yellow-green paint used as an anti-corrosion coating inside the airplane was also visible, he said.

"Our next step will be to determine with certainty that the sighted wreckage is in fact our missing aircraft," Running said. "We will need to get some pieces to make that absolutely certain."

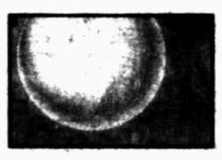
There was no sign of Button, who could have ejected without the Air Force's knowledge.

The Air Force plans to suspend a military search team from a helicopter to collect pieces of wreckage and look for Button's remains. The search could begin Monday, when a helicopter that can withstand high winds is to arrive from

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A.M. BRIEFING

TODAY
Sunny with a high in the 90s. Weather on 4A





You Can Soar! World Wide Flight '97 Update

Plane location: Luxor, Egypt

Linda Finch will depart for Dubayy, United Arab Emirates, on Thursday. In Egypt, she is working with the film crew on a photo documentary of the flight. The Electra 10E is also being serviced in preparation for the next flight, which will cover a distance of 1,226 nautical miles. After the World Wide Flight, Ms. Finch plans to fly the Electra to the Paris air show and afterward take the plane on a tour of air shows throughout the United States. For the latest flight information, link to the Reporter-Telegram website at www.mrt.com or call Cityline at 560-2400 and enter category 3200 for the latest pilot log.

Israeli scandal

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will not be prosecuted for the influence-peddling scandal that has paralyzed his administration for the past 13 weeks, Israel radio and television reports said Saturday.

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Railey's legacy

DALLAS — Peggy Railey never recovered from a savage attack 10 years ago at her Lake Highlands home and remains grotesquely disfigured in what doctors call a vegetative state. She requires 24-hour care in a Tyler nursing home. It is a nightmare from which she is never expected to awaken.

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ACT of *Faith*



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Former Midlander Amy Sosa, center, recently received a donation from La Promesa Foundation president Len Oswald, right, as Mary Diaz, La Promesa Foundation secretary looks on. Ms. Sosa is being sponsored by the local foundation in her quest to join the Religious of the Sacred Heart in Florence, Italy.

Former Midlander to enter religious order in Italy

By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

Prayer and meditation led former Midlander Amy Sosa to dedicate her life to Jesus Christ. On May 30, the former Midlander will leave the United States and her life here behind to enter the Religious of the Sacred Heart in Florence, Italy.

"I think my prayer time had everything to do with it," said the 25-year-old. "God's love just began to overwhelm me, and my love for Him was overwhelming my heart," Ms. Sosa said of her decision. "I wanted to do something radical with my life. I wanted to give everything to Him, and I felt this was the way He was leading me to do that, to become a sister."

Ms. Sosa is being sponsored by La Promesa Foundation of Midland, which is dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe. During the three-plus years she lived in Midland, she worked with youth ministry.

"I was working at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church with Father Domingo Estrada and Toya Hall (of La Promesa Foundation)," said Ms. Sosa, a native of San Angelo. "That's how I got connected with the foundation."

Following her time here, she attended the Franciscan University of Stubenville in Ohio, where she received her bachelor of arts degree in theology. She credits the "strong example of the sisters that attended school there and worked at the university" as being a motivating factor in her quest for an answer to the question of what she was supposed to do with her life.

"I saw that they gave everything to God — that nothing at all about their lives was holding them back to completely surrender everything to God," Ms. Sosa said. "And this example inspired me deeply.

"And it was during my first semester there that in prayer one time (in the chapel) I just knew I had to pray about becoming a sister. At first, I was kind of taken back. I was really kind of mad, actually.

"It was like I was arguing with God, and I said, 'OK. I'm going to pray about it, and we'll see.'"

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Fire dies down in flooded city in North Dakota

By Bob Moen
Associated Press

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — Slowed by streets submerged in icy, sewage-fouled floodwater from the rising Red River, firefighters on Sunday wrestled a blaze under control after it ravaged parts of three downtown business blocks.

The flames were under control by midday Sunday after helicopters dumped 2,000-gallon buckets of muddy water on the fire. But firefighters were checking for flare-ups.

"Six buildings are a total loss," Deputy Fire Chief Peter O'Neill said. At least three others were damaged, he said.

Police said the Red River, bloated by the melting of the winter's record snow accumulation, had flowed into more than 70 percent of the 10½ square-mile city by Sunday.

Mayor Pat Owens ordered a 24-hour curfew in the most seriously flooded areas. Most of the 50,000 residents were believed to have left their homes, with about 75 percent of the city under a mandatory evacuation order.

She said her own house was among the many that were flooded.

"As we speak, my house is going under," she said. "It may not be totaled. But now I'm in the same bucket with the rest of you.

"If we come through this and we can say we have lost no citizens, no people, we can say we won the battle," she said.

Even trucks had trouble navigating the water-filled streets.

"We knew we were deep when our pants started getting wet," Edgar Richard said of the trip he and three friends made by truck Sunday morning to a school being used as a collection point for flood evacuees. "We had to open the door to let water out."

The city's water treatment plant was flooded Thursday and the last reserves of drinkable water were used up during the night. Officials hoped to distribute water to people who stayed in their homes. The city also had problems with electric, gas and telephone service, and sewers were backing up.

The Red River stood at 53.7 feet at 7 a.m., and the National Weather Service said it would crest Monday at 54 feet and stay at that level for about a week. Flood stage is 28 feet.

Inside some downtown stores, stuffed bears and other toys bobbed on water up

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Candidates tout strengths in MISD board race

Election '97

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second part in a three-part series on candidates in the May 3 city election.

■ In the MISD District 3 race, Bufler and Linebarger emphasize raising standards, returning to academic basics.

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Raising education standards is a top priority for both candidates in the May 3 election for District 3 on the board of trustees for the Midland Independent School District.

"I've been reading surveys and test results and I think our quality of education is heading south," said Glen Bufler, manager of Parks and Development with the city of Midland. "Everything I've read lately points to that and I haven't seen anyone wanting to turn that around."

The second candidate, Karen Linebarger, an active school volunteer who works for W.D.W. Operators, owned by her husband, Dan, said that "I want to make sure every child has an opportunity to receive the education he or she needs in order to go on to college or out into the work force."

Both candidates advocate a return to basics.

"If I'm elected, I'll work to hopefully start elevating the standard of education. I think that should be the focal point of the board," Bufler said. "Every endeavor should be toward the children and seeing that they get a good quality education of fact-

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Linebarger



Bufler

■ In MISD District 5, experience is the issue for Garcia and Manulik, while Pageler urges fiscal responsibility.

By Joe Gaines
Staff Writer

One touts experience, one said lack of it was his strength and the third candidate running for the District 5 school board seat said his strength was math.

Of the three candidates, Martha Manulik, a Realtor, said she has more experience with the inner workings of the Midland Independent School District than her opponents, David Garcia, a Midland police officer, and Miles A. Pageler, a retired federal government employee.

On her list of MISD involvement, Ms. Manulik has been a substitute teacher, PTA president, Volunteer in Public Schools and Partners in Education coordinator. All of which have given her a "good look" at the district and have helped her build relationship with key administrators, she said.

Garcia thinks that experience may be a drawback for a board that needs a new perspective.

"I bring the opinion of the ordinary citizen," he said.

The last candidate, Pageler, who grew up during the Great Depression, said he wants a school district that is fiscally respon-

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Garcia



Manulik

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WORLD IN BRIEF

■ Chinese troops to arrive in Hong Kong

HONG KONG — Still weeks from resuming control of Hong Kong from Britain, China is sending a symbol of its approaching sovereignty.

For the first time, soldiers of the Chinese People's Liberation army are coming to the colony — and on a day equally heavy with patriotism for the British. The soldiers' planned arrival on Monday coincides with celebrations marking the birthday of Queen Elizabeth II.

In an eight-car convoy, 40 unarmed soldiers will cross the border from the Chinese city of Shenzhen. Leading them will be Maj. Gen. Zhou Borong, deputy commander of the larger garrison that will march into the colony after the July 1 handover of power.

The 40 soldiers are an advance team to prepare for the eventual deployment of more troops — one of the most sensitive issues in China's resumption of control.

To allay such fears, China's legislature approved a law on the stationing of troops in the colony that strengthened protections of private property and banned the military from engaging in business.

In addition, the Hong Kong government has made it clear that the advance troops would not carry weapons.

■ Carter returns to mediating role

KHARTOUM, Sudan— Jimmy Carter has returned to his peacemaking role in Sudan, talking with opposition and government leaders about bringing more rebels into peace talks.

The former president arrived Saturday in Sudan, where in 1995 he brokered a six-month cease-fire in the country's civil war.

His latest visit comes before Monday's signing of a peace accord between the Islamic regime and four dissident factions of the main rebel group, the Sudan People's Liberation Army.

The main body of the rebel group has refused to sign the treaty, however, and the pact is expected to have little effect on the fighting. Carter's trip comes at a tense time in Sudan, with rebels making gains in the east and south.

The rebels have been fighting the government since 1983, demanding greater power for the predominantly Christian and animist south. The war and related famines have killed more than 1.3 million people.

Carter talked Saturday with Sudanese President Lt. Gen. Omar el-Bashir about the peace process, the state-run news agency said Sunday.

The news agency said Carter also talked with rebels, but did not identify them. U.S. officials had said Carter planned to meet with the chief rebel leader, John Garang.

Carter also raised the issue of peacemaking between Sudan and its neighbors before he and his wife, Rosalynn, left Sudan on Sunday for the rest of what is to be a weeklong African tour.

■ Second fire alarms pilgrims at Mecca

MECCA, Saudi Arabia — A fire erupted Sunday in an apartment building housing hundreds of Muslim pilgrims 100 yards from the Grand Mosque, Islam's holiest shrine. Some pilgrims were treated for smoke inhalation.

The fire was caused by an electrical short in the air conditioning system, civil defense officials and firefighters said. The blaze, which sent thick smoke through the building, was put out in about 20 minutes.

Sunday was the last day of the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, which was marred this year by a fire that tore through a tent encampment. By official count, that fire killed 343 people and injured nearly 1,300.

Civil defense officials and aid workers said that more than 400 people had been killed in Tuesday's fire in Mina, a plain outside Mecca where pilgrims set up their tents.

Ahmed Bilal, head of security in Mina, said that DNA testing would be used to help identify the badly burned victims, the official Saudi Press Agency reported.

It quoted Saudi deputy interior minister, Ahmad bin Abdul-Aziz al-Saud, as saying that plans were under way to "improve the situation in Mina."

■ Surgeons operate on Saddam's son

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Saddam Hussein's eldest son underwent surgery Sunday to remove at least one bullet lodged near his spine in an assassination attempt in December, government officials said.

A French and German medical team operated on 33-year-old Odai Hussein, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity. They said his condition appeared stable, but refused to give further details.

Odai, who had been widely believed to be Saddam's heir apparent, was shot about 10 times while waiting alone in his car in an upscale Baghdad suburb on Dec. 12.

Iraqi dissidents have said at least one bullet was lodged near Odai's spine and that French and Iraqi doctors have hesitated to operate, fearing surgery might leave him completely paralyzed. But Odai asked the doctors to operate anyway, they said.

Iraqi dissidents and Arab diplomats had said earlier Sunday in Amman, Jordan, that preparations were being made for Odai's surgery.

Two unidentified German surgeons had arrived in Baghdad to assist in the operation.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Refugees wither while waiting to go home

Associated Press

KASESE, Zaire — Waiting for rebels and aid workers to agree on plans to evacuate his refugee camp, Jackson Twahirwa could do little more Sunday than stand in the mud watching his pregnant wife die of malaria.

For Twahirwa and thousands of other Rwandans in Zaire's squalid refugee camps, time can be counted in the bodies stacked each day outside their tents.

The 31-year-old Rwandan refugee buried his firstborn son in the camp two months ago. The five-month march through equatorial forests that brought 100,000 Rwandans to the camps near Kisangani was just too much for the 1-year-old.

About 60 people die in the camps each day, the victims of malaria, dysentery, pneumonia and cholera.

Faced with spreading cholera and scarce food, the exhausted refugees say they want to go home.

"To go back to Rwanda is a dream," Twahirwa said. "I don't know how safe it is to return, but it can't be worse than this."

The U.N. refugee agency had hoped to start repatriating the refugees on Friday; now, it doesn't know when it will be able to begin.

Each time the United Nations geared up to begin a massive airlift of refugees from the Kisangani area, the rebels would present a new obstacle. They complained that refugees might spread disease; commandeered aid workers' jet fuel; and claimed the airlift would interfere with their own flights.

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On Sunday, a cholera expert from the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Dr. Arthur Marx, arrived to assess the cholera outbreak in the camps, in hopes of convincing the rebels that it was safe to move the refugees.

The U.N. refugee agency wants to fly the refugees to the border town of Goma, and send them on to Rwanda by truck. But the rebels want them to go all the way on trucks, and say the United Nations should fix the rough 375-mile road from Kisangani to the border town of Bukavu.

"There is still debate about repatriation, about when and where it should take place," said Paul Stromberg, a spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

In rebel-held Lubumbashi, Zaire's second-largest city, hundreds of new recruits boarded planes Sunday for training to prepare them for a rebel assault on Kisangani, the capital. The rebels have overrun more than half the country, and now claim to be only 180 miles from the capital.

The Rwandan Hutus at the camps in central Zaire are among more than 1 million Rwandans who fled their country in 1994, fearing retaliation for their country's slaughter of a half-million minority Tutsis.

The refugee camps, stretching for miles along a narrow, dirt road south of Kisangani, can seem more like death camps.

On Sunday, the first sunny day after torrential rains, at least 30 new bodies were neatly lined up, sprayed with white powder, outside the makeshift hospital at Twahirwa's Kasese camp.

"It's really, really bad," a nurse from Doctors Without Borders said, speaking on the condition her name was withheld. "It's getting impossible to work. ... Local staff who are helping us are becoming too resigned. They don't show up for work anymore."

A crew of Zairian Red Cross workers who did turn up cruised in a blue pickup truck, picking bodies from the mud for burial in mass graves in the jungle.

Conditions leave little hope of survival for those without family to help.

"There is not much solidarity anymore. I'm here to look after my wife. I can't find time to help the others," said Twahirwa, the refugee. "Everybody looks after his own family."

Multi-national force in Albania grows to 4,000

Associated Press

TIRANA, Albania — The multinational force trying to make aid deliveries safer in this lawless Balkan country grew to 4,000 Sunday, and soldiers headed to their bases or enjoyed the warm spring sun while awaiting orders.

Some 610 Italian soldiers and paramilitary police landed at the western port of Durres and would join others in Fier, 20 miles north of Vlora — the heart of the insurgency. The last 100 French soldiers also docked in Durres, bringing tanks, trucks and armored personnel carriers.

Italian soldiers have visited Vlora daily since Thursday, but have delayed setting up camp in the city, where gunfire pierces the nightly curfew and men speed through the streets waving submachine guns out car windows during the day.

Greek and Italian troops in Fier were expected to deploy in Vlora early next week, said Lt. Col. Paolo Bianchi, of the Italian contingent. Turkish troops were to move to Lezha, 35 miles north of Tirana, he said. Spanish troops moved Sunday to the port of Shengjin, 5 miles northwest of Lezha.

The Italian-led, 6,000-strong force was expected to be fully operational by the end of April. While it builds, some soldiers took advantage of the sunshine to play soccer at a military base near Tirana airport.

Across the Adriatic, in the Italian port of Brindisi, authorities seized more than a half-ton of marijuana Sunday from boats coming from Albania. The treasury police said drug dealers in southern Albania were trying to smuggle as much into Italy as possible before European troops spread further south.

The Italian news agency ANSA reported that five Albanians were arrested on drug charges. Fifty illegal immigrants also were aboard the three motorized dinghies, ANSA said.

Though the troops' main mission is to secure roads, ports and warehouses, thereby helping aid deliveries in Albania, it was hoped their presence also would reduce the anarchy ahead of planned June 29 elections.

The country collapsed into chaos after Albanians lost their life savings in shady investment schemes and turned against the government. Many looted army barracks, stealing weapons, and now control the streets. They blame President Sali Berisha for, at the least, tolerating the pyramid schemes.

More than 400 people have died in the unrest. Three people including a policeman, were gunned down in Fier late Saturday, and an accidental shooting killed a man in Vlora, hospital officials said.

Dubbing it "black Friday," local newspapers on Sunday reported that 15 people were shot dead in Albania on Friday — one of the highest single-day death tolls from shootings since the violence began.

Despite the trouble, international aid agencies have been distributing supplies to the needy without military escort.

"We welcome the participation of the multinational force to restore law and order, but we haven't found any problems so far in delivering aid," said Barbara Jaggi, of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Since March 27, the ICRC has delivered 55 tons of aid to institutions now receiving just a trickle of government money. On Saturday, it brought antibiotics, flour, sugar and beans to a hospital, psychiatric institutes and orphanages in Vlora. Over the weekend, food also was distributed from a U.N. World Food Program warehouse in Durres to local hospitals and rest homes.

Meanwhile on Sunday, thousands cheered the son of Albanian's former king some firing celebratory shots into the air when he visited his father's hometown of Mat in the north. Leka, 58, fled Albania and the communists with his family when he was 3 days old. He was crowned king by a government in exile after his father, King Zog, died in France in 1961.

Leka returned to Albania on April 12. Since his return, he has met with Berisha and others, who have agreed to include a referendum on the form of government during the June 29 general election.



AP Laserphoto

Italian assault infantry corp soldiers "Bersaglieri" leave the civil ship "Freccia Rossa", at the Durres port, Sunday. The Italian military convoy is leaving to Fier and Vlora heading the multinational European force in Albania, to secure international aid deliveries to the troubled country.

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Netanyahu faces crisis after escaping indictment over scandal

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu escaped indictment in an influence-peddling scandal Sunday, with prosecutors saying they lacked evidence to try him on charges of fraud and breach of trust despite his "puzzling" conduct.

However, Netanyahu still faced a political crisis with coalition allies threatening to bolt his government and his personal reputation and credibility damaged.

"The decision is to close — for lack of sufficient evidence — the case against the prime minister," Attorney General Elyakim Rubinstein told a news conference.

Rubinstein said evidence provided by police did suggest that Netanyahu might have appointed Roni Bar-On as attorney general to satisfy a coalition ally who is facing a corruption trial.

Netanyahu's actions "raised puzzling questions," he said. "From the evidence there is suspicion that there were (other (than legitimate) considerations" in the appointment. "But we don't think this can be proved beyond a reasonable doubt."

Rubinstein also rejected a police recommendation to indict Justice Minister Tsachi Hanegbi. He said prosecutors still were weighing charges against Arieh Deri, leader of the ultra-Orthodox Shas Party, who is suspected of trying to engineer the appointment of Bar-On in exchange for a plea bargain that would keep Deri out of jail. Israeli media had reported an indictment against Deri was certain.

Rubinstein said that Netanyahu's top political aide, Avigdor Lieberman, and a contractor who is close to Netanyahu, David Appel, would face further investigation.

Netanyahu admitted Sunday that he had made mistakes and vowed to clean up the process of wheeling and dealing that has surrounded the appointment of senior officials.

"The bottom line is this: I committed no crime, and the attorney general confirmed this," Netanyahu said in a televised address to the nation.

"It's clear to me today that we must improve the process of choosing senior officials," he said. "But there is a big difference between a mistake and a crime. I will learn the lessons and implement them."

Opposition Labor Party officials said Netanyahu would find it difficult to govern in the wake of the criticism of his conduct.

"Every honest person must ask himself if he accepts the moral authority of a man who is not on trial only because .. there is insufficient evidence," said Ehud Barak, the leading candidate to take over as Labor Party leader this summer.

"I fear the prime minister will find it very difficult to function."

Yossi Sarid, head of the liberal Meretz Party, said he would ask the Supreme Court to overturn the prosecutors' decision and force Netanyahu's indictment.

A government official close to Netanyahu, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the prime minister received an advance copy of the report and reviewed it with his aides and his attorney.

The official said the language used in reference to Netanyahu was "very mild," accusing the prime minister of "failing to internalize" warnings he received against appointing Bar-On in January.

The prosecutors were harder on Deri.

"We are uncomfortable, to say the least, that a lawmaker .. accused of criminal acts involves himself in selecting (the attorney general)," Rubinstein said.

Shas lawmaker Shlomo Benizri said if only Deri is indicted, it would increase tensions all over Israel.

Homeless children in Russia create woes for government

MOSCOW (AP) — When the authorities picked up Oleg and Sergei, the youngsters were sleeping in telephone booths with cardboard boxes for mattresses.

Wild-eyed and filthy, as snapshots taken by social workers show, the brothers had wandered the desolate streets of Moscow looking for handouts.

They weren't alone. Thousands of children, abandoned or neglected, have been left to fend for themselves in a country where the changes of the past decade have plunged millions into poverty.

Months later, Oleg, 8, and Sergei, 9, live in a crowded but cheerful shelter where children are introduced to such social niceties as hygiene and table manners and share hugs with a director they call Papa.

But some experts worry it's getting too late to save what they fear may be a lost generation of abandoned children. A new subculture is taking root in Russia's biggest cities: children who have slipped through the cracks at a time of social upheaval and become homeless, beggars, glue-sniffers, con artists, even prostitutes.

Since being picked up, Oleg has run away from the shelter twice to return to the street life — where a few hours of panhandling can earn him the equivalent of $20 for new toys or treats. He returned to the shelter both times.

"Nobody knows how many kids are out there, but it seems to be a catastrophic situation," says Sapar Koulyanov, director of On the Road to Home, a government-financed children's shelter.

Under the authoritarian controls and guarantees of communism, there was no such problem as homeless children. Kids without families were whisked away to government orphanages. But the problem has exploded amid the economic crisis that followed the Soviet collapse.

Scruffy, nervous-looking children are visible at subway stations and markets around Moscow, sometimes even begging in the middle of busy intersections.

The Moscow Human Rights Research Center estimates 1 million children are homeless in Russia, although the problem is so new that the figure is little more than a guess.

Often they are the children of the unpaid or unemployed, driven into the streets by unbearable conditions at home — cruelty, heavy drinking or neglect by their parents.

Oleg, an impish boy with big ears and a crazy laugh, seemed like any other child as he assembled a model helicopter at his shelter. But his intense look hinted at a troubled past he wouldn't discuss.

After Oleg and Sergei's father died, the shelter director Koulyanov explained, their mother became an alcoholic and took to the streets.

High-ranking defector calls communist system failure

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — The highest-ranking North Korean ever to defect arrived Sunday in South Korea, declaring the communist system he helped build has failed and warning that the increasingly poor and hungry country may resort to war.

Hwang Jang Yop, a former confidante of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, flew in from the Philippines, ending a 67-day odyssey to reach South Korea and bringing an information bonanza on the secretive Pyongyang government.

Hwang, 74, said he defected to his homeland's enemy to tell the world that North Korea could start war while its people "went without clothes and were starving."

"Once vaunted as a socialist paradise, North Korea has now turned into an international beggar," Hwang said. "Its economy is sliding into overall paralysis. (People) have long since lost all hope" in the system.

"North Korea now seems to believe that as the only way out, it must use its formidable armed forces it had built up for decades," he said. "I came here to spend the rest of my life doing what I can to stop a war breaking out."

A former secretary of North Korea's highest decision-making body, the Central Committee of the Workers party, Hwang is the highest ranking North Korean defector since the division of Korea in 1945. He headed the prestigious Kim Il Sung University, served three times as chairman of the parliament, the Supreme People's Assembly, and once tutored Kim Jong Il.

He and an aide fled to South Korea's consulate in Beijing on Feb. 12 on their way home from an international seminar in Japan.

After a five-week diplomatic standoff, China asked the Philippines to let them stop over to avoid a symbolic slap at North Korea, China's longtime political ally, that a direct trip to Seoul would have caused. They flew to Manila on March 18.

Pyongyang initially accused Seoul of kidnapping Hwang and threatened unspecified retaliation. It later announced that it decided to banish him.

Seoul's Agency for National Security Planning called the defection "a great shock to the North Korean leadership because he was the very man who created the North's guiding ideology of juche (self-reliance)."

South Korea planned to debrief Hwang and has indicated it then would be willing to share with the United States and Japan what he knows about some of North Korea's secrets, perhaps including its program to develop atomic bombs.

Defense Secretary William Cohen, in an interview Sunday with NBC TV's "Meet the Press," said he was assured during a recent trip to Seoul that U.S. officials would be able to question Hwang "to find out more about what's in the hearts and minds of the Korean leadership."



AP Laserphoto

North Korean defector Hwang Jang Yop makes a statement after arriving at the airport in Songnam, south of Seoul, Sunday. He is the highest ranking official ever to flee North Korea traveling with his aide Kim Duk Hong, left, from the Philippines.

The importance of Hwang's defection was underscored by South Korea's reaction. National TV stations cut into regular programing to broadcast live Hwang's arrival and brief statement. The air force went on higher alert. Thousands of police stood guard and rerouted traffic for Hwang's motorcade.

South Korean officials said Hwang will stay in a safe house for a few weeks.

They predicted his arrival would not seriously endangered efforts by Seoul and Washington to persuade North Korea to enter talks — along with China — on ending the state of war on the peninsula. The 1950-53 Korean War ended in a shaky truce, not a peace treaty.

North Korea had been expected to give a formal answer to the peace proposal Friday in New York, but said it needed more time. Seoul officials predicted North Korea eventually would accept the offer, which could attract badly needed international food aid.

Widespread hunger in North Korea may turn into famine this spring because of poor management of agriculture and two years of severe flooding. International charities were appealing for aid.

India's president names Gujralas next prime minister

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — The president named the ruling coalition's candidate as India's next prime minister Sunday, with the support of the opposition party that brought down the last premier.

President Shankar Dayal Sharma will administer the oath of office Monday to Inder Kumar Gujral, making him India's third prime minister within a politically tumultuous 11 months.

The president set a parliamentary vote of confidence for Tuesday to test whether Gujral can muster the legislative majority he needs to govern. The opposition Congress Party pledged its crucial support on Sunday, and Gujral should pass the test.

The Congress Party forced out Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda earlier this month when it withdrew its support from his governing United Front, blaming him for rising prices and unemployment. On Saturday, the United Front picked Gujral, foreign minister under Gowda, as its choice for the next prime minister.

The president agreed to let Gujral try to form a new government, saying he wanted to avoid new national elections less than a year after the last ones.

The May 1996 elections forced the long-dominant Congress Party from power but failed to give any party a clear parliamentary majority. The Congress Party and the United Front — a broad coalition whose members range from communists to free-market supporters — cooperated to keep out their common foe, the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party.

The Hindu nationalist party — the largest group in Parliament — had demanded new elections after Gowda's government fell. But it seems doubtful that Indian voters are any more likely to give one party a clear majority. The power struggles and a series of corruption scandals have disenchanted many voters.

Sharma waited all day before calling Gujral to form the government, apparently wanting to be sure that the coalition will not collapse again. Sunday night, both Congress and the Front promised Sharma they would ensure the new government's stability.

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 92	High 85	High 84
Low 55	Low 53	Low 51

Today's forecast is partly cloudy with a high in the low 90s, and winds west to northwest, according to the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport.

Tonight's forecast is partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms toward morning, and a low near 50.

Tuesday's forecast is partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms and a high in the upper 70s.

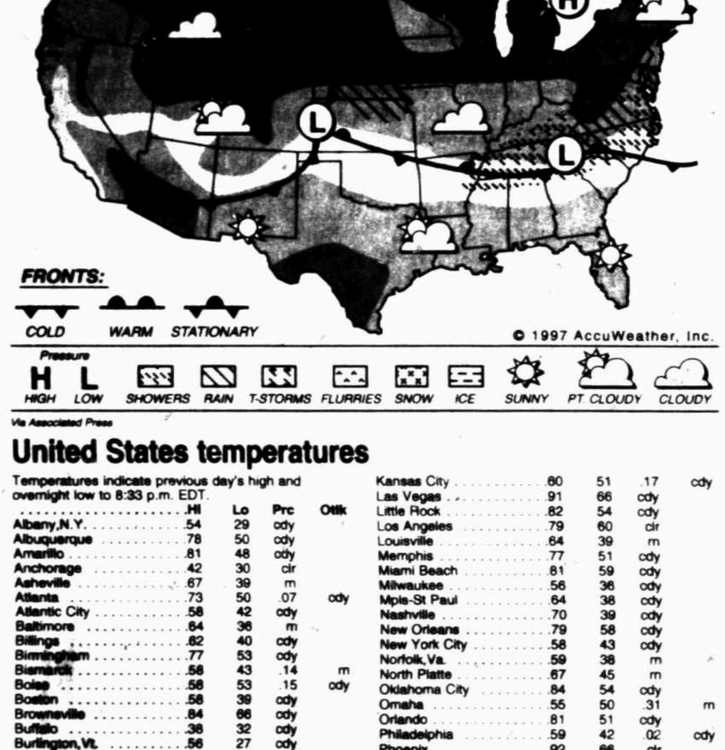
After an overnight low of 54, compared to the record low of 27, set in 1933, yesterday's high was 93, which tied with the record high of 93 set in 1954.

Yesterday's precipitation		Yesterday's temperatures	
Rainfall Monday	.00 in.	High	93
Rainfall Tuesday	.00 in.	low	54
Total for month	.60 in.	Normal high	81
Total for year	2.76 in.	Normal low	51

Sunrise 7:13 a.m. Sunset 8:22 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, April 21.



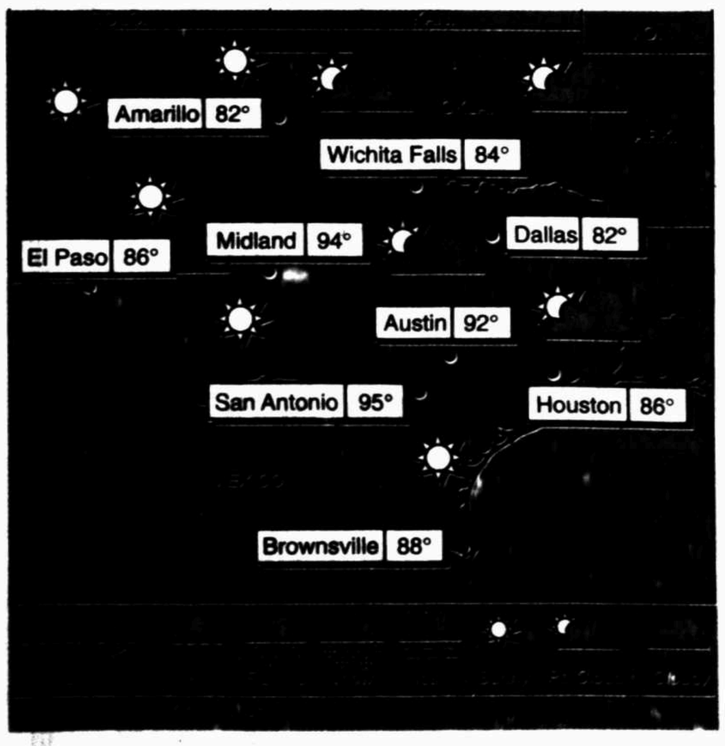
Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	54	29	cdy	
Albuquerque	78	50	cdy	
Amarillo	81	48	cdy	
Anchorage	42	30	clr	
Asheville	67	39	rn	
Atlanta	73	50	.07	cdy
Atlantic City	58	42	cdy	
Baltimore	64	36	rn	
Billings	62	40	cdy	
Birmingham	77	53	cdy	
Bismarck	58	43	.14	rn
Boise	58	53	.15	cdy
Boston	58	39	cdy	
Brownsville	84	66	cdy	
Buffalo	38	32	cdy	
Burlington,Vt.	56	27	cdy	
Casper	67	39	.02	cdy
Charleston,S.C.	78	57	cdy	
Charleston,W.Va.	65	37	rn	
Charlotte,N.C.	71	46	rn	
Cheyenne	65	43	clr	
Chicago	59	37	cdy	
Cincinnati	60	30	rn	
Cleveland	54	26	cdy	
Columbia,S.C.	73	52	.10	cdy
Columbus,Ohio	63	31	rn	
Concord,N.H.	61	26	cdy	
Dayton	60	33	rn	
Denver	71	41	clr	
Des Moines	52	49	.22	cdy
Detroit	59	32	clr	
Duluth	48	28	cdy	
Evansville	62	38	.01	cdy
Fairbanks	41	19	clr	
Fargo	52	40	cdy	
Flagstaff	67	36	cdy	
Grand Rapids	58	32	cdy	
Great Falls	57	39	.12	clr
Greensboro,N.C.	68	43	rn	
Hartford Spgfld	61	36	cdy	
Helena	58	38	.02	cdy
Honolulu	84	72	clr	
Indianapolis	61	37	cdy	
Jackson,Miss.	81	55	cdy	
Jacksonville	82	50	cdy	
Juneau	45	34	rn	
Kansas City	60	51	.17	cdy
Las Vegas	91	66	cdy	
Little Rock	82	54	cdy	
Los Angeles	79	60	clr	
Louisville	64	39	rn	
Memphis	77	51	cdy	
Miami Beach	81	59	cdy	
Milwaukee	56	36	cdy	
Mpls-St Paul	64	38	cdy	
Nashville	70	39	cdy	
New Orleans	79	58	cdy	
New York City	58	43	cdy	
Norfolk,Va.	59	38	rn	
North Platte	67	45	rn	
Oklahoma City	84	54	cdy	
Omaha	55	50	.31	rn
Orlando	81	51	cdy	
Philadelphia	59	42	.02	cdy
Phoenix	92	66	clr	
Pittsburgh	59	25	cdy	
Portland,Maine	55	34	cdy	
Portland,Ore.	61	52	.46	cdy
Providence	59	40	cdy	
Raleigh-Durham	72	39	rn	
Rapid City	68	47	.02	clr
Reno	70	44	rn	
Richmond	68	36	rn	
Sacramento	81	57	rn	
St Louis	61	50	.34	cdy
Salt Lake City	73	49	cdy	
San Diego	71	61	clr	
San Francisco	71	58	rn	
San Juan,P.R.	94	75	cdy	
Santa Fe	75	39	cdy	
St Ste Marie	49	26	cdy	
Seattle	57	50	.92	clr
Shreveport	82	60	cdy	
Sioux Falls	62	47	.13	cdy
Spokane	57	49	.51	cdy
Syracuse	43	36	cdy	
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	76	62	cdy	
Topeka	69	54	.10	rn
Tucson	88	58	clr	
Tulsa	86	56	cdy	
Washington,D.C.	65	42	rn	
Wichita	78	54	rn	
Wilkes-Barre	48	36	cdy	
Wilmington,Del.	61	39	.01	cdy

State forecast



Texas temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	90	54	
Alice	89	63	
Amarillo	81	48	
Austin	83	59	
Beaumont	79	59	0.01
Brownsville	84	66	
Childress	88	54	
College Station	82	58	
Corpus Christi	84	64	0.02
Cotulla	90	59	
Dalhart	78	43	
Dallas	86	61	
Del Rio	90	60	
Denton	83	52	0.01
El Paso	85	53	
Fort Stockton	88	59	
Fort Worth	83	60	
Galveston	72	63	0.07
Houston Hobby	79	57	
Houston Intrctnl	81	59	
Junction	87	47	0.02
Kingsville	87	67	
Laredo	88	66	
Lubbock	85	54	
Luffkin	81	61	
Marfa	79	48	
McAllen	83	69	
Midland	93	54	
Mineral Wells	93	54	
Navy Corpus	84	61	
Palacios	80	58	
Paris	M	M	
San Angelo	91	52	0.02
San Antonio	86	55	
Shreveport	82	60	
Texarkana	82	54	
Victoria	84	54	0.01
Waco	93	54	
Wichita Falls	91	54	
Wink	92	48	

A-10: Ground search to begin when weather permits

(From 1A)

Washington state with the search crew.

