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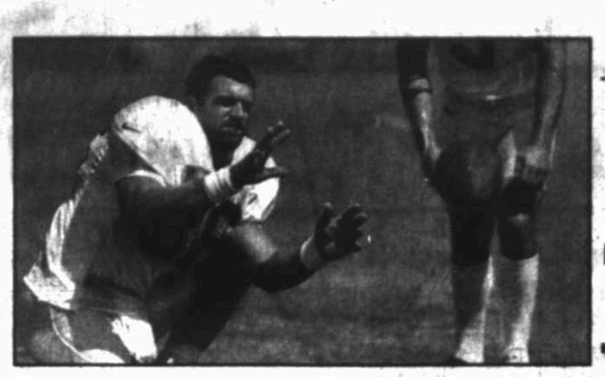
Corporate greenery

From the looks of corporate Midland's landscapes, it seems neither heat nor drought nor Midland water has prevented businesses from having islands of green./**1D**



SPORTS

Bjornson's year?

Injuries have kept Eric Bjornson from attaining big numbers. He's healthy now and playing in a new offense that could showcase his considerable talents./**1C**

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Saddam ceases Iraq's cooperation with U.N.

■ Iraq's president decided to suspend cooperation with weapons inspectors to protest economic sanctions.

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Protesting eight years of crippling economic sanctions, Saddam Hussein broke off cooperation with U.N. arms inspectors Wednesday and demanded the commission monitoring the weapons be reorganized.

Saddam decided to "completely suspend cooperation with the U.N. Special Commission and the International Atomic Energy Agency," after a meeting with senior officials, a government statement said.

The move came hours after Iraq's 250-member National Assembly voted unanimously to cut off cooperation, demanding an end to sanctions. Legislators complained in a statement that the inspectors would never give Iraq a clean bill of health on its weaponry.

Talks broke down Monday between chief U.N. weapons inspector Richard Butler and Iraq's lead negotiator, Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz.

Speaking in New York Wednesday after a meeting with Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Butler appeared to back down from his earlier insistence that access to weapons information was the only way to break the impasse.

"The Secretary-General and I agree there's a syndrome of behavior going on here. ... Maybe we have to be a bit more creative than in the past."

Butler usually confines himself to the technicalities of weapons and disarmament, and his venture into diplomatic niceties was rare. His softer tone suggested that efforts by Iraq and its friends on the

Please see **IRAQ**/4A

AP Photo

Iraqi workers demonstrate against international sanctions in front of the U.N. Disarmament Program headquarters in Baghdad on Tuesday. Saddam Hussein broke off cooperation with U.N. weapons inspectors on Wednesday and demanded the commission monitoring the weapons be reorganized.

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TODAY

Cloudy with chance of rain; high around 85. Weather on 4A

AP Photo

Schizophrenia

The Rev. R. Leroy Moser and his wife Jane Moser of Springfield, Mass., hold a photo of their son David, Tuesday. The nightmare of mental illness began subtly for the Mosers, when their studious son dropped out of college and his personality changed. David assaulted his father and was sent to a psychiatric hospital, but state law still let him refuse medication.

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McLaren appeal

EL PASO — Republic of Texas leader Richard McLaren has appealed his organized crime conviction, arguing that prosecutors failed to prove he was directly involved in a kidnapping that sparked an armed standoff. McLaren, now serving a 99-year prison sentence in the abduction, asked the Texas 8th Court of Appeals in documents filed Tuesday to overturn his guilty verdict and enter a judgment of acquittal. As an alternative, he asked the El Paso-based court to grant him a new trial.

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Lewinsky testimony

WASHINGTON — After a week of emotionally draining preparation, prosecutors pressed to ready Monica Lewinsky to tell a grand jury today her account of a White House affair that could alter the course of Bill Clinton's presidency.

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Ed Todd:

America desperately needs to return to the folk ways of old.

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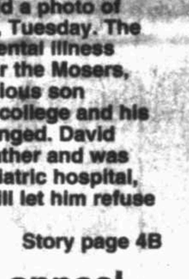

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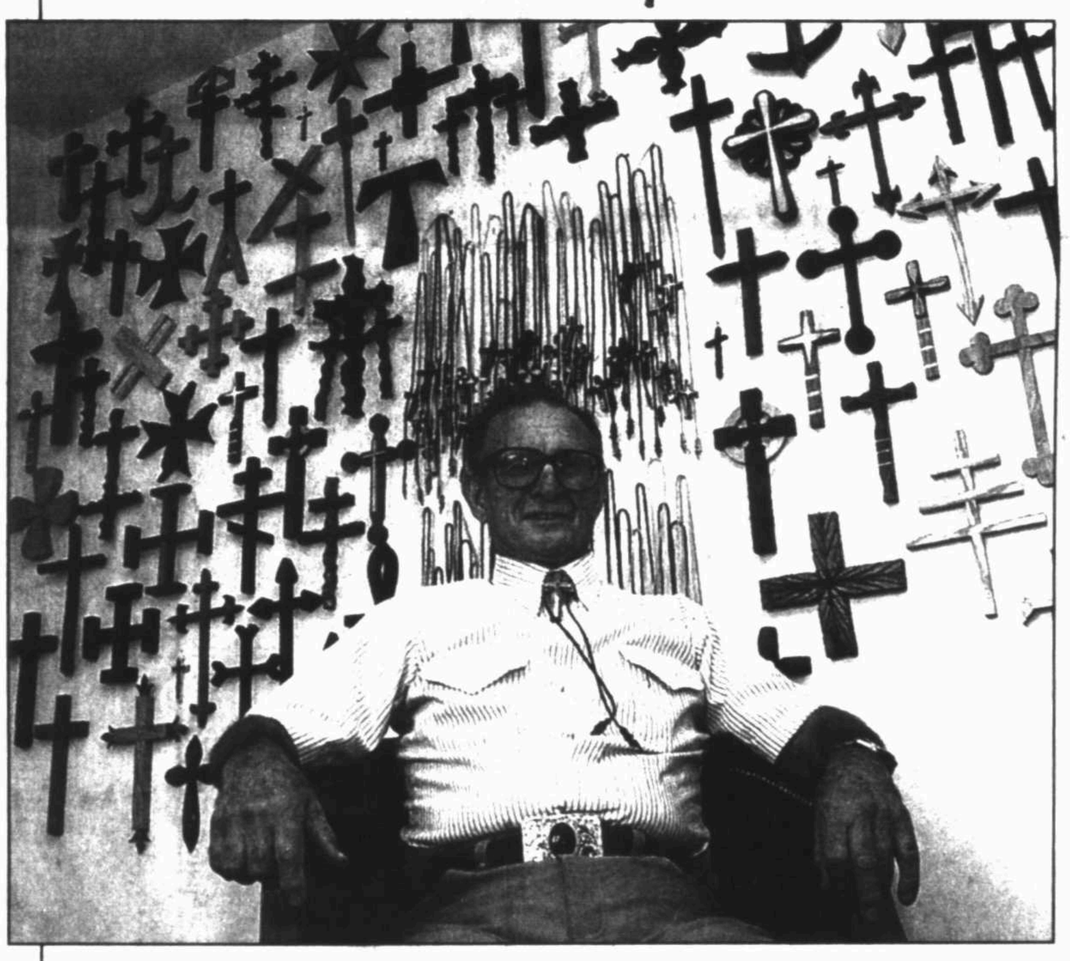

Midlander Fred Meissner, a former NASA engineer, uses a pocket knife to turn blocks of wood into Christian crosses.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

Former NASA engineer turns blocks of wood into symbols of Christianity

Fred Meissner, man of the cross and a former engineer who overcomes challenges on Earth and beyond, revels in making art and testimonials out of wood.

His forte is carving crosses, thousands of them, as symbols of Christianity. He gives most of them away.

"I've been very interested in the cross all of my life," said Meissner, a 64-year-old electrical engineer who began carving crosses about five years ago. "It is just something that fascinates me for what it represents — the amount of suffering Christ did" for the world. "I give away more than I sell. I've given crosses to missionaries on six continents."

Besides that, he simply does not like those polished brass crosses on church altars. He prefers wood.

His carving tool is an Ireland-made pocketknife, nothing fancy or expensive, but a tool that youths from past generations found as handy as a pair of pliers to a farmer or rancher.

"It was necessary for a country

Please see **CARVE**/4A

Story by Ed Todd | Photo by Tim Fischer

Cold front knocks high temperature for Tall City to 81

By Rick López
Staff Writer

This is not typical weather for the Permian Basin.

Midland's high was a cool 81. Areas of Big Spring received more than an inch of rain. Dense clouds scattered drizzle and downpours across parched West Texas ground.

Wednesday's break from high temperatures was caused by a combination of two things: a weak cold front from the north and tropical moisture that has lingered over southeastern New Mexico for the last few days, said Ray Fagen, chief meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Midland.

As a result, the Tall City's high on Wednesday was 15 degrees lower than the normal high, Fagen said.

Though Midland-Odessa received just traces of rain, Big Spring saw at least 1 inch of rain Wednesday, he said. Volunteer weather watchers in Howard County said some areas received up to 1 1/2 inches.

Dispatchers with the Howard County Sheriff's Office said they did not have any reports of wind damage or flooding.

During an average year, Midland usually receives less rainfall than Big Spring, Fagen said. Midland's average total rainfall is 15 inches per year, while Big Spring has a 17- to 18-inch measurement.

Midland's total rainfall this year is 2.13 inches, while Big Spring had 4.38 inches as of the end of July, Fagen said. The weather service will have Big Spring's official rain measurement later today.

Other parts of the state also got respite from the summer swelter, Fagen said. Temperatures dropped into the low 70s throughout most of the Permian Basin, while Lubbockites saw an overnight low in the 60s and had almost an inch of rain.

"Most of the places north of Big Bend got much cooler weather," Fagen said. "We've heard a lot of news about Dallas having warm weather this year. Even they had some light rain and temperatures in the 70s."

Lower temperatures should continue until tonight, when the chance for rain is back down to 20 percent. Friday should be partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain, Fagen said.

Falwell feels Clinton has damaged nation's morality

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

ODESSA — Renowned Christian evangelist Jerry Falwell on Wednesday brought a message of lifelong faith to Odessa and expressed concerns about the moral future of the nation.

Falwell, founder of the Christian activist group, The Moral Majority, was in town to deliver a sermon at Temple Baptist Church's 1998 summer Bible conference.

He spoke on how to stay faithful throughout life's hardships.

The native Virginian is the pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va., and is chancellor and founder of Liberty University.

The biblical ethics expert expressed dismay about the ongoing sex scandal involving President Clinton and former White House intern, Monica Lewinsky. Clinton has denied having an affair with Ms. Lewinsky and denied asking her to lie about it.

Falwell said the issue has dominated the news too much and has distracted the nation. TV coverage has become too explicit for children to watch the news, he said.

"It certainly is not helpful to parents and pastors when the most powerful role model in the nation is almost daily charged with some scandal," he said. "I would say that President Clinton has done more damage to the morals of the nation than any single American ever. How do you explain that kind of behavior to children?"

The pastor said the president is naturally a moral leader of a nation.

"We look at Bill Clinton ... if a man's wife can't believe him, why should we believe him?"

Falwell also expressed support for Gov. George

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Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

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China struggles after deadly flood

WUHAN, China (AP) — Bursting through the collapsing levee, a foaming wall of water crashed into Ma Xiagu's farm, sweeping away her family and friends.

While her house quickly flooded to its eaves, soldiers and residents who had been guarding the dike stayed above water by clinging desperately to poplar trees. Other soldiers in boats plucked survivors from the muddy waters while helicopters dropped life jackets.

"The waters came, and my house collapsed, just like that." Ma said Wednesday. "I had to leave because there was no way to stay alive there."

The sudden collapse Saturday of Yangtze River levees in Jiayu, about 70 miles upriver from this commercial hub in Hubei province, was the worst nightmare for disaster workers during an unusually long season of summer flooding that has killed at least 1,288 people.

After weeks of continuous rain, dikes in central China were saturated. In anticipation of several more weeks of battle with the river, millions of people, some neck deep in water, have worked day and night to plug holes and shore up levees with sandbags, stones and wooden stakes.

Another flood crest, the fourth this year, was rushing down the Yangtze on Wednesday from Chongqing in southwest China's Sichuan province, bringing more high waters, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Meanwhile, central China could sustain more damage from tropical storm Otto, which barreled into Fujian province on the southeast coast Wednesday after killing at least one person in Taiwan. Forecasters said Otto was losing strength as it headed north but could drop torrential rain on Anhui province, already hit by Yangtze flooding.

In Jiayu, the dike burst and waters poured into fields with terrifying speed, survivors told AP Television.

> **'The waters came, and my house collapsed, just like that. I had to leave because there was no way to stay alive there.'**
> — Ma Xiagu of Wuhan, China

Local television interrupted its broadcast to warn people to flee ahead of the deluge. On Wednesday, just a few roofs poked out of the waters.

The death toll in Jiayu remained unclear Wednesday. County officials said they were concentrating on rescuing and resettling the living, not counting the dead or injured.

A grandmother and lifelong resident, Lin Fengying, estimated that hundreds were swept away. A Hong Kong-based human rights group said Tuesday that more than 1,000 people were believed to be missing.

Jiayu officials said the majority of the 57,000 people affected by the flood had been resettled. The government was providing food and water.

With no word on the fate of her loved ones, Ma, 52, huddled under a plastic-covered lean-to along a muddy road that has become home to hundreds of farmers.

With temperatures hovering above 93 degrees, the shelters were stifling hot. Some survivors have been moved into school buildings empty because of summer vacation.

A farmer who only gave his surname, Cong, said local officials had neglected threats to the dike and were slow to respond when disaster struck.

"This was all because of slack vigilance on the part of officials," Cong said.

A few days before collapsing, the Jiayu embankment sprung a leak that was not plugged effectively, the Yangcheng Evening News reported.

