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Police charge man with murdering mom

By Ryan Myers
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man suspected of assaulting his mother was charged with murder after the woman died Tuesday from undisclosed injuries in a Lubbock area hospital, the Big Spring Police Department reported.

Preston Lee Harris, 51, was first arrested late Monday on a charge of injury to an elderly person causing serious bodily injury, in connection with injuries to his mother, Lizzie Harris, 77. The two lived together in a Southeast Big Spring home, according to police.

Neighbor Tony Lester described the mother-and-son pair as "quite a bit odd," saying the two often went on walks for which Preston Harris dressed, "wearing an umbrella hat and no shirt.

"He didn't seem to me to be capable of taking care of himself, and I thought it was strange that he was supposed to be taking care of her," Lester said. "They both seemed kinda' slow, you know." Lester added he did not believe Preston Harris had ever been employed.



Harris

Lester said he lived in the house across from the Harris family his entire life.

Clerk Michael Brooks, who works at a 7-Eleven convenience store several blocks from the Harris home, said several of his customers had spoken with surprise at the event and a few had echoed Lester's suspicions.

Big Spring Police Department Public Information Officer Sgt. Tony Everett declined to provide specific information about Lizzie Harris' injuries, citing an ongoing investigation into her death.

"She was kind of a fragile woman," Lester said. "So I think if they had a struggle, he could have easily hurt her."

Big Spring Fire Department medics were dispatched to the Harris home in the 1800 block of Donley Street at approximately 12:12 p.m. Monday in response to call for aid to an unresponsive person.

Medics found Lizzie Harris unconscious in her home and transported her to a Big Spring hospital, according to police. Officials said she had been assaulted and was in serious condition.

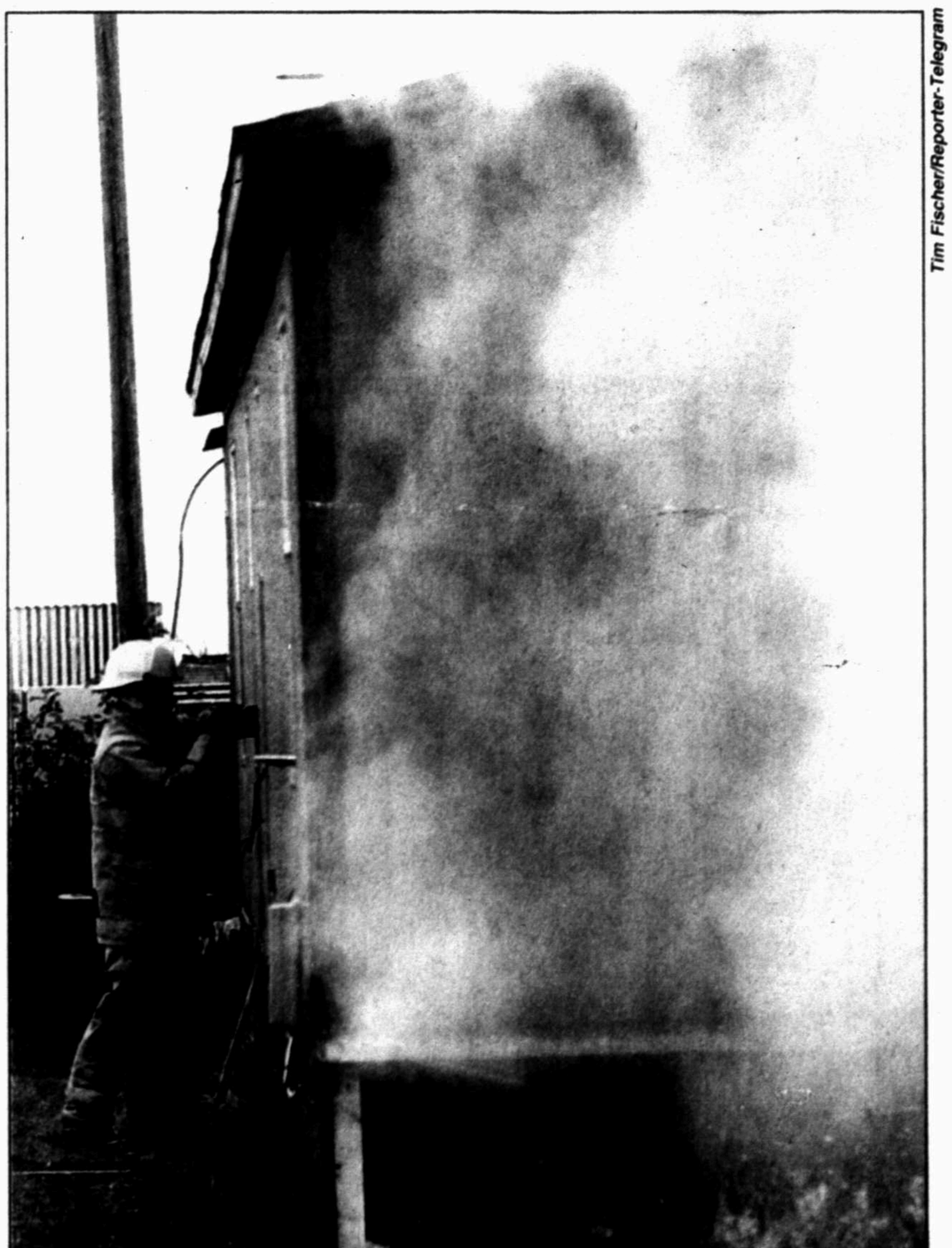
Lester said he was not certain but he understood the call to emergency services had been placed by Preston Harris.

"As I understand it," Lester explained, "his story was that she had fallen and started bleeding from the mouth and then became unresponsive. I assume he made the call, but I think he waited way past the point of innocence."

Big Spring Municipal Judge Tim Green raised bond for Harris Tuesday from $30,000 to $120,000 in light of the new charges, said Everett.

Big Spring Police Detective Jim Rider, who is leading the investigation into Lizzie Harris's death, said the time of death for Lizzie Harris was 12:10 p.m. Tuesday.

threatening **FIRE**



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

STRUCTURE FIRE A Midland firefighter opens a window on the back of the home at 3515 W. C.R. 118 to help clear out smoke during a fire Tuesday morning. One firefighter suffered minor injuries when he fell through the floor. No one was home at the time of the blaze.

Police keep man suspected of arson in custody

From Staff Reports

A Midland man suspected of arson remained in police custody on unrelated charges late Tuesday after a mobile home ignited into flames earlier in the day, also resulting in a firefighter suffering a non life-threatening injury.

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said the man, whose name was withheld pending an anticipated felony charge, is expected to be arrested today for arson and possibly other felonies.

"In one area, a fireman fell through the floor and was injured," Painter explained. "So this could also be injury to a public servant or attempted murder."

The man had been making threats before the fire, Painter said. "And the unrelated charges stem from those threats."

The home was not a total loss, authorities said.

Sheriff's deputies responded to the fire at 3415 W. County Road 118, where the Fire Department extinguished the flames.

No one was home at the time of the fire, deputies said.

DA opts not to seek death for accused baby killer

By Bob Campbell
Staff Writer

The Midland County District Attorney's Office Tuesday decided not to seek the death penalty against 24-year-old Michael David Lewis, who was indicted for capital murder Monday in the alleged Nov. 7 beating death of a 9-month-old baby.

After meeting with Assistant District Attorney Jane Belazi and other staff members, District Attorney Al Schorre said there is insufficient evidence to prove Lewis' "future dangerousness" — a key requirement of the state's capital punishment law.



Lewis

Accused in the death of Jacob Christopher Lee Sinclair, Lewis also was indicted for murder, manslaughter and criminally negligent homicide.

"Part of this analysis is the defendant's personal history as well as criminal history," said Schorre. "With the information now available, we've made a preliminary decision not to seek the death penalty. If some startling information came forward that we're unaware of, we would have to re-evaluate.

"However, we're not anticipating anything of that nature. It would have to be in the area of criminal convictions or other incidents that showed a propensity by the defendant to use violence, based on what we could prove in court."

A check with the Midland County Sheriff's Office Tuesday indicated Lewis' only law-breaking history here was a Class C misdemeanor for speeding Aug. 9, 1999, for which he paid a $135 fine.

With a life sentence being the only other punishment available under the capital murder statute, Schorre said Lewis would have to serve 10 years longer in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice than if he were convicted of the first-degree felony murder.

"There is nothing more than 60 years," he said. "If he's convicted of capital murder, he will have to serve 40 years before he can even be considered for parole. If convicted of murder, he'll serve half of 60 before becoming eligible.

"So you get a firm 10 years extra because

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Special ed teacher resigns amidst allegations, criminal investigation

By Sarah Kleiner
Staff Writer

A Midland High School teacher resigned Tuesday as a criminal investigation into her alleged unprofessional conduct continues.

Vicki Jeanice Ash, a special education teacher, was placed on paid administrative leave last month by Midland Independent School District officials after a fellow employee reported allegations of unprofessional conduct.

Adult Protective Services and Midland Police Department officials have been investigating allegations of injury to a disabled person.

Tina Jauz, MPD spokeswoman, said detectives did not have new information to release Tuesday. APS spokeswoman Marleigh Meisner could not comment on the investigation.

"We will not close our investigation until the police investigation and the adult protective services investigation is complete, but for all intensive purposes, we are not doing any active investigating at this point," said Melissa Hendrix-Beach, MISD director of communications.

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MISD board of trustees approve measure to allow a plan to reduce enrollment at Greathouse./**4A**

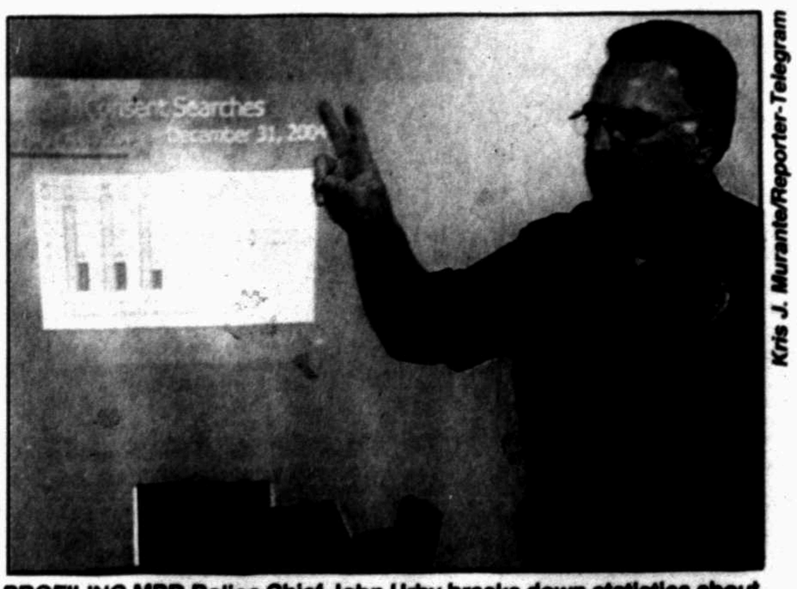
The MISD board of trustees accepted Ash's resignation during its monthly meeting Tuesday night. Ash will remain on paid administrative leave until the end of the school year, officials said.

MISD Superintendent Robert Nicks would not comment about why Ash's paid administrative leave will span the rest of the school year instead of terminating immediately.

Nicks said Ash had worked for the dis-

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CHIEF BREAKS DOWN SEARCHES



Kris J. Murante/Reporter-Telegram

PROFILING MPD Police Chief John Urby breaks down statistics about racial profiling at the MLK center Tuesday night. Of the stats, Chief Urby explained the two types of searches police can conduct.

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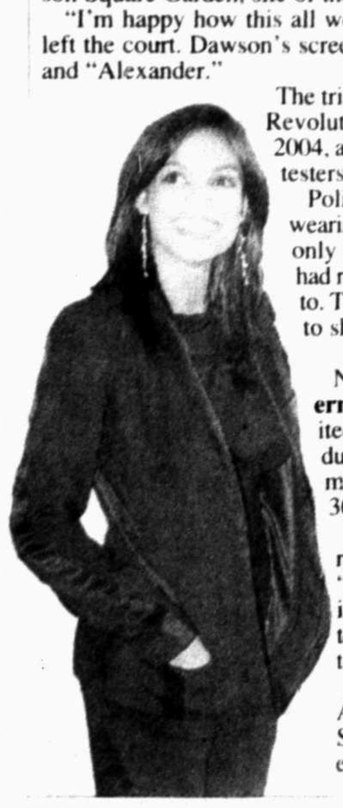
PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

from wire reports

NEW YORK — A Manhattan judge dismissed charges against **Rosario Dawson** and two others who were arrested while filming movie scenes near the location of last year's Republican National Convention.

Charges of disorderly conduct and obstructing government administration were dismissed Tuesday by Criminal Court Judge Melissa Jackson. The charges were filed against Dawson, director Stephen Marshall and Viaja Grosgalves following their arrest near Madison Square Garden, site of the 2004 GOP convention.

"I'm happy how this all went down," said Dawson, 25, as she left the court. Dawson's screen credits include "Men in Black II" and "Alexander."



The trio had been shooting scenes for "This Revolution" when they were seized Aug. 29, 2004, along with hundreds of anti-GOP protesters at 35th Street and Eighth Avenue.

Police said at the time that Dawson was wearing two handkerchiefs on her face with only her eyes showing and that the group had refused to move when police told them to. They were arrested after Marshall tried to show police a city film permit.

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NEW YORK — **Maureen McGovern**, who plays the mother of four spirited daughters in the Broadway production of "Little Women," will take the musical on the road when it begins its 30-city national tour this summer.

McGovern, best known for her recording of the Oscar-winning song "The Morning After," plays Marmee in the show, which stars Sutton Foster as Jo, the lively daughter who wants to become a writer.

The musical, based on Louisa May Alcott's classic novel, starts its tour in San Diego, Aug. 30-Sept. 4. It will later play cities such as San Jose, Calif.; Columbus, Ohio; Chicago; Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and Washington. Exact dates and more cities will be announced.

"Little Women" opened Jan. 23 at Broadway's Virginia Theatre.

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NEW YORK — On a mid-March night, Oscar-winning actress **Marcia Gay Harden** is making her New York Philharmonic debut.

Harden, who won a supporting-actress Academy Award for 2000's "Pollock," is among the ensemble cast performing a semi-staged version of Mendelssohn's complete incidental music to Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

Also in the cast: Campbell Scott, whose acting credits include the Broadway production of "Long Day's Journey Into Night" with Jason Robards and Colleen Dewhurst; Hope Davis ("About Schmidt"); Linda Emond; Reg Roberts; Lorenzo Pisoni; and Jeremy Shamos.

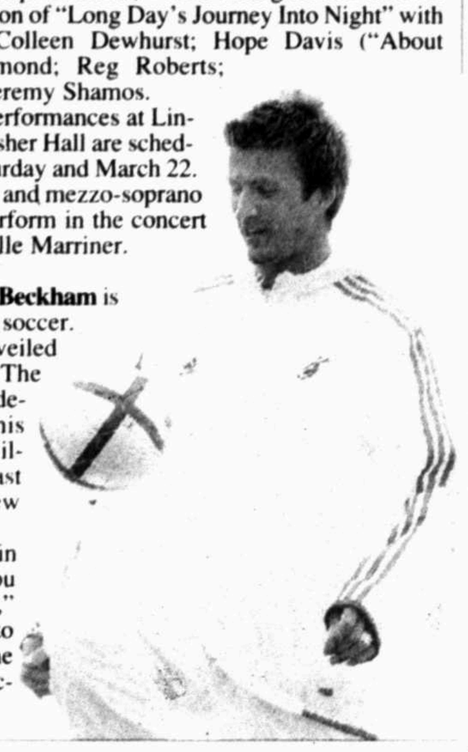
The Philharmonic performances at Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall are scheduled for Thursday, Saturday and March 22. Soprano Susan Gritton and mezzo-soprano Patricia Risley also perform in the concert conducted by Sir Neville Marriner.

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LONDON — **David Beckham** is preparing for life after soccer.

The English star unveiled plans Monday for The David Beckham Academy, which opens this summer next to the Millennium Dome in east London, where he grew up.

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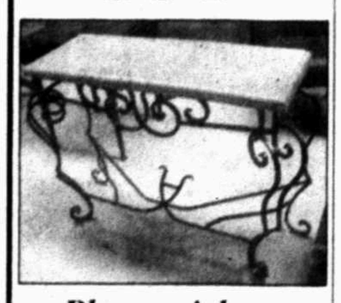
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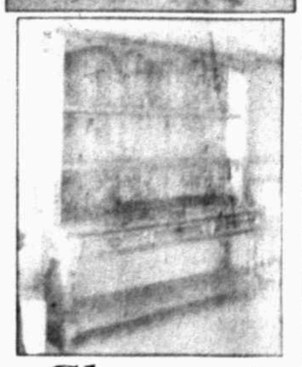
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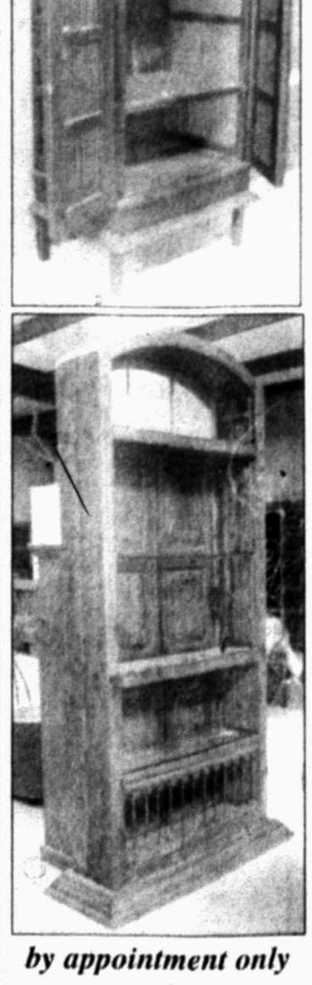
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Tom DeLay denies he violated House travel rules

By Carl Hulse
N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Tom DeLay, the House majority leader, denied accusations that he violated House travel rules while an impasse deepened Tuesday over the congressional panel charged with enforcing such standards of conduct.

The House voted 223-194, along party lines, to defeat a Democratic call for a bipartisan task force to resolve a partisan deadlock that has paralyzed the ethics panel. Only Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colo., recently replaced as chairman of the ethics committee, sided with Democrats.

"Once again, they have declared their allegiance to the ethical standards of Tom DeLay," said Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, the Democratic leader, referring to House Republicans.

The clash over the ethics panel was heightened by the continuing focus on DeLay's conduct in light of a campaign finance investigation in Texas and inquiries in Washington with links to the majority leader.

In his regular weekly meeting with reporters on Tuesday, DeLay denied any wrongdoing and blamed Democrats for instigating the attacks to undermine his effectiveness. He said he was eager to meet with leaders of the ethics panel to review his travel history, though it is unclear whether members of the committee have authority to do so, given that they have been unable to agree on its operating rules.

"We want to work with the ethics committee to prove how baseless these and other allegations are," DeLay said. He most specifically took issue with an article in The Washington Post on Saturday. The article said that in 2000, DeLay voted against anti-gambling legislation two months after he was a guest on a $70,000 European trip indirectly financed by an Indian tribe and a gambling services company.

DeLay, who has a history of supporting anti-gambling measures, said he opposed the proposal because it contained exemptions that could have expanded Internet gambling. "That is why I voted against the bill. That is why a lot of members voted against the bill," said DeLay, who said he supported a later version in 2003 after some loopholes were closed.

Liz Spayd, assistant managing editor for national news at The Post, said she was satisfied with the paper's account but would include DeLay's fuller account in subsequent coverage. "His office has not called us to challenge any facts in our story, and if they did, we would listen to his concerns," Spayd said.

Regarding a second trip that has drawn scrutiny, DeLay last week wrote the leaders of the ethics panel, saying that he had only just learned that the sponsor of an August 2001 visit to South Korea had been registered as a foreign agent.

House rules prohibit accepting travel from such an entity.

"We were therefore as surprised as everyone when this new information was brought to us this week," said the letter from DeLay and two other lawmakers, Reps. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen and Ander Crenshaw, both Florida Republicans, who also took the trip. They offered to review the matter with the panel.

Trying to show that he has not been thrown off stride by the accusations and related news accounts, DeLay allowed reporters to attend his speech to a group of Republican supporters being sponsored by the National Republican Congressional Committee at a Washington hotel.

He was cheered as he strode to the podium to the strains of the song "Still the One." Rep. Thomas M. Reynolds, R-N.Y., chairman of the campaign organization, hailed DeLay as someone who had "refused to back down from those who oppose the principles and values of the Republican Party."

DeLay said that he believed the House needed an ethics committee to serve as an internal watchdog. But he said he would not agree to rescind a new Republican-authored rule that requires a bipartisan majority of the evenly divided panel to launch an inquiry. Previously, an investigation was started automatically if the membership was deadlocked, an approach DeLay said had led to partisan abuse.

Rep. Alan B. Mollohan, D-W.Va., the senior Democrat on the ethics panel, is refusing to let the panel officially reorganize unless the new rule is overturned, effectively freezing the committee for the time being.

He is being backed by his fellow Democrats and outside watchdog groups who accuse Republicans of undermining the panel in retaliation for a series of admonishments administered to DeLay last year. The Republican leadership replaced Hefley and two other Republicans on the panel and decided not to rehire two senior staff members.

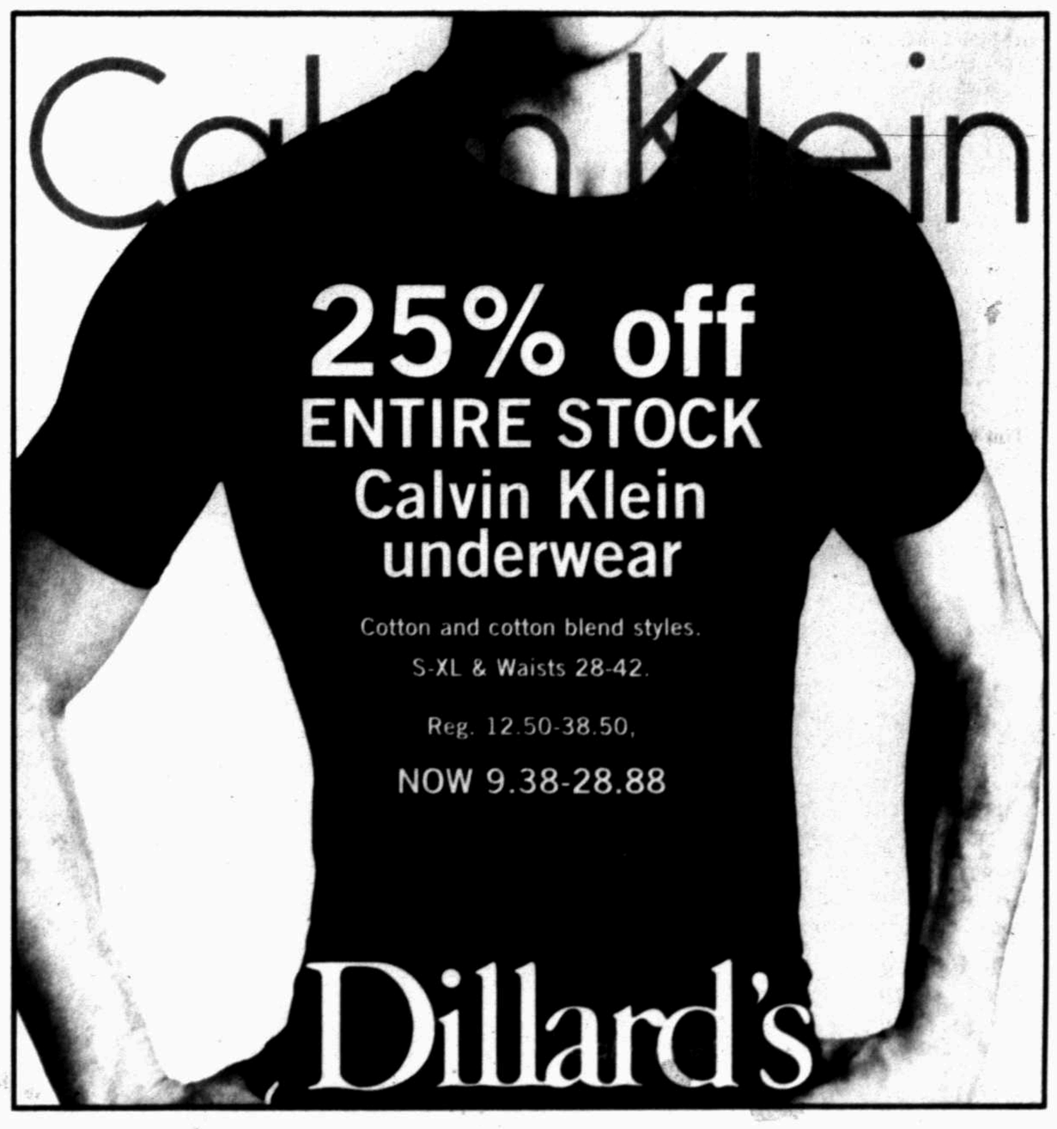
"The ethics committee is now a farce," said Joan Claybrook, president of the group Public Citizen.

Pelosi said Democrats would continue to press for the change rather than accept the new rules for the panel. "This is a totally gutted, turned-upside-down ethics process," Pelosi said. "It is fake, it is fraud, it is a hoax, it is a joke, it doesn't exist. It is exactly what they want."

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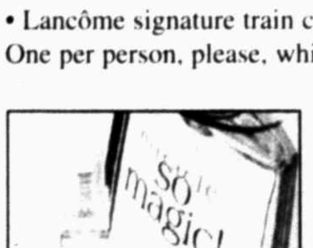
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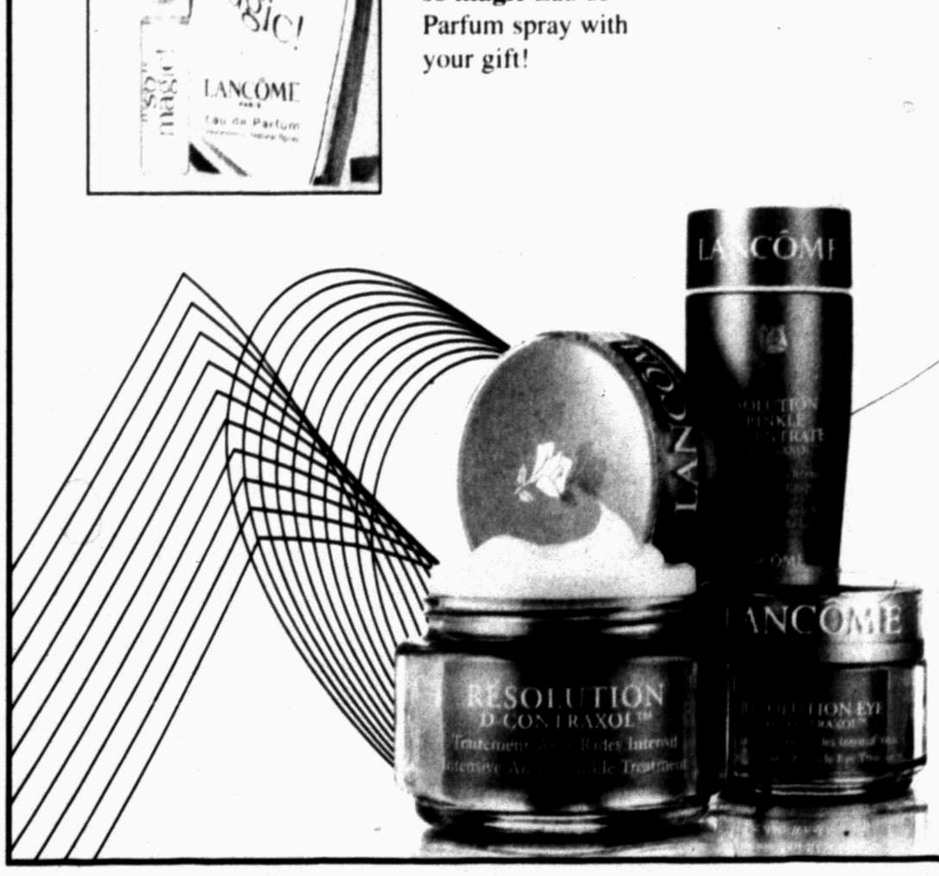
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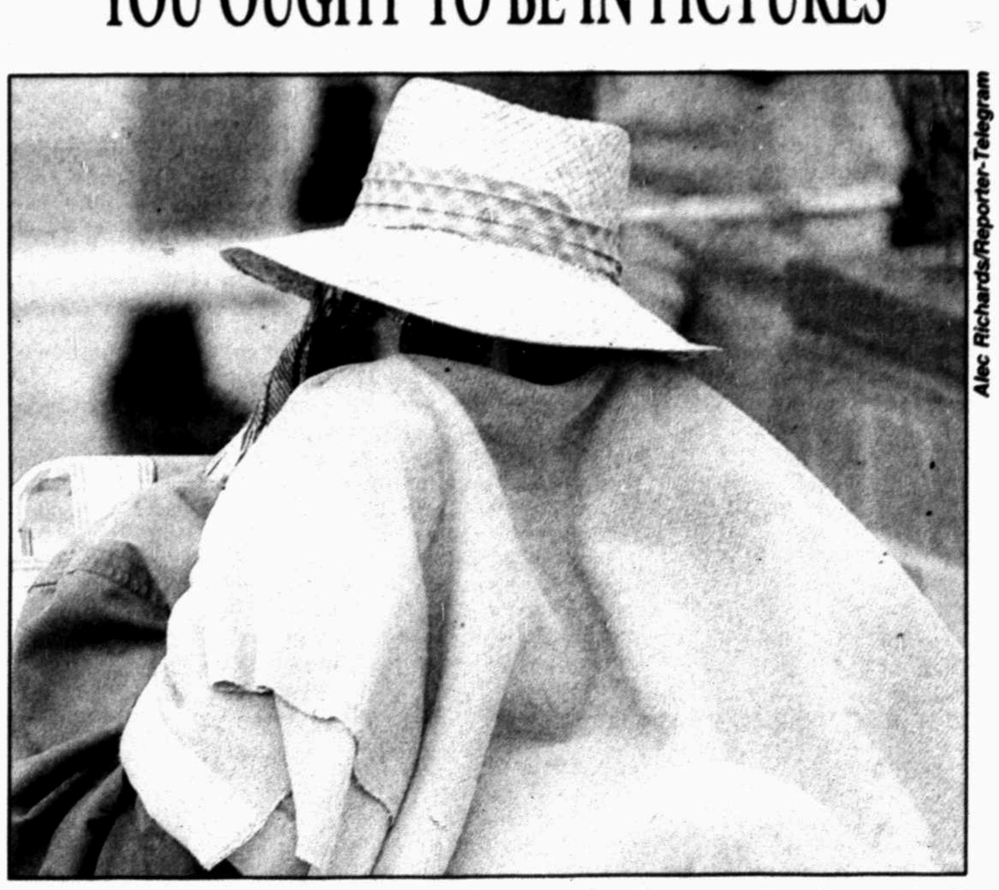
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GETTING COLDER James Wilder tries to keep warm as the temperature dropped to 45 with 20 mph winds and rain, while watching Lee High School baseball Tuesday afternoon.

MISD will look to reduce Greathouse enrollment

■ Board of trustees approves top administrators' contracts.

By Sarah Kleiner
Staff Writer

The Midland Independent School District board of trustees approved a measure Tuesday that will allow school officials to develop a plan to reduce enrollment at Greathouse Elementary School.

Public meetings will be held next week for parents of students attending Greathouse and Santa Rita elementary schools to discuss possible plans for equalizing enrollment between the two schools.

Greathouse Elementary currently exceeds program capacity, MISD Superintendent Robert Nicks said. Neighborhood development in Northwest Midland will likely increase enrollment within the school's attendance zone.

Enrollment increased from 560 to 620 between the 2003-2004 school year and the current school year, officials have said.

"Students are encouraged to eat their lunch quickly so that other students may have access to the cafeteria, and the number of restrooms and the size of the school's common instructional areas are not adequate based on the increased enrollment," according to a letter expected to be sent home with parents today.

Five sections of students are out of compliance with the state-mandated student to teacher ratio of 22 to 1, and the music room has been converted into a classroom.

To reduce enrollment at Greathouse Elementary, the school district might change the attendance zone, which would shift more students toward the Santa Rita campus three miles west. The school district also might combine the attendance zones of the two schools and instruct kindergartners through third-graders at Greathouse and fourth- through sixth-graders at Santa Rita Elementary.

In other business, the school board approved extending about 30 top administrators' contracts Tuesday.

Wilson Heidelberg, executive director of auxiliary and construction services; Melissa Hendrix-Beach, director of communications; and Betty Fowler, director of technology and information management received three year contract renewals.

William Maurer, executive director of elementary education; Patrick Jones, Lee High School principal; and Linda Jolly, Midland High School principal received contract renewals for the next year.

The board also approved a measure allowing district officials to negotiate the installation of technology systems for Lee and Midland High schools and canceled the May 7 election of school board trustees after George Lara and Shane Boring were unopposed.

LEWIS

(From 1A)

it's capital murder."

Hired to represent Lewis, Odessa attorney David Zavoda Tuesday said he could not ethically comment specifically on his client or the case. But he said Schorre's decision was not surprising.

"I think any district attorney, when trying to determine what the proper punishment would be, considers the facts surrounding the alleged perpetrator of the crime and what would do justice to the victim, the community and the defendant," said Zavoda.

"One thing I can say about Al Schorre is that he is a fair DA. Some seek the headlines, but Al always seeks justice. So if he made that decision, I'm sure it's a proper decision."

Scheduled to preside over the trial in 238th District Court, Judge John Hyde said the difference in expense to Midland County is dramatic when capital punishment is not being sought.

Taking three weeks for jury selection and 2 1/2 weeks to hear the evidence, the capital murder trial of Clinton Young two years ago cost $400,000.

By comparison, Hyde said many four to five-day murder trials have been held here for less than $10,000. But he said Young's trial cost extra because it required a time-consuming penalty phase before the 19-year-old could be sentenced to die by lethal injection for two crime spree murders.

With the district attorney foregoing the death penalty in Lewis' case, the judge said, the defendant will get an automatic life sentence if convicted and there will be no penalty phase. "The process is very lengthy and tedious," said Hyde, noting the attorneys' questioning of each prospective juror, takes an hour to 1 1/2 hours and no more than five can be examined in a day.

"I'm sure the county commissioners don't like to see the expense, although they do understand they occur and have to be tried when they're indicted by a grand jury."

MISD

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trict for several years and was employed under a term contract.

APS is required to investigate allegations of abuse or neglect in a school setting if the alleged victim is at least 18 years old and disabled. Caseworkers investigate cases of abuse, exploitation or neglect of elderly or disabled people including those with a substantially impairing mental, physical or developmental disabilities.

Abuse can include negligent or intentional infliction of injury, confinement, intimidation or cruel punishment. Exploitation involves using an elderly or disabled person's resources for personal gain, and neglect includes failure to provide necessities.

The Midland County Sheriff's Office does not have any records on file for Ash.

A conviction for injuring a disabled person can range from 180 days in a state jail facility to life in a Texas Department of Corrections prison and a $10,000 fine, depending on the severity of the case, officials in the Midland County District Attorney's Office said.

Ash could not be reached for comment Tuesday night.

Texas insurer files to reduce rates for physicians

AUSTIN (AP) — A medical liability insurer has filed to reduce its rates for physicians by 10 percent starting April 1, the Texas Department of Insurance said Tuesday.

The department applauded the filing by the Texas Medical Liability Insurance Underwriting Association, which is commonly referred to as the Joint Underwriting Association. The nonprofit association provides insurance for doctors who can't get it in the normal commercial market.

The rate reductions represent more than $6 million in savings for the more than 2,500 physicians covered by the JUA, the insurance department said.

The insurance department said total enrollment in JUA declined significantly last year as the medical liability market stabilized and more doctors found insurance in the voluntary market.

"This rate reduction is further evidence that the medical malpractice reforms of 2003 are working," Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor said. "JUA now joins the host of insurers that are part of this turnaround in the last year and half, either through reducing rates or re-entering the medical liability market."

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Police storm jail to reclaim it from Muslim extremist inmates, killing at least 22

By Paul Alexander
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Even from behind bars, the Muslim extremist group Abu Sayyaf gave the Philippines yet another crisis — a 29-hour prison uprising, live on national television.

After negotiations failed, President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo sent in police armed with guns and tear gas for an assault that killed 22 inmates, including three leaders of Abu Sayyaf, a group notorious for deadly attacks and ransom kidnappings in which hostages have been beheaded.

"The terrorists got what was coming to them," Arroyo's spokesman Ignacio Bunye said in a statement. "The crisis team gave them all the chances to peacefully surrender."

In a country weary of terror attacks and jailbreaks, public opinion was likely to be similar. Bystanders applauded as sweat-soaked police marksmen filed out of the building after the assault.

But in the restive south, where insurgencies for Muslim self-rule have been raging for the last three decades, the prison assault was bound to be seen as heavy-handed, and security forces braced for possible attacks. The inmates had warned of bombings if there was an assault on the jail.

"We hope there's going to be no retaliatory strikes from our Muslim brothers because they know what happened here," national police chief Arturo Lomibao said after the standoff. "We tried to resolve it peacefully. There's no such thing as persecution or that we are singling them out."



Bullit Marquez/AP

PRISON ASSAULT Detainees cheer as a fire truck sprays water to lessen the effect of tear gas being fired by police following an assault Tuesday at a detention cell at Camp Bagong Diwa at suburban Taguig south of Manila, Philippines where Muslim extremist Abu Sayyaf were holed up in a failed jailbreak Monday. At least 22 people were killed both from police and the Abu Sayyaf, including its leaders Ghalib Andang, also known as Commander Robot and another known for his alias as Kosovo following the assault.

Officials said police found eight handguns and two unexploded grenades inside the maximum-security prison, which holds about 425 terror suspects and others charged with major crimes.

A police officer also was killed, his body discovered under debris hours after the operation ended. Three guards also were killed in the failed breakout attempt.

The crisis began Monday morning with suspects from Abu Sayyaf stabbing guards and snatching their guns. Police and prosecutors said they had been warning prison officials since December of breakout plans by at least one Abu Sayyaf leader detained there.

Trying to avoid further alienating the Muslim minority, Arroyo first allowed negotiators, including Islamic legislators, to work out a deal, a decision criticized by lawmakers.

The inmates agreed to surrender in return for assurances of safety and media access to vent their grievances, but the deal broke down when they demanded food first.

The raid was launched after the inmates missed a 15-minute deadline to surrender. Six officers were wounded in the assault, which saw some detainees scale down walls inside the compound as thick smoke billowed out.

Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes named three Abu Sayyaf leaders among the detainees killed: Alhamzer Manatad Limbong, known as Kosovo; Ghalib Andang, known as Commander Robot; and Nadzmie Sabtulah, alias Commander Global.

Limbong allegedly was involved in a mass kidnapping in 2001-2002 that left several hostages — including two Americans — dead, and a ferry bombing a year ago that killed more than 100 people in the Philippines' worst terrorist attack.

Abu Sayyaf detainee Hazdi Daie, a spokesman for the inmates, also was killed, Reyes said. Identities of the other 18 detainees killed were not immediately known.

The government has frequently described Abu Sayyaf, which is on the U.S. list of terror organizations, as a spent force and its leaders on the run from U.S.-backed military assaults.

But recently, officials said about 300 members have teamed up with local bandits and militants for training, shelter and sharing of resources and combatants, indicating the fight is far from over.

"Throughout the day, the nation had to listen to the demands of people who had just killed three jail guards and were on trial for multiple murder and kidnapping," The Philippine Star daily wrote in an editorial. "And we wonder why the country is turning into a terrorist paradise."

Several Abu Sayyaf suspects have escaped from Philippine jails, which are often dilapidated, with inadequate and sometimes corrupt staff.

Arroyo ordered Reyes to "fix up the jail system so that terrorists will be kept in permanently, without the chance to do harm, until freed by the courts, if ever."

Shooting at freeway intersection kills 3, wounds 1

By Lisa Falkenberg
Associated Press

DALLAS — A man squeezed through the sunroof of a Jaguar early Tuesday and opened fire with an automatic assault rifle on another moving vehicle, killing three men and critically wounding a fourth, police said.

Authorities were searching for the gunman and two others, including a woman, who may have been riding in the light-colored, late model Jaguar with fancy wheels, according to Dallas and University Park police.

Investigators Tuesday impounded a Jaguar they believe was involved, University Park police Capt. E.L. Holman said. "I'm sure that it was found abandoned because there were no arrests made," he said.

A police officer waiting at a traffic light at the intersection witnessed the shootings and stopped to help when the second car crashed, Dallas police Sgt. Gil Cerda said. Police policy prohibited the officer from pursuing the fleeing vehicle because he already had a prisoner from an unrelated case in his back seat.

Both cars had just left Jack's Pub & Volley Ball club when the shooting occurred around 2 a.m. on a highway frontage road near the Southern Methodist University campus in the University Park community, police said.



SHOOTING Tonya Hernandez, center left, and Marcela Castillo, 17, console each other at the site of a multiple homicide near Mockingbird and Central Expressway Tuesday.

John David Emmett/AP

University Park police Capt. Robert Brown said the shooting may have stemmed from a scuffle at the pub earlier in the evening. He said the shooter apparently waited for the other party to leave the pub, and then followed in the Jaguar.

Killed were Eddie Pech, 36; and cousins Bernardo Andrade, 21; and Favio Andrade, 19, all of Dallas, police said. Osvaldo Juarez, a juvenile whose age was not released, was taken to Baylor University Medical Center, where he was listed in "very critical" condition, the spokesman said.

Kevin Woltjen, an attorney for the pub's owners, acknowledged there was an altercation at the club and said off-duty police officers and security guards asked three people to leave. "They did so voluntarily and peacefully," he added.

He said the club is conducting an internal investigation to determine if the altercation was linked to the shooting.

Mike Turiace, who was tending bar at the pub Monday night, said he didn't see the fight, but other employees and police told him it happened around 1 a.m.

"Apparently, there was a dispute on the dance floor in which somebody got hit or punched," said Turiace, 35. "The guy just got angry and decided to pursue it."

Turiace said the fight didn't cause a big stir in the crowded pub. About 500 patrons came and went throughout the night, Woltjen said.

Turiace and others said Jack's Pub is normally a safe, friendly place that hosts festivals and volleyball games and attracts a college crowd from SMU.

But the clientele shifts a bit Monday nights, when the business advertises $2 drinks.

EMU ON THE RUN



A.J. Nelson/AP

E-WHAT? This emu, a flightless bird native to Australia, is discovered running loose in a Clay Township farm field in Morgan County near Martinsville, Ind., Tuesday. Volunteers helped nab the ostrich-like bird that might have been on the run for several months.

Coast Guard continues search for boy

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard said Tuesday evening the search continues for a 9-year-old from San Antonio who has been missing since the boat he and 11 others were on capsized Saturday morning in the Gulf of Mexico.

Several rescue crews have completed more than 25 search patterns totaling about 277 square miles in the search for 9-year-old Michael Fletcher.

Although Fletcher was reportedly wearing a life jacket when he entered the water, it is believed he slipped out of it as he drifted in and out of consciousness, the Coast Guard reports.

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Senate agrees Social Security needs help, miles from agreement

By Glen Johnson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate unanimously agreed Tuesday that strengthening Social Security was "a vital national priority" but split acrimoniously along party lines on what to do about it in the first votes on President Bush's plans.

In one exception to the party divide, five Republicans broke ranks and voted with the Democrats in favor of a resolution declaring, "Congress should reject any Social Security plan that requires deep benefit cuts or a massive increase in debt."

Democrats argue that Bush cannot establish private investment accounts, his signature proposal for revamping the retirement program, without cutting benefits or adding to the federal budget deficit.

"They're nervous. They're worried. But their hands are tied as long as the president sticks to privatization," said Sen. Charles E. Schumer of New York, the top Democratic spokesman on the issue in the Senate.

The vote on the resolution, offered by Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., was 50-50, with Republicans Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe of Maine, Mike DeWine of Ohio, Lindsey Graham of South Carolina and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania joining with the chamber's Democratic minority.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Judd Gregg, R-N.H., told Democrats that rather than offering a plan for overhauling the giant pension program, "You just put out there amendments which are for the purposes of political protection. You should be ashamed of yourselves."

The resolutions voted on Tuesday were nonbinding but symbolic of where the issue stands.