"The terrain is very steep, snow covered," Running said. "There is no way to get there easily."

The wreckage was spotted on an unnamed cliff near New York Mountain and Gold Dust Peak, mountains 13,000 feet high, about 15 miles southwest of Vail.

Army National Guard Chief Warrant Officers Richard Rugg of Denver and Dale Jensen of Eagle discovered the wreckage in a site they had previously examined. Snow has melted in the area since it was last searched.

"The first thing we saw was just a couple pieces of paper," Rugg said. "Then something just caught my eye."

With a snowstorm moving into the area, Running acknowledged that they were lucky to spot the wreckage when they did. A storm was expected to bring snow, rain and at least 45 mph wind to the mountains on Monday.

2nd Lt. Keith Shepherd, a spokesman for Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona who is at the search headquarters in Eagle, said the site was within the primary search area and was consistent with visual sightings about the time the warplane disappeared.

The warplane was not carrying live rounds in its guns because it was on a training exercise. The Air Force said it believed the 500-pound bombs attached to the warplane were not activated and would have remained intact if the plane crashed.

Three days after Button disappeared, the search shifted to Colorado, where faint radar signals were detected. Radar data and witness accounts indicate Button consciously broke away from his three-plane training formation and flew to Colorado.

Air Force officials previously suggested Button could have become incapacitated and put the $9 million plane on autopilot.

People reported hearing booming noises in the Vail area on the day Button disappeared. Other witnesses have said they saw dark clouds that could have been smoke.

Weather conditions, rugged terrain and avalanche danger made search efforts difficult. Officials used U-2 spy planes and helicopters to scour the mountains around Eagle, about 100 miles west of Denver.

Button, a native of Massapequa, N.Y., had been a flight instructor at Laughlin Air Force Base in Del Rio, Texas, until he arrived in Tucson in February to train on the A-10. His parents could not be reached for comment Sunday.

Military investigators have been looking into his background in hopes of finding an explanation for his disappearance. The probe includes the Air Force's Office of Special Investigations, which typically handles criminal matters such as fraud and counterintelligence.

But Air Force officials involved in the search have said the investigation has found "no derogatory evidence" about his past.

FLOOD: Fire engines ferried to scene on trucks

(From 1A)

to 5 feet deep.

About a block from the fire, Coast Guardsmen checking downtown streets and alleys by boat spotted a couple awaiting rescue on an apartment building fire escape.

The man wore a top hat with his Sunday suit and tie. "Do we need blankets, quilts and pillows?" asked 77-year-old Clarence Eide, carrying the linens in his arms.

Eide, a retired Army soldier, was supposed to have left Friday, and had been eating doughnuts and drinking orange soda for the past two days.

"I didn't hear nothing about it," he said of the evacuation orders. "I didn't know we was supposed to have left."

Engineers hastily constructed a ring dike around United Hospital, the city's only hospital, and a nearby nursing home. National Guard soldiers set up water purification equipment that also was used in the Persian Gulf War.

The downtown fire started Saturday afternoon, and fire trucks were unable to get through the deep water filling the streets.

Early Sunday, they managed to put two city fire trucks on flatbed trucks that could ferry them to the scene, and the nearby Grand Forks Air Force Base sent one huge pumper truck that could navigate the deep water.

The cause of the fire was unknown.

"We were scared last night for a while," O'Neill said. "I've never read a book on a fire like this one."

Three firefighters were treated for hypothermia on Saturday. Twenty people safely fled the building when the fire started.

Elsewhere, police in Fargo, about 75 miles south of Grand Forks, searched for two men who they believe tried to tear down part of a sandbag dike protecting the north part of the city.

About 40 sandbags were stripped from the top of a dike, although the vandalism was not extensive enough to spring a leak, said police Lt. John Sanderson.

The damage was discovered early Sunday after a caller reported one of the two men, who were described as college age, said he wanted to "blow a hole in the dike," Sanderson said.

SOSA: San Angelo woman dedicates life to Christ

(From 1A)

In the months that followed, Ms. Sosa did pray about the question.

"I would mention it, and ask the Lord to help and guide me into His will. And so it was that I became more and more open to the possibility of this happening. Eventually, what began to happen — it was something that I began to desire, something that I wanted more and more for myself."

The university has an extended campus in Austria, and Ms. Sosa had the opportunity to study overseas for a semester. While she was there, she was introduced to the Religious of the Sacred Heart.

"I happened to be at the convent in Florence on my birthday, and I thought it was a special gift from God. The year before on my birthday I had prayed and asked Him to show me what I was supposed to do with my life.

"I don't believe that there's coincidences with God. I think He placed me there on my birthday on purpose. Not that that was the only thing that helped me make my decision, but I thought it was interesting that I happened to be there on that day."

That same birthday, when she returned to the campus in Austria, she said, "I remember going to the chapel and praying and saying to the Lord that I would give my life to Him. That I wanted to become a sister. I wanted to give my life in this way.

"And it was really amazing because in that moment and even the days that followed. I just felt so much peace in my heart, and I felt this was truly what I was supposed to do."

Before deciding upon the specific order she would join, Ms. Sosa visited others. "At every single place, I just didn't feel like this was it. I didn't feel like this was home. At every place, all I could do was think about the sisters in Florence.

"They attracted me especially because of their hospitality and generosity and their love for the children. When I saw them interact with the children, I saw this as an example of the way our Lord Jesus interacted with the children when He said, 'Let the little children come unto me.' They truly portrayed Christ's love for the children in their lives, and this drew me to the sisters. I wanted to share this love also with the children."

Becoming a nun requires living a celibate life because a nun becomes a bride of Christ.

"It's not like I still don't have emotional feelings for the opposite sex, but it's all part of the sacrifice — abandoning even that to God," said Ms. Sosa, who says she does not view herself as a "super human."

"But for myself and for people who enter religious life and enter a vow of chastity, there is a grace there if the person allows himself to be free in that grace. A single person who is following God" is "called to live a life of purity and chastity. The Bible's clear about fornication. and all the ways that are impure.

"It boils down to a matter of self-control. As a sister, you're not alone with a man, you don't place yourself in a particular situation where things can happen. In a lot of ways you're protected. You're protected because you have to be. We're all human."

Ms. Sosa isn't the only one making sacrifices.

"My family is, too. I know it is very painful for them to say goodbye. My mother said it very well. She was describing that I was leaving, and she said, 'My daughter just fell in love with God, with our Lord.'"

Although Ms. Sosa will be thousands of miles from home, she will be able to return to her family in the event of a death or serious illness. She also will not be changing her name. She won't be Sister Amy, but rather Madre Amy.

"It's to emphasize the spiritual motherhood," Ms. Sosa said. "Getting spiritual children for the kingdom of God."

For the first six months, Ms. Sosa will be a postulant.

"I will wear the basic clothing — simple skirt and simple blouse. I will be in a training period. I will live with the sisters. I will interact with the sisters. They have a school so I will work at the school. I will pray with the sisters at their regular prayer times, and I'll go to Mass with the sisters. I'll have my own personal prayer time and study time."

After a year, Ms. Sosa will become a novice and receive the order's habit, which is a traditional black one. She will be a novice for two years, then she'll make vows and become a junioriate, a junior professed.

"Then, I have a period of up to six years before I make final vows. Then I'll be a sister for life. I have nine years to decide I may have made a mistake. Actually, I think that's a pretty good deal." She laughed, something she did frequently during the interview. "There's a lot of people who meet somebody and get married with no trial period."

Ms. Sosa also finds the nine-year time period "a little long. But it gives you time to know if this is really the life that you want, what you're really called to."

Although Ms. Sosa has nine years, she is not going into this part of her life without having already made her decision.

"I've made up my mind. This is what I want to do. As I enter I abandon my whole life, my whole heart to what I want to be, and that's a sister. So I go without looking back. And if at one point, the sisters decide and I decide through prayer that this isn't for me, then possibly I'll leave. That's not my intention. My intention is to go and to stay."

DISTRICT 5: Manulik, Garcia and Pageler in MISD race

(From 1A)

sible and stops teaching "zero-based" mathematics.

In the past, the board has handled a number of controversial issues, including the Celebrations supplement, desegregation, and a school bond proposal. How the district handled them could have been done better, Ms. Manulik and Garcia said.

"The board has to look at the facts and decide what is best. If we make a decision that is unpopular, we should explain why we made it. We have to treat the community's concern with respect," Ms. Manulik said.

"If the MISD does something that puts it in a negative or positive light, the citizens have a right to know. I think the people would support a board that admits its mistakes. The board has to listen to citizens and parents, even if it's criticism, and take it constructively and work with it," Garcia said.

Both Ms. Manulik and Garcia said their experience in public relations could prove helpful when the board is considering controversial issues. Garcia was the former public information officer for the Midland Police Department and Ms. Manulik has a bachelor's degree in mass communications.

On desegregation, an issue facing the incoming board, Ms. Manulik and Garcia diverge.

She supports open enrollment for elementary students over the neighborhood school idea plan approved by the current board.

"We should have integration by education, not transportation. Open enrollment gives parents a choice," she said.

If a school that is not a child's neighborhood school has a better program, then why should the child be forced to go to the neighborhood school if a parent's taxes go toward all schools, she said.

Open enrollment puts the responsibility of education on principals, teachers and parents, where it ought to be, she said.

Garcia favors the neighborhood school plan and if the schools aren't structurally equal, the board should repair or replace them, depending on which is more cost-effective, he said.

For past issues, Pageler said he thinks continuity is best and wouldn't stray far from the path paved by previous school boards.

"We ought not to depart very much from what has been done, besides academics," he said.

Academics, mostly math, is the focus of Pageler's campaign. Half of the academic budget has been squandered on "our 13 centuries of atheistic African pseudomathematics," he said.

Fourth-dimension cosmological quantum protonysicsonometry should be taught in Midland schools so that children will know that "zeros and minuses do not exist," he said.

It's all common sense, he said.

"Two minuses don't equal a plus, and a minus and a plus don't equal a minus," he said.

For Garcia, other platform issues include stressing academics and learning, a team approach that puts teachers as the "backbone" and gives them the resources they need; reducing juvenile crime in schools to provide a safe environment for students and teachers and to give teachers more time to do their job; and lowering the dropout rate.

Ms. Manulik's platform, along with open enrollment, contains a goal of having all children able to read by third grade; continued high expectations for students and providing the "best educational opportunities possible" for them to do so; and assessing all issues with principles, integrity, compassion and a focus on similarities rather than differences.

DISTRICT 3: Linebarger, Bufler run for MISD board

(From 1A)

based skills. I'd like to see phonics-based reading taught, I'd like students taught some respect and a little morality."

He advocates a system of teaching basics where each child has to pass each grade level before going on to the next grade. "If he doesn't, we're defeating ourselves."

Ms. Linebarger said that "I would like to make sure our schools are a safe environment for all our children to be educated. I would also like to see a return to basics, to a basic core curriculum to make sure we are preparing students to pass the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test and pass the SAT and the ACT and get into college or get out into the world and work for a living."

She said that while she doesn't have a specific agenda, her goal is to get back to teaching basics and increase parental involvement.

Both candidates said they wanted to bring respect back to board meetings.

Bufler said his interest in the school board was piqued by last year's controversy over the Celebrations curriculum and opponents being treated disrespectfully.

"I'd lend those attending the meetings an ear. I think if they come, they should be listened to and intently listened to." After all, he said, it's their schools and their money paying for them.

Ms. Linebarger has been attending board meetings for more than a year and said she'd like to see more sincere communication between the community and the board, with the board listening to what the community and the parents want. She added that she would treat everyone who appears before the board with respect because they have a right to an opinion and they're taxpayers and they're concerned about the city's children "or they wouldn't be there."

She said she would offer a more open-door approach if she's elected.

"I've got an e-mail address and a fax machine and I'd see about hopefully instituting a phone line at MISD dedicated to people calling in their opinions, much like Mayor Burns' hotline."

Bufler concluded that "I'm a newcomer and I've got a lot of studying to do. I know what I'd like to do and what I won't do. There are a lot of people I'd like to listen to and get good ideas from. Most ideas come from the bottom up in most organizations," he said, adding that "I believe the administration is the servant of the teacher and not vice versa."

Ms. Linebarger, whose family — both hers and her husband's — have lived in Midland since 1932, sees serving on the school board as her way of giving back to the community and to the school system for educating her, her husband and her child.

She said she hopes to bring a fiscally conservative, common-sense approach to the board.

"I think our school district faces challenges and I want to make sure those challenges are met with a sincere and positive attitude. I want to make sure our schools are sound academically and socially while maintaining a vigil toward financial responsibility."

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McVeigh's attorney battles public's opinion

Associated Press

DENVER — For defense attorney Stephen Jones, the court of public opinion is almost as important as the courtrooms of law.

Jones' efforts to rehabilitate the image of his current client, Timothy McVeigh, have been nothing short of brilliant, some colleagues say.

"He's the ultimate spin doctor. He's a maestro with the media," says Dan Caplis, a prominent Denver lawyer.

Other attorneys, however, say Jones' actions may be spinning out of control and could come back to hurt the defense.

For example, Oklahoma City lawyer Irven Box, who has followed the case from the beginning, said Jones has hurt his credibility and that of his client by changing his explanation of alleged confessions to the Oklahoma City bombing that killed 168 people.

Jones began his public relations campaign shortly after taking over Timothy McVeigh's case, about a month after news photos and television footage etched an enduring image in Americans' minds of McVeigh being led out of the Noble County, Okla., Courthouse in chains and an orange jumpsuit.

Jones had served as a personal research assistant to Richard Nixon in 1964. Using what he had learned about the news media, he set out to create doubt, if not reasonable doubt, about his client's involvement.

In prison photos that Jones arranged, McVeigh comes across as a docile, innocent-looking young man smiling and joking with his advocates. Jones also tried to persuade a federal judge to permit news interviews with McVeigh; that effort failed.

But the tactics changed after The Dallas Morning News ran stories Feb. 28 claiming it had a defense document that indicated McVeigh had confessed.

Jones first asserted the story was an outright hoax and denied such a document even existed. Later he said he thought the newspaper had such a document but might have been set up by a source with an ax to grind.

Then he altered his story again. He said he'd found the pertinent document in his files. It was not a confession, however, but a ruse drawn up by an assistant, Jones said, with the aim of lulling another possible bombing suspect into trusting Jones' investigators enough to talk with them.

Jones also denounced The Dallas Morning News as irresponsible. News executives stood by the story.

Despite his inconsistencies, attorneys say, the strategy worked, at least for now: many potential jurors have said they either didn't believe the news accounts, or had heard the stories were a hoax and discounted them.

"He succeeded in confusing everyone about the confession story to the point where he virtually neutralized the issue," said Denver attorney Andrew Cohen, who has monitored jury selection. "He spun it three ways in three days to the point where the media and everyone else became thoroughly confused."

The extent of his success, however, has been evident in the courtroom. While questioning a Boulder ski instructor, Jones asked the woman to explain why she'd noted in her juror questionnaire that she'd "heard about the 'confession' — and put the confession in quotation marks — and also heard a report it was false."

The woman said she heard the report on a ski trip, and "later under similar circumstances I heard there was something mixed up about it." Asked again why she put quote marks around it, she said, "Because I don't know if that's what it was."

Another juror mentioned he heard a report about another confession that Playboy magazine placed on the Internet about two weeks after the Dallas story. Jones said the Playboy story was based on an outdated defense chronology of the case that contained misleading and unsubstantiated reports about his client. That juror also noted he didn't believe the reports.

Reporter Ben Fenwick, who wrote the Playboy piece, said there were some mistakes in the chronology but other parts of the document obviously came from McVeigh.

Caplis said the strategy could eventually backfire if jurors get into the deliberating room, ignore the judge's order to consider only the evidence presented in the case, and conclude Jones lied. "If it comes to a close call on the death penalty, will this factor in?" he asked.

Box said Jones has done the best job any lawyer could trying to change the public perception of the case against McVeigh, but many of his colleagues in his home state of Oklahoma think he crossed the line with his attempts to portray McVeigh as a victim of false media attacks.

"I think he's been hurt, his credibility was hurt," Box said.

Jones, citing the judge's blanket gag order, declined to comment.

Attorney general to testify under oath about counsel

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Senate committee intends to put Attorney General Janet Reno under oath to explain why she decided not to seek an independent counsel to investigate Democratic campaign fund raising, Sen. Orrin Hatch said Sunday.

"I believe she's going to have a very difficult time justifying" the decision, Hatch, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said on "Fox News Sunday."

Hatch, R-Utah, said Reno will appear before the panel April 30 — unless she appoints an independent counsel before then. Asked if the committee will put Reno under oath, Hatch answered, "There's no question about that."

Asked about Hatch's plans, Justice Department spokeswoman Carole Florman said Reno is "always willing to speak to Congress, on or off the record, about her decisions."

Republicans claim Reno was protecting President Clinton when she announced last week that she wouldn't request judicial appointment of an independent counsel to investigate allegations of illegal campaign fund raising by the Democrats.

The attorney general opted instead to allow career prosecutors in the Justice Department to continue their investigation of the question. She said she found no "specific and credible evidence that ... any person with whom I would have an automatic conflict has violated the law."

The independent counsel statute is reserved for cases where clear evidence exists that top administration officials such as the president, vice president or Cabinet members may have committed a federal felony and the matter would present a conflict of interest for the presidentially appointed attorney general to handle.

Republicans argue there easily sufficient evidence suggesting illegalities by Democratic fund raisers to justify an independent prosecutor. Prior to last Monday's announcement by the attorney general, House Speaker Newt Gingrich threatened to investigate her if she decided against an independent counsel.

It's the Senate who will have the first shot at the attorney general. Sen. Trent Lott, the Republican leader from Mississippi, said Reno should "be called up to answer" about her decision.

"We're not ready to back off, but I do think that if she doesn't go forward with what the law clearly indicates, we deserve at least an explanation," Lott said Sunday on CNN's "Late Edition."

Sen. Kerrey puts CPI issue in stark generational terms

WASHINGTON (AP) — To Sen. Bob Kerrey, the debate over devising a more accurate measure of inflation isn't a mathematical abstraction.

In his view, the matter boils down to whether older Americans — political giants in Washington — will accept losing some of their federal retirement benefits to help a new generation attend college without swamping themselves in debt.

The key element pushing that question is a proposal before the administration and Congress for a slight reduction in the Consumer Price Index, or CPI.

"We've got to say to people over 65 this adjustment is critical if we are going to be able to continue to say our middle class is growing," Kerrey, D-Neb., said at a Senate Finance Committee hearing.

"I think we need to say to people over the age 65, that unless we make the adjustment, there are going to be American children who graduate from high school who will not be able to send kids to college."

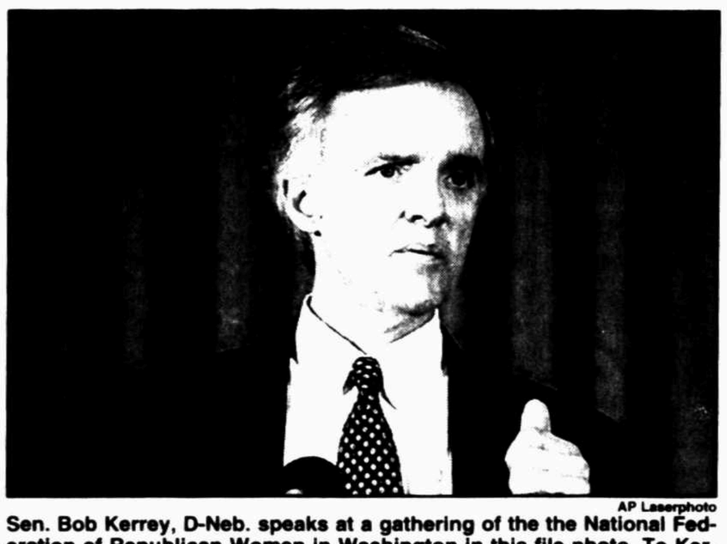
The hearing was focused on the Clinton budget proposal's tax incentives for education and ways to reduce the crushing debts of college students, which can reach $90,000 or more upon graduation.

Kerrey said these debt levels are destructive to society. He proposed financing additional college grants and other aid with savings generated by reducing the CPI.

Posing the issue as a choice between the generations puts a novel and dramatic spin on the long-running debate over the Consumer Price Index. The index is used to make annual cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security and other retirement programs and to adjust the income tax to remove the impact of inflation.

In December, a panel of prominent economists led by Michael Boskin found the CPI overstates inflation. Panel members recommended reducing the index by 1.1 percent annually, a change that would generate an estimated $1 trillion in budget savings over 12 years. That enormous sum could be redirected toward a variety of goals, ranging from tax cuts to social programs.

A CPI reduction is a major unresolved issue in this year's budget talks, with Senate Finance Committee Chairman William V. Roth Jr., R-Del., advocating using savings from a CPI reduction to finance deep tax cuts. Also favoring CPI reduction is Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., the finance committee's ranking Democrat.



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Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb. speaks at a gathering of the the National Federation of Republican Women in Washington in this file photo. To Kerrey, the debate over devising a more accurate measure of inflation isn't a mathematical abstraction.

Talk of adopting the Boskin commission's CPI reduction has riled powerful lobbies for senior citizens and labor unions and even became a theme in last year's presidential campaign as President Clinton blasted Republicans for wanting to cut Medicare spending.

David Certner, AARP's senior economics coordinator, said the over-50s advocacy group supports an accurate Consumer Price Index but believes it should be righted by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which publishes it. To Certner, politicians like Kerrey are using the argument over CPI's accuracy for other purposes.

"It's nice to be able to argue accuracy, but clearly he has been in favor of a cut before the CPI debate," Certner said. "To say CPI should be lowered to pay for education, that does not say anything about the accuracy of CPI."

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Abducted boy's body discovered in ravine

BEAUMONT, Calif. (AP) — A 10-year-old boy abducted at knifepoint more than two weeks ago was found dead in a rocky ravine, an autopsy showed Sunday.

Dental records helped coroners identify the body of Anthony Michael Martinez. Authorities didn't release a cause of death.

A Bureau of Land Management ranger found the body Saturday when he spotted vultures circling in the barren Berdoo Canyon area about 130 miles southeast of Los Angeles. The rocky canyon is about 90 miles east of where Anthony was forced into a car April 4 in a Beaumont alley.

Anthony died between two days and two weeks ago, Riverside County sheriff's Sgt. Mark Lohman said. Hot weather and exposure made the time of death difficult to pinpoint, he said.

Beaumont police and sheriff's officials wouldn't discuss whether there were signs of trauma on the body. The body was nude, hands and feet taped together, Lohman said. Most of the decomposed body was buried under stones.

Anthony's family and others in this farm town of 10,000 had been hanging yellow ribbons and putting up missing posters since he disappeared. They had hoped for the best after news reports Saturday said the body found in a ravine was Anthony's.

Authorities released a sketch of a slim, white man with blue eyes and a mustache. He was wearing a black-and-red plaid shirt and blue jeans.

Although nearly 250 investigators had tracked thousands of leads and at least 100 people have been considered possible suspects, there have been no arrests and authorities said they have no prime suspects.

Anthony, his younger brother and two friends were playing behind their homes when a stranger pulled up and offered them a dollar to help find his lost cat. The man then apparently lunged at 6-year-old Marcos Medina, missed, and grabbed Anthony.

Residents searched on foot, horseback and all-terrain vehicles, combing some of California's most sparsely populated areas. Family members appeared on national television. A segment on the abduction appeared Saturday on "America's Most Wanted."

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Observance has link to our past

Many Texans — native and recent immigrants both — may know that March 2 is the anniversary of the signing of the Texas declaration of independence from Mexico in 1836 by Sam Houston, David G. Burnet and others at Washington-on-the-Brazos.

Others are well-aware that March 6 is the date, again in 1836, that the Alamo fell to Santa Anna's relentless forces and the 187 defenders were slaughtered, giving rise to the Texans' battle cry of "Remember the Alamo!" For while the Alamo was under siege, a meeting was under way at Washington-on-the-Brazos to marshal support for those wishing to break free from Mexican rule.

It may take a true Texas history buff, however, to recall that today is San Jacinto Day — April 21 — and that it was 161 years ago when Sam Houston's army of about 700 men attacked a camp of nearly 2,000 Mexicans under the command of Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. It was siesta time and the Texans vented their anger over the massacre at the Alamo, killing 630 Mexicans, wounding 280 and capturing 730.

The battle lasted a mere 18 minutes and when it was over, Texas had won its independence from Mexico.

Texas losses were minimal — only nine Texans were killed or mortally wounded.

Today's observance is held to remind all Texans of the sacrifices made by those courageous men at the Battle of San Jacinto and what the victory has meant to all of us who call Texas our home today.

Let us not forget our past.

ANOTHER VIEW

Courting China's nice if she'll play by rules

One must hope that, when it comes to U.S. policy regarding China, there is more there than meets the eye. The Clinton administration's public posture toward this awakening Asian giant may well be the proper one, but only if it is not all there is.

Publicly, Clinton and his administration say that isolating China would be a mistake. There is, for one thing, a great deal of business to be done with China. For another, bringing China into the world community — by granting "most favored nation" status on a permanent, rather than year to year, basis and admitting China to the World Trade Organization — stands a better chance of influencing those areas of troubling Chinese behavior than does branding the country a rogue state in the category of, say, Iran or Iraq.

... Everyone hopes that this view is correct, and China should be allowed every opportunity to prove that it's so.

But there is also substantial evidence that China has no intentions of playing by any rules the world community devises.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, April 21, the 111th day of 1997. There are 254 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 21, 1918, Baron Manfred von Richthofen, the German ace known as the "Red Baron," was killed in action during World War I.

On this date:

In 1649, the Maryland Toleration Act, which provided for freedom of worship for all Christians, was passed by the Maryland assembly.

In 1789, John Adams was sworn in as the first vice president of the United States.

In 1836, Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independence.

In 1910, author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Conn.

In 1940, the quiz show that asked the "$64 question," "Take It or Leave It," premiered on CBS Radio.

In 1960, Brazil inaugurated its new capital, Brasilia, transferring the seat of national government from Rio de Janeiro.

In 1972, Apollo 16 astronauts John Young and Charles Duke explored the surface of the moon.

In 1975, South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu resigned after 10 years in office.

In 1977, the musical play "Annie" opened on Broadway.

In 1986, a vault in Chicago's Lexington Hotel that was linked to Al Capone was opened during a live TV special hosted by Geraldo Rivera; aside from a few bottles and a sign, the vault was empty.

Ten years ago: The Senate panel investigating the Iran-Contra affair voted to grant limited immunity to President Reagan's former national security adviser, Rear Adm. John M. Poindexter.

Five years ago: Robert Alton Harris became the first person executed by the state of California in 25 years as he was put to death in the gas chamber for the 1978 murder of two teen-age boys.

One year ago: President Clinton and Boris Yeltsin traded warm compliments and played down nagging differences, insisting their election-year summit in Moscow was not being influenced by presidential politics. Oddsmaker Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder died at age 76.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Anthony Quinn is 82. Ice skater Werner Groebli ("Mr. Frick") is 82. Britain's Queen Elizabeth II is 71. Actress-comedian-writer Elaine May is 65. Actor-turned-talk-show host Charles Grodin is 62. Former Sen. David Boren, D-Okla., is 56. Singer-musician Iggy Pop is 50. Actress Patti LuPone is 48. Actor Tony Danza is 46. Actress Andie MacDowell is 39. Rock singer Robert Smith (The Cure) is 38. Rock musician Michael Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 38. Rapper Michael Franti (Spearhead) is 29.

Thought for Today: "Modern man thinks he loses something — time — when he does not do things quickly. Yet he does not know what to do with the time he gains — except kill it." — Erich Fromm, German-American psychoanalyst and author (1900-1980).

JACK ANDERSON

Documents show campaign fund run around

WASHINGTON — Scattered among the latest batch of campaign fund-raising documents released by the White House are several clues to how the culture of the political money chase has become more important than governing in the nation's capital.


Anderson

Harold Ickes, the president's former deputy chief of staff, collected hundreds of pages of memoranda while serving in the White House, a six-inch stack of which were released last week. Taken together, these documents show how the current system keeps candidates in a perpetual fund-raising frenzy.

The documents, reviewed by our associate George Clifford III, also hint at the abject anxiety that led Clinton administration officials to spin out of control in their endless quest for campaign cash.

So far, the fund-raising scandals haunting the Clintons have focused on the record amounts of "soft money" raised by the Democratic Party. These contributions can be given in unlimited amounts, and are ostensibly to be used for "party building" activities — which in Clinton's case meant endless television commercials.

The documents reveal one major reason why Democrats focused so much on exploiting the soft-money loophole: They were having a hard time raising "hard money," or smaller contributions that usually come from individuals and PACs.

"Hard dollars are increasingly difficult to raise, because much of the existing DNC donor base has already 'maxed out' (contributed the maximum allowable amount)," says one undated memorandum.

A June 8, 1996, memo written by Clinton aide Phil Caplan to the president warned that the re-election campaign was "running into very serious 'hard money' problems." Another memorandum explains that the party was trying desperately to make a strong showing in their mandatory disclosure reports filed with the Federal Election Commission.

A "strong showing," as Caplan puts it, illustrates the reality that everyone in the Clinton camp understood: In order to win, you must look like a winner. Without a big war chest, other potential contributors might be scared away.

The Ickes documents also confirm what many in Washington have long alleged: that the president's oft-stated commitment to campaign finance reform was not a sentiment shared among his loyalists.

Remember the Claremont covenant? It happened one afternoon in the summer of 1995, when President Clinton met with House Speaker Newt Gingrich in Claremont, N.H., to iron out their political differences. The climax of that meeting came when a member of the audience asked the two career politicians if they would work together to reform the campaign finance system.

Seizing the moment like the veteran politicians they are, Gingrich and Clinton quickly made a handshake agreement to address the issue as soon as possible.

But a year earlier, Ickes fretted aloud in a memo to then-chief of staff Leon Panetta about the perils of changing the system. Ickes' July 24, 1994, memo complains that "it has become increasingly difficult to raise 'hard dollars.'" He then points out, with obvious dismay, that "if campaign finance reform is enacted, the DNC will be unable to use any 'soft dollars' for its operations other than in connection with its (headquarters) building."

The president probably now wishes he had paid closer attention to his own words in New Hampshire. Of course, we have learned in recent months why he did not. It's because at the time he was shaking hands with Gingrich, his staff was busy auctioning White House access to reputed mobsters and Chinese arms merchants.

Jack Anderson's and Jan Moller's column is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.



CHARLEY REESE

Many protest innocent Indian's incarceration

I learned long ago not to trust impressions of people based on short quotes in newspapers and snippets of tape on TV.

So it didn't surprise me, when I met Dennis Banks, who was once described by the government as a "domestic terrorist," to find an intelligent, humorous, soft-spoken man with a great deal of compassion and tolerance.


Reese

Banks is a leader and was one of the founders of the American Indian Movement. He was in Orlando, Fla., on a tour with a band and singers to raise awareness of AIM's campaign to get presidential clemency for Leonard Peltier.

Peltier is serving two life sentences for "aiding and abetting" in the murder of two FBI agents. Banks, who was a very close friend of Peltier, says he is innocent, and it appears that he is. The same U.S. attorney who at Peltier's trial had told a jury that Peltier had executed the two agents during a shootout on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation 17 years later admitted in an appellant court appearance, "The government does not know who killed the two agents."

A woman whose affidavit was used to extradite Peltier from Canada has since admitted she was coerced into lying when her children were taken from her. FBI testimony that tests proved a casing found at the scene had been fired from Peltier's rifle was apparently false. Banks says documents later obtained through the Freedom of Information Act reveal that the rifle was too damaged for any tests to be conducted on it. Another Indian has since confessed that he fired the fatal shots, though in self-defense. To make clear how odd the whole thing was, two other Indians who were actually charged with the murder were acquitted on grounds of self-defense.

But all this happened in the early 1970s, when Richard Nixon was at his paranoic best and had ordered the FBI to destroy the Black Panthers and AIM and the anti-war movement.

Still, Peltier has never been given a new trial; hence the drive for clemency. I do not think President Clinton will grant it for the same reason he dodged the draft -- no guts. But he blows with the wind. You never know.

So Banks and I sat on stools outside the bar where they were going to perform. He is a stout, powerful man who once cut logs for a living. He exudes calmness.

Neither Banks nor AIM, when it started, ever thought the movement would be at odds with the FBI. Banks was sent to government military school as a boy to be "de-Indianized," and his dream was to become an Air Force general. He enlisted in the Air Force and applied for the U.S. Air Force Academy. But he needed more work in math, and while trying to repair that deficiency, events took over.

"I did become a general of sorts," he said with a smile, referring to his leadership of AIM.

He and others started the movement because of the poverty and discrimination against the Indians.

"We never dreamed we'd end up in conflict with the FBI," he said. "We went to them for help -- to help us fight the discrimination and to prosecute people who were beating up Indians."

But things didn't turn out as anyone planned, and plenty has been written on the occupation of Wounded Knee and the violent confrontation at Pine Ridge. You can find AIM on the Internet at http://www.dickshovel.com, or by visiting your library. Peter Matthiessen's 1983 book, "In The Spirit of Crazy Horse," is a good start (reprinted by Penguin, 1995).

AIM today, Banks said, operates the largest job training program in the United States for Indians, sponsors a running program and several heritage programs for Indian youths, as well as a sobriety program. Thanks to gaming, the material situation has improved for some tribes, but the environment remains a top priority for all Indians, he said.

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MIKE ROYKO

Cub fans pass difficult legacy to their children

While Mike Royko is recovering, we are reprinting some old favorites. This column was originally published on Oct. 6, 1989.

They were walking about 20 feet ahead of me, a youngish father holding the hand of his son. The boy was about 8. Both wore Cubs caps. They had just left Wrigley Field after the first-game slaughter.


Royko

We were several blocks from the ballpark and the crowd had scattered, so there were few others on the quiet street.

Suddenly the father and son stopped. The boy had his head down and a hand over his eyes. As I caught up with them, I could see that he was sobbing.