Down the road from the refugee encampment, a dozen policemen patrolled a roadblock, a reminder of the lingering danger from flooding and that looters have been arrested in some flooded areas. Journalists were refused entry to the area of greatest destruction.

Floodwaters caused by summer rains that fell heavier and earlier than usual have displaced millions of people and inundated vast stretches of rich farmland along the Yangtze, the world's third-longest river.

This year, the river has risen to levels unseen since flooding in 1954 killed more than 30,000 people.

So far, the main Yangtze levees have reportedly remained intact, but secondary levees like that in Jiayu have been breached. In at least one instance, small dikes have been deliberately abandoned to divert flood waters away from the Yangtze in a bid to lower the river level and protect cities downstream.

In South Korea, meanwhile, the death toll from weekend flash floods increased to 64 Wednesday after rescuers plucked four more bodies Wednesday from river estuaries on the south coast.

AP photo

Soldiers move a boulder into place in order to reinforce a levee on the Dongjing River at Wuhan in China's Hubei Province on Wednesday. After weeks of continuous rain, dikes in central China are soaked to saturation and could give way at any time.

Nearly all the dead or missing were campers swept away by raging torrents triggered by heavy rains in Mt. Chiri National Park.

In the heaviest rain to hit north-central Japan in more than 80 years, one woman drowned and 10,000 residents evacuated their homes Tuesday.

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Trustees deny request for reparations money

JERUSALEM (AP) — Hundreds of elderly Holocaust survivors live in bleak conditions at Israeli mental hospitals — while millions of dollars in German reparations accumulate in accounts controlled by the government.

Doctors say government trustees refuse to allow the money to be used to improve the survivors' lives, turning down requests for televisions, air conditioners and holiday parties.

About 900 of the 360,000 Holocaust survivors who live in Israel are believed to be in mental hospitals. Most have been institutionalized since the 1940s and '50s when they came to Israel, where weary survivors met an ambivalent reception from a state busy creating a new image of the proud, fighting Jew.

The patients' illnesses, which are traced to their experiences in Nazi death camps, make them wards of the state. Their bank accounts are administered by the court-appointed Fund for the Care of Dependents, which is supervised by the government's General Custodian for Wards, attorney Shmuel Tsur.

Tsur and fund director Avi Angel blame each other for the failure to improve patient living conditions.

"I am all in favor of alleviating the suffering of the patients," Tsur said. "But the money is administered by the fund, and its directors don't consult me."

> **'Unfortunately, there are still eight patients in a room. We pointed out that the other patients are also Holocaust survivors, but it didn't help.'**
> — Avner Elitsur, director of the psychiatric ward at Abarbanel Hospital

Angel, however, said that whenever the expenditure is not exclusively for a patient's personal use, he cannot authorize it without Tsur's permission. He said Tsur usually refuses any expenditures that would benefit more than one patient.

The survivors, many in their 80s, suffer from illnesses that include acute depression and schizophrenia. Some have accumulated large sums of money from the German government for their time in Nazi camps, receiving as much as several hundred dollars a month for the past four decades.

The Maariv newspaper has estimated that, together, the patients have several million dollars.

Avner Elitsur, director of the psychiatric ward at the Abarbanel Hospital near Tel Aviv, said the hospital recently submitted requests for money to install air conditioners, buy television sets and serve festive meals on Independence Day and other holidays.

They were refused on the grounds that other patients in the room would benefit, not just the patient whose money was being used, Elitsur told The Associated Press.

"Unfortunately, there are still eight patients in a room," he said. "We pointed out that the other patients are also Holocaust survivors, but it didn't help."

Elitsur said the trustees have only approved requests for purchases, including clothing, for specific people.

Combined with other accounts held by the government, including the accounts of Holocaust survivors who died without heirs, the state "is sitting on billions of dollars which belonged to Holocaust survivors," said Jonathan Lemberger, head of AMCHA, a support organization for Holocaust survivors.

Lemberger said the officials involved "refuse to spend it to help those still alive, although the law says that is what it should be used for."

"When they die their money will pass to the state," Lemberger said. "Israel complains about the Holocaust victims' money Switzerland is holding. What about the money the Israeli government is holding?"

Jewish groups have sued three Swiss banks, seeking damages for Switzerland's acceptance of gold plundered by the Nazis.

Diana's car sold to U.S. museum

LONDON (AP) — The small silver car Prince Charles gave Princess Diana as an engagement present has been sold to an American auto museum via the Internet, the vendor said.

Keith Lawson said Tuesday he did not know which museum bought the car and would not disclose the price. But Lawson said he turned down more lucrative offers in order to keep the car in the public eye.

"They have come to me with a price and I have said yes. The sale has not been completed, but this is exactly what I wanted," Lawson said.

He said the deal was brokered by Classic Car Auto Network, a California Internet car dealership.

In Britain, the 1981 Ford Escort Ghia had attracted offers only from private bidders who wanted to keep it for themselves, he said.

"I was hoping to keep the car in England, but nobody came forward," Lawson said. "The most important thing was for it to go to a museum ... If it is this important and valuable, people should be able to see it."

Lawson said he wanted to wrap up the sale before the Aug. 31 anniversary of Diana's death in a car crash in Paris, because it would be inappropriate to have it on the market as millions mourn her.

Lawson, an antique clock dealer from Scratby in eastern England, bought the car for his daughter three years ago at a Sotheby's auction for $9,800.

The car's value has skyrocketed since Diana's death and Lawson said he was forced to sell it because he could not find anyone to insure it.

The car, with a silver frog mascot on the hood, has more than 80,000 miles and would probably be worth around $985 without its Diana connection.

The silver frog is a copy of the original mascot Diana had attached to the hood. She kept the original when she sold the car.

Russia's tax collection improves, but still below targets

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's finances are improving gradually after nearing disaster, Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko said in an interview published Wednesday.

Kiriyenko pointed to improved tax collection as an example of how his government is getting its finances in order after a huge bailout from the International Monetary Fund in July.

Kiriyenko also said the government has not had to spend any of the emergency $4.8 billion loan it recently received from the IMF, and has used the money to increase Central Bank reserves.

The IMF made improved tax collection a condition for the $22.6 billion bailout package, which will be released gradually as Russia reforms its finances.

Tax receipts for August are expected to total $2 billion, up marginally from July, which was higher than June. But the August figure will fall short of the target of $2.3 billion, the Interfax news agency reported.

That is partly because the Communist-dominated parliament rejected the government's tax reform proposals before breaking for summer vacation.

Parliament's lower house will reconvene for a special session August 19-20 to consider a series of austerity bills, including amended versions of the tax reform proposals, Gennady Seleznyov, the speaker of parliament, said Wednesday after meeting with Kiriyenko.

Progress on the stalled laws may affect whether the IMF releases the next part of the loan in September.

The government's inability to collect taxes is one of the fundamental problems plaguing the Russian economy.

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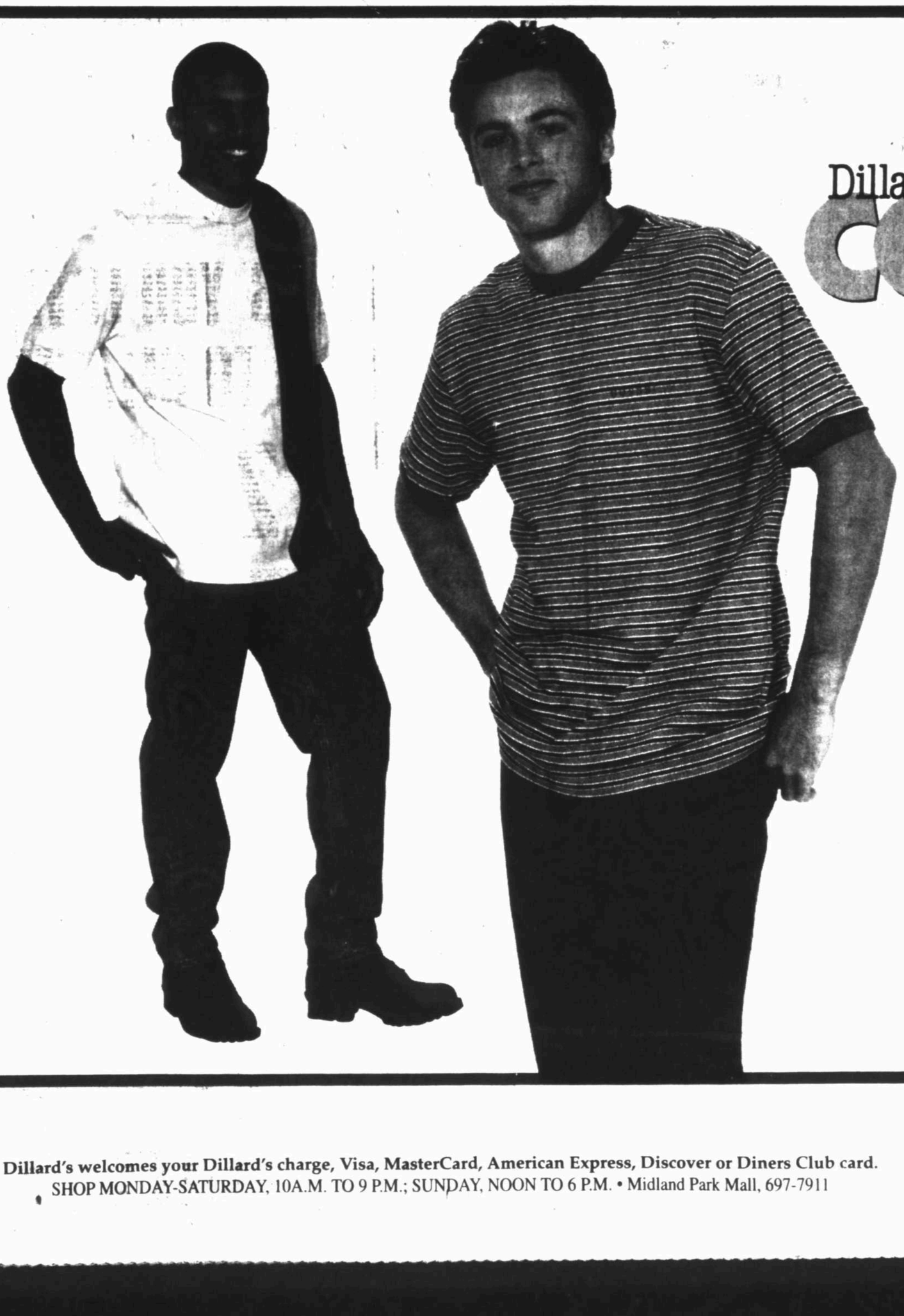

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Friday	Saturday
Cloudy	Partly cloudy	Sunny
High 85	High 89	High 94
Low 65	Low 65	Low 65

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a high in the mid-80s and a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Winds will be from the south to southeast at 5 to 15 mph, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low near 65 and a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Friday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high near 90 and a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms.

After an overnight low of 71, Wednesday's high was 81, compared with a record high of 103 set in 1964. The all-time low was 61 set in 1978.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Tuesday	trace
Rainfall Wednesday	trace
Total for month	trace
Total for year	2.13 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	81
low	71
Normal high	96
Normal low	69

Pollen count

Trees: low **Weeds:** low
Grass: low **Molds:** low
Dust: low

Courtesy: Allergy Alliance of the Permian Basin

Sunrise ... 7:07 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:42 p.m.

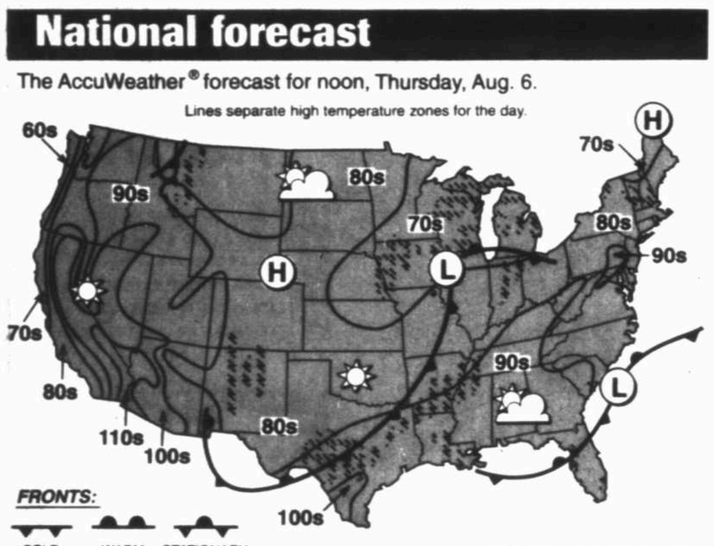
UV reading

M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Skin Cancer Prevention Project
UV readings for August 5:
11 a.m. - 5, moderate risk
1 p.m. - 6, moderate risk
3 p.m. - 5, moderate risk

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Aug. 6.

Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8:31 p.m. EDT.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	83	65	.69	cdy
Albuquerque	81	60	cdy	
Anchorage	57	54	.19	rn
Atlanta	90	68	cdy	
Atlantic City	85	57	cdy	
Baltimore	88	58	clr	
Birmingham	94	69	cdy	
Bismarck	85	58	.04	clr
Boise	105	72	clr	
Boston	81	64	cdy	
Buffalo	79	69	cdy	
Burlington,Vt.	85	60	cdy	
Casper	85	50	clr	
Charleston,S.C.	88	71	cdy	
Charleston,W.Va.	88	58	clr	
Charlotte,N.C.	88	61	clr	
Cheyenne	77	53	.03	clr
Chicago	81	71	1.87	rn
Cincinnati	87	71	cdy	
Cleveland	74	69	.48	rn
Columbia,S.C.	91	60	cdy	
Columbus,Ohio	86	71	cdy	
Concord,N.H.	87	58	cdy	
Dayton	85	69	.89	cdy
Denver	77	56	.06	cdy
Des Moines	77	69	.14	rn
Detroit	72	70	.26	rn
Duluth	80	59	cdy	
Evansville	86	73	cdy	
Flagstaff	81	57	cdy	
Grand Rapids	74	66	.13	rn
Greensboro,N.C.	88	59	clr	
Hartford Spgfld	85	63	cdy	
Honolulu	86	75	.03	clr
Indianapolis	81	71	.17	rn
Jackson,Miss.	95	67	clr	
Jacksonville	86	69	cdy	
Kansas City	78	68	cdy	
Las Vegas	109	81	clr	
Little Rock	97	72	rn	
Los Angeles	92	66	clr	
Louisville	88	75	cdy	
Memphis	92	75	cdy	
Miami Beach	92	77	.15	rn
Milwaukee	72	70	3.62	rn
Mpls-St Paul	77	67	.03	cdy
Nashville	89	68	cdy	
New Orleans	92	76	cdy	
New York City	86	71	cdy	
Norfolk,Va.	80	69	cdy	
Oklahoma City	88	72	.22	cdy
Omaha	76	67	.04	cdy
Orlando	90	74	1.43	rn
Philadelphia	89	65	cdy	
Phoenix	107	91	clr	
Pittsburgh	89	64	cdy	
Portland,Maine	83	58	cdy	
Portland,Ore.	84	64	cdy	
Providence	86	63	cdy	
Raleigh-Durham	87	59	clr	
Reno	100	65	clr	
Richmond	88	60	clr	
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San Francisco	75	58	cdy	
San Juan,P.R.	90	81	cdy	
Santa Fe	75	53	cdy	
St Ste Marie	86	69	rn	
Seattle	77	58	cdy	
Shreveport	99	73	2.36	cdy
Sioux Falls	79	62	cdy	
Spokane	102	69	clr	
Syracuse	81	64	cdy	
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	88	75	.06	rn
Topeka	80	70	cdy	
Tucson	100	83	cdy	
Tulsa	86	69	.08	cdy
Washington,D.C.	89	66	clr	
Wichita	79	67	.03	cdy

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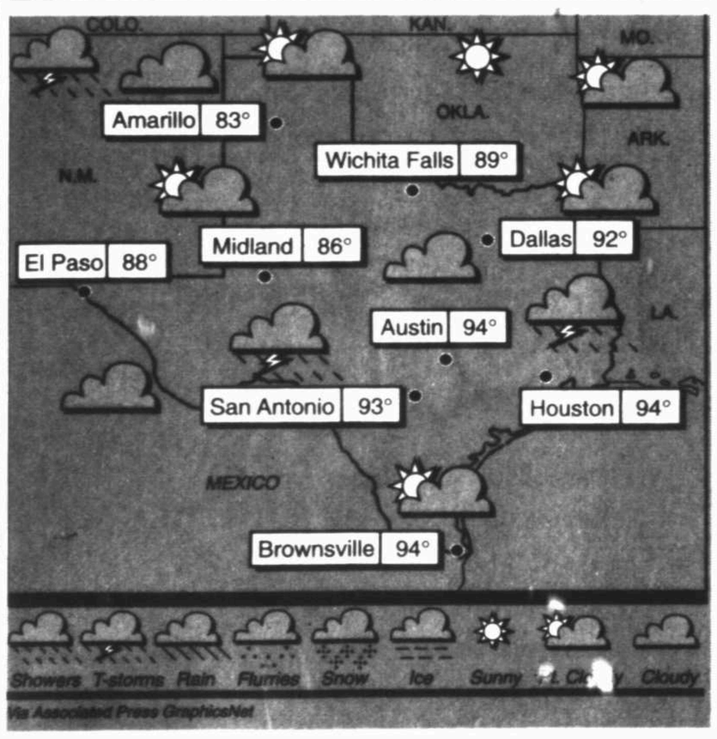

Texas temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Pcp
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Alice	100	78	0.07
Amarillo	79	63	0.01
Austin	96	76	
Beaumont	97	76	
Brownsville	97	78	
Burnet	92	75	
Childress	84	70	
College Station	99	74	
Conroe	98	73	
Corpus Christi	95	77	0.06
Corsicana	92	75	
Dalhart	74	61	0.15
Dallas	89	78	
Del Rio	95	77	
El Paso	85	63	0.22
Fort Stockton	78	66	1.36
Fort Worth	89	75	0.05
Galveston	92	82	
Harlingen	M	M	
Houston	99	80	
Huntsville	99	76	
Kingsville	M	M	M
Laredo	97	79	
Longview	95	73	0.27
Lubbock	73	65	0.47
Lufkin	101	73	
Marfa	73	61	
McAllen	102	79	
Mckinney	94	74	0.06
Mineral Wells	90	68	2.21
New braunfels	98	73	0.44
Palacios	94	80	
Paris	95	73	
San Angelo	79	69	0.22
San Antonio	97	74	0.28
Tyler	M	M	M
Victoria	97	76	

CARVE: Cross maker helped save Apollo 13 crew

(From 1A)

boy to carry a pocketknife (to help) solve a lot of problems," said the Midland native, who has carried a pocketknife since he was 6 and working on his father's cotton farm and dairy in the old Prairie Lee community, now Greenwood.

The knife in his skilled hands deftly carves away chunks, slivers and shavings of woods such as poplar, redwood, mahogany, cedar, red oak, padauk, persimmon, Russian olive, and Western soapberry. He transforms the nondescript blocks of wood to crosses for bolo ties, for wall or altar displays and for the clergy and other believers to seek inspiration.

The styles of wall crosses he carves include the Latin, Greek, St. Andrews, Celtic, early Celtic, Chaldean, Anchor, Alpha, Maltese, Patriarchal, Heart, Flower, Tau, Lorraine, Papal and Star-lighted.

"It's for the Lord," said Meissner's wife, Paula, of his work.

Years ago, Meissner carved a walking cane out of bois d'arc for his crippled father, Gus Meissner, and later shaped himself one out of Western soapberry.

"A crooked man needs a crooked stick to walk a crooked mile," he said. "It's true."

A country boy by upbringing, Meissner picked, pulled, and chopped cotton and milked dairy cows, the shorthorn or Durham breed, which also served as beef cattle.

He attended Prairie Lee School through the eighth grade. He then transferred to Midland High School and graduated in 1952.

Meissner served in the U.S. Army and then studied electrical engineering at Texas Tech University. He earned a bachelor's degree in 1957.

After graduation, he was hired by General Dynamics in Fort Worth. He tested the structural integrity of the Convair B-58 Hustler, a supersonic bomber. Later, he went to California to become senior test engineer for Aerojet, which built the Titan intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) and stages of the Minuteman and Polaris missiles.

Meissner, who had dyslexia since childhood, said that he could "hardly read or write when I got out of college with a degree in electrical engineering."

But he read books, sometimes three in a week, to overcome his dyslexia.

At Aerojet, Meissner said his supervisor praised him to the project engineer for his talent as an engineer: "'I've got plenty of guys who are eloquent speakers, but he (Meissner) is the only guy who can answers your questions (on aerodynamic heating of missiles).'"

Meissner eventually became a senior test engineer at National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center. He said that his bosses at Convair, Aerojet and NASA were "most happy to exchange my talents in engineering for my lack of reading and writing capabilities.

"I could put words down on paper, but King George and Daniel Webster weren't pleased with my efforts," Meissner said.

In 1970, he was involved in helping save the three-man crew of Apollo 13. Meissner and Chris Kraft, an aerospace engineer and the flight director, received NASA commendations. The aborted lunar mission suffered a loss of pressure in liquid oxygen in the service module and experienced fuel-cell failure.

Of his faith in God, Meissner asked rhetorically: "How can you be a well-informed engineer and not believe in the Gospel of Jesus Christ?"

The NASA astronauts, he said, were "devout Christians ... were very cool and did not panic in dangerous situations or under pressure. They were very good believers."

Meissner said his role on Earth "is to help people realize that God created the universe and Christ died for our sins and to help people realize that we are here to enjoy life and to be happy."

IRAQ: Cameras at suspected weapons sites to remain

(From 1A)

Security Council to wear down the inspectors were working.

The chief arms inspector said he would make a presentation to the Security Council today with findings from his latest trip to Baghdad.

Saddam's announcement, read over national television, means that U.N. experts can no longer search suspected arms sites in Iraq, a task the U.N. commission has been carrying out since 1991 in a bid to ensure that Iraq eliminates its weapons of mass destruction.

Still, Saddam said cameras and sensors installed in suspected weapons sites can remain in place.

At the same time, he demanded a change in the makeup of UNSCOM, the acronym for the commission that oversees the arms monitors, to give greater representation to nations sympathetic to Iraq's cause.

Reaction from Britain and the United States appeared muted compared with their threats of military action during previous confrontations.

A White House spokesman, P.J. Crowley, scoffed at Saddam's latest refusal to cooperate with the inspectors, calling it "a game of cat-and-mouse" and saying any military response would be premature.

Yuriy Fedotov, Russia's No. 2 man at the United Nations, said any further deterioration of the situation must be prevented. "Still, there is hope that a major crisis can be prevented," he added.

He accused Butler of not properly consulting with the Security Council before breaking off talks. But Butler said Aziz effectively cut off the discussions Monday evening.

"Tariq Aziz demanded of me that I wave a magic wand over their weapons program and say they're finished, shazam, the wand, finished," Butler said as he waited for an elevator in the U.N. lobby. "And I said I can't do that, I need evidence."

Butler said he asked Aziz if he thought it was worth resuming the talks the next day.

"He said no, unless you're prepared in advance to agree to my point of view," he said. "If anyone broke of these talks, it wasn't me, it was Tariq Aziz.

Butler also said his inspectors reported for inspections as usual Wednesday and the Iraqis met them "in a normal and courteous way."

The sanctions were imposed in 1990 after Iraq invaded Kuwait, which prompted the Persian Gulf War. They cannot be lifted until the inspectors certify that Iraq has destroyed all its chemical and biological weapons and long-range missiles. The sanctions ban Iraq from freely exporting its most valuable commodity — oil.

The U.N. monitoring program has been marked by frequent confrontations and disruptions. Iraq says the sanctions are devastating its economy.

Individual investors sit tight after Wall Street slide

Associated Press

In Atlanta, Robert Brennan held onto the blue chip stocks he'll start cashing in when he retires later this month. In Cedar Falls, Iowa, teacher Alma Bigelow left her retirement nest egg alone. And in Annapolis, Md., Navy retiree Billy Helm merely chuckled.

A day after Wall Street's professional money managers dumped enough stocks to make the market drop nearly 300 points, amateur investors were "kind of ho-humming it," A.G. Edwards & Sons market analyst Alfred E. Goldman said.

Though Wall Street shook, there was no panic on Main Street.

"It's going back up," said Brennan, who was vacationing in Georgia from his job at a Buffalo, N.Y.-area supply company. "It has to."

Like last October's 554-point slide in the Dow industrials, Tuesday's plunge was largely the work of professional investors who manage the accounts of pension and other funds, making big moves for short-term gains.

Small-time investors with the long-term goal of saving up for retirement mostly stood on the sidelines during Tuesday's slide and the Dow's 59.47-point recovery to 8,546.78 on Wednesday.

"I think that's an intelligent approach — just putting their money into their 401(k)'s and leaving it there," Goldman said.

That's what plenty of Charles Schwab investors apparently did, said Glenn Schaul, a Schwab broker in New York who had time to chat because no one was waiting to trade. Across the street at Citibank, there was no line for an investment counselor.

'I just thought ... it went down, oh well. I know it's going to go back up. I have 30, 40 years to ride it out.'

— Kristian DiGaetano, 28

Schwab, the Vanguard Group of Valley Forge, Pa., the Janus Funds of Denver, and Putnam Investments in Boston all reported higher call volume but said most callers were simply checking the value of their stocks.

T. Rowe Price brought in 12 extra phone representatives but sent them all home around noon because they weren't noticeably busier.

In midtown Manhattan, Dan Kennelly of Leonia, N.J., stepped out of a Schwab brokerage, where he checked the value of his investments but left his money where it was.

For Generation X-ers like 28-year-old Kristian DiGaetano, who has never seen a prolonged market drop, the jolting market was a mere curiosity.

"I just thought ... it went down, oh well," DiGaetano said from Baltimore. "I know it's going to go back up. I have 30, 40 years to ride it out."

But some investors on the verge of retirement seemed a bit more concerned.

Atlanta federal worker Lee Brooks, 54, was considering moving his money from stocks linked to the market-pacing Standard & Poor's 500 list to less volatile government bonds. Fellow Georgian Richard Hall, 63, said he might sell some of his riskier high-tech stocks.

"If I was going to start off and invest today, I wouldn't get in," said Annapolis retiree Helm, 58, who is nevertheless leaving his investments alone. "Most people don't make good decisions."

But analysts note that investors have to put their money somewhere, and in the age of the do-it-yourself retirement plan, most people know enough not to move cash from mutual funds to mattresses.

"There's only three places to put money: cash, bonds and stocks," said Greg Wolfe, an investment analyst at LaSalle St. Securities in Des Moines.

New York accountant Ted Reisman said he was waiting for a market "correction" to bring stocks to bargain basement prices before snapping up cheap shares. "I intend to buy in about another month or so," Reisman said.

Wayne Hartnett, a 49-year-old financial adviser for the Delaware Department of Transportation, moved about one-third of his personal investments out of growth stocks and into more secure bonds and cash funds. Now he's looking for deals.

"There're going to be some great buying opportunities out there."

MORAL: Preacher says ministries should focus on youth

(From 1A)

W. Bush as a presidential candidate.

"I hope he's our next president," he said. "I think he's straight on the issues. I think the whole (Bush) family is what America is all about."

In other moral issues, Falwell said he supports the Southern Baptist Convention for recently voting against investment in Disney. The convention has been at odds with Disney because of content in films like "Pulp Fiction" and the company's pro-gay policies.