All 100 senators voted in favor of another resolution offered by Graham, who has sought bipartisan compromise on the issue, that pointedly avoided referring to Social Security's financial state as a "crisis," a term which Bush has used to objections by Democrats.

The provision said lawmakers "should work together at the earliest opportunity to enact legislation to achieve a solvent and permanently sustainable Social Security system." It omitted details of how the program would be reshaped.

In a purely partisan 55-45 vote, the senators rejected an amendment offered by Sen. Kent Conrad-D-N.D., that would have made it virtually impossible for the body to consider any spending or tax legislation until Social Security's long-term solvency is assured.

By a margin of 56-43, senators approved a provision by Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., that was similar to Nelson's but added that failure address Social Security's ills would trigger "massive debt, deep benefit cuts and tax increases." On that resolution, three Democrats voted with the Republicans — Nelson, Robert Byrd of West Virginia and Ben Nelson of Nebraska — while two Republicans voted with the Democrats — Snowe and Sen. George Voinovich of Ohio.

The votes came hours after a subcommittee meeting in which Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton clashed with Alan Greenspan over rosy surplus forecasts the Federal Reserve chairman relied on to support Bush's 2001 tax cuts. The estimates turned out to be considerably off the mark.

"It turns out that we were all wrong," Greenspan said.

"Just for the record, we were not all wrong, but many people were wrong," Clinton, D-N.Y., quickly shot back.

Greenspan lent critical support for Bush's first-term tax cuts, saying they would stimulate the then-ailing economy. Clinton and many Democrats voted against the tax cuts, arguing that they would mainly benefit the wealthy and that federal deficits would balloon. They have issued similar warnings about the president's Social Security proposal.

Greenspan said that in early 2001, "we were confronted at that time with an almost universal expectation amongst the experts that we were dealing with a very large surplus for which there seemed to be no end."

The federal government did produce a budget surplus in 2001. But after that, it has been racking up record amounts of red ink.

The Fed chairman, however, didn't retract his support for the 2001 tax cut.

"If confronted with the same evidence we had back then, I would recommend exactly what I recommended then," Greenspan said.

In his testimony, Greenspan again endorsed a key part of Bush's Social Security overhaul — private investment accounts.

The Congressional Budget Office also released a new analysis of the budget proposal and estimated if all Americans signed up for the accounts as outlined by Bush, it would cost $969 billion from 2009 to 2015.

The budget analysts said the cost would fall to $646 billion if only two-thirds of eligible workers opened the accounts. Last month the White House estimated the cost at $754 billion over the same span. Dan Bartlett, senior counselor to the president, said that figured assumed a two-thirds participation rate.

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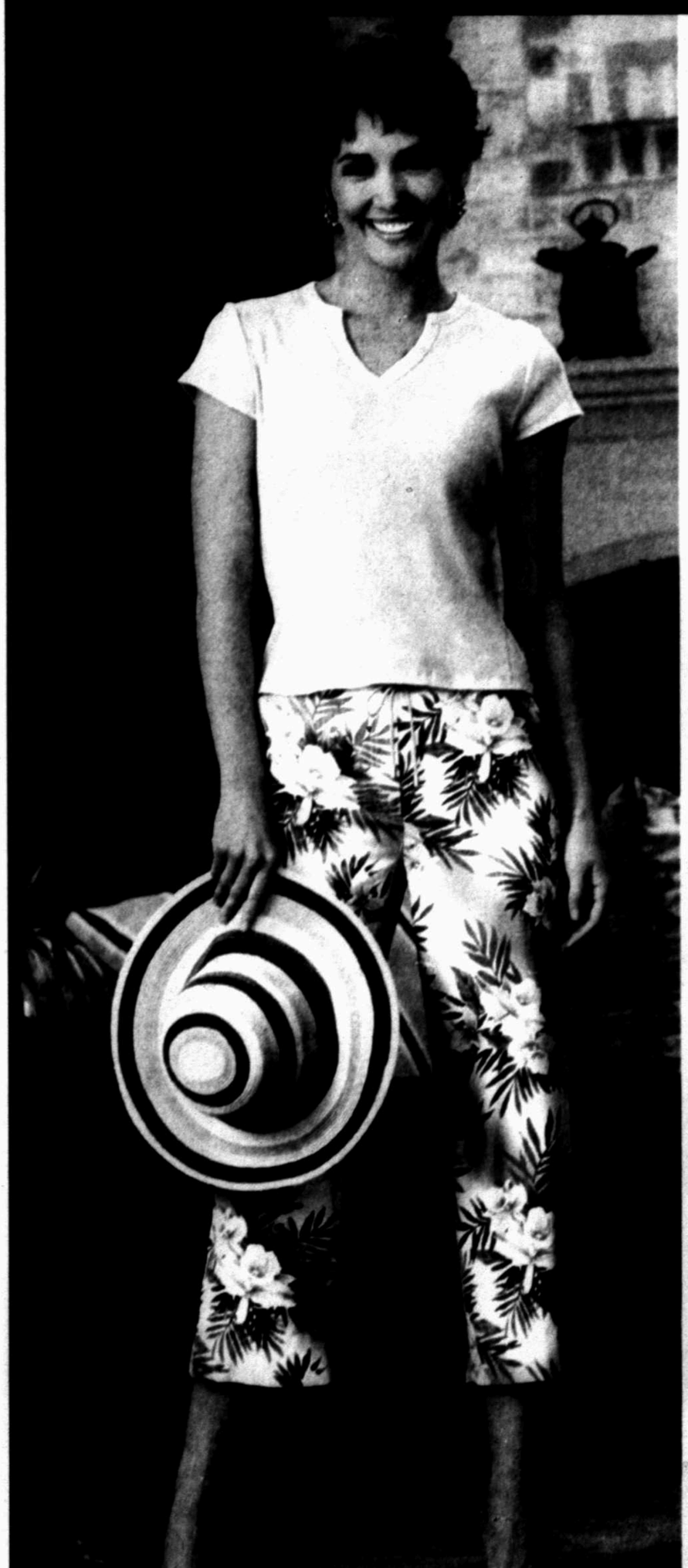
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New tests under No Child Left Behind worry some teachers

By Julia Silverman
Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. — As he plans out his next couple of weeks of lessons at the Grant Community School, teacher Daniel Jamsa already knows there will be some gaps in the schedule.

The eighth-graders will be missing a history lesson while they take a standardized test. The seventh-graders will be missing a health class or two, also for testing time. And the sixth-graders will have to skip a language arts session to take their tests.

For Jamsa and his fellow teachers and students at Grant, frequent standardized tests are a fact of life. A decade of education reform has pushed schools to test students more often, and rewards or penalizes the schools based on the results.

And now, the testing demands are about to get even greater.

Under No Child Left Behind, President Bush's centerpiece education law, schools during the 2005-06 academic year will be required for the first time to test their students in reading and math every year from third through eighth grade.

Currently, tests given only at selected grades are used to determine a school's overall performance under No Child Left Behind. In Oregon, for example, it is third, fifth, eighth and 10th grades. (Oregon already tests sixth- and seventh-graders, too, but the results do not count yet under the federal education law.)

Around the country, some educators complain that standardized tests are costly and time-consuming and interfere with learning by leading schools to "teach to the test," or emphasize the memorization of facts that are likely to be on the exam, instead of letting students exercise their imaginations and explore other topics.

"I don't like the emphasis on testing," Jamsa said. "As a scientist, I think it is not about discrete packets of information — it should be about learning to think critically."

The math and reading test results are used to determine whether a school is making enough progress in the federal government's eyes. If a school does not make enough gains, it can face sanctions. For example, its students could be given the option to transfer out, or the school could even be taken over by the state.

Educators and researchers said adding more tests will probably result in an increase in the number of schools identified as not making sufficient progress. Already, one-third of all schools nationwide are not measuring up.

Also, some schools will have to scramble to set up wider testing. According to the nonprofit Education Commission of the States, standardized testing at every grade from third through eighth is in place in only about half the states.

The Government Accountability Office has estimated that it would cost states $1.9 billion to $5.3 billion between 2002 and 2008 to put all the tests required by No Child Left Behind in place.

Educators said that because of the new requirements, more schools may concentrate harder on reading and math, because those are the subjects being tested.

"Particularly for the lower-performing schools, they won't be able to attend to the full range of curriculum, because they will want to avoid being identified as not making adequate yearly progress," said Brian Gong, executive director of the Dover, N.H.-based National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment. "It will be interesting to see whether higher-performing schools have broader curriculums."

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If Philly's mayor crossed line, FBI can't catch him

By David B. Caruso
Associated Press


Street

PHILADELPHIA — In the final weeks of Philadelphia's heated 2003 mayoral campaign, FBI agents crept into City Hall and installed a microphone above the mayor's desk.

For months, they had been gathering evidence that city contracts were being traded for campaign contributions. They wanted to know whether Mayor John F. Street himself was involved.

Sixteen months later — and weeks into the third federal trial to come out of the graft investigation — they are probably still wondering.

The bug in the mayor's office was in place for only a short time before it was discovered by Philadelphia police and the investigation was cut short. During that time, the listening device picked up nothing of importance, FBI agents said.

FBI agents also secretly recorded more than 25,000 phone calls involving one of Street's top fund-raisers for nearly nine months. But none of the transcripts released in recent weeks have disproved Street's declaration that anyone eavesdropping on his conversations would find "no corruption, no sex and no profanity."

The FBI apparently overheard no instance in which the mayor said outright that he was willing to trade city work for a donation, and Street has not been charged with any wrongdoing.

The absence of a smoking gun has allowed his supporters to suggest the mayor's problems are probably behind him.

"I think a lot of people see that there are some serious questions that have been raised by the investigation, but there are also legitimate answers," said Street's spokesman, Dan Fee.

The tapes are being played in court this month for the trial of former city Treasurer Corey Kemp, who is charged with accepting tens of thousands of dollars worth of illegal gifts from one of Street's top campaign fund-raisers, a lawyer named Ronald A. White. Prosecutors said White — who died in November while awaiting trial — was trying to buy himself influence over the awarding of city contracts.

The recordings do not paint a flattering picture of city government. In several calls, the lawyer and treasurer can be heard talking about rewarding companies that had given money to Street's campaign, and denying city work to people who hadn't.

But Street's knowledge of the dealings between his treasurer and fund-raiser remains unclear.

In one typical call intercepted by the FBI, Street listened politely to White's request that a certain financial services firm be included in a city transaction, but stopped short of promising to take any action.

In another, Street listened as White described a plan to "sell" tickets in the city's luxury box at Philadelphia Eagles games to campaign contributors. But the mayor seemed to throw cold water on the plan by saying seating in the box was limited.

Investigators also went looking for evidence that Street had used his office for personal gain, but may have come up short there, too.

Financial records seized by the FBI showed that Street and his son received loans from Commerce Bank at a time when the bank was seeking city deposits. But there has been no proof that the transactions were linked to any city deal or conveyed the mayor any special benefit.

In another recorded call, obtained by the Philadelphia Daily News, White seemed surprised that investigators had suspected Street of wrongdoing.

"I just can't imagine them doing that to John, man," White told Kemp on the day the bug was discovered. "John is one of the most honest guys ever. I mean, this guy's squeaky-clean, man."

"Yes he is," Kemp said.

"Here's a guy living in North Philly. Ain't got no money," White said. "I just can't imagine what ... they're doing."

If the investigation has embarrassed or worried Street, he hasn't let on.

Street's aides say it has not hurt his ability to govern. Nor have Philadelphians seemed particularly outraged. There are occasionally boos for Street when he appears before certain audiences, but that is not unusual for Philadelphia, where people routinely razz public figures for sport.

City Councilman James Kenney accused Street last week of presiding over "one of the most corrupt administrations that I can remember." And other council members and at least one civic group have called for a ban on campaign contributions from people vying for no-bid city contracts.

"I think we need sweeping changes in campaign finance and the way contracts are awarded," said Zachary Stalberg, president of the watchdog group Committee of Seventy. "In Philadelphia and other cities experiencing the pay-to-play problem, we are going to need a whole set of reforms."

How the issue will affect the 61-year-old Street's political career is unclear. The mayor is limited to two terms, so he cannot run for re-election. Supporters have suggested he may be considering a run for Congress, but Street has said he is still years away from thinking about his post-mayoralty.

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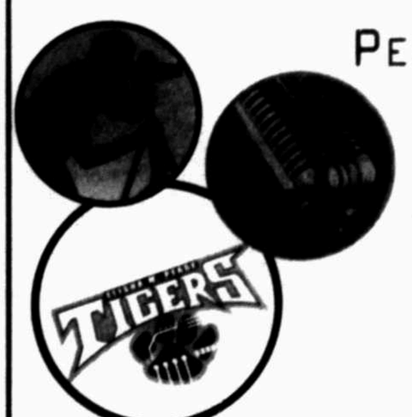
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Iran waging high stakes nuclear game

Iran is playing some strange games in its effort to join the world's Nuclear Union, leaving the United States seeking different policies from week to week to deal with the problem.

Russia and Iran have signed a contract that is to supply Iran's first nuclear reactor with fissionable material. Of course, this is all for the purpose of peaceful energy concerns, so both countries wish the United States would keep its own nose out of the deal.

In this way, Russia manages to sell its high technology, gain influence as a major power and mark a certain distance from the United States.

And from its side, Iran obliges itself to return spent fuel so it cannot be used for weapons production, and the Iranians have agreed to let the International Atomic Energy Agency inspect reactors and deliveries.

That has left the Bush administration taking another approach with the Iranians and is close to joining the European line of negotiations with Iran, and promises of economic gain if they refrain from developing atomic weapons.

Meanwhile, Iran came clean on the issue. Iran confirmed this past week that it initially developed its nuclear program in secret, going to the black market for material, and is now blaming its discretion on the U.S. sanctions and European restrictions that denied Iran access to advanced civilian nuclear technology.

Iran openly admits it has already achieved proficiency in the full range of activities involved in enriching uranium — a technology that can be used to produce fuel for nuclear reactors or an atomic bomb.

The Europeans insist Iran turn its temporary suspension of uranium enrichment-related activities into a permanent freeze. And Iran says it will never agree to a permanent halt on enriching uranium, a technology it says Tehran is entitled to under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

Iran's top nuclear negotiator, Hossein Mousavian, said, "Insisting on cessation kills the process of negotiations."

Still, according to the Bush administration, a unilateral military strike against Iran's nuclear facilities is not currently under consideration. While a high stakes nuclear game is being waged, we guess there will be a lot of finger pointing before the pointing of any weapons.

That consolation doesn't do much, however, to eliminate the fear.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, March 16, the 75th day of 2005. There are 290 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On March 16, 1945, during World War II, Iwo Jima was declared secured by the Allies.

On this date:

In 1751, James Madison, fourth president of the United States, was born in Port Conway, Va.

In 1802, Congress authorized the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

In 1850, Nathaniel Hawthorne's novel "The Scarlet Letter" was first published.

In 1915, the Federal Trade Commission was organized.

In 1935, Adolf Hitler scrapped the Treaty of Versailles.

In 1968, during the Vietnam War, the My Lai Massacre was carried out by U.S. troops under the command of Lt. William L. Calley Jr.

In 1969, "1776," a musical about the writing of the Declaration of Independence, opened on Broadway.

In 1978, Italian politician Aldo Moro was kidnapped by left-wing urban guerrillas, who later murdered him.

In 1984, William Buckley, the CIA station chief in Beirut, was kidnapped by gunmen; he died in captivity.

In 1985, Terry Anderson, chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, was abducted in Beirut; he was released in December 1991.

Ten years ago: House Republicans pushed through $17 billion in spending cuts, prompting a veto threat by the White House. NASA astronaut Norman Thagard was welcomed aboard the Russian space station Mir as the first American to visit the orbiting outpost.

Five years ago: Independent Counsel Robert Ray said he found no evidence that Hillary Rodham Clinton or senior White House officials had sought FBI background files of Republicans. Thomas Wilson Ferebee, the "Enola Gay" bombardier who dropped the atomic bomb on Hiroshima, died in Windermere, Fla., at age 81.

One year ago: China declared victory in its fight against bird flu, saying it had "stamped out" all its known cases.

Thought for Today: "Until we lose ourselves there is no hope of finding ourselves." — Henry Miller, American author (1891-1980).

DAVID BROOKS

Both sides make mistakes in Social Security fight



David Brooks' column is distributed by the New York Times News Service.

At this point there's no better than a one-in-four chance that some form of Social Security reform will be passed this year. There's no sign that Republicans will bend on their insistence on private accounts or Democrats on their opposition. There's no sign that enough Republicans will tolerate tax increases or that enough Democrats will tolerate benefit cuts.

There are no signs that anybody is budging or willing to budge. And so it's time for a provisional obituary for Social Security reform — an exercise in cold stock-taking, because when historians look back on this episode they'll see a compendium of everything that is wrong with contemporary politics.

The mistakes that led us to this point came in waves.

Republican blunders: Republicans often argue that Democrats are out of touch with mainstream Americans, but this time it was the Republicans who were trapped in the insulated world of their own think tanks.

Having skimmed decades of private-account proposals, Republicans did not appreciate how unfamiliar this idea would seem to many people. They didn't appreciate how beloved Social Security is, and how much they would have to show they love it, too, before voters would trust them to reform it. In their efforts to create a risk-taking, dynamic society, they didn't appreciate how many people, including conservatives, value security and safety.

Furthermore, Republicans didn't really have a strategy to get their proposals through Congress. They seemed to think that if the president held enough town hall meetings around the country, they could somehow bulldoze the Democrats.

A politically supple group would have done tax reform before Social Security reform. Tax reform is a less partisan issue, and might have set a precedent for compromise.

More experienced negotiators might have put the solvency issue before the personal-accounts issue. That would have created a consensus on the need for change before we got to the divisive issue of how to fix the system.

But Republicans have never really developed the skills required for cross-party horse-trading. Today's Republicans emerged in response to the ideological politics of the 1960s and were forged in the anti-political populism of the 1994 revolution. These anti-political creatures of conviction find sticking to principle easier than the art of compromise.

Democratic blunders: The Democrats are still traumatized by their own losses. They are focused on past defeats, not future opportunities, and interested in revenge, not governing and accomplishment.

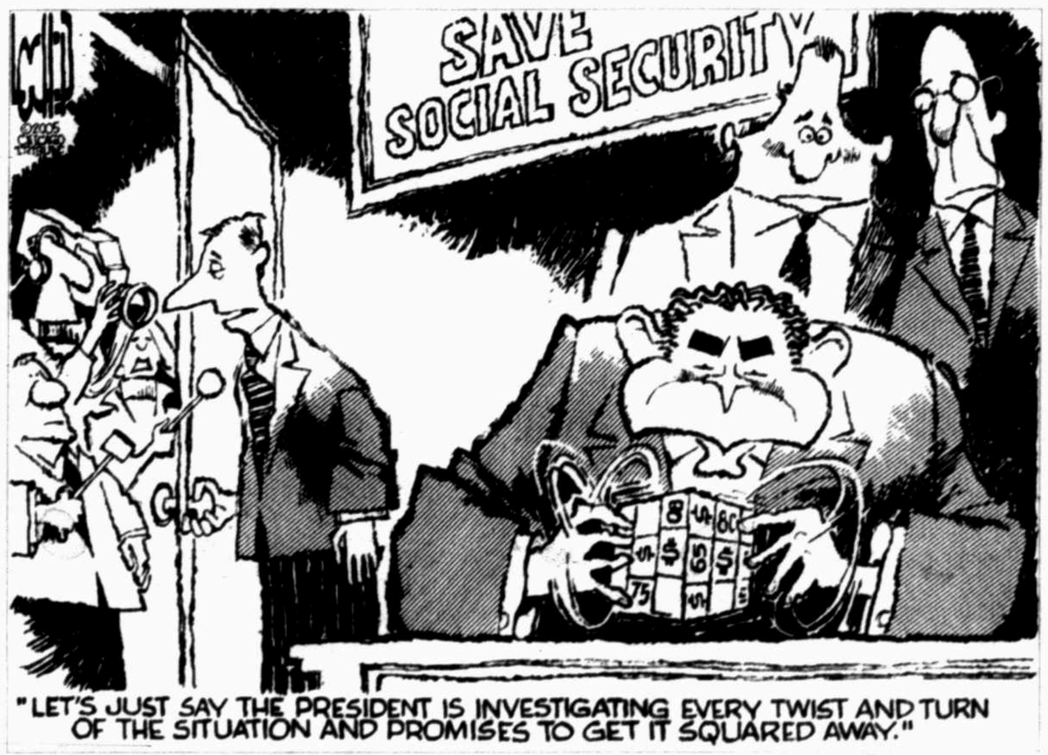
When Social Security reform was broached, the party leaders went to the FDR Memorial, as if the glory days of the 1930s were the guideposts for the 21st century. Meanwhile, the party base has grown militant with rage. The Howard Dean hotheads declare that they hate the evil Republicans, making compromise seem like collaborating with Satan. The militants, bloggers and polemicists have waged a relentless pressure campaign on any moderates who might even be thinking of offering constructive ideas.

The party's greatest failures have come in the past few weeks. Sensing the inadequacy of the first Bush approach, many Republicans have floated brave concessions. Several leading Republicans proposed a big payroll tax increase for the upper class and upper-middle class. Sen. Robert Bennett of Utah suggested progressively indexing benefits to protect the poor and working class from cost-saving steps.

These offers are more progressive than any Republicans have made before or are likely to make again. But the Democrats played the Yasser Arafat role at Camp David. They made no counteroffers. They offered no plan. They just said no.

Instead, many made demagogic speeches about Republican benefit cuts, as if it is possible to fix the system without benefit cuts. Many ginned up the familiar scare tactics designed to frighten the elderly.

If Social Security reform fails — and obviously I hope this obituary becomes obsolete — it will be many years before any sort of big entitlement reform will come up again. The parties will keep playing chicken, and we will soon find ourselves catastrophically buried under our own debt.



CHARLEY REESE

Intellectuals are bane of civilization



Charley Reese's column is distributed by King Features Syndicate.

Excuse me if I don't like what passes for culture these days. I don't like rap, hip-hop, singers with five-note voices and those who, when they try to sing, wear an expression on their homely faces that reminds me of a fellow with the bad combination of hemorrhoids and constipation. I despise singers who make every song sound alike, regardless of what the composer wrote.

I never have liked what is fondly called abstract art. I took an art-history course one time. For most of the course, what the professor said made fairly good sense, but when he got to what used to be called modern art, he just babbled nonsense. There's not much intelligent you can say about a so-called painting that looks like a house painter's well-worn dropcloth.

It didn't win me any friends, but I once confronted a famous civil engineer at a fund-raising event for the local art museum.

"General," I said, "if I dropped a load of bricks in your back yard, I could never convince you that it was a house or a bridge, but if I dropped the same load and told you it was art, you'd believe me." He was retired from the Army Corps of Engineers, and he just coughed and walked away. People who are otherwise sensible seem to lose their brains when it comes to art.

Some countries have suffered what is called a brain drain when smart folks move away, but we seem to be suffering from a brain meltdown. Some people are paying $20,000 a year to send their kids to a university where the professors tell them there is no such thing as truth. Well, heck-fire, if it's true that there is no truth, then paperback novels and the movies are a lot cheaper than universities.

Intellectuals are the bane of civilization. Don't confuse intellectuals with intellect. An intellectual is a person who makes a living with words, either writing or talking or both, as opposed to doing really useful work, like construction, plumbing, ranching, farming and so forth. If we don't reverse this proliferation of word people, we're going to end up eating paper.

People have known how to teach kids to read since writing was first invented, so why is America, 5,000 years later, becoming a nation of functional illiterates? It's because intellectuals, parked in universities and prowling around for grants, keep coming up with cockamamie methods that don't work. One veteran teacher told me she was sick of seeing the same bad ideas recycled about every seven years.

Of course, many of today's kids who strut about with their caps on backward and their pants falling off have scant use for reading anyway. Their conversations seem to consist of "You know, you know, like you know, you know, etc." Our cities seem to be awash in human flotsam.

The core problem is that many Americans no longer have any standards. What, for example, can a politician do that would enrage the voters? Seduce a male page? No. Take bribes? No. Have sex with an intern in the Oval Office? No. Lie under oath? No. People have gotten so tolerant of anything and everything that they can't tell good from bad, whether it's a person, a book, a movie or a painting. Fame and monetary success are no longer indicators of worth.

As shocking as it is, I don't even care for Ray Charles and his music, although I do have a friend who used to bust him on drug charges.

You can say I'm out of the mainstream, and you're right — and I'm glad, because the mainstream today has a lot of stuff that belongs in the septic tank. All is not lost, however. There is, after all, the new Harry Potter novel to look forward to. Even better, Sam Elliott is planning to make a new Western movie. Even in a pile of fertilizer, a cultural optimist can always find a pony or two.

TOM TEEPEN

All eyes remain on changes in Middle East



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President Bush guessed that the political tremors from unhorsing Saddam Hussein would crack brittle authoritarian regimes throughout the Muslim Middle East and hoped a democratic phoenix would rise from the rubble. So far the president is half right, and something is flapping around in the debris. The question is whether it is Bush's phoenix or a vulture.

Iran holds out, a republic in name and a theocracy in practice, but movement elsewhere in the region is promising.

Libya has resigned its nuclear ambitions. Syria has pledged to remove its occupiers from Lebanon. Egyptian strongman Hosni Mubarak says he will admit other candidates in this fall's presidential voting, turning another empty referendum into an actual election. The Saudis have permitted local elections, though of course for boys only. Palestinians and Israelis are talking, albeit at arm's length.

Not all, and perhaps not even most of this change is Bush's doing. Pariah Libya had been dickering for years to get itself back into the international game, even before Iraq was a gleam in Bush's eye. The potential for an Israeli-Palestinian deal mainly occurs because Yasser Arafat finally had the good grace to die and because Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who is turning out to be as hard-nosed in peace as in war, is committed to withdrawing from Gaza and is prepared to see a Palestinian state created there and in the West Bank.

Syria has pledged before — most recently in 1989 — to quit Lebanon, only to balk when international attention strayed. For at least the next several weeks, Bashar Assad means to keep two-thirds of Syria's Lebanese forces in the eastern Bekka Valley, still close enough and large enough to be intimidating.

All that said, those of us who considered the Iraq adventure ill-conceived and ill-executed — and still think as much — nonetheless have to concede that it is partly responsible for shaking up the Mideast in ways that at least potentially could settle out for the better.

But in every quarter, the potential for all of this to go awry is equally strong. Egypt's numerous small parties could splinter the opposition and let Mubarak romp to a mock legitimacy. Even if Assad keeps his word — big if — Lebanese politics could break down again into the sectarian fighting — Sunni, Christian, Druze — that fueled a 15-year civil war, and Shiite Hezbollah, with proven fighters and a ready infrastructure, is there to pick up the pieces. The gingerly Israeli-Palestinian pavane toward peace is ever vulnerable to terrorist sabotage.

And, of course, the relative success of the recent election in Iraq aside, the construction there of a credible, able government that reconciles Sunnis, Shia and Kurds — and all of that in the teeth of a stubborn insurgency — remains far short of certain.

Bush has sensibly so far declined to crow. We can all hope for good outcomes, but apparently the president has learned from Iraq, if nothing else, that the Middle East has an unfortunate knack for turning even apparently accomplished missions into damnable problems.

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Senate votes today on Arctic drilling

By David Ivanovich
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — The Senate is poised to vote today to sweep aside a 25-year-old moratorium and allow oil companies to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

In what could prove the pivotal vote in a debate that has spanned a generation, the Republican-led Senate is expected to narrowly defeat an effort to yank language that would authorize drilling in a portion of this wildlife refuge in northeast Alaska.

"We believe we have the votes" said Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, who has been trying for decades to open the refuge to oil and gas exploration.'

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., who quoted from Genesis and First Corinthians to argue against drilling in the refuge, conceded he was "worried" about the vote.

The centerpiece of President Bush's energy strategy, the measure would grant energy companies access to the largest, untapped oil deposit left onshore in the United States — an estimated 10.4 billion barrels of recoverable oil.

The vote comes as oil prices are near record highs and the nation's average price of gasoline has topped $2 a gallon.

But opponents argue drilling will spoil what they call "America's Serengeti."

Proponents of drilling in the wildlife refuge attached the provision to a budget resolution, a tactic designed to avoid an otherwise certain filibuster, which would allow opponents to block consideration of the measure with only 40 votes. Under Senate rules, drilling opponents would need 51 votes to strike the language from the budget bill, but they are expected to fall short.

The House is slated to pass its own budget resolution later this week. That measure isn't expected to include comparable language on drilling in the refuge, so the differences would have to be worked out in a conference committee.

The House has repeatedly passed bills authorizing opening up the refuge to exploration, but budget resolutions can get hung up over any number of arcane issues. Indeed, last year lawmakers could never come to terms.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge was first created in 1960. In 1980, it was expanded to its current size, roughly comparable to South Carolina.

But with the nation experiencing a painful oil price shock at that time, lawmakers earmarked a 1.5-million-acre slice along Alaska's coastal plain for possible oil and gas exploration.

To date, the government has never actually authorized drilling in this area, known in federal parlance as Section 1002.

A Republican-controlled Congress approved just such a proposal back in 1995, but then-President Clinton vetoed the measure.

The current proposal would allow companies to drill in Section 1002, but the surface area covered by production or support facilities would be limited to 2,000 acres.

Oil could begin flowing within the next seven to 10 years, Interior Secretary Gale Norton said Tuesday. The federal government could hold a lease sale in 2007.

The Energy Information estimated last year that if the Arctic Wildlife Refuge were opened up for exploration, Alaska's northern coastal plan could be producing anywhere from 600,000 to 1.6 million barrels a day by 2025.

That would include production from the Section 1002 area, as well as tribal lands and offshore areas controlled by the state of Alaska, which won't be developed unless the federal lands are opened up.

On Capitol Hill, virtually any energy policy debate can spark a brawl. But few issues generate the kind of passions roused when lawmakers debate opening this pristine corner of northeast Alaska.

On Tuesday, the wildlife refuge debate was cast as a choice between national security and the nation's most sacred values.

Proponents like Stevens argued that drilling in Alaska will help reduce the nation's dependence on unreliable, even rogue states abroad to meet our energy needs.

He pointed to today's meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting in Isfahan, Iran. "Think about that: OPEC is meeting in Iran to decide the future of oil prices for the world," Stevens said.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., last year's Democratic presidential nominee, argued that once oil companies move into the area "it's no longer what it is today — a wilderness."

Democrats also accused Republicans of bending the Senate rules to attach the measure to a budget resolution.

Representatives from Alaska's native peoples joined the fray.

Desiree Kaveolook, a student from the Inupiat Eskimo village of Kaktovik, the only permanent human settlement within the refuge, argued the economic benefits of drilling in the refuge will help local schools and provide scholarships for students from the area.

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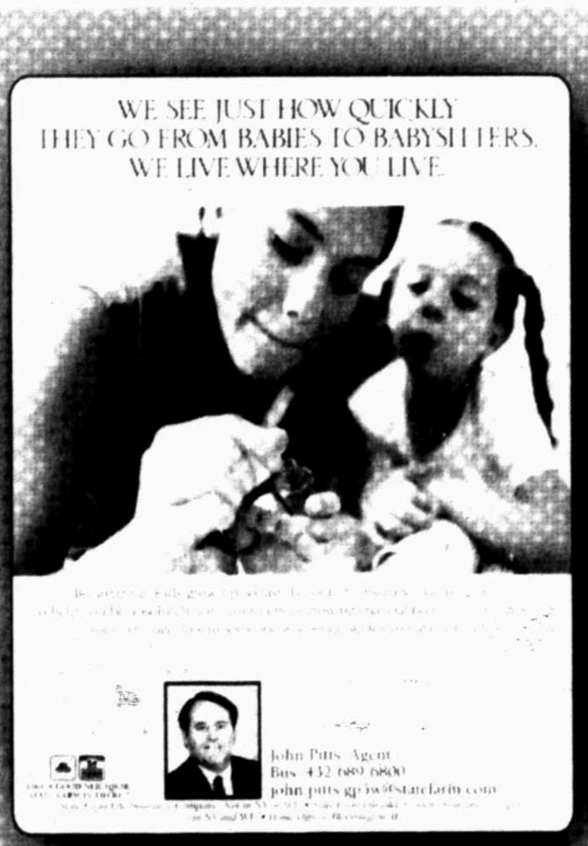
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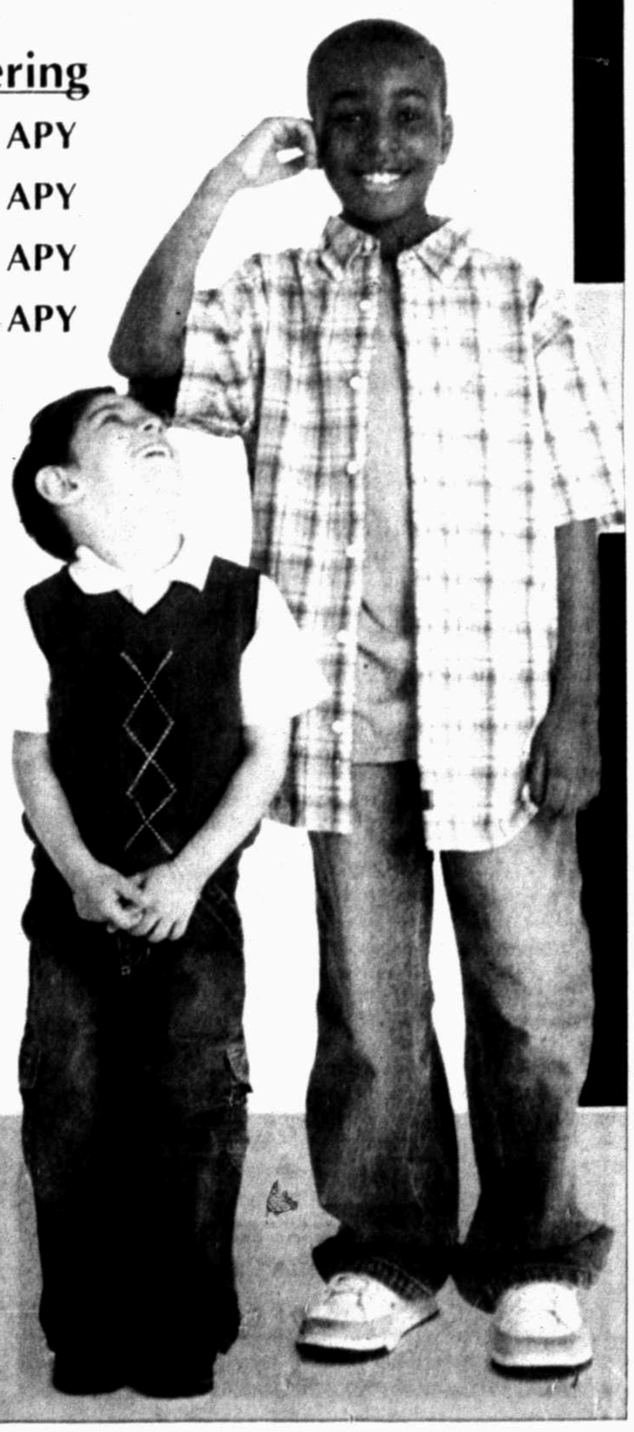
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Syrian agents clearing out positions; protesters march on U.S. Embassy in Beirut

By Zeina Karam
Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — The symbols of Syrian power crumbled in parts of Lebanon Tuesday as Syrian military intelligence agents emptied their offices in Beirut and Tripoli and workers took down an imposing portrait of Syria's president in the capital's seaside boulevard.

Lebanese citizens quickly hoisted their national flag — red and white with a green cedar tree in the middle — outside one of the vacated offices and at the site of the massive Bashar Assad portrait.

The retreat of Syrian intelligence, the arm through which Damascus controlled many aspects of Lebanese life, followed strong demands from the United States and an anti-Syrian rally Monday that drew an estimated 1 million people — the biggest crowd ever seen in central Beirut.

Premier-designate Omar Karami said he would send emissaries to opposition leaders to try to form a national unity government, but acknowledged it would be difficult. Opposition lawmakers have told Karami they will not join a Cabinet until all Syrian troops have left Lebanon, Syrian-allied security chiefs have been dismissed and an international inquiry has been appointed into the Feb. 14 assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

President Bush said the militant Shiite Muslim group Hezbollah could be part of the political mainstream in Lebanon despite its terrorist past.

"We view Hezbollah as a terrorist organization," Bush said Tuesday after a meeting with Jordan's King Abdullah II. "I would hope that Hezbollah would prove that they are not, by laying down arms and not threatening peace."

Hezbollah, whose officials declined to comment Tuesday on Bush's remarks, had organized a pro-Syrian rally of 500,000 people in central Beirut last week. Monday's demonstration was seen as a reply from the anti-Syrian opposition.

Bush spoke after several thousand pro-Syrian demonstrators, shouting "Death to America" and "ambassador get out," had denounced U.S. interference in Lebanon during a march toward the American Embassy. Lebanese police, troops and coils of razor wire stopped the march just over a half-mile from the fortified embassy compound.

"We do not want your false democracy," said Sobhi Yaghi, a student speaker in the march, which was organized by pro-government student groups.

Syrian intelligence agents packed up their files and furniture at their offices at Ramlet el-Baida on the edge of Beirut. Their goods were loaded into three trucks. In the city's commercial Hamra district, about two dozen Syrian agents left their office in a car and a van loaded furniture and belongings. They were escorted by Lebanese police.

The intelligence offices in Beirut were the only remnants of Syria's military presence in the capital after the withdrawal of troops in 2000. Since then, the headquarters of Syrian military intelligence in Lebanon have been in the town of Anjar, a few miles from the Lebanese-Syrian border.



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PROTESTER A Lebanese anti-American protester wears a Lebanese flag over his face during a protest Tuesday near the U.S. Embassy in Aukar, east of Beirut, Lebanon.

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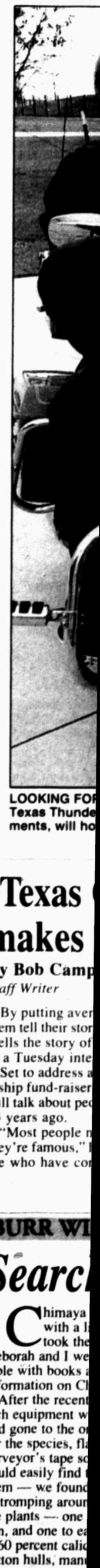
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MC board approves renovations to center

■ Board approves measure that will allow renovations to Cogdell Learning Center.

By Sarah Kleiner
Staff Writer

The Midland College board of trustees approved a measure that will allow renovations to the Cogdell Learning Center in South Midland.

The inside of the Cogdell Learning Center will be renovated, but the building itself will not expand.

"There will be some internal renovations which will enlarge a teaching area by removing a wall," said Midland College President David Daniel.

The project will be funded by a Hispanic-Serving Institutions grant from the federal government.

Trustees also approved auditorium seat repairs at Chaparral Center.

Daniel reported to the board the construction of the science building is on time. The building likely will be completed in May and it's possible some summer school courses will be housed in the new facility.

Midland College officials have yet to see organized opposition to the bond election scheduled to take place May 7, Daniel reported to the board.

The board also approved the appointment of Wayne Moore to the Midland College Foundation board after Melba Trobaugh resigned from the post. There are 23 foundation board members.

ACADEMIC EXPO



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

WORKING TOGETHER Blake Hightower, technology instructor at Washington Magnet, works with one of his students, Jazmin Bermudez, 11, on an interactive dissection program they use at the school Tuesday evening at the MISD Academic Expo.

West Texas THUNDER RUN



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE Manuel Olivas and other members of the local Red Knights MotorCycle Club help the Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau announce the upcoming West Texas Thunder Run motorcycle rally scheduled for April 14-17 at the Scharbauer Sports Complex. The local Red Knights, with members of the Midland, Odessa and Big Spring fire departments, will host the rally to benefit Palmer Drug Abuse Program.

'Texas Country Reporter' makes local appearance

By Bob Campbell
Staff Writer

By putting average people on statewide television and having them tell their stories, "Texas Country Reporter" host Bob Phillips "tells the story of Texas" and helps preserve its culture, he said in a Tuesday interview from Dallas.

Set to address a Permian Basin Advertising Federation scholarship fund-raiser at 7 p.m. Thursday at Midland Center, Phillips will talk about people he has interviewed since opening his series 33 years ago.

"Most people never have the chance to tell their story unless they're famous," he said. "They're just hardworking, honest people who have contributed to our Texas culture. When you get

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KEEP TEXAS CULTURE ALIVE Bob Phillips, "Texas Country Reporter," is set to address a Permian Basin Advertising Federation scholarship fund-raiser Thursday evening.

Midlanders to discuss CDBG projects at public meeting

By Stephanie A. Miller
Staff Writer

Midlanders have another opportunity Thursday to help the city draft its five-year comprehensive plan for its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which on a federal level might be eliminated.

Public input is needed to help the city formulate its CDBG strategic plan, a federal requirement that identifies a community's priority needs to guide how funding is used.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. inside the parish hall of Saint Juan Catholic Church, 1008 W. New Jersey Ave.

"We just encourage people to ask, participate and be part of the process. I think that's a good approach to reach solutions,"

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BURR WILLIAMS

Search for chimaya roots leads to evening at Big Spring State Park

'Chimaya roots taste good! Sort of sweet with a little minty-mustardy edge.' I took the first bite of the root. My wife Deborah and I were sitting at the dining room table with books and computer, researching more information on Chimaya.

After the recent column on the use of high-tech equipment while daytripping, JoAnn Merritt had gone to the one known Midland County site for the species, flagging a dozen specimens with surveyor's tape so that my wife Deborah and I could easily find them. And, boy, did we find them — we found hundreds of plants in an hour of tromping around! We carefully dug up two of the plants — one to transplant in our rock garden, and one to eat. We have a small garden that is 60 percent caliche rock mixed with composted cotton hulls, manure and blowsand, in which we have planted Crucifixion Thorn, Perennial Lem-

Burr Williams is education director at Sibley Nature Center.



oncillo, Creeping Salvia and other plants found only in rocky soil.

While we were at the site, we had tasted the leaves but had nothing with which to wash the dirt off of the root before tasting it. "The leaves don't taste like cilantro, though — more like parsley with a bite." Deborah meditated on the taste for a minute. "It is not too bad — it just wasn't what was expected."

The Bill Dunmire and Gail Tierney book, "Wild Plants of the Pueblo Province," that got us on this "kick" to find out how it tastes listed three or four species of Chimaya, genus Cymopterus. "Maybe this is not fendleri but another of the genus." She nodded in agreement and grimaced, "Why didn't we bring the laptop?"

While at the Midland County site, Deborah noticed some ecological affiliations of Chimaya. "It is almost always near a Dutchman's breeches." (This is a strange wildflower with the strangest shaped red "flowers," that perfectly mimic a miniature pair of pantaloons. We dug up a specimen of it for the rock garden that day as well, along with a specimen of wild alyssum, otherwise known as mountain peppergrass.) "Many of the plants have been directly below larger boulders poking up out of the ground — it may be that the rocks help funnel moisture to the plants." Deborah's superb analytical and observational skills are a blessing — she inspires me!

She went online as soon as we got home while I planted our "haul" from our brief little daytrip. After washing the root of the other Chimaya plant, I picked out of our library a dozen plant identification books and joined her. She greeted me with, "There are at least 30 species of Cymopterus, and they can be quite variable in color." I opened the books and found members of the genus listed from Canada to Mexico and in many varying habitats. In the 1970s I often wrote in my field guides the location of where I first identified a plant — and one book had a notation "Big Spring State Park" beside Cymopterus fendleri. I looked at the picture. "Cymopterus fendleri has yellow blossoms. I don't remember — did I find it or the species we

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OBITUARIES



G. Thane Akins

"Therefore we do not lose heart; even though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for the moment, is working for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory;" 2 Cor 4:16-17

G. Thane Akins, 71, devoted husband and loving father, has ended this life's journey on Sunday, March 13, 2005. He endured a valiant battle with cancer for over two years and courageously continued efforts in support of his busy lifestyle, despite the physical weakness that ensued. He was born the second of three children to Robert Lackey and Evelyn Huff Akins on July 13, 1933, in Brady, Texas, where he was raised and educated with the values of Christian parents and the hospitality found only in the "Heart of Texas." There, he would meet his future wife and life-long companion of nearly 48 years, Jean Loye Locker, and these two hearts were joined on July 4, 1957.