The father dropped to one knee, put his arm around his son's shoulders, and said: "Hey, it's OK. Come on, it's not over yet. They can come back tomorrow. It's just one game. You watch, they can do it."

For a moment, I considered stopping and saying something. Then I decided not to intrude on so private a moment, and I kept walking toward the neighborhood corner bar.

Over a cold one, I thought about what I might have said if I had stopped. Not to the boy, but to the father. I would have told him:

"What kind of father are you, lying to your son? For that matter, why did you bring him here in the first place, causing him to suffer?

"You should be prosecuted for abuse and neglect and jailed for inflicting what will probably be a lifetime of suffering, depression and disappointment on a helpless child.

"For shame! You are no better than a drug pusher. And you must forever bear the guilt of having placed the terrible Cubs monkey on that innocent lad's frail back."

Of course, the father might not be entirely to blame. Chances are that his father did the same thing to him. This type of cruelty is usually passed along, from generation to generation.

Take my late father. He was not without vices. He sometimes drank, gambled, brawled and had an eye for a shapely leg. I could forgive him these minor character flaws.

But to this day, I cannot forgive him for taking me to Cub games at an impressionable age, hooking me on Herman, Hack, Jurges, Nicholson and Cavarretta. And telling me tales of Grimm, Hornsby, Wilson, Stephenson and other earlier heroes.

He didn't tell me that I was going to have to live through Smalley, Jeffcoat, Miksis, Chiti, Dave Ding Dong, '69 and '84.

That's why, while I made mistakes as a parent, I did one thing right. I didn't raise my kids to be Cub fans. When they were tiny, I would point at the TV and say: "See those vines on the outfield wall? You know what's in those vines? Big, black, mean spiders and other crawly things."

So today, as young adults, they wouldn't dream of skipping a Beethoven concert or an Eric Clapton performance for a Cub game. What the heck, Beethoven is already dead, so what's there to cry about?

Oh, they have a casual interest. But when this season ends, they will not have shed a tear or lost a night's sleep over a ball game.

Some might say I deprived them of the thrills, excitement and suspense of a baseball season. Maybe. But unlike hundreds of thousands of other Chicagoans, when they awoke Thursday morning, they weren't suffering from melancholia, mumbling about Will Clark, or praying for a West Coast earthquake.

No, that man was not doing his sobbing kid any favor. And if he happens to read this, I suggest he heed this song (with apologies to Willie Nelson):

Daddies, don't let your babies grow up to be Cub fans.

Don't let them get snared into lifelong nightmares,

Let them play guitars, go bowling or such.

Daddies, don't let your babies grow up to be Cub fans,

'Cause they'll never lose hope and it's worse than most dope, even with one out to go.

So I say to that young father and to others like him: It's probably too late for you. But it isn't too late for your kids. Wean them away or don't let them get started. When they grow up, they'll be grateful.

I know it isn't easy. But isn't it better than seeing a small boy standing there, heartbroken and crying?

For that matter, as the bartender said as he dabbed my nose with a bar rag: "It ain't easy seeing a grown man cry." He also said: "Hey, there's still time. They can do it."

The fool. Of course, if Dawson gets hot, and Sutcliffe comes through, and. ...

Pa, see what you did to me?

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NATION IN BRIEF

■ Rapper's mother sues Death Row

LOS ANGELES— The mother of slain rapper Tupac Shakur is suing Death Row Records for $17 million, claiming the hip-hop label failed to pay royalties and cheated Shakur out of millions of dollars.

The federal lawsuit filed Friday follows a $7.1 million lawsuit Death Row filed against Shakur's estate earlier this month, demanding reimbursement for money allegedly advanced to Shakur for cars, houses, jewelry and other expenditures, including recording and video costs.

Besides seeking unpaid royalties and repayment of disputed expense billings, the countersuit from Shakur's estate seeks to invalidate a handwritten 1995 contract Shakur signed with Death Row while in prison.

■ Reunion held at infamous island

USEPPA ISLAND, Fla. — Mirto Collazo stepped off a boat and back in time to 1960, when he and other young Cuban exiles made their way to this remote island to train under the CIA for the Bay of Pigs invasion.

They numbered 67, the elite of Assault Brigade 2506. Some were killed and the rest imprisoned in Cuba as a result of the debacle that left Fidel Castro in power and their homeland a communist nation.

"We lost the battle," said Collazo, 62, after walking through a new exhibit about the brigade in the Useppa historical society's museum. "But after 37 years, we keep the spirit alive with our hopes for a free Cuba."

The role of Useppa in the 1961 invasion had been hidden in classified documents and the memories of the men who started their training on the island, lush and tropical off Florida's Gulf Coast.

On Saturday, 18 of the graying Bay of Pigs veterans returned for a walk into the past and a look at the exhibit. They remembered defeat and their time in Cuban prisons, but they weren't bitter, telling stories and finding special spots on the private island now used as a playground for the rich.

■ American Indians close Thruway

CATTARAUGUS INDIAN RESERVATION, N.Y. — About 1,000 American Indians and their supporters briefly blocked traffic on the New York State Thruway Sunday to protest the state's collection of sales tax on Indian land.

"This is our land. This Thruway is ours," said Indian businessman Art Schindler, brother of Seneca Nation President Michael Schindler.

The demonstration started off peacefully along the side of the Thruway, but a handful of protesters later lit tire fires and scuffled with state troopers in the middle of the road.

Protesters also blocked nearby Route 5 and U.S. Route 20. State police detoured traffic around them.

Several minor injuries were reported.

Protesters and police approached each other to negotiate when fighting broke out.

■ Tobacco executives stick to story

MIAMI (AP) — A month after the Liggett Group admitted that smoking causes cancer and is addictive, executives of the nation's top four tobacco companies still say tobacco doesn't kill, a newspaper reported Sunday.

In private depositions given last week, the exeuctives clung to long-held industry dogma, according to transcripts and videotapes obtained by The Miami Herald. They were questioned by Stanley Rosenblatt, a Florida lawyer who has filed two class-action lawsuits.

Rosenblatt talked to James Morgan, president of Philip Morris, Andrew Schindler, president of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco, Nick Brookes, chief executive of Brown & Williamson, and Alexander Spears, chairman of Lorillard Tobacco Co.

The depositions were lengthy, often acrimonious and sometimes personal.

Spears' father, a heavy smoker, died of lung cancer. Schindler's father, who smoked three packs a day, had circulation problems and died from a stroke.

"The doctor told him ... 'You can either stop smoking or I can cut off your hands and feet some day,'" Schindler said.

Nevertheless, Schindler said he doesn't believe tobacco is deadly or conclusively linked to any illness.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Congress to check into Treasury watchdog

By John Solomon
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Shortly after becoming the Treasury Department's ethics watchdog, Valerie Lau arranged a no-bid contract for a longtime acquaintance who had written the White House recommending her for her job.

Lau's involvement has prompted a rare congressional inquiry into a department's inspector general, an official whose normal duties are policing the conduct of others and guarding against waste, fraud and abuse.

Documents obtained by The Associated Press show that Lau wrote a Treasury contracting office on Dec. 11, 1994, to select auditor Frank Sato to conduct a management review study of her office. Sato had proposed the study only the day before.

Lau asked that the contract be a "sole source procurement," not to be competitively bid because of an "unusual and compelling urgency" for the review, the documents state.

Treasury quickly approved a $113,000 contract for Sato & Associates. The firm ultimately was paid $90,776, the documents show.

A year earlier, Sato had written the White House personnel office to recommend Lau "very highly" for an inspector general's job, saying he had known her since 1980 and found her to be "a uniquely qualified person with high integrity and character."

Treasury officials say Sato was chosen for the contract because he was a former federal inspector general "uniquely qualified" to review Lau's office and make recommendations to make it more efficient.

The disclosure marks the second time in a week that Lau's conduct has come under scrutiny. Last Thursday, she admitted she gave inaccurate testimony to Congress but blamed the error on bad information from her staff.

Federal ethics regulations advise employees to avoid actions that "give rise to an appearance of ... giving preferential treatment" to someone with whom they have an outside relationship.

Congressional investigators are reviewing the Sato contract.

"At best, in this case, there is an appearance of impropriety that undermines the public confidence in this IG. This watchdog needs to be watched," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of one of the Senate's investigative subcommittees.

Lau refused to be interviewed. But in written answers to Congress, she acknowledged she developed "professional acquaintances" with Sato and another partner in his firm over the years as they served as government auditors.

She did not mention Sato's letter of recommendation to the White House. Treasury spokesman Howard Schloss said Lau was aware of the letter but had not solicited it.

Federal ethics regulations advise employees to avoid actions that "give rise to an appearance of ... giving preferential treatment" to someone with whom they have an outside relationship.

The regulations advise that "an employee whose duties would affect the financial interests of a friend, relative or person with whom he is affiliated with in a nongovernmental capacity" should consult with a third party to avoid the appearance of a conflict that would make a "reasonable person" question their impartiality.

Lau told Congress she chose Sato's firm because she knew he and his associate had "unique qualifications" as former inspectors general to provide "expertise in the area of audit, investigations and managing" her office.

Treasury officials could not immediately answer whether Lau consulted a third party, disclosed her outside relationship with Sato or reviewed the ethics rules before proceeding with the contract.

Sato worked for almost a decade as an inspector general at two different federal departments, then as an auditor at the Deloitte & Touche accounting firm before starting his own business. He did not return a message left at his home Friday.

In his May 1993 letter recommending Lau, he told the White House he had known Lau since 1980 and worked with her "on both professional accounting/financial management and Asian American issues."

"I have found her to not only be a top professional, but a kind of person you enjoy working with," he wrote.

Lau, a former congressional auditor, was appointed the following year to Treasury inspector general, among positions Sato recommended to presidential personnel.

She began the job in late 1994. Documents show she began inquiring in early December about the possibility of a management review study, and on Dec. 10 received a formal proposal from Sato.

The next day she wrote the contracting office recommending Sato for the contract. "Please let me know what I need to provide next," Lau scribbled in the handwritten note.

Mercedes-Benz—Swatch car to make market debut in '98

NEW YORK (AP) — The clock has started ticking for the arrival of the colorful, inexpensive Swatchmobile, which goes on sale in a year.

The peppy two-seater — from the manufacturer of some of the world's most expensive cars and the maker of some of the cheapest watches around — certainly will raise eyebrows with its chameleon-like features.

But it enters a small-car field crowded by some of the auto industry's biggest names, which could make sales difficult.

The Swatchmobile — formally known as the Smart — is the product of an unlikely joint venture between Germany's Mercedes-Benz and Swiss watchmaker Swatch.

Mercedes-Benz announced Friday that the Smart will go on sale in Europe in April 1998 for the equivalent of $9,400-$11,600, with 100,000 to be made the first year. There are no plans to sell it outside of Europe.

"It's difficult to see who's going to buy it," says Graeme Maxton, associate editor of the Economist Intelligence Unit automotive publications in London. "They're aiming at young professionals and students. It's clearly for use in an urban environment, not something you'd want to drive across Europe."

Swatchmobile buyers can purchase a special kit with different brightly colored body panels to change the shade and shape of the car to suit moods, clothes, or special occasions.

But despite its unique appearance, it will still face competition in the growing subcompact-car segment in Europe known as sub-B.

Administration launches final push for new weapons treaty

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's world leadership is at stake, the Clinton administration's top foreign policy officials insisted Sunday as they pressed for ratification of a treaty banning chemical weapons. The Senate takes up the pact Thursday in a vote too close to call.

"We are the superpower. We are the leader. This is a leadership question," Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said, her explanation of why the Senate must ratify the convention that imposes a global ban on the use, production, transfer and stockpiling of chemical weapons.

The treaty, signed by 170 countries and already ratified by 72, takes effect on April 29 regardless of how the Senate votes five days earlier.

Albright said the treaty, initiated by President Reagan and negotiated by President Bush, "has made-in-America written all over it."

Still, the administration has had to struggle to overcome opposition from Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., and the reluctance of Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., just to get a ratification vote before the April 29 deadline.

With that accomplished, administration officials are lobbying hard for the two-thirds vote needed to ratify. Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press" that all 45 Senate Democrats will vote for the treaty, but with Republican opposition the chances of passages are "no better than 50-50 today."

Lott, thought to hold the key to some Republican votes, said on CNN's "Late Edition" that conditions for the treaty have improved with passage last week of some clarifying language. But he remains bothered about treaty requirements that member nations, including what the United States considers "rogue" states, share information on anti-weapon technology and equipment. "That is a fundamental flaw in the treaty," Lott said.

President Clinton appealed to the Senate on Friday. He said failure to ratify would put the United States "in the company of pariah nations" that refuse to join.

"If we don't we will be on the side of Libya and Iraq instead of on the side of our allies," Albright said Sunday.

To stress the importance of the issue, Albright appeared on NBC with Defense Secretary William Cohen. It was, according to NBC, the first time the top two Cabinet officials appeared jointly on a Sunday news program since Secretary of State Dean Rusk and Defense Secretary Robert McNamara discussed Vietnam on a 1968 show.

"We are here because we consider this so important," Albright said.

Cohen argued that rejection of the treaty would mean that the United States would be barred from an executive board that makes the rules on such critical issues as inspections and sanctions. "We're far worse off without the treaty because we won't have the opportunity to point to countries who refuse to sign, or who sign and seek to cheat," said Cohen, the only Republican in Clinton's Cabinet.

Albright said that without U.S. ratification, Russia's parliament would probably reject it as well. "If we do not ratify it," she said, "we are giving cover to the hard liners that are opposed to it."

Sen. John Kyl, R-Ariz., said on "Fox News Sunday" that he opposes the treaty because he doesn't believe the weapons ban can be verified and countries such as Iran and China, who have signed it, would get greater access to chemicals.

"A country like Iran, for example, would legitimately be able to turn to the other parties of the treaty and say, 'All right, now sell us chemicals that you wouldn't sell us before,'" he said.

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Raileys still suffering 10 years after attack changed their lives

By Mike Cochran
Associated Press

DALLAS — Something extraordinarily evil occurred here that long ago spring night, and a heartbroken relative would later put it in chilling perspective.

"I'm old enough to know there are worse things than death," said Peggy Railey's grandmother, "and this is one of them."

Ten years later, the words of Ella Renfro remain grimly prophetic.

Peggy Railey never recovered from a savage attack at her Lake Highlands home and remains grotesquely disfigured in what doctors call a vegetative state.

She requires 24-hour care in a Tyler nursing home.

She wears diapers and is fed through tubes. She has no muscle control, intermittently wakes and sleeps, makes noises and cries but "can't tell somebody when she hurts."

It is a nightmare from which she is never expected to awaken.

To a lesser extent, her husband, Walker Railey, once a rising star in Dallas' First United Methodist Church, is also a victim. He is living in disgrace for a crime he did not commit or, perhaps, with the shame of an attempted murder for which he was not convicted.

Railey could not be reached for this article, but he told NBC's "Dateline" earlier this year that, at 49, he's trying to figure out what to do with the rest of his life.

"I am committed to living in the present. ...," he said, while conceding that his children, now 15 and 12, refuse to see him or even talk to him.

Indeed, the attempted murder of Peggy Railey was a crime that shattered families, destroyed careers, split a church and outraged a city.

Ella Renfro, since deceased, was right. There are much worse things than death.

In the spring of 1987, Walker Railey began receiving threatening, racially charged letters at the 6,000-member First United Methodist Church where he was a dynamic and socially conscious senior minister.

The concern was such that he wore a bulletproof vest when delivering the Easter Sunday sermon. It would be his last sermon at First Methodist.

On the night of April 21, an intruder choked Peggy Railey with a cord and left her convulsing and near death on her garage floor.

Inside and unharmed were the Raileys' two children, Ryan, 5, and Megan, 2.

Railey told police he discovered his wife about 12:40 a.m. when he returned from an evening of research at Southern Methodist University.

But rumors soon began to circulate that investigators had "indisputable evidence" that Railey lied about his activities that night.

Mobile phone records and messages he left on his home answering machine suggested that Railey was creating a phony alibi.

Six years would pass before he admitted from the witness stand in a San Antonio courtroom that was exactly what he had done. But he swore he was not covering up attempted murder. He said he was hiding his ongoing affair with a flashy divorcee named Lucy Papillon.

Ms. Papillon, a psychologist, was also the daughter of a Methodist bishop who, like Railey, once served as senior minister at First Methodist.

Little more than a week after the attack, Railey locked himself in his hospital suite and began to write.

A security guard forced his way into the room the next morning and found Railey sprawled across the bed, unconscious. Empty pill bottles and a long, rambling note lay nearby.

Police described it merely as a suicide note but did not disclose its contents for nearly a year.

Railey wrote that night of a lifelong battle with the "demon inside my soul" and said it had lured him into doing things he did not want to do. "My demon has finally gotten the upper hand," he claimed.

Some would say that sounded suspiciously like a deathbed confession.

Either way, Railey's days at First Methodist were numbered, as were his ministerial credentials.

Surrendering custody of his children to longtime friends, Railey fled to California, his scandalous romance with Ms. Papillon ongoing but doomed and under intense media scrutiny.

Back in Dallas, Norm Kinne, an assistant prosecutor, said he could prove Railey a liar and an adulterer but could not prove he tried to kill his wife.

"There's no evidence that he strangled her or that he knew who strangled her or that he arranged or participated in any way," Kinne said.

Still, a state district judge ruled in a civil judgment in 1988 that Railey "intentionally, knowingly, maliciously, and brutally attempted to strangle his wife" and to cover up his actions with a "false alibi."

In Railey's absence, the judge held him financially liable for Peggy's injuries and assessed damages at roughly $18 million, a symbolic gesture at best.

In fact, that judgment was set aside this year as part of bankruptcy proceedings and a settlement between Railey and his wife's family.

Bill Arnold, a Dallas attorney, said Railey is divorcing Peggy in Los Angeles, where he reportedly has a job in telemarketing.

"I think he's getting a divorce because he wants to marry someone else, but I don't know who that is," Arnold said. "I don't think it's Lucy. I don't think they're an item anymore."

Arnold said Railey agreed to alimony of $337, payable in twice-monthly installments of $168.50, plus 25 percent of any book or movie royalties he might receive.

"It will be some small satisfaction to me that he will have to remember Peggy at least twice a month, when he gets out his checkbook and writes a check to her," Ted Nicolai, Peggy's brother, told The Dallas Morning News.

More than four years would pass from the time of the 1988 civil judgment until Walker Railey went to trial in Texas for attempted murder.

The FBI determined that the threatening letters of 1987 had been composed on a typewriter at Railey's church and that DNA indicated he had licked at least one envelope.

Furthermore, investigators developed evidence through Railey's cellular phone calls that he was not on the SMU campus but nearer his own home at a critical time the night of the attack.

It wasn't the hard evidence prosecutors wanted but it was enough for a grand jury indictment.

In San Antonio, prosecutors tried to show that Railey plotted to kill his wife so he would be free to marry Ms. Papillon. They argued that Railey knew a divorce would have jeopardized his rise through the church hierarchy.

The defense, headed by Doug Mulder, once the bulldog of the Dallas district attorney's office, gambled that Railey himself could best explain the inconsistencies, lies, demons and suicide attempt.

Was he camouflaging a murder attempt?

"No. I was lying to my wife and creating an alibi to go see Lucy Papillon," Railey testified.

Was his suicide letter a confession?

"I was confessing the guilt and the sense of betrayal I felt for not being there when my family needed me. ... That is a shame and a guilt that won't go away."

The jury deliberated 16 hours before finding Railey innocent.

Several jurors did not believe Railey, but they said the evidence simply was not strong enough to convict. They also said prosecutors did a poor job.

"It's like 'Murder, She Wrote,'" Railey told The Associated Press the night after the verdict. "Everybody wants to solve it. Well, I want to solve it, too."



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Long arm of the law

The Texas Legislature is seeking to get tough on violent criminals, welfare fraud and, yes, people with overdue library books. Rep. Tony Goolsby, R-Dallas, has sponsored a bill that would make failing to return public library materials a misdemeanor crime, punishable by a maximum fine of $500. "If I came in your house and stole something, you wouldn't like it," Goolsby said. "That's what they're doing." The measure puts library material under the Theft of Service section of the state's criminal code, treating the materials like video rentals. Patrons still have the opportunity to pay for the book and pay smaller fines, but for those who ignore notices, libraries would have increased enforcement power.

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Father, son find girl's body in retention pond

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Laura Kate Smither left her residence for what she said was a morning jog and hasn't been seen since.

A man and his son training a dog in a Pasadena field Sunday afternoon made the gruesome discovery. Houston radio station KTRH cited unidentified sources as saying the body was that of a white girl between ages 7 and 15. Smither is white.

KTRH also reported that the body was badly decomposed and nude except for a tube sock. The body was partially submerged in a retention pond in the field.

Police dispatchers in both Friendswood and Pasadena confirmed that a body had been found but said they didn't know if there was any connection to Laura's disappearance. They refused to release any other details.

Pasadena police spokesman Kelly Payne said the body would be turned over to the Harris County medical examiner.

"The medical examiner will take custody of the body and take it to the morgue for an autopsy," Payne said.

FBI spokesman Rolondo Moss said agents at the scene Sunday night had not determined if the body was consistent with Laura's description.

"We don't know whether it's her or not," Moss said. "Many bodies have been found since she went missing in Houston. Right now it's all rumor."

Moss added that it could be Monday or Tuesday before the body was identified.

Volunteers at the Laura Recovery Center, which was set up to serve as a base for the search, said Friendswood Police Chief Jared Stout called Sunday evening to say the body had been found.

But Stout said the girl's description did not match Laura's.

"They were talking a 13- to 17-year-old, whereas Laura is a petite 12-year-old," said volunteer Colette Ming. "We are still saying that this is not Laura."

When she disappeared, Laura was wearing a black T-shirt, navy blue shorts and white tennis shoes. She wears braces on her teeth and is described as having long, curly brown hair and a fair complexion.

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"Reverend Jerry Falwell is so disgusted by Ellen DeGeneres' announcement that he's referring to her as 'Ellen DeGenerate.' To get even, Ellen is referring to him as 'Reverend Jerry Falwell.' "

"For his 50th birthday party on Sunday, Elton John dressed up like an 18th century aristocrat, wearing several boas and a two-foot Pompadour wig. The weird thing is it was a surprise party."

"A surviving Heaven's Gate member says that he doesn't think of the group as a cult, he thinks of it as a class for higher learning. He also said he's happy he skipped class the day they went on their field trip."

"A New York hospital is replacing their cafeteria with a McDonalds. The best part is the prize in the happy meal is 10 cc's of morphine."

"During a lecture somewhere, Johnnie Cochran said he wants students to know that the law is an effective tool for change. Then he explained how he used the law to change a murderer into a golfer."

"In a recent interview Katie Couric admits that she was never very close with Bryant Gumbel. Unlike Bryant Gumbel, who says he loves Bryant Gumbel."

"Grammy Award-winning musician Babyface turned 39 years old today. So starting next year he'll be known as Toddlerface."

"It was announced today that starting June 1, Kathie Lee Gifford will begin taking Friday's off. When he heard about this Regis said, 'Well, that's a start.' "

— Conan O'Brien

"Oprah Winfrey's long-time boyfriend, Steadman Graham, has written a new book called, 'You Can Make It Happen: A Nine-Step Plan for Success.' Step No. 1: Go out with Oprah Winfrey."

— Saturday Night Live

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If you truly believe aliens are living among us

If you have ever saved the power cord from a broken appliance

If you still own a slide rule and you know how to work it

If you rotate your screen savers more frequently than your automobile tires.

If you have introduced your kids by the wrong name

If your I.Q. number is bigger than your weight

If you can remember 7 computer passwords but not your anniversary

If people groan at the party when you pick out the music

If you did the sound system for your senior prom

If your checkbook always balances

If you have more friends on the Internet than in real life

If you thought the real heroes of 'Apollo 13' were the mission controllers

If you think that when people around you yawn, it's because they didn't get enough sleep

If you know what http:/ stands for

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Walkin' the walk

Students at Northside Elementary participate in a "Walk Across America" Tuesday in Palestine. The goal is to walk 3,000 miles in three days and to promote walking as a lifetime activity.

AP Laserphoto

Something to sneeze at: Must be allergy time

By Diane White
N.Y. Times News Service

What did we talk about before we had allergies?

I can't remember.

Memory loss. That's one of the symptoms. But about this time of year everything is an allergy symptom.

"Somebody stole our trash can," my husband says.

Allergies. It's obvious. If someone wanted to walk off with our trash can, why not do it in January or February? Why wait until now?

The perpetrator probably doesn't even know he did it. That's what allergies do. They fuddle your brain. You wake up one morning and everything feels wrong. Your head is stuffy. Your chest hurts. You're depressed and cranky. You find yourself thinking the Heaven's Gate gang might have had the right idea. The next thing you know, a strange trash can is sitting in your basement and you have no idea how it got there.

An allergy paradox: Allergies can make you forget you have allergies. For some sufferers the onset of seasonal allergies comes as a surprise, year after year. After a day or two, sometimes longer, the truth begins to penetrate the allergy-induced fog, and with a mixture of relief and horror you say to yourself: I'm not going crazy after all. It's only allergies.

Only allergies indeed. What was the question? I forget. Oh yes. What did we talk about before we had allergies? Did we ever have conversations that weren't filled with mold spores and dust mites, ragweed and grasses? Can we remember what it was like never to

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Churchgoers attend Park Avenue Christian Church's drive-in service at a parking lot at the church in Tucson, Ariz., on March 23, led by John Smith, the church's interim pastor.

Park & Pray

Church offers religion without leaving your car

By Malia Rulon
Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Every Sunday since it opened in 1964, Glen and Helen McGinnis have gone to the drive-in.

They park their car and hang the clunky speaker on their window.

But the couple are not about to see Sylvester Stallone's latest celluloid disaster or a bunch of loud-mouthed Ninja turtles.

They are attending Park Avenue Christian Church's drive-in service. Joining them are people in about a dozen other cars and trucks.

"It's something different," Helen McGinnis said. "But it's just a matter of preference, I guess."

The church's drive-in service started more than three decades ago at the Rodeo drive-in theater on South Nogales Highway after the Rev. John Coatsworth, then the pastor of the church, saw a drive-in religious service in Tampa, Fla.

The drive-in was started here for elderly and handicapped churchgoers who had a hard time attending traditional services.

Now, people of all kinds attend the drive-in services in a parking lot at the church.

A pastor stands just inside a small building, behind open sliding-glass doors, and speaks into a microphone connected to the speaker system.

"We get everything that we would get at the second (traditional indoor) service — except the choir," said Mary Bolza, who has attended drive-in services with her husband off and on for two years.

Bolza, who has trouble walking, said the service is "wonderful" for people who have mobility problems.

"It's so much easier than having to go into the service," she said. "I don't even have to get out of the car."

And that's the point, Helen

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READERS WRITE

By Jim Williamson

Take Me Back to Dallas

In all probability, Farm Road 181, which runs from just west of Goldsmith, in the Permian Basin, up through Frankel City and on into Seminole, is still called "Burma Road," by some of the old timers in the "Oil Patch" -- and by some of the late comers, who have been around some of the old timers. I really don't know how the name came about but -- I would hazard a guess -- it came from some World War II veteran who had reason to travel each, under conditions less than ideal.

The Permian Basin has a number of colorful names for geographical locations, names that for one reason or another became poin erence.

"Go north on a lease that starts one mile west of .. dacol Corners ..."

Burma Road, Miniskirt Junction, Hadacol Corners, and Moonlight Bar are some of the more familiar names for places used as points of reference.

Moonlight Bar, as I understand, was located at the junction of New Mexico Highway 529 and U.S. Highway 82, east of Loco Hills, and right in the center of the New Mexico oil fields, and of course, the name speaks for itself. Miniskirt Junction was located at the crossing of highways 385 and 158 about 12 miles north of Odessa and, according to my friend, who is an expert on these matters, got its name from the miniskirts the waitresses wore, who worked there in a long since vanished cafe. A few miles east of Midkiff and across from a gas plant was the location of Hadacol Corners, named after a brand of medicine that was popular at the time.

The uniquely named landmarks combined with the equally fascinating lingo of the oil patch, creates some interesting possibilities. Words such as "Cathead," "Possum Belly," and "Monkey Board" are parts of a rig. "Tripping" and "fishing" are names of procedures of drilling. Then there are the "Roughnecks," "Roustabouts" and "Tool Pushers." "Dope" is a pipe joint treatment product. Some conversations can be misleading to an outsider.

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JIMMY PATTERSON

Hold the phone: When adults stop calling

Important developments in the history of the telephone:

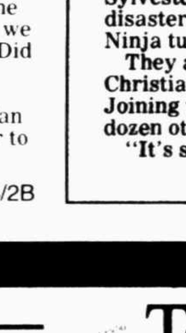
1876 — First telephone invented by Alexander Graham Bell.

1919 — First dial telephone introduced.

1968 — Trimline, push-button phone debuts.

1989 — Cordless telephone makes debut.

1997 — My daughter turns 11.



Patterson

Actually, if you arrange the list in terms of importance, the kid's birthday would immediately follow Mr. Bell's invention. I believe our family is single-handedly supporting the telecommunications industry at present, but then again, what parent of a young girl doesn't feel that way?

Used to be, the ring of a phone at our house meant the prospect of an exciting development. Good news. Job possibilities. Career advancements. Notification that we'd won the Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes.

Of course none of those things ever happened, but when the phone rang, we at least had a fleeting feeling that something just might.

When the phone rings nowadays at our house, nobody who has reached the age of adulthood even gets up and heads to the phone anymore. More often than not, the sound of the phone ringing brings little more than a roll of the eyes from the children's mother and me.

Mrs. P and I never even ask "Did anyone call for me?" when we get home anymore. We don't care. We know the answer. And we don't want to hear it.

We have reached that age in our children's lives when the phone is no longer for us. It's really that simple. Oth r grown-ups do not call our house anymore. Oh, ccasionally we'll get a wrong number and we'll end up talking to whoever it is just to feel like it's a call for us and to make us feel like we're important, but that's about the extent of it.

The ringing of a phone in our house today only means one thing: one of our kids will disappear from the planet until we yell at them to either h lp set the table, do their homework, feed the pe s, go t ed or remind them they are approaching their 21st birthday and it's time they marry and start a family of their own.

We have one of those caller IDs. A few years ago we got rid of our answering machine and for a long time felt free as a result. No longer were we tied to the blinking light. We figured if someone called and it was important, they'd call back.

Now, we have caller ID, which both my wife and I truly despise. For several reasons. Since there is no message, we wonder why someone called when we see their name on the display. Don't get me wrong, we're thankful for the call, even though we don't know the reason for the call. Sometimes, people will call us by accident and we'll sit around for hours trying to figure out who Vera Jo BillyBob is, for instance, and why she would be calling us.

"Do you know a Vera Jo BillyBob?" my wife will say. "Is she someone from soccer? She must be call-

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DAVE BARRY

If all else fails, blame fundraising on Chelsea

I recently received some very exciting mail. And I'm not talking about a sleazy letter from some magazine-selling outfit claiming I won a sweepstakes. I'm talking about a sleazy letter from the Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate, Trent Lott.


Barry

Trent — I call him "Trent"; he calls me "David" — informs me that I "have been nominated as one of Florida's 15 representatives on the Republican Presidential Roundtable." Trent explains that the Roundtable is "a unique group of only 400 Americans," and that "recently, a vacancy occurred"; he's hoping I will "consider stepping forward to fill it."

"It's not often in life that one is called upon to lead," notes Trent.

This is true. The last time I was called upon to lead was when I was a counselor at Camp Sharparoon, and I led a cabin of 12-year-olds on a nature hike directly into the heart of what had to be North America's largest bee colony. That was in 1966, and the swelling is just now subsiding on some of those campers.

Of course the Republican Presidential Roundtable is not interested in a nature hike. It is interested, according to Trent's letter, in obtaining my "personal help and assistance in shaping and driving our Republican national agenda."

I do have some thoughts on that. I think that Item No. 1 on the Republican national agenda would be to introduce a bill that would enable the Senate Majority Leader to change his first name from "Trent" to something that makes him sound more like the kind of strong legislative stud we want running our Senate, such as "Dirk," or "Buck," or — this would make me very proud to be an American — "Mojo."

My other suggestion for the national agenda occurred to me recently when I read about a plan by the federal government to pay hospitals NOT to train doctors. According to a New York Times article that I swear I am not making up, the federal government is going to pay 41 teaching hospitals in New York State $400 million of your tax dollars to stop training so many doctors, thereby stemming "a growing surplus of doctors."

Perhaps your reaction to this program is: "Hey, if there's such a surplus of doctors, how come whenever I try to see one, I have to sit in the waiting room long enough to watch 'Rocky' and all 14 sequels?" This shows why you are an ordinary dirtball taxpayer, as opposed to a health-care expert. The Times says that health-care experts greeted this plan as "brilliant." Bear in mind that, in their field, they spend a lot of time around drugs.

My own reaction to the plan is that it would be perfect with one minor modification: Instead of paying the $400 million to teaching hospitals, we should pay it to law schools, on the condition that they promise to stop producing lawyers, which already outnumber humans in some cities. Naturally, because this is a free country, any given law school would always have the option not to participate, in which case Army tanks would reduce it to smoking rubble.

So those are my feelings on the national agenda. Unfortunately, I may not be sharing them with Sen. Mojo Lott and the other members of the Republican Presidential Roundtable, because when you get to page two of Trent's letter it turns out that, in addition to my personal help and assistance in shaping and driving the national agenda, they want 5,000 of my personal dollars. And before I spend that kind of money, I want to consider what kind of deal I can get from the Democrats.

As I understand it, the Democrats have a whole menu of options for contributors. If you pay so much, you get coffee with the president; if you pay more, you get to stay overnight in the Lincoln Bedroom; if you pay still more, you get to use the Jefferson Bidet; and so on up the donor scale until you reach the level of your major supporters such as Indonesia or Barbra Streisand; at this level, you get the Executive Package, in which you get to appoint an ambassador, veto a bill and launch a nuclear attack against the city of your choice. Another plus with the Democrats is, it will probably turn out that your donation is illegal, which means they have to give it back.

The downside is, if you give money to the Democrats, reporters will snoop around and eventually link you to "Whitewater" — there is no activity on Earth, including erosion, that is not ultimately connected to "Whitewater" — and President Clinton will issue a statement about you making these points:

1. He doesn't know you.
2. Well, OK, he DOES know you, but he didn't promise you anything.
3. Well, OK, he DID promise you something, but it was not technically illegal.
4. But if it WAS illegal, the Republicans do the same thing all the time, and we need to put a stop to it.
5. It was Chelsea's idea.

I don't need that kind of hassle. So I'm frankly thinking that maybe I won't be donating to either political party. Bill and Dirk will just have to call on somebody else to help them lead, somebody more in tune with the ethical concepts involved in modern political fund raising. I hear O.J. is available.

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Athens teen battles disability to place in the money

By Gene Lehman
Associated Press

ATHENS — Tim Willis wasn't expected to make it through the night.