"I commend the Southern Baptist Convention for taking on a lot of issues, Disney being one of them," Falwell said. "It doesn't stop Disney ... it's a huge company ... but it makes a statement. Michael Eisner, the chairman, seems to have abandoned everything Walt Disney stood for."

Falwell also agrees with the convention's recent definition of the proper role of the Christian husband and wife. He said people misinterpreted the definition as calling for the wife to "submit" to her husband.

The idea was to signify that the husband should be the spiritual leader of the family and rule out same-sex marriages, he said.

"(It's) not interpreted to mean that the husband is superior to, or has control over the wife," he said. "It's a partnership, not a dictatorship."

Falwell said he supports evangelist Jim Bakker's return to preaching after being released from federal prison. The two have been at odds since Bakker's conviction on fraud charges during the heyday of his Praise the Lord religious empire.

"Everybody tells me that he sincerely has had a change of heart," Falwell said. "I don't know him that well. ... I take him at his word."

Falwell has a vision for Christianity in the next century: it must recapture youth. He said that his church members' average age is 27.

"I believe as we approach the 21st century, churches must focus their ministries on the next generation. The youth are being left out."

He said that vision should include more church-sponsored music and more athletics to attract younger members. That won't detract from the religion, as critics might say.

"None of these things are bad so long as you follow biblical principles," he said. "You've got to be where their needs are."

Today, Christians are more sophisticated and more involved in society than when the Moral Majority was founded, he said.

Falwell said he's not working on any political issues. He said he'll continue personally to speak out on the issues.

Pick 3 Texas

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

5-1-8

Lotto Texas

No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

A winning ticket would have been worth an estimated $10 million.

The numbers drawn from a field of 50 were 5, 14, 32, 38, 48, 50.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $14 million.

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Anglican bishops condemn homosexuality

CANTERBURY, England (AP) — Despite the pleas of American bishops here, the world's Anglican leaders voted Wednesday to condemn homosexuality as incompatible with Christianity, and end the ordination of gays and recognition of same-sex unions.

The resolution adopted at the Lambeth Conference here, the once-a-decade gathering of Anglican bishops, is advisory but nevertheless carries the heavy weight of orthodoxy.

"This has been quite a difficult and painful debate," said the Right Rev. George Carey, the archbishop of Canterbury, who supported the resolution. "I stand whole-heartedly with traditional Anglican orthodoxy. "I see no room in the Holy Scripture or the entire Christian tradition for any sexual activity outside of matrimony, husband and wife."

While the vote does not automatically invalidate the ministries of gay priests, it should send a signal against ordaining more practicing homosexuals, said Rev. Duncan Buchanan, the bishop of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Buchanan, who authored much of the resolution, acknowledged that churches in different parts of the world have followed different practices.

"The Church moves at different speeds," said Buchanan, who noted that while ordaining gays has been accepted in the United States it is forbidden in many parts of the world. "We hope it would get them to think carefully about it before moving forward."

> **'For the Anglicans, it would be to commit evangelical suicide.'**
> —The Rev. Josiah Idowu-Pearson, bishop of Kanduna, Nigeria

In the United States, the Episcopal church has about 2.5 million members.

The often passionate debate Wednesday laid bare a sharp division within the church between bishops from the west, particularly North America, and developing countries, particularly those in Africa. While other issues have commanded the attention of the 800 bishops gathered here in the heart of Anglicanism, none has fueled such passion.

Several African bishops professed views of the Bible that make homosexuality a sin and expressed outrage that their colleagues would condone it. "As a Christian and leader in the church, I say whoever has been caught in it has to repent," said the Rev. Wilson Mutebi, the bishop of Mityana, Uganda.

The African bishops said they had been gaining converts by setting out a clear, consistent and conservative interpretation of Christianity that does not bend easily to liberalizing forces. To condone homosexuality would severely, perhaps fatally, undermine their ministries, they argued.

"For the Anglicans, it would be to commit evangelical suicide," said Rev. Josiah Idowu-Pearson, bishop of Kaduna, Nigeria.

But Rev. Catherine Roskam, a bishop from New York, said any action that excludes gays would have a similarly devastating effect on her ministry.

"To condemn it is evangelical suicide in my region," Roskam said.

She said opponents of homosexuality would win the votes in Canterbury, but only at considerable expense to the church. "It will be a Pyrrhic victory, and we will have a divided church," she said.

Kim Byham, of Integrity, a gay rights lobby group, agreed that even though the conference's resolutions are nonbinding they send significant signals.

"Anything that suggests that our churches are less than fully open to membership of gay and lesbian people is a very bad message," Byham said.

By a vote of 526-to-70, with 45 abstentions, the bishops also voted to:

Advocate abstinence for unmarried people.

Commit to ministering to homosexuals and listening to the "experiences of homosexual people."

Condemn irrational fear of homosexuals.

The vote also marks an historic shift in the church. For the first time since these conferences began 130 years ago, the bishops from England, North America and Australia are outnumbered by their counterparts from Africa and Asia — the continents to which so many missionaries from the older churches were sent.

Consequently, the center of power within the church is gradually shifting toward the Southern Hemisphere, where views on issues such as homosexuality are sharply different from those held in North America.

Coalition maneuvering continues

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — The ruling party of Cambodia's leader, Hun Sen, was officially declared the winner Wednesday in last week's general election, but maneuvering continued over the shape of a coalition government.

Even as the official tally was announced, giving the ruling party 41.4 percent of the 4.9 million ballots, the electoral commission was deep into a recount of several districts in response to complaints from Hun Sen's two chief rivals.

The closest contender was the royalist Funcinpec party of Prince Norodom Ranariddh, which won 31.7 percent of the vote, according to the announcement Wednesday by the National Election Committee. In third place was the party of Sam Rainsy, a critic of the government, with 14.3 percent of the vote. The remainder was divided among 36 small parties, none of which won enough votes to take a place in the 122-seat Parliament.

According to a complicated seat-allocation formula, the Cambodian People's Party of Hun Sen was expected to secure 64 seats, meaning it will have to enter a coalition with at least one of its rivals to attain the two-thirds representation needed to form a government.

Funcinpec was expected to win 43 seats and the Sam Rainsy Party 15 seats.

Wednesday's announcement confirmed official and unofficial projections based on partial results.

Already the political focus has moved forward to a bargaining process that could take several weeks. Parliament is not expected to convene until Sept. 24.

Last week, Hun Sen offered to bring both rival parties into a coalition, a gesture that some political analysts here said had been proposed by King Norodom Sihanouk, father of Ranariddh and the moral leader of the nation.

But Hun Sen said his party wanted to keep control of five key ministries: defense, interior, finance, foreign affairs and justice.

Ranariddh and Rainsy publicly belittled any talk of a coalition while their protests of the vote continued.

Four Africans in standoff seek to stay in France

PARIS (AP) — Since last Saturday, four African immigrants demanding permission to stay in France and five of their supporters have occupied the residence of the Papal Nuncio in Paris, refusing to leave until the Socialist government of Prime Minister Lionel Jospin agrees to give them legal papers.

The same four were among a group of more than 200 illegal immigrants whom Jospin, then in opposition, visited two years ago while they were occupying the Roman Catholic Church of St. Bernard de la Chapelle, vowing to stay until the conservative government of the time, led by Prime Minister Alain Juppe, gave in to their demands.

Juppe's government called in the police and threw the immigrants out of St. Bernard that August. Last year, French voters threw out Juppe and elected Jospin.

Jospin had promised during his election campaign to change restrictive immigration laws imposed by conservative governments in the 1980s. The new government got 150,000 illegal immigrants to come forward by promising to reconsider their cases and then said 70,000 had not met the criteria for legal immigrants and would have to leave.

"This government is even worse than the last one," said Lindor Bambagueye, a Senegalese supporter of the group occupying the nuncio's residence, as he stood with a group of 100 or so demonstrators on the other side of the Avenue du President Wilson from the barricaded building. "We helped them get elected, too," he said of Jospin and his government. Bambagueye now describes them as "traitors."

France does not find it easy to reconcile the legacies of its colonial past with its republican ideals of liberty, equality and fraternity. Persistently high unemployment, down from a peak of 12.5 percent last year but still 11.8 percent, has worsened a far-right political backlash against millions of Muslim immigrants who had poured in from former French colonies in North Africa since the 1960s.

Militant immigrants, many but not all Muslims, have made churches a focal point of the movement to put pressure on Interior Minister Jean-Pierre Chevenement. After a hunger strike by immigrants occupying a Protestant church in the Batignolles neighborhood in Paris ended in July, he agreed to consider appeals from the 70,000 rejected immigrants "in a positive spirit" and not to expel any until all appeals had been exhausted.

Church authorities have blown hot and cold, according to some of the immigrants. The nuncio, Archbishop Mario Tagliaferri, had fed the occupying immigrants, they said before they stopped answering calls on their portable telephone Monday.

On instructions from Rome, the nuncio also urged the French Interior Ministry to take another look at their cases. The Ministry agreed, but only if the demonstrators left the building and presented themselves at Paris police headquarters.

Tuesday, the Vatican asked the occupiers to leave voluntarily and respect French law.

According to Bambagueye, of the 314 people who occupied the Church of St. Bernard in 1996, only 26 ended up being deported.

One man died; he was one of 10 who had conducted a seven-week hunger strike. All but 17 got at least temporary residence permits, and permits for all of them are now the goal of the four "sans-papiers," those without documents now occupying the Nuncio's residence.

The movement got unexpected support in July from Charles Pasqua, the conservative politician who, as interior minister in 1986 and again in 1993, got the immigration laws changed to make it more difficult for foreigners' children born in France to acquire citizenship and for relatives from abroad to join those here.

That was exactly what some of Jospin's leftist political allies had been demanding, and some of the prime minister's advisers suspected Pasqua was just trying to cause trouble for Jospin.

"There are some segments of French public opinion, particularly intellectuals, who say we should accept everybody who presents himself for immigration," Jospin said recently. But, he added, that had never been his position.

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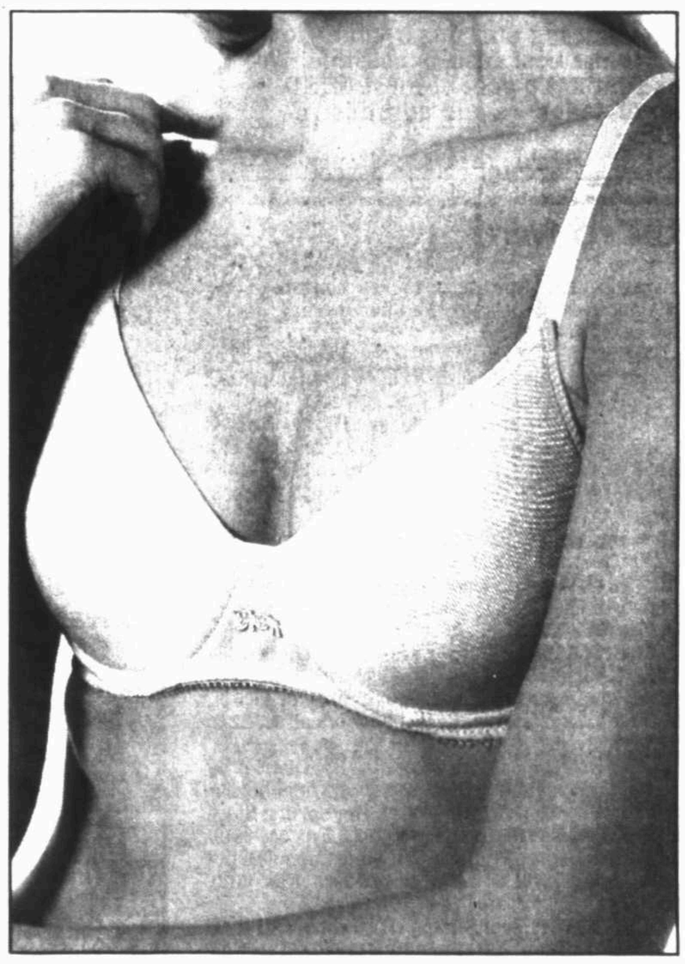
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MISD acceptable but there's room for improvement

Although all Midland schools were designated at least academically acceptable by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) recently — and Sam Houston Elementary achieved the TEA's "recognized" status — that doesn't mean there is no room for improvement.

In fact, there is plenty of room for improvement. That fact was cited by Midland Independent School District (MISD) Supt. Joseph P. Baressi Jr. after the TEA results were released earlier this week.

"I do think it's a positive trend that our minority students are making gains," said Dr. Baressi, but he quickly noted that, "Our scores on the TAAS are generally average, and I'd like for us to be better than that."

So would a number of Midland parents of MISD students. To a great extent that is the point some Midlanders were trying to convey to MISD officials in June when they complained of the school district's "lackluster performance." One group, the Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility (CFR), even called on the school board to "raise academics to the top of their agenda, where it belongs...."

The fact that all MISD schools were designated academically acceptable, which means at least 40 percent of the students in those schools passed the TAAS, is encouraging.

The fact that Sam Houston Elementary reached "recognized" status, which means 80 percent of that school's students passed the TAAS and fared well in other indicators such as attendance, means Sam Houston is doing something right. Principal Deborah Tubbs is due commendation for her outstanding work.

But the fact that no MISD schools were rated exemplary, which means at least 90 percent of its students pass the TAAS, underscores the fact that MISD still has work to do to improve test scores — which are nothing more than an indication of how well students are learning what they are being taught. While we recognize reasons have been given as to why Midland and Odessa scores cannot be fairly compared, the fact remains that in Odessa a total of eight schools did achieve recognized or exemplary status.

These results show that MISD is improving, but still has a job to do to achieve the best results possible. We think that's the goal of most MISD parents, teachers and administrators.

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GEORGE WILL

Self-indulgence mars national conversation

WASHINGTON — Neither good taste nor public-spiritedness mars the nearly perfect seaminess to which President Clinton's self-indulgence and self-absorption have reduced the national conversation. However, this is almost sublime: His grand jury testimony is scheduled for Aug. 17, fifty years to the day after a riveting moment in another perjury drama.