His career ambitions and educational opportunities allowed him to complete B.S. degrees from Abilene Christian College and Texas Tech in Petroleum Engineering in 1957. When diversions from studies were needed, he could be found playing a little football or tennis. Tennis was a hobby he continued well after his college years and he could be found on the courts of Midland during the weekends terrorizing a tournament or two.

He was employed out of college as an engineer by Atlantic Richfield (ARCO) and moved to Lafayette, LA. In the summer of 1958, he moved his family to Midland, TX, where he would remain through his retirement of 25 years with ARCO in 1982. His love of work in the oil and gas industry as a petroleum engineer would continue in Midland where he applied his expertise as an independent consulting engineer and took up residence with O'Briant Engineering (and Associates).

Thane's confident quest for involvement didn't stop with family or job, but remained emboldened to make a difference in the community and his profession, as well. A brief list of some of his early service to the community would include membership on the Planning and Zoning Commission, Airport Board, Texas Municipal League Board of Directors, Boy's Club and its Board of Directors, the Optimist Club, and Society of Petroleum Engineers (AIME) Permian Basin Section Chairman including recognitions as recipient of the Jack M. Moore Award (1981) and Engineer of the Year (1982).

His civic responsibilities continued in earnest as a member of the Midland City Council (1976-1980) and ultimately as Midland's Mayor from 1980-1986. A humble man to refuse credit, nevertheless, his significance as a zealous arbitrator and debater are reasons conclusive to the continued success and notoriety of Midland's prestige and quality of life at that time. Through his persuasive diligence, Midland's future of an adequate water supply was eased with the building of Ivey Reservoir; carried through with the Midland/Odessa International Airport facility and service expansion ensuring the continued reputation of the southwest's "largest" small airport; he became heavily involved with large studies of evaluation and lobbying placement of the Super Conductor/Super Collider, wind energy power generation farms, and a host of other west Texas initiatives. In his 'spare' time, he could be found experiencing his love of music as a member of barbershop quartets and choruses (SPEBSQSA). Singing was not only an outlet of entertainment for himself, but communities all around west Texas have been entertained for decades by performances of the Sun Country Gentlemen chorus and quartets through numerous shows, events, and singing valentines to those select few. His career with barbershopping began after college and he has remained a constant student of its style and genre, accomplishing feats as chorus director of their championship years of 1998 and 1999, while also completing the training to become a contest judge. Another hobby of special interest allowed him to fulfill a love of flying. He attained his private pilot's license in 1968 and has since attained over 1500 fun-filled hours of flight in such aircraft as a Mooney 201, Cessna 172, 182, and 210. Flying provided an enhanced quality to the many facets of his life and involved family, friends, business professionals, associates, the Civil Air Patrol, and fellow hobbyists of all kinds. But the special and enduring service of his life derived from his commitment and obedience to his Lord and Christian faith. Since moving to Midland in 1958, he and his family became members of the North A and Tennessee Church of Christ. There, he became a deacon and then eventually an elder in 1974, an honor also previously achieved by his father in Brady. His sincere love of the Word compelled him to teach Bible classes on a regular basis and individually counsel those who sought the love of the Lord and the way more perfectly. As a clear advocate of Christian education, he provided institutional oversight while serving on the Board of Trustees of Midland Christian School and as a Senior Board Trustee with Abilene Christian University for 23 years.

Thane was the embodiment of Christ's words from Luke 12:48 in describing a servant's responsibility, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required:"

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Thane is survived by his beloved wife Jean of 47 years, his son Rex and wife Connie of Enterprise, AL, his daughter Kara and husband Greg Moore of Midland, with grandchildren Alyssa, Kylie, and Trey Akins, and Tanner, Cheyne, and Carleigh Moore. He is also survived by his sister Patsy Mickus and husband Bill of Brady, his brother Greg Akins and wife Kaye of Midland, and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation for friends and family has been scheduled for Wednesday March 16, 2005 at Ellis Funeral Home between the hours of 5:00 P.M. and 7:00 P.M. Services will be held at North A and Tennessee Church of Christ at 1:00 P.M. Thursday, March 17, 2005 with Greg Fleming officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Spencer Blocker, Don Boles, Paul Cooper, Mike Fowler, Jim Oden, Amos Palma, Jimmie Rhoads, and Leroy Stewart. Selected honorary pallbearers are Ernest Angelo, A. L. "Jake" Arnold, Joe Barnett, Dick Cathriner, Jay Channel, Eddie Lee, Jim O'Briant, James Patterson, Bill Southerland, Gary Thurman, and David Wallace.

A bonded love that is shared endears all who may know it, and when encountered, will it abide from within and be forever cherished.

The family would be honored and thankful for any memorials to be directed to Midland Christian School, 2001 Culver, Midland, TX 79705, (432) 694-1661; Abilene Christian University Gift Records, ACU Box 29132, Abilene, TX 79699-9132, (888) 414-4228; or North A and Tennessee Church of Christ Missions Ministry, 505 San Angelo St, Midland, TX 79701, (432) 682-8653

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Mary F. Steedman

Mary Steedman, 92, of Midland, passed away Monday, March 14, 2005.

She was born September 3, 1912 to Marion L. Felts and Ruby Evans Felts in Warrenton, Georgia. Mary received her Psychology degree from Agnes Scott College in Decatur, Georgia. On December 25, 1933, she married James Haynes Steedman. They moved to Midland in 1950, where Mary greatly enjoyed being with her family and many friends. Mary was an avid golfer for years and enjoyed the sport with her husband, her grandchildren and her friends. She was a fabulous cook. It was a favorite pastime for her, and she enjoyed many happy hours entertaining family and friends during holidays and throughout the year. Mary enjoyed traveling and made many happy memories will all ages on her trips. Mary was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution-Lt.William Brewer Chapter, Midland Country Club and the Petroleum Club of Midland.

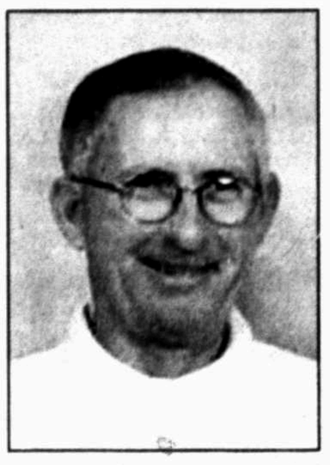
She was preceded in death by her husband and her grandson, James Winston Hull.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Nancy Hull, granddaughter, Susan Webb and great-granddaughter, Katie Webb.

Memorial services have been scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at First Presbyterian Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Memorials may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church Youth Program, 800 W. Texas, Midland, Texas 79701; Midland Fair Havens, P.O. Box 4545, Midland, Texas 79704; The Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, Midland, Texas 79701; or Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.

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Robert 'Bob' Linton Seglem

Robert "Bob" Linton Seglem died early Monday morning, March 14, 2005, at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston, Texas, after a long and courageous battle following open-heart surgery last November. He is survived by his loving wife and "light of his life," Marian Edna Westerfeldt Seglem of Odessa, Texas; his son, Robert Darren Seglem and wife Michelle of Midland, Texas; his daughter DeAnne Michelle Maisano and husband Dino of Burnet, Texas; his mother, Doris Mae Seglem of El Dorado, Kansas; his brothers, William ("Bill") O. Seglem and wife, Donna of Odessa, Texas, and Billy Pat Salmans and wife, Kathryn of Meridian, Texas; his sisters, Janice Sue Kyser and husband, Michael of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Joni Kay Dacus and husband, Randy, of Canton, Kansas. He is also survived by seven grandchildren who brought great joy to his life: Hunter Seglem and Toni, Beth, Katy, Hannah, Michael, and Patti Marie Maisano; in addition, he is survived by numerous nephews and nieces who will lovingly remember their "Uncle Bob." Bob was preceded in death by his infant son, Roy Linton Seglem, his father, Linton Olaf Seglem, and his daughter, Shawnda Dawn Strickland.

Bob was born August 23, 1940, to parents Linton and Doris Seglem. He grew up on a farm and ranch east of El Dorado, Kansas. He shared this birth date with his mother, Doris, and son, Darren, resulting in many memorable family reunions in Bob and Marian's back yard. He graduated from El Dorado High School in 1957, and received his Bachelor's degree in science from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1973. Bob's life work as a Petroleum Engineer was in the oil fields of Africa, the North Sea, South America, Canada, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, with a brief time in Kuwait following the Desert Storm war. He worked for Halliburton Services Inc. for many years after which he started his own oil company drilling some 250 wells while partnering with his wife, brother Bill, son and other business associates.

Bob was an avid golfer and won several tournaments along side his son, Darren, brother, Bill, and numerous golfing "buddies."

Another great joy in Bob's life was reunions with his life-long friends from El Dorado, Kansas High School "Class of '57." Throughout the years, they enjoyed numerous trips together serving to strengthen their friendship bonds. Other important highlights from his life include: He was a life long member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, He was the past president of the ASA Girls Softball Assoc., a member and former trustee of the Highland United Methodist Church, past president of the Odessa Chapter of the American Heart Assoc., and past president of the Odessa Hearty Hearts Assoc.

A family visitation will be held for friends and family Thursday March 17, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

Service will be held on Friday, March 18, 10:00 a.m. at Highland United Methodist Church with Mark Scott officiating and Dino Maisano co-officiating with a graveside service immediately following. A memorial may be made to the American Heart Association or a charity of choice. Services are entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home.

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Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

DEATH NOTICES

J.B. Buckner

BIG SPRING — J.B. Buckner, 93, of Big Spring, died Monday, March 14 in a local hospital. Services will be held at 2 p.m. today, March 16 at the Midway Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Colorado City Cemetery.

He was born Feb. 23, 1912 in Snyder to Tom and Carrie Buckner. He married Edna Christine Fortenberry Dec. 15, 1934, and she preceded him in death Sept. 8, 1971. He later married Arlene Huntziker March 3, 1973 in Big Spring.

He worked for Col-Tex Refinery in Colorado City before moving to Big Spring and going to work for Cosden, where he retired in 1974 with 32 years of service. He helped build Oak Street Baptist Church in Colorado City and the new sanctuary and parsonage for Midway Baptist Church in Big Spring.

He was a member of Midway Baptist Church for 38 years.

Survivors include his wife, Arlene Buckner of Big Spring; four daughters, Yvonne Clark of Lubbock, Sue Burkhart of Lubbock, Mickey Roland of Phoenix, Ariz. and Betty Martin of Las Vegas; 15 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Curtis Buckner; four sisters, Madge Mathers, Susie Walraven, Allie Alsobrook and Dorothy Moore.

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

Betty Lucas

Betty Lorraine Lucas, formerly of Midland, died Saturday, March 12 in Louisiana.

Visitation will be held at Ellis Funeral Home, today, March 16, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Graveside services have been scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday, March 17 at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Chris King

Chris King of Midland died Tuesday, March 15. Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Mary Ellen Johnson

BIG SPRING — Mary Ellen Johnson, 92, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, March 15 at the Robert Lee Care Center. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

A.H. 'Alvie' Hughes

BIG SPRING — A.H. "Alvie" Hughes, 94, of Big Spring died Monday, March 14 at his residence. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, March 17 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Jeff Janca, pastor of Forsan Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born Jan. 30, 1911, in San Saba and married Marie Jackson April 12, 1949 in Seminole.

He had farmed and ranched in Knott for 19 years and in Hobbs, N.M., for 50 years, returning to Big Spring in 2001. He took pride in his farming and ranching and was named Farmer of the Year in Lea County, N.M., for three years and had the highest yield crop in Lea County in 1971.

Survivors include his wife, Marie Hughes of Big Spring; two sons, Nathan Hughes of Big Spring and Calvin "Bud" Hughes of Knott; two daughters-in-law; a stepson, Troy Martin of Sulphur Springs; six grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; a sister-in-law; and many great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Mattie Gelene King; two brothers, Earnest Briggs and Buster Briggs; and two sisters, Mary Lee Kelley and Ada Patterson.

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

Lloyd George Bannister

KERMIT — Lloyd George Bannister, 81, of Kermit died Monday, March 14 in Kermit.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday, March 18 at Family Services Funeral Parlor, with Pastor Gordon Oglesby officiating. Interment will follow at Kermit Cemetery.

He was born Feb. 15, 1924 in Roger Mills County, Okla. He was a retired pipeline construction worker.

He is survived by his wife, Frankie Bannister of Kermit; three sons, Jimmie and Jon Bannister, both of Kermit and Ronnie Bannister of Fort Worth; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 10254, Atlanta, Ga.; or to Grace Temple Baptist Church, 220 S. Olive, Kermit.

AROUND THE AREA

Compiled from staff reports

CITY OF MIDLAND

Southwest Airlines picks Midland as destination city

Midland has been selected as Southwest Airlines' destination city, an Internet promotion that runs through Thursday. Reservatons made for travel to and from Midland will be at a discounted rate.

For more details contact Southwest Airlines at www.southwest.com. Low fares are for travel taking place April 6 through Aug. 3, 2005.

SUL ROSS STATE

University to host Preview Night

Preview Night, an opportunity for prospective Sul Ross State University students and their parents to learn about the wide variety of academic programs offered at the school, is planned for 5:30 to 8 p.m. March 24 at Midland Park Mall.

Sul Ross representatives, including students, faculty, staff and alumni, will be present to discuss financial assistance, scholarship opportunities, academic programs, extra-curricular activities and other aspects.

Applieation fees will be waived if applications are filled out at Preview Night. All applicants names will be placed in a drawing for a $500 voucher.

For more information about Sul Ross and Preview Night, call 1-(888)-722-7778 or visit www.sulross.edu

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Chris Rice concert provides family entertainment

In response to repeated requests for more family entertainment, CBS7 again is sponsoring a Christian concert. The station, along with JOY 99.9 and Chick fil A, is hosting Chris Rice for a family-oriented concert event Friday at 7 p.m. at the Midland College Chaparral Center.

Chris Rice's music appeals to all age groups, although the major focus of his music ministry targets youth. His most recent record, "Run the Earth ...Watch the Sky," represents a compilation of his music focus along with several new songs.


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WILLIAMS

(From 1B)

found here in Midland County?" She found a Web site with photographs of two dozen species of the genus.

I opened Harold Rickett's 3-volume set of "Wildflowers of the Great Plains and Central Mountains." At the same time both of us blurted, "Bulbosus — our species' name is bulbosus." I showed her a drawing of the root of the species — and it matched our specimen on the table between us. We both read our sources for a minute. Outloud, I said, "Hmmm — a common name for it is biscuitroot — I've heard of that — it was heavily utilized by Indians." She googled again, typing in "biscuitroot recipes."

"Biscuitroot provided up to 50 percent of the diet of many tribes of Indians. Some of it they ate raw in the spring. The rest would be harvested over a 40-day period in the spring, and then dried. Then they ground it up to make a flour that could be stored. It was cooked into a giant tortilla, mixed with wild onions and other flavorings and dipped into stews." She read a bit further. "Whoops — that is for biscuitroot of the genus Lomatium, which is a very closely related genus." She googled again.

"There are over 80 species of Lomatium. Hmmm ... here is a scientific paper about the relationships between the two genera. Evidently all of them have edible roots. Some species are supposedly better tasting than others." I then took the above-mentioned first bite. Deborah liked the taste, too, as did a visitor a few minutes later.

I told JoAnn about the identification. "But, Burr, bulbosus is how it is listed on the Midland County wildflower checklist. You identified it in the big book by Correll and Johnson when I found it in the 1980s." That book has no pictures — just technical scientific descriptions. I had seen the species but once or twice in the intervening 20 years — I am not often in its proper habitat during its brief time of visibility in March.

I kept thinking about the notation in the book about finding the yellow-blossomed species at Big Spring State Park. I had to go and see if I had misidentified it, or if a second species could be found just 40 miles away. Deborah and I headed over on a weekday evening.

A few minutes after 6 p.m. we stopped at the unmanned kiosk, paid our entry fees and then slowly motored up the hill, passing a dozen folks walking on the bike lane of the road. Big Spring residents consider the State Park the best place for an exercise hike. The road goes up to the top of the mesa and back down and might be two miles in length. Juniper, shrub oak, mesquite, Mexican buckeye, hackberry, chittamwood and agarita form a forest, and the rock ledges create a "mountainous" landscape. The agarita was in bloom, and its sweet scent swept in through my open window.

I parked at the group picnic shelter just east of the headquarters building. We got out and always being the one to bolt, I started hurriedly walking in the direction of a rock ledge. I had gone no more than five steps when from behind me I heard Deborah clear her throat in a reproving way. I turned, and she pointed down. Cymopterus bulbosus. I had walked past three specimens in the grass. In pre-Internet days, with a very limited number of books available for plant identification, I had misidentified the species at the State Park.

We walked until sunset. We found hundreds of Anemones, a plant common throughout the hill country of Texas in late February and early March, an obligate of rocky limestone based soils. We found perennial and annual bladderpod, fleabane daisy, puccoon, annual yellow evening primrose and its kin, perennial sundrops, blue gilia, 4-nerve daisy and millions of little white draba. "We haven't found Dutchman's breeches," I told Deborah.

Just before we left to eat pollo borracho and enchiladas at the Red Mesa Grill, I discovered a sprawling plant with tiny yellow flowers that were ball shaped. "Bladderpod," Deborah said, but I shook my head and clambered up the rocky slope to take a tiny branch to look at the flower. "I don't know what it is." When we got home, I spent an hour going through books, and still did not find it. At 5:30 a.m. the next morning when I woke up, I knew what it was — Dutchman's breeches! I turned on the computer, and the first Web site with pictures of the species had a close up of the yellow balls. I checked the books — none had a picture of the yellow balls. Although I see Dutchman's breeches every year, I had never seen the plant without the pantaloon shaped seedpods. Though my conscious memory indicated I had never seen the yellow balls before, my subconscious had not forgotten.

Lawmakers debate life without parole option

By Brandi Grissom
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Two weeks before he was executed for stabbing 21-year-old Mitzi Nalley to death in 1986, Jonathan Nobles told Nalley's mother he would kill again if he was freed.

A Senate committee Tuesday passed a bill Paula Kurland said would keep killers like Nobles off the street and prevent more tragedies like her daughter's death. The bill, authored by Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, would allow juries to sentence convicted murderers to life in prison without parole.

Critics of the measure argued it will undercut the death sentence in Texas, giving jurors a middle ground that will allow them to avoid agreeing on the death penalty.

Until Nobles was executed in 1998, Kurland said she was consumed with trying to keep him in jail, worried his sentence would be commuted to life in prison with the possibility of parole after 40 years, the only other option available to juries sentencing capital murderers.

"I didn't want him to die just to die, but I didn't want him to kill again," Kurland said.

Of 38 states that execute capital offenders, only Texas and New Mexico do not have the life without parole option.

Lucio has been trying for years to change that. Similar bills failed in 1999, 2001 and 2003.

This year, Lucio said, is different because the Supreme Court this month banned execution of those who committed crimes while younger than 18. He said Texans would rather see the 29 young killers on the state's death row who will now be eligible for parole stay behind bars than freely roam the streets.

Roe Wilson, a Harris County assistant district attorney, said adding another option in capital murder cases will only further complicate the decision-making process for Texas juries and lead to costly appeals.

"What will happen with appellate issues is it's going to become very nebulous, the difference between life and life without parole," Wilson said.

The existing system is keeping killers in jail, she said, because the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles rarely grants parole to those with life sentences.

Lucio said he has 20 of the votes required to bring the life without parole bill to the Senate floor for debate. Reps. Tony Goolsby, R-Dallas, and Harold Dutton, D-Houston, have filed the bill in the House. Goolsby said he expects a majority of representatives to support the bill.

A life sentence with parole eligibility after 40 years unjustly allows killers a light at the end of the tunnel, Goolsby said.

Kurland couldn't agree more.

"Forty years is not a compensation when someone in your life has been murdered," she said.

The life without parole bills are SB60 and HB284.



LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE ADVOCATE Paula Kurland, whose daughter, Mitzi Johnson Nalley, was stabbed to death in 1986, speaks during a hearing by members of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee Tuesday in Austin. The committee heard testimony on a bill by Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, that would allow life without parole for those convicted of capital murder in Texas.

Harry Cabluck/AP

County students gearing up for Regional Spelling Bee

From Staff Reports

The 18th-annual Reporter-Telegram Regional Spelling Bee is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday in Midland College's Allison Fine Arts building.

Thirty-three Midland County students, in Grades 4 through 8, have spelled their way through preliminary meets to earn the opportunity to compete this weekend. The competition will determine the regional champion, who will then represent the area in the 78th-annual Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee May 29-June 3 in Washington.

In addition to the trip to Washington, the regional champion will receive the Merriam-Webster's Third New International Dictionary, unabridged, The Samuel Louis Sugarman Award — a $100 Series EE U.S. Savings Bond; $50 cash and a 1st place trophy.

The regional runner-up will receive Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary (Eleventh Edition), $30 cash and a trophy.

Third Place will receive $20 Amazon.com gift certificate; $20 cash and a trophy.

Fourth Place will receive a $20 Amazon.com gift certificate; $10 cash and a trophy.

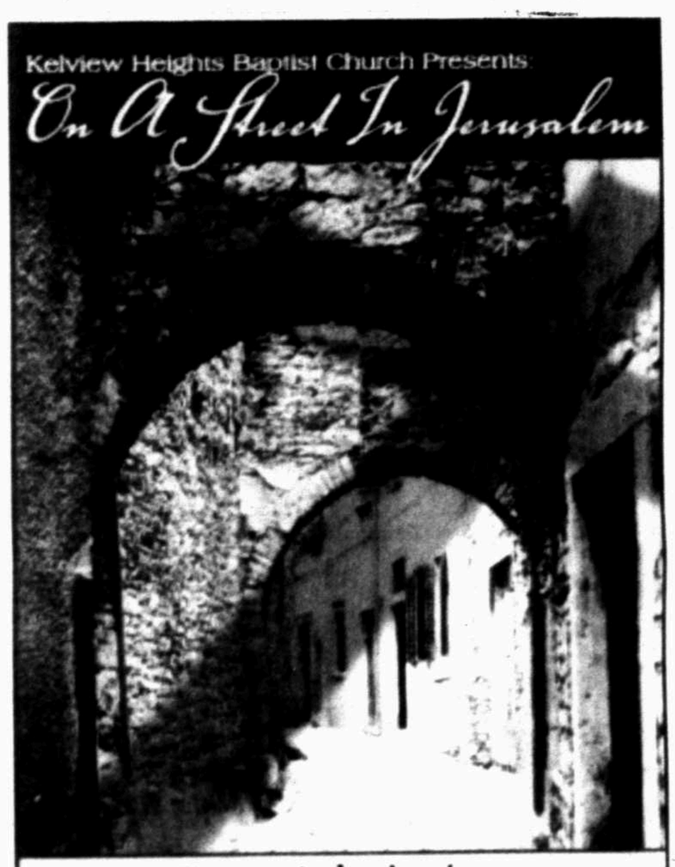
Fifth Place will receive $10 cash and fifth place trophy.

Rebecca Watson at Midland College is the pronouncer for this year's bee.

The judges are Marydel Watkins, a retired teacher with the Midland Independent School District; Dr. Pamela Howell, an English professor at Midland College; and Barbara Cherry a teacher at Greenwood High School.

The following students are scheduled to compete in the regional bee from their respective school:

Eddy Bello, Trinity School
Andrew Corona, Milam Elementary
Jordon Darling, St. Ann's School
Emily Dye, Greathouse Elementary
Sam Eng, Henderson Elementary
Brandon Gonzales, Santa Rita Elementary
Calley Jones, Bush Elementary
Meg Kendrick, Sam Houston Elementary
Randy Kidwell, Hillander
Jennifer A. Klein, Abell Jr. High
Jasmine Lopez, Jane Long Elementary
Alex Luna, Crockett Elementary
Omar Madrid, DeZavala Elementary
Jasmin Molina, South Elementary
Cole Morrison, Midland Christian Elementary
Scott Nall, Bowie Elementary
Anna Osterlund, San Jacinto Jr. High
Hernan Perez, Fannin Elementary
James Pond, Home School — M.A.C.H.E.
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Danielle Rubio, Bonham Elementary
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GUEST

(From 1B)

below the surface, they become extraordinary."

Phillips is a 53-year-old Dallas native who grew to love the countryside while spending time on a Collinsville farm owned by his aunt Lena Christopher in Northeast Texas. His mother is Sue Turner of Dallas. His father Leon, a farmer and tire company manager, died eight years ago.

He earned bachelor's and master's degrees in broadcast film art and journalism at Southern Methodist University and started work at KDFW-TV, Channel 4. The first version of his series was "Four Country Reporter," which he took with him upon joining WFAA as an independent producer in 1986.

With 14 full-time employees in Irving, next door to Fox Sports Southwest, Texas Country Reporter entertains one million to 1.3 million viewers each week on 24 stations in 19 markets. It shows at 10:30 p.m. Sundays on KWES-TV, Channel 9, a sponsor of the Thursday night pie and coffee event.

Attended by 300-400 people, it will raise money for $250 advertising scholarships to Midland College, Odessa College and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, each of which has a PBAF student this year. Other sponsors are The Barn Door restaurant, Western National Banks, Odessa Regional Hospital and the Odessa American.

Sold at area Woods Boots stores, tickets are $25. There will be a silent auction of painted pie plates, including one contributed by Phillips.

"He's interesting and appeals to a broad group of demographics," said PBAF Treasurer Laurie Johnson, an Admarc Southwest spokeswoman. "The show has very good ratings and we felt he would appeal to West Texans."

Phillips started at KDFW by covering accidents, fires and governmental meetings and worked into traveling with the Dallas Cowboys, became a friend of coach Tom Landry and reported on the games, including three Super Bowls. "That was some of the most fun I've ever had," he said, explaining he dislikes spending time indoors.

"If you had called me an hour later I would have been gone, and I won't be back 'til next week," he said at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. "I'm in the office two days a week, and the rest of the time I'm out. I'd rather be out.

"We're trying to tell the story of Texas through the individuals we meet. I know the show has some importance to our cultural preservation. People like to hear about the Texas experience that's unique to our state. You don't find it in any of the other 49 states.

"The myth of Texas is just as important as the truth and is still a huge part of what this state is."

TV - TONIGHT

WEDNESDAY EVENING — MARCH 16, 2005

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BROADCAST	KMID	3	3	2	News 'G' 413	Wheel of Fortune 993	Lost "Whatever the Case May Be" ∩ '14' 9146968		(:01) Alias "The Road Home" (N) '14' 1452767		(:02) Wife Swap "Stonerock/Finley" (N) ∩ 2055		News 'G' 3213121	Nightline 23453264	(:06) Extra (N) 2065210	Kimmel 3790993
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CDBG

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said Sylvester Cantu, administrator of Midland's community development division.

Meetings are held in low-income areas, primarily in South and East Midland and a portion of West Midland, which are eligible to receive CDBG funding. Earlier this month, one meeting happened at Midland Christian Fellowship.

On a federal level, the CDBG program is at a crucial stage with a possibility of being dissolved. A federal proposal suggests merging the CDBG program with several others to create a grant program focusing on economic development.

Officials said there will be a decline of CDBG funding in future years. For the upcoming 2005-2006 year, the city is to receive $1,033,964, less than the $1,092,000 collected for the current fiscal cycle.

Now is the time for citizens to voice their concerns, said District 2 Councilwoman Vicky Hailey, who represents the CDBG-eligible areas.

"CDBG funds are being cut on a yearly basis. We're getting more and more to do with less and less money. So it's extremely important that we get public input for the funds that we are receiving," Hailey said.

Some officials cite national cuts and an increase in CDBG participation as reasons behind the reduction. Right now, the city is planning its five-year consolidated CDBG plan, which sets the tone for CDBG projects from October 2005 to September 2010.

Though CDBG is one point of discussion, the meeting is an open forum for other interests. If residents have a concern about their neighborhood, they can express their opinions at the gathering, said Wanda Valles, program coordinator of Midland's community development division.

Citizens also can learn about various local government services available to them.

The public forum also is a recruiting tool in several ways, identifying citizens to help prioritize needs and projects that will be presented before the City Council. The meetings also help the city pinpoint future areas and projects, as well as establish an ongoing pool of residents to participate in community development.

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As anti-war sentiment mounts, more nations dropping out of U.S.-led coalition in Iraq

By William J. Kole
Associated Press

ROME — Italy's prime minister announced plans Tuesday to start drawing down his country's 3,000-strong contingent in Iraq in September, putting a fresh crack in President Bush's crumbling coalition. Bulgaria also called for a partial withdrawal, and Ukraine welcomed home its first wave of returning troops.

The moves come on top of the withdrawal of more than a dozen countries over the last year and could complicate efforts to keep the peace while Iraq's new government builds up police and military units capable of taking over from foreign forces.

Two years after the U.S.-led invasion toppled Saddam Hussein, the coalition is unraveling amid mounting casualties and kidnappings that have stoked anti-war sentiment and sapped leaders' resolve to keep troops in harm's way.

Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi, who confirmed he would seek re-election next year, alluded to the rising public discontent and said he had spoken with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, another strong Washington ally. "We need to construct a precise exit strategy, also because our publics' opinions expect this communication and we agree to talk about it soon."

"Starting with the month of September, we would like to proceed with a gradual reduction of our soldiers," Berlusconi said on a state TV talk show that lasted into early Wednesday. He added that the withdrawal would be tied to the Iraqis' ability to secure the country.

As of now, the reduction in the Italian contingent will start "even before the year's end, in agreement with out allies," Berlusconi added.

Italy's government, a staunch U.S. ally, had vowed to stay despite suffering 21 casualties and enduring fierce public opposition that escalated this month after U.S. soldiers in Baghdad fatally shot an Italian intelligence agent escorting a newly freed hostage.


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WHEN DOVES FLY Protesters release white doves Friday near the U.S. Embassy in Manila, Philippines, to mark the second anniversary of the U.S.-led war in Iraq.

Thirty-eight countries have provided troops in Iraq at one point or another. But 14 nations have permanently withdrawn since the March 2003 invasion, and today's coalition stands at 24. Excluding U.S. forces, there are 22,750 foreign soldiers still in Iraq.

"Obviously, every country will make their own decisions about what they can continue to contribute or contribute in the future when it comes to helping the Iraqi people," said White House spokesman Scott McClellan.

The scramble to get out has taken the multinational force from a high of about 300,000 soldiers in the region early in 2003 to 172,750 and falling. About 150,000 U.S. troops shoulder the bulk of the responsibility and suffer the most casualties.

A Pentagon spokesman, Lt. Col. Barry Venable, said the decisions by some nations to reduce or end their presence in Iraq was not a threat to security. "The coalition is strong," he said.

Venable said the reductions are part of the natural process of turning security over to Iraq's government. "The plan is to have the Iraqis fill in everywhere," he said. "That process will continue and indeed accelerate."

The United States also is drawing down its troop levels. After bolstering the U.S. force to about 155,000 during Iraq's recent elections, the Pentagon is bringing some units home and expects to be down to 138,000 soldiers in a few months.

Some 137 Ukrainian servicemen returned home Tuesday, part of a gradual pullout of a 1,650-strong contingent to be completed in October. Ukraine has lost 18 soldiers in Iraq, and its people overwhelmingly oppose the deployment.

The Netherlands formally ended its mission March 7, and the bulk of its 1,400 troops return home this month. The U.S. and British governments urged Dutch leaders to extend the mission, but they refused, saying they had met their commitments.

Poland, which has command responsibility for a large swath of central Iraq, plans to withdraw several hundred of its 1,700 soldiers in July and hopes to pull out completely by year's end or early in 2006.

Among the nations that withdrew last year were Spain, which pulled out 1,300 soldiers; Tonga, 44; New Zealand, 60; Thailand, 423; the Philippines, 51; Honduras, 370; the Dominican Republic, 302; Nicaragua, 115; and Hungary, 300. Norway withdrew 150 troops but left 16 liaison officers, and Singapore withdrew 160, but later provided a landing ship tank and crew.

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Last month, Portugal withdrew its 127 soldiers, and Moldova pulled out its 12.

The Associated Press tally is based on queries to military officials in the various coalition nations.

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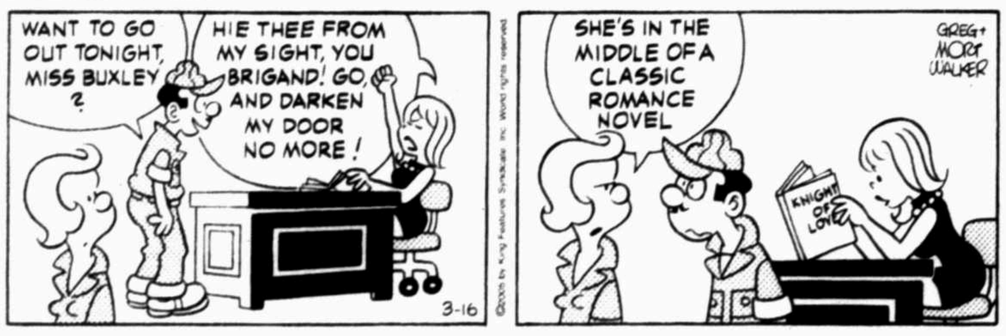
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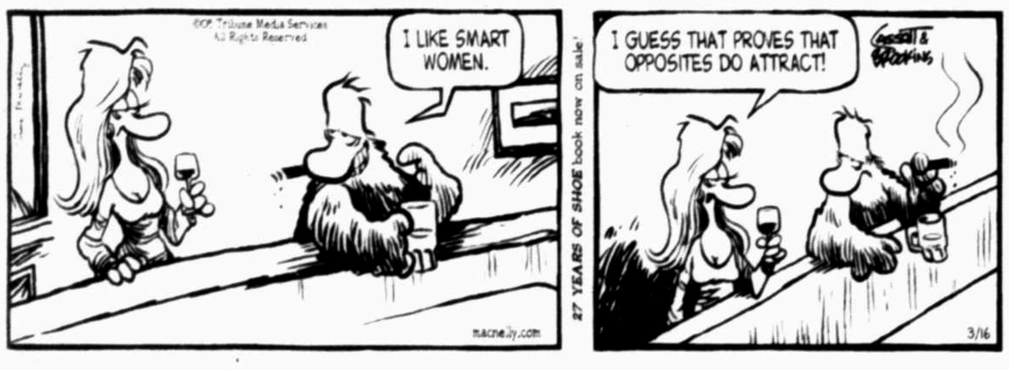
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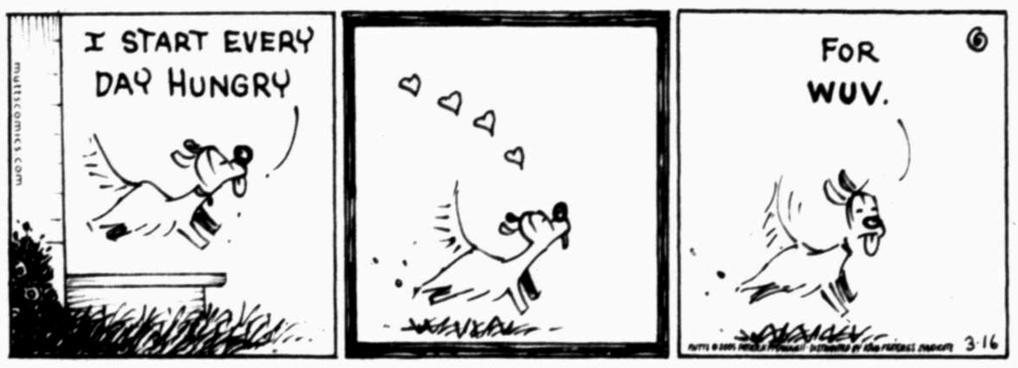
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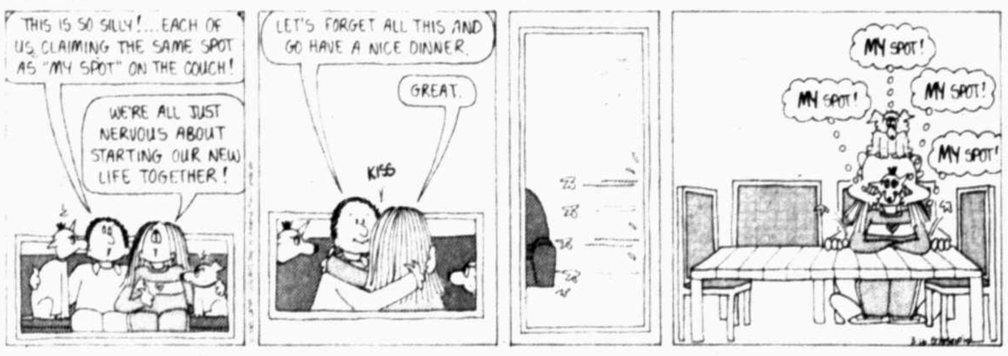
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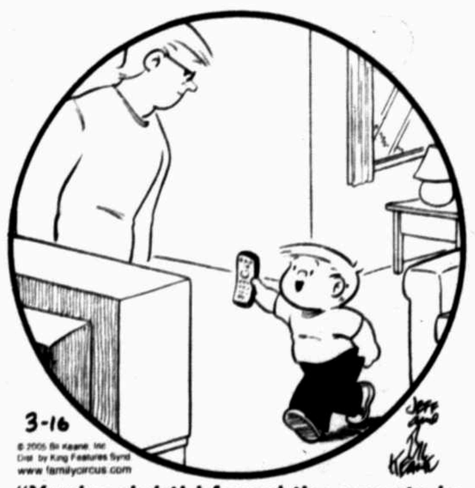


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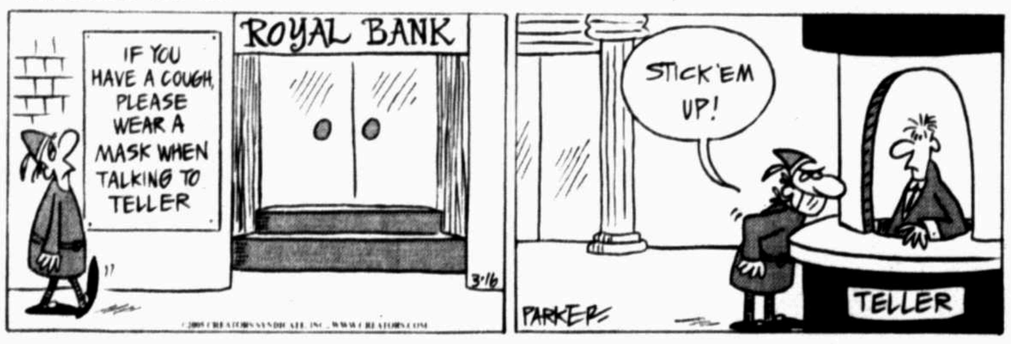


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high 44
low 30

THURSDAY

Partly cloudy
high 66
low 42

FRIDAY

Mostly sunny
high 66
low 36

There's a 30 percent chance of snow before noon today. Otherwise, expect cloudy skies, which gradually will become partly sunny with a high near 44 and north winds between 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low near 30 and northwest winds at 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high around 66, low near 42 and southwest winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high around 66 and a low around 36.

The high Tuesday reached 51 while the low dropped to 38. The record high for March 15 is 86 set in 1966. The record low is 23 set in 1947.

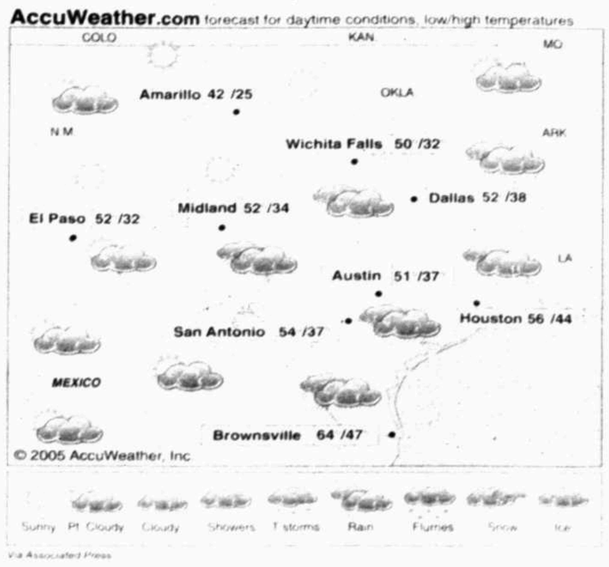
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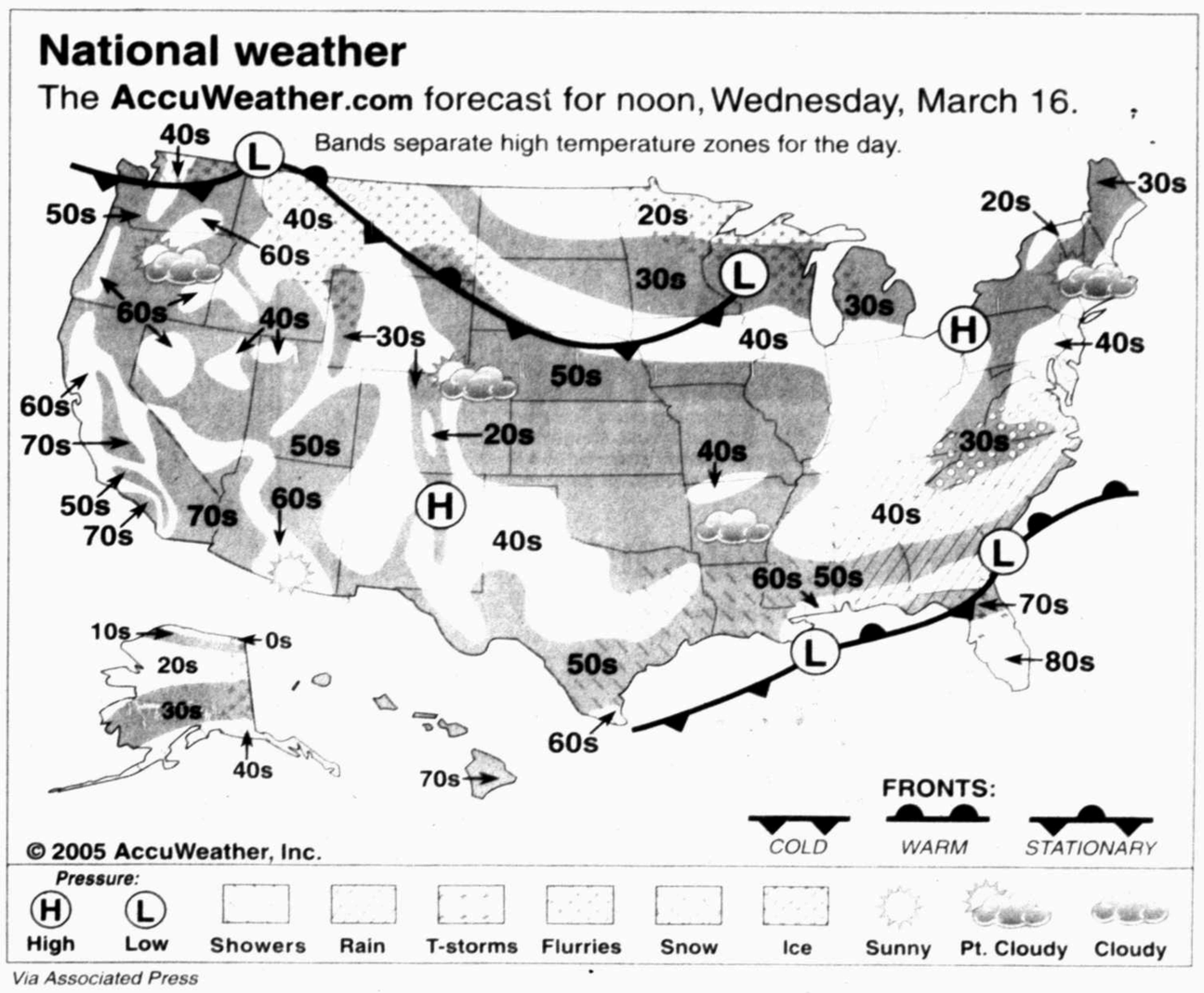
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Normal total (year to date)	.1.37 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	.51
Low	.38
Normal high	.71
Normal low	.41

Sunrise ... 6:57 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:58 p.m.





Via Associated Press

DEAR ABBY

Nurse's future mother-in-law sounds off before surgery

DEAR ABBY: I am an operating room nurse. My soon-to-be mother-in-law recently had a procedure done that required anesthesia. When the anesthesiologist arrived to interview her before her procedure, she proceeded to ask him if he knew me. He replied that he did.

Her next question was whether he knew I had recently had cosmetic surgery. Thankfully, he acted in a professional manner by simply saying, "Oh?" She continued the interrogation by asking him if he was aware I had been previously engaged, and whether he thought I was a runaway bride.