The 4-pound, 11-ounce baby boy of Glynn and Sherilyn Willis, born two months premature and breathing with just one-third of a lung, quickly lost weight and fell to a mere two pounds.

The attending physician told Willis, a Baptist minister, to prepare for the boy's funeral. Instead, he started a prayer vigil along with dozens of other Christians.

Last week, 19-year-old Tim Willis, using crutches to guide his pig in competition at the Henderson County Livestock Show — finished in the money.

His sixth place showing ensured him a place in Saturday's premium livestock action, where his animal brought more than the show's grand champion. Willis' animal brought $1,351.25, or $5 a pound, compared with the grand champion's price of $2.75 a pound, for a total of $945.

His mother and father, pastor of Opelika Baptist Church, watched with pride.

The Brownsboro High School junior, a member of the Future Farmers of America, hasn't let the spastic cerebral palsy condition he suffers from stop him from doing the things he enjoys. The condition makes it difficult for Tim to walk — in fact he's wheelchair-bound some of the time — and he has tunnel vision which will keep him from driving a car.

Surgery is needed on his legs but the two-year recovery process has caused his parents and Tim to decide to wait until school is finished before starting the process. Tim's afflictions were caused by his premature birth.

But nobody is giving this 'B-C' student any breaks.

The pig was given to the student by Brownsboro ag teacher Tracy Lemons, but Tim had to find a place to keep it and had to feed it as well.

Opelika Baptist Church members Harold and Lorri Hawkins gave the pig a home. Lemons and Brownsboro chief ag instructor Chuck McCamm made sure an extra pair of crutches were kept at the school so Tim could go with them to feed the animal. And despite his handicap, he says its not hard to slop the hog.

"The whole ag department has been wonderful to him and for him," Mrs. Willis said. "They have encouraged him and helped him."

While Tim was interested in showing livestock, Mrs. Willis was not as thrilled.

"I wasn't for it at first because I didn't want him to forget that he does have limitations and I didn't want him to be disappointed."

"We've always encouraged Tim to do the things he wanted to do and not accept his handicap. We don't expect him to be normal, but we want him to enjoy the things he is able to do," Mrs. Willis said.

Tim has played T-ball, has competed in special Olympics, rides horses, goes camping and now he can say he's a finisher in one of the most important events annually for Henderson County.

"I knew I was going to place, but I didn't know how high. When they told me I finished sixth and would be in the auction, I said, 'that will work,'" Tim said with a laugh.

Spectators at the livestock show marveled at how Tim maneuvered his pig with his crutches and not the traditional pig-whip. He said it took the animal about two weeks to get used to his crutches.

The pig still strays away at times, as any animal will, but Tim himself goes and rounds it up.

The young man has a wonderful outlook on competition and his own limitations.

"If I fall," he says, "I just get back up."

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PATTERSON: What do kids talk about?

(From 1B)

ing about our pictures. Maybe she's that person we ran into the other day who was trying to sell something."

We will torture ourselves for hours.

The other reason we hate caller ID is because sometimes we will call a wrong number and the person whom we dialed incorrectly won't be home. But these paranoid little people will eventually get home, see that we called, wonder who we are and call us. "Did ya'll call me, and who are ya anyway? Whaddaya want with me?" Rednecks.

But the biggest reason we hate caller ID is that it serves as an eternal reminder that no one ever calls for us; people only call for our daughters.

When we are home, the typical scene works pretty much like this: The phone will ring, and there will be a blur zoom through the room. Then, a smaller blur will zoom through the room. Suddenly, two living, breathing, vertically-challenged females will materialize, put their heads together and focus in on the caller ID to see if the call is for them. Whoever the lucky girl is, she will start jumping up and down with great excitement until she finally realizes that if she doesn't stop jumping up and down with great excitement and answer the phone, then the person calling will very likely hang up (after about 30 rings — you know how kids are). Which would be a tragedy, of course. Serious illness would be imminently preferable to a missed phone call for a young girl.

I always wonder, but have never had the courage to ask, what young girls talk about so long when they're tying up the phone lines. I'm sure it's a young-girl thing, so I'm not going to try to even guess what they talk about. Other than boys. And other girls. And teachers. And their bratty little kid sister or brother. And what the other one is wearing tomorrow. And boys. Did I say boys?

It's really none of my business and I wouldn't consider listening through my kid's door, so it will remain a mystery what is discussed during these calls.

I'm told that as young girls become teenage girls the phone situation only becomes worse. I'm not emotionally prepared to handle that bit of information at this point, so I'll just refuse to accept it for now.

There's only one bright spot in all of this: Someday our kids grow up and have kids of their own and nobody will ever call them either. Except Vera Jo BillyBob.

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READERS: Things go awry when city, oil field cultures clash

(From 1B)

My Miniskirt Junction friend told me the following story. I don't know how true it is, but I'll tell it to you just like he told it to me, and you be the judge.

Once upon a time there was this good ol' boy from Odessa. While on vacation in Dallas, he met and fell in love with this pretty young lady, and she with him. She said yes to his proposal of marriage, but told him that she would have to get the blessing of her mother first. It turns out that her mother was a protective, suspicious and doting person who did not want to give up her daughter, and to make things more complicated, knew nothing of the oil business and had a very low opinion of the people involved. In her years in the city, she had absorbed some of the drug culture's words and expressions. She was determined to insure her daughter's non-exposure to the evils of the world.

She quizzed him. "I understand that you want to marry my daughter."

"Yes, ma'am."

"What do you do for a living, young man?"

"Ma'am, I'm a hotshot delivery man for an Odessa oilfield supply store."

"A hotshot, eh?"

"Well you see ma'am" ...

She interrupted ...

"Let me speak to my daughter, in private, please!"

"I forbid you to marry this oil field trash. He just said that he's a hotshot ... and I can not stand smart alec's.Who knows? He might even be a druggie!"

"Mother, he is a wonderful man and I'm going to marry him, with or without your approval."

So they were wed. Her mother, still doting, still suspicious, insisted on accompanying them back to Odessa to help the young bride "set up housekeeping."

Her secret wish for a reason that would justify their return to Dallas was not long in coming.

Late on his first day back, when our hero had not shown up after work, the mother, after a mild protest from the daughter, called the supply house and asked to speak to her daughter's husband. She was told by a counterman that he left earlier and was out of town ...

"Mercy me ... where did he go?" she asked in an astonished tone.

"New Mexico," responded the counterman, routinely.

"Mexico?" she asked, confusing the two.

"*New* Mexico, ma'am; some guys over there fishin' ... "

"Fishing?" she said, suspiciously.

"They ran into some bad joints, and the pusher ..."

"Bad Joints?!... Pusher?!... For heaven's sake, what else are you going to tell me?"

"Well, the pusher needed some more dope," he said, trying to explain.

"Land sakes! Do they just do business right out in the open like this?" she asked, disgusted.

"Oh no, ma'am, he's meeting the pusher at the Moonlight Bar at midnight."

Mama had her daughter on the first available plane!

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CHURCH: Come as you are, worship as you are

(From 1B)

McGinnis said.

"Come as you are and worship in your car," she said.

"They could be in their pajamas for all we know," said Gerald Yost, a church usher. "It makes no difference. They've got the best seat in the house."

The drive-in started in 1964 at the theater, with Coatsworth preaching from a stage constructed on a trailer. Coatsworth's son, Dave, played organ music through a tape recorder.

Thirteen months later, the service was moved to the church lot, where it remains. John Smith, the church's interim pastor (the full-time pastor resigned recently), said 20 to 30 people usually attend the drive-in services.

The drive-in service is similar to those inside the church, Smith said. Still, he had to adjust to the drive-in approach.

"It felt awkward preaching to headlights," Smith said.

When drivers enter the lot, they are handed programs and a communion kit. They sing hymns, give an offering and listen to a sermon.

There are a few differences between traditional services and the drive-in service: The outdoor services do not feature a choir, and the pastor hears no feedback.

"I don't hear laughter or anything," Smith said. "It's more like broadcasting, like being on the radio."

Smith likes to think the mobile congregation is singing along with the hymns, but for all he knows he and the organist could be the only ones singing.

"That doesn't bother me," Smith said, citing optional participation as one of the benefits of the service.

"They can just sit and listen," he said. "You can choose if you want to plug in (to the service) and when you want to plug in."

Smith cited another benefit: It is a non-threatening way for the curious to attend a religious service.

"It's an entry point for some people who want to taste what a church has to offer, but who want to do it anonymously and without interaction," Smith said.

The church is a member of the Disciples of Christ, a Protestant denomination founded on the American frontier in the 1800s. Except on special occasions including Easter, drive-in services begin each Sunday at 8:30 a.m. October through April, and at 7:30 a.m. May through September.

ALLERGIES: Talk of sniffles the rage

(From 1B)

talk about the pollen index?

What did we do before we succumbed to allergy paranoia and began telling each other that everything we breathe, touch, eat, drink, and think about is making our allergies worse? What did we talk about before we started comparing allergy medications?

Was there ever a time when we weren't allergy bores?

I turn on the television and there is yet another allergy expert talking about the latest scientific breakthroughs. New treatments are on the horizon, she says.

New allergy treatments are always on the horizon. An estimated one-quarter of the population suffers from allergies, so there's money to be made finding ways to alleviate the symptoms. There are all sorts of new prescription and nonprescription allergy medications that, unlike the original sedating antihistamines, won't put you to sleep. There are so many new allergy drugs that it can take a while to find the right one, one that won't interact with your anti-depressant, your anti-inflammatory, your anti-hypertensive, one that won't make you so wired you think you're sprouting wings.

The new drugs make it easier to live with allergies. Perhaps somebody will come up with a drug that will make it easier to live with people who don't believe that there are such things as allergies. Strangely, these are often people who suffer from allergies themselves but won't admit it. My mother has been known to sniff and cough and clear her throat and say to me, "Where could you have gotten allergies?"

Not from her, obviously. Her real daughter, Martha Stewart (my mother is sure Martha and I were switched at birth), would never succumb to allergies. She has too much strength of character. Like my (her?) mother.

I think of my mother and me and Martha, and suddenly it seems that allergies might serve as a metaphor for certain aspects of the mother-daughter relationship. Maybe it's time for another Claritin. Where did I put them? I can't remember. I know they're here somewhere. I snap at my husband. I snap at the cat. I think about snapping at my stepson but reconsider. His allergies are worse than mine. I might need to borrow a pill.

(Diane White is a columnist for the Boston Globe.)

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DEAR ABBY

Making police bad guys is not good solution

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am a police officer who spends many hours in local school programs trying to get children to trust police officers. It breaks my heart and angers me to hear an adult tell a child, "See that officer? If you don't behave, he's going to put you in jail."



Van Buren

The last time I heard a mother say this, she was talking to her 3-year-old son! This child then walked up to me almost in tears and asked, "Are you really going to put me to jail?"

That form of "discipline" is not fair to us or to the child. First of all, it's lying to the child. And someday if the child should get lost he will think, "I can't ask a police officer for help because he will put me in jail —Mommy and Daddy said he would."

Law enforcement officers are there to help parents and children, but parents using us as threats thwart our efforts to protect these little ones. Please, parents, do not alienate your children from us. — RICHARD K. TEAR, BALCH SPRINGS, TEXAS

DEAR OFFICER TEAR: I have published a number of such letters in the past, but this important message cannot be repeated too often.

Parents, it is essential that children be taught to respect the law and trust its officers, because not only do they fight crime, they also offer aid in times of crisis.

DEAR ABBY: I have enjoyed your columns for many years but have never written to you before.

For a long time I have been concerned and embarrassed because someone in my family, whom I love very much, is a habitual liar. No matter what we say or do, he can't stop lying. He has told so many outrageous stories about the family that he has been disowned many times, but then given a second, third, fourth chance, ad infinitum. Please advise on what might help. Please don't print my name or town. —CARING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR CARING: When people lie compulsively, low self-esteem is often the root of the problem. Your family member may need the help of a psychologist to determine the cause of the problem and eliminate this destructive compulsion. I have been told that antidepressants are somewhat effective, but the cure is psychotherapy.

Show him this column and offer your support if he agrees to seek professional help. Good luck.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are the proud parents of five children, ages 8, 5, 3, and twins who are nearly a year old. My dilemma begins when I take my children shopping. Abby, you wouldn't believe some of the comments I get: "You sure have your hands full!" "I wouldn't want to pay your grocery bills." "Better you than me." "Lady, you have too many kids!"

I'm beginning to dislike going shopping, and now become automatically defensive if someone approaches me.

My question is, should I respond to these insensitive people? If so, what do I say? I don't want to be rude, but I can't tell you how fed up I am with strangers minding my business. Yes, occasionally there is a good comment, but the negative greatly outweigh the positive. — SEETHING IN OAKDALE, CONN.

DEAR SEETHING: It would be the better part of wisdom to just smile and keep walking.

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AREA BRIEFS

Students qualify

Five Greenwood High School students qualified for state competition by placing at the regional University Interscholastic League contest Saturday at Odessa College.

The GISD qualifiers are:

Laura Barkowsky, first place in editorial writing and second place, feature writing; Brandon Helms, first alternate, headline writing; Lindsey Stewart, second alternate, poetry interpretation; Josh Kidd, first alternate, calculator applications, and second alternate, number sense; and Myra Warren, second alternate, ready writing.

Staff appreciation

The fourth annual school secretaries and support staff appreciaton day, "Tools of the Trade," is set for 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday at the Region 18 Education Service Center in Midland.

More than 300 participants from Midland, Odessa and area towns are to attend the workshop that will feature sessions on communication and listening skills, technology, creativity and dressing for success.

For more information call Laura Englert at Region 18, 915-567-3222, or fax her at 915-567-3290.

DEATHS

Helen R. Johnson

Helen R. Johnson, 56, of Midland, died Wednesday, April 16. Helen was a school teacher.

Survivors include brother, Freddie Whitfield; daughter, Alisa Gans; and one grandchild.

Services will be held Tuesday, April 22, 3 p.m. at Harkey Funeral Chapel with Rev. Jeppie Wilson.

Arrangements are with Harkey Funeral Home.

Ceoil O'Brien

Services for Mr. Ceoil O'Brien, 90, of Patricia, father of Midlander Kay Spears, are scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church with Rev. Howard Rhodes, officiating. Burial will be in Lamesa Memorial Park.

He was a charter member of Friendship Baptist Church. He served as a Dawson County Commissioner for many years and was instrumental in forming Medical Arts Hospital. He served on the Klondike I.S.D. school board of trustees for many years.

Survivors include son, Joe O'Brien; daughter, Kay Spears; sisters, Velma Kennedy, Mayme O'Brien and Vera Harp; six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Adeline Holum

Services for Adeline Holum are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

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

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Rock 'n' Roll collection spices up home for Texas music enthusiast

Associated Press

LUFKIN— It's only rock 'n' roll, but he likes it.

Robert L. Poland Jr. of Lufkin really likes it. Likes it, loves it, wants more of it. Well, he says he doesn't want more of it, exactly, but he enjoys fine-tuning what he's got.

What he's got is an extensive collection of rock 'n' roll memorabilia that looks as if it could easily fill a medium-size museum.

"The guys that I deal with all the time tell me I have the best collection in the state of Texas," Poland says. "I trade with people all over the country. I go through authenticators who are reputable."

The authenticators tell him that a particular piece is genuine, Poland said. Considering the serious money involved, assurances of authenticity are very important. Poland says he has a good idea of the approximate dollar value of his collection, but he declines to name it.

"It's way up there," he says with a smile.

Cable radio turned low keeps classic rock music coming as Poland meanders among treasures overflowing two rooms. With collector's items stacked together on the floor and on a large pool table, frames covering the wall space and bristling groups of guitars sitting up on stands, one hardly knows where to begin to look.

He has about 60 guitars signed by famous musicians, framed gold and platinum records (generally records that the honored star had presented to radio stations to thank them for helping him or her reach the career milestone), and who knows how many autographed pictures.

Favorites are a good place to start. Poland points to a guitar mounted horizontally over his desk.

"That's one of my favorites," he says. "It's a Fender Stratocaster signed by Stevie Ray Vaughan and Eric Clapton. I'll probably never trade that."

Another "probably never trade" is a framed piece of stationery signed by all four Beatles in 1962 at the Salutation Hotel in Perth, Scotland. Then there's the concert ticket signed by Jimi Hendrix at the request of a young female fan. Along with his autograph is an invitation from Hendrix for the young woman to join him in his hotel room later. Poland says the personal note from Hendrix makes the ticket especially valuable.

Two other tickets are prized.

"I have an unused ticket to the original Woodstock concert," he says. "I also have an unused ticket to the last Beatles concert in the United States."

Poland says the Woodstock ticket was probably unused because out-of-control fans at that historic cultural event crashed fences and got in free.

A flute played and signed by Ian Anderson of Jethro Tull, a harmonica played and signed by Jack Bruce of Cream, a drumhead signed by Ringo Starr of the Beatles, autographed sheet music for Led Zeppelin's "Stairway to Heaven," a limited edition fiddle signed by Charlie Daniels, and a lithograph drawn and signed by John Lennon are some of the more unusual items.

A 1964 Fender Mustang guitar is covered with signatures of stars. According to its certificate of authenticity, the front of the instrument is signed by Rod Stewart, Tom Petty, Clint Black, Nils Lofgren, Billy Joel, Glenn Frey, Don Henley, Joe Walsh, Jon Bon Jovi and Richie Sambora. It is signed on back by Keith Richards, Bill Wyman, Ron Wood, Robert Plant, Eric Clapton, Sting and members of The Who.

There's a gold record presented by Peter Frampton to a radio station as thanks for helping him make "Frampton Comes Alive," — "still the biggest-selling live album of all time," Poland says.

A framed program on one wall harks back to a pioneering benefit, The Concert for Bangla Desh. The program is signed by the artists who performed in that concert: Eric Clapton, Billy Preston, Ravi Shankar, Bob Dylan, Ringo Starr, Leon Russell and George Harrison.

Music has always moved Poland. When he hears a favorite song, he says, "I feel euphoric. That's why I started going to Pink Floyd. They get me more 'up' than any other group."

Pink Floyd remains his current favorite: "For years Elvis was my favorite and I've always liked Roy Orbison." He loves to hear lead guitar.

"My favorite guitarists are Stevie Ray Vaughan and Jimi Hendrix," he says. "They're both dead. My favorite live guitarist is David Gilmore with Pink Floyd. He is an awesome guitarist."

Like a number of rock 'n' roll groups that were big 20 years ago or more, Pink Floyd is also enjoying a resurgence of popularity. Poland was able to see them in concert two or three years ago. He attends three or four concerts each year.

Poland has been putting his money where his ears are for as long as he's been making it.

"When I was a little bitty kid, whenever I was working I'd save my money and buy records," he says. "I bought my first record in 1955. It was a single, but I don't remember the name of it. I earned the money trimming trees for my father with a little Boy Scout hatchet. I kept buying albums over the years. I've probably got 2,000 albums.

"I've got CDs now, of course. But I sometimes still play the albums, particularly at parties. We've had many parties here. My friends say the selection is good enough that they can ask for pretty much anything they want to hear and I've got it."

Poland graduated from Lufkin High School in 1964 and spent a year and a day serving in the Army in the Vietnam War in 1970. Back home, he worked 20 years for Texas Foundries, and for five of those 20 years was based in Houston. He moved back to Lufkin in 1986.

For the past five years he has worked as a manufacturers' representative, specializing in the sale of iron and steel castings.

Poland is married to attorney Linda Poland. They have two daughters in college.

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Midland Police Department
Saturday

Vandalism of a vehicle: Kathy Robinson reported at 3:15 p.m. a plate glass window at 3303 W. Shandon had been shot out with a BB gun.

Burglary of a residence: Gary Despain reported at 4:03 p.m. computer equipment had been taken from 4511 Fairbanks.

Vandalism of a vehicle: A vandalism report was made at 10:29 p.m. concerning a vehicle at 1201 E. Wadley.

Burglary of a building: Andres Argueiles reported at 11:03 p.m. a Pioneer AM/FM CD player with a detachable face had been taken from a vehicle at 1201 E. Wadley. The vehicle had been damaged on the driver's side.

Sunday

Theft: Rio Grande Restaurant, 1301 N. Lamesa reported a theft at 3:37 a.m.

Vandalism of a vehicle: Ryan Marshall reported at 4:05 a.m. a vehicle at 4715 Comanche Dr. had been vandalized.

Vandalism of a vehicle: Montoya Ward reported at 11:41 a.m. the window on a vehicle at 4201 N. Garfield St. had been broken out by a large rock.

Midland County Sheriff's Office

Burglary: Earl Selman reported at 10:15 a.m. Ranchland Heights Baptist Church, 3203 S. County Rd. 1211 had been broken into. Gang graffiti had been spray painted in the church. Entry may have been gained through a window.

Vandalism: Alvarado Shonda reported at 4805 S. County Rd. 1172. The report was made at 10:36 a.m.

Burglary: Charlie Welch reported at 11:19 a.m. the front glass door was broken into at 1000 N. State Highway 137. It was unknown if anything had been taken.

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Report Card

Many of the executives who put their companies' annual reports together should get a C for work habits, according to a survey by Yankelovich Partners of 168 managers responsible for their firms' reports. The survey, commissioned by paper manufacturer Potlatch Corp., found that while 40 percent of the executives start planning annual reports a year before publication date, another 40 percent don't start until within six months of the big day. The survey found that another 4 percent — probably the same people who were pulling all-nighters in college — didn't get rolling until they had just four months to get the report in print.

Before you go

Fast Company magazine has some advice for high-tech business travelers: Be sure your office or home PC is set up so you can dial in from afar. If you're traveling with a laptop, be sure you've copied your files onto the portable machine, and back them up with a floppy disk stored in a separate piece of luggage. For a little low-tech insurance, write down the phone number to call your computer's technical support line, and the phone numbers for your online service in the cities you'll visit. Put them on a piece of paper in your wallet for safekeeping.

Virtual flowers

If it's unseasonably cold where you are and the flowers are taking forever to come out, there's always the Web. Garden Design magazine notes that there are Web sites for flowers such as roses(www.ars.org) and daylilies (www.a1.com/daylily/place.html) and also flowering bulbs. The sites have information for gardeners, but those of us with purple thumbs can visit and admire the virtual blossoms. If vegetables are more your style, there's Keith's Tomato Page (www4.ncsu.edu/eos/users/k/kdsimmon/public/hp.html), constructed by a North Carolina State University student who works in tomato breeding.

Management 101

Browse through the business section of any bookstore and the shelves will be crammed with books about total quality management, or whatever the management theory of the moment happens to be. Another author, Philip Himmelfarb, who describes himself as a corporate contrarian, suggests executives ignore what he calls the latest management fads and instead focus on management basics. For example, he says, "plan and manage strategically, with the company's long-term business objectives in mind." Also, know your customers and be driven by their needs; focus on the bottom line; keep a watchful eye on what's happening outside the firm; cut back on bureaucracy; and never stop introducing new products and services.

Creeping work week

On Monday mornings, when people ask colleagues what they did over the weekend, many are answering "I was working." Steelcase Inc., the office furniture maker, surveyed more than 1,000 people and found that 73 percent of those employed in an office of 100 people or more work on the weekend, either at home or in the office. Many put in a substantial time investment — 60 percent said they do it once a month or more, and 42 percent said they work 6 to 10 hours on a weekend. Not surprisingly, nearly half the respondents said they are working more hours than they did five years ago.

Less is more

"Fill it up" apparently is not the motto of fine wine drinkers. Wine Spectator magazine polled visitors to its Web site and found that a common pet peeve among the 1,364 respondents was wine stewards or waiters filling a glass of white or red too full. It seems the oenophiles want room to swirl the wine and sniff it. A too-full glass means wine can splat the tablecloth. It's also harder for the wine's aroma to develop.

Virtual schlepping

The days of lugging reams of paper and piles of reference materials when visiting clients are disappearing, according to Ernst & Young, the accounting and consulting firm. We're now in the era of databases, e-mail and the Internet, so people who call on customers can travel light. What do you call this trend? Having analyzed it, Ernst & Young came up with a bit of high-tech humor: "virtual schlepping."

MONEY MATTERS EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

As vet costs rise, some pet owners turn to insurance

By Nichele Hoskins
N.Y. Times News Service

FORT WORTH — Buffy has had her share of medical problems. In 13 years, she's had her oversized palate shortened, a kidney operation and a root canal. Insurance paid 80 percent of the cost for each procedure.

But Buffy isn't in junior high school. She is a 13-year-old Pekingese.

The cost of medical care for dogs and cats is soaring as treatment for animals reaches the sophistication of human medicine. For many, household pets are like family. And, like humans, pets are living longer.

So, like humans, pets can have their own health insurance, too.

"I believe in this," said Faye Lowe, Buffy's owner and an Irving resident. "We don't have any children, and she takes the place of a child for us. When she's sick, we take her right to the doctor. I would pay for it some way" even if the dog weren't insured.

Buffy would have received the medical care whether she was insured or not, Mrs. Lowe said.

But when a pet is so ill that veterinary bills run into the thousands of dollars and there is only a slim chance for recovery, pet owners must decide whether to treat or to euthanize.

Pet insurance can make the decision easier.

Mrs. Lowe and her husband, Raymond, were living in San Diego when they insured Buffy, then 6 months old, with Veterinary Pet Insurance, based in Anaheim, Calif. Founded in 1980, the company is the country's only independent pet insurance firm. It offers major-medical coverage in 38 states, including Texas. Nationwide, it insures 75,000 animals — 63,750 dogs and the rest cats, said Linda Flores, a company spokeswoman.

Insured pets make up only a fraction of the estimated 124 million cats and dogs in American homes. Millions of fish, birds and other small animals don't qualify for most pet insurance.

Insurance for a puppy or kitten can range from $98 to $318 annually, depending on the level of coverage desired. Veterinary Pet's annual premiums for dogs and cats age 1 to 8 range from $109 to $320. The cost of Buffy's major-medical insurance is $250 a year.

The company's deductible is $40 per incident. A policy does not pay for routine care, such as vaccinations and heartworm prevention, or for illnesses that existed before coverage was purchased.

Depending on the policy, a pet is covered for $1,000 per injury or illness, with a maximum of $5,000 per policy. The highest level of coverage offered by Veterinary Pet reimburses $4,000 per incident and $12,000 over the life of the policy. The company does not sell life insurance for pets.

Many veterinarians like the concept of animal insurance. The company promotes its service as an alternative to euthanasia when owners of sick or gravely injured pets otherwise face spending hundreds and sometimes thousands of dollars on treatment that may fail.

Treatment for common ailments can run into the hundreds of dollars. For example, care for a puppy diagnosed with parvovirus can run $500 in the first three days. Surgery to remove a dog's bladder stone ranges from $400 to $600. And a male cat with a clogged urethra would require treatment costing $200 to $500.

FUN, FUN, FUN
Fabulous T-birds still vintage after all these years

By Jeff Wilson
Associated Press Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Gripping the over-sized steering wheel of a 1957 Thunderbird for a supercharged ride around Beverly Hills is, well, fun, fun, fun.

But Big Daddy Ford is taking the T-Bird away from us after all these years, ending production of what began as a sexy, two-seat roadster and evolved into a bulky clone-car.

It's not necessarily true that Bentleys, Beemers and Jags are the yardsticks for nobility these days in status-absorbed Southern California.

A guy in a gray Porsche Turbo convertible gave my Made-in-America chariot a long, lusty stare; the blackened windows of a stretch limousine rolled down in unison as the heads of a highbrow group inside poked out for a peek.

"Yeow!" blurted one 50ish passerby.

Yes, the demise of the Thunderbird brings a tear to the eye of those who see the end of an era. First built in 1954 to compete with the 'Vette, the T-Bird abandoned its coupe heritage in 1967 and grew into a bigger, heavier, more traditional luxury car before finally falling victim to an image that could not set it apart from your father's Oldsmobile.

But in this classic beauty, a ride along palm-lined boulevards, past mansions, boutiques and tourist hot-spots on the morning of the Academy Awards is an attention-getter, for sure. After all, this wasn't the boxy Chevy Blazer I usually drive, it was an art treasure, borrowed, but mine for the morning.

There's a rush behind the wheel of this rare old 'Bird, one of fewer than 200 equipped with a supercharger back in the Eisenhower years when your personality was pretty much defined by what you drove.

Cruise into the driveway of the pink and posh Beverly Hills Hotel and the pink-shirted valets who park some of the most expensive machinery in the world give longing glances.

"Wow!" was the common reaction.

The hotel's pink is almost the exact shade of this T-Bird. In its day, Ford called the color "Coral Sand," but it's pink, any way the sun shines on it.

A pedal-to-the-metal stomp on the throttle jerks back my head as 300 horses take charge.



Noel Blanc, son of the late Mel Blanc, poses with his 1957 Thunderbird in Beverly Hills, Calif. Ford is now taking the T-Bird away after all these years, ending production of what evolved into a bulky, nondescript sedan mirroring the styling of so many millions of clone-cars on the road. Blanc is selling his T-Bird at a Christie's Auction in Pebble Beach, Calif., this summer.

The Ford-O-Matic automatic transmission lets me feel each shift of the gears.

This was a driver's car; I can feel the rumble of the 312 cubic inch engine, the whir of the supercharger and the kick of the transmission.

Decked out with all the options, this '57 T-bird features Dial-O-Matic power seats, power windows and a radio that automatically increases the volume in proportion to the speed of the engine. It also has the Town and Country radio feature to better tune into Elvis and Pat Boone — whether driving in the city or along rural roads.

Although cutting-edge at their time, the options seem oddly gimmicky when looked at from the techno-hip '90s.

But some things endure.

The car has chrome wire wheels and a giant chrome horn ring. Round porthole side windows (they were called opera windows when resurrected in the '70s) on the pop-off roof were designed to eliminate blind spots.

The collector classic that brought stares on Sunset Boulevard and Rodeo Drive is owned by the son of late cartoon voice Mel Blanc.

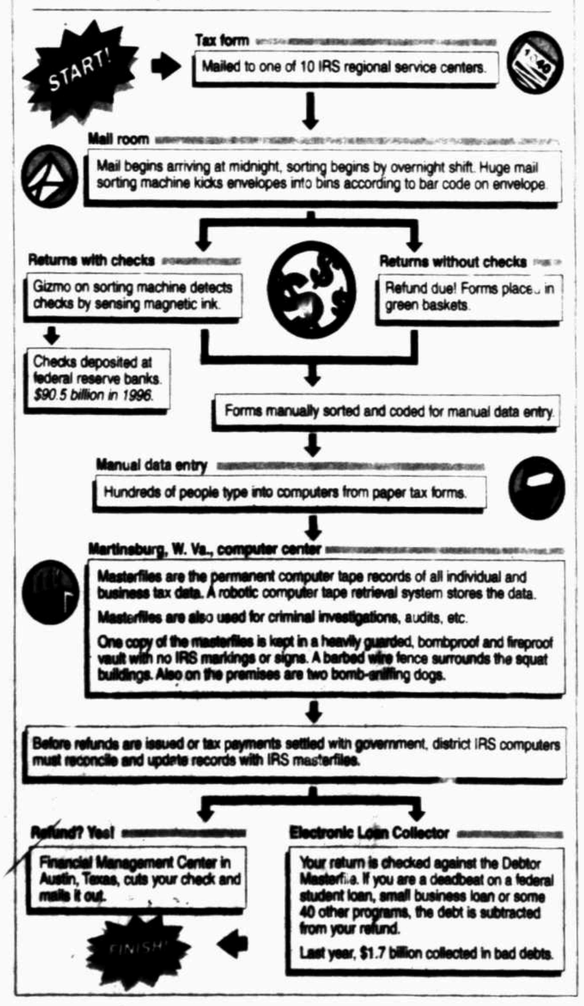
There were allegiances back in the 50s. A friend was a Ford fanatic — "Fix or Repair Daily," we would taunt. The guy next door was an Olds buff. I was a Chevy man.

Whatever the loyalties, admiration for the two-seater T-Bird (built only until 1957) was unconditional. It was a true American sports car with V-8 power, fins, lots of chrome and a price tag under $3,000.

How do Americans spend their tax refunds?

Tax return: An odyssey

Have you ever wondered where your tax forms go once you drop them in the mail? A look at the process:



By Vivian Marino
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — In the next few weeks, millions of American households will be faced with an enviable dilemma — what to do with their tax refunds.

About 80 million taxpayers, or two-thirds of those who filed federal income tax returns, will get nearly $100 billion in refunds this year. As of early April, 46 million checks totaling $61.5 billion were issued, each averaging $1,327.

What will most people do with this annual windfall?

"It's amazing how many responses will come up," said Rusty Wallower, tax research manager for H&R Block in Kansas City, which prepares 13 million returns in the United States.

Wallower says he's heard them all — like the one from the horse aficionado who was using his to breed his mare or the unfortunate soul who had to pay off a loan shark. "He said he needed his refund right away," he recalled.

A recent survey by the Minneapolis financial services company Lutheran Brotherhood fou. d most responses on a more mundane level, though no clear consensus.

Thirty-seven percent would use their refunds to pay outstanding bills, 26 percent would invest or save, 14 percent would a 'd it to their household budget and 9 percent would splurge. Another 14 percent hadn't a clue.

The older the person, though, the more likely he or she would sock it away, the poll found.

Financial advisers say tax refund season represents a good time to help tie up some financial-planning loose ends. In fact, some tax preparers link refund planning and investing services, though most discourage big refunds since they just mean a big overpayment of taxes.

"It means an interest-free loan to Uncle Sam," said Larry Elkin, a financial planner and accountant in Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y.

Wallower agreed, but conceded: "Some people like to get a lump sum at the end of the (tax) year; they look at it as forced savings. You can literally plan it to within just a few dollars of what you'll get."

Here again, each household will have its own agenda.

The safest bet, most advisers say, is to treat the tax refund as a regular paycheck.

"You should do what you normally do with income," said Marc Britton, director of personal financial planning for KPMG Peat Marwick in New York.

■ 1996 Taxes: The aftermath

Topping the list of suggestions is lowering debt. "If you have credit card debt now is the time to pay it down," Britton said. "You'll save money in the long run."

To be sure, if the interest rate on your credit card is 17.03 percent, the national average, and you have a $1,000 balance, you can save $170.30 by paying off the debt this year. If you pay off a $5,000 balance, the savings is $851.50. Now that's a nice windfall.

Another option is to use the tax refund to start or add to an emergency cash reserve. Most advisers suggest setting aside between three and six months' salary, but at least $5,000 should be sufficient for most households with relatively secure jobs and adequate insurance coverage.

If you haven't already set up an investment portfolio, now would be an opportune time as well.

Despite the stock market's recent volatility, most financial advisers still favor equities.

Good-performing mutual funds will provide even the smallest of investors with a diversified portfolio while offering reinvestment programs that automatically expand share holdings. Stick to stock funds with low sales commissions or none at all, known as no-loads.

Many of the more than 5,000 outstanding mutual funds have initial minimum investments of $1,000 or less; a few funds have no minimums. However, nearly all funds with minimums above $1,000 relax their requirements for Individual Retirement Accounts or if investors make regular contributions.