Will

In 1948 Whittaker Chambers, a former Communist, accused Alger Hiss of espionage while both were serving the Soviet Union. On Aug. 17 Hiss was invited by Congressman Richard Nixon to Room 1400 in New York's Commodore Hotel, where Chambers awaited. After a pantomime of uncertainty, Hiss said he had known Chambers slightly, under another name. Thus Hiss continued to weave the tangled web that destroyed him.

The Hiss case involved large themes — dangerous international conflict, clashing understandings of man and justice. Clinton's crisis partakes of his defining attribute: smallness. Which might save him.

When Kenneth Starr's report puts Monica Lewinsky in the context of the seamless corruption of Clinton's career—a chronological report 500 pages long might not deal with her until Page 400 — the very multiplicity of episodes may make all seem as small as the Clintons. So the country may say: Let him limp across the finish line. The great constitutional remedy — impeachment — should be reserved for weightier objects.

Has Clinton committed perjury? Only his word — that is, nothing serious — suggests otherwise. Would a perjurer suborn perjury? Please. Can obstruction of justice be proved? Perhaps not. Clinton may not have told Lewinsky to lie — just as Henry II perhaps did not "tell" servile underlings to murder Beckett. Henry just wondered aloud, in the presence of people eager to ingratiate themselves, "Who will rid me of this turbulent priest?"

Watergate occasioned important reappraisals (often misguided) of campaign regulations, presidential powers and the supervision of national security institutions. But no large lessons will flow from the Clintons' misadventures, only a truism: It is tremendous folly to put trashy people in positions of trust and conspicuousness.

The artful dodger looks increasingly cornered, but Aug. 17 could have much drama drained from it by a pre-emptive presidential address of contrition. But be warned: Political apologies often turn out to be self-testimonials by the apologizer, who confesses that he erred because he loved the people too much or expediency too little. Clinton's might be a hackneyed reprise, replete with serial lip-bites, of his synthetic sincerity that is by now banal: "Compassion made me less than completely candid because I could not bear to hurt ..."

That would be (in Mark Twain's words) not merely food for laughter but an entire banquet. (Clinton's supposed brilliance as a rhetorician is refuted by an axiom: A sculptor wants to be seen to be a sculptor, and a painter seen to be a painter, but an orator does not want to be seen as an orator.) However, what is Clinton's choice?

If he commits perjury before the grand jury, a catalyzing few Democrats of distinction probably will grease the skids beneath him. Starr's indifference to polls is a facet of the probity that makes him unintelligible to Clinton, and surely there are Democrats of probity who are unwilling to ratify by passivity any more of his defining political deviancy down.

Still, if that blue cocktail dress yields no physical evidence, Clinton might roll the dice and stick with his story. Doing so, he would risk everything on the gamble — he should assume that Starr has heard from witnesses Clinton knows nothing of — that Starr has not accumulated convincing corroborative evidence of Lewinsky's story.

Clinton's presidency, an inconsequential skiff even before waves of scandal began pouring over the gunnels, has now been whittled nearly to nothingness by the public's intuitive wielding of "Ockham's razor," also called the principle of parsimony. The principle is: When seeking to explain phenomena, start with the simplest theory.

The public understands that Clinton's behavior for six months — silence, when not minting implausible privilege claims and directing calumny against Starr — has been rational if, but only if, he is guilty. Polls — snapshots of a flowing river — will change radically if he commits perjury before the grand jury.

There is no look as baleful as that which contorts the faces of some Clinton despisers when they think he might "get away with it." Have they not noticed? Condign punishment is under way — public mortification, domestic torture (life on the White House's second floor must now be gothic) and political emasculation. Yet to come, the ridicule of history.

The object so sublime, to make the punishment fit the crime, is already being achieved.

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ART BUCHWALD

Public sick of reading about Clinton

You hear it everywhere. On the beaches, in the restaurants and even in the laundry: "I'm sick and tired of reading about Monica Lewinsky."

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"How sick are you?" I ask.

"I'm real sick. I can't take it anymore. I'm also sick of Linda Tripp — and I'm sick of Ken Starr."

"What makes you sick about Ken Starr?"

"The way he always smiles when he takes someone to the guillotine."

"Are you sick of President Clinton?"

"I'm not sick of Clinton — I'm sick of reading about him. Why does the press always have to write about the president?"

"Because there is nothing else to write about in the summertime."

"Well, I'm fed up reading about what the Secret Service could have seen and when they saw it."

"Do you believe the grand jury is telling the truth?"

"Yes. They have nothing to lose by telling the truth. Also, I think they should receive immunity. Because they have been sitting for such a long time, they have been punished enough."

"Can we talk about the dress?"

"No, I'll get sick if we talk about the dress. I would rather talk about the highway bill than anything to do with the Starr investigation."

"Do you think the president should be banned from golf if it turns out he knew Monica in more than a friendly way?"

"No, but he should be penalized five strokes if he spent more time in the Oval Office with Monica than he did with the secretary of state."

"If the press and TV devoted no more time and space to Monica, Linda and Starr, would you be satisfied?"

"You mean a complete blackout on anything to do with Whitewater?"

"Something like that."

"I'm sure if I couldn't read about it, it wouldn't make me sick."

"What would you prefer the press write about?"

"Cloning mice."

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Aug. 6, the 218th day of 1998. There are 147 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 6, 1945, during World War II, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, killing an estimated 140,000 people in the first use of a nuclear weapon in warfare.

On this date:

In 1787, the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia began to debate the articles contained in a draft of the U. S. Constitution.

In 1806, the Holy Roman Empire went out of existence as Emperor Francis I abdicated.

In 1825, Bolivia declared its independence from Peru.

In 1890, convicted murderer William Kemmler became the first person to be executed in the electric chair as he was put to death at Auburn State Prison in New York.

In 1926, Gertrude Ederle of New York became the first American woman to swim the English Channel, in about 14 1/2 hours.

In 1948, Bob Mathias won the decathlon at the London Olympics.

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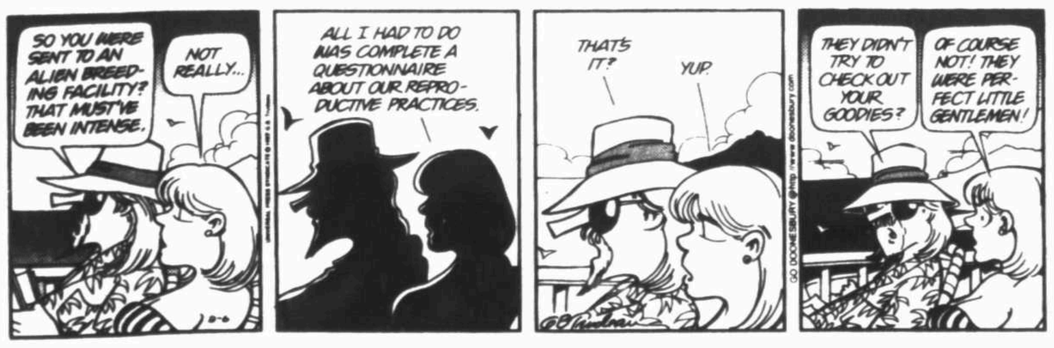

CAL THOMAS

Calvin Coolidge: Unstained president with common sense

PLYMOUTH NOTCH, Vt. -- Seventy-five years ago in the pre-dawn hours of Aug. 3, following the death of Warren Harding, Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as president of the United States by his father, a notary public, on the tiny family farm.

Recently, a four-day celebration of Coolidge was held in Boston, where he served as a legislator, lieutenant governor and governor of Massachusetts, and in the Vermont hamlet he called home. There is much to reconsider and learn from a man who is often misquoted by those who have read only historians and not his actual words. Two timely biographies by more objective historians Robert Ferrell and Robert Sobel take aim at the misconceptions and misperceptions surrounding Coolidge.

Thomas

Not only does the 30th president have much to teach modern politicians and citizens about the role and cost of government (he cut taxes four times and reduced the national debt by one-third while maintaining a surplus every year in office), we might consider the unity of his public and private character, which led to an administration and life unstained by scandal.

In his 1940 book on Coolidge, Claude Feuss wrote of the period immediately after Harding, "... the United States was not looking for either heroism or romanticism. What it wanted was plain ordinary common sense. Calvin Coolidge had character -- and in the long run character outlasts what is temporarily spectacular."

Coolidge said much the same in his autobiography: "... unless men live right they die. Things are so ordered in this world that those who violate its laws cannot escape the penalty. Nature is inexorable. If men do not follow the truth they cannot live."

The Rutland Daily Herald editorialized last Saturday: "He carried with him into the larger world values of integrity, honesty and simplicity ...." That style, noted the editorial, is "in sharp contrast to the confessional and sentimental styles of the 1990s. (Coolidge) does not shy from revealing the passions and griefs of his life, but he maintains dignity and humor through understatement and economy of words."

As he left office on March 1, 1929, the New York Times editorialized about "Coolidge's rugged integrity .... While the country was left shuddering and ashamed by the revelations of corruption under President Harding, it turned with relief and confidence to the unchallenged simplicity and purity of life which, (ital) both official and private, (unital) was going on in the White House. Mr. Coolidge had such a shield in his demonstrated character that political arrows fell from it blunted and broken" (italics mine). Is there any Coolidge-like politician out there today who might pick up the pieces from the shambles the current president is making of the office?

Robert Sobel offers this quote from Democrat Al Smith as the ultimate accolade to Coolidge: "His great task was to restore the dignity and prestige of the presidency when it had reached the lowest ebb in our history, and to afford in a time of extravagance and waste a shining public example of the simple and honest virtues which came down to him from his New England ancestors. These are no small achievements, and history will not forget them."

Of himself, Coolidge modestly said: "It is a great advantage to a president, and a major source of safety to the country, for him to know that he is not a great man. When a man begins to feel that he is the only one who can lead in this republic, he is guilty of treason to the spirit of our institutions."

Silent Cal? Hardly. Here was a man who spoke only when he had something to say. And he had plenty to say that was good and even funny if one understands the reserved humor of Vermont. We could do much worse than to have a principled man like Calvin Coolidge in the White House today, which is precisely what we are doing — a lot worse.

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Settlers halt talks after Israelis shot

ITZHAR, West Bank (AP) — Right-wing Jewish settlers and their supporters on Wednesday demanded a formal suspension of peace talks with the Palestinians, hours after two Israelis were ambushed and killed at their isolated West Bank settlement.

Attackers repeatedly shot the two at close range and riddled their white four-wheel-drive vehicle with bullets, the Israeli military said.

The shootings occurred around midnight as the pair patrolled the boundaries of the settlement of Itzhar, on a remote, rocky hilltop outside the Palestinian-controlled city of Nablus.

The slain men, aged 18 and 24, were both sons of prominent right-wing rabbis, and both were students at a Jewish seminary in Nablus that has been a focal point of past confrontations between Palestinians and Jewish settlers.

Even before the slayings, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had been under heavy pressure from the right wing and the powerful settler lobby to not cede more West Bank land to the Palestinians. With the killings, that pressure intensified.

Several right-wing lawmakers called on parliament to return from summer recess and stop the already foundering negotiations with the Palestinians.

"We will build this land, we will keep this land, and we won't give it over to murderers," said lawmaker Shaul Yaalom, whose party has threatened to break with Netanyahu's ruling coalition over the pullback.

Netanyahu said he viewed the attack "very gravely" and added that it underscored the seriousness of Israel's security concerns.

Yasser Arafat, addressing Palestinian lawmakers Wednesday in the West Bank town of Ramallah, did not mention the killings, instead focusing on the deadlocked peace talks.

Israeli-Palestinian negotiations have been stalled for months over a U.S. proposal for Israel to withdraw from an additional 13 percent of the West Bank. The two sides held two weeks of high-level talks ending this week in an effort to restart the negotiations, but reached no accord.

Israel TV reported that more talks may be held Thursday.

Settler leaders say Netanyahu's latest troop-pullback offer — rejected Tuesday by Arafat as giving the Palestinians too little land — concedes too much territory, leaving settlements like the one struck Wednesday vulnerable to attack.

"This is a tragic example of what is likely to occur tenfold when troop redeployments are carried out," said settler leader Ahron Dombe.

At an emotional memorial service in Jerusalem for the slain settlers, some right-wing mourners interrupted a rabbi's prayer with raucous catcalls. "Why don't you talk about revenge?" one yelled.

Afterward, thousands joined in a funeral procession back to Itzhar for the burials.

No arrests had been made by late Wednesday, and Israeli officials said they believed the assailants had fled into adjacent Palestinian-run areas.

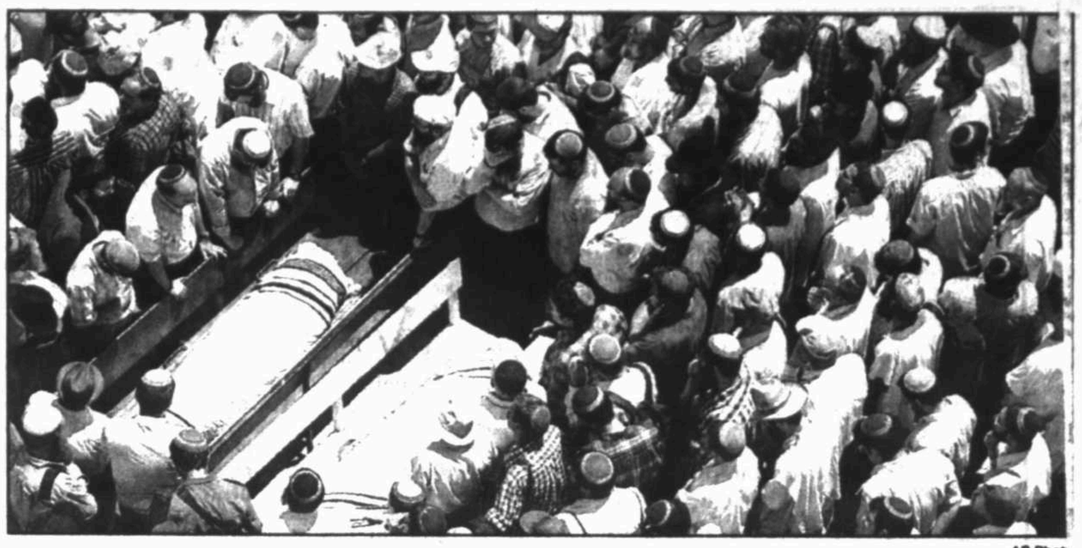
There has long been bad blood between Itzhar, home to about 300 people, and its Palestinian neighbors.