I was flabbergasted she had the gall to bring up such personal things with someone with whom I have a professional relationship. This is a small community where things spread like wildfire. I want to have a relationship with her, but I feel as though she kicked me in the stomach and stabbed me in the back. Is there anything I can say to make her aware of my feelings, or must I be respectful and keep my thoughts to myself? I am deeply hurt. — APPALLED IN IOWA

DEAR APPALLED: Your fiance's mother may have been nervous at the prospect of her surgery, started babbling and couldn't stop. However, unless you want a strained relationship with your in-laws, do not "confront" her. She can't unring the bell. Now that you know she lacks judgment and leaks like a rusty bucket, in the future confide nothing to her unless you want the whole town to know.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.



DEAR ABBY: My son is 15 — nearly 16. He has become a wonderful young man, a delight to be around — but then again, I probably am biased.

When we're home and watching TV in the evening, my son often enjoys cuddling up next to me. He'll put his head on my shoulder and wants my arm around his shoulders. I, too, enjoy this very much, and when he says, "Oh, Mommy, I love you so much," as he often does, my heart melts. I should mention he is still shorter than me, though barely. He is not the typical 15-year-old who towers above his mother.

Let me clarify a couple of things. One, he is my only child. Two, there is nothing torrid going on, no inappropriate touching by him or by me, and three, he doesn't do it when his friends are over — although he's not afraid to hug and kiss me goodbye in front of them. Also, he loves his father very much, will hug and kiss him occasionally, and still enjoys sitting between us on the sofa, however difficult that may be on our two-person loveseat.

Until recently, I thought our closeness would help him develop into a warm, loving man; but now, I'm wondering if this is healthy for him to be doing and for me to allow. It seems like a completely natural thing to do in a loving family, but lately I've been wondering how this might affect his future relationships with women. I would hate to see him develop into a needy, clingy type of man or a mama's boy. What are your thoughts on this? — JUST A LOVING MOM IN AUSTRALIA

DEAR LOVING MOM: Every parent should be so blessed as to have a son like yours. You have raised a loving only child who is bonded to his parents. If he doesn't start dating by the time he's 18, THEN there may be cause to worry. Otherwise, he sounds just fine to me.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, March 16, 2005:
You discover the importance of your home and personal life this year. You will want to spend as much time with family and loved ones as possible. A new home or perhaps a remodeled home entices many of you. Some of you will consider a home office or home-based business. You can count on a partner or key associate. Together you can make a lot of money, increasing your security. If you are attached, your relationship will bloom. The two of you will want more time alone. Plan a trip for 2006. If you are single, you will want a special person in your life. As a result, you might jump into a relationship too quickly. Know that you are desirable and give up a sense of feeling pressured. Travel and foreigners play roles in your life during winter 2005. GEMINI can be an anchor.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Your efforts draw beneficial results, no matter which direction you turn. Be sure of yourself. Positive attitudes surround your work, personal life and general interactions. A meeting is inspiring and uplifting. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Expenses might occur, but you have the ability to handle the costs by putting in overtime or perhaps assuming more responsibility. A boss might have many great ideas but might not be able to give good instructions. Tonight: Expenses soar.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You are in the right place at the right time. Your personality melts others' resistance. Use your creativity, intellect and personality to empower your actions and relationships. Your popularity soars. Your mind experiments with new ideas. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Take your time making decisions. A situation surrounds your personal and domestic life. Evaluate more carefully changes that involve key life issues while you can. Assume greater control of your life. Tonight: Easy does it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Zoom in with that magnetic energy that you so often exude. Others inspire you, but you also know how to inspire them. Speak and share more. You could be surprised at the optimism that bubbles forth. Make what you want possible. Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You assume more responsibility than you have in a long time. Understand that often your efficiency creates more work for you. If there is something you have always wanted to do, either involving your work or daily life, now is the time. Tonight: Discuss your dreams.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You naturally say and do the right thing. Don't hold back; be spontaneous. Information you get puts a smile on your face. A loved one or child might not be as together as you would like. Tonight: Buy tickets to a concert or rent a movie.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ A partner is on top of an issue that heads your way. You might want to rethink a decision because of what this person shares with you. The situation might not be as clear as you would like it to be. You also might be holding back information. Tonight: Go along with plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Others make suggestions that work for you. Meetings, networking and people in general help you realize key goals. You feel good. Your intuition works overtime. Use your imagination. Add your unique touch. Tonight: Go along with a friend's or loved one's suggestion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Your ability to identify what needs to be done emerges. Others approve of and appreciate your efforts. An acknowledgment, promotion or pay raise will head your way in the next few months. Be careful with funds today. Tonight: Get some exercise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Your excitement is contagious. Your ideas and dreams are well received. Your creativity flourishes, attracting many to you. If you are single, a romantic scenario is highlighted. If you are attached, why not add some of the old spice to your bond? Tonight: Dinner with music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Your mind drifts to personal matters. An investment that might involve a partner could prove to be extremely lucrative. Discuss the part you play financially. Listen to a family member or roommate who clearly cares. Tonight: Happy at home.

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BORN TODAY
Fourth U.S. President James Madison (1751), comedian Jerry Lewis (1926)

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With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

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Pass	Pass	Pass	

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Bryant McCampbell of St. Louis devised the 4-3-2-1 point count in 1915. Milton Work popularized it in his column. When Charles Goren joined Milton Work's bridge enterprises, he realized that, while the count was accurate enough for no-trump bidding, it needed refinement for suit purposes. He adopted the distributional add-ons and the world's bidding was forever improved.

Work was one of the better players of his day, both at auction bridge and later at contract. He held the West cards on this deal and, after a competitive high-level auction, ended up defending against six hearts, which he doubled.

The king of spades was led, ruffed high by South. The auction made it clear that West held all the high cards so, even if the diamond finesse was likely to succeed, declarer was still looking at one loser in each minor. To salvage a trick, South needed to engineer an endplay.

At trick two declarer overtook the eight of hearts with the jack and ruffed another spade high. The three of hearts to the five was the entry for a third spade ruff, and declarer crossed to the six of hearts to ruff the last spade.

By now it was obvious to Work what South was trying to do. When declarer next led a diamond, he covered with the jack and the table's queen won. When the ace of diamonds was cashed, Work jettisoned the king. Now East could win the third diamond with the 10, and a club return would net the defenders the setting trick.

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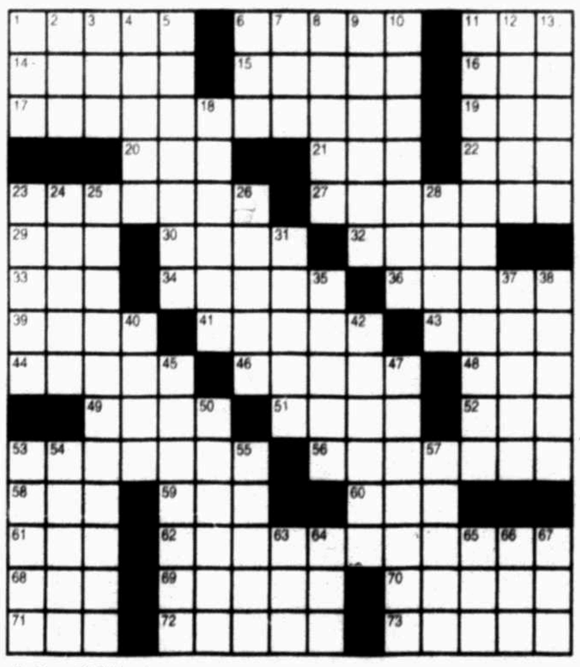
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HOLOCAUST REMEMBERED A visitor stands in front of a picture Tuesday of the Auschwitz-Birkenau, Poland, death camp at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial's new museum in Jerusalem. Leaders and dignitaries from some 40 countries attended the opening Tuesday of the $56 million museum that focuses on the personal tragedies of the 6 million Jews who perished in the Nazi genocide.

Israel opens new Holocaust museum

By Steven Erlanger
N.Y. Times News Service

JERUSALEM — More than 40 heads of state and ministers, many of them from Europe, gathered here in the chill of Tuesday evening for the opening of a new Holocaust history museum at Yad Vashem, the Israeli guardian of the Holocaust and its history.

More than 10 years in the making, the new museum tries to tell the story of the 6 million Jewish dead, the names of half of them still unknown, through the diaries, photographs, experiences and testimonies of about a hundred individuals.

Rather than the dry history and emphasis on photographs of the old museum, the new one relies on more modern techniques of film and recreation of reality through artifacts, concentrating on the stories of individuals caught up in the horror of a previously unimaginable world.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon told some 1,500 guests and dignitaries the story of the extermination of a single French family, recorded in the museum, and then said: "When you leave this museum, you see the sky of Jerusalem. I know how a Jew feels when he emerges from these depths and breathes the air of Jerusalem. He feels at home. He feels protected. He feels the terrible difference between living in one's own country, in one's homeland, in a country which can provide protection, and standing alone, utterly defenseless, confronting a beast in human form."

Sharon then added the real message of Yad Vashem: "He knows Israel is the only place in the world where Jews have the right to defend themselves, and that proves the Jewish people will never know another Holocaust."

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the United Nations, like the state of Israel, had emerged from the ashes of the Holocaust, which was also a "driving force" behind the adoption of the universal declaration of human rights.

"The Holocaust was not just a Jewish experience. It is an experience of great importance to the whole world," he said, "and we have all drawn lessons from it."

Annan was joined for the ceremony, which comes 60 years after the liberation of Auschwitz, by officials like Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski, French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin and German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, whose country has become one of Israel's closest allies.

The British sent Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott. The U.S. delegation, however, was led by the mayor of New York City, Michael R. Bloomberg. The U.S. delegation includes the Nobel prize winner Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust survivor, and other dignitaries, but no representative of the federal government, which caused a lot of tongue-wagging here.

The $56 million museum is four times larger than the old one, and is housed in a dramatic new building of architectural concrete that cuts through the Mount of Remembrance on which the Yad Vashem campus sits. Designed by the architect Moshe Safdie, the building is a huge triangle, nearly 200 yards long, largely underground, topped by a skylight that runs the length of the apex.

Visitors are pulled downward into the earth, forced along a path into galleries that mark turning points in the Holocaust, much as its victims were forced along by history. After the abyss of the death camps, the floor rises up toward the light, and a visitor is then able to step onto a concrete platform cantilevered over the earth to see the hills, the pine forests and the buildings of the new state of Israel.

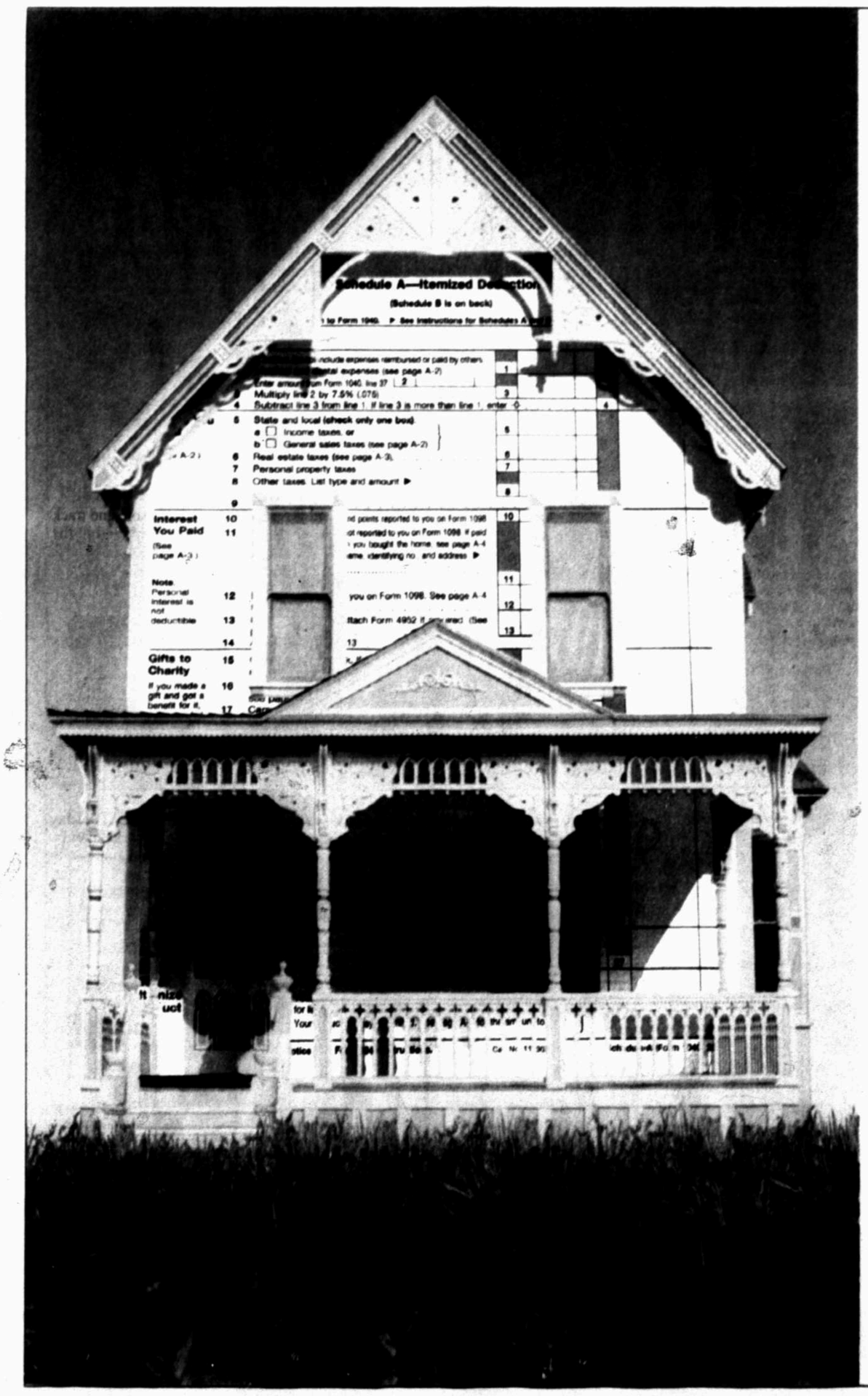
The new museum is an acknowledgment that as the generation of the survivors and perpetrators of the Holocaust dies out, responsibility for passing on its experience and lessons will fall to educators and museums.

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By Dave Sage
Sports Writer

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Wilson, Lady Bulldogs avenge loss

By Dave Sager
Sports Writer

Midland High goalkeeper Lindsey Wilson had been waiting for this day to come since Feb. 19.

On that cold winter day in San Angelo, the Central girls soccer team rallied from a two-goal deficit to win by one. It was the first and only game the Lady Bulldogs lost and it was also just the second time all season a team scored more than one goal on Wilson.

Wilson wasn't going to let that happen again. On Tuesday the junior, along with a strong effort from her defenders, shut out the Lady Bobcats, 1-0, at Grande Communications Stadium.

"I was very happy about the shutout," Wilson said. "That was my main goal — to get the shutout. And I think our whole defense was for that."

With the win, the Lady Dawgs clinched their third straight District 3-5A championship and fifth overall. They also took home back-to-back league titles in 1996 and 1997.

MHS improved to 19-1 overall and 10-1 in district.

"It wasn't that easy," Midland High coach Scott Hodkinson said. "Lindsey Wilson made some great saves back there, Shaderia (Evans) made some great clears and the defense was tremendous (Tuesday) night."

The victory also avenged the Lady Bulldogs' only loss this year.

"We just wanted to beat them and get revenge for last game," Wilson said. "And we wanted to win really bad and win the district title."

As for Central, the Lady Bobcats (11-9-1, 6-4) dropped into a tie for third place with Odessa Permian, which beat Abilene Cooper on Tuesday. "We figured that," San Angelo Central head coach Warren Cottle said.

And with two games remaining, the Lady 'Cats are now fighting for their playoff lives with second place Lee and Permian.

"That's all right," Cottle added. "Permian and Lee play on Saturday, so one of them will pick up a loss there, and if we just keep taking care of business we'll be all right. We'll

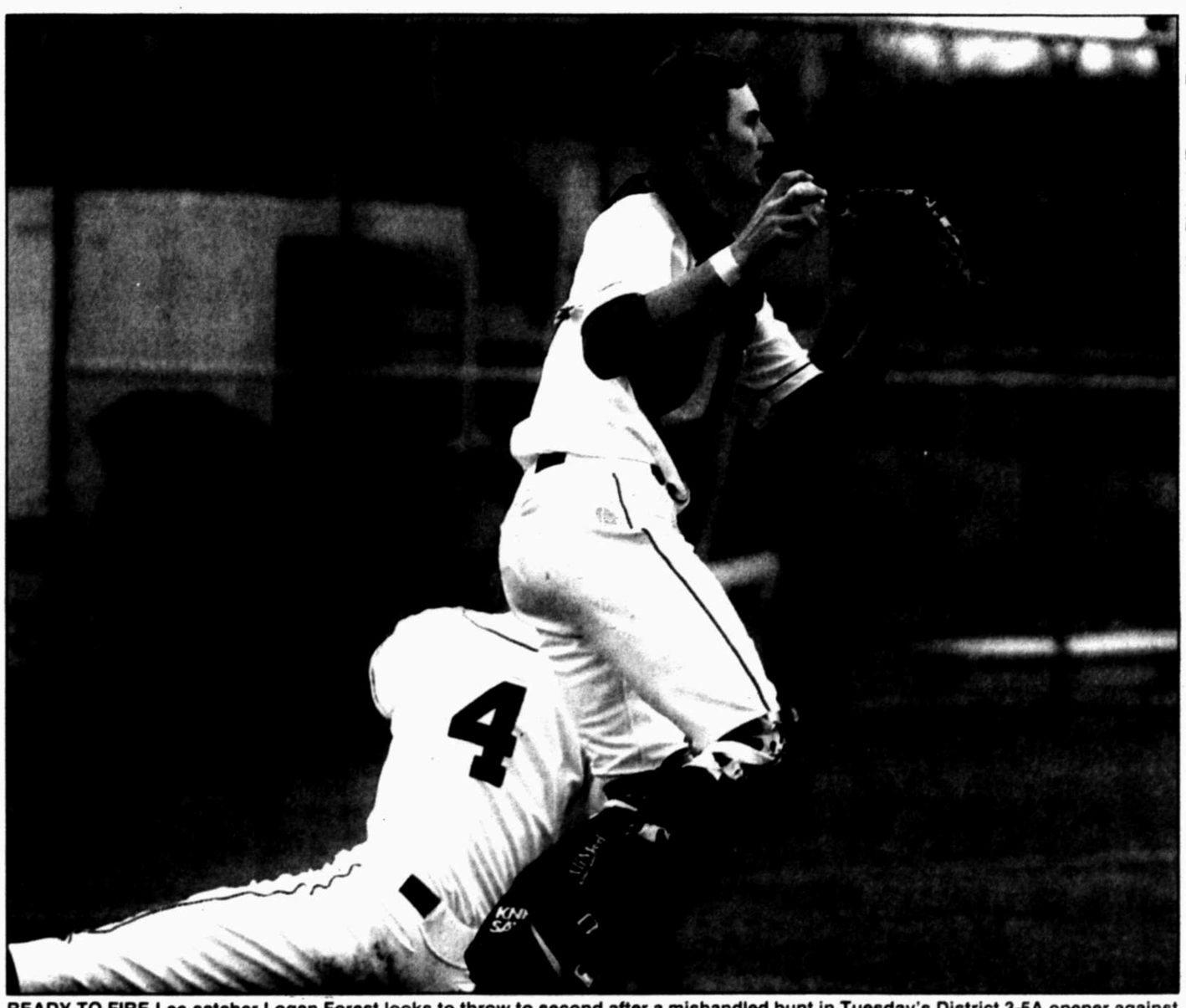
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KICKING IN THE COLD Midland High's Elizabeth Gates beats San Angelo Central's Skylar Byrd to a deflection Tuesday at Grande Communications Stadium.
Alec Richards/Reporter-Telegram

DISTRICT 3-5A BASEBALL

On the Right Foot



Alec Richards/Reporter-Telegram

READY TO FIRE Lee catcher Logan Forest looks to throw to second after a mishandled bunt in Tuesday's District 3-5A opener against Abilene Cooper at Ernie Johnson Field. The Rebels won 10-3.

Lee fights off Cooper, weather to win 3-5A opener

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

It's hard to imagine conditions being more miserable to open the District 3-5A baseball season than they were Tuesday at Ernie Johnson Field when Lee hosted Abilene Cooper.

By the time the wind, cold, rain and impending darkness threatened to swallow the game before it could end in regulation, the Rebels and Cougars looked like they just wanted it to end. But only the Rebels got to go home happy.

Lee lived up to its billing as defending district champion, as the Rebels were opportunistic at the plate and solid defensively in beating Cooper 10-3 to open district play. With the rain and cold weather increasing as the game progressed beyond the two-hour mark, it became more of an endurance test than a baseball game.

"We were just happy to be getting out of here with a win," Lee coach Jesse Benavidez said. "In this sloppy weather you never know what's gong to happen with the ball."

The game wasn't quite as ugly as it could have been considering the conditions. It was just that the Rebels (10-7 overall) did a better job of dealing with them.

After Lee took a 5-0 lead in the first two innings, that placed the impetus on Cooper to have to catch up. The Cougars did get 10 hits off Lee left-hander Barry Keiffer, but they also left eight runners on base.

As much as anything, the key to the victory for the Rebels was taking control early.

"We got those five runs early but anything can happen," Benavidez said. "I wasn't sure that was going to hold up."

The Rebels jumped on Cooper starter Sean Holamon for three runs in the first inning, as they got RBI singles from Logan Forest and Matt Day. Lee added a pair of unearned runs in the second, capped by a run-scoring double from clean-up hitter Forest.

A returning All-District selection, Forest is showing he's one of the most productive hitters in the district, as he went 3-for-3 with a pair of doubles against the Cougars.

Please see **REBELS**/2C

Local games rescheduled

From staff reports

Several local sporting events were canceled due to rain on Tuesday, including the softball game between Lee and Midland High, the baseball game between Texas Tech and the University of Houston and Midland Christian's softball game against Monahans.

The Lee-Midland High contest has been rescheduled for 4 p.m. today at Lee High School, while the MCS-Monahans game will be played on April 9.

Fans who had tickets to the Tech-Houston game at First American Bank Ballpark can redeem them for Midland RockHounds home games.

Giambi excused from testifying before Congress

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jason Giambi can concentrate on hitting instead of testifying.

The New York Yankees slugger was excused from appearing at Thursday's congressional hearing on steroids in baseball, and the top Democrat on the committee said it's possible other players also could have subpoenas withdrawn.

Giambi does not have to go to Washington because of his involvement in the ongoing federal investigation into illegal steroid distribution, House Government Reform committee chairman Rep. Tom Davis and ranking Democrat Rep. Henry Waxman said Tuesday. Giambi testified in 2003 before a grand jury probing the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, and the San Francisco Chronicle reported in December that he admitted before that panel that he had used steroids.

"I appeared in front of the federal grand jury a year ago. I answered every question, told the truth and cooperated fully," Giambi said in a statement released by his agent. "I appreciate that the members of the committee evaluated my situation, and I will now continue to focus on playing the best baseball I possibly can."



Giambi

BALCO founder Victor Conte, BALCO vice president James Valente, Barry Bonds' trainer Greg Anderson, and track coach Remi Korchemny were indicted in the case, and trial dates have not yet been scheduled. A hearing was postponed Tuesday, with Anderson's lawyer saying her client would prefer a deal.

Bonds and Gary Sheffield, who also testified before the grand jury, were not among the seven current and former players subpoenaed by the committee last week.

In a letter sent to the committee accompanying more than 400 pages of documents Monday, baseball executive vice president Rob Manfred said just 12 of 1,133 tests last year were positive, and that positive tests from nandrolone dropped from 73 in 2003 to one last year.

Davis and Waxman waited until Tuesday evening to make the announcement on Giambi.

"From the outset, we have said that we in no way wanted our inquiry to impede or complicate any ongoing investigations by law enforcement," they said in a joint statement. "Upon hearing today from the Justice Department that Mr. Giambi's appearance could do just that, we have decided to excuse him from testifying. All other invited witnesses, however, will be expected to comply with the subpoenas issued to them last week."

Former AL MVP Jose Canseco, whose recent book accuses several stars of steroid use, also was subpoenaed along with Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Rafael Palmeiro, Frank Thomas and Curt Schilling. Lawyers for Giambi, Palmeiro and Thomas sent the committee letters Monday asking that their clients be excused, citing Giambi's prior testimony and the adverse effects travel would have on Thomas' recovery from an ankle injury.

"It's still a dynamic process," Waxman said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "We're still talking to the different subpoenaed witnesses. Until you hear otherwise, we expect them there. I expect everybody to

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WORKING FOR A SHOT Odessa Jackalopes winger Paul Davies (15) attempts to score on a wraparound as Fort Worth defenseman Adam Davis ties him up. The Jackalopes defeated the Brahmas, 3-2, to keep their playoff hopes alive.

Jacks down Fort Worth

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

ODESSA — The road back into playoff contention for the Odessa Jackalopes has not been easy the last few weeks.

They've lost leads in games they should've won, lost games at home and won big games to keep their hopes alive. After Tuesday's 3-2 victory against the Fort Worth Brahmas the Jacks are no longer behind in the chase for the fourth, and final, playoff spot in the Central Hockey League's Southern Conference.

The Jacks are tied with the Lubbock Cotton Kings, each with 63 points in the Southwest Division standings. Only problem for the Jacks, though, is that Lubbock has four games remaining and Odessa two.

The Jacks conclude their season with games against New Mexico on Friday and Laredo on Sunday. The Cotton Kings take on Colorado today and Friday, New Mexico on Saturday and close with Amarillo on Sunday.

On Tuesday in front of 3,429 at the Ector County Coliseum, Odessa came back from an early deficit and broke a deadlock late in the third period to clinch its 26th victory of the season, but more importantly pick up the precious two points needed to make the playoffs.

"We need a lot of help from a lot of teams but it's good for us keeping some pressure on some teams,"

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All-WJCAC team


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Clark


Kmitaite


Davis-White

MC places four on WJCAC teams

From staff reports

The Midland College men's basketball team had three players honored, while the MC women's team had two players honored by the Western Junior College Athletic Conference coaches in their all-conference team.

J.D. Lewis, a 6-foot-2 freshman guard from Amarillo, and Ivory Clark, a 6-6 sophomore forward from New Orleans, were named to the All-Conference men's team. Lewis, who is averaging 18 points per game, also made the All-Region V team.

Tim Crowell, a 6-1 freshman guard from Albuquerque, N.M., received honorable mention recognition.

The Chaparrals are 25-8 this season and are heading back to the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan., for the second year in a row.

On the women's side, 5-8 sophomore guard Irma Kmitaite, from Sirvintos, Lithuania, and Britney Davis-White, a 5-7 sophomore guard from Houston, were named to the all conference team. Kmitaite was also named to the All-Region V team.

The Lady Chaps finished the season at 23-9 after a loss in the Region V Tournament semifinals.

Western Junior College Athletic Conference
Men's Basketball
2005 All Conference Team
***denotes All-Region V selection**

Co-MVPs — *DeAndre Rice, Frank Phillips College; *Jerome Richardson, Frank Phillips College.

All Conference — ***J.D. Lewis, Midland College**; *Charles Burgess, Howard College; *Ed Miles, Clarendon College; *James Barrett, Howard College; **Ivory Clark, Midland College**; Jelani Lawrence, South Plains College; Brandon Sampay, Howard College; Jason Siggers, New Mexico Junior College; Chavon Farmer, Frank Phillips College.

Honorable Mention — Leandro Buboltz, South Plains College; Dennard Abraham, South Plains College; Joshua Rivera, Odessa College; Dremain Townsend, Frank Phillips College; Ed Millard, New Mexico Junior College; Stanley Titsworth, Clarendon College; Tiago Souza, South Plains College; Rick Hamilton, Clarendon College; Ralph Davis; **Tim Crowell, Midland College**; Severin Gates, Odessa College.

Western Junior College Athletic Conference
Women's Basketball
2005 All Conference Team
***denotes All-Region V selection**

MVP — *Megan Morris, South Plains College.

All Conference — *Psyche Butler, New Mexico Junior College; Tiffany Davis, Frank Phillips College; ***Irma Kmitaite, Midland College**; *Lauren Hill, Clarendon College; *Jade Wacker, Odessa College; Helen Roden, Odessa College; Danielle Wilhelm, South Plains College; Latoya Fairley, Howard College; **Britney Davis-White, Midland College**; Rebecca Miles, New Mexico Junior College; Rochelle Vance, Frank Phillips College.

Honorable Mention — Fallon Thomas, South Plains; Damesha Harris, South Plains College; Angelique Baulding, New Mexico Junior College; Megan Hyde, Clarendon College; Ela Zawadke, Frank Phillips College.

Bulldogs fall to Abilene High

From staff reports

ABILENE — Midland High had its chances in its District 3-5A opener Tuesday, but in the end Bulldogs were left wondering what might have been.

The Bulldogs got runners on against Abilene High, but ended up leaving 10 on base. While they broke through for two runs in the top of the sixth inning, it was hardly enough, as they suffered their first district loss, 4-2.

Midland High (12-4-1 overall) managed only four hits off Abilene High starter Matt Sullivan, although the Bulldogs still were able to get people on base.

"We had people in scoring position all the time and we couldn't get a hit," MHS coach Barry Russell said. "The bad part was that we weren't disciplined at the plate. (Sullivan) was up in the zone all day long."

Abilene High (10-5) took a 4-0 lead by scoring two runs each in the third and fifth innings off Midland High starter Brandon Fierro. Ryan Kennedy gave the Eagles a 2-0 lead with a two-run triple in the third, and Abilene High stretched the lead to 4-0 in the fifth as Minor Alexander and Sullivan each drove in runs with singles.

■ Local Baseball Roundup

The Eagles got 11 hits off Fierro, the left-hander who has established himself as Midland High's ace.

"He didn't have one of his better days," Russell said of Fierro. "His ball was up in the zone too, and they hit it."

The Bulldogs scored both of their runs in the sixth inning. Keith Almaguer drew a pinch hit walk and Seth Hudson walked with two outs. Jaime Armendariz, who had two hits, drove in a run with a single, while the second run scored on an error.

But that was all the glory the Bulldogs got offensively against Sullivan, who struck out 10.

"We've got to find a way to get things done at the plate," Russell said. "It was really frustrating."

Abilene High 4, Midland High 2

Midland High	.000 002	0	—2	4	0
Abilene High	.002 020	x	—4	11	2

Brandon Fierro and Seth Hudson. Matt Sullivan and Chase Churchill. W - Sullivan. L - Fierro. 3B — Abilene High: Ryan Kennedy.

Trinity avenges lone loss

Trinity quickly made up for its only loss of the season at Christensen Stadium, as the Chargers beat Alpine 8-3 in a game cut to four innings by rain.

Trinity (11-1) had been unbeaten prior to last weekend's Alpine Classic, losing to the host school 19-10. When Alpine came to town, though, the Chargers took care of things quickly, scoring eight runs in the first inning for all the offense they'd need.

"After our first loss our boys handled it like champions," Trinity coach Danny Jordan said. "They responded brilliantly."

Andrew Anderson got things going for the Chargers in the first with a leadoff double. Andy Luck had a three-run double, and Anderson, in his second at-bat of the inning, had a two-run single for the inning's big hits.

Matt Russell pitched all four innings for the Chargers and got the win by giving up only four hits.

Trinity is off until March 26 when it plays a doubleheader at Say Field in San Angelo against Menard.

Trinity 8, Alpine 3

Alpine	.100	2	—3	1	2
Trinity	.800	0	—8	4	1

John Tores and Adrian Losoya. Matt Russell and Andrew Anderson. W - Russell (3-0). L - Tores. 2B — Trinity: Anderson; Luck.

LOCAL SPORTS

Results from Bootlegger

Here are the results from the 2005 Bootlegger tournament held at Ranchland Hill Country Club on Sunday, with the top three finishers in each flight listed.

Championship Flight: 1. Christian Keener-Jeff Munden 62-62—124; 2. Gary Johnson-John Ironside 66-62—128; 3. Dean Fields 64-65—129.

First Flight: 1. John Logi-Bob Voisine 67-69—136; 2. Sam Hakes-Jeff Send 70-69—139; 3. Robert Cudd, Jr.-Mundy Hernandez 72-68—140.

Second Flight: 1. David Corley-Bernie Hagins 67-69—136; 2 (tie). Morris Vannoy-Irvin Vannoy 69-69—138 and Dave Simpson-Rex Fields 66-72—138.

Third Flight: 1. Huelan Hamilton-Kelly Maddux 72-73—145; 2 (tie). Dave Freeman-Carson Watt 77-71—148 and Scott Bush-Paul Edwards 79=69—148.

Fourth Flight: 1. Flynt Chancellor-Stephen Aikman 75-79—154; 2. Eric Bayley-Paula Bayley 80-80—160; 3. Norma Pyle-Patsy Sharpnack 79-83—162.

Green aces at Quail

Charles Green scored a hole-in-one Monday at Hogan Park's Quail Course. Green aced the No. 6 hole with a 4-iron for his second hole-in-one. Jay McHugh, Manny Olivas, Frank Tryon and Terry Garner witnessed the ace.

LADY DAWGS

(From 1C)

make it in."

Scoring the only goal in the game was district scoring leader Liz Gates. The junior forward scored on a one-on-one opportunity with Central keeper Dani Edwards after getting loose on the right side on a breakaway.

It's a bit ironic that on "Senior Night," the two stars of the game — Wilson and Gates — would be juniors.

"Yeah, but we're a team and I don't think anyone cares who scores or who gets their picture in the paper," Hodkinson said. "We're just happy to get the 'W.'"

Actually, all five seniors contributed in the victory. Kara Purdy recorded the only assist in the game on a beautiful long pass to Gates.

Evans and Helen Byrd were dominant on defense and Rebecca Reid and Lindsay Holifield were strong in the middle.

"That was the reason we won," Hodkinson said. "I mean let's face it, we didn't have a lot of offensive opportunities and Liz got that one opening she needed and slotted it home, and the defense made it stand up.

"This was big win for us and Central is a good team. They're no slouch, so it feels good definitely."

3-5A Standings

	District W-L	Overall W-L-T
xy-Midland High	10-1	19-1-0
Lee	7-3	14-7-0
Odessa Permian	6-4	15-6-2
San Angelo Central	6-4	11-9-1
Odessa High	3-7	9-8-4
Abilene Cooper	2-8	5-11-1
Abilene High	2-9	5-12-0

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched district championship

Tuesday's scores
Midland High 1, San Angelo Central 0; Odessa Permian 3, Abilene Cooper 0; Abilene High 1, Odessa High 0. Lee was open

Friday's game
Midland High at Odessa High, 6 p.m., Ratliff Stadium, Odessa

Saturday's games
Odessa Permian at Lee, noon, Grande Communications Stadium; San Angelo Central at Abilene Cooper, noon, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene. Abilene High is open

JACKS

(From 1C)

Odessa coach Don McKee said. "We needed that win."

Every game over the last month has been a need-to win for the Jacks.

Odessa fell behind 1-0 in the first period on Tuesday, but the resilience of this club showed up midway through the second period. The Jacks scored two goals in a little over a minute of the second period to take a 2-1 lead into the final stanza.

Defenseman B.J. Adams scored Odessa's first goal when he took a loose puck in the high slot and drove a shot past Fort Worth goaltender Larry Sterling. Sebastien Thinel and Mike Rutter were credited with the assists on the play.

Adams was involved in the Jacks' second goal a little over a minute later. Adams sent a slap shot to the Fort Worth net after a pass from Sebastien Thinel and Rutter redirected it past Sterling.

"We've got a lot of confidence about ourselves right now," Adams said. "We know we've got to go out and get it done and get those two points."

Fort Worth, though, made things interesting in the third when Brandon Woollard scored his second goal of the game when he picked up a loose puck and wristed it past goaltender Mike Gorman.

But again the Jacks found a way to take the lead back. Joel Irving picked up the puck near the redline and skated deep into the Fort Worth zone with a Brahma defender hanging on him.

The defender looked to have swept the puck away but Matt Cressman was right there to take it.

Cressman wristed a shot past Sterling for what turned out to be the game-winner. It was a lucky bounce the Jacks haven" had many of this season.

"We've had a lot of those go against us," Adams said.

Meanwhile, Gorman stopped 31 of 33 shots, including a number of key saves on a Fort Worth power play in the second period. Tuesday's performance followed a 50-save performance on Saturday.

"Gorman was as sharp as he was the other night against Lubbock," McKee said. "He made some big saves again."

Odessa 3, Fort Worth 2

Fort Worth	1	0	1	—2
Odessa	0	2	1	—3

First period - Fort Worth, Chad Woollard (Jimmy Sokol, Brandon Carper), 13:41. Penalties: Benoit Genesse, Odessa (board checking), 10:05; Sebastien Thinel, Odessa (holding), 11:45.

Second period - Odessa, B.J. Adams (Sebastien Thinel, Mike Rutter), 13:59. Odessa, Mike Rutter (Sebastien Thinel, B.J. Adams), 15:04. Penalties: Sheldon Nedjelski, Odessa (obstruction-hooking), :17; Nick Udovicic, Fort Worth (too many men), 10:30; Scott Hillman, Odessa (roughing), 13:32; Chad Woollard, Fort Worth (roughing), 13:32; Scott Hillman, Odessa (holding), 15:52.

Third period - Odessa, Matt Cressman (Joel Irving, Sheldon Nedjelski), 14:44. Penalties: Donnie Margette, Odessa (roughing), 5:02; Jorin Welsh, Fort Worth (roughing), 5:02; Scott Hillman, Odessa (holding), 7:11.

Shots on goal - Fort Worth 12-12-9-33, Odessa 9-11-6-26.

Power plays - Fort Worth 1-for-4; Odessa 0-for-2.

Goaltenders - Fort Worth, Larry Sterling (26 shots, 23 saves). Odessa, Mike Gorman (33 shots, 31 saves).

T - 2:27.

Attn - 3,429.

REBELS

(From 1C)

"That's my job," Forest said of driving in runs. "When (runners) are on I'm supposed to bring them in as a clean-up hitter. I was just trying to hit the ball on the ground."

The way the wind was blowing directly in, that was a better strategy than trying to drive the ball in the air. In the third inning, Cooper loaded the bases with three singles and one out against Keiffer, but couldn't score.

Cooper (6-9) cut the lead to 5-2 in the fourth as Danny Young and Chris Hall drove in runs with doubles, but that's the closest the Cougars got to a big inning off Keiffer. Holamon led off the fifth with triple, but was left stranded as Keiffer struck out the last two batters of the inning.

That began a string of five straight strikeouts for Keiffer, who finished the game with 11. It also didn't hurt that the Rebels played errorless defense behind him.

"To start off the way he did was great because he usually doesn't start off that first inning that well," Benavidez said of Keiffer. "He threw a lot of pitches in the latter innings today. I don't know if that's a good thing."

As the rain fell harder by the fifth inning, it was a genuine concern as to whether or not the Rebels and Cougars would play a regulation game. Although it wasn't necessarily pretty, Lee ground it out until Keiffer finally retired the final Cougar in the seventh.

"We just didn't want to come back and do it again if the umpires called it," Forest said. "It's nice to get this out of the way and get rolling along in district."

Day had two hits and drove in three runs for Lee.

Lee 10, Abilene Cooper 3

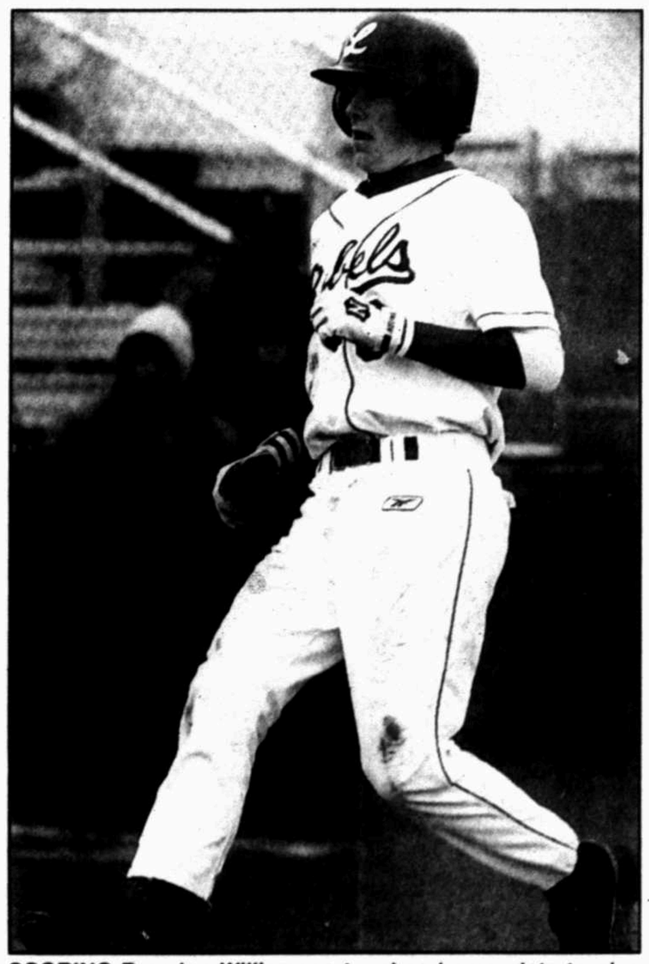
Cooper	ab	r	h	bi	Lee	ab	r	h	bi
Hall ss	4	1	2	1	Smith 2b	3	2	1	0
Overall 2b-p	3	0	1	0	Keiffer p	1	0	0	0
Holamon p-2b	4	0	2	0	Carpenter cr	0	2	0	0
Kirkes cr	0	0	0	0	Powell dh	4	1	1	0
Harless dh	4	0	1	0	Busbee rf	0	0	0	0
Reagan 1b	0	0	0	0	Forest c	3	0	3	2
Scrivner lf	3	0	1	1	Walker cr	0	2	0	0
Hoefer cf	4	1	1	0	Pulliam cf	3	1	0	0
Jacques c	1	0	0	0	Day 3b	4	0	2	3
McDnald cr	0	0	0	0	Williamsn ss	1	1	0	0
Schulz c	2	0	0	0	Britto lf	4	0	0	0
Young rf	3	1	1	1	Flynn 1b	3	1	1	0
Stewart 3b	3	0	1	0					
Totals	31	3	10	3	Totals	26	10	8	5

Cooper	000	200	1 —3
Lee	321	004	x —10

E — Jacques, Hall, Young. DP — Cooper 1. LOB — Cooper 8, Lee 7. 2B — Hall, Harless, Young, Forest 2. 3B — Holamon. SB — Hall, Day.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cooper						
Holamon, L	5	0	7	6	4	2
Overall	1	0	1	4	4	2
Lee						
Keiffer, W	7	0	10	3	3	2

HBP — Keiffer (by Overall). WP — Holamon 2, Overall 3, Keiffer. T — 2:19.


Alec Richards/Reporter-Telegram

SCORING Brandon Williamson touches home plate to give Lee a 6-0 lead against Abilene Cooper on Tuesday.

3-5A Standings

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa High	1	0	11	4
Abilene High	1	0	10	5
Midland Lee	1	0	10	7
Odessa Permian	0	0	7	8
Midland High*	0	1	12	4
Abilene Cooper	0	1	6	9
San Angelo*	0	1	4	6

*includes a tie

Today's games
Lee 10, Abilene Cooper 3;Abilene High 4, Midland High 2; Odessa High 8, San Angelo Central 2. Odessa Permian was open.

Saturday's games
Odessa Permian at Midland High, noon; Abilene High at San Angelo Central, noon; Lee at Odessa High, 2 p.m. Abilene Cooper is open.

China fires women's basketball coach

BEIJING (AP) — China fired the coach of its national women's basketball team Tuesday and hired a non-Chinese coach for the first time.

Former head coach Gong Luming was replaced by New Zealand national coach Tim Maher, who guided Australia to the bronze medal in the 1996 Olympics and the silver in 2000, China's Basketball Association said in a statement.

Maher will be the first non-Chinese coach to lead the women's team, said Li Jinsheng, vice secretary of the Chinese Women's Basketball Association. Maher was also the first non-American to coach in the WNBA, but lasted just one season with the Washington Mystics in 2001 before heading to New Zealand.

The association decided to hire a "high-level foreign coach," and asked Maher to join the coaching staff, the statement said.