If the stock market makes you really nervous, a bank certificate of deposit or money-market mutual fund is a good way to keep your principal safe and earn inflation-beating interest in the meantime.

Elkin says the worse thing anyone can do is become dependent on the tax refund for continuing normal expenses or for making ends meet. "You should treat it as a fluke source of income ... so why not go out and take that splurge vacation," he added.

There's only one thing worse than depending on a refund, and that's losing track of it. About 96,400 taxpayers have yet to receive $62 million in refunds from 1996. Most forgot to notify the IRS of an address change.

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SPORTS BRIEFING

TV Sports

BASEBALL — Major League Baseball, Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, 12:30 p.m., WGN.

N.Y. Yankees at Chicago White Sox or at 7 p.m., fX, WGN.

GOLF — World Championship of Golf, U.S. Championship, first round matches, at Lake Oconee, Ga. (same-day tape), 7:30 p.m., ESPN.

RUNNING — Boston Marathon, at Boston (delayed tape), 11:30 p.m., ESPN.

Texas Scores

BASKETBALL — Houston Rockets 103, San Antonio Spurs 99

HOCKEY — Dallas Stars vs. Edmonton Oilers, late.

BASEBALL — Texas Rangers 10, Toronto Blue Jays 5.

Houston Astros 3, Los Angeles Dodgers 1.

TEXAS LEAGUE — Wichita Wranglers 8, Midland Angels 7.

SOCCER — MLS, Dallas Burn 4, Colorado Rapids 1.

USIFL — Midland Colts 37, San Angelo Stampede 12.

COLLEGE BASEBALL — Texas Tech 12, Kansas St. 7.

Baylor 11, Oklahoma St. 6.

Texas 9, Texas A&M 4

Sports Today

GOLF — Girls, Region I-5A Championships, Meadowbrook's Squirrel Hollow, Lubbock.

TEXAS LEAGUE — Midland Angels at Wichita Wranglers, 7:15 p.m., KCRS (AM 550) Radio.

PREP BASEBALL — TAPPS 1-4A, Midland Christian vs. Lubbock Christian, 4:30 p.m., Christensen Stadium.

Tucker drafted

Former Midland Lee Rebel Ryan Tucker was drafted in the fourth round of the National Football League Draft by the St. Louis Rams.

Tucker, a standout center at Texas Christian University, was rated as a top 10 offensive lineman going into the draft. He had played three different spots with the Horned Frogs. The last two years Tucker lined up as an All-WAC center.

Tucker was taken the 112th picked, 111 spots behind the Rams' first selection Orlando Pace, who was taken Saturday with the first pick in the draft.

Miami's K.C. Jones, a teammate of Tucker's at Midland Lee, was not selected in the draft. Jones was an all-American center and four-year starter with the Hurricanes.

Burn down Rapids

DALLAS — Dante Washington set a team record for points in a single game, scoring two goals and assisting on two others to lead the Dallas Burn in a 4-1 win over the Colorado Rapids on Sunday.

After putting the Burn (2-3) on the board with a high shot in the 25th minute, Washington set up the game-winner four minutes into the second half, chipping a pass to Temoc Suarez, who volleyed the ball 16 yards into the net.

Eight minutes later, Washington played a through ball to Gerell Elliott who dribbled in from 35 yards and beat Rapids goalie Paul Grafer with a shot to the lower right side. Washington scored the Burn's final goal in the 77th minute, slipping a low shot past the charging Grafer.

Stallings' surgery

PARIS — Former Alabama football coach Gene Stallings underwent hip surgery Sunday after he was trampled by three horses on his ranch.

Dr. Stephen Rowlan performed the operation to repair Stallings' broken right hip.

The accident occurred around 7 a.m. Sunday when Stallings, 62, went out to care for the horses he keeps on his 600-acre ranch.

The horses apparently knocked Stallings down in their attempt to get to one bucket of feed.

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MHS' off-season focal point for Browning

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Spring Drills

Midland High head football coach David Browning is excited about the prospects of sending his Bulldogs through the spring training process this season..

And those practices begin at 4:30 p.m. today as Browning anxiously awaits to see just how much dividends his off-season program has paid.

Browning held spring training last year, but he got a late start, being hired in late February. He virtually missed the off-season process.

"I think we are bigger, stronger and faster than a year ago after our off-season efforts," Browning said. "The culmination of off-season will make this a different spring training. Our agility level is up and the kids have really worked hard.

"Also, our numbers are up from last year. We had around 60 go through spring training last year and we now have around 85. We had about 60 freshmen last year and that number is up to around 80. We've got more kids to look at."

Browning will return eight pure starters (four offensive and four defensive) from last year's 3-6 team and that's a good place to start.

On the offensive side, tackle Stuart Atnipp, guard Kyle Nix, quarterback Camar Jackson and fullback Ryan Stewart are all back for their senior season. But the Bulldogs are actually deeper than that with wide receiver Connally Gevecker and fullback Damon Johnson, who both started some last season. Luke Conder started some at linebacker and tight end. He is also back and Antwan Lathan, who saw action at linebacker, is also moving over to tight end this spring.

Defensively, the Bulldogs return linebacker Devon Butts, defensive end Nick Conder and defensive tackle Joe Maxwell. Erik McCright, an honorable mention all-district pick at defensive tackle last year, will be tested in a linebacker role this spring. Also, linebacker Brando Black, who started some last season, is back. Joe DeLao, a linebacker, also saw action last season.

As you can see, Browning is making some big changes with personnel this spring. And there are other anticipated moves. Nick Smith and Jason Williams, wide receivers last season, are moving to defensive back roles. Melvin Jackson is moving from defensive end to defensive tackle. And these are all players who saw a lot of action last year.

One of the pressing needs Browning must address is at tailback where 1,000-yard all-district rusher Sam

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NBA teams jockey for positioning

Rockets secure homecourt for first two playoff rounds; Spurs fall to another level

SAN ANTONIO — To illustrate just how far the San Antonio Spurs have fallen, consider that a majority of the 23,553 fans at the Alamodome were cheering for the visiting team Sunday.

Hakeem Olajuwon scored 27 points and Charles Barkley added 24 as the Houston Rockets locked up homecourt advantage through the first two rounds of the playoffs with a 103-99 victory over San Antonio that ended the Spurs' worst season as an NBA franchise.

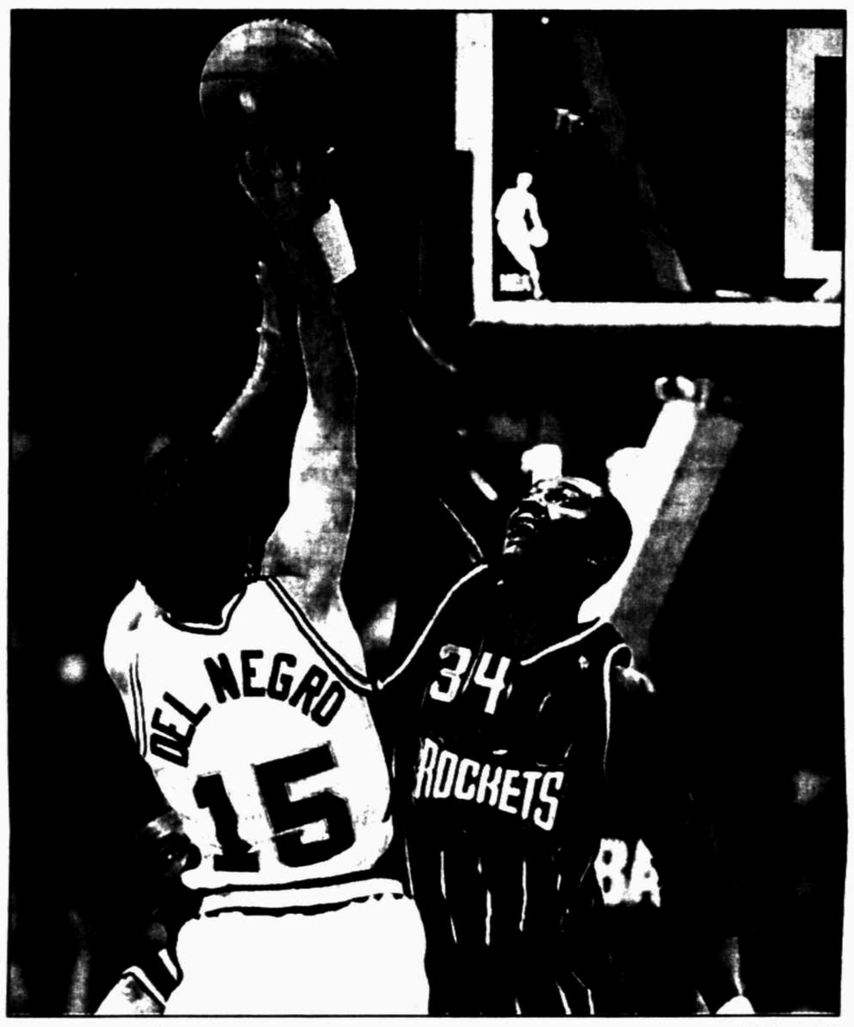
Charles Barkley egged the fans on at the end, pointing and waving toward a group that held up a "Bring on the T-Wolves" banner.

"I'm just glad to get the regular season over," said Barkley, who also led Houston with 14 rebounds. "We di[illegible] what we had to do."

Houston will open the playoffs Thursday night against Minnesota.

"The hardest thing for us is that we don't know how (the Timberwolves) are going to react. We don't know if they'll be pumped up and ready to go, or if they'll be all nervous. We've got to get off to a good start and not let them get that momentum."

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AP Laserphoto

Houston Rockets' Hakeem Olajuwon (34) blocks a shot by San Antonio Spurs' Vinny Del Negro (15) during the second half on Sunday at the Alamodome in San Antonio. The Rockets won 103-101 to lock up homecourt advantage through the first two rounds of the NBA playoffs.

Suddenly, banged-up Bulls look vulnerable

By Mike Nadel
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO BULLS

CHICAGO — A 1-3 slump to end the regular season. Four defeats in their last five games against Eastern Conference rivals New York and Miami. A two-game losing streak. Injuries that might not be fully healed.

After being almost unbeatable for two years, are the Chicago Bulls vulnerable in the NBA playoffs?

"Anybody who thinks they're in trouble is making a huge mistake," New York Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy said Saturday after his team defeated the Bulls 103-101 in the season finale for both teams. "Certainly, you expect to see them in the conference finals."

Conference finals? Is that all?

The Bulls, who open the best-of-5 first round Friday against the Washington Bullets at the United Center, have much more lofty goals — like repeating as NBA

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AP Laserphoto

Jeff Gordon, of Pittsboro, Ind., reacts to his winning of the Goody's 500 stock car race in victory lane at the Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va., on Sunday. Gordon won his eighth race in eight starts, and it was the second time this year that he won back-to-back races.

Gordon tames Goody's field, Martinsville track for fourth win in 8 starts

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Jeff Gordon keeps finding new ways to win races.

Sunday at Martinsville Speedway, the 25-year-old wunderkind came up with his second straight victory and fourth in eight starts this season as he simply steamrollered the rest of the 42-car field in the Goody's Headache Powder 500.

A week earlier, Gordon had to bump his way past Rusty Wallace on the last turn of the last lap to win. This time, he led a race record 432 of 500 laps on the .526-mile oval, and not even being spun out in an incident with Jimmy Spencer could slow his Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet for more than a few moments.

The previous mark for the spring race was 427 laps led by Cale Yarborough in 1974. Richard Petty holds the Martinsville record with 480 laps led in the fall race in 1970.

"I never dreamed we were going to be that good," Gordon said. "I got a little nervous there at the end, having to battle some of those guys, especially that 43 (Bobby Hamilton)."

Hamilton chased Gordon to the end, finishing 1.047-seconds — about three car-lengths behind — in a Pontiac. Mark Martin wound up third in a Ford, followed by Terry Labonte, Gordon's teammate and the defending Winston Cup champion.

Rusty Wallace, who had won the spring race here four straight years, wound up fifth in his Ford after running as high as

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U.S., Mexico tie in World Cup qualifier

■ Border battle ends in 2-2 tie after Mexican player heads ball into own goal.

By Richard Lorant
Associated Press Writer

FOXBORO, Mass. — There's winning ugly. On Sunday, the United States and Mexico tied ugly.

The United States made the first mistake in the World Cup qualifier, a blooper by goalie Kasey Keller that put the Americans behind in the first minute of play. The Mexicans made the last with an own-goal that allowed the United States to rescue a 2-2 tie.

In between, there was a Mexican player ejected, four yellow cards for rough play, 36 fouls and plenty of scoring chances.

"You're never satisfied with a tie at home. But we showed we can play attacking soccer," U.S. coach Steve Sampson said. "With the way we started, I think we gained a point."

The United States tied it in the 74th minute when second-half substitute Nicolas Ramirez of Mexico headed the ball into his own net.

The outcome left the United States three points behind Mexico in the race for three World Cup qualifying slots for the 32-team showcase tournament in France in 1998. Both teams have good chances of qualifying.

The United States nearly won the game several times during a late flurry of attacks after forwards Michael Mason and David Wagner came in for defensive players.

"The U.S. played great. Those

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AP Laserphoto

John Harkes, left, and Mexico's Alberto Coyote, right, head the ball during the qualifying match for the World Cup 1998.

Baffert, Flores come away with Lone Star Park's biggest prizes

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

GRAND PRAIRIE — Trainer Bob Baffert and jockey David Flores made the inaugural Texas Mile and Lone Star Derby their own personal daily double.

Flores rode Isitingood to an upset victory over Eclipse Award winner Skip Away on Sunday in the $250,000 Texas Mile. Then Kentucky Derby hopeful Anet outlasted Frisk Me Now and Wild Wonder to win the $250,000 Lone Star Derby.

"I'll cherish this day," Baffert said. "It's nice to have these two wins and be a part of history at Lone Star Park."

Isitingood, owned by Terry Henn and Michael Pegram, drew away to a wire-to-wire, three-length finish over longshot Spiritbound, with Skip Away, last year's 3-year-old champion and Eclipse Award winner, coming in third.

The winner, coming off a runnerup performance to Atticus in the Oaklawn Handicap on April 5, paid $5.40, $3.60 and $2.10

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Colts stampede San Angelo

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

STANTON — Flexing some Permian Basin muscle.

The Midland Colts are no longer the new kids on the United States Independent Football League block, but rather may be considered as the ones who came in and stole the rest of the teams' candies in their first year of existence.

After a 37-12 pounding of the San Angelo Stampede Sunday at Buffalo Stadium, the Colts stand at 4-0, on top of the Western Division. Once again doing the damage early behind a devastating defense and a rejuvenated offense that sets a goal early in the week that it would steal the show.

"We set a goal that we would score 30 points a game. I threw the ball well, the receivers ran their routes well and fortunately things just went our way," said Colts quarterback Tony McNeese, who had one of his best outings with a 9-for-15, 150-yard, pass performance with two touchdowns and just one interception. "The team is just coming together and we've seemed to have found a family."

The Colts family seem to have things going in the right direction just four games into their inaugural season. While the defense has been a solid force for the team all year, the offense is starting to get it collective juices flowing — which can only mean bad news for opponents.

"I think it's the chemistry of the team that's starting to come together," McNeese said. "Every day we make it a goal to work our best and do our best in practice. You practice like you play and this week in practice everything went our way. West Texas knows its football so we're just putting it all together"

For Colts coach Ray Pierson, the smile on his face says it all on just how much success his team is having. But then again he wouldn't have it any other way as he's told his team not to accept losing.

"I guess we're working harder than those guys," Pierson said. "We just come into each game and we're prepared. With the offense that we're running, our defense really doesn't see anything from the other teams that they don't see from us. These guys come out each and every day and they work hard.

"I told them (Colts) that I wanted this game more than that first game (a 7-3 win) against them.

"We're going to stick it out one game at a time and play one game at a time and don't look ahead, just come out here and take care of business. It's not what you did for me yesterday, it's what you do for me today."

The Colts established themselves early as the defense allowed just seven yards in the Stampede's first two drives of the afternoon. Behind Phillip Mathews' two short TD runs, the Colts had a 13-0 lead after the first quarter.

Then a back-breaking play was made by flamboyant receiver Undra Graves, who broke free from a defender and caught a 61-yard scoring toss from McNeese early in the second.

"They (Stampede) were trying to take away the outside, the play was designed to go to the middle, so they really opened it up for me," Graves said.

Graves, who finished with four catches for 130 yards has made it a goal for himself to score in each game. Undra has definitely lived up to his promise.

"I just try to get into the end zone so I won't let the team down," he said.

McNeese would connect again just before the half when he scrambled right and found Brian Knighten all alone in the end zone for a 7-yard scoring pass for a 27-0 lead at the break.

In the second half, the Colts defense held strong and the offense added a 4-yard touchdown run by James McCracken and a 29-yard field goal by Whitney Hillin. Defensively, Christian Butler had a fumble recovery and Anthony Pertile had three pass break-ups.

Next week the Colts travel to Water Valley to face the San Angelo 6 Shooters. The Colts may now be a marked team but defensive lineman has a message for his opponents.

"We really want to put it on both of these San Angelo teams so we don't have to play them in the playoffs. If we do play them, they know they're going to lose," Haynes said.

Midland Colts 37, San Angelo Stampede 12

Stampede	0	0	6	6—12
Colts	13	14	7	3—37

First Quarter

Colts — Philip Mathews 6 run (Whitney Hillin kick), 8:06.

Colts — Mathews 2 run (kick fails), 1:55.

Second Quarter

Colts — Undra Graves 61 pass from Tony McNeese (Hillin kick), 14:36.

Colts — Brian Knighten 7 pass from McNeese (Hillin kick), 1:11.

Third Quarter

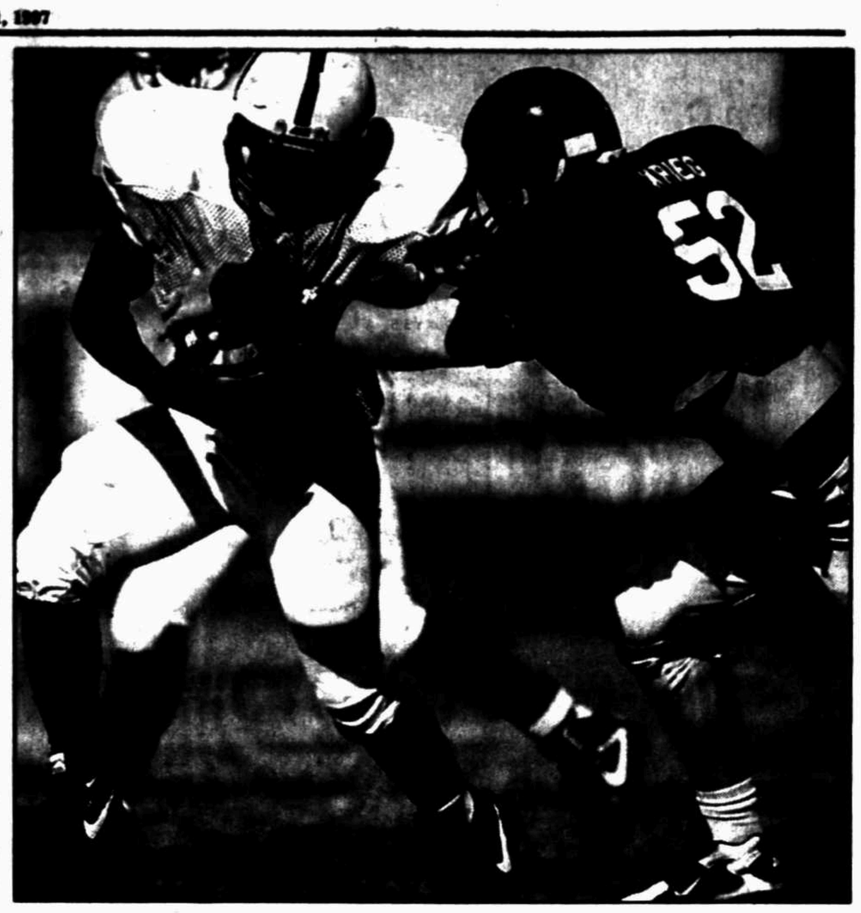
Stampede — Shaun Collins 46 fumble return (kick fails), 10:04.

Colts — James McCracken 4 run (Hillin kick), 2:36.

Fourth Quarter

Stampede — Damon Carroll 20 pass from John Deville (run fails), 2:36.

Colts — Hillin 29 field goal, 0:06.



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Colt running back Phillip Matthews tries to pull away from a San Angelo Stampede defender Sunday at Stanton's Buffalo Stadium. The Colts won the game to move to 4-0 in the Western Division of the United States Independent Football League. Midland travels to Water Valley to play the 6-Shooters next Sunday.

Cubs win!

Chicago rallies to end 14-game losing streak

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — The Chicago Cubs stopped their season-opening losing streak at 14 games by rallying in the sixth inning and to beat the New York Mets 4-3 in the second game of a doubleheader Sunday.

The Mets, who won the opener 8-2 behind a pair of Carl Everett homers, played like the Cubs in the second game, blowing a 1-0 lead with a hit batter, botched foul popup, double off an outfielder's glove and game-tying wild pitch.

Chicago's 0-14 start set a National League record and was the second-worst behind the 1988 Baltimore Orioles, who began 0-21. The Cubs, who had lost 28 of 30 going back to last season before the win, smashed the franchise record of 13 straight losses set in 1944 and tied in 1982 and 1985.

Carl Everett homered twice — including a tiebreaking grand slam in the third inning — and the New York Mets handed the winless Chicago Cubs their 14th straight loss, 8-2 in the first game of a doubleheader.

Giants 2, Marlins 0

SAN FRANCISCO — Osvaldo Fernandez pitched well, and Jeff Kent and Rick Wilkins had sacrifice flies as San Francisco Giants ran its winning streak to nine games.

The Giants made its their third straight series sweep this season. They are now 13-3 and off to their best start in 16 games since 1938 when the team was in New York.

Rockies 9, Braves 2

DENVER — Darren Holmes, a reliever making his first major-league start, held hot-hitting Atlanta in check, and Larry Walker and Quinton McCracken had four hits apiece for Colorado.

The Rockies got a season-high 20 hits — 14 of them off John Smoltz (2-3), who allowed seven runs in 5 2-3 innings. John Vander Wal added three RBIs for the Rockies, who ended Atlanta's winning streak at seven games.

Expos 5, Phillies 1
Expos 3, Phillies 0

PHILADELPHIA — Pedro Martinez, making only his second start of the season, pitched a strong game as Montreal swept Philadelphia.

Mark Grudzielanek had a two-run double, and Montreal pitchers combined on a three-hitter as the Expos ended a three-game slide with a 5-1 victory in the opener.

Martinez, suspended for the last game of 1996 and the first seven games of this season for his part in a bench-clearing brawl in Philadelphia last September, allowed no runs on five hits in 7 1-3 innings, struck out eight and walked two.

Ugueth Urbina pitched a perfect 1 2-3 innings to pick up the first save of his career.

Astros 3, Dodgers 1

LOS ANGELES — Craig Biggio hit two home runs including a two-out, two-run shot off Tom Candiotti in the eighth inning.

Biggio's second homer of the day accounted for the first two runs allowed this season by by former starter Candiotti (2-1) in seven relief appearances.

Biggio, who also homered off Dodgers starter Ismael Valdes in the third to give the Astros a 1-0 lead, now has six two-homer games in his career and has three home runs this season.

Pirates 5, Reds 3

PITTSBURGH — Jon Lieber allowed one earned run for the fourth consecutive start, and Kevin Young had three RBIs as Pittsburgh continued Cincinnati's road woes.

Cincinnati has lost six of seven overall and 10 of 11 on the road — including three of four to the Pirates.

Padres 8, Cardinals 2

HONOLULU — Quilvio Veras, Tony Gwynn and Ken Caminiti each drove in two runs as the San Diego Padres beat the St. Louis Cardinals 8-2 Sunday to conclude the first major league baseball series in Hawaii.

San Diego starter Andy Ashby (1-1) allowed seven hits and two runs in seven innings, including an inside-the-park home run by Ron Gant.

■ NL Roundup



AP Laserphoto

Chicago Cubs relief pitcher Turk Wendell clenches his fist after retiring New York Mets batter Manny Alexander for the last out in the ninth inning to win the second game of a double header 4-3 Sunday.

No. 1 Red Raiders sweeps Kansas St. in 3-game series

Associated Press

■ College Baseball

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Keith Ginter homered to lead off the game and Texas Tech scored three times in the first inning to beat Kansas State 12-7 Sunday, sweeping a three-game series and giving the Wildcats their eighth straight loss.

Brandon Toro hit his eighth homer in the fifth as the Red Raiders (37-5, 17-4 Big 12) scored four runs to go up 7-0 against Kansas State, which is in its longest losing streak since losing nine straight in 1993.

Kansas State (22-18, 5-16) scored four runs in the sixth, but Toro had a bases-loaded triple in a four-run eighth for Tech.

Baylor 11, Oklahoma St. 6

STILLWATER, Okla. — Jon Topolski's grand slam highlighted a seven-run sixth inning as Baylor beat Oklahoma State 11-6 on Sunday.

Five walks, an error, a pair of hit batters and one hit helped the Bears score their seven runs.

Baylor's Brett Bergman allowed seven hits in just over five innings' work.

Cowboy Jeff Guiel, brother of Midland Angel Aaron Guiel, hit a home run for the fifth straight game. He and Ryan Folmer each had a pair of hits to lead Oklahoma State.

Texas 9, Texas A&M 4

AUSTIN — Matt Simpson had a pair of two-run homers and 5 RBIs Sunday, carrying the Texas Longhorns to a 9-4 victory over Texas A&M in a Big 12 game.

Simpson, who entered the game with a .250 batting average, hit his first shot in the second inning and his second in the sixth, extending Texas' lead to 6-2.

Brock Rumfield hit his first homer of the season to ignite off the Longhorns' four-run sixth.

CUP: Sixty thousand watch game

(From 1C)

last 15 minutes were so difficult," said Mexican coach Bora Milutinovic, who coached the United States from 1991 until Sampson, his assistant, took over in 1995.

Mexico has two wins and one tie against Sampson's U.S. teams.

The tying goal was the second time the United States fought back. Carlos Hermosillo scored in the first minute of the game when Keller misplayed the ball in front of his own net.

After Eddie Pope tied the game in the 35th minute, Luis Hernandez put Mexico ahead again in the 54th.

The game was played before a sellout crowd of nearly 60,000 at Foxboro Stadium. Despite earlier talk that the crowd would be overwhelmingly pro-American, about half were cheering for Mexico.

The uncharacteristic blunder by Keller, who had posted five shutouts in his last six U.S. starts, deflated his teammates and the fans in the crowd less than a minute after the opening whistle.

Taking Alexi Lalas' pass 10 yards in front of his net, Keller stopped the ball, paused, dribbled, and then kicked it straight into Hermosillo. The ball caromed off the Mexican forward's head and bounced high into the net as Keller stumbled toward it.

"It's just one of those freak accidents," U.S. captain John Harkes said. "As soon as you go down a goal like that, it's a totally different game."

Palmer's two home runs slug Rangers past Toronto

By The Associated Press

■ American League Roundup

ARLINGTON — Dean Palmer hit a grand slam and a solo home run, and Rusty Greer and Ivan Rodriguez also homered as the Texas Rangers pounded Juan Guzman and the Toronto Blue Jays 10-5 Sunday.

Palmer led off the second inning with a home run on an 0-2 pitch, then hit his team-record sixth career grand slam an inning later. He has four homers this year, all in the last four games.

Greer homered in the first, singled ahead of Palmer's slam and singled again in the fifth, scoring on a single by Lee Stevens that chased Guzman (2-2).

Bobby Witt took advantage of Texas' highest-scoring game this season to improve to 3-0.

White Sox 8, Yankees 7, 11 innings

CHICAGO — Tony Phillips drew a bases-loaded walk from Yankees reliever Brian Boehringer with two outs in the bottom of the 11th inning after a bizarre argument, and the Chicago White Sox beat New York.

The Yankees lost for the second time in four days on a bases-loaded walk. On Thursday, David Weathers walked Milwaukee's John Jaha with one out in the ninth, forcing home the winning run in a 5-4 game.

Tigers 9, Athletics 2

DETROIT — Mark McGwire became just the fourth player to homer over the left-field roof at Tiger Stadium, but the Detroit Tigers ended a four-game losing streak with a win over the Oakland Athletics.

Brian Mohler earned his first major league win and Tony Clark hit a three-run homer as Detroit salvaged one victory in a five-game homestand. Brian Hunter and Damion Easley hit solo home runs for the Tigers.

Orioles 11, Red Sox 1

BOSTON — Jerome Walton went 3-for-3, extending his hit streak to seven straight at-bats, as Jimmy Key and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Boston Red Sox.

It was 8-0 before Shane Mack's RBI single with two outs in the sixth chased Key (3-0) and ended his shutout string at 14 innings.

Indians 6, Brewers 4

CLEVELAND — Chad Curtis led off the sixth inning with a tiebreaking home run, helping Orel Hershiser and the Cleveland Indians defeat the Milwaukee Brewers.

Hershiser (1-0) bounced back from a third inning in which he made a throwing error and hit two batters.

Angels 11, Royals 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Tim Salmon drove in five runs and rookie Jason Dickson pitched a three-hitter as the Anaheim Angels beat the Kansas City Royals.

Royals reliever Mitch Williams made his first appearance in the major leagues since June 12, 1995, seven days before he was released by the Angels. He entered in the fifth and struggled, allowed four runs and six hits in two innings. Williams walked none and struck out one.

Dickson (3-0) walked none and struck out seven. The right-hander, who shut out Boston earlier this season, has a 2.45 ERA in four starts.

Mariners 10, Twins 6

SEATTLE — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his ninth homer and Dan Wilson hit a tiebreaking, two-run triple in the sixth inning as the Seattle Mariners beat the Minnesota Twins.

Griffey tied Colorado's Larry Walker for the major league lead in homers with a two-run shot in the fifth.

LOCAL SPORTS

Lee JV loses

The Midland Lee junior varsity baseball team lost an 8-2 decision on Saturday to Abilene High JV.

Eric Clodfelter took the loss for the Rebels as went went the distance, allowed seven hits and had four strikeouts, and only had three earned runs. The rebels had three costly errors in the ball game. Offensively, Clodfelter and Eric Neatherlin had doubles in a game where Lee was held to just four hits and struck out a combined 11 times.

Lee falls to 16-3 overall and 5-3 in district. The next game for the Rebs is today at Odessa Permian.

Local golf

Here are the results from the Mens High-Low Golf Tournament at Midland Country Club and the 1997 Rusty Swing held at Green Tree Country Club this weekend.

Mens High-Low Golf Tournament: 1. Jim Brimer-Charles Koch, 61-57—118; 2. Perry Bolger-Ken Sewell, 57-65—122; 3. Bill Wilson-Joel Mays, 58-64—122; 4. Red McKeller-Larry Snyder, 59-64—123; 5. Mark Hardwick-Walter Rankin, 61-64—125; 6. Robert Gotovac-Steve Berrones, 66-61—127; 7. Jim Hill-John Smitherman, 64-63—127; 8. Ron King-Dan O'Neill, 66-61—127. Low Last Round: Lynn Conin-Richard Dulaney, 61.

Rusty Swing: 1. Robert Pickard-Trey Buescher, 64-154—218; 2. Mike O'Brien-John Hedges, 66-156—222; 3. Billy Cooper-George O'Brien, 65-158— 223.

MHS: Bulldogs start workouts today

(From 1C)

Powell is gone. Three promising candidates from last years sophomore squad could fill the bill. Shemond Davis, Terry White and Michael Glover will all get a shot. Also, Ricky Whitfield, a transfer from Lee, is another hopeful. Davis is the son of Wesley Williams, a former 1,000-yard rusher for Midland High.

"We'll miss Sammy," Browning said. "I don't think we have anyone with his type of speed, but we think we'll be OK."

With Jackson back at quarterback, Browning expects to throw the ball more this year. But one of the major weaknesses last season was the fact the Bulldogs had a hard time catching the ball when it was thrown.

"The biggest thing this spring is that we have to improve the passing game," Browning said. "If we are going to throw the ball, then we've got to be able to catch it. We have young candidates at wide receiver and a couple of them have to come through this spring."

From the group of Wendall Cooks, Raji Hickey, Lance King and Krieg Lusby, Browning is hoping to find some good hands.

Browning is going to try and keep two-way starters to a bare minimum.

"I think it's obvious that you are better when you can play kids on one side of the ball only," Browning said. "They get more reps in practice. Working two hours on one side of the ball is better than working one hour by splitting. Also, you run into a major problem if a kid is injured. If he is a two-way starter, you have to find two replacements for one body."

The Bulldogs will work Monday through Friday and take the weekends off. Spring training will conclude for the Bulldogs with Purple-Gold scrimmage on May 14. That scrimmage is open to the public.

Angels, Freehill let one get away

■ Midland gives up three in the bottom of the ninth to drop its second-straight.

Staff Report

WICHITA — It was another one of those days for the Midland Angles as it came down to they should've, could've but didn't in a heart-breaking 8-7 loss to Wichita on Sunday.

The Angels took a 7-5 lead into the bottom of the ninth inning and had reliable closer Mike Freehill on the mound. Freehill had an inning that he would rather forget. He first walked Sal Fasano on four pitches, advanced him to second base on a balk, and then sent him to third base on a wild pitch. Fasano scored the winning run on a Steve Cisco groundout to second. Freehill blowed his third save of the year.

The Angels had to break out of a hole early as the Wranglers took a 3-0 lead in the second. It took the Angels until the fifth inning to even get a hit against Wichita pitcher Blane Mull, who was allowing at least two hits per inning.

After tying the game at 5-5, Midland took the lead in the top of the ninth inning. Kevin Young walked and then Frank Bolick crushed the ball over the right field fence to make it a 7-5 advantage.

The Angels hope for better luck tonight when they face the Wranglers at 7:15 p.m. Matt Perisho (1-1, 3.15 ERA) takes the mound for Midland, while Phil Grundy (0-1, 7.84) is on for Wichita.

Wichita Wranglers 8, Midland Angels 7

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Wichita	ab	r	h	bi
Dalton cf	4	1	0	0	Carr cf	3	3	2	2
Young lf	5	1	2	1	Medrano ss	5	0	2	0
Bolick dh	4	1	2	3	Mendez 1b	5	1	2	3
Budbaum 1b	5	0	0	0	Fasano c	3	0	0	0
Herrick rf	5	0	1	0	Smith lf	0	1	0	0
Burke 3b	3	1	0	0	Sisco 2b	4	0	1	1
Guiel 3b	1	1	1	0	Gonzales rf	3	1	0	0
Diaz ss	4	0	1	0	Pledger dh	4	0	0	0
Johnson c	4	2	2	3	McNally 3b	1	1	0	0
Luulua 2b	3	0	0	0	Deberry ph	0	0	0	0
					Diaz 3b	0	0	0	0
					Byington lf	4	1	2	2
Totals	38	7	9	7	Totals	32	8	9	8

Midland	000	030	022—7	9	0
Wichita	120	002	003—8	9	3

One out when winning run scored.