"I'm so angry and worried — I can't even imagine what will happen now," said Palestinian farmer Hashem Ahlan.

He and other villagers say settlers have stolen their livestock, burned fields, uprooted olive trees and built roads in an effort to grab land. Now the villagers fear reprisal attacks.

Ahlan's village of Ain Aboos, along with four other Palestinian villages, was under military curfew Wednesday as Israeli soldiers searched for suspects.

Up the hill at Itzhar, the mood was angry and explosive. A few youths at the settlement's gate shouted threats and insults at arriving journalists.



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Jewish settlers gather around the bodies of Harel Binoun,18, and Shlomo Livman, 24, during their funeral in Jerusalem, Wednesday. Binoun and Livman were ambushed and killed as they patrolled the isolated Jewish settlement of Itzhar in the West Bank early Wednesday.

Quiet around Mazar-e-Sharif, fighting reported in the east

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Opposition forces said they gained ground Wednesday in eastern Afghanistan, a claim the ruling Taliban religious militia denied. The two front lines outside the northern opposition stronghold of Mazar-e-Sharif were reported calm.

Abdullah, a spokesman for anti-Taliban alliance leader Ahmed Shah Masood, said Masood's troops captured 25 Taliban bunkers in an offensive east of Kunduz province, 120 miles east of Mazar-e-Sharif. Taliban spokesman Abdul Hay Muttayn said his forces repelled the attack.

The alliance is backed into a small corner of northern Afghanistan. With Mazar-e-Sharif in its sights, the Taliban appear poised to capture the remainder of the country.

Taliban leaders have imposed a strict version of Islamic law in the vast majority of the country that they control. Since capturing the capital, Kabul, in 1996, Taliban officials have barred girls from school and confined most women to their homes.

Abdullah said 50 Taliban soldiers were killed and 112 captured in Wednesday's fighting. He made no mention of alliance casualties. Abdullah spoke by telephone from London and said he had been in touch with Masood in northern Afghanistan.

Earlier, Taliban officials reported no fighting around Mazar-e-Sharif. Taliban fighters are reportedly closing in on the city from two sides, with the front lines about 12 miles to the west and 25 miles to the east.

On Tuesday, Muttayn said the religious militia was building bunkers and taking other measures to shore up its defenses around Mazar-e-Sharif. It was unclear when the Taliban would attempt to capture the city.

The Taliban retreated from Mazar-e-Sharif in a brutal defeat last May after street battles in which hundreds of Taliban soldiers died. As many as 2,000 Taliban prisoners of war reportedly were later massacred.

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'Village of widows' to pay respects at memorial

DELINE, Northwest Territories — When the white doves are loosed in Hiroshima Thursday day in the annual rememberance of those killed by the flash of atomic fire in 1945, a delegation of Dene Indians from Canada's cancer-haunted "village of widows" will be on hand to pay respects — and express remorse.

The Sahtugot'ine Dene of Deline, a desolate hamlet of 700 on the western shore of Great Bear Lake, are a people ridden by a terrible sense of responsibility for the atomic attacks against Japan, which ended World War II.

"The stuff they used to make the bombs, they got it here and then someone dropped bombs there, and so many people died," said Rosie Dolphus, one of Deline's widows — her husband died of bone cancer a decade ago after years of hauling radioactive ore at a government-owned mine. "We want to offer comfort" to the Japanese "and explain we had no idea that rock was so dangerous. To others, to ourselves."

That rock is uranium. And if the Deline Dene played an obscure role in creating the most fearsome weapon the world has known, they themselves, it now appears, rank as perhaps the first victims of the atomic age.

"Our own people are dying, too, because of that rock," Dolphus said.

For decades, beginning in the late 1930s, the Dene were hired as ore carriers, lugging uranium and radium from the world's first uranimum mine — the Eldorado, a Canadian Crown industry located across the lake in Port Radium — for shipment to a secret weapons program in the United States. The mine was closed in 1960, and abandoned Port Radium has since been renamed Echo Bay.

Ottawa has confirmed that uranium from the Eldorado deposit was used to make the world's first atomic bombs, dropped by US warplanes on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945.

Saying they are troubled that their labor contributed to so much agony, the Deline Dene this week sent a delegation of six elders to Hiroshima to mark the 53rd anniversary of the atomic attack and express sorrow to the Japanese. It was only in the last few years, say leaders of the isolated village, that the Dene learned how they played a small part in one of the defining tragedies of the modern era. And it disturbed them, especially the elders.

"We want to express our sadness and compassion for the suffering the uranium from Great Bear Lake caused elsewhere," said Cindy Kenny-Gilday, head of the Deline First Nation Uranium Committee.

But the Deline Dene also want to draw international attention to what they describe as a plague of cancer that has ravaged their tiny band, most of whose members still subsist by hunting, fishing and trapping.

Although no official health records were kept until 1989, it appears that an unusually high percentage of Dene have died of the disease, starting in the decades after the mine opened.

Other Indians in the Northwest Territories have given Deline the nickname "village of widows," because so many men have died of cancer.

"In my grandmother's time, our men regularly lived to be 80 or 90," said Gina Bayha, a 35-year-old member of the Deline band council. "Now we hardly have any men past the age of 65. Nearly all died of cancer."

Only a handful of the men who actually worked in the Eldorado mine are still alive. Among them is Paul Baton, 83, who recalls bruising 12-hour shifts loading boats with 100-pound sacks of uranium ore for shipment across the huge lake and down the Mackenzie River.

"The dust coated you like flour, it covered our clothes, our heads our hands," he recounted. "We would sleep on the sacks. No one told us anything about it being dangerous. No one told us about cancer. But over the past 25 years our people have known nothing but cancer."

The Dene are convinced that tailings and other waste from the mining operation have contaminated the water and soil all around Great Bear Lake. They say the surge of cancers is not limited only to the men who labored at the Eldorado mine but to every family in the band.

""We feel our animals, our fish, our water is all contaminated," Baton said. "This hurts us, in turn, because we are consumers of these elements."

The government does not dispute that the Indians of Deline have suffered from high cancer rates. But officials, noting the paucity of records, also say that so far there is no proven medical link between the deaths and the uranium operation.

Indian Affairs Minister Jane Stewart said Ottawa is investigating the allegations of continuing radioactive leakage from the shuttered mine.

Mexico elections show fraud is fading

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Elections in three states this week underscored a new Mexican political reality: the days of traditional ballot box fraud by the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party are fading.

The angry cries of fraud that dominated Mexican elections just a few years ago were not heard last Sunday in the Gulf state of Veracruz, central Aguascalientes or southern Oaxaca. The same was true for state elections July 5 in the northern states of Chihuahua, Durango and in central Zacatecas.

There was some grumbling by losing politicians about "irregularities," but virtually no complaints were actually filed in electoral courts.

For some analysts, that showed that the gradual trend toward clean and fair elections is taking hold.

"Everything seems to indicate that," political commentator Sergio Sarmiento said in a telephone interview Wednesday.

Election fraud, Sarmiento added, "seems to have disappeared almost completely. There was some complaining in Oaxaca, but not sufficiently to change the final result."

In Oaxaca, the grumbling came primarily from the Democratic Revolution Party, which held a strong second in the governor's race. But about the only serious complaint filed as of Wednesday was with the election crimes prosecutor's office — not with the police.

Two Oaxaca state police officers were held for questioning after being accused of trying to coerce voters to cast ballots for the governing party known as the PRI.

Wednesday's nearly-complete election results showed the PRI winning both the Oaxaca and Veracruz governorships, but with much narrower margins than in the past. It lost the statehouse in central Aguascalientes to the opposition National Action Party.

Results in the three states showed a gradual erosion of support for the PRI with a larger percentage of voters choosing the opposition — often the business-oriented National Action or the left-leaning Democratic Revolution.

For Sarmiento, that indicates a firm trend towards a greater balance of political power between the PRI and the opposition for Mexico's presidential election in 2000.

That trend will be tested later this year during elections for governor and local legislatures in the northern states of Sinaloa and Tamaulipas and the central states of Tlaxcala and Puebla. Voters in the troubled southern state of Chiapas this year will also choose new mayors and a state legislature.

Founded in 1929, the PRI long maintained power through free-wheeling patronage, corruption, coercion and election fraud.

Through a series of electoral reforms over the past decade, the PRI's traditional ways have changed slowly, "not radically," Sarmiento said.

"Basically, Sunday's election seems to confirm the present political status quo, with the PRI leading and with opposition parties growing stronger at almost every election," he said.

"It is difficult to say for sure, but my impression is that the PRI has actually lost ground," Sarmiento said. "Sooner or later the PRI is going to lose a federal election."

Advancing Congo rebels deny Rwanda link

KINSHASA, Congo (AP) — Tutsi rebels reportedly captured two major cities and advanced on a third Wednesday in eastern Congo, where President Laurent Kabila said Rwanda has sent troops to strengthen the revolt.

About 400 Rwandan troops were aiding the rebellion "and causing Congolese bloodshed," government spokesman Didier Mumengi said.

But the commander of the rebels went on a rebel-held radio station in the eastern city of Goma, on the border with Rwanda, to deny the uprising was anything but homegrown.

"This is a struggle of the Congolese people," said Arthur Z'Ahidi Ngoma, who was elected leader of the mutineers Tuesday night by a group of rebel fighters, opposition officials and government defectors, according to the radio station.

Ngoma, a veteran opposition figure who was briefly jailed by Kabila's regime, denied the revolt was ethnically driven. Pasteur Bizimungu, who heads Rwanda's Tutsi-led government, also denied his country was involved, but left open the possibility of future intervention.

Rwanda's forces played a key role in Kabila's victory last year over longtime Zairian dictator Mobutu Sese Seko. But that delicate alliance of Kabila's rebels, Rwandan troops and Banyamulenge Tutsis from Congo has unraveled and now threatens to topple the current government.

At U.N. headquarters in New York, statements from the Security Council and Secretary-General Kofi Annan stressed the importance of maintaining the "sovereignty and territorial integrity" of Congo, lending muted support to Kabila's embattled government.

Hostilities subsided Wednesday in the two largest cities in Congo's eastern Kivu region — Goma and Bukavu — where rebels had seized control, according to the rebel station and Rwanda's state radio.

However, fighting was reported in Uvira, south of Bukavu, in the South Kivu province, where rebel forces were reportedly advancing.

A brief exchange of artillery and small weapons fire in the northeastern city of Kisangani was reported there, according to several aid groups based in the capital of Kinshasa. An unnamed Defense Ministry official, however, insisted loyalist troops were not under threat.

Kabila has accused Rwanda and its troops, along with Banyamulenge fighters, of spurring the rebellion in the east. But Rwanda has insisted it is not in control of the troops and doesn't even officially recognize they are in Congo.

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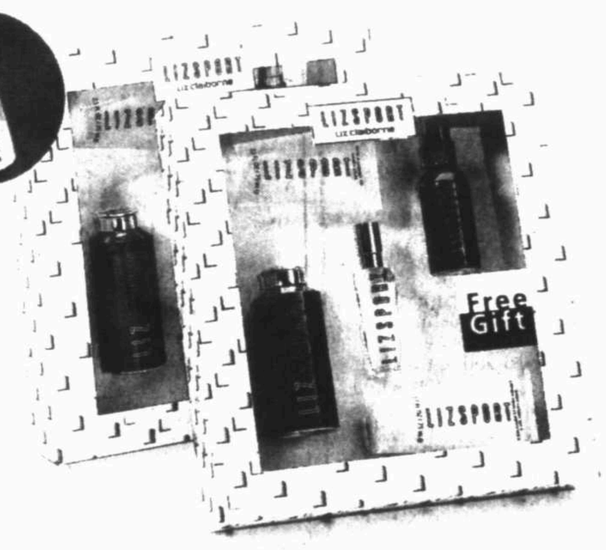
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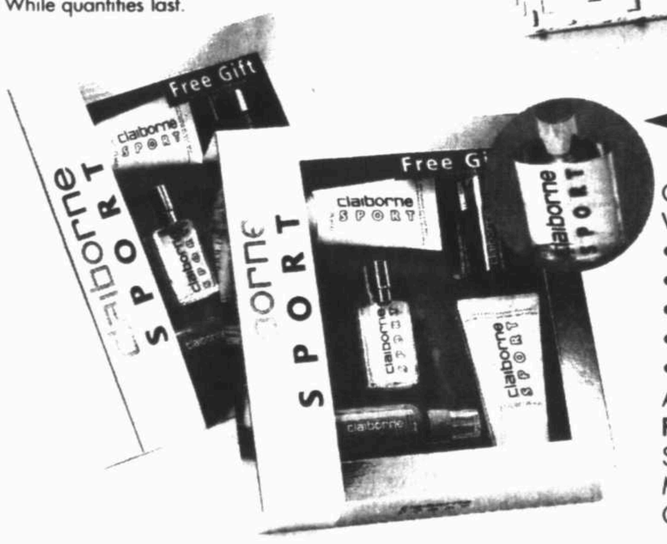
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Acknowledging mistakes has never come easily for Clinton

By Cragg Hines
Hearst News Service

■ News analysis

WASHINGTON — At one of the lowest points in his political life, Bill Clinton looked into a television camera and apologized.