Resurgent Timberwolves down Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — Now that the Minnesota Timberwolves have three key players back in the rotation, they're ready to make a push for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Sam Cassell celebrated his return by scoring 15 points, including a key 3-pointer in the closing minutes, and Kevin Garnett scored 11 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter, leading the Minnesota Timberwolves to a 100-91 victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Tuesday night.

The win puts Minnesota (33-32) a half-game behind Denver and tied with the Los Angeles Lakers for the West's No. 8 seed. The Timberwolves are also 2-2 in a seven-game stretch against playoff-bound foes, with games left at San Antonio and Memphis, then home against Houston.

"We don't have a lot of time," said Garnett, who also had 12 rebounds and seven assists. "Every game is a desperate game. That has to be our mindset."

Getting back Cassell, Michael Olowokandi and Eddie Griffin should help. Cassell had missed seven straight, and 22 of the last 33, with a strained right hamstring, while Olowokandi (knee) and Griffin (hand) both had missed the last nine games. Olowokandi had eight points and nine rebounds in 18 minutes and Griffin added three points and eight rebounds before fouling out in 15 minutes.

Look at this way: with them, Minnesota beat Dallas by nine on the road, never trailing and leading by as many as 19. Two days before, without the trio, the Timberwolves lost to the Mavericks by nine.

"It's nice to have some different people you can go to," Minnesota coach Kevin McHale said. "All three of them did a tremendous job, especially for not playing in a while."

None started, but Cassell played nearly the entire fourth quarter. He scored nine points in the period, the most important coming with 2:11 to go when his 3 from the left corner gave Minnesota a 94-87 lead. The Mavericks never got closer than five again.





SPORTS SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	35	29	547	—
Philadelphia	31	33	484	4
New Jersey	28	36	438	7
Toronto	27	36	429	7 1/2
New York	26	36	419	8

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Miami	50	16	758	—
Washington	34	27	557	13 1/2
Orlando	31	31	500	17
Charlotte	12	49	197	35 1/2
Atlanta	11	52	175	37 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	39	23	629	—
Cleveland	34	27	557	4 1/2
Chicago	32	29	525	6 1/2
Indiana	31	31	500	8
Milwaukee	25	37	403	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	48	15	.762	—
Dallas	41	22	651	7
Houston	38	25	603	10
Memphis	36	27	571	12
New Orleans	14	48	226	33 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	43	19	694	—
Denver	32	30	516	11
Minnesota	33	32	.508	11 1/2
Portland	23	38	377	19 1/2
Utah	20	43	317	23 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	48	15	762	—
Sacramento	39	25	609	9 1/2
L.A. Lakers	32	31	508	16
L.A. Clippers	28	35	444	20
Golden State	20	44	313	28 1/2

x-clinched playoff spot

Tuesday's scores

Cleveland 92, Utah 73
Philadelphia 108, L.A. Lakers 91
Miami 98, New York 96
Seattle 99, Chicago 93
Minnesota 100, Dallas 91
Orlando at Sacramento, late

Today's games

Utah at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 6 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Memphis at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Portland at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Denver, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Orlando at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Timberwolves 100, Mavericks 91

MINNESOTA (100) — Sprewell 2-8 1-3 5, Garnett 8-23 9-10 25, Madsen 0-2 2-4 2, Hudson 6-9 1-1 14, Hassell 4-7 0-0 8, Olowokandi 3-9 2-2 8, Szczerbiak 4-9 0-0 9, Cassell 5-13 4-4 15, Hoiberg 3-3 4-4 11, Griffin 1-4 1-2 3. Totals 36-87 24-30 100

DALLAS (91) — Howard 4-10 2-4 10, Nowitzki 6-19 9-10 21, Henderson 4-5 0-0 8, Finley 3-7 1-2 8, Terry 7-18 3-3 18, Bradley 0-1 0-2 0, Daniels 3-9 5-6 11, Van Horn 4-10 5-6 14, Harris 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 31-80 26-35 91

Minnesota	**27**	**21**	**17**	**35—100**
Dallas	**18**	**17**	**25**	**31— 91**

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 4-8 (Szczerbiak 1-1, Hoiberg 1-1, Hudson 1-2, Cassell 1-3, Griffin 0-1), Dallas 3-13 (Finley 1-3, Van Horn 1-3, Terry 1-4, Nowitzki 0-1, Howard 0-2). Fouled Out—Griffin. Rebounds—Minnesota 64 (Garnett 12), Dallas 51 (Nowitzki 15). Assists—Minnesota 16 (Garnett 7), Dallas 12 (Terry 7). Total Fouls—Minnesota 28, Dallas 26. Technicals—Garnett, Nowitzki. A—20,434 (19,200).

SuperSonics 99, Bulls 93

SEATTLE (99) — Lewis 11-14 8-10 30, Evans 1-3 4-8 6, James 3-5 1-1 7, Ridnour 4-6 0-2 8, Allen 5-18 6-6 17, Collison 2-4 1-2 5, Daniels 3-8 2-2 9, Radmanovic 1-7 4-6 7, Fortson 1-2 2-3 4, Murray 1-1 2-4 4, Potapenko 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 33-69 30-44 99

CHICAGO (93) — Nocioni 5-9 5-7 15, Davis 6-10 1-2 13, Curry 3-7 4-8 10, Hinrich 3-15 0-0 7, Duhon 3-9 0-1 6, Gordon 6-18 6-7 21, Chandler 2-5 1-1 5, Griffin 1-3 2-2 4, Harrington 0-0 0-0 0, Piatkowski 3-7 3-4 10, Pargo 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 33-84 22-32 93

Seattle	**25**	**21**	**28**	**25— 99**
Chicago	**25**	**32**	**12**	**24— 93**

3-Point Goals—Seattle 3-12 (Daniels 1-2, Radmanovic 1-4, Allen 1-4, Lewis 0-2), Chicago 5-25 (Gordon 3-11, Hinrich 1-4, Piatkowski 1-5, Nocioni 0-2, Duhon 0-3). Fouled Out—Fortson, Nocioni. Rebounds—Seattle 62 (Evans 19), Chicago 49 (Davis 9). Assists—Seattle 22 (Allen 7), Chicago 22 (Hinrich, Duhon 5). Total Fouls—Seattle 34, Chicago 37. Technicals—Lewis, Chicago Defensive Three Second, Davis. A—21,762 (21,711).

Heat 98, Knicks 96

MIAMI (98) — Haslem 3-5 0-1 6, E. Jones 5-11 0-0 12, O'Neal 10-15 3-14 23, D. Jones 6-8 0-0 18, Wade 8-15 7-8 24, Doleac 1-2 0-0 2, Dooling 2-5 2-2 7, Anderson 2-3 0-0 4, Laettner 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 38-66 12-25 98

NEW YORK (96) — Sweetney 2-5 0-2 4, T. Thomas 8-16 1-2 20, K. Thomas 6-12 2-2 14, Crawford 3-11 1-1 8, Marbury 7-12 7-8 24, Hardaway 1-3 0-1 2, Anza 2-3 2-4 6, Taylor 3-5 0-0 6, Rose 4-6 2-2 10, J. Williams 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 37-74 15-22 96

Miami	**27**	**17**	**24**	**30— 98**
New York	**22**	**28**	**28**	**18— 96**

3-Point Goals—Miami 10-16 (D. Jones 6-8, E. Jones 2-4, Wade 1-1, Dooling 1-3), New York 7-16 (Marbury 3-5, T. Thomas 3-5, Crawford 1-5, Anza 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 40 (O'Neal 7), New York 45 (K. Thomas 12). Assists—Miami 21 (E. Jones, Wade 5), New York 24 (Crawford 12). Total Fouls—Miami 18, New York 25. Technicals—Miami Defensive Three Second 3. A—19,763 (19,763).

76ers 108, Lakers 91

L.A. LAKERS (91) — Butler 2-8 2-2 6, Odom 5-11 0-0 11, Mihm 1-8 4-4 6, Bryant 6-15 5-7 20, Atkins 0-6 1-2 1, Medvedenko 6-12 0-0 12, T. Brown 2-5 0-0 5, Grant 1-1 0-0 2, Walton 2-4 0-0 4, Jones 4-8 4-5 14, Cook 4-10 0-0 10, Vujacic 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 33-90 16-24 91

PHILADELPHIA (108) — Korver 4-14 2-2 14, Webber 2-8 1-2 5, Dalembert 3-5 1-2 7, Iguodala 5-7 4-4 15, Iverson 10-22 14-15 36, McKie 2-5 0-0 5, Rogers 4-9 1-1 11, Salmons 4-5 0-0 10, Jackson 1-3 3-4 5, Davis 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-78 26-30 108

L.A. Lakers	**25**	**17**	**20**	**29— 91**
Philadelphia	**27**	**25**	**35**	**21—108**

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 9-26 (Bryant 3-8, Jones 2-4, Cook 2-6, Odom 1-1, T. Brown 1-2, Vujacic 0-1, Walton 0-2, Atkins 0-2), Philadelphia 12-30 (Korver 4-12, Salmons 2-2, Rogers 2-4, Iverson 2-6, Iguodala 1-2, McKie 1-3, Webber 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 56 (Medvedenko 9), Philadelphia 56 (Dalembert 11). Assists—L.A. Lakers 21 (Vujacic 5), Philadelphia 23 (Iverson 9). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 24, Philadelphia 16. Technicals—Atkins 2, Jackson. Ejected—Atkins. A—20,778 (20,444).

Cavaliers 92, Jazz 73

UTAH (73) — Harpring 2-11 2-4 6, Kirilenko 6-13 2-2 14, Borchardt 2-4 0-0 4, McLeod 2-8 4-4 9, Bell 2-7 2-4 6, Okur 3-9 1-2 7, Humphries 3-7 4-8 10, Eisley 2-6 2-2 7, Gincek 3-5 0-0 6, Handlogten 2-4 0-0 4, Snyder 0-5 0-0 0, Livingston 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 27-81 17-26 73

CLEVELAND (92) — James 11-15 12-16 36, Gooden 4-9 2-2 10, Ilgauskas 2-11 6-8 10, McInnis 4-8 2-2 12, Newble 0-4 0-0 0, Traylor 0-0 0-0 0, Snow 0-1 0-0 0, Varejao 3-8 0-3 6, Pavlovic 1-2 4-4 7, Welsch 1-3 2-2 5, Harris 0-1 0-0 0, Diop 3-4 0-0 6. Totals 29-66 28-37 92

Utah	**23**	**9**	**17**	**24— 73**
Cleveland	**26**	**24**	**23**	**19— 92**

3-Point Goals—Utah 2-9 (Eisley 1-2, McLeod 1-3, Kirilenko 0-1, Snyder 0-1, Gincek 0-2), Cleveland 6-11 (McInnis 2-3, James 2-5, Pavlovic 1-1, Welsch 1-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 53 (Kirilenko 9), Cleveland 56 (Gooden 10). Assists—Utah 15 (Kirilenko 3), Cleveland 17 (Snow 7). Total Fouls—Utah 27, Cleveland 25. A—19,794 (20,562).

NIT men

Opening Round
Wednesday, March 16

Drexel (17-11) at Buffalo (22-9), 7 p.m.
Hofstra (21-8) at Saint Joseph's (19-11), 7 p.m.
Davidson (21-8) at Virginia Commonwealth (19-12), 7:30 p.m.
Houston (18-13) at Wichita State (20-9), 8 p.m.
Rice (19-11) at Southwest Missouri State (18-12), 8 p.m.
Kent State (20-12) at Western Kentucky (21-8), 9 p.m.
Denver (20-10) at San Francisco (16-13), 10 p.m.
CS Fullerton (19-10) at Oregon State (17-14), 10 p.m.

First Round
Tuesday's scores

Holy Cross 78, Notre Dame 73
South Carolina 69, Miami 67
Virginia Tech 60, Temple 50
DePaul 75, Missouri 70

Today's games

Texas Christian (19-13) at Miami (Ohio) (19-10), 6 p.m.
Boston U. (20-8) at Georgetown (17-12), 6:30 p.m.
Northeastern (21-9) at Memphis (19-15), 7 p.m.
Vanderbilt (18-13) at Indiana (15-13), 7 p.m.
Clemson (16-15) at Texas A&M (19-9), 7:30 p.m.
Oral Roberts (25-7) at Maryland (16-12), 9 p.m.

Thursday, March 17

Arizona State (18-13) at UNLV (16-13), Mid.

Semifinals
Tuesday, March 29
At Madison Square Garden
New York

Semifinal, 6 p.m.
Semifinal, 8:30 p.m.

Championship
Thursday, March 31

Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

NCAA men

OPENING ROUND
At UD Arena
Dayton, Ohio
Tuesday's game

Oakland, Mich. 79, Alabama A&M 69

SYRACUSE REGIONAL
First Round
Friday, March 18
At DCU Center
Worcester, Mass.

Charlotte (21-7) vs. North Carolina State (19-13), 11:15 a.m.
Connecticut (22-7) vs. Central Florida (24-8), 1:45 p.m.

At Charlotte Coliseum
Charlotte, N.C.

Minnesota (21-10) vs. Iowa State (18-11), 11:30 a.m.
North Carolina (27-4) vs. Oakland, Mich. (13-18), 2 p.m.

At The Gaylord Entertainment Center
Nashville, Tenn.

Florida (23-7) vs. Ohio (21-10), 11:25 a.m.
Villanova (22-7) vs. New Mexico (26-6), 1:55 p.m.

At The Ford Center
Oklahoma City

Wisconsin (22-8) vs. Northern Iowa (21-10), 6:20 p.m.
Kansas (23-6) vs. Bucknell (22-9), 8:50 p.m.

Second Round
Sunday, March 20
At DCU Center
Worcester, Mass.

Connecticut-Central Florida winner vs. Charlotte-North Carolina State winner, 11:10 a.m.

At Charlotte Coliseum
Charlotte, N.C.

North Carolina-Oakland, Mich. winner vs. Minnesota-Iowa State winner, 1:30 p.m.

At The Gaylord Entertainment Center
Nashville, Tenn.

Florida-Ohio winner vs. Villanova-New Mexico winner, 3:45 p.m.

At The Ford Center
Oklahoma City

Kansas-Bucknell winner vs. Wisconsin-Northern Iowa winner, 3:50 p.m.

Semifinals
Friday, March 25
At The Carrier Dome
Syracuse, N.Y.

North Carolina-Oakland, Mich.—Minnesota-Iowa State winner vs. Florida-Ohio—Villanova-New Mexico winner

Connecticut-Central Florida—Charlotte-North Carolina State winner vs. Kansas-Bucknell—Wisconsin-Northern Iowa winner

Championship
Sunday, March 27
At The Carrier Dome
Syracuse, N.Y.

Semifinal winners

CHICAGO REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 17
At The Wolstein Center
Cleveland

Alabama (24-7) vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee (24-5), 11:25 a.m.
Boston College (24-4) vs. Pennsylvania (20-8), 1:55 p.m.

At The RCA Dome
Indianapolis

Texas (20-10) vs. Nevada (24-6), 6:10 p.m.
Illinois (32-1) vs. Fairleigh Dickinson (20-12), 8:40 p.m.

At Taco Bell Arena
Boise, Idaho

Arizona (27-6) vs. Utah State (24-7), 6:20 p.m.
LSU (20-9) vs. Alabama-Birmingham (21-10), 8:50 p.m.

Friday, March 18
At The Ford Center
Oklahoma City

Oklahoma State (24-6) vs. Southeastern Louisiana (24-8), 12:30 p.m.
Southern Illinois (26-7) vs. Saint Mary's, Calif. (25-8), 2 p.m.

Second Round
Saturday, March 19
At The Wolstein Center
Cleveland

Boston College-Pennsylvania winner vs. Alabama-Wisconsin-Milwaukee winner, 4:30 p.m.

At The RCA Dome
Indianapolis

Illinois-Fairleigh Dickinson winner vs. Texas-Nevada winner, 7:10 p.m.

At Taco Bell Arena
Boise, Idaho

Arizona-Utah State winner vs. LSU-Alabama-Birmingham winner, 4:50 p.m.

Sunday, March 20
At The Ford Center
Oklahoma City

Oklahoma State-Southeastern Louisiana winner vs. Southern Illinois-Saint Mary's, Calif. winner, 1:20 p.m.

Semifinals
Thursday, March 24
At Allstate Arena
Rosemont, Ill.

Illinois-Fairleigh Dickinson—Texas-Nevada winner vs. Boston College-Pennsylvania—Alabama-Wisconsin-Milwaukee winner

Oklahoma State-Southeastern Louisiana—Southern Illinois-Saint Mary's, Calif. winner vs. Arizona-Utah State—LSU-Alabama-Birmingham winner

Championship
Saturday, March 26
At Allstate Arena
Rosemont, Ill.

Semifinal winners

AUSTIN REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 17
At The RCA Dome
Indianapolis

Kentucky (25-5) vs. Eastern Kentucky (22-8), 12:20 p.m.
Cincinnati (24-7) vs. Iowa (21-11), 2:50 p.m.

At The McKale Center
Tucson, Ariz.

Oklahoma (24-7) vs. Niagara (20-9), 12:45 p.m.
Utah (27-5) vs. Texas-El Paso (27-7), 3:15 p.m.

Friday, March 18
At DCU Center
Worcester, Mass.

Syracuse (27-6) vs. Vermont (24-6), 7:10 p.m.
Michigan State (22-6) vs. Old Dominion (28-5), 9:40 p.m.

At Charlotte Coliseum
Charlotte, N.C.

Duke (25-5) vs. Delaware State (19-13), 7:25 p.m.
Stanford (18-12) vs. Mississippi State (22-10), 9:55 p.m.

Second Round
Saturday, March 19
At The RCA Dome
Indianapolis

Kentucky-Eastern Kentucky winner vs. Cincinnati-Iowa winner, 5:40 p.m.

At The McKale Center
Tucson, Ariz.

Oklahoma-Niagara winner vs. Utah-Texas-El Paso winner, 3:40 p.m.

Sunday, March 20
At DCU Center
Worcester, Mass.

Syracuse-Vermont winner vs. Michigan State-Old Dominion winner, 2:40 p.m.

At Charlotte Coliseum
Charlotte, N.C.

Duke-Delaware State winner vs. Stanford-Mississippi State winner, 5 p.m.

Semifinals
Friday, March 25
At The Frank Erwin Center
Austin

Duke-Delaware State—Stanford-Mississippi State winner vs. Syracuse-Vermont—Michigan State-Old Dominion winner

Kentucky-Eastern Kentucky—Cincinnati-Iowa winner vs. Oklahoma-Niagara—Utah-Texas-El Paso winner

Championship
Sunday, March 27
At The Frank Erwin Center
Austin

Semifinal winners

ALBUQUERQUE REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 17
At The Wolstein Center
Cleveland

Wake Forest (26-5) vs. Chattanooga (20-10), 7:10 p.m.
West Virginia (21-10) vs. Creighton (23-10), 9:40 p.m.

At Taco Bell Arena
Boise, Idaho

Pacific (26-3) vs. Pittsburgh (20-8), 12:40 p.m.
Washington (27-5) vs. Montana (18-12), 3:10 p.m.

At The McKale Center
Tucson, Ariz.

Gonzaga (25-4) vs. Winthrop (27-5), 7:25 p.m.
Texas Tech (20-10) vs. UCLA (18-10), 9:55 p.m.

Friday, March 18
At The Gaylord Entertainment Center
Nashville, Tenn.

Louisville (29-4) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (20-10), 7:10 p.m.
Georgia Tech (19-11) vs. George Washington (22-7), 9:40 p.m.

Second Round
Saturday, March 19
At The Wolstein Center
Cleveland

Wake Forest-Chattanooga winner vs. West Virginia-Creighton winner, 8 p.m.

At Taco Bell Arena
Boise, Idaho

Washington-Montana winner vs. Pacific-Pittsburgh winner, 3:20 p.m.

At The McKale Center
Tucson, Ariz.

Gonzaga-Winthrop winner vs. Texas Tech-UCLA winner, 1:10 p.m.

Sunday, March 20
At The Gaylord Entertainment Center
Nashville, Tenn.

Louisville-Louisiana-Lafayette winner vs. Georgia Tech-George Washington winner, 2:15 p.m.

Semifinals
Thursday, March 24
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.

Washington-Montana—Pacific-Pittsburgh winner vs. Louisville-Louisiana-Lafayette—Georgia Tech-George Washington winner

Wake Forest-Chattanooga—West Virginia-Creighton winner vs. Gonzaga-Winthrop—Texas Tech-UCLA winner

Championship
Saturday, March 26
At The Pit
Albuquerque, N.M.

Semifinal winners

FINAL FOUR
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 2

Chicago Regional champion vs. Albuquerque Regional champion

Syracuse Regional champion vs. Austin Regional champion

Championship
Monday, April 4

Semifinal winners

NIT women

First Round
Today's games

Tulsa (19-10) at Texas A&M (14-14), 6 p.m.
Xavier (20-9) at Western Kentucky (20-9), 6 p.m.
Illinois (17-12) at Indiana State (22-8), 7 p.m.
BYU (19-10) at Gonzaga (27-3), 10 p.m.

Thursday, March 17

Florida (14-14) at South Florida (20-10), 7 p.m.
St. John's (19-10) at Delaware (25-5), 7 p.m.
Mississippi State (17-11) at Arkansas State (19-10), 8 p.m.
SMU (19-10) at Southwest Missouri State (20-8), 8 p.m.
Nebraska (17-13) at Marquette (18-11), 8 p.m.

Friday, March 18

Eastern Michigan (23-7) at Kentucky (15-15), 7 p.m.
Villanova (19-11) at Chattanooga (24-4), 7 p.m.
Charlotte (22-8) at Wake Forest (14-13), 7 p.m.
Maine (20-9) at West Virginia (17-12), 7 p.m.
UNLV (16-13) at Arkansas (16-13), 8 p.m.
Creighton (19-9) at Iowa (20-9), 8 p.m.
Fresno State (20-10) at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi (22-6), 8 p.m.

Second Round
March 19-21

Tulsa-Texas A&M winner vs. Fresno State-Texas A&M-Corpus Christi winner

SMU-Southwest Missouri State winner vs. BYU-Gonzaga winner

UNLV-Arkansas winner vs. Mississippi State-Arkansas State winner

Nebraska-Marquette winner vs. Creighton-Iowa winner

Illinois-Indiana State winner vs. Xavier-Western Kentucky winner

Eastern Michigan-Kentucky winner vs. Villanova-Chattanooga winner

Charlotte-Wake Forest winner vs. Florida-South Florida winner

St. John's-Delaware winner vs. Maine-West Virginia winner

Quarterfinals
March 22-24

Tulsa-Texas A&M—Fresno State-Texas A&M-Corpus Christi winner vs. SMU-Southwest Missouri State—BYU-Gonzaga winner

UNLV-Arkansas—Mississippi State-Arkansas State winner vs. Nebraska-Marquette—Creighton-Iowa winner

Illinois-Indiana State—Xavier-Western Kentucky winner vs. Eastern Michigan-Kentucky—Villanova-Chattanooga winner

Charlotte-Wake Forest—Florida-South Florida winner vs. St. John's-Delaware—Maine-West Virginia winner

Semifinals
March 26-28

Quarterfinal winners

Championship
March 30-April 1

Semifinal winners

NCAA women

PHILADELPHIA REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 19
At Reunion Arena
Dallas

North Carolina State (21-7) vs. Middle Tennessee State (23-8), 7 p.m.
Texas Tech (22-7) vs. Texas-Arlington (21-9), 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 20
At Thompson-Boling Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.

New Mexico (26-4) vs. Purdue (16-12), 7 p.m.
Tennessee (26-4) vs. Western Carolina (18-13), 9:30 p.m.

At The Gampel Pavilion
Storrs, Conn.

Temple (27-3) vs. Louisiana Tech (20-9), Noon
Rutgers (25-6) vs. Hartford (22-8), 2:30 p.m.

At Comcast Center
College Park, Md.

Ohio State (28-4) vs. Holy Cross (20-10), Noon
Maryland (21-9) vs. Wisconsin-Green Bay (27-3), 2:30 p.m.

Second Round
Monday, March 21
At Reunion Arena
Dallas

North Carolina State-Middle Tennessee State winner vs. Texas Tech-Texas-Arlington winner, 7 or 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22
At Thompson-Boling Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.

Tennessee-Western Carolina winner vs. New Mexico-Purdue winner, 7 or 9:30 p.m.

At The Gampel Pavilion
Storrs, Conn.

Temple-Louisiana Tech winner vs. Rutgers-Hartford winner, 7 or 9:30 p.m.

At Comcast Center
College Park, Md.

Maryland-Wisconsin-Green Bay winner vs. Ohio State-Holy Cross winner, 7 or 9:30 p.m.

Semifinals
At The Liacouras Center
Philadelphia
Sunday, March 27

North Carolina State-Middle Tennessee State—Texas Tech-Texas-Arlington winner vs. Tennessee-Western Carolina—New Mexico-Purdue winner, Noon or 2:30 p.m.

Temple-Louisiana Tech—Rutgers-Hartford winner vs. Maryland-Wisconsin-Green Bay—Ohio State-Holy Cross winner, Noon or 2:30 p.m.

Championship
At The Liacouras Center
Philadelphia
Tuesday, March 29

Semifinal winners, TBA

CHATTANOOGA REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 19
At Reunion Arena
Dallas

Texas (21-8) vs. Oral Roberts (22-8), Noon
Georgia (22-9) vs. Rice (24-8), 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 20
At Thompson-Boling Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.

Oklahoma (17-12) vs. Arizona (19-11), Noon
LSU (29-2) vs. Stetson (17-13), 2:30 p.m.

At Comcast Center
College Park, Md.

DePaul (25-4) vs. Virginia Tech (17-11), 7 p.m.
Penn State (19-10) vs. Liberty (24-6), 9:30 p.m.

At The Dean E. Smith Center
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Duke (28-4) vs. Canisius (21-9), Noon
Boston College (19-9) vs. Houston (21-8), 2:30 p.m.

Second Round
Monday, March 21
At Reunion Arena
Dallas

Georgia-Rice winner vs. Texas-Oral Roberts winner, 7 or 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22
At Thompson-Boling Arena
Knoxville, Tenn.

LSU-Stetson winner vs. Oklahoma-Arizona winner, 7 or 9:30 p.m.

At Comcast Center
College Park, Md.

DePaul-Virginia Tech winner vs. Penn State-Liberty winner, 7 or 9:30 p.m.

At The Dean E. Smith Center
Chapel Hill, N.C.

Boston College-Houston winner vs. Duke-Canisius winner, 7 or 9:30 p.m.

Semifinals
At McKenzie Arena
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Saturday, March 26

LSU-Stetson—Oklahoma-Arizona winner vs. DePaul-Virginia Tech—Penn State-Liberty winner, Noon or 2:30 p.m.

Georgia-Rice—Texas-Oral Roberts winner vs. Boston College-Houston—Duke-Canisius winner, Noon or 2:30 p.m.

Championship
At McKenzie Arena
Chattanooga, Tenn.
Monday, March 28

Semifinal winners, TBA

KANSAS CITY REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 19
At Williams Arena
Minneapolis

Southern California (19-10) vs. Louisville (22-8), Noon
Michigan State (28-3) vs. Alcorn State (21-8), 2:30 p.m.

At Save Mart Center
Fresno, Calif.

Iowa State (23-6) vs. Utah (25-7), 8 p.m.
Stanford (29-2) vs. Santa Clara (17-13), 10:30 p.m.

At Bank of America Arena
Seattle

Kansas State (23-7) vs. Bowling Green (23-7), 8 p.m.
Vanderbilt (22-7) vs. Montana (22-7), 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 20
At The Gampel Pavilion
Storrs, Conn.

Connecticut (23-7) vs. Dartmouth (17-10), 7 p.m.
Florida State (23-7) vs. Richmond (23-7), 9:30 p.m.

Second Round
Monday, March 21
At Williams Arena
Minneapolis

Michigan State-Alcorn State winner vs. Southern California-Louisville winner, 7 or 9:30 p.m.

At Save Mart Center
Fresno, Calif.

Iowa State-Utah winner vs. Stanford-Santa Clara winner, 9 or 11:30 p.m.

At Bank of America Arena
Seattle

Vanderbilt-Montana winner vs. Kansas State-Bowling Green winner, 9 or 11:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22
At The Gampel Pavilion
Storrs, Conn.

Florida State-Richmond winner vs. Connecticut-Dartmouth winner, 7 or 9:30 p.m.

Semifinals
At Municipal Auditorium
Kansas City, Mo.
Sunday, March 27

Michigan State-Alcorn State—Southern California-Louisville winner vs. Vanderbilt-Montana—Kansas State-Bowling Green winner, 7:30 or 10 p.m.

Florida State-Richmond—Connecticut-Dartmouth winner vs. Iowa State-Utah—Stanford-Santa Clara winner, 7:30 or 10 p.m.

Championship
At Municipal Auditorium
Kansas City, Mo.
Tuesday, March 29

Semifinal winners, TBA

TEMPE REGIONAL
First Round
Saturday, March 19
At Williams Arena
Minneapolis

Virginia (20-10) vs. Old Dominion (22-8), 7 p.m.
Minnesota (24-7) vs. St. Francis, Pa. (21-9), 9:30 p.m.

At Save Mart Center
Fresno, Calif.

Arizona State (22-9) vs. Eastern Kentucky (23-7), 2 p.m.
Notre Dame (26-5) vs. UC Santa Barbara (21-8), 4:30 p.m.

At Bank of America Arena
Seattle

Baylor (27-3) vs. Illinois State (13-17), 2 p.m.
Texas Christian (23-9) vs. Oregon (20-9), 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 20
At The Dean E. Smith Center
Chapel Hill, N.C.

North Carolina (27-3) vs. Coppin State (23-7), 7 p.m.
Mississippi (19-10) vs. George Washington (22-8), 9:30 p.m.

Second Round
Monday, March 21
At Williams Arena
Minneapolis

Virginia-Old Dominion winner vs. Minnesota-St. Francis, Pa. winner, 7 or 9:30 p.m.

At Save Mart Center
Fresno, Calif.

Arizona State-Eastern Kentucky winner vs. Notre Dame-UC Santa Barbara winner, 9 or 11:30 p.m.

At Bank of America Arena
Seattle

Texas Christian-Oregon winner vs. Baylor-Illinois State winner, 9 or 11:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22
At The Dean E. Smith Center
Chapel Hill, N.C.

North Carolina-Coppin State winner vs. Mississippi-George Washington winner, 7 or 9:30 p.m.

Semifinals
At Wells Fargo Arena
Tempe, Ariz.
Saturday, March 26

North Carolina-Coppin State—Mississippi-George Washington winner vs. Arizona State-Eastern Kentucky—Notre Dame-UC Santa Barbara winner, 10 p.m. or 12:30 a.m.

Virginia-Old Dominion—Minnesota-St. Francis, Pa. winner vs. Texas Christian-Oregon—Baylor-Illinois State winner, 10 p.m. or 12:30 a.m.

Championship
At Wells Fargo Arena
Tempe, Ariz.
Monday, March 28

Semifinal winners, TBA

THE FINAL FOUR
At RCA Dome
Indianapolis
Semifinals
Sunday, April 3

Chattanooga Regional champion vs. Tempe Regional champion, 7 or 9:30 p.m.

Philadelphia Regional champion vs. Kansas City Regional champion, 7 or 9:30 p.m.

Championship
Tuesday, April 5

Semifinal winners, 8:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

MLB

Spring Training Glance
AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	10	5	667
Toronto	7	4	636
Cleveland	8	5	615
Detroit	6	5	545
Tampa Bay	6	5	545
Chicago	8	7	533
Baltimore	6	6	500
New York	6	6	500
Boston	5	7	417
Minnesota	5	8	385
Texas	5	8	385
Oakland	5	9	357
Kansas City	4	8	333
Seattle	4	9	308

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
San Francisco	8	4	667
St. Louis	8	4	667
Colorado	9	5	643
Milwaukee	8	5	615
Atlanta	7	5	583
New York	7	5	583
Washington	7	6	539
Arizona	7	7	500
Chicago	7	7	500
Philadelphia	6	6	500
San Diego	6	7	461
Los Angeles	5	6	454
Cincinnati	6	8	429
Pittsburgh	5	7	417
Houston	4	7	364
Florida	5	9	357

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Rangers 1, Rockies 0

Colorado	**000**	**000**	**000**	**0**	**—**	**0**	**5**	**1**
Texas	**000**	**000**	**000**	**1**	**—**	**1**	**9**	**0**

Jennings, Taylor (5), Lopez (7), Cortes (9), Drew (10) and Greene; Matos, Rodriguez, Mahay (5), Ramirez (8), Stamler (10) and Alomar, Nickeas. W—Stamler, 1-0. L—Drew, 0-2. Chris Richard drove in the winning run in the bottom of the 10th inning for the Rangers. Jason Jennings tossed four scoreless innings and gave up only two hits for the Rockies.

Tuesday's scores

Toronto 2, Detroit 2, tie, 10 innings
L.A. Dodgers 3, Atlanta 3, tie, 10 innings
Minnesota 2, Florida (ss) 2, tie, 11 innings
Boston 6, Tampa Bay 5
St. Louis 5, Baltimore 4
Washington (ss) 4, Cleveland (ss) 3
N.Y. Mets 7, Cleveland (ss) 5
N.Y. Yankees 11, Florida (ss) 5
Chicago White Sox 8, L.A. Angels 5
Seattle 11, Oakland 4
Texas 1, Colorado 0, 10 innings
Chicago Cubs 6, Kansas City 1
Houston 6, Washington (ss) 5

Today's games

N.Y. Mets vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Tampa Bay at St. Petersburg, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. L.A. Dodgers at Vero Beach, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.

Oakland earns NCAA tournament berth

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — It took eight years in Division I for Oakland to get its first win in the NCAA tournament.

As a reward, the Golden Grizzlies get to play top-seeded North Carolina — in Charlotte, no less.

Oakland broke open a tight game behind Rawle Marshall's 29 points and Cortney Scott's 21 to beat Alabama A&M 79-69 Tuesday night in the opening round of the NCAA tournament at the University of Dayton.

"There can't be too many colleges who can say they won a game in the NCAA tournament," a grinning Marshall said. "We'll ride this momentum and see how far it takes us."

The Golden Grizzlies (13-18) won their sixth game in a row, including three upsets in as many days last week by a combined seven points to take the Mid-Continent Conference title, giving them a berth in the field of 65.

"If we win the national championship, we'll finally get to 19-18," coach Greg Kampe said with a laugh.

Now they get to play the mighty Tar Heels on their home turf.

"To play against some of the No. 1 players in the nation — it'll be great to put your talent up against them and see where you stand," Scott said.

Oakland became only the fifth team with a losing record to win an NCAA tournament game, following Bradley in 1955 and the last three years at the Dayton opening round: Siena in 2002, UNC-Asheville in 2003 and Florida A&M a year ago.

"There was a whole lot of adversity during the season," said Brandon Cassise, who chipped in with 13 points. "It brought us together. That's why we've played so well in these do-or-die games."

Obie Trotter scored 24 points and Joseph Martin added 22 for Alabama A&M (18-14), regular-season and tournament champs of the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

Both teams were making their first appearance in the NCAA tournament. Oakland made the jump from Division II to Division I in the 1997-98 season.

As the Golden Grizzlies stretched the lead to 21 points with 5 minutes left, the emboldened Oakland student section began chanting, "We want Tar Heels! We want Tar Heels!"

The turnaround is almost incomprehensible for a team that was 7-18 and riding a three-game skid just 18 days earlier. Almost as incredible, Oakland opened the season 0-7, losing by an average of 13 points a game, against a who's who of powerhouses: Illinois, Marquette, Xavier, Missouri, Texas A&M, Kansas State and Saint Louis.

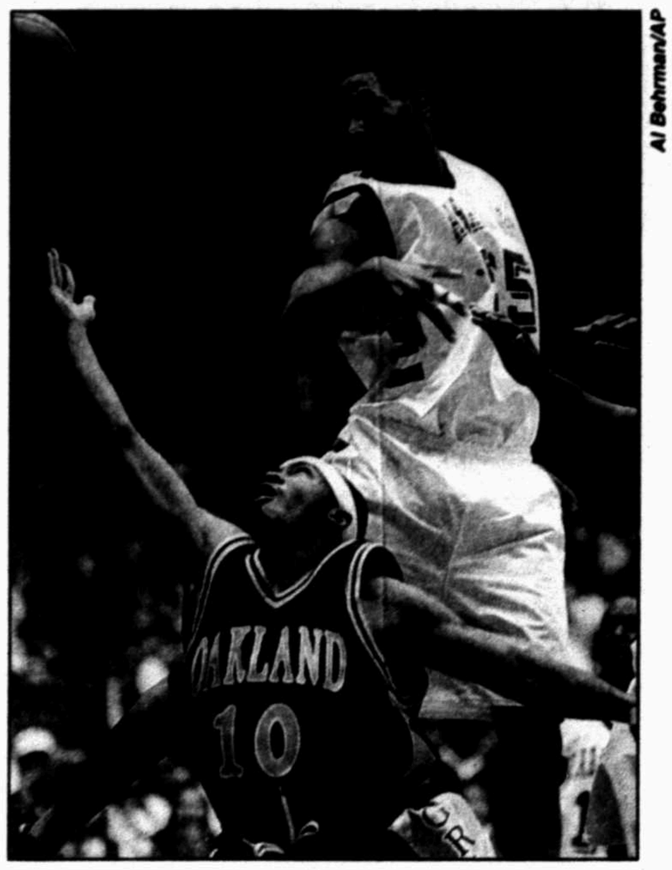
Marshall, a wiry, 6-foot-7 senior swingman expected to be taken in the NBA draft this spring, was the focal point for the Golden Grizzlies most of the night.

He was 9-of-16 from the field, including 3-for-4 on 3-pointers and 8-of-11 in free throws, to go with nine rebounds and three assists.

Marshall's most dramatic play came in the opening half. He took a pass on the right elbow, pump-faked a defender off his feet and then sliced through the lane for a soaring dunk and a foul. A crowd of 8,254 roared its approval.

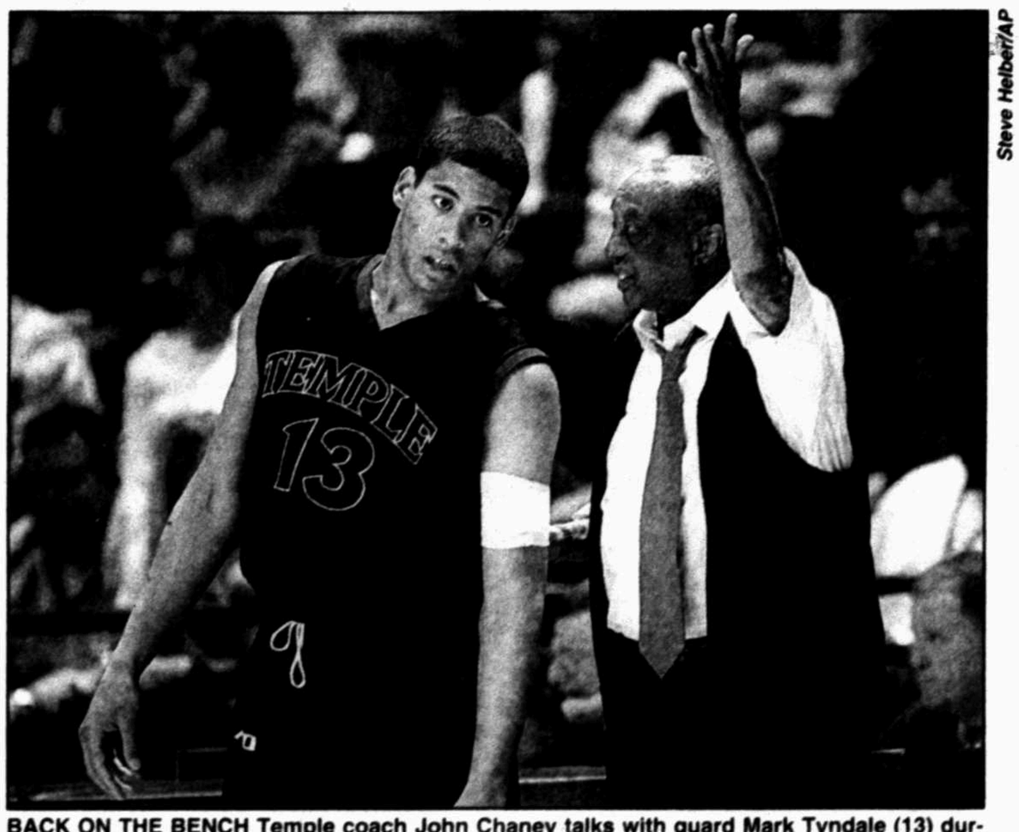
Ahead 38-35 at the break, Oakland scored 16 of the first 18 points in the second half.

Patrick McCloskey, who had sleepwalked through the first half with no points and two rebounds in 12 minutes, led the surge with five points, five rebounds and a blocked shot. The 260-pound Scott, a transfer from Iowa, added four points on two twisting inside moves, Cassise came off the bench for two baskets and Marshall hit a 3-pointer.



Al Behrman/AP

SWATTED AWAY Alabama A&M forward Chris Collins (55) blocks a shot by Oakland guard DeMarcus Ishmeal (10) in the first half of the NCAA opening round game in Dayton, Ohio.



Steve Helber/AP

BACK ON THE BENCH Temple coach John Chaney talks with guard Mark Tyndale (13) during an NIT game against Virginia Tech at Cassell Coliseum in Blacksburg, Va., on Tuesday. Virginia Tech won 60-50. It was Chaney's first game following a three-week suspension for sending in a player to commit hard fouls that left Saint Joseph's senior John Bryant with a broken arm.

Hokies spoil Chaney's return

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — John Chaney's return to the bench for Temple came without any fanfare — and without any success for the Owls.

Zabian Dowdell scored 12 of his 16 points in the second half, six in a game-turning 8-0 run, and Virginia Tech beat the Owls 60-50 Tuesday night in the first round of the NIT.

Chaney was coaching his first game since serving a three-week suspension for sending Nehemiah Ingram in to commit hard fouls that left Saint Joseph's senior John Bryant with a broken arm on Feb. 22.

He had nothing to say about his uncertain future.

"I think I hear my mother calling me," he said when asked. "I'll be leaving you now if you have no more questions (about) my kids. That's the only reason I'm here — to talk about the team and the game."

Temple athletic director Bill Bradshaw said Monday that he, Chaney and others will get together once the season is over to talk about the future

The subject of the game was no bargain either for the Owls (16-14), who were trying to give their coach his 500th victory at Temple, but led only until Virginia Tech got a few 3-pointers to fall in the first half.

"Coming into the season, I thought this was perhaps one of my greatest teams," the 73-year-old Chaney said. "It's a bunch of players that did not mix well and we miscalculated how they could be effective."

Chaney was booed when he entered the court, and Ingram drew jeers when he made two free throws. There was security behind the Owls' bench, but Chaney remained calm throughout, mostly just sitting on the bench.

The Hokies, meantime, gave the crowd of 7,416 plenty to cheer about.

Making their first postseason appearance in nine years and their first in the NIT in a decade, Virginia Tech (16-13) shook off some early shooting woes and grabbed control once it solved the matchup zone.

"We just had to feel our way through the zone and a couple of guys stepped up," said Dowdell, who finished 3-for-9 on 3-pointers. "We made a couple of shots. After that, it was just taking care of the ball."

The Hokies, who won the NIT in 1973 and 1995, finished with five turnovers, one in the second half. After a quick look at the Hokies' basketball history this week, they became intent on adding to it.

"I lined the guys up yesterday and had them look up and read the banners and the years," second-year coach Seth Greenberg said. "We've been playing basketball a long time here, and there's only nine banners.

"This is an opportunity. You don't build a championship program overnight. It's a process, and this is part of the process," he said.

The victory was Virginia Tech's first against Temple in 10 tries. It was the fourth straight year Temple (16-14) has played in the NIT.

Carlos Dixon, the Hokies' lone senior, added 15 points and nine rebounds, and Coleman Collins had 11 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

Dixon hit three 3-pointers in the first half.

"We knew we had to step up and make big shots and we did," Dixon said. "That's what got us going."

Mardy Collins led Temple with 16 points and 13 rebounds, and Antywane Robinson scored 14, hitting four 3-point shots. The rest of the Owls were 4-for-17 from behind the arc, and the team was 9-for-30 inside it.

As in their last game with Chaney on the bench, the Owls were hampered by fouls. This time, 7-foot-1 center Keith Butler fouled out in 18 minutes, preventing Temple from using its distinct height advantage.