Game winning RBI —Sisco. E — McNally (2), Fasano. 2B — Guiel, Johnson. HR — Bolick, Johnson, Carr, Mendez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Shoenewels	5.1	6	5	6	5	
Chavez	1.2	1	0	0	0	0
Knudsen	.1	1	0	0	1	0
Freehill, L	.1	1	3	3	2	0
Wichita						
Mull	5.2	5	3	0	3	3
Morvay	2.1	2	2	2	0	1
Flury, W	1.0	2	2	1	0	1

Balk — Freehill. T — 3:01. A — 1,680.

NBA Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	61	21	.744	—
x-New York	57	25	.695	4
x-Orlando	45	37	.549	16
x-Washington	44	38	.537	17
New Jersey	26	56	.317	35
Philadelphia	22	60	.268	39
Boston	15	67	.183	46

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Chicago	69	13	.841	—
x-Atlanta	56	26	.683	13
x-Detroit	54	28	.659	15
x-Charlotte	54	28	.659	15
Cleveland	42	40	.512	27
Indiana	39	43	.476	30
Milwaukee	33	49	.402	36
Toronto	30	52	.366	39

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Utah	63	18	.778	—
x-Houston	57	25	.695	6 1/2
x-Minnesota	40	42	.488	23 1/2
Dallas	24	58	.293	39 1/2
Denver	21	61	.256	42 1/2
San Antonio	20	62	.244	43 1/2
Vancouver	14	68	.171	49 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Seattle	57	25	.695	—
x-L.A. Lakers	56	26	.683	1
x-Portland	49	33	.598	8
x-Phoenix	40	42	.488	17
x-L.A. Clippers	36	46	.439	21
Sacramento	34	47	.420	22 1/2
Golden State	30	52	.366	27

z-won conference title
y-won division title
x-clinched playoff berth

Sunday's Games

Late Game Not Included

Toronto 125, Boston 94
Washington 85, Cleveland 81
Houston 103, San Antonio 99
Portland 100, L.A. Lakers 96
Detroit 124, Indiana 120, OT
New Jersey 108, Atlanta 92
Milwaukee 120, Charlotte 100
Utah at Sacramento, (n)
End Regular Season

Raptors 125, Celtics 94

TORONTO (125): Camby 7-11 0-1 14, Williams 3-9 0-0 7, Rozier 1-1 0-0 2, Christie 8-19 8-8 27, Stoudamire 12-23 5-5 32, Slater 9-15 3-5 21, Jones 7-9 3-6 17, Respert 2-2 0-0 5, Long 0-3 0-0 0, Wright 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 49-92 19-25 125.

BOSTON (94): Walker 7-22 5-6 21, Conlon 4-11 2-2 10, Hamer 2-2 4-8 8, Wesley 6-10 2-4 15, Day 8-17 2-2 22, Szabo 1-4 3-4 5, Hawkins 2-3 0-0 5, Driggers 2-5 2-3 6, Lister 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 33-76 20-29 94.

Toronto	**31**	**33**	**29**	**32 — 125**
Boston	**30**	**19**	**17**	**28 — 94**

3-Point goals—Toronto 8-22 (Stoudamire 3-8, Christie 3-9, Respert 1-1, Williams 1-2, Long 0-1, Slater 0-1), Boston 8-19 (Day 4-8, Walker 2-5, Hawkins 1-1, Wesley 1-4, Driggers 0-1). Rebounds—Toronto 39 (Jones 12), Boston 46 (Hamer 8). Assists—Toronto 25 (Stoudamire 6), Boston 21 (Wesley 6).

Pistons 124, Pacers 120

DETROIT (124): Hill 12-20 14-21 38, Thorpe 3-9 2-3 8, Mahorn 2-3 0-0 4, McKie 4-9 2-2 11, Hunter 10-17 7-8 30, Mills 9-14 0-0 24, Ratliff 1-4 2-2 4, Curry 0-1 3-3 3, Reid 0-1 0-0 0, Williams 1-2 0-0 2, Green 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-80 30-39 124.

INDIANA (120): A.Davis 7-15 3-4 17, D.Davis 5-9 0-2 10, Smits 11-24 7-9 29, Miller 7-14 8-8 27, Jackson 4-8 2-2 11, Rose 0-8 0-0 0, Best 2-5 0-0 5, Hoiberg 1-6 4-4 7, Scott 0-1 0-0 0, Dampier 7-10 0-0 14. Totals 44-100 24-29 120.

Detroit	**26**	**22**	**34**	**30 — 124**
Indiana	**27**	**29**	**27**	**29 — 120**

3-Point goals—Detroit 10-16 (Mills 6-11, Hunter 3-3, McKie 1-2), Indiana 8-19 (Miller 5-6, Jackson 1-2, Best 1-3, Hoiberg 1-5, A.Davis 0-1, Smits 0-1, Rose 0-1). Rebounds—Detroit 44 (McKie 8), Indiana 64 (D.Davis 14). Assists—Detroit 19 (Hill, McKie 7), Indiana 27 (Jackson 12).

Rockets 103, Spurs 99

HOUSTON (103): E.Johnson 1-8 5-5 7, Barkley 8-19 7-9 24, Olajuwon 9-16 9-9 27, Drexler 7-19 3-4 18, Maloney 5-10 0-0 14, Threatt 1-4 0-0 3, Willis 3-6 0-0 6, Livingston 2-3 0-0 4, Harrington 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-85 24-27 103.

SAN ANTONIO (99): Wilkins 7-13 3-4 18, Herrera 8-20 3-9 19, Anderson 1-2 0-0 2, Del Negro 5-12 1-2 11, A.Johnson 8-13 1-2 17, Maxwell 1-3 0-0 2, Alexander 3-11 6-6 12, Perdue 6-11 4-4 16, Feick 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 39-86 20-29 99.

Houston	**21**	**25**	**25**	**32 — 103**
San Antonio	**23**	**23**	**21**	**32 — 99**

3-Point goals—Houston 7-25 (Maloney 4-8, Threatt 1-3, Barkley 1-5, Drexler 1-6, E.Johnson 0-3), San Antonio 1-16 (Wilkins 1-4, A.Johnson 0-1, Feick 0-1, Maxwell 0-2, Alexander 0-8). Rebounds—Houston 54 (Barkley 14), San Antonio 54 (Herrera 14). Assists—Houston 20 (Barkley, Maloney 4), San Antonio 21 (Alexander 7).

Trail Blazers 100, Lakers 96

L.A. LAKERS (96): Horry 1-5 0-0 3, Campbell 12-21 5-5 29, S.O'Neal 11-21 2-5 24, Jones 3-10 0-0 6, Van Exel 5-12 2-4 14, Knight 0-1 0-0 0, Rooks 1-2 3-4 5, Bryant 0-0 2-2 2, Kersey 3-5 2-3 8, Fisher 0-1 0-0 0, Scott 2-4 1-1 5. Totals 38-82 17-24 96.

PORTLAND (100): C.Robinson 5-10 7-8 18, Wallace 4-9 3-6 11, Sabonis 5-9 5-6 16, Anderson 7-16 2-2 18, Rider 7-12 5-6 20, Dudley 0-0 1-2 1, Trent 4-8 1-2 9, Augmon 1-2 0-0 2, R.Robinson 1-1 0-0 2, J.O'Neal 1-1 1-2 3, Wingfield 0-0 0-0 0, Butler 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-68 25-34 100.

L.A. Lakers	**26**	**22**	**26**	**22 — 96**
Portland	**30**	**29**	**18**	**23 — 100**

3-Point goals—Los Angeles 3-10 (Van Exel 2-5, Horry 1-2, Jones 0-1, Scott 0-2), Portland 5-12 (Anderson 2-5, Rider 1-1, Sabonis 1-2, C.Robinson 1-4). Rebounds—Los Angeles 42 (Campbell 11), Portland 51 (Sabonis 9). Assists—Los Angeles 19 (Van Exel 8), Portland 18 (C.Robinson 7).

Bullets 85, Cavaliers 81

WASHINGTON (85): Howard 4-14 3-5 11, Webber 9-16 2-4 23, Grant 0-1 0-0 0, Strickland 7-16 5-6 19, Cheaney 4-9 1-1 9, Muresan 4-7 4-6 12, Murray 4-9 0-0 8, Jackson 1-1 0-0 2, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Whitney 0-0 0-0 0, Legler 0-2 1-2 1. Totals 33-75 16-24 85.

CLEVELAND (81): Mills 4-9 1-2 9, Ferry 5-12 0-0 11, Hill 2-7 3-5 7, Brandon 13-26 2-3 28, Sura 3-7 4-6 10, Potapenko 5-11 2-2 12, Phills 0-1 0-0 0, West 2-3 0-1 4. Totals 34-76 12-18 81.

Washington	**23**	**12**	**29**	**21 — 85**
Cleveland	**27**	**17**	**22**	**15 — 81**

3-Point goals—Washington 3-12 (Webber 3-6, Grant 0-1, Strickland 0-1, Murray 0-2, Legler 0-2), Cleveland 1-9 (Ferry 1-3, Mills 0-1, Brandon 0-2, Sura 0-3). Rebounds—Washington 56 (Webber 17), Cleveland 42 (Mills, Hill 7). Assists—Washington 18 (Strickland 9), Cleveland 22 (Sura 11).

Nets 108, Hawks 92

ATLANTA (92): Corbin 1-6 1-2 4, Laettner 5-11 3-5 13, Mutombo 0-2 2-4 2, Smith 6-14 2-2 14, Blaylock 1-7 0-0 2, Lauderdale 4-6 1-2 9, Recasner 3-9 0-0 8, Henderson 9-18 1-1 19, James 1-9 0-0 3, Barry 6-11 0-0 16, Newbill 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 37-94 10-16 92.

NEW JERSEY (108): Gill 6-17 11-13 23, Massenburg 9-15 1-1 19, Montross 2-6 2-5 6, Jackson 10-16 0-0 25, Kittles 9-19 3-4 23, McDaniel 4-12 0-0 8, Kleine 1-3 0-0 2, Dare 0-1 0-0 0, Haley 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 42-91 17-23 108.

Atlanta	**17**	**29**	**22**	**24 — 92**
New Jersey	**15**	**32**	**31**	**30 — 108**

3-Point goals—Atlanta 8-33 (Barry 4-6, Recasner 2-7, James 1-4, Corbin 1-5, Laettner 0-1, Blaylock 0-4, Smith 0-6), New Jersey 7-14 (Jackson 5-7, Kittles 2-5, Gill 0-1, McDaniel 0-1). Rebounds—Atlanta 53 (Henderson 10), New Jersey 65 (Massenburg 11). Assists—Atlanta 20 (Smith 4), New Jersey 31 (Jackson 12).

Bucks 120, Hornets 100

CHARLOTTE (100): Mason 3-8 3-6 9, Pierce 3-8 2-2 8, Divac 2-8 6-7 10, Rice 7-15 6-6 21, Smith 5-8 0-0 11, Addison 7-13 2-3 18, Delk 5-12 2-2 13, Rose 4-7 0-0 8, Royal 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 37-80 21-26 100.

MILWAUKEE (120): Baker 13-13 5-9 31, Robinson 5-16 0-0 10, Lang 3-6 0-0 6, Allen 7-13 4-5 21, Douglas 3-7 0-0 6, Gilliam 10-11 3-4 23, Newman 3-6 0-0 6, Perry 4-6 1-2 9, Wood 2-2 0-0 4, Wolf 1-1 0-0 2, Earl 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 52-86 13-20 120.

Charlotte	**21**	**34**	**19**	**26 — 100**
Milwaukee	**31**	**33**	**33**	**23 — 120**

3-Point goals—Charlotte 5-14, (Addison 2-4, Rice 1-3, Smith 1-3, Delk 1-3, Divac 0-1), Milwaukee 3-7, (Allen 3-6, Douglas 0-1).

Major League Baseball

AL Boxes

RANGERS 10, BLUE JAYS 5

TORONTO	ab	r	hbi	TEXAS	ab	r	hbi
Brmfld cf	5	0	2	McLmr 2b	4	0	0
CGrcia 2b	5	0	1	IRdrgz c	4	2	3
Merced rf	5	0	2	Greer lf	5	3	3
Carter dh	5	1	2	WClark dh	3	1	1
Sprgue 3b	4	2	1	Palmer 3b	4	2	2
CDigdo 1b	3	2	2	LStvns 1b	4	0	1
AGnzlz ss	4	0	1	Newsn rf	3	0	0
SGreen lf	4	0	1	Sagmn rf	0	0	0
Msqera c	4	0	1	Buford cf	3	2	0
				Gil ss	4	0	3
Totals	**39**	**5**	**13**	**5**	**Totals**	**34**	**10**

Toronto	030	002	000	—	5
Texas	114	120	01x	—	10

DP—Toronto 1. LOB—Toronto 9, Texas 5. 2B—Merced 2 (7), Sprague (10), SGreen (1), IRodriguez (3). HR—Carter (2), CDelgado (3), IRodriguez (1), Greer (2), Palmer 2 (4). SB—Buford (5). CS—Gil (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Guzman L,2-2	4	1	3	1	0	9
Quantrill	1	1-3	1	0	0	0
Spoljaric	1	1-3	0	0	0	1
Crabtree	1	2	1	1	2	0
Texas						
Witt W,3-0	6	1	1	5	5	7
Patterson	2	1	0	0	1	3
Wetteland	1	1	0	0	0	0

WP—Patterson. T—3:02. A—34,333 (48,100).

MARINERS 10, TWINS 6

MINNESOTA	ab	r	hbi	SEATTLE	ab	r	hbi
Knblch 2b	4	0	0	Amaral lf	3	0	0
Becker cf	3	0	1	Cora ph	0	0	0
Latham cf	1	0	1	Tinsley lf	0	1	0
Clbrnn 1b	5	0	0	ARdrgz ss	3	1	2
Lawton lf	2	2	0	Grfy Jr cf	4	1	1
RKelly rf	5	1	3	EMrtnz dh	3	1	0
GMyrs c	3	0	1	Buhner rf	4	1	0
Stnbch c	1	0	0	Blwers 1b	2	0	0
Coomer dh	3	2	1	Srrento 1b	2	1	1
Brede dh	1	0	1	RDavis 3b	4	2	3
TWalkr 3b	4	1	3	Mrzano c	2	0	1
Meares ss	3	0	1	Gates 2b	2	1	1
Hcking ss	1	0	0	Espnza 2b	2	0	0
				DaWlsn c	2	1	2
Totals	**36**	**6**	**12**	**6**	**Totals**	**33**	**10**

Minnesota	030	002	100	—	6
Seattle	000	223	03x	—	10

E—Colbrunn (3). DP—Seattle 2. LOB—Minnesota 8, Seattle 7. 2B—RKelly (2), Brede (3), Sorrento (5), RDavis 2 (6), DaWilson (5). 3B—DaWilson (1). HR—Coomer (2), TWalker (1), Griffey Jr (9). SB—Amaral (3). CS—Knoblauch (2). SF—EMartinez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
Aldred	5	6	4	4	2	4
Ritchie L,2-2	1-3	3	3	3	1	1
Olson	1	1-3	0	0	0	1
Guardado	1	-3	0	0	0	1
Aguilera	1	2	3	3	2	0
Seattle						
Wolcott W,2-1	6	9	5	5	3	4
McCarthy	2	-3	1	1	1	0
Ayala	1		1	0	1	1
Charlton S,5	1	1-3	1	0	0	2

HBP—by Aguilera (ARodriguez). PB—Steinbach. T—3:09. A—34,678 (58,879).

TIGERS 9, ATHLETICS 2

OAKLAND	ab	r	hbi	DETROIT	ab	r	hbi
Mshore cf	5	0	1	BLHntr cf	4	2	3
Giambi lf	4	0	2	Easley 2b	4	2	2
Cnseco dh	4	0	2	Frymn 3b	4	1	1
McGwr 1b	4	1	1	ToClrk 1b	4	2	2
Berroa rf	4	0	0	Hggnsn lf	4	1	2
Mgdan 3b	3	1	1	Pride dh	4	0	1
Spiezio 2b	4	0	1	Tramil rf	4	0	0
Brnigal ss	3	0	0	BJhnsn c	3	1	1
Brosius ph	0	0	0	DCruz ss	3	0	0
Mayne c	3	0	0				
Stairs ph	1	0	0				
Totals	**35**	**2**	**8**	**2**	**Totals**	**34**	**9**

Oakland	010	001	000	—	2
Detroit	500	010	21x	—	9

E—Karsay (2), Fryman (2). DP—Detroit 1. LOB—Oakland 8, Detroit 3. 2B—ToClark (3). HR—McGwire (6), Magadan (1), BLHunter (1), Easley (2), ToClark (7). SB—BLHunter (10), Higginson (1). CS—BLHunter (1). S—DCruz.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Karsay L,0-2	6	7	6	6	0	5
RLewis	1	2	2	2	1	0
Taylor	1	3	1	1	0	1
Detroit						
Moehler W,1-1	7	8	2	2	1	3
Miceli	2	0	0	0	1	1

Moehler pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.

ORIOLES 11, RED SOX 1

BALTIMORE	ab	r	hbi	BOSTON	ab	r	hbi
ByAdsn dh	5	1	0	1 Grcpnr ss	5	0	1
RAlmr 2b	4	0	0	0 JhValtn 2b	5	0	0
Rboulet 2b	1	0	0	0 MVghn 1b	5	0	1
RPmro 1b	5	1	2	3 Stanley dh	3	0	1
CRipkn 3b	4	2	1	0 Nhrng 3b	3	0	1
Surhoff lf	5	1	3	2 Crdero lf	3	0	0
Hrnnds cf	5	1	1	2 Pmbrtn rf	4	1	2
Walton rf	3	2	3	1 Hsiman c	1	0	0
Incvglia rf	1	0	0	0 Mack cf	4	0	1
Hoiles c	5	2	3	1			
Bordick ss	4	1	2	0			
Totals	**42**	**11**	**15**	**10**	**Totals**	**33**	**1**

Baltimore	000	602	102	—	11
Boston	000	001	000	—	1

E—JhValentin (1), MVaughn (4), BHenry (1). DP—Boston 2. LOB—Baltimore 11, Boston 11. 2B—RPalmeiro 2 (3), Surhoff (4), Hammonds (2). HR—Hoiles (2). SB—ByAnderson (2). CS—Garciaparra (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Key W,3-0	5	2-3	5	1	6	3
TeMathews	2	1-3	2	0	0	2
ABenitez	1		0	0	0	1
Boston						
Gordon L,1-2	4	5	6	3	4	3
Hammond	2	4	2	2	1	0
BHenry	1	3	1	1	0	0
Mahomes	1	1	0	0	0	0
Slocumb	1	-3	2	2	1	2
Trlicek	2	-3	0	0	0	0

T—3:13. A—32,290 (33,925).

INDIANS 6, BREWERS 4

MILWAUKEE	ab	r	hbi	CLEVELAND	ab	r	hbi
Loretta ss	4	0	1	0 Curtis cf	4	1	1
Burnitz rf	3	1	1	2 Giles cf	0	0	1
Mieske rf	1	0	1	0 Vizquel ss	5	1	1
Nilsson 1b	4	1	0	0 Thome 1b	4	0	0
Jaha dh	3	0	0	0 MaWrn 3b	4	1	1
Nwfield lf	3	0	1	0 Justice lf	4	1	2
Banks 3b	4	0	2	1 Rmirez rf	4	2	1
Diaz 2b	4	1	0	0 JuFrco 2b	3	0	1
GeWms cf	2	1	0	0 Mtchell dh	3	0	0
Mthony c	1	0	1	0 SAlmr c	2	0	0
Levis ph	1	0	0	0			
Totals	**30**	**4**	**7**	**3**	**Totals**	**33**	**6**

Milwaukee	003	001	000	—	4
Cleveland	010	031	10x	—	6

E—Loretta (1), Burnitz (1), Nilsson (1), Hershiser (1). DP—Cleveland 2. LOB—Milwaukee 8, Cleveland 12. 2B—Newfield (3), Justice (4). HR—Burnitz (2), Curtis (2). CS—Loretta (1). S—Loretta, Matheny. SF—Giles.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Milwaukee						
Karl	4	2-3	3	4	1	5
Florie	1	-3	0	0	0	1
Wickman L,2-1	2	3	2	2	2	2
Miranda	1	1	0	0	0	0
Cleveland						
Hershiser W,1-0	6	1-3	6	4	1	2
Kline	1	-3	1	0	0	1
Plunk	1	1-3	0	0	0	1
Mesa S,2	1		0	0	0	1

HBP—by Hershiser (Newfield), by Hershiser (Matheny), by Hershiser (GeWilliams). T—3:15. A—42,285 (42,400).

ANGELS 11, ROYALS 1

ANAHEIM	ab	r	hbi	KANSAS CITY	ab	r	hbi
Erstad 1b	4	2	1	0 Roberts lf	4	0	0
Edmnd cf	4	2	0	1 TGdwin cf	4	0	0
Hollins 3b	5	1	1	0 JBell ss	3	0	2
Leyritz c	4	2	3	1 CDavis dh	3	0	0
Salmon rf	5	1	4	5 Cooper 1b	3	0	0
EMrry dh	4	1	2	1 Pquette 3b	3	1	1
Howell dh	1	0	0	0 MiSwy c	3	0	0
GAndsn lf	5	1	4	1 DHwrd 2b	2	0	0
Grbeck 2b	4	1	2	1 Halter 2b	1	0	0
DiScna ss	5	0	1	1 Damon rf	3	0	0
Totals	**41**	**11**	**18**	**11**	**Totals**	**29**	**1**

Anaheim	510	002	210	—11
Kansas City	000	000	010	— 1

E—DHoward (2). DP—Anaheim 1, Kansas City 2. LOB—Anaheim 10, Kansas City 1. 2B—Hollins (3), Leyritz (2), Salmon 2 (3), JBell (2). HR—Paquette (2). SB—Erstad (6). S—Hollins. SF—Edmonds, Grebeck.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Anaheim						
Dickson W,3-0	9	3	1	1	0	7
Kansas City						
Rusch L,2-1	5	10	6	4	3	4
MtWilliams	2	6	4	4	0	1
RVeres	1	2	1	1	0	0
Pichardo	1	0	0	0	1	0

T—2:25. A—17,176 (40,625).

WHITE SOX 8, YANKEES 7

NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi	CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi
Raines lf	5	0	1	0 Drham 2b	4	1	2
Boggs 3b	5	1	1	0 DLewis cf	3	0	0

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Baltimore	11	3	.786	—	7-3	W-2	6-0	5-3	0-0
Toronto	8	7	.533	3 1/2	z-6-4	L-1	4-5	4-2	0-0
Boston	8	8	.500	4	z-5-5	L-2	4-4	4-4	0-0
Detroit	8	11	.421	5 1/2	z-4-6	W-1	5-6	3-5	0-0
New York	7	11	.389	6	3-7	L-1	1-4	6-7	0-0

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Milwaukee	8	6	.571	—	z-6-4	L-2	5-2	3-4	0-0
Minnesota	10	8	.556	—	z-6-4	L-1	6-2	4-6	0-0
Cleveland	8	9	.471	1 1/2	4-6	W-2	3-4	5-5	0-0
Kansas City	7	8	.467	1 1/2	z-5-5	L-1	3-5	4-3	0-0
Chicago	5	12	.294	4 1/2	3-7	W-1	3-7	2-5	0-0

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Seattle	11	7	.611	—	z-7-3	W-1	5-6	6-1	0-0
Texas	8	7	.533	1 1/2	z-6-4	W-1	5-4	3-3	0-0
Oakland	9	9	.500	2	z-4-6	L-1	5-3	4-6	0-0
Anaheim	7	9	.438	3	z-5-5	W-1	3-5	4-4	0-0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Atlanta	13	4	.765	—	z-8-2	L-1	8-1	5-3	0-0
Florida	10	7	.588	3	z-4-6	L-3	7-2	3-5	0-0
Montreal	7	9	.438	5 1/2	4-6	W-2	3-3	4-6	0-0
New York	6	11	.353	7	z-4-6	L-1	3-5	3-6	0-0
Philadelphia	5	12	.294	8	z-3-7	L-2	2-5	3-7	0-0

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Houston	11	7	.611	—	z-8-2	W-2	6-2	5-5	0-0
Pittsburgh	8	8	.500	2	z-6-4	W-2	4-4	4-4	0-0
St. Louis	6	10	.375	4	z-6-4	W-2	3-2	3-8	0-0
Cincinnati	6	12	.333	5	3-7	L-2	4-2	2-10	0-0
Chicago	1	14	.067	8 1/2	1-9	W-1	0-6	1-8	0-0

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
San Francisco	13	3	.813	—	9-1	W-9	8-3	5-0	0-0
Colorado	11	5	.688	2	z-7-3	W-1	5-3	6-2	0-0
Los Angeles	10	6	.625	3	z-6-4	L-2	7-5	3-1	0-0
San Diego	8	7	.533	4 1/2	4-6	L-2	5-6	3-1	0-0

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Sunday's Games

Baltimore 11, Boston 1
Detroit 9, Oakland 2
Cleveland 6, Milwaukee 4
Chicago White Sox 8, N.Y. Yankees 7, 11 innings
Anaheim 11, Kansas City 1
Texas 10, Toronto 5
Seattle 10, Minnesota 6

Monday's Games

Baltimore (Erickson 2-0) at Boston (Sele 2-0), 10:05 a.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Cone 0-2) at Chicago White Sox (Drabek 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Blair 2-2) at Texas (Burkett 1-1), 7:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Rosado 1-0) at Seattle (Johnson 2-0), 9:05 p.m.
Toronto (W.Williams 0-1) at Anaheim (Finley 0-0), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Mets 8, Chicago Cubs 2, 1st game
Chicago Cubs 4, N.Y. Mets 3, 2nd game
Montreal 5, Philadelphia 1, 1st game
Montreal 3, Philadelphia 0, 2nd game
Pittsburgh 5, Cincinnati 3
Colorado 9, Atlanta 2
Houston 3, Los Angeles 1
San Francisco 2, Florida 0
St. Louis vs. San Diego, at Honolulu, (n)

Monday's Games

Philadelphia (Schilling 2-1) at Pittsburgh (Cooke 1-2), 12:35 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Castillo 0-3) at N.Y. Mets (Reynoso 1-0), 12:40 p.m.

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Jeter ss 5 0 1 1 Snopek 3b 5 1 1 1
Posada c 4 0 0 1 Baines dh 3 1 1 0
Sojo 2b 6 0 0 0 NMartn dh 2 0 1 0
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Chicago						
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Simas	0	0	1	1	2	0
CCastillo	1	2-3	1	0	0	1
RHernandez	2	2	0	0	0	2
Levine

Bullets slip by Cavs for East's No. 8 playoff seed

Associated Press

■ NBA Roundup

CLEVELAND — The Washington Bullets advanced to the playoffs for the first time since 1988 as Chris Webber had 23 points and 17 rebounds and Juwan Howard sank a clutch jumper in the final seconds of an 85-81 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Webber and Howard, the former Fab Five teammates at Michigan, stood at halfcourt in a long, emotional embrace after making the postseason together for the first time since their college days in 1992.

The Cavaliers failed to make the playoffs for the first time in four years under coach Mike Fratello, losing 11 of their final 18 games and finishing two games behind Washington in the race for the final Eastern Conference spot.

The Bullets, who will play the Chicago Bulls in the first round beginning Friday night, capped a regular season in which they came back from a 25-31 start and snapped the NBA's longest drought between playoff appearances.

For Webber and Howard, the win also might help erase the heartache of that loss to North Carolina in the 1993 NCAA finals in which Webber mistakenly called a timeout when the Wolverines had none.

Howard ended a 3-for-13 shooting drought by sinking a turnaround jumper from the foul line to give Washington an 84-80 lead with 13.3 seconds to play.

Howard had 11 points, and Rod Strickland added 19 points and nine assists. Calbert Cheaney had nine points, including a dunk and three-point play in the crucial closing minutes.

Trail Blazers 100, Lakers 96

PORTLAND, Ore. — Shaquille O'Neal missed two free throws with 1.2 seconds left and his team trailing by two points, and Portland went on to defeat Los Angeles and deny the Lakers the Pacific Division title.

The teams will meet again in the first round of the playoffs. Portland won the season series 3-1.

Portland outscored Los Angeles 16-6 over the final five minutes behind the overall play of Arvydas Sabonis and clutch shooting by Isaiah Rider and Rasheed Wallace.

Rider scored 20, Clifford Robinson and Kenny Anderson 18 each and Sabonis 16 for Portland.

Pistons 124, Pacers 120, OT

INDIANAPOLIS — Grant Hill scored nine of his 38 points in overtime as Detroit ruined what was rumored to be Larry Brown's last game as Indiana's head coach.

The Pistons then waited to see who their first-round playoff opponent would be. They started the day one game behind fifth-place Charlotte in the Eastern Conference, but would take over that spot if the Hornets lost Sunday night at Milwaukee.

After the game, Brown denied that any decision had been made about his future.

Raptors 125, Celtics 94

BOSTON — The Boston Celtics ended the worst season in their storied history as they matched their most lopsided defeat of the year.

Boston finished at 15-67, far worse than the previous team mark for futility of 22-46 in 1949-50. It also is the seventh worst record in NBA history.

Damon Stoudamire scored 32 points against a weak Celtics defense that was at its most porous. The Raptors widened their lead in each quarter, stretching it to as many as 35 points before Boston scored the final four points.

Nets 108, Hawks 92

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jim Jackson had 25 points, 10 rebounds and 12 assists for his second triple-double this month as the New Jersey Nets ended their regular season with a win over the playoff-bound Atlanta Hawks.

The win gave John Calipari a 26-56 record in his first season as the Nets coach. The 56 losses were three more than he had in his final seven seasons at Massachusetts.

Bucks 120, Hornets 100

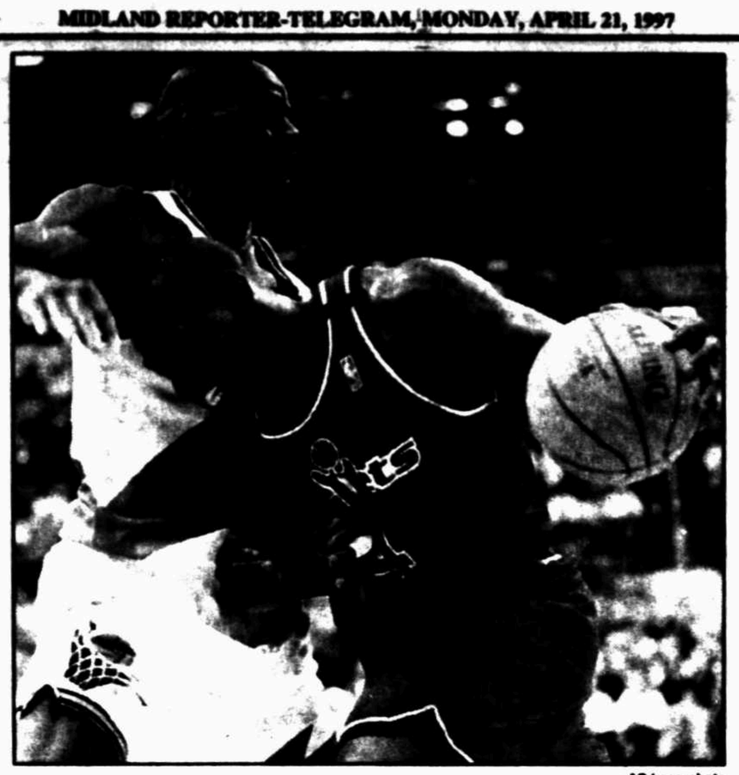
MILWAUKEE — The playoff-bound Charlotte Hornets looked lifeless in their regular season finale, losing to the Milwaukee Bucks to drop to the sixth playoff position in the East.

The Hornets will face the New York Knicks in the first round of the playoffs beginning Thursday night. They finished with the same record (54-28) as Detroit, but the Pistons had the tiebreaker edge because they won the season series 3-1.

Jazz 113, Kings 109

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Karl Malone had 18 points and John Stockton had 17 points and 14 assists as the Utah Jazz beat Sacramento for their 14th straight win over the Kings.

Rookie Shandon Anderson added 14 points for the Jazz, who won 19 of their last 20 regular-season games and went 31-4 after the All-Star break.



AP Laserphoto

Washington Bullets forward Chris Webber (4) runs into Tyrone Hill of the Cleveland Cavaliers during the first quarter Sunday in Cleveland. With the win, Washington qualifes for the playoffs.

Edmonton puts together late rally to defeat Dallas

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Three Edmonton goals within two minutes turned a shutout into a tie that Kelly Buchberger ended with a goal at 9:15 of overtime as the Edmonton Oilers beat the Dallas Stars 4-3 Sunday night.

Down 3-0 with exactly four minutes to play in the third period, the Oilers rallied on goals by Doug Weight, Andrei Kovalenko and Mike Grier, sending 17,099 fans at Northlands Coliseum into a frenzy.

Weight swiped a backhand by Dallas's Andy Moog at 16:00, Kovalenko snapped a shot through his pads on a power play at 17:44, and Grier tied it just 12 seconds later, tipping Dan McGillis' point shot past the screened goalie.

The three goals in 1:56 and two goals in 12 seconds set Oiler team records.

In overtime, Buchberger picked up a drop pass from Mats Lindgren across the Dallas blue line and snapped a shot that deflected off defenseman Darryl Sydor and past Moog.

The Oilers lead the best-of-7 Western Conference quarterfinal series 2-1. Game 4 is Tuesday night in Edmonton.

Dallas, shutout 4-0 at home in Game 2, received plenty of offense early as Mike Modano, Benoit Hogue and Joe Nieuwendyk gave the Stars a three-goal lead before the end of the second period.

Modano scored shorthanded 4:53 into the game when his long wrist shot from just inside the Oiler blue line snuck past Curtis Joseph.

Hogue scored on a power play late in the period to make it 2-0. It was the first man-advantage goal for the Stars in the series, who had been scoreless on their last 12 power plays.

Dallas made it 3-0 at 8:07 of the second on a Nieuwendyk wrist shot that beat Joseph low to the glove side.

Moog stopped 37 of 41 shots in the loss, while Joseph blocked 39 of 42 for his second straight win.

Gretzky up to old tricks in Rangers' win over Florida

By The Associated Press

■ NHL Roundup

MIAMI — Wayne Gretzky scored a goal and assisted on another as the New York Rangers beat Florida 3-0 Sunday to tie up the Eastern Conference playoff series at 1-1.

Mike Richter earned his seventh career playoff shutout by stopping 31 shots for the Rangers. Florida won Game 1 by the exact same score behind goaltender John Vanbiesbrouck.