"It was a mistake," he said, "because so many of you were hurt by it, and I'm really sorry."

That was 16 years ago, and Clinton was talking about raising the Arkansas vehicle license fee. The modest increase had been a key factor in his defeat after one term as governor, and the apology came as he prepared to run again — and restart a career that took him to the White House.

Now, as Clinton faces a new personal and political crossroads, he is being urged to deliver another apology — or at least a detailed explanation — in the Monica Lewinsky matter.

Even as official White House spokesmen stand behind the president's denial of a sexual relationship with the one-time White House intern, former Clinton aides and allies on Capitol Hill are calling for a personal, unambiguous statement from the president.

"If he lied, he should tell all, apologize and hope for the best," George Stephanopoulos, a former senior adviser, writes in Newsweek.

It's called the "mea culpa" scenario, Latin for "my fault."

And while the White House attempts to dampen expectations that Clinton will take such a course in tandem with his grand jury testimony Aug. 17, longtime Clinton observers are uncertain what to expect.

"I do think he'll do the mea culpa," David Gergen, a former Clinton adviser, said on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press." "I think now that we've reached the crunch point, he'll step up to it. I think he's that kind of man."

But acknowledgment of mistakes has never come easily for Clinton.

Ernest Dumas, a former columnist for the Arkansas Gazette who has observed Clinton's entire political career, recalled that the 1982 apology was delivered in a campaign context and was unique.

"I can't remember, offhand, anything else on which he accepted responsibility for a major mistake," Dumas said.

As for apologizing in the Lewinsky matter, Dumas said, "I've assumed all along that he wouldn't, unless there is incontrovertible proof that would make it hard for him to stonewall."

White House spokesman Barry Toiv said Clinton is "aware of some" of the calls for him to speak to the nation about his relationship with Lewinsky.

White House spokeswoman Amy Weiss Tobe has denied a published report that Clinton chief of staff Erskine Bowles had sounded out Democrats in Congress about whether Clinton should make a major speech explaining his relationship with Lewinsky.

House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., said the subject did not come up when Clinton met with House Democrats on Wednesday.

The White House has not ruled out a presidential address on Lewinsky, although Toiv said he was "not aware of any plans at this time."

Clinton is apparently conferring with so few people about the Lewinsky situation that a decision to make a national address would be held closely until the latest possible moment.

From the outside, some analysts see a need for Clinton to make a bold move before he testifies to the grand jury.

"I think he absolutely has to do something before Aug. 17," said John Zogby, a polling specialist. "He has to take the sting out of his appearance. He has to trump it somehow."

During the 1992 presidential campaign, Clinton used an extraordinary appearance on "60 Minutes" to all but acknowledge extramarital affairs.

At the time, Clinton adviser James Carville said the risky public appearance was required to allow the campaign to attempt to get past allegations of sexual impropriety.

"We had to do it," Carville said. "We couldn't get our message out."

Clinton may be beginning to face a similar situation now.

Even though he retains high job-performance ratings in national surveys, the public is demonstrating a desire for candor on Clinton's part, apparently in hope of ending the investigation of independent counsel Kenneth Starr.

House Dems pledge scandal won't overshadow issues

By Judy Holland
Hearst News Service

'There was no cloud over our caucus this morning. It was about cooperation and teamwork. It was substantive, constructive and very unifying.'
— Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.,

WASHINGTON — House Democrats met behind closed doors with President Clinton Wednesday and later expressed their determination to keep working on their election-year legislative agenda despite the Monica Lewinsky controversy.

During the 75-minute pep-rally on Capitol Hill, neither the president, Vice President Al Gore nor any of the legislators broached the Lewinsky matter, according to Democrats at the meeting.

Clinton has agreed to give testimony on Aug. 17 to the grand jury looking into whether Clinton and others committed perjury or obstruction of justice in connection with an alleged sexual affair and coverup.

Democratic House members greeted the president with a standing ovation and cheers after which Clinton pledged, "I'm going to raise issues, raise money and raise Cain to help elect Democrats," according to members at the caucus.

Most of the 206 House Democrats attended the meeting.

The gathering came as Clinton faces pressure from some Democrats, including his former chief of staff, Leon Panetta, to explain the Lewinsky matter publicly. However, Clinton's approval ratings have remained high, topping 60 percent, making him valuable to Democratic candidates with elections three months away.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Clinton appeared undaunted by the sex controversy swirling around him and was "strong, forceful and appropriate."

"There was no cloud over our caucus this morning," Pelosi said. "It was about cooperation and teamwork. It was substantive, constructive and very unifying."

Clinton rallied Democrats by talking about saving the Social Security system, improving health care and public schools, maintaining a balanced budget, helping farmers and keeping a clean environment, lawmakers later said.

Clinton also said he would veto any spending bill that doesn't allow for statistical sampling in the 2000 Census, members said. Democrats, claiming that traditional head counts discriminate against minorities, favor the sampling process, which allows Census officials to extrapolate population numbers based on population samples.

Rep. Charles B. Rangel, D-N.Y., the top Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee, said it became clear in the meeting that Clinton and House Democrats "are not only speaking the same language, we are thinking the same thoughts."

Rep. Ellen Tauscher, D-Calif., said the meeting with the president was a relief because it "was like a rumor-free zone."

Tauscher said "there are plenty of people paying attention" to the Lewinsky case and that she was happy to hear the president focus instead on issues.

"The speculation and rehashing is frankly not what I believe my job is," she said.

Tauscher said the American people don't want to dwell on scandal.

"It's pretty disrespectful that the media, pundits and attorneys are filling up the airwaves with constant speculation and innuendo," Tauscher said.

Rep. Vic Fazio, D-Calif., chairman of the Congressional Democratic Caucus, said "the silence was deafening on the so-called Washington scandals" during the meeting. Fazio said support for Clinton "is as strong as it's ever been."

"We're in sync on the issues," Fazio said, adding that most people in the caucus realize that the issues swirling around the president and Lewinsky, a former White House intern, "will be resolved between the president, the grand jury and (independent counsel) Ken Starr."

Minority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., said after the meeting, that House Democrats and Clinton "have got a very unified position on the issues."

"He's the president, we're the minority in the Congress, we're trying to be the majority, and he is really helping us articulate our message," Gephardt said.

Freshman Rep. Nick Lampson, D-Texas, said the atmosphere in the room was full of "enthusiasm, unity and magnetism."

"There's a lot of belief that we have a wonderful opportunity to regain the House," Lampson said.

Democrats, facing an uphill battle to overcome the 11-vote Republican majority in the House, say they need the president to help raise money and energize voters by speaking out on such issues as the proposed "patients' bill of rights" that would bolster the bargaining power of patients receiving health care through managed care programs.

Clinton has already raised $8 million for House Democrats by appearing at a dozen Democratic fund-raising events, Rep. Martin Frost, D-Texas, head of the House Democrats' re-election committee, told the caucus Wednesday. And Clinton was expected to pull in another $1.2 million starring at a Democratic "Unity Fund" dinner Wednesday night.

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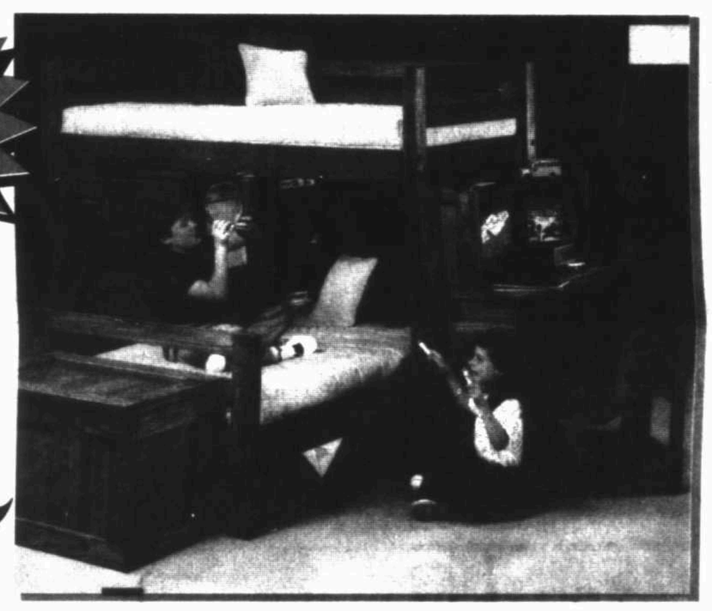

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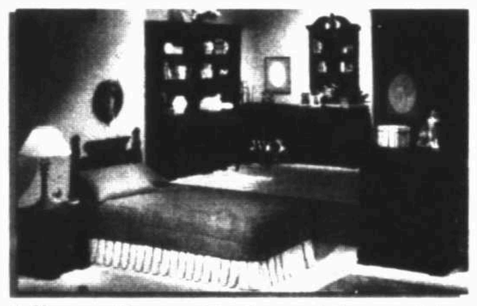

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Prosecutors look into lesser charges for boy accused of impregnating sister

STERLING HEIGHTS, Mich. — As a 12-year-old girl recovers from a late-term abortion, prosecutors appear to be backing away from plans to file felony sex charges against her teen-age brother accused of impregnating her.

"This is looking like a case of youthful sexual experimentation that was wrongful and certainly criminal," Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marlinga said in Wednesday editions of The Macomb Daily of Mount Clemens.

"But I believe he (is) no threat to others," Marlinga said of the 17-year-old brother. "He doesn't even seem like a threat to his sister anymore."

The case made headlines when the girl was refused an abortion at 27 weeks into her pregnancy because Michigan prohibits abortions after the 24th week in all but life-threatening situations.

The girl had been brought to the doctor before the 24-week limit, but was not diagnosed as pregnant.

Her parents planned to take her out of state for an abortion when they were stopped by Marlinga's office, which won a court order that the girl be first given a psychiatric evaluation.

That order was in effect for a week before a judge cleared the way for her parents to take her out of state for a late-term abortion toward the end of July.

Authorities had said they would pursue a felony criminal sexual conduct count against the brother. But Marlinga said a lesser charge may be more appropriate.

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Lewinsky prepares for dramatic grand jury appearance

'She has found this really hard, and she has anguished over it.'
— source familiar with Monica Lewinsky's testimony preparations

WASHINGTON (AP) — After a week of emotionally wrenching preparation, Monica Lewinsky wrapped up her last session with prosecutors and was ready to tell a grand jury Thursday her account of a White House affair that could alter the course of Bill Clinton's presidency.

Ms. Lewinsky spent Wednesday going over her testimony with Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr's staff one last time, and both sides agreed at day's end she was ready for her scheduled appearance, a source familiar with the preparations said.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Ms. Lewinsky, 25, was eager to put the grand jury appearance behind her and tell the truth, but at times found it difficult or awkward to talk about the deeply personal details of a relationship with Clinton that she claims involved sexual activity inside the White House.

There were times during her week of preparation she cried, the source said. "She has found this really hard, and she has anguished over it," the source said.

The source said prosecutors hoped to keep Ms. Lewinsky's grand jury appearance concise, far shorter than the eight days her former friend, Linda Tripp, spent testifying about the secret tape recordings she made that prompted the investigation.

Contradicting the president's sworn account and her own affidavit, Ms. Lewinsky has told prosecutors under a grant of immunity that she and Clinton engaged in sexual activity during a two-year relationship and discussed ways to conceal it, sources have said.

Among the things they discussed were using presidential secretary Betty Currie as cover for their relationship and later agreeing to return gifts Ms. Lewinsky got from Clinton to Mrs. Currie, the sources said.

Prosecutors are investigating whether Clinton committed perjury in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit and conspired with Ms. Lewinsky and others to cover up their relationship.

The president remained mostly out of view Wednesday except for a brief visit with Democratic allies on Capitol Hill that focused on the legislative agenda and steered clear of any discussion about the investigation. Pressed by reporters, House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt said, "He has said he's going to testify, we have known that and we support him in that."

Clinton's lawyers worked on a new legal dispute over the testimony of White House attorney Lanny Breuer that threatened to rekindle issues of executive privilege and attorney-client privilege.

Presidential aides waited anxiously for word on the results of FBI tests on a dress Ms. Lewinsky gave to prosecutors with claims that it held evidence of a sexual encounter with Clinton. Publicly, they shrugged off the obvious drama of Ms. Lewinsky's trip to the grand jury.

"His mood is great," presidential spokesman Barry Toiv said of Clinton. "Obviously he is spending some time on preparing for his testimony." Clinton testifies Aug. 17.

Meanwhile, a Democratic activist from Indiana provided a new account about a video that emerged last week showing Clinton embracing Ms. Lewinsky at an October 1996 political event.

John Sullivan, an Indianapolis attorney, said he was standing nearby when Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky hugged. Sullivan said the president asked Ms. Lewinsky "How are you?" and "How's your new position?"

At the time, Ms. Lewinsky had recently left her White House job for a new position at the Pentagon.

Sullivan said a friend involved in the event had pointed out Ms. Lewinsky to him earlier and asked that he keep watch over her because of worries Ms. Lewinsky "might do something silly." Sullivan said he was told that Lewinsky was "showing up at events and fantasizing about the president."

"She said we want to make sure she doesn't kiss him or do something to embarrass the president," Sullivan said in an interview. The friend, Regan Burke, was on vacation and could not be reached.

The White House sought to distance itself from the report. "We haven't attacked Ms. Lewinsky in the past and we are not going to start now," spokesman James Kennedy said.

On the fourth anniversary of his appointment as independent counsel, Starr was reaching the apex of a wide-ranging and oft-criticized investigation that began with an Arkansas land deal and wandered into a full-blown examination of possible obstruction of justice, perjury and witness tampering inside the White House.

After Clinton and Ms. Lewinsky give their accounts to the grand jury, Starr will likely face the high-stakes decision on whether to send Congress an impeachment report.