Instead, the quicker Hokies ultimately set the pace after hitting five of their last six 3-pointers in the first half to lead 31-25 at the break.

■ Men's NIT Roundup

Holy Cross 78, Notre Dame 73

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Kevin Hamilton scored a career-high 26 points, 11 during a 23-5 run.

The Fighting Irish, who trailed by 13 points early in the second half, used a 9-2 run to close to 60-59 after a pair of 3-pointers by Chris Thomas and a basket by Rick Cornett with 4:20 left. The Crusaders answered with five straight points and maintained the lead down the stretch.

It was the first postseason victory for the Crusaders (25-6) since beating Southern Mississippi 56-54 in the first round of the NIT in 1981. Since then Holy Cross went 0-6 in postseason games, although it managed to throw scares into Kentucky in the 2001 NCAA tournament, Kansas in the 2002 NCAA tournament and Marquette — an eventual Final Four team — in the 2003 NCAAs.

The Irish (17-12), losers of five of their last six, lost an opening-round home NIT game for the first time in six tries.

South Carolina 69, Miami 67

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Josh Gonner's driving basket with 2.1 seconds remaining lifted South Carolina.

The Gamecocks (16-13) led most of the game, but Miami moved out to a 64-60 lead after Guillermo Diaz hit a 3-pointer with 3:51 to go. Gonner then hit two foul shots, Carlos Powell tied it with a basket and Rocky Trice completed a three-point play that gave South Carolina a 67-64 lead with 22.7 seconds left.

But Miami (16-13) wasn't finished. Robert Hite hit his fifth 3-pointer with 8.5 seconds left, tying the game. Gonner then rushed up court, sprinting past Anthony Harris and leaning in for the winning basket.

The Hurricanes had one final chance, but Diaz's off-balance 3-point try from the left corner missed.

Powell led the Gamecocks with 18 points. Hite topped Miami with 23 points.

DePaul 75, Missouri 70

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Drake Diener scored a career-high 30 points and tied his career best with seven 3-pointers.

Quemont Greer added 17 points and Draelon Burns had six assists for the Blue Demons (20-10), who dropped to the NIT after losing three of the last four regular-season games.

Linas Kleiza had 23 points and Thomas Gardner 17 for Missouri (16-17), which had a losing season for the first time since it also was 16-17 in 1996-97. The Tigers have been in the postseason eight straight seasons, but the last two they've lost in the first round of the NIT.

Diener, who averages 13.6 points and is a 45 percent shooter from 3-point range, was 7-for-11 from long range and was the only DePaul player with a 3-pointer.

Take a dip into the NCAA pool

By JEFF SHELMAN
Minneapolis Star Tribune

■ Commentary

MINNEAPOLIS — Those guys at the NCAA sure have a sense of humor.

Print out a men's basketball tournament bracket from the organization's website, www.ncaasports.com, and check out the fine print at the bottom. It's quite comical, actually.

"The NCAA opposes all sports wagering," it reads. "This bracket should not be used for sweepstakes, contests, office pools or other gambling activities."

Riiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiight.

Excuse us as we pick ourselves up from rolling around on the floor laughing.

So now that the pairings have been announced, the big question is how do you fleece co-workers, family and friends out of their money? Oh, excuse me, how do you fill out your brackets so you can win that for-entertainment-only, no-money-changing-hands pool?

Here are some suggestions. And remember, this is only for fun.

We don't know squat:

The easy thing is to immediately go to the middle of the bracket and write "ILLINOIS" in big, fat letters. The Illini are, after all, the top-ranked team in the country.

Well, don't be so quick. Because while the Illini are very good and they could very well cut down the nets on April 4 in St. Louis, there's something else to consider: Us sportswriters aren't that smart.

Why? Only four times in the past 26 tournaments has the team that entered the tournament No. 1 in the Associated Press poll actually won the thing. Duke was the last team to do it when the Blue Devils won at the Metrodome in 2001. Others to pull it off include UCLA in 1995, Duke in 1992 and North Carolina in '82.

The past three teams that entered the tournament No. 1 — Duke in 2002, Kentucky in '03 and Stanford a year ago — failed to even reach the Final Four.

But we're not that dumb:

That said, 14 of the past 16 national champs entered the tournament ranked in the top 10 nationally. The two exceptions were No. 13 Syracuse in 2003 and No. 15 Arizona in '97.

The top 10 in the AP poll entering the tournament: Illinois, North Carolina, Duke, Louisville, Wake Forest, Oklahoma State, Kentucky, Washington, Arizona and Gonzaga.

Nine is better than eight:

Since the tournament was expanded to 64 teams in 1985, the No. 9 seeds actually have a better record than No. 8's, winning 43 games and losing 37. But last year, the No. 8's went 3-1 against the No. 9's. The 9's were 3-1 against the 8's in 2003.

And 12 is better than 11:

Everybody loves picking the upsets, but here's a tidbit: The No. 12 seeds actually have a better record in the first round (26-54) than the No. 11 seeds (24-56). In each of the past four tournaments, at least one No. 12 seed has won a game. In 2002, three of the four No. 12 seeds won a game.

The most likely No. 12s to spring an upset this week? Wisconsin-Milwaukee has won 17 of 18 games entering Thursday's game against Alabama. And while George Washington lost five games in Atlantic 10 play, the Colonials looked great early this season while defeating Michigan State and Maryland and hanging with then-No. 1 Wake Forest.

Picking by name:

Now we all know the pool winner is often someone who doesn't know a thing about hoops. So if you're going to go strictly by how ferocious the mascot is, consider this: Both Oklahoma State (the Cowboys) and West Virginia (the Mountaineers) have gun-toting mascots.

Hot and not:

Who enters this thing on a roll? Gonzaga and Winthrop — which face each other Thursday — are the only teams to have won at least 10 consecutive games going into NCAA tournament play.

Teams that have won nine of the past 10 include Illinois, Louisville, Southern Illinois, Florida, Pacific, Nevada, Pennsylvania, George Washington, New Mexico and Central Florida.

Who is sputtering? Well, Kansas, Texas Tech, Mississippi State, Pittsburgh, Alabama-Birmingham and Texas are all 5-5 in their past 10 games.

Still exclusive:

As much as the NCAA tournament appears to be a democracy — every conference gets at least one team in the field — it is still largely about the six major conferences.

In the past 12 years, 45 of the 48 Final Four teams have come from the ACC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, SEC or Pac-10. The three that didn't were Marquette (Conference USA) in 2003, Utah (Mountain West) in 1998 and Massachusetts (Atlantic 10) in 1996.

The last true mid-majors to reach the Final Four? Indiana State and Pennsylvania in 1979.

So there it is, a little guidance. But remember, it's just for fun.

Charlotte gets rare game with ACC team

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Coach Bobby Lutz and the Charlotte 49ers plan to make the most of their game against North Carolina State in the Syracuse regional.

Besides, who knows when they might get another chance against a team from the Atlantic Coast Conference?

Since Lutz took over nearly seven years ago, he has gotten exactly two of them, and both were on the road. The 49ers lost in overtime at North Carolina in 1998, then traveled to Raleigh to face the Wolfpack two seasons later and won handily.

That's it, despite Lutz's annual calls around the ACC virtually begging for games.

"I don't whine about it, I just state the facts, and the facts are we call and they don't want to play," Lutz said Tuesday. "But the fact is also that they have every right not to want to play us. It is totally up to them."

And it's not just the Big Four that are ignoring him. Charlotte hasn't played Clemson since 1994, hasn't faced Georgia Tech since 1986 and hasn't taken on Maryland since 1975.

Perhaps at this point Lutz should be happy for the two opportunities he's had.

"They don't want to play," he said. "I respect what everybody thinks is best for their program. If they feel that that is not in their best interest, then that is what they need to do."

N.C. State (19-13) can't avoid the 49ers now. The teams play the NCAA tournament opener Friday in Worcester, Mass., nearly 1,000 miles away from Tobacco Road.

"When you come to college, you hear about the Dukes, the Carolinas, and you want a chance to get at them," Charlotte forward Eddie Basden said. "We played N.C. State before, and I guess it didn't go their way, so they stopped that."

As might be expected, Wolfpack coach Herb Sendek had nothing but praise for Charlotte (21-7). He denied going out of his way not to schedule the 49ers, saying simply it hasn't come up since their previous meeting.

Former North Carolina coach Dean Smith had a policy of not playing other in-state schools — except those in the ACC, of course — but Sendek doesn't have a similar plan.

"We don't have a particular prescription that we're going to follow," Sendek said. "But we really haven't had any further discussion about playing them on a regular basis."

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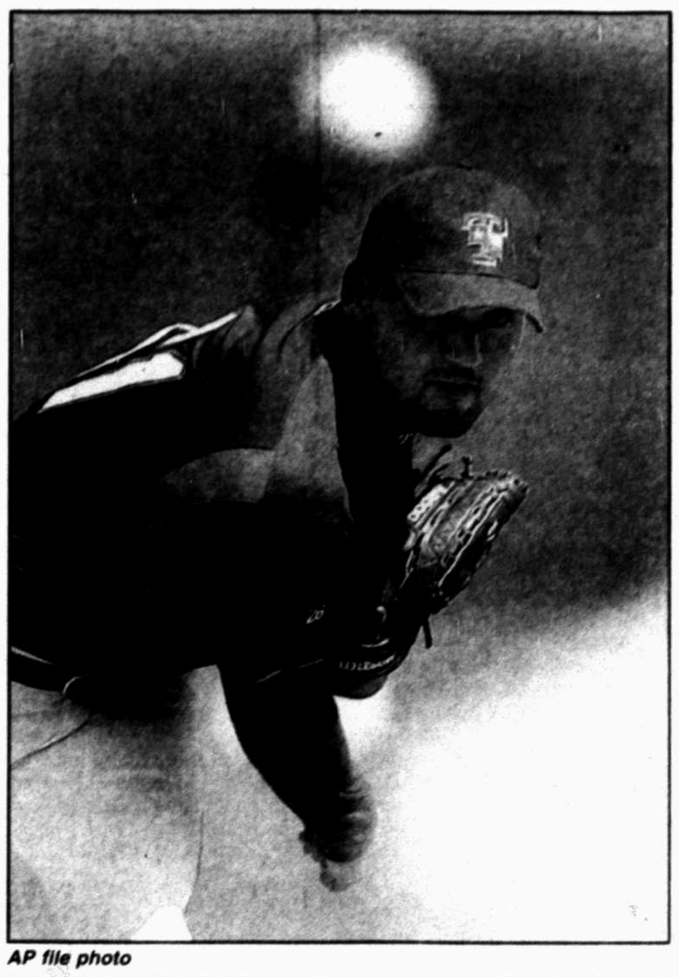
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WASTE OF MONEY? Texas Rangers pitcher Chan Ho Park of South Korea warms up to face the Kansas City Royals during spring training in Surprise, Ariz., on Friday.

Red Sox-Cards just another exhibition game

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — All was quiet at the Red Sox spring training stadium on Tuesday — no fans in line for tickets and no anticipation of the game just 24 hours away.

"We play the Cardinals tomorrow? I didn't know," center fielder Johnny Damon said. "It's just a spring training game."

The first game between the teams since Boston completed its sweep of St. Louis in the World Series certainly must feel different to Wednesday's starting pitcher.

"Nah," Tim Wakefield said without breaking stride as he walked into the Boston clubhouse.

The scene outside City of Palms Park was much different than it was the day before the New York Yankees came to town for a game on March 7. Three young men drove 32 hours from Bangor, Maine, and stayed in line 35 hours to be the first to get tickets.

It may have been an exhibition game but, "It's still the Yankees," one of the men, Brad Kearns, said then.

But New York only made it to the AL championship series where it lost the last four games to the Red Sox after taking a 3-0 lead.

"It's the rivalry" with the Yankees that excites fans, Boston reliever Alan Embree said. "It's the AL East. There's more media in that little area in the Northeast than there is in much of the rest of the country."

Players say they don't get more fired up for one spring training opponent than another, whether it's the Yankees, Cardinals or a less successful team.

At least Curt Schilling knew St. Louis was the next opponent.

"Yeah, I read the paper today," he said. "The only reason we recognize the Yankees is because the crowds are a little different."

Facing St. Louis again does bring back warm memories of how the Red Sox won the championship for the first time in 86 years.

They tied for the AL lead with a .282 batting average, and the Cardinals led the NL at .278. But the series was one-sided starting with Damon's leadoff double in the bottom of the first inning of the opener.

"I thought my at-bat typified how locked in our team was," he said. "We weren't the crispest team on defense but we didn't let anything bother us."

Pitching was the difference.

For St. Louis, Scott Rolen went 0-for-15, Reggie Sanders 0-for-9 and Jim Edmonds 1-for-15. The team hit .190 while Boston batted .283 and outscored the Cardinals 24-12.

Matt Clement faced St. Louis five times last season when he was with the Chicago Cubs, going 3-2 with a 2.83 ERA.

"It's a tough lineup and I faced them before they got Larry Walker, which made them even tougher," said Clement, who signed with the Red Sox in the offseason. "To me, it was going to come down to who pitched the best because both teams had imposing lineups. With the Yankees, those are probably the three best lineups in baseball last year."

Wednesday's lineups will be weaker. The Cardinals won't bring all their players, and the Red Sox usually remove many starters midway through the game.

So it won't mean much even if St. Louis breaks its losing streak against Boston.

"That was last year," said Red Sox closer Keith Foulke, who finished all four World Series games and fielded the title-clinching groundout from current teammate Edgar Renteria. "To me, all teams are the same. I don't put more emphasis on the Yankees or the Cardinals or any team."

Ex-pitcher Ankiel hoists bat, looks for new life

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JUPITER, Fla. — The Cardinals' batting practice before their exhibition game with the Atlanta Braves was over, and Rick Ankiel walked into the clubhouse carrying a bat, the tool of his new career.

Until last week, Ankiel didn't have much use for a bat. He had only 87at-bats in the major leagues, most of those in 2000, the only full season he has spent in the majors. But if he plays in the majors again, it will apparently be as a hitter. His pitching days seem to be over, terminated by Ankiel himself to end the agony, the frustration and the mental anguish he had encountered for four and a half years. It was a mercy killing.

"I'm sure it's disappointing," Tony La Russa, the Cardinals' manager, said earlier this week, "but based on what he went through, the word he used was relief that he doesn't have to go through it anymore."

Ankiel, 25, was a prized prospect as a pitcher. "It's hard to find a better pitching prospect than he was," Bobby Cox, the Atlanta Braves manager, said in the visitors dugout at Roger Dean Stadium. "He was that good. You couldn't hit him."

Cox was talking about his rookie season in 2000 when Ankiel, a left-hander, compiled an 11-7 record and struck out 194 batters in 175 innings. But over the next four seasons Ankiel suffered from an inexplicable lack of control and from assorted arm ailments.

The wildness first surfaced in the 2000 playoffs, when he threw five wild pitches in the third inning of the division series opener against the Braves. Nothing in Ankiel's career was the same after that.

Between the continued fits of wildness and the injuries — he had elbow-ligament transplant surgery in 2003 — Ankiel succumbed to the cruel onslaught against his very being. A week ago, he walked into La Russa's office.

"He told Tony he had had it as a pitcher," General Manager Walt Jocketty related. "He wanted to retire. It was such an ordeal for him to get ready to pitch and come in every day and pitch. It was affecting his whole personal life and his well-being."

On Sunday, Ankiel wouldn't talk about his decision. "I already talked about that," he said politely. "I did that a couple days ago. If you want to talk about hitting, I'll talk about it."

When Ankiel talked about his decision last Wednesday, he told reporters, "The frustration of not being effective, not being able to go out there and replicate my mechanics, and the way it affected me off the field wasn't worth it. The reward wasn't there. I feel relieved now. It's time to move on."

Rangers remain skeptical of Park

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Six straight scoreless innings over two spring training starts by Chan Ho Park won't make the Texas Rangers forget about the pitcher's last three miserable seasons.

Park still has two years and $27 million left on his contract, but that doesn't mean a guaranteed spot in the rotation.

There is still plenty of skepticism even though Park has retired 18 of his last 19 batters.

The right-hander faced the minimum 12 in four innings in his last start against a Los Angeles Angels lineup missing most of its starters. He allowed a bunt single and got eight groundball outs, a double play included.

"We'll see where it takes us," manager Buck Showalter said. "He's had good outings in spring training before. We'll see if he can stay with it and build on it."

The message is clear. Park has to be consistent over a longer period — not the equivalent of less than a full game in the spring.

Since the Rangers signed Park to a $65 million contract three years ago to be their No. 1 starter, he is 14-18 with a 5.85 ERA in 48 starts. He has been on the disabled list five times, plagued primarily by back problems.

Park continues to avoid talking about the past problems, or his long-term future.

"I'm feeling good," Park said Tuesday, a day after throwing 27 of his 35 pitches for strikes against the Angels. "I just focus on the next game, that's it."

Asked if he felt more pressure to have a successful season, Park responded, "I don't know." He did say he's finally healthy and hopes to build on his last two outings when he pitches against the Angels again Sunday.

Before coming to Texas, Park had never been on disabled list. He was 80-54 with a 3.80 ERA in 221 games for the Los Angeles Dodgers from 1995-2001, and averaged 34 starts a year the last four seasons.

Park strained his hamstring during that first spring training with Texas. He managed to start the season opener, but went on the DL right after that.

"We all recognize that this has been a bad deal because he hasn't been able to pitch," general manager John Hart said. "A lot of it has been health related.

"If he pitches effectively, we'll be happy," Hart said. "He's not going to be a No. 1, a No. 2 or whatever, but if we can just get a productive year out of Chan Ho, we need that."

It's already been an up-and-down spring for Park.

Before his six consecutive scoreless innings, he gave up six earned runs in the first three. He allowed three runs on five hits over two innings in his spring debut against Kansas City, and allowed three runs on four hits against the Chicago Cubs last week before retiring the last seven hitters.

"If you didn't have his history here as a Ranger, you would have said it was a normal spring training outing for a veteran pitcher," pitching coach Orel Hershiser said.

Hershiser said his former Dodgers teammate knows the situation he faces this spring: He has to pitch consistently and earn his way into rotation.

"I think what he's going to feel now is just the honesty of the reality of the situation," Hershiser said. "We can't build a utopia for him, and the red carpet is not being rolled out. He knows that, and he's accept that. In some ways, I see him looking forward to that."

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be there. And the only reason Giambi is being excused is the Justice Department's request that he not testify because it might interfere with other ongoing investigations they're doing."

Luke Macaulay, spokesman for the U.S. Attorney in San Francisco, would not comment on the decision to excuse Giambi.

Waxman said he and Davis would not try to get players to implicate others.

"Chairman Davis and I are not going to ask anybody to name any names of people who have used steroids. I don't think that would be proper in a public forum," Waxman said. "With that exception, there are no limits on the questions that we've agreed to. It may be part of the further discussions that have not yet been resolved."

The committee accepted baseball commissioner Bud Selig's offer to testify. Baseball executive vice presidents Manfred and Sandy Alderson also will testify, as will San Diego Padres general manager Kevin Towers and union head Donald Fehr.

Schilling said Tuesday he hoped to be excused but would comply with the subpoena if he had to.

"When you get subpoenaed, you don't have a choice," he said.

Chicago White Sox trainer Herm Schneider said Thomas left Tucson, Ariz., on Tuesday, would stop at his home in Las Vegas, then would travel to Washington. It remained unclear whether McGwire, Sosa and Palmeiro would comply with their subpoenas. Marc Altieri, McGwire's spokesman, could not say whether his client will appear. The Orioles told Sosa and Palmeiro they could have off-days Wednesday and Thursday, a sign they may testify.

Canseco met with Davis on Monday. The committee has not yet responded to Canseco's request for immunity, which would allow him to speak more freely.

"The committee will release the information as to the conditions for witnesses all at once, rather than one at a time," Waxman said.

Manfred's letter on Monday said "there were unresolved disputes" with 13 of the 96 positive tests in 2003. He said that if all the positives were accurate, there were 73 for nandrolone, 26 for stanozolol, eight for elevated testosterone, five for boldenone, three for methandrostenolone and one for clenbuterol. Some tests include positives for more than one substance.

Manfred said baseball did not have results from "for cause" tests given to players since 1990 because they went directly to doctors. He said those results also are protected by doctor-patient privilege.

Contents of Manfred's letter were first posted on the Web site of The New York Times, and a copy of the letter later was obtained by the AP.

In a letter from baseball lawyer Stan Brand to the committee, sent Tuesday and also obtained by the AP, Brand stated "the courts have made it clear that educating the public about steroids is not a valid congressional function."

Brand still wants all players excused.

"This is not a law enforcement agency, this is a legislative forum," he said. "Why have them respond to innuendo and half-truths? It is to me the epitome of a legislative hearing that shouldn't be."

Also Tuesday, baseball chief operating officer Bob DuPuy sent a letter to teams asking them

Texas blanks Rockies

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Ricardo Rodriguez isn't having any trouble pitching with that five-inch screw in his surgically repaired right elbow.

Rodriguez threw 4 2-3 shutout innings Tuesday against Colorado in his third spring start for Texas, a game a Rangers' split squad won 1-0 on Chris Richard's RBI single in the 10th inning.

Jason Jennings, Colorado's No. 2 starter, threw four scoreless innings with three strikeouts.

When a line drive shattered his elbow during his fifth Rangers game last July, Rodriguez was 3-1 with a 2.03 ERA. Now he's trying to get back in the Texas rotation.

"I think he's over thinking about where he was physically and is concentrating on pitching," manager Buck Showalter said. "The only thing we have to worry about now is rusting of that spike" in his elbow.

Rodriguez has allowed five runs over 10 innings this spring, with seven strikeouts and four walks. He struck out two and walked three against the Rockies.

"I wasn't 100 percent happy, because my control was not that good," Rodriguez said. "I don't think about performance. I want to do well, but the big thing for me is to feel healthy."

Jennings faced just 14 hitters over four innings, allowing two singles and a walk. He has allowed just one run over nine innings in his three spring starts.

"I pitched inside effectively on both sides of the plate, which is definitely something I have to do at Coors Field," Jennings said.

Tim Drew, the last of six Colorado pitchers, gave up three hits and a walk while getting just one out in the 10th. The bases were loaded when Richard hit a deep flyball to center, well past a drawn-in outfield.

Minor leaguer Keith Stamler pitched the final shutout inning for the Texas.

The four Texas pitchers allowed just five hits. Relievers Ron Mahay (2 1-3 innings) and Erasmo Ramirez (two innings) had solid performances.

Notes

Rangers 2B Alfonso Soriano missed workouts and the game with flu-like symptoms, the latest of several players not feeling well. The team canceled one of its minor league games Tuesday because so many extra players were needed to fill out the rosters for two split-squad games. The other game was on the road Tuesday night against Milwaukee. ... Texas added Greg Colbrunn to their 40-man roster. The team also optioned OF Jason Botts to Oklahoma of the Pacific Coast League, and RHPs Nick Masset and Josh Rupe to Frisco of the Texas League.

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We're paying record prices at the pump; expect $2 gas

By Lynn J. Cook
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Gasoline prices smashed duel records Monday as prices in Houston and around the state continued to soar.

A gallon of regular unleaded in the city now averages $1.91 — up 8 cents in a week and setting a record, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. The statewide average also set a record, at $1.94 per gallon.

The national price is expected to hit a new mark any day now. As it stands, the U.S. price averages $2.05 per gallon, a penny away from its all-time high.

Experts expect gasoline prices to trample the $2.06 record set last May, with a steady march upward throughout the spring.

Just how expensive is $2 gas?

That depends how far back you remember.

Drivers who recall 1981 know things could be worse.

Thanks to a spike in crude oil prices, gas was selling for $1.40 at the start of that year. That might sound cheap today, but in inflation-adjusted terms it was more than $3 per gallon.

Most car owners remember 1999 a little better.

At the same time a baby-faced Britney Spears was beginning her run on Top 40 radio, gasoline prices averaged an inflation-adjusted $1.07 per gallon — almost a buck less than today's nationwide price.

Drivers aren't the only ones who are frustrated.

Analysts are scratching their heads, wondering just how high gas prices can go.

Even though spring is typically the low-demand season for gasoline, traders are driving prices up, trying to gauge where driver demand could go in May when Americans take to the road for the busy summer months.

Tom Kloza, chief oil analyst for the Oil Price Information Service in Lakewood, N.J., says traders are "climbing the wall of worry."

Often the jittery market's anticipation is worse than reality when it arrives. Last year, prices spiked in the spring as traders warned of a potential gasoline shortage during the summer. The threat never materialized.

The Energy Department recently put out a report predicting springtime gasoline prices in the U.S. would peak around $2.15.

Kloza expects prices to hit $2.20 in April but says predicting exactly where they go from there is like trying to predict springtime weather. There are simply too many factors.

"We may see $60 crude, and if we do, nationwide retail prices could exceed $2.25. But I have real doubts whether we'll stay there for a protracted period," Kloza said. "I don't think we're going to see the apocalyptic $2.75 or $3 number."

It is easy to predict where fuel prices will go in a three- to four-week time frame because gasoline prices tend to track alongside oil prices, which have been volatile but hanging above $50 per barrel since late February.

Kloza says the recent price creep at the pump is gasoline "playing catch-up" to crude.

It can take six weeks or longer for overseas oil to reach U.S. shores, where it is refined into fuels for cars and trucks and then shipped to market.

That means a lot of the crude purchased now doesn't make it to the nation's gasoline stations until May.

The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries is meeting in Isfahan, Iran, on Wednesday, and Saudi Arabia's oil minister, Ali Naimi, is recommending the group raise its production quotas even though April demand for crude oil is expected to fall by 1.3 million barrels per day.

"Saudi Arabia is of the opinion that OPEC's production ceiling should be adjusted upwards by 500,000 barrels per day during the forthcoming ministerial meeting," Naimi said in a statement.

Other OPEC members, including Iran, Qatar, Venezuela, Algeria and Indonesia, want to keep production steady and the quota unchanged.

U.S. light sweet crude rose 52 cents on the news to $54.95 a barrel, after touching a high of $55.05 on the New York Mercantile Exchange on Monday.

Last week. oil's benchmark price hit $55.65, coming within two cents of its October all-time high of $55.67.

OPEC's official ceiling stands at 27 million barrels per day, and Naimi is asking for that to be increased to 27.5 million barrels per day. That doesn't actually mean the market will get more oil, though.

Some OPEC countries, including Saudi Arabia, are already pumping over official limits. Revising the quota would bring the group's ceiling in line with the actual of oil being produced.

Former WorldCom CEO guilty on all counts in massive fraud

By Erin McClam
Associated Press

NEW YORK - Bernard Ebbers, the once-swaggering CEO of WorldCom, was convicted Tuesday of engineering the largest corporate fraud in U.S. history, an $11 billion accounting scandal that capsized the big telecom company three years ago.

The verdict marked a colossal fall for Ebbers, who had turned a humble Mississippi long-distance provider into a global telecommunications power, swallowing up companies along the way and earning the nickname "Telecom Cowboy."

A federal jury in Manhattan returned guilty verdicts on all nine counts, including securities fraud, conspiracy and lying to regulators , a decision that could send Ebbers, 63, to prison for the rest of his life. Sentencing was set for June 13.

The former chief executive reddened deeply when the jury announced its verdict after eight days of deliberations, and his wife, Kristie, burst into tears in the courtroom's front row. Later, as his lawyer spoke outside, promising an appeal, Ebbers and his wife , nearly toppled by the enormous crew of cameras and reporters camped outside the federal courthouse , made their way to a nearby street, hailed a cab and drove away.

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales called the conviction a "triumph of our legal system." He said the jury had recognized that the fraud "extended from the middle management levels of this company all the way to its top executive."

In a six-week trial, prosecutors painted Ebbers as obsessed with keeping WorldCom stock high, and panicked about pressure he was getting over $400 million in personal loans that were backed by his own WorldCom shares.

From late 2000 to mid-2002, the government claimed, Ebbers intimidated chief financial officer Scott Sullivan into covering up billions of dollars in out-of-control expenses and recognizing improper revenue.

"He was WorldCom, and WorldCom was Ebbers," prosecutor William Johnson told jurors. "He built the company. He ran it. Of course he directed this fraud."

The defense claimed all along that the fraud was masterminded by Sullivan, who testified as the star government witness that Ebbers instructed him quarter after quarter to "hit our numbers" , meet Wall Street expectations.

Ebbers himself took the witness stand at trial's end and flatly denied any role in the fraud. He said he viewed his role at the company as a visionary and cheerleader, was uncomfortable with accounting and left it to Sullivan.

"He's never told me he made an (accounting) entry that wasn't right," Ebbers said of Sullivan. "If he had, we wouldn't be here today."

The largely blue-collar jury of seven women and five men considered the case for eight days, an uncommonly long deliberation for white-collar cases, but never showed signs of discord.

The jurors were ushered away from the courthouse without speaking to the media, and Judge Barbara Jones instructed reporters not to badger them.

Outside court, top defense lawyer Reid Weingarten said he was "devastated" but predicted Ebbers "will ultimately be vindicated" on appeal. He said he had no regrets about calling Ebbers to testify.

"I did not think Mr. Ebbers ever acted with criminal intent," he said. "Obviously we're disappointed by the result, but the fight will continue."

Legal experts said the appeal would be difficult. Weingarten said part of the case would center on prosecutors' refusal to grant immunity to three former WorldCom executives the defense wanted to call as witnesses.

The nine criminal counts against Ebbers , securities fraud, conspiracy and seven counts of making false filings to the Securities and Exchange Commission , carry up to 85 years in prison. He will be free on bail until sentencing.



Louis Lanzano/AP

Bernard Ebbers former CEO of WorldCom exits Manhattan federal court, Tuesday, March 15, 2005, in New York. Ebbers, who built WorldCom from a humble Mississippi long-distance firm into one of the nation's biggest telecommunications conglomerates, was convicted Tuesday of engineering the colossal accounting fraud that sank the company.

The conviction comes more than two years after an internal auditor began asking questions about curious accounting at WorldCom, touching off a scandal that eventually unearthed $11 billion in cooked books.

With the entire telecom industry suffering a dot-com hangover, the fraud was driven by soaring "line costs" , the fees WorldCom paid to smaller local telephone carriers to use their networks.

Besides Sullivan, three former WorldCom accounting officials who have pleaded guilty in the case testified they were pressured to cover up the expenses. Only Sullivan directly implicated Ebbers.

Ebbers still faces civil litigation, including from the company, which backed up his $400 million in personal loans when Bank of America demanded more and more collateral as the stock price fell.

The company struck a $750 million settlement with federal regulators to repay aggrieved investors, a small sum compared to the tens of billions of dollars of market capitalization that evaporated in the scandal.

WorldCom, which was based in Clinton, Miss., since re-emerged as MCI Inc., based in Ashburn, Va.

Twelve former directors of the company, plus some investment banks that underwrote WorldCom securities and auditing firm Arthur Andersen, also face a civil trial brought by angry investors. That trial is scheduled to get under way later this month.

In winning a conviction against Ebbers, federal prosecutors in Manhattan rang up another victory in a remarkable string of white-collar prosecutions that began in the summer of 2002.

Martha Stewart, Adelphia Communications founder John Rigas and former dot-com banking star Frank Quattrone were all found guilty during that stretch , with the same prosecutor, David Anders, handling both Quattrone and Ebbers.

The prosecutors have also wrung guilty pleas from countless other executives, including ImClone Systems Inc. founder Sam Waksal and five other former WorldCom officials who agreed to cooperate against Ebbers.

Sullivan and the three former WorldCom executives who have pleaded guilty in the case still face sentencing. They hope to win lighter prison terms , or none at all , by cooperating with the government against Ebbers.

TIPS, DIPS & BLUE CHIPS

Inflation worries, Pentagon anthrax scare weighs on stocks

NEW YORK - Wall Street bogged down in uninspired trading Tuesday, with investors sending stocks lower as they tried to reconcile solid economic and earnings news, reports of anthrax discovered at the Pentagon, and a gloomy outlook on semiconductor stocks.

That made it difficult for Wall Street to build on good news from the retail sector. While the 0.5 percent growth in February retail sales fell slightly below Wall Street expectations, the Commerce Department revised its January figure upward, and auto sales were surprisingly strong in both months. Record earnings from Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. was likewise discounted by midday.

Wall Street paid close attention to Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's testimony on Capitol Hill, hoping to hear his latest views on inflation and interest rates. Greenspan, whose topic Tuesday was Social Security, warned that federal budget deficits, not inflation, remained the greatest threat to the economy.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by about 4 to 3 on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 952.23 million shares, compared with 894.73 million at the same point on Monday.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies was down 1.40, or 0.2 percent, at 628.90.

Dollar mixed, gold falls

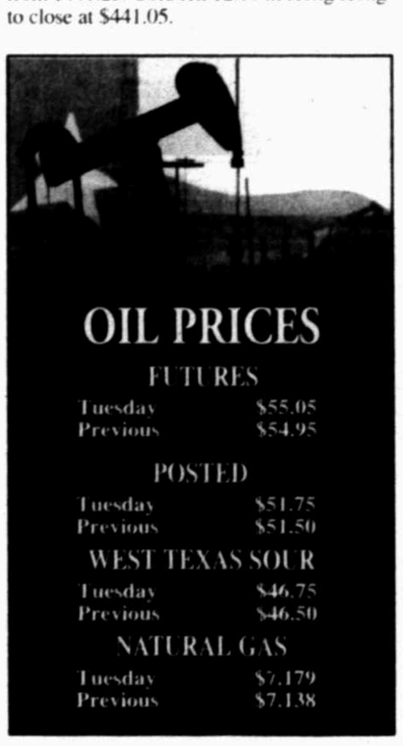
LONDON - The U.S. dollar was mixed against other major currencies in European trading Tuesday. Gold prices fell.

The euro was quoted at $1.3309 in European trading, down from $1.3367 Monday. Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro fetched $1.3310.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Monday, included 104.39 Japanese yen, down from 104.94; 1.1662 Swiss francs, up from 1.1604; and 1.2044 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2062.

The British pound was quoted at $1.9147, up from $1.9108.

Gold traded in London at $440.10 bid per troy ounce, down from $441.00 on Monday. In Zurich, the bid price was $440.68, down from $441.23. Gold feli $2.10 in Hong Kong to close at $441.05.



BUSINESS SCENE

Natural Foods Market continues expansion, opening Strawberry Fields Cafe

NATURAL FOODS MARKET, 2311 W. Wadley Ave., continues in an expansion mode. After building a much larger store and relocating from Imperial Shopping Center, the store has now added a new restaurant.

Owner Larry Satterfield decorated his new enterprise, named Strawberry Fields Cafe with "a lot of music pictures from the 1960s and 1970s."

Strawberry Fields is set up like a buffet, he said, starting with a selection of two or three soups then a self-serve salad bar. Daily entrees offer a choice between a meat-based dish like meatloaf and a vegetarian dish, for example eggplant. There are also selections of grains like rice and greens, say broccoli or spinach. The cafe also carries already-wrapped sandwiches.

"It's all organic," Satterfield said. "That means the food is grown without being sprayed with pesticides and without chemical fertilizers or genetic modification. It's very clean and it tastes better because it hasn't been sprayed. And nothing is fried or swimming in butter."

There are also smoothies that are made with fresh fruit and fruit juices and not with ice and they aren't artificially sweetened, he said. "But they have the same consistency."

Also on the menu are freshly-extracted juices, apple juice and protein drinks.

Satterfield said he expects to take delivery very soon of an eight-foot cold case, which he will use to establish what he calls his "grab and go" center. The case will be filled with prepared sandwiches, wraps, salsas and dips that a customer can "grab and go," paying at the main cash register and taking with them.

Dine-in seating is limited, but carry-out is available. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Operating under new ownership is **AMC MOVING COMPANY**, which is now owned by Mark Kohutek.

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He can move items anywhere within the state of Texas, whether it's a home, an apartment or an office.

"I also move individual items," he said. "There's a piano I'm going to move and I recently moved a hot tub to Colorado City."

Customers can also contract him to help pack up a home or office or pack items into a U-Haul. Depending on the location, he may be able to help unload that U-Haul as well.

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Select Medical Corporation has recently merged with SemperCare Inc., which operates SemperCare Hospital of Midland Inc. at 4214 Andrews Highway, third floor.

The hospital is now known as **SELECT SPECIALTY HOSPITAL-MIDLAND INC.**, offering long-term acute care.

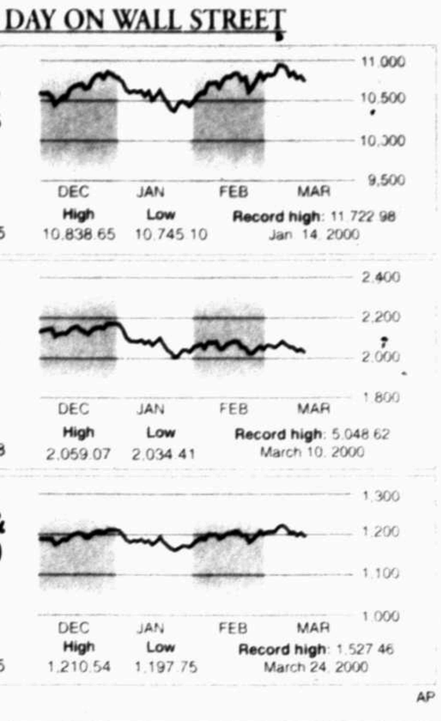
The two companies said in a statement that "As a Select Specialty Hospital, we are party of a dynamic organization of 99 long-term acute care hospitals. Together, we will share best practices that foster clinical and operational excellence such as new clinical programs, operational procedures and equipment protocols."