The Rangers got two goals in less than two minutes from Gretzky and Esa Tikkanen as New York blitzed the Panthers in the second period and outshot them 44-31 in the game.

Luc Robitaille added the final score in the third period, jamming the puck beneath Vanbiesbrouck-'s pad and just over the goal line.

Red Wings 3, Blues 2

ST. LOUIS — Brendan Shanahan and Steve Yzerman scored power-play goals to end a dominating run by St. Louis' penalty killers as Detroit won Sunday afternoon.

Kris Draper had the first goal for the Red Wings, who took a 2-1 lead in the best-of-7 series. Brett Hull got his first goal of the playoffs and Joe Murphy also scored for the Blues.

Coyotes 4, Mighty Ducks 1

PHOENIX — Darrin Shannon scored two first-period goals and Keith Tkachuk had one, and Nikolai Khabibulin held off Anaheim with 30 saves for a Coyote victory.

Mike Gartner broke out of a scoring slump to add the Coyotes' fourth goal with 4:32 left in the game.

Anaheim still leads 2-1 in the best-of-7 Western Conference quarterfinal.

Blackhawks 4, Avalanche 3, 2OT

CHICAGO — Sergei Krivokrasov scored 11:03 into the second overtime as Chicago stopped Colorado's seven-game playoff winning streak and avoided falling into a 3-0 series hole.

It was the first overtime game of this year's playoffs but the fifth between these teams in the last two seasons. Chicago won two of the overtime games in last year's Western Conference semifinal series but dropped triple- and double-overtime decisions in losing to the eventual Stanley Cup champions.

Jeff Hackett made 48 saves to earn his first playoff victory for the Blackhawks, who can even the best-of-7 series at two games apiece by winning Tuesday.

NBA: Spurs record worst in team history

(From 1C)

The Rockets, who finished with the same record as the SuperSonics, will have the home-court advantage if they play Seattle in the second round because they won the season series 3-1.

Carl Herrera came off the bench to score 19 points and grab a season-high 14 rebounds for the Spurs, who will miss the playoffs for the first time since 1988-89.

"Words can't describe how I feel right now," said Avery Johnson, who finished with 17 points. "It's real disappointing. I think it will hit me Wednesday or Thursday, when there's no practice and the other teams are gearing up. But you can just look at the future right now, and I think ours is bright."

The Spurs' final record of 20-62 is one game worse than their 1988-89 record of 21-61.

Barkley and Matt Maloney sparked an 8-0 run ending with three minutes left that helped the Rockets hold off the Spurs down the stretch.

"It's been something I've been trying to do for about the last month and a half, staying focused and playing each game like it was a playoff game," said Maloney, who hit four second-half 3-pointers that helped the Rockets put the tough contest away.

Maloney finished with 14 points and four assists.

"I had a feeling it wouldn't be easy today," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "We've been in this position before and failed. It was just mind over matter late in the game. Now we start from zero."

The Rockets, held without a basket for nearly six minutes, trailed 23-21 at the end of the first quarter. Avery Johnson scored eight of the Spurs' first 12 points.

The Spurs extended their lead to eight points early in the second quarter, but the Rockets bounced back. A technical foul on Spurs center Greg Anderson set up a four-point play — Eddie Johnson's free throw and Clyde Drexler's subsequent 3-pointer — that gave Houston a 42-40 lead with 2:19 left in the half.

Two free throws by Cory Alexander with 22.1 seconds left in the period drew San Antonio to a 46-46 halftime tie.

Houston scored the first four points of the second half and later led by six, but took a four-point lead into the final period only after Barkley hit a free throw with 21.2 seconds left and then fired up a 23-foot shot from the left side of the circle that dropped in at the buzzer.

BULL: Chicago is 27-4 with regular lineup

(From 1C)

champions for their fifth title in seven years.

"It's money time, time to defend what is ours," said Dennis Rodman, who is expected back after missing the last 13 games with a knee injury. "I'm ready to go. It's time to party."

Asked what team would be the biggest threat in the playoffs, Michael Jordan said: "Ourselves. If we go out and play our game, I'm not worried about anybody else."

Center Luc Longley said the injuries to Rodman, the league's best rebounder, and top reserve Toni Kukoc made the Bulls look more vulnerable than they really are.

"We still had the best record in the league, by far," Longley said, referring to the Bulls' 69-13 mark. "I'd like to be able to say that I've got two 70-win seasons ... but we're certainly not pushing any panic buttons. When we get everybody back in uniform, I think you'll see a different team."

The Bulls are 27-4 with their regular starting lineup of Jordan, Rodman, Longley, Scottie Pippen and Ron Harper.

And Kukoc is often the "X" factor — a streak-shooting, 6-foot-11 forward who handles the ball like a guard and can carry the team for short stretches while Jordan and Pippen rest. He has missed most of the last six weeks with a foot injury that still bothers him.

"I have to play in the playoffs," Kukoc said. "I know it's going to get some (pain), but I'll just have to play with it."

The Bulls had few injury problems last season when they were 72-10, cruising past the 69-win record of the 1971-72 Los Angeles Lakers before rolling through the playoffs with a 15-3 mark.

Despite the Bulls' injuries, they could have won 72 again by taking their final four games. Instead, they lost at Detroit, at Miami and at home to New York, beating only Toronto during the stretch.

The two-game skid matches their longest of the last two years, and Saturday's defeat ended a 32-game home winning streak.

"No one wants to go into the playoffs losing," Jordan said. "Although we haven't been healthy, we've managed to still play solid enough basketball to win, yet we've lost more than we wanted to coming down the stretch.

"I'm pretty sure people are going to read a lot into that. But when we're full strength, I think that everyone knows how well we can play together."

NHL Playoff Summaries

Red Wings 3, Blues 2

Detroit .....1 2 0 — 3
St. Louis .....1 1 0 — 2

First Period—1, Detroit, Draper 2 (Maltby, Kocur), 2:40. 2, St. Louis, Hull 1, 17:09.

Second Period—3, Detroit, Shanahan 1 (Murphy, Larionov), :39 (pp). 4, St. Louis, Murphy 1 (Hull), 6:36 (pp). 5, Detroit, Yzerman 1 (Lidstrom, Larionov), 15:22 (pp).

Third Period—None.

Shots on goal—Detroit 13-10-6—29. St. Louis 3-8-15—26. Power-play Opportunities—Detroit 2 of 9; St. Louis 1 of 5. Goalies—Detroit, Vernon 2-1 (26 shots-24 saves). St. Louis, Fuhr 1-2 (29-26). A—19,273 (19,260).

Rangers 3, Panthers 0

New York ....0 2 1 — 3
Florida .....0 0 0 — 0

First Period—None.

Second Period—1, New York, Gretzky 1 (Lidster), 13:15. 2, New York, Tikkanen 1 (Graves, Messier), 14:58 (pp).

Third Period—3, New York, Robitaille 1 (Gretzky, Sundstrom), 3:29.

Shots on goal—New York 13-19-12—44. Florida 14-8-9—31. Power-play Opportunities—New York 1 of 5; Florida 0 of 6. Goalies—New York, Richter 1-1 (31 shots-31 saves). Florida, Vanbiesbrouck 1-1 (44-41). A—14,703 (14,703).

Blackhawks 4, Avalanche 3

Colorado ..0 1 2 0 0— 3
Chicago ..1 1 1 0 1— 4

First Period—1, Chicago, Daze 1 (Carney), 9:38.

Second Period—2, Colorado, Jones 1 (Sakic, Lemieux), 10:59. 3, Chicago, Amonte 1 (Weinrich, Suter), 13:51.

Third Period—4, Chicago, Daze 2 (Probert), 4:00. 5, Colorado, Corbet 1 (Yelle, Lacroix), 14:25. 6, Colorado, Lemieux 3 (Foote, Gusarov), 17:28.

First Overtime—None.

Second Overtime—7, Chicago, Krivokrasov 1, 11:03.

Shots on goal—Colorado 4-12-14-16-5—51. Chicago 9-19-9-14-6—57. Power-play Opportunities—Colorado 0 of 7; Chicago 0 of 2. Goalies—Colorado, Roy 2-1 (57 shots-53 saves). Chicago, Hackett 1-2 (51-48). A—17,385 (20,500).

Coyotes 4, Mighty Ducks 1

Anaheim .....1 0 0 — 1
Phoenix .....3 0 1 — 4

First Period—1, Phoenix, Shannon 1 (Ronning, Roenick), 1:18. 2, Phoenix, Shannon 2 (Quint), 8:50. 3, Phoenix, Tkachuk 3 (Ronning), 14:01. 4, Anaheim, Kariya 3 (Daigneault, Mironov), 18:49 (pp).

Second Period—No scoring.

Third Period—5, Phoenix, Gartner 1 (Tverdovsky, Ronning), 15:28.

Shots on goal—Anaheim 11-9-11—31. Phoenix 7-12-7—26. Power-play Opportunities—Anaheim 1 of 7; Phoenix 0 of 6. Goalies—Anaheim, Hebert 2-1 (26 shots-22 saves). Phoenix, Khabibulin 1-2 (31-30). A—16,210 (16,210).

Oilers 4, Stars 3

Dallas .....2 1 0 0 — 3
Edmonton ..0 0 3 1 — 4

First Period—1, Dallas, Modano 2 (Zubov), 4:53 (sh). 2, Dallas, Hogue 1 (Sydor, Harvey), 18:53 (pp).

Second Period—3, Dallas, Nieuwendyk 2 (Hogue, Verbeek), 8:07.

Third Period—4, Edmonton, Weight 2, 16:00. 5, Edmonton, Kovalenko 1 (Marchant, Mironov), 17:44 (pp). 6, Edmonton, Grier 2 (McGillis, Richardson), 17:56.

Overtime—7, Edmonton, Buchberger 2 (Lindgren, Mironov), 9:15.

Shots on goal—Dallas 11-13-10-8-42. Edmonton 11-7-17-6—41.

Power-play Opportunities—Dallas 1 of 6; Edmonton 1 of 6.

Goalies—Dallas, Moog 1-2 (41 shots-37 saves). Edmonton, Joseph 2-1 (42-39).

Philadelphia 76ers fire coach, general manager

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia 76ers fired general manager Brad Greenberg and head coach Johnny Davis on Sunday, one day after finishing the season with the third-worst mark in franchise history.

Team president and part-owner Pat Croce said he made the decision because he "lost confidence in the management of the basketball operation."

Specifically, Croce said he had "concerns with the levels of communication, discipline, decision-making and general team morale."

One candidate who has been mentioned is Kentucky coach Rick Pitino, who said last week that he has had conversations with Croce, although not specifically about taking over the 76ers. Pitino has repeatedly said he's not interested in leaving the Wildcats.

Other possible candidates are Pacers coach Larry Brown, who has asked to be released from his contract in Indiana, and former Pistons and Nets coach Chuck Daly.

Greenberg was hired in May after spending eight seasons in the personnel department of the Portland Trail Blazers.

Report: Nuggets to fire Motta, assistants

DENVER — Denver Nuggets head coach Dick Motta will be fired this week, The Denver Post reported on Sunday.

Assistant coaches Gene Littles, Jim Brovelli and Kip Motta will also be let go by vice president of basketball operations Allan Bristow, sources told The Post.

The firings have long been expected since Bristow was hired in February for the season to replace Bernie Bickerstaff.

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Price runs away with MCI Classic

By Pete Iacobelli
AP Sports Writer

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Nick Price clutched the written phone message of congratulations from friend and fellow champion Greg Norman and smiled.

"There are times when you doubt that you're ever going to be here again," said Price, once the world's best golfer who showed himself capable of championships again with a wire-to-wire victory in the MCI Classic on Sunday.

"I felt my game sliding," he said. "But I chipped away at all the little things that had gone wrong."

Nothing went wrong this week at Harbour Town. Price won his first PGA tour title since the 1994 Canadian Open by seven shots over Brad Faxon and Jesper Parnevik.

"This means so much because we all know this is the hardest tour to win on, week in and week out," Price said.

Price started Sunday's round up two shots, watched playing partner Faxon cut it to one, then ripped off radar-like irons and putts to finish at 15-under 269.

Price won $270,000 and became the tour's third wire-to-wire winner this season after Steve Jones at Phoenix and Steve Elkington in The Players Championship. Price kept up a recent trend of runaway victories, following Tiger Woods' 12-shot victory in the Masters last week and Elkington's seven-stroke victory in The Players Championship on March 30.

It had been a long time since Price could celebrate on the PGA tour. His Canadian Open title in 1994 capped a three-year run of success — 12 titles, two PGA Championships and a British Open — that placed him among the game's very best.

But Price bristled at the lifestyle demands of being the world's best and voluntarily dropped off. When his passion returned in mid-1995, Price's game did not.

He slipped to 30th on the tour that season, and the next, slowed by a sinus condition, was 50th. Price was also hit hard by the loss of his longtime caddie, Jeff "Squeeky" Medlen, who is undergoing treatment for leukemia and had to give up the bag last year.

Price was close a couple of times this year, tying for second at Doral and third at Phoenix, but was ultra sharp at cozy Harbour Town.

He closed his opening round with five straight birdies to lead by a stroke and played steady enough to maintain the margin through the weekend.

Faxon won the Freeport-McDermott title two weeks ago and is the hottest tour golfer not named Tiger Woods. He put the pressure on Price at the start Sunday with three straight birdies. Price, though, displayed a toughness to out-trump his opponent.

"When you get a guy like Nick on a roll, you can't give him any breaks and I did," Faxon said.



AP Laserphoto
Nick Price, of Hobe Sound, Fla., reacts on the 18th green after winning the MCI Classic Sunday at Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Webb storms from behind to win LPGA Komen International

MURRELLS INLET, S.C. — Karrie Webb rattled off six consecutive birdies on the back nine Sunday on the way to her second straight 6-under-par 66 and a three-shot victory in the $500,000 Susan G. Komen International.

Webb had birdies at Nos. 11 through 16 of the Wachesaw East Golf Club to overtake third-round co-leaders Cathy Johnston-Forbes and Nanci Bowen. Webb's total of 12-under 276 gave the 22-year-old Australian her fifth career victory.

Johnston-Forbes and Bowen each shot 70s on Sunday to share second place with Lori Kane, who finished with a 69.

Eight players were within five shots of Webb, who won $75,000 from the $500,000 purse.

Irwin repeats Senior PGA Championship

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Hale Irwin is playing such good golf that no one else stood a chance.

Irwin eagled the par-5 third hole and delivered what had been expected when he started Sunday, an easy victory in retaining his title at the PGA Seniors' Championship.

He won by 12 strokes and became the first golfer since Sam Snead in 1972 and 1973 to win this major in consecutive years.

"That eagle at No. 3 probably took away what glimmer of hope there was left for the other players," Irwin said. "I would have hated to have been trying to catch me today. I played exceptionally well from tee to green and didn't let my trouble on the greens affect the rest of my game.

"As I said yesterday, it was my tournament to win or lose and, fortunately, the former happened."

Irwin holed a 20-foot sand shot from in front of the green for his eagle and finished with 5-under-par 68 for a 274 total on the Champion course at the PGA National Golf Club. For the day, he had three birdies and a bogey.

Irwin's goal next year will be the three consecutive wins by the late Eddie Williams in 1942 and 1945-46.



AP Laserphoto
Hale Irwin gives his trophy a hug and kiss after winning the the PGA Seniors Championship, at 14-under-par in Palm Beach, Fla., Sunday.

No tournaments were played in 1943-44 because of World War II.

In earning his third title of the season on the senior tour, Irwin received $216,000 from the $1.2 million purse.

Jack Nicklaus and Dale Douglass shared the runner-up spot at 286 in the 58th edition of the event. Nicklaus, who redesigned this course after the 1989 PGA Seniors and won the title in 1991, birdied the final hole for a 70.

Douglass shot a 69 for his best finish since his first year of eligibility in 1987 when he was second by a stroke to Chi Chi Rodriguez.

At even-par 288 were Bob Charles of New Zealand (72), John Bland (73) and Larry Gilbert (75).

Despite his runaway performance after taking the lead with four consecutive birdies early in the second round Friday, Irwin was not close to several PGA Seniors' scoring records.

Lehman takes over No. 1 spot in world rankings

By Pete Iacobelli
AP Sports Writer

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Tom Lehman, officially the world's top golfer, is afraid his time has already passed.

Lehman tied for fourth in the MCI Classic on Sunday, good enough to push him past Greg Norman for first on the Official World Rankings, formerly known as the SONY ratings, that come out Monday.

Lehman, the PGA player of the year, had a dream 1996, winning the British Open, The Tour Championship and leading the money list with more than $1.7 million. He's had four top-10 finishes this year, but has not been the constant weekly threat he was before.

The rankings measure a golfer's performance over two years through a complex formula. Lehman had to finish seventh or better to move up.

"I think at any one point in time, the No. 1 ranked player in the world may not necessarily be the guy who is playing the best at the moment," Lehman said. "But over the course of two years, I think the rankings are reasonably accurate."

Norman had been up top for a record 96 weeks. He did not play the MCI Classic and will not return to the tour until next month.

Lehman is the second American to lead in the rankings' 11-year history. Fred Couples was up top for 15 weeks ending in July 1992.

The tone for Lehman's year — and maybe the PGA Tour's — was set in his first tournament, the Mercedes Championships. Lehman was tied with Tiger Woods through three rounds. Rain canceled a full final round, but things dried up enough for a two-man playoff. Lehman put his tee shot close on tl e first playoff hole, a par-3, at La Costa. Then Woods thundered his iron to tap-in range to take the tournament.

Lehman has struggled to find his focus since. He was just three shots behind eventual winner Nick Price starting Sunday's final round, then took bogeys on Nos. 2-4 to fall from contention.

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HORSE: Pair walks away with Park's top titles

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"I kept looking for Skip Away," Flores said. "But when I found him, I saw he wasn't dangerous. My horse had plenty of gas. He was responding like a good car."

Isitingood won in a quick 1:34.44 over the mile on Lone Star Park's much-acclaimed springy surface. Pegram said his horse's next race would probably be the Pimlico Special.

"We decided to run against Skip Away when they raised the purse to $250,000," Pegram said. "When this horse is on his game, he's tough to beat."

Shane Sellers, jockey on Skip Away, said, "I could see we were in trouble halfway through the race. He wasn't gobbling horses up and we just couldn't make up any ground."

Speed horse Anet, owned by Donald Dizney, won the 1 1-16-mile Lone Star Derby by 2 1/4 lengths after outdueling Frisk Me Now, Holzmeister, and Wild Wonder down the stretch. The winning time was 1:40.88 and paid Anet backers $7.80, $4 and $3.40.

Dizney and Baffert will ship Anet to Churchill Downs with plans to enter the Kentucky Derby if the horse responds well.

"We'll see how he comes out of this race and if he's not knocked out we'll enter him in the Derby," Baffert said.

Said Baffert, "This is a tough little peanut of a horse. He's not very big but he digs down and goes."

Dizney said Baffert predicted the victory over Frisk Me Now, who had won the Hutcheson Stakes and the Flamingo Stakes.

"He called me and told me I had a winner," Dizney said. "But I didn't believe him and I didn't bet the horse."

Anet was a nine-length winner in the Rushaway Stakes at Turfway Park in late March.

Robert Durso, trainer for Frisk Me Now, said, "We didn't have it. We may go to the Preakness from here."

A crowd of 24,200 bet $1,692,090 on the first Sunday of racing at Lone Star.

500: Gordon third in NASCAR points standings

(From 1C)

second several times.

Gordon, who won $99,225, averaged 70.290 mph as he won for the second straight time at the Martinsville track.

Hamilton, who led 331 laps here last fall before a broken air gun messed up a pit stop and relegated him to third, said, "We needed 100 laps of solid green. We were better than everybody, but we never got that chance except once."

The flow of the race was interrupted by 11 caution flags for a total of 103 laps and lasted nearly 3 hours, 45 minutes.

Gordon, who now has 23 career victories, has 18 top-10 finishes in his last 19 starts on track shorter than one mile. That includes seven wins.

"Short tracks have been good to us the last few years," he explained. "You've got to do well at short tracks to win a championship, and that's what we're trying to do."

Gordon started third and followed second-place starter Joe Nemechek past pole-winner Kenny Wallace on the first lap. The 1995 series champion then drove by Nemechek to take the lead on lap 21.

He quickly began to pull away, and the biggest question soon became what the winning margin would be.

Gordon not only remained out front, but moved away from the competition after each successive caution period and kept lapping more cars. That's what he was attempting to do on lap 328 when a collision with Spencer coming off turn four nearly spelled disaster for the leader.

As his car spun and smoke billowed from the tries, Hamilton moved past to take the lead — despite being hit hard from behind by the lapped car of Sterling Marlin — and Rusty Wallace took second.

Somehow, Gordon's car came away from the incident virtually unscathed, and he came out of the ensuing pit stop right behind Hamilton in second place. Hamilton wasn't as lucky, coming away from the melee with the right rear corner of his car pushed completely out of shape.

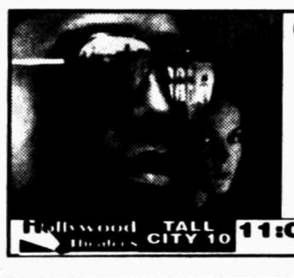
Still, it took Gordon until lap 376 to get past Hamilton and regain the lead he held the rest of the way.

Series leader Dale Jarrett, who came into the race with leads of 90 and 164 points over runner-up Labonte and third-place Gordon, had a dismal afternoon, finishing a lap down in 16th. His lead fell to 45 points over Labonte and 94 over Gordon as he failed to finish in the top five for the first since a wreck in the season-opener left him 23rd.

Seven-time series champion Dale Earnhardt extended his string of top-10 finishes to four. He never contended, but finished eighth.

Kenny Wallace wound up sixth, while Nemechek faded early and finished 19th.

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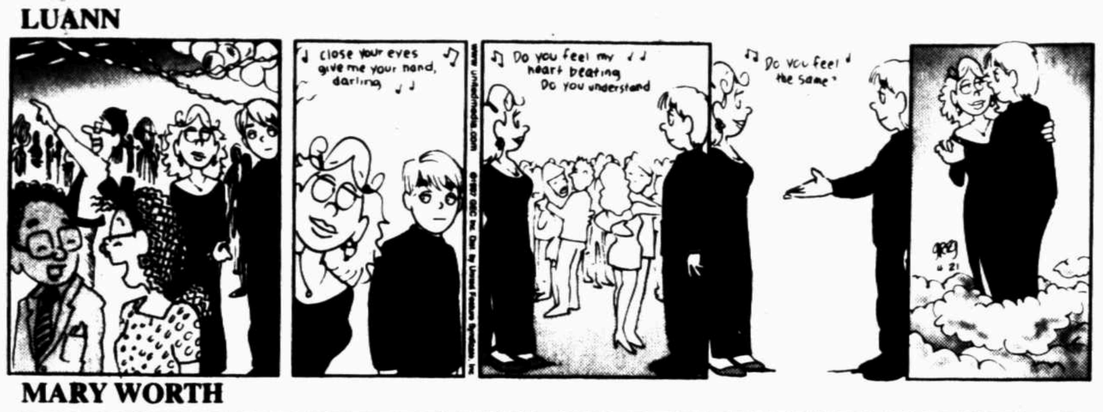
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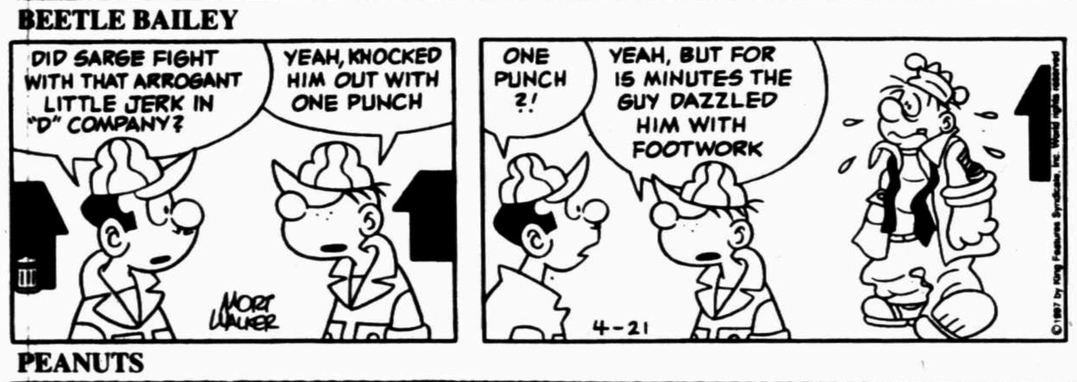
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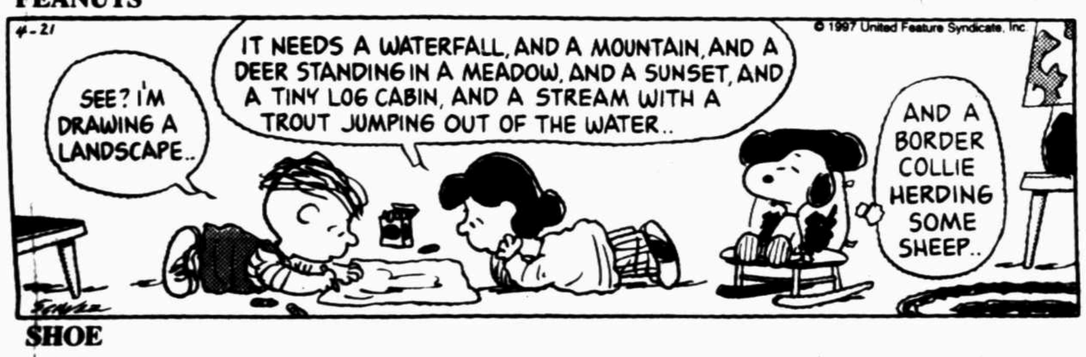
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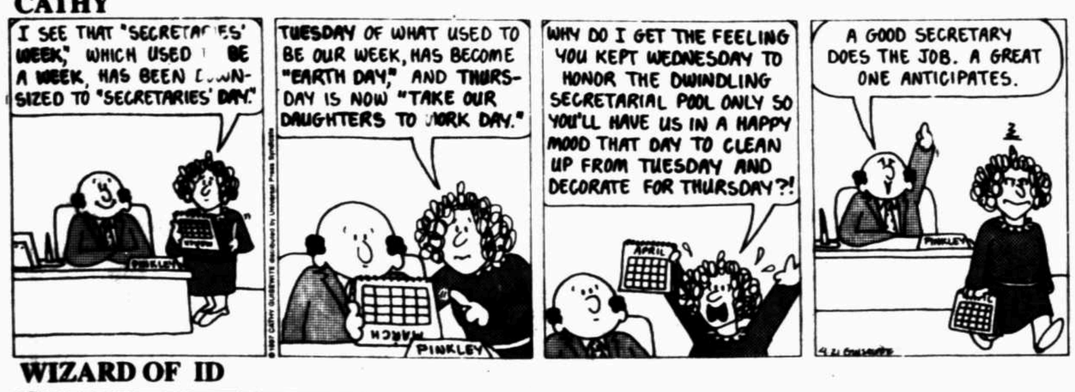
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Pressure is high in the early hours. You'll need to put your best foot forward. Make the most of another's goodwill. Your attitude about something might not be justified. Opportunities open up. Return all calls; there is good news coming. Tonight: Go for what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You wake up on the wrong side of the bed. Another's needs are overwhelming. Concentrate on one item at a time. Everything will be easier if you stay in the moment. Take a walk at lunch to recharge your batteries. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ News in the morning is negative, but it improves as the day progresses. A positive outlook opens the door to many possibilities. Humor gives you a strong sense of direction. Analyze how you have imposed unnecessary restrictions. Opt for a mind-opening experience. Tonight: Imagination calls.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Stay in sync with a boss who might be grumpy in the morning. Important talks with an associate breed new moneymaking opportunities. You view business matters with more perspective. Do not neglect home base. Consider a home office. Tonight: You're happy at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Focus on changing plans as necessary and adapting. Stay on top of communications. Though you might feel out of whack, goodwill permeates the moment. Your sense of humor makes a big difference; it will help you see the big picture. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Stay in touch with your fiscal desires. Another may challenge your spending habits. Establish boundaries. Your energy and enthusiasm about work provides an excellent opportunity. You become a financial wizard for the day! Tonight: Treat yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Though you are challenged by another's negativity, you find ways of working around it. Creativity helps, at work and home. You gain another's respect because of how you handle a tough problem. Your smile helps melt barriers. Tonight: Play, even if it is Monday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ You need a day off, as you are exhausted. Your good nature helps relieve some pressure. You might want to add to your home — consider a new pet or a home office. Whatever the idea is, it will be good for you. Think about yourself first. Tonight: Hit the sack early.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Determine what you want, despite an early-morning difficulty. Understand what is happening with a friend. Open up communications to include more ideas. You are a sure winner, as you get to the root of a problem. Attend meetings. Tonight: The more, the merrier.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Stay on top of change. You will be able to move in a new direction. Assume responsibilities, and design new moneymaking ideas. A family member feels uptight; give him space, as you work on career and other important items. Tonight: Prepare to work late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your upbeat approach makes a difference in how another greets an idea. A change in plans works for you, and allows you to use time more effectively. Detach emotionally, and find solutions. You will be on someone's pedestal. Look at what isn't being said. Tonight: Do what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Build on a partnership. Allow yourself to be less uptight about money. An associate has great ideas. Maintain a high profile, while using your instincts. Others see the positives in your actions. Take time at lunch to think through a decision. Tonight: Have fun.

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q. 1 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠K Q J 10 5 4 ♡A 8 7 ◇6 ♣9 8 2

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	1♠	2♣
Pass	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A - This is more a matter of style than evaluation. Aggressive players will leap to four spades; conservatives will maintain that a jump to three spades is enough. At this vulnerability, though, the game bonus makes it worthwhile to push a little so we would opt for four spades.

Q. 2 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠9 ♡K 7 6 ◇A Q 6 5 4 2 ♣K J 4

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
2◇	Pass	2♡	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A - While bidding no trump with a singleton in partner's first-bid suit goes against the grain, there is no other sensible choice. The diamond suit is too moth-eaten to bid a third time, and you don't want to raise partner's second suit with only three-card support. Bid two no trump.

Q. 3 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠A K 9 4 ♡A K 5 3 ◇K 9 ♣Q 8 3

The bidding has proceeded;

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1◇	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A - As a general rule, it is a losing tactic to bypass a good four-card major in favor of a jump to two no trump. Here, however, that would be taking matters a little too far. We would bid two no trump. Incidentally, playing four-card majors the best opening bid is one heart, to make sure of finding a 4-4 fit in a major if one exists.

Q. 4 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠A 9 8 5 ♡A 9 8 7 2 ◇K Q 6 3 ♣Void

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	3♣	?	

What action do you take?

A - Our first reaction was to cue-bid four clubs, asking partner to bid a suit. However, sober reflection suggests that a quiet three hearts now, obviously forcing, could make life much simpler later, when the cue-bid would still be available.

Q. 5 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠K 8 3 ♡A 10 8 6 5 ◇J 9 5 2 ♣6

The bidding has proceeded:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1◇	Dbl	1♡	Dbl
Pass	Pass	2◇	?

What action do you take?

A - Since partner's bidding has shown a minimum takeout double, you can expect at least three hearts in the North hand. With a known eight-card fit, go ahead and compete with two hearts despite East's response — the suit is going to be well placed.

Q. 6 - East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠7 6 5 ♡K Q 6 3 ◇8 5 4 ♣Q 10 5

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
4♡	5◇	?	

What action do you take?

A - It might seem that a raise to five hearts is mandatory, but is it? Partner's opening is preemptive, and your length in hearts makes it highly unlikely your side can score even one trick in that suit. You do not want to push the opponents into slam. Pass. You can always sacrifice later should the opponents bid on. If the urge to do something is too overwhelming, at least jump to six hearts!

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PEOPLE

Parton too busy to retire now and enjoying every minute, she says

SEVIERVILLE, Tenn. — **Dolly Parton**: homebody? If only.

"The older I get, the more I want to stay home," Parton, 51, told local east Tennessee fans last week at her theme park, Dollywood.



Parton says she's "busier that a one-legged man in a butt-kicking contest."

But "they got me busier than a one-legged man in a butt-kicking contest," the country singer joked.

Parton, always a busy performer, also has her own company, Sanddollar Productions, which has been producing films and TV shows. She is also trying to land her own television series and produce children's videos.

So the chance of Parton retiring to east Tennessee any time soon sounds remote, although she likes the idea of returning someday to make a local TV program.

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PARIS — Full-body plastic surgery? Cloning? No, it was just **Michael Jackson** helping unveil a wax museum statue of himself in France.

Jackson posed for the new sculpture, which replaces a crude waxen image of the pop star at Paris' Grevin Museum of Wax made based on photographs. He also provided one of his own showy outfits to dress it.

"He is an artist totally fascinated by his own image," sculptor Denis Longchampt said at the unveiling Saturday.

The singer was given his own copy of the statue of him wearing a red military-style jacket and black pants, with his hair in a pony tail.

French mime Marcel Marceau was on hand for the event, along with about 1,500 fans gathered outside.

Dressed in a black jacket and pants, wearing a black hat and sunglasses, Jackson hugged a teen-ager in a wheelchair and held a 5-year-old girl in his arms before going inside.

Like Marceau, and the statues, Jackson didn't say a word.

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NEW YORK — One question **Cindy Crawford** wouldn't dare ask Jay Leno is no secret anymore.

The model will interview the late-night talk show host on NBC's "Later" in May.

"They say 'Ask Jay why they (he and wife Mavis) don't have kids,' Well, I would NEVER ask somebody that," Crawford says in the April 26 TV Guide. "It's really none of my business."

As a TV hostess, Crawford has filled in for Kathie Lee Gifford on "Live! With Regis & Kathie Lee" and is being considered as a substitute for CNN's "Larry King Live."

"I'm totally intimidated," Crawford said of her newfound career calling, "but I don't want to not do things because I'm afraid of failing."

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WASHINGTON — Batman's sidekick has a new partner — a wife.

Hollywood heartthrob **Chris O'Donnell**, 26, who reprises his role as The Caped Crusader's cohort in the upcoming film "Batman and Robin," exchanged wedding vows Saturday with bride Caroline Fentress.



Heartthrob Chris O'Donnell has tied the knot.

They were married at St. Patrick's Church in Washington. The bride, daughter of sports agent Lee Fentress, is a kindergarten teacher and Washington native.

The newlyweds were introduced by the bride's brother, who attended Boston College with O'Donnell.

O'Donnell's film credits include "Scent of a Woman," "Circle of Friends" and "In Love and War."

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NEW YORK — **Damon Wayons** can't believe the Warner Bros. television network is yanking his cartoon "Waynehead" from its Saturday lineup. At least not for the reason given.

"I was told it wasn't black enough, or funny enough," Wayans says in TV Guide magazine. "If this show isn't black enough, what do they want? Something in ebonics?"

The black comedian thinks the cartoon cancellation is a retaliatory move aimed at him because he appears on two shows for rival network, Fox.

"We certainly weren't looking for a show in ebonics," WB spokesman Brad Turrell responded. "The program was an attempt to offer more diversity on Saturday morning. Unfortunately, the ratings didn't grow."

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TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

MONDAY EVENING — **April 21, 1997** — 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 334	Wheel of Fortune	The Story of Mothers & Daughters 8121						News 3163082	Cheers (10:35)	Nightline (11:05)	Politically Incorrect
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	Melrose Place: All Beth's Are Off 64711		Close Call: Cheating Death 40131		Tarzan: The Epic Adventures 80995		Mad About You	In the Heat of the Night: The Rabbi 914024		Martin 79315
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 9112	Entertain. Tonight	Magic of David of Copperfield XVI		Cybill 4334	Ink 3841	Chicago Hope: Leggo My Ego 44315		News 8854605	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Married... Children
(9) KWES	9	9	News 3353	Seinfeld 4605	Mad About You	Suddenly Susan	Seinfeld 4112	Caroline in the City	Dateline NBC 73841		News 1690792	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	The Light of the Southwest 540637		J. Sekulow		Benny Hinn 35247		Praise the Lord 38334				Sch'bach	Pensanti
(15) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 319957		Mysteries of Deep Space (Part 2 of 3) 432053		The American Experience 441711		Chicano! Mexican-American Civil Rights		To Be Announced 794315			
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(6) CNBC		8	Money Club	Steals and Deals	Equal Time	Chris Matthews	Rivers Live 1870792		Late Night With Conan O'Brien 1867228		Charles Grodin 1860315		Rivers Live 4537131	
(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	BZZZZ! 760131	Baseball: New York Yankees at Chicago White Sox 441173						News 948082	The Honeymooners	In the Heat of the Night 191247	
(11) WTBS		11	Fun Videos	Fun Videos									The Coming Plague (Part 1 of 2) 334570	
(18) BRAV		18	In Search of an Author										In Search of an Author	
(20) BET		20	Hit List 361044		Planet Groove 715841				Comicview 841605		BET Talk	Benson	Rap City 233082	
(21) DISN		21												
(23) FAM		23	Very Personal With Naomi Judd 140905		Highway to Heaven: Sail Away 770990		Rescue 911 796808		The 700 Club 776044		The Three Stooges	The Three Stooges	Carson's Comedy	Carson's Comedy
(35) CNN		35	Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Burden	Larry King Live 607315		The World Today		Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Showbiz
(36) ESPN		36	SportsCenter (5:30)	Up Close Prime-Time: Baseball '97 209063		Golf: Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf: U.S. Championship 936792				Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter 446266		Baseball Tonight	Running 186995
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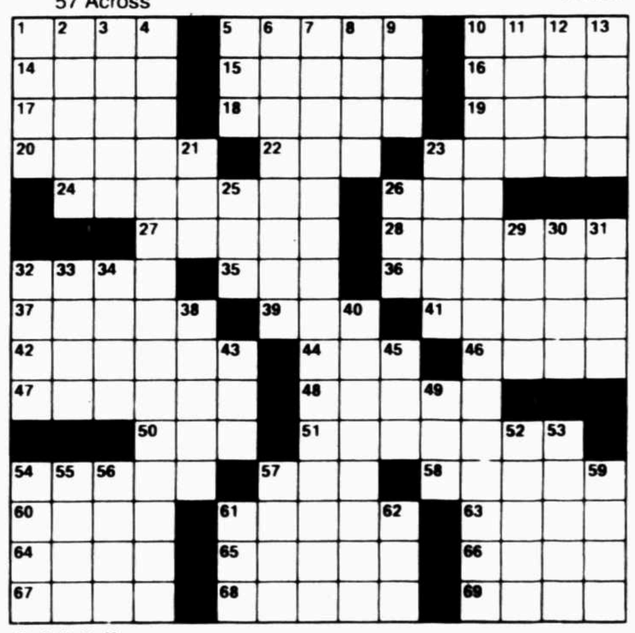
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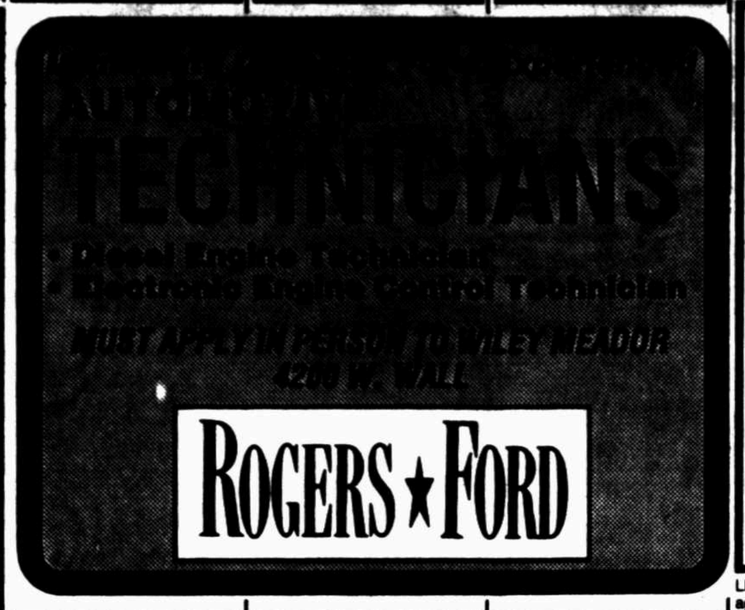
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Oil & Gas Revenue Clerk. Must be familiar with computerized revenue system, Enertech a plus. Position involves data entry, filing, division order updates, suspense updates, and regulatory reporting. Competitive salary and benefits. Applicants should mail resume to:
P.O. Box 10629
Midland, TX 79702

CONVENTION SALES MANAGER
The Midland Chamber of Commerce Convention and Visitor Bureau is seeking a Convention Sales Manager. This person will report to the Director of Convention and Visitor Development. The Convention Sales Manager is responsible for all convention sales efforts including: State, local, regional and area association sales calls; Telephone prospecting; Lead generating; Maintenance of client and call database; Arrangement of local and state sales blitz. Excellent organizational, public relations, strong closing and communication skills required. This person must be a self-starter, highly motivated individual. Computer literacy on ACT, TNET, Microsoft Word and Windows 95 required. Four year degree and two years conventions sales experience or equivalent combination. Competitive salary and benefits package. Submit resume to: Shura Lindgren, Director, Midland CVB, PO Box 1890, Midland, Texas 79702.

DIVISION ORDER ANALYST being sought by Independent Oil Company. Minimum experience 5 years. Send resumes to: Box P-06018, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

EDUCATION- Trinity School seeking Head Football position and Head Volleyball Coach with PE duties. Please call Gary Brewster, 697-3281.

Engineering Tech
Rapidly growing independent oil company looking for an ET with the "Right Stuff". Job requires 5+ years experience, drilling & production background, good computer skills, RRC-OCC experience, excellent organizational skills. Looking for a personable, confident, self-starter. Excellent salary and benefits for the right candidate. Send resume to:
Box T-05017
%Midland Reporter-Telegram
P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702

JUNIOR MAP Drafter. Knowledge of land maps and well spotting helpful. Good small free hand lettering essential. Would consider trainable aptitude. For appointment call 683-2777 ext. 18.

OIL- SMALL INDEPENDENT Oil Company needs full time Engineering Tech. Familiar with Downhole equipment and Microsoft Office. Salary DOE. Send resume to: Box B-04009, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

PROFESSIONAL NEEDED
Seeking a professional individual who has experience in grant writing, donor cultivation, corporate relations and special project planning and execution. This individual must be a people person," highly motivated, an independent worker, and should possess computer skills. Submit a resume and salary requirements to:
The Salvation Army
P.O. Box 594
Midland, Texas 79702-0594

SALES Assistant/ Coordinator. Requirements: Excellent verbal, writing/ organizational skills. Computer literacy in Windows 3.1 or '95. Strong work ethic. Attention to details. Positive attitude. Ability to professionally handle clients. Office experience in Television a plus. No phone calls. Send resume to: KOSA-TV, 1211 N. Whitaker, Odessa, TX 79763.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR position open K-5 thru 12. Over 200 students. Christian environment, commitment to excellence. Cornerstone Christian School, (915)947-0559. PO Box 61121, San Angelo, TX 76906.

TEACHERS- Expanding Montessori school. Accepting applications. Elementary/ Primary teachers & assistants. Will train assistants. 687-4101.

TRAVEL AGENT- Sabre experience preferred. Part- time or full time. Call 683-4211.

TRAVEL- EXPERIENCED AGENCY/ MANAGER. Experience in ARC requirement handling outside sales agents. SABRE experience and well founded in planning agency promotion. Minimum 5 years experience. Mail resume with salary requirements to: Box E-01020, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

DATA ENTRY
Process medical claims, must type 40 wpm, computer experience required. $8- $12/ hour (Based on experience). Full- Time/ Part-Time.
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ACCOUNTING CLERK for Independent Oil & Gas Producer, front desk, phones, light accounting. Enertech experience helpful. Please send resume to: Box P-06025, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

CLERICAL help wanted. Qualified applicants must have at least 2 years computer experience, 10 key by touch, typing, telephone skills, good math aptitude, be a self starter. This is a non- smoking environment. Apply in person only, no phone calls please. 303 S. Terrell, Snowhite Laundry.

CLERICAL- Openings for exp. Oil & Gas office personnel. Call OLSTEN today, 683-5677.

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Temp & Perm positions. Locally & around the globe! 686-8360.

JOBS AVAILABLE
Select Staff
915-687-1545

OFFICE. Exciting fun new company is growing fast. Opening for Receptionist /Bookkeeper with computer experience. Hours 10 -3. Must love talking with people on the phone. Call 687-6666 for interview.

RECEPTIONIST NEEDED for non- smoking office. Must be punctual, professional, and have computer experience in Windows and Word Perfect. Duties include phones, mail, and secretarial support. References required. Please send resume to: Personnel Director, P. O. Box 2918, Midland, Texas 79702.

SECRETARIAL /CLERICAL
PART TIME
Growing local company needs part time secretarial /clerical help. Work 4 -5 Hours per day Monday thru Friday - could be full time during the summer. The person selected must have good telephone, computer, and organizational skills, be detail oriented and punctual. Call 570-7955 for appointment.

SECRETARY /CLERK for small oil and gas producer. Computer literacy required. Entry- level position with growing company. Will train to code invoices, communicate with interest owners, process payments and file regulatory forms. Resume to: Personnel Mgr., P.O. Box 2713, Midland, TX 79702

V.I.P. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES- Clerical and Industrial jobs available. Never a fee. Benefits. (915) 686-9722.

VALVE OUTSIDE SALESPERSON NEEDED:
Houston based valve co. seeks individual to promote pipeline and industrial valves in West TX & NM. Oil & Gas end user contacts a must. Send resume to: P.O. Box 750482, Houston TX 77275-0482

HOUSING CONSULTANT. Our top sales person made over $8,000 last month. Excellent opportunity for highly motivated salesperson. Bi-lingual a plus. Unlimited income potential. Excellent benefits. U. S. A. Mobile Homes, 4608 W. Wall, Midland, TX 520-2177.

SALES/ SALES Management possibilities. 95-804-I. Call for information, 915-5707588.

STORE MANAGEMENT
Coach House Gifts, a nationally recognized retailer of cards and gifts, seeks experienced candidates for Store Management position in Midland Park Mall. Qualified applicants will have management experience, a positive approach to team building, merchandising aptitude and be a leader/trainer for our staff. We offer competitive salary, medical, life and dental coverage. E. O. E. Mail or fax resume:
District Manager
Coach House Gifts
White Sands Mall
Alamogordo NM 88310
(505) 434-6648

FIELD SERVICE TECHNICIAN
LACT Unit repair person needed. Working knowledge of pump panels and P. D. Meters necessary. A good driving record and pre employment drug screen required. Send resume to:
Service Department,
11231 W. County Rd. 127
Odessa, Texas 79765

APARTMENT MAINTENANCE
Full- Time permanent Minimum 2 years experience. Verifiable references. Wages and benefits.
682-4783

CONCRETE FINISHER needed. Must have vehicle. Call 520-4028.

CONSTRUCTION- Reese Albert Inc.taking applications for Finished Maintainer Operator. Also Loader operators, distriutor operators and haul truck operator. Must have CDL. Call 570-0481, 8 to 5, after hours call 563-3927.

DIESEL MECHANIC wanted. Please call 682-7032.

ELECTRIC- An established Odessa electric apparatus service center needs an experienced motor winder /mechanic. Excellent opportunity and employer provided employee benefits. Call Terry at 1-800-322-3923.

EXPERIENCED LINEMAN. Digger operator, & helper for oilfield electrical work wanted. Knowledge in new construction & troubleshooting. Power lines a must. Must have good driving record and be familiar with powerline equipment & tools. Send resume to P.O. Box 620, Coahoma, TX 79511.

FORK LIFT Operator for field work. Must have Class A CDL, clean driving record, minimum 2 years driving and forklift experience. Minimum age 23. Must be able to pass D.O.T. drug screen & physical. Do not apply if not qualified. McClatchy Bros., 3901 W. Industrial. See Caron.

HOT OILER Operator Wanted. Call 915-523-5090.

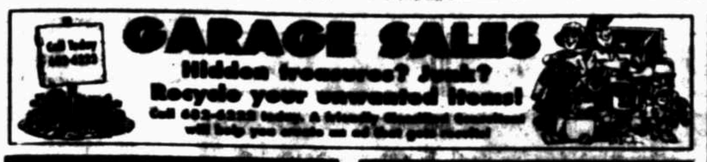
LICENSED PLUMBER and/ or heating & air conditioning technician. Send resume or call for an appointment to: Payton Plumbing Inc., 1005 North 7th Street, Lamesa, TX 79331. Phone #806-872-3333. All applications will be kept confidential.

MACHINIST
Fast growing, independent manufacturing company is seeking a machinist with 5 years experience. Able to operate hollowspindle, engine lathe & mill. Competitive wages, health benefits & profit sharing. Please send resume to:
MANAGER
P.O. BOX 81177
MIDLAND TX 79708

METAL BUILDING ERECTORS Wanted. Experienced. Pay DOE. Call 520-9421.

OPERATORS. American Energy Services is now hiring Equipment Operators. Class A CDL license is required. Experience is preferred. Excellent pay and benefits. Apply at 2401 E. I-20 Access Road, Midland, TX or call 570-4899.

PRINTER need to run A. B. Dick printing press. Experience a must. Apply 315 N. Colorado Street.



79703

CONSTRUCTION SURPLUS: Lumber, cedar, fixtures, other general supplies. Will sell all at any price! 3314 W. Illinois. Monday only.

79707

OUR SAVIOR'S Lutheran Church will be having a garage sale May 3rd. If you have items to donate call Mary 699-1957 or Mike 697-0951. We will pick up. Tax receipt available.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

$20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20

GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE $20!

Call 682-6222 Today!

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320 Special Trades

REFRIGERATION/ HVAC Service Tech. wanted. Salary D. O. E. 2 year minimum experience. Please call 685-3387 for appointment.

ROOFING HELP Needed. Experience in wood & composition. Call between 8 am- 6 pm, 685-0607.

SHEET METAL/ HVAC Service Tech. wanted. Salary D. O. E. 2 year minimum experience. Please call 685-3387 for appointment.

330 Adult Care Providers

DON'T WANT to leave your home or need just a little help around the house? Let In Home Care help you, just ask for Jackie- she will take care of all your needs! Call 570-4475.

340 Child Care Needed

CHILD CARE needed for 1 infant in our home or yours beginning July 30th. Teacher hours. Resumes and references accepted until May 21st at Box B-04007, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

CHRISTIAN home looking for experienced nanny. Clean driving record, and reliable transportation. References. Start immediately. Live in optional. 699-5477.

VERY RESPONSIBLE, Patient Christian person to babysit 5 year old and newborn on the way in my home. References required. Call April, 570-5776 or after 5 pm 520-6915, for interview.

341 Child Care Providers

MOTHER OF 1 wants to babysit your 6 month- 4 year old in my home. Call 694-2509.

CHILD CARE. Monday-Friday, 6:30-5:30. Full time openings. CPR & First Aide trained. Experienced, references. 520-2786.

MOTHER OF ONE- Taking children, 2 & older, into my home. Meals provided. Jane Long area. 7 am -6:30 pm. 694-2637.

TWO GRANDMOMMIES. Immediate opening for 1 Infant. Register now for toddler program, beginning August. 694-9871.

CHILD CARE. Ages 2 & up. 7 am- 9 pm. Open weekends. Call 694-6575.

350 Business Opportunities

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Attention Readers

Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract.

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Hot New Locations
$1,500 Plus Weekly
Call Now!
1-800-511-6342

$1000's Possible Typing
Part- Time at home.
Toll Free
1-800-218-9000 Ext T-1523
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$$ PAY PHONES $$
Local Sites Available.
Lowest Prices.
$3K Weekly potential.
1-800-800-3470,24 Hrs.

BUSINESS FOR SALE- In Midland Park Mall. Owners moving out of town. Financing Available. For more information 528-2919 or 689-0522.

$1000'S Possible Reading Books
Part Time at Home.
Toll Free
1-800-218-9000 Ext. R-1523
For Listings

SEIZED CARS from $175. Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys, BMW's, Corvettes. Also, Jeeps, 4WD's. Your Area. Toll Free 1-800-218-9000 Ext A-1523 for current listings.

HOME TYPISTS
PC Users needed.
$45,000 income potential
Call
1-800-513-4343 Ext B-9104

LOCAL CUSTOMER Service business. Growth & franchise possibilities. Call Zody, 684-5209.

360 Domestic Opportunities

ACHIEVE BIG Cash weekly. Local snack/ soda route for sale! 800-350-8363.

GET REAL Estate License quickly. Short state course. Day, weekend or evening. Southwest College, 697-7277.

GOVERNMENT FORECLOSED
Homes from pennies on $1
Delinquent Tax, Repo's, REO's
Your area-
Toll Free
1-800-218-9000 Ext H-1523
for current listings

MICROBREWERY (Midland) For sale. Equipment plus leasehold. Ideal for brew on premise concept. Ready to go. $120,000. 682-6622.

$$$ 750 TO 2,000 CASH $$$
If you have a PICKUP truck or can obtain one & you are clean cut, energetic and a clean driving record. I'll show you how to make this kind of money. (Guaranteed 14 day program) Must be 18+. For interview call (915)694-7774 Mr. Hansen, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

$$ HUGE PROFITS $$
Phone Card Routes
$2,000/ Week Potential
800-700-7177, 24 hrs.

$1000's Possible Typing
Part- Time at home.
Toll Free
1-800-218-9000 Ext T-1523
for listings

FOR SALE- Most respected Moving Company in Midland. 1 ton truck, 16' wells cargo trailer, all pads, dollies & customers. $20K cash. Brian 689-6723.

400 Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION Every Monday 7PM. 601 S. Terrell. All consignments welcomed.553-9179. Toby Engle lic. #11918.

410 Misc. Sales

COOLERS, MOWERS, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, heaters, bamboo/ dining/ suites, couches, chairs, reliners. 570–4851.

★ BIBLE TALK: "What is Hell Like?" 520-0381. Free recorded message.

I PAY up to $2,500 for Levi jeans 20 years old or older. Check your closet/ attic! (972)636-1021.

BRAND NEW furnace and coil with a 6 year old Lennox 4 ton heat/ air system. $2,000 installed. 570-1216.

MOVING BOXES for sale. Good prices. Call 687-4003.

SWAN PROFESSIONAL Ice Shaver. Excellent condition. Has foot pedal. $1,800. Call 699-2559.

NORTH RESTHAVEN Mausoleum, (2 crypts), middle level, Sanctuary of Love, $5,400/ both. Miss Van Ness Days 817-294-8931 Evenings 817-294-1316.

IRRIGATION PIPE with couplers. 3" x 40', $30 each. 1,000 Bricks. All or part 5¢ each. 682-2969.

5-6 PERSON Spa/ Hot Tub with free cover and chemicals. 40 Year warranty. 563-3108.

FREE STANDING Bar, solid oak, lots of storage- sacrifice $400; Rattan furniture, bookshelves, maple coffee table, decorative bar mirrors, refrigerator, pool and patio furniture. Call and leave message. 520-7445.

BASEBALL LOVERS DREAM!! Angels Monday-Friday games only. Stadium Club Seats (covered), Section 2, Row A, Seats 4 & 5. Sacrificing $700. 684-5418.

TREADMILL. Excellent condition. 1.5 HP, 0-8 mph, auto incline, digital. $300. 697-2055, leave message.

KIDS PLAYHOUSE; Built to perfection with treated lumber. Call 697-1421.

FULL Size Camcorder, all automatic, $350. Call Steve, 685-1293.

BIG SCREEN TV. Take on small monthly payments. Good credit a must. Call 1-800-398-3970.

WILL SACRIFICE: stereo cabinet, storm door, carpet & pad, luggage, adjustable bed, water softener, and other small items. 697-9967.

LARGE BAR-B-Q Pit & smoker on 16' trailer; Nice rig; Lots of extras! $4,800. Very nice trailer mounted Bar-B-Q pit; $1 500. 697-1424.

USED BABY Swing. Beige. $15. Call 570-9325 for more information.

415 Misc. Wanted

WANTED: the book "Land of the High Sky" by John Howard Griffin, published in 1959 by First National Bank of Midland. Will pay $25.00. Send replys to: Box P-06024, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

WANTED: Trailers with ramps for lawnmowers and cars. Also, air nailers, especially roof nailers. Pager, 498-1120.

JAPANESE Wedding Robe- in good condition. 697-9620, leave message or 682-3132, days.

WANTED: Pickup topper shell for 1990 Chevy Pickup, 8 ft. tapered bed. White, red or black. Call 697-2477.

420 Good Things To Eat

GARDENDALE PECAN Processing. We buy and sell Pecans. Public shelling, thrashing poles, pecan picker-uppers and more! 9- 12 and 1-6 Monday through Saturday FM554, Gardendale, TX 550–7609.

430 Household Goods

★ FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. Appliance sales, service, & refinishing. 567-5221, 550-6540.

RANCH STYLE Living Room Set. Excellent condition. Call 684-7570 after 3 pm.

25" COLOR TV, $200. 19" Color TV, $100. Call 699-7432 or leave message.

ANTIQUE DOUBLE Bed frame, $225. Broyhill Queen Anne dining room table, 4 chairs, like new, $975. 697-6645.

LARGE SELECTION of above ground pools- now on sale. Financing & installation available. 563-3108.

5 PIECE BURGUNDY Sectional. Includes 2 end loungers & sofa bed; also matching rocker lounger. $600. 697-4543, After 6 pm.

TWIN SIZE pink metal bed frame without mattress. $25.00. Call 699-0838.

SEARS KENMORE Washer, $65 cash. Call 694-6024 after 6 pm or 694-0030.

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards- Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699–1224.

BEAUTIFUL DUNCAN Fife drop leaf table, 6 chairs. $575. Perfect codition with leaves. Call 362-2746.

SOFA (queen hide -a- bed) & Love Seat. Coffee table and end tables. 686-9417.

CASH FOR all working and non- working appliances. Will pick up. Call 683-3169.

MATCHING SOFA & Loveseat, 6 months old, asking $650. Call 694-5699.

NEW 5- 6 person hot tub $2,495. Financing and delivery available. 563-3108.

LARGE CHEST Freezer. 5" x 3" for $75. Call 686-7851.

★ A & B APPLIANCE. Washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves. Free Delivery 90 Day Warranty. 550-6540.

BRASS /Glass and wood dining table with 4 chairs. King size bed, nice couch. All in excellent condition. 684-9964 or 685-6005.

ANTIQUE maple dining set with matching hutch, Parson table, 2 leafs, 6 chairs, French Country look. $500. Girls white Provential bedroom set, twin bed, dresser, chest, headboard/ footboard. $400. Couch and loveseat, like new $400. Daytime 681-3012, or evenings 520-2476.

FOR SALE: Bedroom set. (2) Nightstands, $150. (1) Triple 9 drawer dresser & matching 3 piece mirror, $375. (1) Upright 4 drawer dresser with doors, $200. (1) Hollywood bed frame with headboard, $150. Used queen size bedding & box springs, $125. Cash. Firm. Day: 687-1868. Evenings: 697-3833.

LIGHT BROWN sofa and loveseat, dining room table and 4 chairs. $250 for all. 697-4110.

BRAND NEW, still in plastic, and size mattress and box set. Free frame or delivery. 550-5123.

440 Firewood

DICK'S FIREWOOD. Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453–2151, Fax 1-(915)-453-4322.

445 Sporting Goods

GOLF CART For sale. Red Club Car with windshield and cover. $1,200. 699-1339.

BEAUTIFUL REGULATION Size Brunswick Snooker Table. Full slate. Balls, many cue sticks. $950. Call 694-2215.

BROWNING BT-99, new style, 34 inch barrel, $475. Remington 30-06 model 742 with scope, $375. Remington 870 & 11-87 trap, $300 & $400. Berretta 9 mm stainless with 2 clips, $575. 697-1424.

LIKE NEW Sears Lifestyler Treadmill 8.0. $300. Call 520-0355 after 5 pm.

DISPLAY POOL- One only, must sell! No reasonable offer refused. 563-3108.

450 Antiques & Arts

LONE STAR ANTIQUES. Unit #3, Advantage Storage , 5000 N. Lamesa and Soloman Lane, 570–9243.

MIDLAND ESTATE SALES AND AUCTION SERVICE. Call Judy Jackson 689-3536 or Dawna Keith 683-9234.

DINING TABLE. Seats 6. Original cast iron. Wanting something unique & distinctive? Owner. $1,450.00. 694-8665.

ESTATE Sales by JOSEPH.'S 24 Years Experience Buying and Selling. 687-3040, 687-2868, 694-5034.

THE CATS MEOW- 4000 sq. ft of fine merchandise- we buy and sell antiques. 408 Andrews Highway, Mon. - Sat., 10 - 6. (915) 687–2004.

CHEZ LA NAE, 5701 Austin, Odessa, TX. NEW Shipments from, Italy, France, and Spain. Wednesday thru Friday 1 -6; Saturday 10- 5. Or call for an appointment- (915) 550-3106.

470 Musical Instruments

FOR SALE: 14" Karl Knilling Made in Germany Viola. $350. Practically new. Call 694-4188.

FENDER BASSMAN Amp. Head. Two 15" speaker cabinet. Good condition. $500 Cash. Call 694-8498.

ORGAN, Full Size Thomas Solid State for $1,000. Call 520-8601.

480 Cameras & Supplies

T-60 CANNON 35mm Single Lens Reflex Camera with electronic flash and case. $100. Call 694-5578.

490 Computers/ Access.

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INTERNET ACCESS. Call 687-9014 for details.
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COMPLETE 486 System with MS- Office, Windows, & fax modem. $500. 631-0189.

WE HAVE MOVED! Computers- New and used, upgrade and repair. Night Owl Computers, etc. 10am- 8pm, 1015-B N. Midkiff. 686–8835, 520-5917.

495 FOR FREE

6 PUPPIES-mixed breed. Lab /Chow. 6 weeks old. 697-8544.

FREE: 3 Adorable black & white kittens. Litter box trained. Call 699-0831.

500 Pets and Supplies

REGISTERED, male, miniature Yorkshire Terrier. One Year old. $300. 520-6250.

FOR SALE 2 Sugar Gliders. Call 697-7378.

VIZSLA PUPPIES. 7 Weeks old. 1 Female, 3 males. Ready to go! $350 Each. 915-366-2040.

AKC CHIHUAHUA Puppies. 5 months old, for pet or show. Lovable personalities. 682-2385.

BEHAVIOR COUNSELING, Obedience Instruction. Waggin' Tails Dog Training, 550-9876.

J&L's Specializing in Chihuahuas- puppies to adults, quality pets breeding or show. By appointment. 580-5193.

BLUE HEELER Pups. 6 Weeks old. $100. Call 520-4028 for more information.

ADORABLE PEKINGESE puppies, AKC registered. This is your chance to get this wonderful breed of dog at a discounted price. Only 2 left. Parents on premises. Call 915-520-7030.

FOR SALE: AKC Registered Black Labrador Retriever Puppies. Three males- four females. Will be ready May 6th. Sire and Dam are proven hunters. Excellent bloodline with multiple champions. $300 each. 689-0980.

MALE COCKATOO. 8 years old. $1,500 negotiable. Days 520-6020, evenings 520-6815.

6 BEAGLES for sale. 3 male, 3 female. Call 687-6004 ask for Red.

AKC YORKIE Puppies. 12 Weeks old. 4 adorable males! Breeders, shots, papers. Call 694-0301 or 550-2759.

RABBITS FOR Sale. 8 Weeks old. $5.00 each. Call 694-8515 for more information.

AKC AUSTRALIAN Cattle dogs (Heelers). Champion blood lines. $150. Call 686-8276.

AKC DALMATIAN Puppies. 10 to choose from! 6 Weeks old. $200- $250. 682-2969.

BULL TERRIER (Spuds), AKC, white, female, 12 months, loves kids, intelligent, healthy, very athletic (slides). 915-694-6730.

AKC COCKER SPANIELS. 6 Weeks old. 1 Buff, 6 Black. 5 Males, 2 Females. $150. 687-5810.

FOR SALE Adorable AKC registered German Shepherd puppies. Call 683-9408.

AKC LABRADOR Retriever puppies. 5 Weeks on 4 /17. Black & yellow available. $200. 683-2924, nights. Days- 688-5425.

AKC WEIMARANERS. Blues and grays. Dewclawed and first shots, available now. Call Kevin (806) 793-9722.

505 Livestock & Poultry

STRAIGHT Egyptian Arabian at stud. SUJAN (Ibn Morafic X ★ Zaghloul daughter), 15.3, gray. Sire was US national champion futurity stallion and is a supreme Legion of Merit winner. Dam is sired by imported Egyptian racing champion. 699-1473.

QUARTER HORSE: Dun Lineback Gelding. Good Western Pleasure horse. 12 Years old, just over 15 hands high. $2,000. 694-7381 or E-mail at emwilks@compuserve.com.

STALLS FOR RENT. Northwest Midland. Open pastures/ off street riding and arena. Call 694-4750.

STANDING At Stud - "Billy the Kidd" Chestnut Tobiano APHA National Champion. Calf Roping Horse. ROM & Honor Roll Calf Roping Horse. Hancock & Top Deck Breeding on the topside. All Wiescamp Breeding on the bottom side. No Step Ranch Sterling City, TX 915-378-4803.

HAYGRAZER round bales $45 or $40 each for 2 or more! Call 683-2630 or 684-7000.

MINIATURE MARE. 3 Years old, red & white, gentle. Call after 7, 686-1806.

HORSE BOARDING in Northwest Midland. Indoor stalls with daily turn out. Round pen., riding arena, wash rack, ceiling fans, heated & cooled tack room with 3/4 bath. Full care. 699-1473.

HORSE STALLS for rent. Barn available. Cotton Flat Road. $100 monthly. 694-8619 or 570-7377.

510 Office Supplies

IBM SELECTRIC typewriters, $195 each. Student/ salesmans desk, $75. DOT Matrix computer printer, $125 also. Desks, files and chairs. 683-8774, West Texas Office Equipment.

525 Bus./Shop Equip.

3,000 POUND Warehouse forklift. Also a 5,000 pound forklift with side shift. 682-4503.

550 Portable Buildings

HEAVY DUTY Floor 12 x 20 Shop Storage Building. Must sell! 563-3108.

560 Machinery/ Tools

MILLER Portable welder on trailer with leads. 520-7560 or Digital Pager 567-6937.

14 FT TRAILER Mounted Sprayer. Bean pump- 10 GPM at 500 PSI with 8 HP Briggs motor. 300 Gallon tank. Complete with 100 ft hose and gun. Used for weed spraying. $3,500. 697-5417.

LOADERS, 1991 Case 721, 1991 Case W14C, 1981 Case W20B, 1988 CAT 926E, 1984 CAT 936. Dozers, graders, dump trucks, etc. 694-2005.

570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies

FOR SALE: 160-D Lufkin 200-74 Long Stroke with concrete base. Call (972)450-4679.

3,500 FT of 4 1/2" 10.50# Liner, $4.50/ Ft. 5,500 1" Stainless Steel Rods with Spray Metal Coupling $10.00 per rod. Call Bob, 699-6960.

580 Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 3:00 pm, May 7, 1997, to be opened at 3:00 pm, in the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid #087-97 for:

Request for Proposals for a Fair Housing Advocate for the CDBG Division.

Information to Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General Conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

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Bid #088-97 to purchase:

1- Utility Bed with Crane, 1- 1 ton Flatbed Body, 1- 1,000 lb Lift Tailgate and 1- Heavy Duty Crane for the Ga age Division

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3 BEDROOM, 2 Bath, 1 car garage, central air/ heat, brick home, fenced yard. $550/ Month. $400/ deposit. Available May 1. 520-0358.

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640 Condo Townhome Unfurn.

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645 Condo/ Townhouse Unfurn.

DOWNTOWN BUILDING 14,000 sq. ft., good for retail or manufacturing. 611 W. Missouri. 683-8774 or 694-1800.

647 Business Buildings

OFFICE/ SHOP. Approximately 1,000 sq. ft., overhead door, heat/ air, paved, secured yard, close- in. Reasonable. 683-5697, 694-8032, 682-4789.

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670 Rooms for Rent

RUIDOSO: 3 bedroom- 2 bath and 2 bedroom- 2 bath. Very nice, completely furnished. No pets. 697-1337.

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CO. RD. 109-Almost new 4 bdrm, w/formal dining, tile floors $117,900
CO. RD. 109-Pretty 4 bdrm or 3 bdrm w/lofty study, room for horse $117,000
1800 E. CO. RD. 109-NEW CONSTRUCTION-3 bdrm, 2 bath $103,000
5609 E. CO. RD. 60-2 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 car garage, 5 ac, Greenwood area $61,500
9808 S. CO. RD. 1218-10 ac deep sandy soil, great homesite $21,500
CO. RD. 2801-3 ac, 4 miles west of Stanton, good area $5,500
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RE/MAX of Midland
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OWNER FINANCED. $750 down. 2 Bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage. Fenced yard, corner lot. Easy qualify! Payments approximately $325 per month includes taxes and insurance. 410 W Hamby. Drive by first, then call 689-6454.

TO BE MOVED 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace and fixtures included. $8,500. 685-4078 or 685-3746

GRASSLAND ESTATES- By owner. Large 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2 living areas, formal dining, 3 car garage, only 1 year old. For information or appointment call 520-7561.

★ NEAR LOOP. Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Freshly painted inside and out. Just $55,000. Call Rod, Stephenson Realty, 570-0127.

KEY To Abbreviations

Bdrm	Bedroom
Ba.	Bath
Kit.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying
	Assumable
QA.	Qualifying
	Assumable
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