THE MARKET IN REVIEW

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Name	Div	Last	Chg
A-B-C			
ACE Ltd	.84	44.33	-1.10
AES Cp	...	17.64	+.34
AFLAC	.44f	38.76	-.20
AGCO	...	19.50	+.02
AK Steel	...	13.07	+.10
AMR	...	8.84	-.16
AT&T	.95	19.07	-.35
AU Optron	.36r	13.84	-.46
AbtLab	1.10f	45.66	-.46
Accenture	...	23.98	-.50
AdamsEx.	**.93e**	**13.10**	**-.02**
AMD	...	16.07	-.37
Aegon	.53e	14.46	-.02
Aetna s	.02	75.67	+.91
AffCmpS	**...**	**49.64**	**-.30**
Agere	...	1.55	-.04
AgereB	...	1.52	-.06
Agilent	...	23.26	-.41
Agrium g	**.11**	**17.42**	**-1.03**
AirTran	...	8.27	-.25
Albertsn	.76	d19.97	-.90
Albrtsn un	1.81	d22.18	-.70
Alcoa	.60	31.59	+.41
Aleris Intl	**...**	**u26.12**	**+3.30**
AlliedTch	.24	22.98	+.46
AlliData	...	39.93	+.52
AlliedCap	2.28a	27.75	-.09
Allstate	1.28f	54.75	+.15
Alltel	1.52	56.32	-.43
Altria	2.92	65.25	+.08
Amdocs	...	28.25	-.55
AmHess	1.20	94.89	-1.81
AMowiL	1.9e	53.98	-.72
AEP	1.40	33.90	-.35
AmExp	.48	53.50	-.35
AmIntGp	.50f	61.92	-1.93
AmStd s	.60	u48.03	+.27
AmTower	...	18.67	-.23
Anadrk	**.72f**	**75.90**	**-1.30**
AnalogDev	.24	36.57	-.64
Anheusr	.98f	47.47	-.46
Annaly	1.98e	17.99	-.37
Apache	**.32**	**61.44**	**-.86**
Aquila	...	4.01	-.02
ArchCoal	.32	43.05	-.92
ArchDan	.34f	24.60	-.10
ArmorH	...	41.66	+.46
Ashland	1.10	66.61	-.89
Assurant	.28	34.06	-.34
AstraZen	.94e	41.84	-.06
ATMOS	**1.24**	**27.67**	**-.45**
AutoData	.62	44.23	+.32
AutoZone	...	85.25	-.50
Avaya	...	12.72	-.31
Avon s	.66f	41.85	-.35
AXIS Cap	.60f	28.10	+.05
BHP Bill	1.46e	29.31	-.64
BJ Svcs	.32	49.08	-.80
BP PLC	**1.77e**	**64.21**	**-.44**
BakrHu	.46	44.30	-.63
BanColum.	**.44e**	**13.10**	**-2.05**
BkofAm s	1.80	45.54	-.26
BkNY	.80a	30.22	-.48
Bard s	.48	63.75	-2.11
Baxter	.58e	34.34	-.51
BearSt	1.00	106.03	+1.29
BeaingPt	...	7.74	-.17
BeaznHm	.40	157.60	+.78
BectDck	.72	58.85	-.29
BellSouth	1.08	26.02	-.24
BerkHa A	**...**	**89900.00**	**-**
700.00			
BerryP	**.48a**	**55.74**	**+.57**
BestBuy	.44	51.62	-1.29
Beverly	...	11.65	-.14
BlkHlCp	**1.28f**	**32.37**	**-.01**
BlockHR	.88	51.09	-.89
Blockbstr	.08a	9.46	+.21
Boeing	1.00f	u58.48	+.77
BoydGm	**.34**	**u57.40**	**+3.80**
BrMySq	**1.12**	**24.47**	**-.28**
BrownFA	**.86**	**53.86**	**-1.14**
BrownFB	**.98**	**51.50**	**-1.01**
BrunswickBk	.60f	47.60	+.97
BurlNSF	.66	53.50	+.15
BurlRsc s	.34	49.20	-.93
CIGNA	.10	86.98	+.43
CIT Gp	.52	39.90	-.53
CMS Eng	...	u13.33	+.08
CVS Cp	.29	52.31	-.25
CablvsnNY	...	30.49	+1.14
CadbySt	.93e	39.15	-.34
Cadence	...	14.38	-.22
CampSp	.66	27.96	-.18
CapOne	.11	78.20	-.81
CardnlHlth	.12	56.72	-.59
CaremkRx	...	38.76	-.40
Carnival	.60	54.51	+.44
Caterpillr	1.64	96.75	+.22
Cendant	.36	21.64	-.05
CenterPnt	.40a	12.32	-.18
Centex	.16	60.09	-.24
CentPrkg	**.06**	**16.31**	**+2.31**
CntryTel	.24f	33.77	-.53
ChesEng	.18	21.86	-.17
ChevTex s	**1.60**	**58.17**	**-.77**
Chicos s	...	27.40	+.30
Chubb	1.72f	80.30	-.65
CINergy	1.92f	40.32	-.10
CircCity	.07	15.47	+.01
Citigrp	1.76f	47.80	-.42
CitzComm	1.00a	12.98	-.06
ClearChan	.50	34.20	+.45
CocaCl	**1.12f**	**42.24**	**-.10**
CocaCE	.16	20.92	-.13
ColgPal	**1.16f**	**52.60**	**+.02**
CmcBNJ s	.44	30.09	-.36
CmclMtl s	.24	31.23	+.11
ComScop	...	14.33	+.11
CVRD s	1.15e	32.11	-.40
CVRD pf s	.47e	26.70	-.15
CompAs	.08	27.75	-.14
ConAgra	1.09	27.74	-.26
ConocPhil	**2.00**	**104.71**	**-1.59**
Conseco	...	19.85	+.05
CtiAir B	**...**	**11.08**	**-.77**
CoopCam	...	54.81	-1.05
CooperTire	.42	19.22	-.13
Corning	...	11.34	-.14
CntwdFn s	.56f	33.71	+.25
Coventry	...	u66.01	+.65
Crompton	.20	15.30	-.35
CrosTim2	**.64e**	**41.75**	**+1.28**
CrownHold	...	16.85	-.92
CypSemi	...	13.24	-.46
D-E-F			
DR Hortn	.36f	40.75	-.27
DanaCp	.48	14.18	-.35
Danaher s	.06	54.25	-.29
Darden	.08	27.12	-.29
Deere	1.24f	67.93	-.57
Delphi	.28	4.94	-.25
DeltaAir	**...**	**4.31**	**-.31**
DevonE s	.30f	46.65	-.89
DiagPdct	.28	47.19	-.72
DiaOffs	.25	48.39	-.68
Dillards	.16	25.80	+.45
DirecTV	...	14.92	-.05
Disney	**.24f**	**28.60**	**+.58**
DollarG	.16	22.35	+.18
DomRes	2.68f	74.31	-.52
DonlleyRR	1.04	30.78	-.03
DoralFin	.72	38.29	-.66
DowChm	**1.34**	**53.46**	**-.15**
DuPont	1.40	53.13	-.81
DukeEgy	1.10	27.65	-.19
DukeRlty	1.86	31.84	-.25
Dynegy	...	4.13	-.04
ETrade	...	12.75	-.13
EMC Cp	...	12.12	-.32
EOG Res s	**.16**	**44.88**	**-.89**
EKodak	.50	33.50	-.80
EdisonInt	1.00	33.55	-.30
ElPasoCp	.16	11.53	-.19
Elan	**...**	**7.21**	**-.40**
EnCana g	.40	68.97	-.35
EgyEast	**1.10**	**25.50**	**-.18**
EnPro	**...**	**28.62**	**-.38**
ENSCO	.10	38.19	-.61
Entergy	2.16	u71.51	-.39
EqOffPT	2.00	30.41	-.04
EdyRsd	1.73	33.30	+.11
EsteeLdr	.40	44.42	+1.02
Exelon s	1.60	u46.32	-.35
ExxonMbl	**1.08**	**60.35**	**-.93**
FPL Gp	2.84f	u81.60	+.17
FairchldS	...	15.74	-.25
FanniMae	1.04m	57.40	-.29
FedExCp	.28	98.63	-1.95
FedrDS	.54	u64.35	-.10
FidelFin	1.00a	44.70	-.10
FirstData	.24f	40.95	-.10
FirstEngy	1.65f	41.83	-.19
Fluor	.64	56.61	-.09
FootLockr	.30	u29.58	+.51
FordM	.40	d12.23	-.16
ForestLab	...	38.22	-.78
ForestOil	...	40.69	+.19
FrankRes	.40f	71.48	+.08
FredMac	1.40f	66.33	+.49
FMCG	1.00a	41.38	+.41
Freescale	...	17.25	-.65
FreescB n	...	17.59	-.56
FriedBR	1.36	17.84	-.09
Frontline s	1.00b	48.67	+.12
G-H-I			
GATX	**.80**	**u31.55**	**+.06**
GabGloM	**.48**	**10.36**	**-.01**
Gannett	1.08	79.44	-.45
Gap	.09	22.17	-.32
Gateway	...	4.19	-.11
Genentch s	...	54.25	-.75
GAInv	**1.17e**	**31.40**	**-.20**
GenDyn	1.60f	109.00	-.68
GenElec	**.88**	**36.00**	**-.22**
GenMills	1.24	52.41	+.53
GnMotr	2.00	d33.72	-.61
GaPacf	.70f	37.26	+.02
Gillette	.65	50.43	-.27
GlaxoSKln	1.53e	48.70	+.25
GlobalSFe	.30	36.70	-.43
GoldFLtd	.11e	12.53	-.12
Goldcrp g	.18a	15.31	+.14
GoldWF s	.24	59.70	-.70
GoldmanS	1.00	110.54	+.54
Goodrich	**.80**	**38.37**	**+.22**
Goodyear	...	14.50	-.34
GrafTech	**...**	**d6.60**	**-2.40**
GrantPrde	...	23.60	-.76
GtLkCh	.40f	33.57	-.77
Gtech s	.34	23.91	+.10
HCA Inc	.60f	48.80	+.10
Hallibtn	**.50**	**41.54**	**-.46**
Hanover	**...**	**12.43**	**-.25**
HarleyD	.50	61.16	+.25
HarmonyG	.11e	8.57	-.13
HarrisE	1.32	67.97	+.90
HartfdFn	1.16	71.25	-.22
HarvNRes	...	12.39	+.41
Hasbro	.36f	20.96	-.05
HltMgt	.16	23.56	-.18
HrstArT	**.28f**	**25.66**	**+.16**
HeclaM	...	5.86	+.03
Heinz	**1.14**	**37.02**	**-.05**
HelmPay	.33	38.51	-.05
Hershey s	.88	62.19	-.18
HewlettP	.32	20.14	-.06
Hibern	.08	22.58	-.07
Hilton	.08	22.58	-.07
Hitachi	**.95e**	**64.76**	**+.56**
HomeDp	.40f	39.76	+.29
Honwillnt	.83f	39.05	+.15
HostMarr	.20	16.84	-.27
HovnanE	...	52.25	+.19
ITW	1.12	94.29	-1.34
ImpacMtg	3.00	17.62	+.07
INCO	...	41.30	-.10
IngrmM	...	16.61	-.28
IBM	.72	91.38	-.52
IntlGame	.48	d28.07	-.23
IntlPap	1.00	39.44	-.23
IntlRect	...	45.40	-1.50
ISE n	...	29.22	-.73
Interpublic	...	11.67	-.25
J-K-L			
JPMorgCh	1.36	36.25	-.20
JanusCap	.04	14.18	-.04
JohnJn	**1.14**	**67.26**	**-.56**
JohnsnCtl	1.00	58.56	-.19
KB Home	1.50f	114.87	+.69
Kellogg	1.01	43.33	-.18
KerrMc	**1.80**	**78.66**	**-1.04**
KeyEng tf	...	12.02	-.29
Keycorp	1.30f	33.03	-.02
KimbClk	**1.80f**	**65.55**	**-.45**
KindMorg	**2.80f**	**78.50**	**-.78**
KingPhrm	...	9.71	-.14
Kinross g	...	6.69	-.13
Kohls	...	52.55	-.45
Kraft	.82	32.93	-.26
KrspKrm	...	7.70	-.18
Kroger	...	15.62	-.40
LSI Log	...	6.04	-.23
LVSands n	...	49.40	+1.93
LearCorp	1.00f	46.48	-.12
LeggMas s	.60	81.85	+2.36
LehmBr	.80f	u96.19	+2.87
LennarA	.55	57.03	-.22
Lexmark	...	81.81	+.47
LibtyMA	1.93f	10.50	+.27
LillyEli	1.52f	52.70	-1.00
Limited	.60f	24.91	-.21
LionsGt g	...	11.08	-.10
LockhdM	1.00	60.00	+.12
Loews	.60	73.15	+.79
LowesCos	.16	57.57	+.09
Lubys	...	7.41	+.03
Lucent	...	2.91	-.02
Lyondell	.90	32.23	-.30
M-N-O			
MBIA	1.12f	58.75	-.24
MBNA	.56f	25.24	-.47
MDC s	.60f	71.72	-.07
MEMC	...	13.78	-.04
MGM Mr	...	77.04	+3.23
MagnHunt	...	16.33	-.05
Manpwr	.40f	44.52	-.46
Marathon	1.12	45.65	-.62
MarlnA	.34	67.34	+.43
MarshM	.68m	30.45	-.11
MStewrt	**...**	**22.46**	**-1.39**
Masco	.72	33.31	-.27
MassCp2	**1.16e**	**26.90**	**+.20**
MasseyEn	.16	42.41	+.03
Mattel	.45f	20.67	-.28
Maxtor	...	5.63	-.10
MayDS	.98f	u37.27	-.09
Maytag	.72	d14.45	-.19
McCorm	.64f	37.61	-.20
McDnlds	**.55f**	**32.43**	**-.53**
McGrH	1.32f	68.40	-.85
McKesson	.24	36.96	-1.03
McAfee	...	24.17	-.33
MedcoHlth	...	u47.41	-.42
Medtrnic	.34	53.90	-.49
MellonFnc	.72	29.91	-.06
Merck	1.52	32.00	-.29
MerdnRes	...	5.60	+.21
MerrillLyn	.64	60.00	-.39
MetLife	.46f	40.17	-.73
MGM s	...	11.90	-.02
MichStr s	**.28**	**u34.98**	**+.13**
MicronT	...	10.25	-.14
MobileTel s	.55e	36.31	-1.57
Monsnto	.68f	59.44	-1.41
MorgStan	1.08f	58.85	-.15
Mosaic	...	16.70	-.34
Motorola	.16b	15.33	-.16
Munilyld	**.99**	**13.96**	**-.02**
MylanLab	.12	17.91	+.12
NatlCity	1.40	34.96	-.27
NatGrid	**1.84e**	**47.47**	**+.10**
NOilVarco	...	u49.31	-.90
NatSemi s	.08	20.78	-.43
NwCentFrn	**6.20f**	**46.26**	**-2.79**
NY CmtyB	1.00	18.75	-.23
NY Times	.52	36.75	+.15
NewellRub	.84	21.53	-.37
NewmtM	.40	45.12	-.17
NewsCpA n	.16e	17.40	+.06
NewsCpB n	.06e	17.76	+.04
NiSource	.92	22.71	-.19
NikeB	1.00	87.15	+1.39
NobleCorp	...	55.21	-.05
NokiaCp	.44e	16.33	+.01
NorflkSo	.44f	37.04	-.73
NorthfldN	tf	2.89	-.09
NoFrkBc s	.88	28.64	-.45
NorthrpG s	.92	54.02	-.36
NovaStar	5.60a	32.86	-.15
Nucor s	.60f	62.97	+1.16
NvMAd	1.00a	15.19	-.02
NvPMI	**.89a**	**13.80**	**-.13**
NuvPI	**.92**	**13.85**	**-.02**
NSTFI3	**.65a**	**12.96**	**...**
NTXQI	**.92**	**15.76**	**-.09**
OMI Cp	.32f	18.83	+.16
OcciPet	**1.24f**	**70.68**	**-1.72**
OfficDpt	...	u21.70	+.95
OfficeMax	.80	33.85	-.65
OldRepub	.52	23.79	-.43
OreStl	...	25.26	+.45
OvShip	.70	63.42	+.92
P-Q-R			
PG&E Cp	1.20	35.61	
PNC	2.00	52.70	-.75
PacifCre	...	63.27	+.01
ParTch	**...**	**14.15**	**+.17**
ParkDrl	**...**	**5.72**	**-.08**
PayIShoe	...	15.53	+.18
Penney	.50	u48.12	-.75
PenRE	**2.16**	**40.45**	**-.35**
PepsiBott	.20	28.01	-.49
PepsiCo	.92	52.51	-.22
PetrbrsA	.71e	37.65	-1.10
Petrobrs	2.80e	43.37	-1.08
Pfizer	**.76f**	**26.29**	**-.24**
PhelpD	1.00	104.83	+.41
PhilipsEl	.44e	27.86	-.50
PiperJaf	.60	42.82	-.51
PlacerD	.10	17.58	+.13
PlainsAA2	**.45f**	**38.85**	**-.56**
PlainsEx	...	36.00	-.65
PogoPd	**.25**	**48.75**	**-.27**
Praxair	.72f	47.75	-.56
Premcor	.08	55.14	-.57
PrideInt	...	25.64	-.35
Primedia	...	3.95	-.20
PrinFncl	.55	39.05	-.37
ProctG s	**1.00**	**52.92**	**-.33**
ProgressEn	2.36f	42.99	-.38
ProgrsSft	.12	9.62	+.12
Providian	...	17.86	-.20
Prudentl	.63f	58.53	-.52
PulteHm	.20	72.87	-.27
QuantaSvc	...	7.34	-.10
QwestCm	...	3.86	-.05
RadioShk	.25	28.95	+.15
Rayovac	**...**	**u45.00**	**+3.89**
Raytheon	.80	38.73	-.46
ReliantEn	...	11.75	-.29
Revlon	...	2.73	-.13
Rhodia	**.52e**	**2.50**	**-.14**
RiteAid	...	4.12	-.12
RockwlAut	.56	58.01	-1.17
Rowan	**.25e**	**29.58**	**-.82**
RylCarb	.52	47.17	+1.82
RoylDut	2.26e	62.45	-.70
Ryland s	.24	65.30	+.07
S-T-U			
SAP AG	.24e	40.40	-.57
SBC Comm	1.29	23.66	-.43
SK Tlcm	.66e	20.19	-.55
SLM Cp	.76	50.16	-.61
STMicro	.12e	17.44	-.39
SabnR	2.88e	38.98	+.19
SfgdSo	...	1.54	+.04
Safeway	...	18.27	-.30
StJude s	...	37.10	-.35
StMaryLE	.10	49.95	-1.77
StPaulTrav	.88	37.62	-.32
SalmSBF	**.14e**	**12.85**	**-.11**
SaraLee	.79	21.34	-.40
SchergPl	.22	18.30	-.26
Schlmbg	.84f	71.55	-1.41
Schwab	.08	10.66	-.18
ScAtlanta	.04	28.90	-.60
SeagateT	.32f	18.56	-.27
Sears	.92	u58.45	+.45
SvceCp	.10	7.25	-.16
SierrPac	...	u11.09	+.05
SilcnGph	...	1.22	-.03
SixFlags	...	4.60	.06
SmithInt	.48	61.78	-1.25
Smucker	1.00	51.10	-.50
Solectrn	...	4.62	-.23
SonyCp	.23e	40.32	-.32
SouthnCo	1.43	32.08	-.34
SwstAir	.02	14.29	+.04
SovrgnBcp	.12	22.85	-.37
Spectrast	...	60.65	-1.70
SprintFON	.50	22.92	-.34
StdPac	.32	73.90	+1.19
StanwdHtl	.84	59.23	+.96
StateStr	.68f	44.60	-.77
StationCas.	**.84**	**u68.92**	**+7.38**
StewStev	.34	21.92	-.27
StMaryLnd	.80f	29.30	-.33
Stryker s	.09	44.80	-.85
Sunocor g	.24	58.45	-.50
SunGard	...	25.27	-.17
Sunoco	1.60f	98.81	-1.14
SunTrst	2.20f	72.96	-.37
SymbolT	.02	15.02	+.28
Synovs	.60	33.75	-.52
TJX	.16	24.77	-.15
TXU Corp	2.25	78.96	+.25
TaiwSemi	.09e	8.50	-.06
Target	.32	51.95	-.20
TelfNwrk	.75e	15.41	-.41
TomAtlg	...	11.62	-.03
TeleflEsp1	**.47e**	**54.53**	**-.33**
TeMexL	1.20e	37.16	-.34
TempurP	...	16.75	-.70
TeraNtwk	...	10.46	-.14
Teradyn	...	14.93	-.20
Terra	...	7.77	-.15
Tesoro	...	33.70	-1.34
Texinst	.10	25.72	-.54
Thornbg	**2.72f**	**28.62**	**-.13**
3M Co	1.68f	85.86	-.04
Tidwtr	.60	38.83	-1.01
Tiffany	.24	31.86	+.07
TimeWarn	...	18.03	+.42
TitanCp	...	18.26	-.31
TollBros	...	80.00	-.16
Trchmrk	**.44**	**52.47**	**-.54**
ToyRU	...	u24.09	+.39
Transocn	...	47.96	-.66
TriContl	**.20f**	**18.04**	**-.11**
Tycoint	.40	35.16	-.24
TylerTech	**...**	**7.16**	**+.01**
Tyson	.16	17.41	-.11
UICI	**.50a**	**28.25**	**-.08**
UnionPac	1.20	65.70	-.61
Unisys	...	6.96	-.11
UDefnse	.13c	72.85	-.15
UtdMicro	.32f	3.50	-.08
UPS B	1.32f	75.36	-1.16
UtdRentl	...	u21.26	-.29
US Bancrp	1.20f	29.65	-.17
USSteel	.32f	56.75	+1.20
UtdTech	1.76f	102.30	-.68
UtdthlthGp	.03	90.08	-.39
Univision	...	28.00	-.10
Unocal	**.80**	**62.88**	**+.55**
UnumProv	.30	17.54	-.34
V-W-X-Y-Z			
ValeroE s	.32	66.31	-1.16
VarianM s	...	35.89	-.42
VerizonCm	1.82f	35.68	-.40
ViacomB	.28	33.87	-.35
Visteon	...	6.56	-.30
Vodafone	.55e	26.56	+.09
VulcanM	**1.16f**	**57.13**	**-.39**
Wabtec	**.04**	**21.14**	**+2.04**
Wachovia	1.84	52.21	-.63
WalMart	.60f	d51.03	-.27
Walgrn	**.21**	**43.91**	**-.43**
Washtrnd	.16	39.78	+.54
WA Mut	1.84f	41.40	-.35
WstMifnc	.80	29.30	
Weatherf	...	58.03	-.94
WellPoint	...	120.75	+.75
WellsFrgo	1.92	59.96	-.12
Wesco Intl	**...**	**30.80**	**-2.82**
WDrgt	...	11.73	-.98
WstnGR s	**.20**	**35.86**	**-.54**
WmsCos	.20	18.45	-.15
WmsSon	...	35.92	+.44
Winnbgo	.28	36.10	+.74
Wyeth	**.92**	**39.83**	**-1.44**
XL Cap	2.00f	72.75	-.58
XTO Egy	.90f	43.59	-.90
XcelEngy	.83	17.59	-.04
Xerox	...	15.08	-.17
YumBrds	.40	d51.65	+.15
Zimmer	...	79.25	+.42

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NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Lucent	348068	2.91	-.02
TimeWarn	325302	18.03	+.42
Generntch s	274713	54.25	-.75
AmIntGp	271137	61.92	-1.93
Elan	224277	7.21	-.40

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CentPrkg	16.31	+2.31	+16.5
Aleris Intl	26.12	+3.30	+14.5
StationCas	68.92	+7.38	+12.0
Wabtec	21.14	+2.04	+10.7
Rayovac	45.90	+3.89	+9.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GrafTech	6.60	-2.40	-26.7
BariCoIrp	13.10	-2.05	-13.5
KoreaEqt	6.80	-.70	-9.3
Giantlin	25.57	-2.56	-9.1
Wesco Intl	30.80	-2.82	-8.4

Diary

Advanced	1,113
Declined	2,180
Unchanged	156
Total issues	3,449
New Highs	110
New Lows	35
Volume	1,875,816,010

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR	605349	120.14	-1.00
SemiHTr	264106	33.07	-.56
IvaxCp s	149334	18.45	+2.66
SP Engy	113505	42.51	-.60
SP Fncl	89384	29.65	-.20

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ImpltSc wt	2.00	+.70	+53.8
OdysMar	3.11	+.48	+18.3
IvaxCp s	18.45	+2.66	+16.8
AccessIT	5.05	+.65	+14.8
Rotonic	4.60	+.51	+12.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LynchInt	19.25	-3.75	-16.3
Elecsys	3.50	-.35	-9.1
Comforce	2.80	-.20	-6.7
Radiologx	4.52	-.31	-6.4
Nephros n	4.61	-.31	-6.3

Diary

Advanced	356
Declined	582
Unchanged	91
Total issues	1,029
New Highs	12
New Lows	19
Volume	255,485,780

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Nasd100Tr	916449	37.04	-.30
CMGI	691410	2.26	+.45
TiVo Inc	660939	6.70	+2.87
Microsoft	652261	24.91	-.20
JDS Uniph	625918	1.86	-.05

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TiVo Inc	6.70	+2.87	+74.9
Mdcore	11.75	+2.48	+26.8
CMGI	2.26	+.45	+24.6
TrikmTch	2.39	+.44	+22.6
Amcor pf	60.50	+10.50	+21.0

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VI Tech rs	5.30	-1.40	-20.9
ZiCorp	4.72	-1.23	-20.7
DialCpA	23.50	-5.23	-18.2
Ulticom	11.27	-1.98	-14.9
Solexa n	8.65	-1.50	-14.8

Diary

Advanced	1,163
Declined	1,953
Unchanged	160
Total issues	3,276
New Highs	76
New Lows	72
Volume	1,816,098,433

INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
10,984.46	9,708.40	Dow Jones Industrials	10,745.10	-59.41	-.55	-.35	+5.50
3,889.97	2,743.46	Dow Jones Transportation	3,816.43	-38.17	-.99	+.48	+36.87
363.82	259.08	Dow Jones Utilities	359.04	-1.78	-.49	+7.19	+29.99
7,455.08	6,211.33	NYSE Composite	7,310.41	-43.48	-.59	+.83	+12.65
1,539.14	1,150.74	Amex Index	1,486.06	+3.47	+.23	+3.61	+21.10
2,191.60	1,750.82	Nasdaq Composite	2,034.98	-16.06	-.78	-6.46	+4.73
1,229.11	1,060.72	S&P 500	1,197.75	-9.08	-.75	-1.17	+7.84
656.11	515.90	Russell 2000	626.82	-3.48	-.55	-3.80	+10.62
12,108.93	10,268.52	Wilshire 5000	11,816.99	-77.90	-.65	-1.29	+8.97

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Name	Div	Last	Chg
A-B-C			
ADC Tel	**...**	**2.16**	**-.13**
ASML Hld		17.09	-.33
ATI Tech		17.18	-.46
Abgenix	**...**	**8.00**	**-.65**
Activsn		23.00	-.05
AdobeSy	.05	64.54	-.80
AmspanNet		4.62	+.03
AkamaiT		10.79	-.11
Akzo	**1.44e**	**45.02**	**+.19**
Alamosa		12.63	-.19
Alkerm		10.40	-.43
Allscripts		u14.97	+.41
AlteraCp		20.12	-.42
Amazon		34.18	-.42
AEagleO s	.20f	29.35	+.94
APwCrlv	.40	24.15	-.30
AmrTrde		10.76

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Restaurant serves 'state-dinner' menu

■ Chef for former Chinese president prepares imperial dishes in Hong Kong.

By Min Lee
Associated Press

HONG KONG — From chicken cubes fried with peanuts to neatly tucked dumplings, Chinese cuisine is known for its attention to detail.

But for its most honored official guests, the Chinese government raises the bar, serving a state dinner that shows off the national cuisine at its most meticulous. At such dinners, tofu is sliced as thin as angel hair, shrimp balls are covered in crispy bread crumbs, and diced pork cooked with red rice is molded into the shape of giant cherry.

Hong Kong is getting a rare glimpse of this rarefied meal at a restaurant that recently hired on a temporary basis a top Chinese government chef, Peng Gaofa, the cook of former Chinese President Jiang Zemin.

Kicking things off on the state-dinner set menu that Peng is serving at Wing Lai Yuen Szechuan Noodles Restaurant is the appetizer Royal Court Prosperity Flowers, consisting of small, thin turnip rolls spiced up with pieces of chili and arranged like a bouquet. It's a refreshing, but light, sweet-hot combination that arouses the appetite for more.

Other appetizers are more distinguished by design than taste. Consider the sliced cucumbers arranged in a heart shape: To make them, Peng finely slices a slab of cucumber, leaving each slice with a small section still attached, then presses down firmly on the entire slab to create a fanlike effect. Then he builds several slabs into a heart shape.

United in Four Seas features three peeled tomatoes filled with honey laid on a bed of ice, surrounded by pieces of tomato skin cut to resemble flower petals.

However, two main-course highlights back up style with substance.

East meets West in Gold Medal Shrimp Balls, a dish Peng once prepared for late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Balls of shrimp chunks are encrusted with bread crumbs to give them a crispy hash brown-like texture, except that the coating is thinner and finer. But the real sensory delight comes at the first bite into a shrimp ball's butter and melted coconut core. Each bite is meaty, but the lingering flavor of coconut completes the taste.

Plain Stewed Crab Meat Lion's Heads, said to be a favorite of both the 18th-century Chinese emperor Qian Long and former President Jiang, are gourmet meatballs with a twist. Instead of the usual minced pork, Peng uses pork pieces mixed with crab meat and chopped watercress.

The result: Meatballs that lack the usual bounce. Each bite is loose but chunky. Peng describes the taste as "fatty but not oily" — rich but not over the top.

Another imperial dish has a commoner's touch. Qian Long Imperial Meal Dried Shreds is made of dried tofu slices cooked in a chicken broth along with shrimp pieces. It's light but tasty fare that's almost more than an appetizer.



CHEF ON LOAN ABOVE: Peng Gaofa, chef for former Chinese President Jiang Zemin, is on loan for a year to the Wing Lai Yuen Szechuan Noodles Restaurant in Hong Kong. He will be cooking dishes such as Gold Medal Shrimp Balls, Egg Beautiful Whole Chicken and Plain Stewed Crab Meat Lion's Heads for a special state-dinner menu. RIGHT: A chef's apprentice sculpts an ornamental head from a piece of taro root to garnish a dish being prepared at the Wing Lai Yuen Szechuan Noodles Restaurant.

Photos by Anat Givon/AP

There are still more courses where form takes precedence over substance. The most extreme is the "viewing dish," a standard state-dinner item prepared purely for viewing pleasure.

Peng created a golden pheasant from slices of cucumber, carrot and mango slices, along with a brown-striped tail made of glutinous flour mixed with cocoa powder.

Another showy dish, Happiness All Around, mixes bland shreds of egg white and shrimp pieces — but it's beautifully constructed. Peng places the egg white and shrimp on a mat of shredded scrambled eggs, circles it with petal-like tomato slices, and tops it with dried yellow duck yolk.

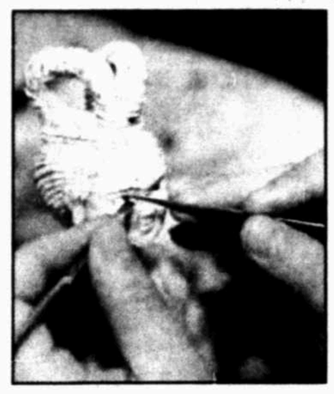
Two other dishes Peng cooked for reporters but left off the Wing Lai Yuen state-dinner menu also highlight his artistry.

Cherry Meat uses diced fatty pork cooked with red rice and molded into a ball with a bowl to resemble a giant cherry. After creating the "cherry," Peng carefully wipes away any excess red sauce from around the mound of meat on the plate. Then he meticulously lays out strings of the green Chinese vegetable dou miao by the meat, making a branch-like arrangement.

The soy-sauce marinated chicken in Egg Beautiful Whole Chicken is unexceptional, but the surrounding dumplings underscore Peng's perfectionism. Their contents — including ham, shrimp, mushroom, shiitake mushrooms and bamboo shoots — are encased in yellow egg wrappers tied with thin celery strings, like little satchels.

This focus on aesthetics seems to run counter to the no-frills roots of what is still officially a communist state despite capitalist reforms, where drab tight-collared Mao suits were once de rigueur for Chinese leaders.

But the bare-bones mind-set appears to have been at least selectively applied where food was concerned. Plain Stewed Crab Meat Lion's Heads, the royal dish, was served at an official dinner celebrating communist China's founding in 1949, Peng said.



Several of the current state-dinner dishes were former imperial dishes or based on them, according to Peng. Ideological differences between communism and monarchy rule apparently don't extend to the culinary realm.

But, Peng said, many of the official dinner courses are picked for their universal appeal. Dishes originating in the city of Yangzhou in the coastal Jiangsu province are popular because their mild taste is more acceptable to a wider range of foreign guests, in contrast to the spicy flavors of the inland Sichuan and Hunan provinces.

Peng, who is on loan to Wing Lai Yuen for one year, said his employer, former president Jiang, is equally at home with gourmet cuisine and regular home cooking. But, he said, "He eats very lightly."

IF YOU GO: Wing Lai Yuen Szechuan Noodles Restaurant is located at Shop 102-105, Whampoa Gourmet Place, Whampoa Garden, Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Telephone: (852) 2320 5156. Each Chinese state dinner is designed for 12 people as a set menu and costs about $380. Reservations are recommended a week in advance.

'Breath of a Wok' reveals some of the secrets behind Chinese cooking

By Ted Anthony
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — She remembers it vividly. Here would come the food steaming out of the restaurant kitchen, and there — seated right by the kitchen door, waiting intently — would be Grace Young's father. He wanted his dinner, he wanted it now, and for good reason: The food, he told her over and over, tastes best directly out of the wok.

"With my father, it was always 'wok hay, wok hay, wok hay,'" Young says today.

"Wok hay," loosely translated from the Cantonese, means "The Breath of a Wok." And that's the title of the culinary chronicler's latest book, an engaging meditation on the history of China's most basic cooking tool and a tour through the country's culture in an effort to find out just what the secrets of Chinese food are. ("The Breath of a Wok," by Grace Young and Alan Richardson, 2004, Simon & Schuster, $35.)

"To me, it's a life force that runs through the food," Young says. "A lot of Chinese-Americans come up to me and say, 'Oh — this is why my parents were always yelling at me to sit down the minute the food came out.'"

Is it crazy to think that a piece of thinly hammered metal can effect such a difference in what makes a cuisine unique? Has there ever been a culture where so much food and philosophy is predicated, say, on a saucepan or a skillet?



Joe Tabacca/AP

'WOK HAY' Food writer Grace Young stir-fries snow peas in her wok at her New York City apartment on Oct. 21, 2004. Young is the author of "The Breath of a Wok," which includes lore about one of the basic tools of traditional Chinese cuisine.

Probably not. But then, Chinese food has always been a little different than everything else, filled with miniature improvisations and techniques left over from times when the people cooking it had to make do with what they had and turn lack of supplies into kitchen genius.

For Young, who travels with her own wok, the notion of "wok hay" is what gives stir-fried food that certain something — a combination of heat, crispy-crackliness, intense flavor and texture that can dissipate within minutes, even seconds, of removal from the fire. Who among us hasn't had a big takeout container of Chinese food that feels braised, parboiled and limp? That's not only lack of expertise and cheap ingredients, Young says — it's lack of wok hay, too.

The notion got under her skin, and she decided to check it out in the only place where she could find real, homespun wisdom about the wok and its lore — China itself.

There, she and photographer Alan Richardson, whose mood-soaked images of food and people shot on location give the book an intense, textured look, delved into what makes the wok tick. They visited big kitchens, small kitchens, street stalls and old ladies with unusual ideas. And there, too, Young found out what so many who investigate Chinese food quickly learn: that the stories behind the dishes and techniques are as fascinating as the recipes themselves.

Watching Young cook — from about 10 feet away, which is probably the ideal distance for observing a Chinese chef in action — is an instructive (and eventually delicious) way to see the wok at work. Her apartment, in Manhattan's SoHo neighborhood, just north of Chinatown, is equipped with a well-stocked kitchen that nevertheless is not all that different from what you might have at home ("I don't want to have an advantage the reader doesn't," she says).

This day, she tries a dish from her book called Millie Chan's Chili Shrimp — simple but aromatic, an ideal little showcase of what a wok can do. Her hands glide expertly over the ingredients — shrimp, bean sauce, sugar, cooking wine, hot peppers, and more — as she prepares what will be mere seconds of stir-frying over high heat.

To look at Young's wok is to realize where she's been and what she's done. Like a veteran hitter's Louisville Slugger or an old-time singer's Gibson guitar, it is scuffed and grooved with years of loving use — and pitch black from the "seasoning" that a good wok accumulates over time.

First the wok is heated over an open flame — always an open flame, for best results — until a single droplet of water, drizzled onto the metal, dissipates in a second or two. The wok must be hot enough to feel like a radiator in winter when you wave your hand over it.

Then the shrimp go in, right after a bit of oil, followed by a flurry of activity by Young's hands in which ingredients fly from waiting bowls into the wok — a controlled choreography that is as rewarding to watch as a precision ballet. What emerges four minutes later is an amazing dish that looks as if it should have taken far longer to prepare.

And the taste, right from the wok, crackles with something truly undefinable, as if the dish has achieved in its quick cooking an identity far beyond what its individual ingredients contributed.

"That," says Young, "is wok hay." She admonishes a guest: "Start eating it quickly, or the wok hay will be gone."

One worry plagues Young: that young Chinese-Americans and even Chinese themselves, lulled into stupor by fast food and microwaveable meals, will forget that there were once ways of creating dinner that didn't involve plastic trays and drive-through windows. She hopes her musings on food and history — seasoned with enough methodology to keep would-be cooks interested — can counteract this a bit.

She cites Exhibit A: her father, now 90, who doesn't even cook with a wok.

So while Young's latest effort may be a book, it's sort of a printed version of oral history, incongruous as that may seem — something to pass on to subsequent generations, be they Chinese or American, and tell them just what the old traditions can offer even as cultures and tastes and world views shift with the times.

"By the end, I felt like I could fuse both parts of my life together. Exploring the wok helped me figure out not only my family but me, as a Chinese-American," Young says. "It's really important that we pass along this information. We're getting to the point where we don't even know what we don't know."

MILLIE CHAN'S CHILI SHRIMP

1 tablespoon salt
1 pound large shrimp, peeled

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Roast leg of pork is cured for juiciness

Associated Press

A "fresh ham" is an unsmoked pork hind leg, chef Frank Stitt writes in "Frank Stitt's Southern Table" (Artisan, 2004, $40). This recipe for roast fresh pork is among the cookbook's recipes and "gracious traditions," as the subtitle has it, from his Highland Bar and Grill. It's a dish that could well take its place on an Easter dinner table.

"A roast pork leg makes for a dramatic presentation, and it provides a vast amount of meat, making it perfect for a buffet," Stitt says. Be sure to remove the aitch bone for easy carving; your butcher can do this if you like, he points out.

Curing the pork in a brine for 24 hours adds both flavor and juiciness. "The brine recipe I provide comes from my friend Jeremiah Tower's book 'Jeremiah Cooks,'" Stitt says.

Stitt is chef and owner of Highlands Bar and Grill, Cafe Bottega and Chez Fonfon, all in Birmingham, Ala., and won the 2001 James Beard Award for best chef of the Southwest. His cooking combines Southern traditions with Provencal flair.



Roast Fresh Pork Leg

ROAST FRESH PORK LEG WITH ONION AND BACON GRATIN

For the brine
2 gallons water
1 cup kosher salt
1/2 cup sugar
4 garlic cloves, crushed
1 tablespoon juniper berries, toasted (see note) and crushed
6 thyme sprigs, leaves removed
6 bay leaves
1/2 bunch flat-leaf parsley, leaves removed and chopped
4 dried hot chili peppers
2 tablespoons freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon dried thyme
1 fresh pork leg (about 14 pounds), skinned, trimmed of fat, and aitch bone removed (have the butcher do this)
Onion and Bacon Gratin (recipe follows)

Combine water, salt, sugar, garlic, juniper, thyme, bay leaves, parsley, chili peppers, black pepper and thyme in a large pot and bring to a simmer, stirring until the salt and sugar are dissolved, then transfer to a deep pot. Place in the refrigerator to cool thoroughly before using.

Place the pork leg in the chilled brine, cover with plastic wrap, and refrigerate for 12 hours. Turn the pork over in the brine and leave refrigerated for 12 hours more.

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FOOD ETC.

Ham is centerpiece of Easter dinner

By Joan Huff

If ham is to be the centerpiece of Easter dinner, that are several kinds to choose from: wet cured, dry cured, bone-in, semi-boneless, boneless, whole hams, shank halves, butt halves and canned hams.

Most hams sold in grocery stores — sometimes referred to as "city hams" — are wet cured. They have been soaked in or injected with a salt solution that may contain varying amounts of water, sugar and spices. After curing, some hams are placed in smoke houses to absorb the smoke from a smoldering fire. Some are injected with the smoky flavor.

Country hams have been dry cured. Rubbed with salt and spices, these hams are naturally smoked and aged. They usually are very salty and are served very thinly sliced.

Bone-in hams can be purchased whole, shank half or as a butt half. Whole hams can weigh up to 20 pounds or more. Semi-boneless hams have had some of the bones removed. With only the center bone remaining, they are much easier to carve. They have less fat and leaner meat.

Midlander Joan Huff collects recipes and enjoys cooking and entertaining with her family. She may be reached at foodetcmrt@aol.com.



A half ham can range in size from seven to 10 pounds. The shank portion has a tapered end and is usually easier to carve than the butt end. The butt portion is meatier and has a round blunt end.

Canned hams are boneless, fully cooked and come in vacuum-sealed cans. These are very convenient and can be served right from the can.

Most hams sold in the grocery stores are fully cooked and need only to be heated thoroughly. It is recommended to heat them to an internal temperature of 140 degrees on a meat thermometer. Most hams are labeled with heating instructions, or they can be baked at 325 degrees for about 15 minutes per pound. If the instructions say "cook before eating," heat the ham to 160 degrees before eating.

Leftovers should be tightly wrapped and can be refrigerated for up to five days. Ham stored too long may show signs of being spoiled, sunch has turning green or an off-odor.

Ham also can be frozen to be used in other dishes, such as in salads or with eggs.

The recipe for "Cumberland Easter Ham" is from the "Lone Star to Five Star" cookbook from the Junior League of Plano, which won third place in the 2005 Tabasco Community Cookbook Awards.

CUMBERLAND EASTER HAM
From "Lone Star to Five Star"

1 (7 to 10 pound) fully cooked spiral-sliced ham
8 to 10 fresh rosemary sprigs
1 tablespoon butter
1/4 cup minced onion
1 (12-ounce) jar currant jelly
1 tablespoon grated orange zest
1/4 cup orange juice
1 tablespoon grated lemon zest
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■ **Dr. John Woodson Chapter, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century**, will meet 10 a.m. March 16 at the home of Cecelia Davis. Jackie Hendricks will present a program on "Women of the Mayflower." For more information, call 684-0595.

■ The **Midland Porcelain Art Club**'s annual exhibit and tea is planned for 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. March 20 at the Midland Woman's Club. The event is free.

■ The **Midland Newcomer's Club** is to meet 10:30 a.m. March 17 at Ranchland Hills Country Club. Judge John Hyde is to speak on "Midland: Then & Now." For more information or luncheon reservations, call Paulette at 697-1977.

■ The **Aaron Estes Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas** will mark the grave of a charter Member, Ada Earl Estes McKinney, at a ceremony March 22 in Odessa. For more information, call 683-3947.

■ **Celtic Heritage Society of the Permian Basin** is to meet 6:30 p.m. March 19. Guitarist Don Gabbert of San Angelo is to perform. For more information and location, call Pam Cotte at 262-3339.

■ **West Texas Gluten-free Awareness Support Group** is to meet 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. March 19 at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus. Those attending may bring a gluten-free item and recipe. For more information, call Barbara Williams at 520-2119.

■ ODESSA — the **Dance Club** is sponsoring a dance 8 p.m. to midnight March 19 at the Moose Lodge, University and Dixie. Fee is $2 a person. Persons attending may bring snacks. For more information call Doris at 620-9601 or Kay at 686-1003.

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HAM

(From 8C)

1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 cup port
Rosemary sprigs, orange slices and/or lemon slices

Unwrap the ham and remove the plastic disk covering the bone. Place the 8 to 10 rosemary sprigs between every 2 or 3 slices of ham. Place the ham cut side down in an oven-cooking bag.

Melt the butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Add the onion and sauté until tender. Stir in the currant jelly, orange zest, orange juice, lemon zest, lemon juice and Dijon mustard. Cook over medium heat until the jelly melts, stirring to mix well. Add the wine and simmer for 5 to 10 minutes or until of the desired consistency.

Add the jelly mixture to the cooking bag and seal the bag. Cut three 1/2-inch slits in the top of the bag and place in a baking pan. Place on the lowest oven rack. Bake at 275 degrees for 2 1/2 hours. Let stand in the cooking bag for 15 minutes.

Remove the ham to a carving board. Separate the slices and arrange on a serving platter. Spoon the cooking sauce over the slices. Garnish with additional rosemary sprigs, orange slices and /or lemon slices.

Serves 10 to 12.

Sotterley Plantation Country Ham
From "Southern Living Annual Recipes 1993"

1 (14 to 16-pound) uncooked country ham
7 cups apple juice
1 1/2 cups firmly packed brown sugar
1 tablespoon white vinegar
2 teaspoons prepared mustard
1 teaspoon ground cloves
Whole cloves

Place ham in a very large container; cover with water, and soak 8 hours. Pour off water. Scrub ham with warm water using a stiff brush, and rinse well. Place ham in a large roasting pan; pour apple juice over ham. Cover and bake at 325 for 2 1/2 to 3 hours.

Carefully remove ham from pan, reserving 1 tablespoon pan juices; discard remaining juices. Remove skin. Return ham to pan, fat side up.

Combine reserved pan juices, brown sugar and next 3 ingredients; coat exposed portion of ham with brown sugar mixture. Stud with whole cloves. Insert meat thermometer into ham, making sure it does not touch fat or bone.

Bake ham, uncovered, 20 minutes or until thermometer registers 142 degrees.

Yield 24 to 26 servings.

Cola Basted Ham
From Paula Deen

1 (18-pound) cured ham
2 (12-ounce) cans cola

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Place ham in a shallow roasting pan.

Baste the ham with cola, and cover it with foil. Bake for 15 to 18 minutes per pound of ham, or until the ham reaches an internal temperature of 140 degrees. Baste with cola about every 30 minutes during cooking.

Tangy Honey-Glazed Ham
From "Allrecipes Dinner Tonight"

1 (10-pound) fully cooked, bone-in ham
1 1/4 cups packed dark brown sugar
1/3 cup pineapple juice
1/3 cup honey
1/3 orange, juiced and zested
2 tablespoons prepared Dijon-style mustard
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Place ham in a roasting pan. Bake ham in the preheated oven, uncovered, for 2 hours.

While ham bakes, in a saucepan, combine brown sugar, pineapple juice, honey, orange juice, orange zest, mustard and ground cloves.

After ham bakes 2 hours, remove ham from oven and brush with glaze. Bake 30 to 45 minutes more, brushing ham with glaze every 10 minutes.

Yield 12 servings.

Cranberry-Orange Glazed Ham
From "The Ultimate Southern Living Cookbook"

1 (16 to 18 pound) smoked fully cooked ham
Whole cloves
2 1/2 cups firmly packed brown sugar, divided
1 1/3 cups cranberry juice cocktail
1/2 cup honey
1/4 cup cider vinegar
1 1/2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
3 tablespoons prepared mustard
3 tablespoons butter or margarine
2 to 3 oranges, sliced
6 maraschino cherries, halved

Slice skin from ham. Score fat on ham in a diamond design, and stud with cloves. Place ham, fat side up, on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Insert meat thermometer, making sure it does not touch bone or fat. Bake at 325 for 3 to 3 1/2 hours.

Combine 1/2 cup brown sugar, juice, and next 5 ingredients in a saucepan, mixing well. Bring to a boil and cook 1 minute.

Coat exposed portion of ham with remaining 2 cups brown sugar. Place orange slices on ham, securing in centers with wooden picks; leave tips of picks exposed. Place cherry half on each pick.

Pour hot cranberry mixture over ham; bake 1 more hour or until thermometer registers 140, basting ham with pan juices

Yield: 30 servings.

Sweet and Spicy Rubbed Ham
From "Betty Crocker Celebrate!"

6 to 8 pound fully cooked smoked bone-in ham
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
1/3 cup maple flavored syrup
1/2 teaspoon ground mustard
1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
Dash of nutmeg

Heat oven to 325 degrees. Line shallow roasting pan with aluminum foil. Place ham, cut side down, on rack in pan. Insert ovenproof meat thermometer in thickest part of ham. Bake uncovered, about 1 hour 30 minutes or until thermometer reaches 140.

While ham is baking, mix remaining ingredients. Brush over ham during last 30 minutes of baking.

Cover ham loosely with aluminum foil and let stand 10 to 15 minutes for easier carving.

Baked Ham in a Blanket
From "Farmhouse Christmas"

2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon ground cloves
1 tablespoon cinnamon
1 tablespoon dry mustard
1/2 teaspoon black pepper
Cider or water
5 to 6 pound ham

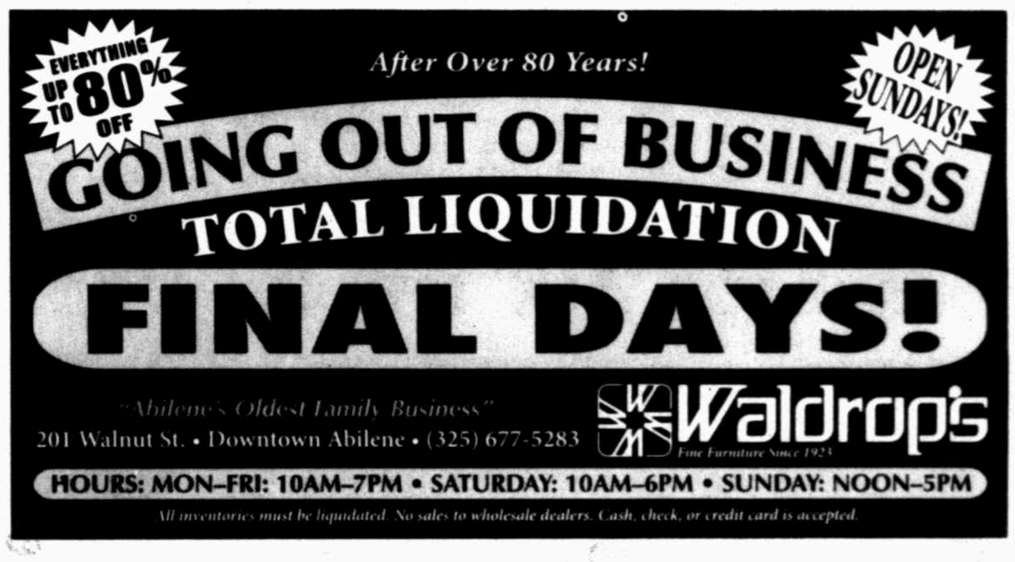
Make a spice dough by combining the flour, sugar and seasonings in a large mixing bowl. Add enough cider or water to make a rather stiff dough. Place the ham in a foil-lined open roasting pan, with the fat side up. Cover top and sides of the ham with a blanket of dough. Bake at 350 degrees for 3 hours. Remove the ham and slice. Serve warm or cooled.

Country Ham with Redeye Gravy
From Emeril Lagasse

6 (1/2-pound) country ham steaks (uncooked)
2 tablespoons butter
1 small onion, finely chopped
2 tablespoons flour
3/4 cup very strong coffee
3/4 cup chicken stock
1/4 cup chopped green onions
1/4 cup heavy cream
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Heat a large skillet over high heat and sauté ham steaks 4 to 5 minutes on each side. Remove to a plate and keep warm while you make the sauce.

Add butter and onions to skillet and cook until onions are softened, scraping up any browned bits on pan bottom. Add flour and stir well to combine. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes, then add coffee and chicken stock. Whisk well to combine, then allow sauce to cook until thickened, about 6 minutes. Add green onions and heavy cream and cook 5 minutes longer. Season with salt and pepper to taste and serve over ham steaks.



PORK

(From 8C)

Remove the pork leg from the brine, wipe it dry, set it on a platter. Let it come to room temperature, about 1 hour.

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees.

Place the pork in a large roasting pan. Roast until the internal temperature reaches 145 F to 150 F on an instant-read thermometer, about 4 hours. Remove from the oven and let the pork stand on a large rack set over a baking sheet for 30 minutes.

Serve the pork thinly sliced, with the gratin alongside.

Makes 10 servings, with leftovers.

Spring bulb onions, often sold as "Vidalia shoots" from December to May, are mild, sweet, and juicy, Frank Stitt writes in a note with this recipe. "There are countless other types of bulb onions found in farmers' markets. Combine them all if you like, and include some of the stems."

Onion and Bacon Gratin

2 tablespoons unsalted butter, plus (optional) 1/2 tablespoon
3 large yellow onions, quartered and sliced
2 ounces slab bacon, cut into small lardons (1-by-1/4-inch-thick strips)
Six 1- to 2-inch-diameter spring onions with stems
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 garlic clove, crushed
2 tablespoons freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano (Parmesan) cheese
2 tablespoons freshly grated Comte cheese (or substitute Gruyere or Asiago mixed with a little Parmigiano-Reggiano)
1/2 cup medium-coarse bread crumbs
1/2 cup heavy cream

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.

In a large saute pan, melt 1 tablespoon of the butter over medium-high heat. Add the sliced yellow onions and bacon and cook until the onions are quite soft, 10 to 15 minutes. Transfer to a colander to drain.

Meanwhile, trim the spring onions, then cut them, stems still attached, into 4 to 6 wedges each. Place the onions in the saute pan and add a pinch of salt and pepper, the remaining 1 tablespoon butter, and 2 tablespoons water. Bring to a simmer over high heat and cook until glazed, 5 to 7 minutes.

Rub the bottom and sides of a 10-inch gratin dish with the garlic. Scatter the cooked sliced onions and bacon on the bottom and season with salt and pepper. Top with a layer of the spring onion wedges. Scatter the grated cheeses evenly over the onions, then sprinkle the bread crumbs over the top. Pour the cream in along the edges of the gratin and dot the top with a little extra butter, if desired.

Bake until the gratin is golden and the cream is absorbed, about 25 minutes.

Makes 8 servings.

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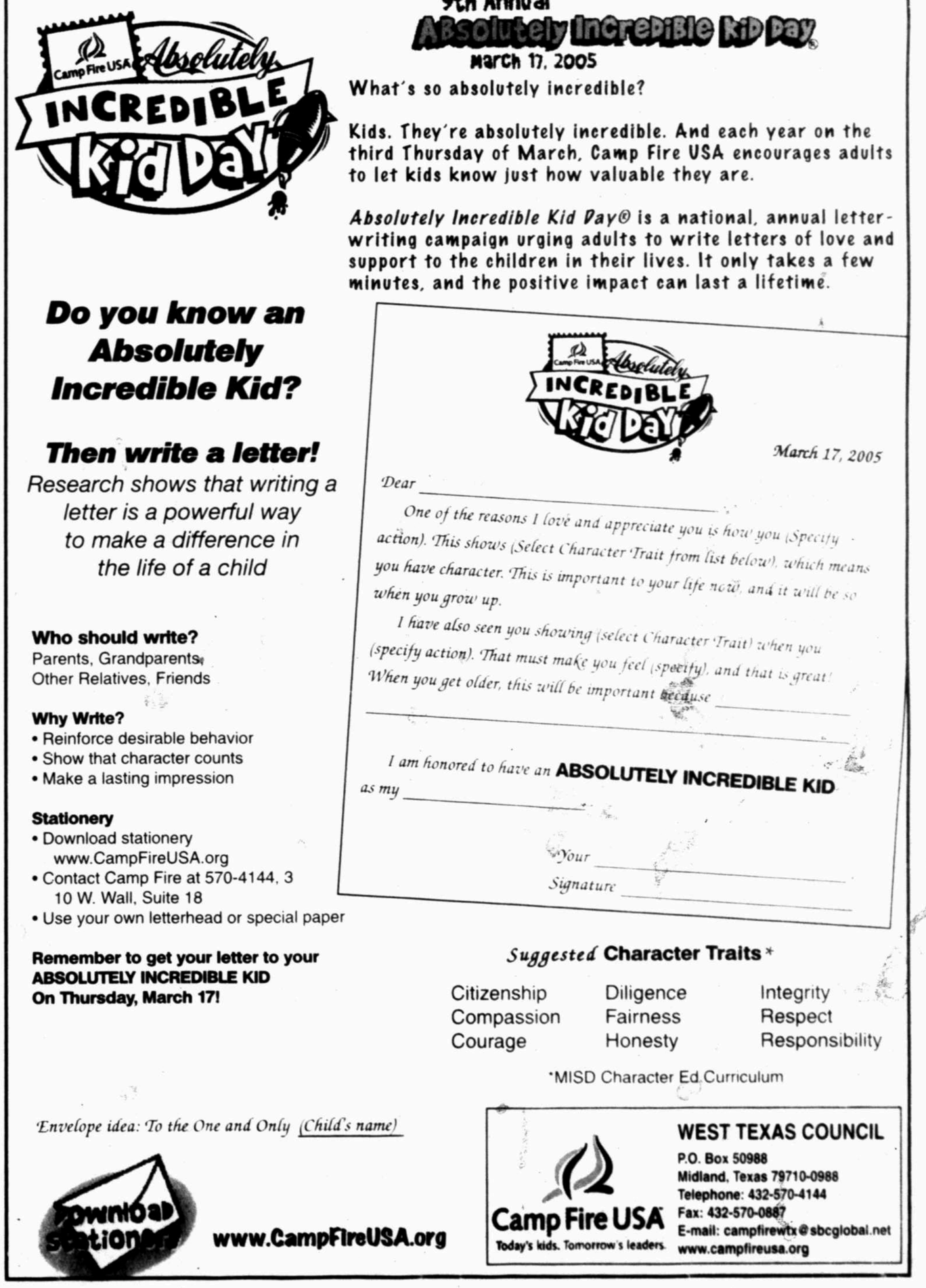
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1/2 teaspoon sugar
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
2 tablespoons Shao Hsing rice wine or dry sherry
2 tablespoons minced ginger
2 tablespoons chopped scallions
1 tablespoon minced mild fresh chilies, seeded
Cilantro sprigs

1. In a large bowl combine the salt with 3 cups cold water. Add the shrimp and let soak 1 hour. Drain the shrimp and set on several sheets of paper towels. With more paper towels, pat the shrimp dry. In a small bowl combine the soy sauce, chili bean sauce and sugar.

2. Heat a 14-inch flat-bottomed wok over high heat until a bead of water vaporizes within 1 to 2 seconds of contact. Swirl in 2 tablespoons of the oil, add the shrimp and stir-fry 1 minute or until the shrimp begin to turn pink. Swirl in the rice wine and immediately remove the wok from the heat. Transfer to a plate. Swirl the remaining 1 tablespoon oil into the wok over high heat, add the ginger, scallions and chilies, and stir-fry 5 seconds. Stir the soy sauce mixture and swirl it into the wok. Return the shrimp to the wok and stir-fry 30 seconds to 1 minute or until the shrimp are just cooked. Garnish with the cilantro sprigs.

Serves 4 as part of a multi-course meal.



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Midland Reporter-Telegram's 2005 Men's College National Basketball Championship Game

RULES: One entry per person. No purchase necessary. Must be at least 18 years old to enter. Only entry forms from the Midland Reporter-Telegram or registered facsimile from the Midland Reporter-Telegram will be accepted. Entry form along with bracket must be filled out and submitted by midnight Wednesday, March 16, 2005. Any mailed entry must be postmarked by March 16th, 2005. Mail to Midland March Mania, Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702. Entry forms must be completely filled out and returned with valid bracket. Any bracket omitted will be scored as a loss and no points will be awarded. Once entry forms are submitted, no changes will be allowed. All decisions by judges are final in all matters pertaining to this promotion. (Void where prohibited.) Employees of the Midland Reporter-Telegram and their families are not eligible to win. All entrants agree that their names may be published in the Midland Reporter-Telegram as entrants.

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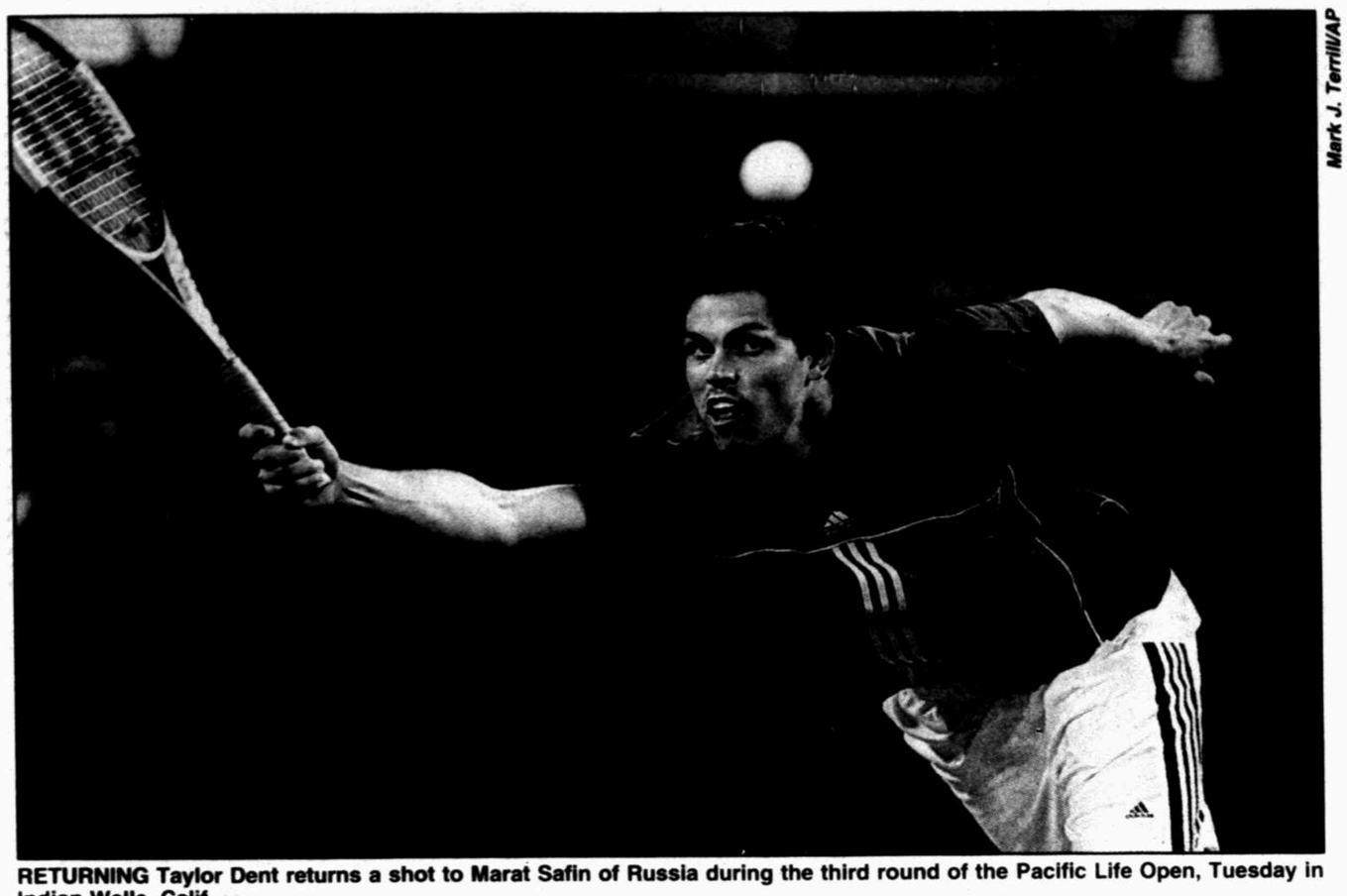


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RETURNING Taylor Dent returns a shot to Marat Safin of Russia during the third round of the Pacific Life Open, Tuesday in Indian Wells, Calif.

Dent upsets Safin; Federer, Hewitt triumph

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — No. 1 Roger Federer and No. 2 Lleyton Hewitt won in straight sets Tuesday to advance in the Pacific Life Open.

Federer, winning for the 22nd time in 23 matches this year, defeated Gilles Muller 6-3, 6-2 to move into the fourth round.

Hewitt had a slightly more difficult time, beating Michael Llodra 6-2, 7-6 (3).

Taylor Dent upset Australian Open champion Marat Safin 7-5, 6-4 in their evening match. The 23-year-old Dent, ranked No. 32, also owns wins over Hewitt and No. 9 David Nalbandian this year.

Dent was especially effective with his serve-and-volley game against the No. 4 Safin. The 23-year-old Dent won 25 of 26 points when he got his first serve in.

He also made just 15 unforced errors to Safin's 21.

On the women's side, Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova survived a close call in her match against Fabiola Zuluaga, pulling out a 4-6, 6-2, 7-5 victory.

Former No. 1 Kim Clijsters continued her comeback from a wrist injury by defeating Evgenia Linetskaya 6-2, 6-1 in their fourth-round match. No. 5 Elena Dementieva advanced with a 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 victory over Tatiana Golovin.

Federer, the men's defending champion, said he took his usual approach to the match against Muller — believing it was going to be a tough one.

"When I go into a match, that's what I think about, even though maybe I'm the big favorite and my opponent hasn't played many of the big matches on big courts around the world," Federer said.

Although Muller was no match for the 23-year-old Swiss star, the 21-year-old player from Luxembourg is considered on the rise. The left-hander vaulted from 189th to No. 68 in the rankings last year. He was the world's No. 1 junior in 2001.

Hewitt, the Indian Wells champion in 2002 and 2003, was knocked out in the third round by Juan Ignacio Chela last year. Hewitt has won 21 of the 26 matches he's played in the desert tournament.

He was generally pleased with his play against Llodra.

"The first set I was in total control, so there wasn't a whole heap of pressure serving out the first set," Hewitt said. "The second set, obviously I played a good tiebreak. He definitely picked up his game, though, in the second set."

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Paul M. Thompson
County Purchasing Agent

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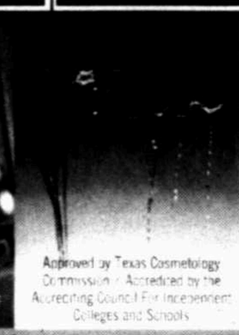
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***Mechanics* $500 Sign-On Bonus**
Excellent pay based on experience. At least 2 years Diesel Truck or other Heavy Equipment experience needed. Must have own tools. Benefits include Medical, Life and Dental Insurance, Paid vacation.

Call (432)563-1535 to schedule interview!
EOE

SALES SUPERVISOR
Evening and Weekends

Individual should have sales experience and be able to handle young adults. Must have a van and insurance. If interested please call

Robert 956-227-2419

Midland Country Club

SERVERS & BUSSERS

Part and full time positions available for day and evening shifts. Please apply in person at 6101 N. Hwy 349 at the Front Office Tuesday thru Sunday 9am thru 4pm.
NO PHONE CALL!!

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When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to:
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P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702

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We do not open or screen any mail that has a blind box number on the envelope. The Midland Reporter-Telegram shall not be responsible for any disclosures of information, loss of responses or misdirection of responses.

→NEW TODAY←
LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE helper needed. 686-0643.

Attention Readers:
See other opportunities under Classification 170, Schools and Instruction.

→NEW TODAY←
AMERICAN TRUCK & Equipment Painting is looking for experienced automotive/ industrial painters. Starting $10 to $13/ hour. Body work knowledge a plus. Call (432)756-3388 or apply in person at 3262 East I-20, Stanton, TX.

APARTMENT MAKE-READY person need with experience in all aspects. M st have own tools. 687-0053.

ASSISTANT MAINTENANCE/ Make Ready Person needed. Applicants should be experienced in all aspects of apartment maintenance. HVAC certification preferred, but not required. Apply in person at Coventry Point Apartments, 3329 W. Wadley, Midland. EOE.

AVON. Choose hours, income, rewards, for opportunity or products. Call Kippy 687-5857. Independent Rep.

→NEW TODAY←
BEAUTY SALON lease space available. Reasonable rates. 683-2593.

→NEW TODAY←
COOK/ CARETAKER needed full time for small assisted living facility. Care for elderly residents. 687-2503.

COTTON PATCH Cafe now hiring full time and part time servers and kitchen staff. Apply in person, 2320 W. Loop 250 North, Midland. 79705.

DRIVER WANTED- Must have Class A CDL and flat bed experience. Good pay! Benefits! Health and dental insurance. Home most nights and week ends. Come in and fill out application at 1500 W. I-20, Odessa, TX or call (432)580-5353 to make sure we are still accepting applications. Monday-Friday, 8- 5.

DRIVER/ General office, hours until 8:00pm. Part time custodial, evenings. Applications accepted in person after 10:00am. 602 N. Baird, Suite 200.

EXPERIENCED PERSON needed for remodeling company. Drywall, tile, painting. References required. 697-5953 or 967-1243.

EXPERIENCED REMODELERS needed. Flooring a plus. Pay depends on experience. Sample Remodeling, Randy 528-5176.

FRONT DESK Position, Part- Time, Evenings & Saturdays. No phone calls. New applicants only. Apply Around The Clock Fitness, 1012 Andrews Hwy in Midland.

HIRING COOK and wait staff positions. Apply at Woofers & Tweeters, 3303 N. Midkiff, Ste 160 between 1p- 5p.

★ MIDLAND CHILD Care Center is now accepting applications for Teachers, experience preferred. Apply 3701 Andrews Hwy.

HOTEL POSITIONS:
- Assistant General MGR
- Front Desk P/T, F/T
- Night Auditor P/T, F/T
- Maintenance Person P/T
- Housekeepers/ Laundry

Hotel experience required.
Fax 432-697-0447, email welcoming@gmail.com

→NEW TODAY←
itsQuest, Inc. Is now hiring for the following positions: General Laborers-- Part-time positions. Looking for candidates that are personable, customer friendly and must be able to lift at least 35 lbs. Bilingual a plus. For more information call 432-617-1585.

LA BODEGA taking applications for part time waitstaff and bussers. Apply at 2700 N. Big Spring, Midland.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE Supervisor, experienced. Must have clean current drivers license. Call 687-2404 and leave message.

LAWRENCE BROS. Grocery. Now hiring gas station clerks and store cashiers. Saturday and Sunday work is required. Apply in person at our 2200 Rankin Highway location.

→NEW TODAY←
LOCAL NONPROFIT seeking Assistant part time. Qualifications include good communication and organizational skills, computers, customer service and flexibility. Bilingual a must. Send resume with references to P.O. Box 50432, 79710.

LOTS OF JOBS!
Sonic Drive In taking applications! Day & evening shifts available, full or part-time, flexible schedules. We will work with you! Above average starting wages. Apply in person- 4201 Midland Drive or 1109 N. Midkiff.

MAINTENANCE PERSON for apartment complex HAVC preferred. Calll today 432-697-6039.

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LUBY'S CAFETERIA accepting applications for full/ part time, wages starting between $6.00/ $7.00. Apply in person only, before 10:00 A.M. No phone calls.

MAINTENCE PERSON, HVAC certified, plumbing, and carpentry helpful. Only experienced and qualified apply. 687-0053.

MALL PHOTO team. Cashier, Greeter, Bunny! Create Easter Magic! 800.229.7147 x-487 www.santajobs.com

MIDESSA TRANSPORTATION now hiring for Taxi Cab Drivers. We will train. Please call 685-7070.

→NEW TODAY←
No Nights, Weekends, Holidays! Monday- Friday hours. Car and insurance needed, paid mileage. Merry Maids. Apply at 5025 Princeton Ave., Suite #1. 522-2002.

NOW HIRING wait staff, banquet and catering staff and cook. Apply in person at 4300 W. Wall St. No phone calls please.

P/T WORK
$10 BASE/ APPT
Students Welcome.
Flex schedule. Sales/ service, all ages 18+ conditions exist. Call ASAP (432)699-6782.

PICTURE FRAMING Assistant needed. Basic math and computers skills required. Professional appearance. Full time. Contact Lupe Villanueva at Workforce Network of Midland for appointment. (432)685-8347.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN Children's Day Out is now accepting applications for part time teachers for the 2005- 2006 school year beginning in September. Train this spring and start to work in September. 683-0851.

POOL SERVICE & Maintenance. Minimum one year experience. Drivers license required. Benefits. Salary DOE. 683-7931.

RAINDANCE CAR WASH now hiring cashier, full time. Apply in person 1103 Andrews Hwy.

RAINDANCE CAR WASH now hiring wash bay attendants. Apply in person 1103 Andrews Hwy.

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EXPERIENCED FURNITURE MOVER. Immediate position available. Call 218-6070, leave name and number.

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RESTAURANT NEAR Ruidoso, NM needs cooks, prep- cooks, and servers. Living quarters available. 1-800-766-5392.

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↓SOLD↓
PART TIME Dishwasher and Kitchen help. Weekdays/ weekends. Apply at, Green's Restaurant, 208 Village Circle.

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→NEW TODAY←
Southeastern Career Institute
Midland Campus
Externship Coordinator

The position requires the candidate to maintain and develop externship sites with the medical and dental offices in the Midland/ Odessa area. The ideal candidate will possess strong verbal, written, communication, and organizational skills. Qualifications include current LVN, CDA, or RDA licensure. We offer an attractive compensation, Bonus plan & benefits package, including a 401(K) plan, medical and dental insurance.

For immediate consideration, send your resume with salary history to:
Holli Stockstill, Director of Career Services, E-mail: hstockstill@sci-midland.com or fax to: 432-699-0725 No phone calls please.

→NEW TODAY←
Southeastern Career Institute
Midland Campus is currently hiring for the following position: Medical Assisting Instructor Full-time, Part-time Position

Instructors needed- LVNs, with 3- 5 years nursing experience in a doctor's office, clinic, or similar medical facility will qualify you for this position. If you have computer skills and the desire to work with adult students please contact SCI.

Southeastern Career Institute is a growing stable organization and offers competitive salary and benefit packages. Please fax or e-mail your resume to:
Burt Stringer @ 432-699-0725 fax bstringer@sci-midland.com
Herman Gunter @ 432-699-0752 hgunter@sci-midland.com

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Securitas Security Services
has immediate openings for part- time and full- time security officers.
Retirees Welcome!
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- Able to work flexible shifts

Apply at:
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Wednesday
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M- F License # C328
432-570-0007

→NEW TODAY←
SINGLE COPY contractor, Midland. Independent contractor needed for sales and delivery to racks and retail accounts in Midland. Must have reliable transportation, driver's license, proof of liability insurance and be able to deliver early morning hours. Please call 432-333-7701 or 432-661-3250.

STYLIST WANTED. Part-time hours. Good pay. Apply in person at 1000 N. Midkiff, Suite 6C or call 520-9555.

SUPERVISOR POSITION
Must have working knowledge of manufacturing and machinery as well as heavy equipment. Experience with limestone and good scholastic record a plus. Benefit package includes medical, life insurance and paid vacation. American Limestone Company, 2515 Apron Drive, Big Spring or Fax (432)267-2207.

→NEW TODAY←
SWENSENS HIRING experienced servers for day shift/ weekends. Also, part- time cooks. Great job for college students or mothers with school age children. No calls. Apply within 2:30- 8pm. Loop 250 & 'A'.

TEMPORARY POSITION. Individual with painting and carpet laying experience. Call 699-7246.

THE BAR is now accepting applications for waitstaff. Lunch only and or evening shifts. Apply between 8- 10am or 2-4pm Monday- Saturday. No phone calls!

THE BAR is now accepting applications for part time cooks. Apply between 8- 10am or 2- 4pm Monday- Saturday. No phone calls!

→NEW TODAY←
THE GARLIC PRESS now hiring Line Cook. Apply in person. Closed from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Oak Ridge Square, Wadley and Garfield.

VIKING POOLS is currently hiring gun-operators and general labor. Paid vacations, profit sharing, health and dental insurance available. Must be at least 18 years of age. Please place applications at: Viking Pools, 10600 W. I-20, (432)561-9933 (between Midland/ Odessa next to Warfield Truck Terminal).

WANTED HOTSHOT Truck Driver. Class "A" CDL, two years experience, 25 years old or older. Drug and alcohol test required. Call 325-573-6338 or fax resume to: 325-573-4760.

WANTED: AUTOMOTIVE technician. Dealership experience preferred. Top pay and great benefits. Call Bill Cox 697-3293 or come by Performance Autoplex, 3705 W. Wall Street, Midland, Texas.

→NEW TODAY←
WANTED: PART time front desk clerk and room attendants. Apply in person. La Quinta Inn, 4130 W. Wall.

WE ARE currently taking applications Wednesday- Sunday at: the Bingo Barn, 1101 South Marienfield. Evening hours, Call or come by, 682-9783.

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CARING PEOPLE SMMC CARING FOR PEOPLE

"Caring People- Caring for People," is exactly what we're about. We value each caregiver for the contribution they make to our success.

We are interviewing for a few "Caring People". If you are interested in making a difference and have the following skills or qualifications, please call.

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Attn: Arlene Pradon

RN Director of Nursing

Do you like working with the elderly? Would you like working in a small nursing home? Then, come to Alpine Valley Care Center. Alpine Valley Care is non-profit home located at 1003 Loop Road in Alpine, Texas. Come and share your love and skills with the elderly of the Tri-county area. Alpine Valley is accepting applications for a DON. For immediate consideration fax your resume to 432-837-7076 or call 432-837-3343. Alpine Valley Care Center is an E.O.E.

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WANTED: SUPPLY store hand needed for stocking and delivery. Good driving record, drug test, good benefits. Apply at Don-Nan Pump & Supply Company, 3227 E. Garden City Hwy, Midland, Texas.

Wing Stop
Fast and friendly Cashiers and Cooks wanted for high volume store. Apply in person after 4 p.m. at 3323 N. Midland Drive.

WORK FROM home. Earn good income, or just extra money. Call (432)631-6208, between 11 am and 3 pm.

→NEW TODAY←
WORKER NEEDED for cleaning kennel, feeding, bathing dogs, etc. Weekend and holiday work required. Apply at Shannon Animal Hospital, 3400 N. Big Spring. 8:30am- 12:00pm or 2:00pm- 6:00pm.

311 Medical Help Wanted

Albertsons Pharmacy is looking for full/ part time Certified Technician. Contact Pharmacy at 689-8708 or come by 3317 North Midland Drive.

CNA- Six months experience with Dementia Alzheimers. Bilingual helpful. Current on CNA, CPR, TB and drivers license. Will drive bus. No nights, no weekends. Call 522-1221.

EXPERIENCED ONLY
Dentures Plus is now hiring bilingual dental office manager and dental assistant for surgery, implants, and same day removable prosthetics for its new Angelo facility. Fax resume 512-380-0109.

LICENSED PHYSICAL Therapy Assistant needed for private practice outpatient clinic. Great salary, no weekends, work half day Fridays. Please send resume to: P.O. Box 12653, Odessa, TX 79768.

LVN
2pm- 10pm full time, 10pm- 6 am part time. Candidate must have strong supervisory skills and good work history. Benefits and vacation every 6 months, salary DOE. Best staff in the area. Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main, Midland, Texas.

MARKETING COORDINATOR needed for an in-patient Geropsychiatry program located at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring, Texas. Clinical experience with the elderly is preferred and an outgoing personality is required. For information call Jay DeBeir at 630-466-8064 or fax resume to 630-466-8063 or email to jdebeir@signethealth.com

MARTIN COUNTY Home Health (Stanton)
Director (Full-Time)
Call Norma
(432)756-3259
Fax resume to:
(432)756-4510

NURSES UNLIMITED, Inc. seeking CNA's to work for private duty clients. Hourly rate. Call Ivey 522-5080 Monday- Friday 8- 5. EOE.

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MEDICAL OFFICE currently seeking qualified candidate for the following position: Billing Clerk-medical insurance filing/ follow up, patient account collections, able to multi task, excellent computer skills and good interpersonal skills. Send reply to Box J-5168 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

NEEDED LVN/ RN's Full and part time for Pediatric cases in Midland. Also nurses needed for Medicare visits. Competitive pay and benefits available. Complete Home Health Care, (432)570-8899 or come by 2402 W. Wall, Midland.

PHARMACY MANAGER POSITION AVAILABLE
Pharmacy manager needed at the Lawrence Bros. Pharmacy, located at 1613 W. County Road, Odessa, TX. Store hours are 9- 6 Monday- Friday, 9- 1 Saturday, closed Sunday. Closed holidays. Competitive salary and great benefits including sign on bonus, 401k, health insurance, and more. Plus the opportunity to work with the best associates in the grocery and pharmacy business. Please send resumes to P.O. Box 8, Sweetwater, TX 79556. Attn: Pharmacy Director. For inquired, please call (325)338-4334.

PHYSICAL THERAPY Assistant needed immediately for growing medical office offering exclusive, state-of-the-art therapy. Please bring resume with references to 702 Andrews Highway in Midland. No phone calls please.

RN, LVN, CNA
Terrace West Nursing and Rehabiltaion Center has a position open for a charge Nurse on the day and evening shift. CNA positions open on the day and evening shifts. If you are interested in joining our team. Please apply in person at: 2800 North Midland Drive or call 697-3108.

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We have several excellent full time positions open.
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312 Professional Help Wanted

Coal Bed Methane Engineer
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Yates Petroleum Corporation
P.O. BOX 97
Artesia, N.M. 88211-0097

314 Clerical Help Wanted | 318 Mgmt. Help Wanted

Big Tex Trailers
in Odessa has openings for:
Accounts Payable Clerk
Must have experience. Strong and accurate data entry skills with ability to reconcile accounts. Benefits are available. Please apply at the Workforce Network or fax resume to (432)563-1551 or email to employment@bigtextrailers.com

EXPERIENCED BOOKKEEPER needed for busy office. Quickbooks and P.O.S. software, Accounts Receivable/ Payables and payroll experience a must. Mail resume to P.O. Box 11323, Midland, TX 79702.

KELLY IS YOUR JOB Connection... To Quality Jobs! Call Kelly Services 689-9801.

KELLY SERVICES is hiring 40+ customer service associates for immediate temp to hire positions. Requires typing, data entry, Word and Excel. Pay $8.00. Call Kelly Services 689-9801. Never an applicant fee. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

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PART TIME Secretary needed for data entry approximately 30- 35 hours per week. Computer literate a must. Apply in person, Morgan Buildings and Spas, 12000 W. B-I 20 E., Odessa, TX 79765 1/4 mile east of Hero's Water World.

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316 Sales Help Wanted

DIRECT SALES
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→NEW TODAY←
GOLDEN COACH and Marine is looking for salespeople who are self motivated, courteous, honest, and enjoy recreational vehicles. Apply at Golden Suzuki Honda, 306 East 2nd Street, Odessa.

IMMEDIATE OPENING for Sales People. If you have sales experience in any field you owe it to yourself to look into an automotive sales career. Commission rates up to 35% plus bonuses. We offer paid health insurance, vacation and 401K. Apply in person at 3705 West Wall, Performance Honda Autoplex.

LOAN OFFICERS needed. Aggressive split, outside sales required, experience preferred. Please fax resume to 432-687-6289.

LOVE TO TRAVEL? National Company seeks self- motivated sales reps for statewide travel. Monday- Friday. Commission sales. Company average $720/ week. 800-225-6368 ext 333.

NOW HIRING! Sales Consultants. Renew Home Warranties for industry leader. Earn $2- $3K/ month. No experience required, full time. No cold calling. Hourly guarantee + commission & Bonus opportunity. Benefits. 401K. Stock Purchase Plan. Positive, Professional Environment. Bilingual A+. 10 Positions Available. Approximate start date 04/06/05. First American H.B.P. Fax resume: attn: Paul. 707-547-2760. EOE.

NOW HIRING! Sales Supervisor. Salary + Commission + Bonus Opportunity. Full time, Benefited, 401K, Stock Purchase Plan. Sales Management Experience required. Positive, motivated. Bilingual A+. Evening hours. First American H.B.P. Start Date approximately 04/04/05. Fax resume: attn: Paul. 707-547-2760. EOE.

Sell it in 10 or we'll run it again!*
Classified 682-6222
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Call today for complete details.

318 Mgmt. Help Wanted

DINING SERVICES Manager. Merrill Gardens, a Seattle based assisted-living provider seeks a highly motivated, talented manager of dining services. Successful candidate will be responsible for all facets of the dining program including food acquisition, storage, preparation, dining service and supervision of staff. Prior experience with food preparation, delivery and service management required. Finalist will be required to demonstrate preparation and delivery skill sets. Send resume to Merrill Gardens at Hobbs, 200 S. Linam, Hobbs, NM 88240.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

COMMERCIAL: PROPERTY Manager needed. Salary benefits and commissions. Real Estate license and commercial experience a must. Fax resume to (713)954-1782.

EXPERIENCED OIL & GAS accountant for E & T company located in Snyder Texas. Qualified candidates will have good working knowledge of oil and gas revenue. Distribution procedures, general ledger, and financial statement experience helpful. Strong computer and communication skills are essential. Submit resume and salary requirement to: PO Box 511, Snyder, Texas 79550.

EXPERIENCED RIG Mechanic needed. Pay according to experience. Must pass drug test and have clean driving record. Benefits include insurance, vacations, and 401K. Call 570-7355 or come by 1612 E. CR 115 in Midland.

EXPERIENCED Troubleshooters and vibrator operators needed. Valid drivers required and line helpers experience preferred but not necessary. Send resume or apply at 4500 W. ILLINOIS, Ste 118, Midland, TX 79703.

IMMEDIATE OPENING at Rusty's Oil Field Service looking for Roustabout Pushers and Helpers. Call 432-756-2821 in Stanton.

→NEW TODAY←
IMMEDIATE OPENINGS for experienced single hand field welders for fabrication and repair work on drilling rigs. Fast growing service company offers top pay and benefits. Apply in person at McMillan Welding, 3001 S. County Rd. 1173, Midland, Texas. Must be able to pass drug screening.

MANAGER, ESTABLISHED Oilfield Service company seeking Branch Manager with proven experience in the oil and gas industry. Excellent salary and benefits. Send resume and salary requirements to: Box P-6076, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

O & G INDEPENDENT seeks Secretary. Word/ Excel and basic bookkeeping experience. Job includes: receptionist, filing, word processing, and government filings. Non-smoking office. Salary DOE. Send resume with references to Box M-1024 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

OILFIELD CHEMICAL company seeking Truck Supervisor. Management experience, organizational skills, knowledge of oilfield and vehicle maintenance required. Salary DOE plus benefits. EOE. Send resume to Box J-5167 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

REEF CHEMICAL, an employee owned company (ESOP), is seeking an experienced oilfield chemical Driver to be based in the Odessa area. Class B CDL, HazMat & Tanker endorsements required. Salary DOE plus benefits. EOE. Mail resume to: Reef Chemical, Attn: Director of Human Resources, 2559 W. Interstate 20, Odessa, Texas 79766.

SLICKLINE SUPERVISOR/ MANAGER
Established slickline company in Snyder, Texas needs an experienced slickline supervisor/ manager. This job will consist of supervising several employees and training of all new employees. This company offers excellent pay and benefits which include health insurance, retirement and paid vacation. Send resume to: P.O. Box 216, Snyder, Texas 79550 or fax 325-573-5224.

DRILLERS CREW Car. 1982 Fleetwood in excellent condition. Good tires. Economic transportation. $2,800. Midland, (505)977-8515.

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Fax It! 682-6999

312 Professional Help Wanted

DENTISTS WANTED TO join exciting group practice in Midland, Odessa. Very high income. 505-930-2126.

ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICIAN
LLANO- PERMIAN ENVIRONMENTAL is seeking a highly motivated individual for an environmental technician position. Individual will perform soil and ground water sampling and various field activities throughout Texas and southeastern New Mexico. 4 Year degree is a plus but not necessary. Fax resume to 432-522-2180 or email to: tjordan@llano-permian.com.

→NEW TODAY←
GEOLOGIST:
Clayton Williams Energy, Inc., a publicly traded oil and gas company, is seeking a Geologist with 10+ years experience in West Texas. We are an equal opportunity employer and offer competitive salary with an excellent benefits package. Please direct your resume and salary history to: Clayton Williams Energy, Inc., Attn: Sam Lyssy, 6 Desta Drive, Suite 3000, Midland, Texas 79705.

LCDC or Licensed Social Worker for Drug outpatient treatment program in Odessa. Part time Monday- Friday 6am- 10am. Fax resume to 432-682-8081.

Midland based gas processing/ pipeline company has staff opening for a
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT
Degree and experience required. Salary DOE. Competitive benefits include health insurance and 401K. Mail resume to: Financial Accountant, 211 N. Colorado, Midland, TX 79701 or email to: employment@westtexasgas.com.

NEEDED- A person with a B.S. or a B.A. degree in human services who has an interest in working with individuals with mental retardation and related conditions. QMRP designation a plus. Prior experience in the field would be helpful. Hours are normally Monday- Friday 8:00am- 5:00pm but will vary on a regular basis as needs require. Valid Texas Driver's license required. Criminal history checks and drug testing WILL BE required, no exceptions. Salary range $28,000- $32,000 based on experience. Applications close March 18. Send resume- MARC (Midland Association for Retarded Citizens); 2701 N. "A" Street, Midland, TX 79705, FAX (432)682-2606.

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TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST for small school district. Qualifications: A+ and MCP required, MCSE preferred. Skills: Working knowledge of Windows Server 2003, Windows XP Pro, RSCCC, networking, LANS and WANS. Printer repair a plus. Salary commensurate with experience. Deliver resume to Midland Academy Charter School, 500 N. Baird Street, Midland, TX 79701. Phone 432-686-0003 or Fax 432-686-0845.

WesTex Allied Communities is currently seeking applications for an Enterprise Facilitator®. Deadline 3/25/05. More information at www.sirolli.com employment opportunities.

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SHF, 26, CNA, seeking an attractive, intelligent SM, 18-40, for fun and conversation, possible relationship. ☎495692

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SWF, 45, 5'7", N/S, mother of 2, looking for SCM, 43-56, N/S, who enjoys camping, walks, family time, for serious LTR. ☎541042

LIMITED TIME OFFER
SWF, 21, 5'10", smoker, blonde/blue, thick build, pretty tall for a girl, seeks SWM, 19-25, smoker. ☎547233

OUT AND ABOUT
SHF, 23, 5'9", brown/brown, average build, Gemini, smoker, seeks man, 23-35, for friendship, possible romance. ☎559227

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SWF, 48, looking to meet SWCM, who's interesting, loves playing golf, watching movies, cooking and truly enjoys life, someone who would love to love and be loved. ☎564501

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IN MY FREE TIME
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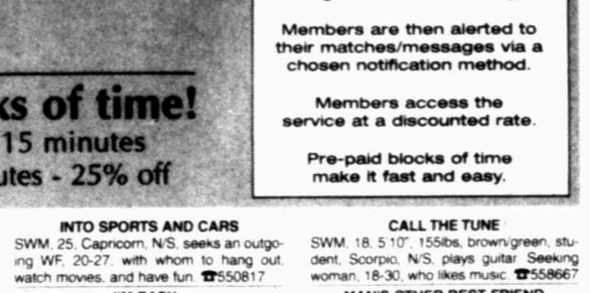
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SWM, 35, Kevin Costner looks, likes golf, ballroom dancing, oldies-classic rock. Seeking mature, strong, open-minded, honest SF to share the goods times. ☎571267

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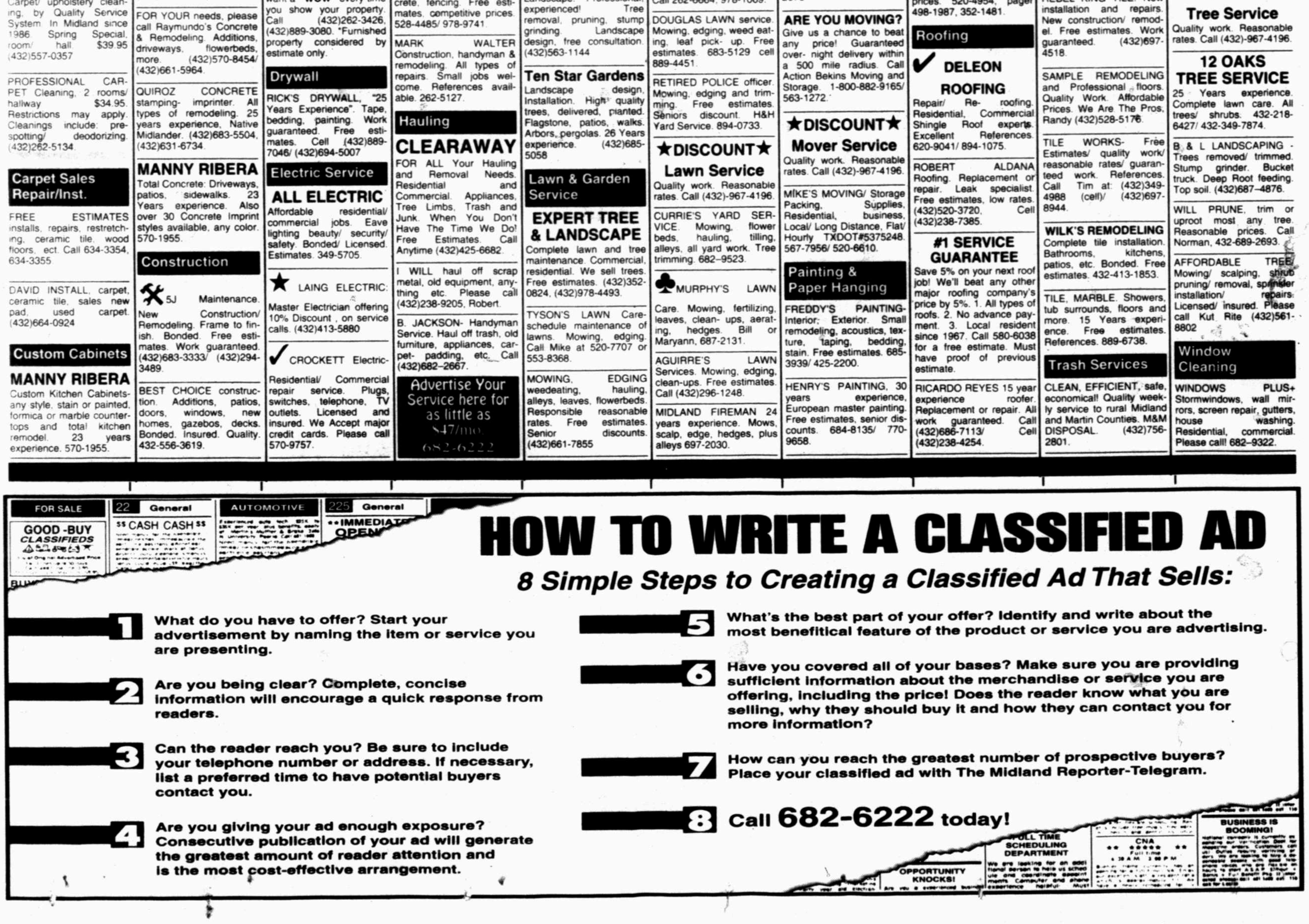
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