On Wednesday, a key member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Arlen Specter, R-Pa., wrote the prosecutor asking that he ignore the upcoming elections, begin writing a report now and send it as soon as possible after Clinton's testimony.

"I urge you to prepare as much of your report as possible on this state of the record so that you may conclude it in short order after the remaining witnesses testify," Specter wrote.

As he prepared to call his most important witness to date, Starr dealt with a new legal obstacle. For the second straight day, lawyers for Starr and the White House met in secret in U.S. District Judge Norma Holloway Johnson's chambers over Breuer's refusal to answer certain questions.

Legal sources familiar with the dispute said Breuer declined to answer some questions Tuesday on grounds that it might violate the president's right to confidential advice.

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Family OKs genetic test in baby switching case

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — The grandparents of Rebecca Chittum agreed Wednesday to let the state do a genetic test of her blood to determine whether she is one of two girls switched at birth three years ago.

The grandparents initially balked at authorizing the test because they weren't sure they wanted to find out that their granddaughter is not a blood relative, said their attorney, Pete Robey.

Family members met in Robey's office Wednesday and agreed to authorize the DNA testing of Rebecca's blood "to bring closure to this situation," the attorney said.

Paula Johnson of Ruckersville learned last month after DNA testing for a paternity suit that Callie, the baby she took home from the University of Virginia Hospital, was not her own.

Hospital officials now believe a couple from Buena Vista — Kevin Chittum and Tamara Whitney Rogers — took home Ms. Johnson's baby in June 1995, while she took theirs.

Chittum and Ms. Rogers were killed in a July 4 car crash — never knowing of the switch — and their parents have been caring for Rebecca.

Rebecca's medical record at the hospital listed her blood type as A-positive. But a blood test taken last month showed her blood type as O-negative, USA Today reported. When Callie Marie Johnson was tested last month, her blood type was A-positive.

Tests of DNA, the genetic code inherited from parents, prove more conclusively than blood-type tests whether or not two people are related.

The blood sample previously taken from Rebecca will be tested at a state lab in Fairfax, and the result is expected by Monday, Robey said.

Ms. Johnson's lawyer, Cynthia Johnson, did not return phone calls seeking comment. The lawyer and her client are not related.

University police are investigating the case as a criminal act because they believe the switch could not have been an accident, and on Monday they asked Virginia State Police to assist them.

During a news conference Tuesday, Ms. Johnson and her former boyfriend said they hope to work out custody and visitation arrangements with the people raising Rebecca.

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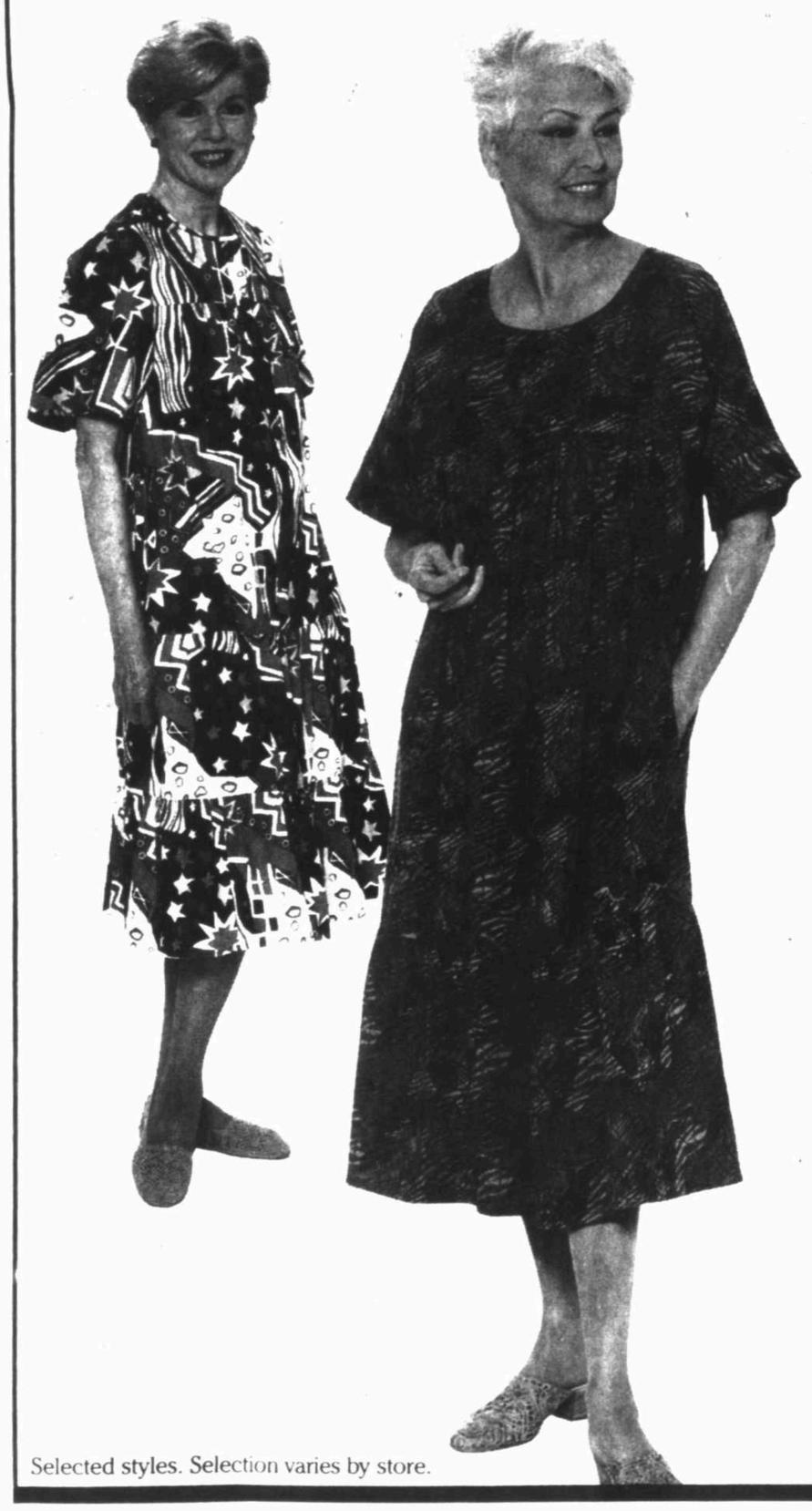

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McLaren appeals kidnap conviction

By Eduardo Montes
Associated Press

EL PASO — Republic of Texas leader Richard McLaren has appealed his organized crime conviction, arguing that prosecutors failed to prove he was directly involved in a kidnapping that sparked an armed standoff.

McLaren, now serving a 99-year prison sentence in the abduction, asked the Texas 8th Court of Appeals in documents filed Tuesday to overturn his guilty verdict and enter a judgment of acquittal. As an alternative, he asked the El Paso-based court to grant him a new trial.

McLaren's attorney, Frank Brown of Alpine, had previously called this "the best appellate case I've ever had." He said Wednesday that he feels even better about it now.

"They alleged that Rick McLaren abducted (his neighbors) Joe and M.A. Rowe and they did not prove it. It's absolutely crystal-clear from the record that Rick didn't go up there," Brown said. "He had nothing to do with it."

District Attorney Albert Valadez, who prosecuted McLaren, could not be reached for comment on the appeal.

Testimony in McLaren's trial last October in Alpine showed that three of McLaren's followers in the Republic, a group that believes Texas is an independent nation, had stormed the Rowes' home in the Davis Mountains Resort and taken the couple hostage on April 27, 1997.

The assault touched off a standoff between McLaren and other Republic members and scores of state troopers, who laid siege to the remote resort 175 miles southeast of El Paso until the group surrendered a week later.

McLaren and an aide, Robert "White Eagle" Otto, were eventually tried and convicted of engaging in organized criminal activity, essentially participating in a conspiracy, to commit aggravated kidnapping.

Prosecutors said that while McLaren was not present at the Rowes' home, he had plotted and directed the kidnapping.

Brown is basing McLaren's appeal on a Texas court precedent that says a person can be convicted of engaging in organized criminal activity only if he agreed to participate in a criminal conspiracy and performed some overt act to advance the conspiracy.

In McLaren's case, his indictment alleged the overt act was the abduction.

"It is clear from the record that appellant (McLaren) did no such act. There is absolutely no evidence that appellant abducted anyone," the appeal states.

The appeal also brings up other points, including that jurors were given misleading and confusing instructions before they began deliberating the case.

Brown said he expects to be allowed to argue the appeal before the court, possibly by early 1999.

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Funeral fines

AUSTIN — The world's largest funeral home company may have to pay the state's largest fine against such businesses. The Texas Funeral Service Commission later this year will consider a recommendation that Service Corporation International, a Houston-based firm with nearly 3,700 funeral homes and facilities worldwide, be fined nearly $450,000.

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Implant case

TEXARKANA — A Texas appeals court has reversed a $1.55 million breast implant award against Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing, also known as 3M. An Upshur County jury, convinced in March 1997 that 3M breast implants caused injuries to four Texas women, awarded the plaintiffs just over half a million dollars in compensatory damages and $1 million in punitive damages.

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TODAY'S AGENDA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

It's the PRINCIPAL of it

Miracle of learning keeps job exciting

By Johnnye Montgomery

BIG SPRING — Rey Villareal, 43, says if one thing can characterize his reasons for being an elementary school principal, it would have to be the constant miracles he sees.

"Almost every day, something miraculous occurs," he said. "With children learning, you can almost see the changes day to day." He cites as an example a classroom incident that happened last year.

"One of our teachers, Ida Flowers, was helping students who we've identified as 'reluctant readers'— students who for varied reasons have gotten far behind in their reading skills — and she works with the kids in a small group format.

"This one particular child had some reading disabilities, and she had never read a book by herself. Never, in her entire life. But she had worked with the group, and about 21/2 months into the year, she was about to finish her first book.

"One morning, I was on the telephone, when Ida came running into my office to get me. I had no idea what the emergency was, but I hung up the phone and ran to follow her back to her classroom, expecting the worst — an accident, I didn't know what I was going to find.

"And there was this little girl, who never in her life had read a book by herself, reading the last page of this book! It was a miraculous moment, and I got to witness it.

"From that day forward, that little girl has continued to read one book after another."

A life-long educator, Villareal started out teaching English and coaching. Ten years ago, he and his family moved to Big Spring, where he began as counselor at Big Spring High School, and two years later, took on the principal's post at Marcy Elementary.

He said he's always loved school, and knew from his high school years that education would be his life work. His wife, Isabel, teaches kindergarten in the Big Spring school system.

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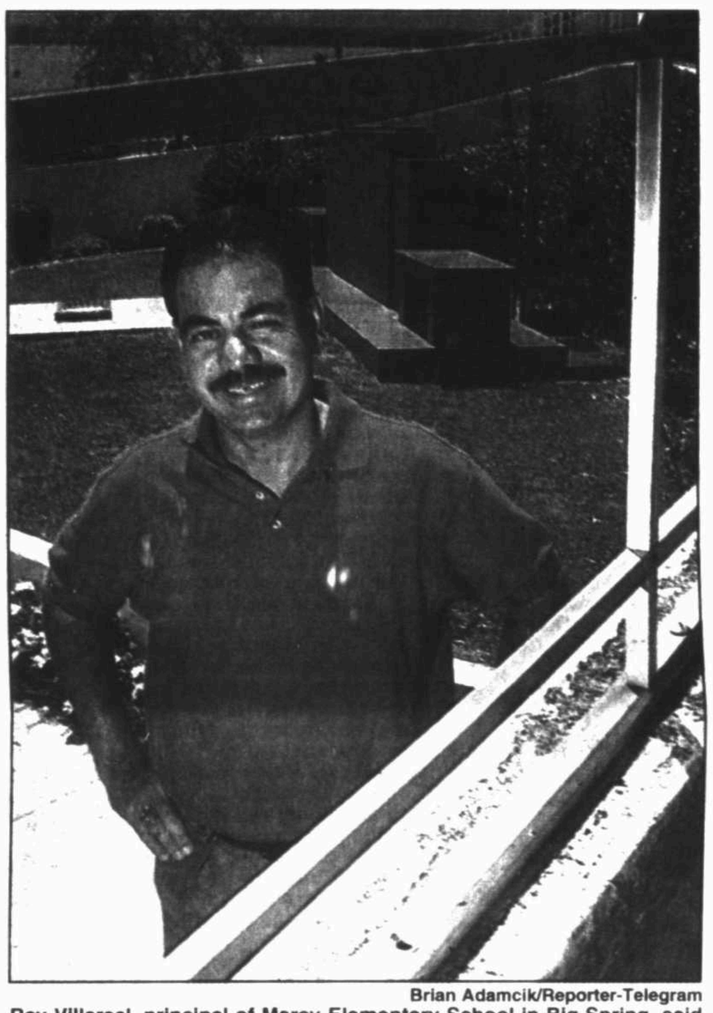

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Ray Villareal, principal of Marcy Elementary School in Big Spring, said that one of the reasons he is an educator is because of the miracles that often occur in the classroom.

Enjoy break from heat while it lasts, forecasters say

DALLAS (AP) — In what is normally the hottest week of the year, much of Texas was getting its coolest weather in a month Wednesday.

Overcast skies kept temperatures in North Texas under 100 degrees for the second straight day. But forecasters said it's too early to perform a post-mortem on the heat wave that has killed at least 118 people in Texas.

"I don't think we can pronounce it over yet, because there is still a lot of summer left," said Steve Fano, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth. "I think it will take more than just a day or two of temperatures at normal levels to end it."

The dome of high pressure that's sustained the heat wave slid over slightly to the west and made room for a few small fronts, Fano said. Hence, the thunderstorms and showers that began late Monday in North Texas were expected to crop up intermittently through Thursday night while South Texas baked under sunny skies.

North Texas temperatures usually peak from Aug. 1 through Aug. 8, when they typically range from 98 to a low of 75, Fano said. But the current outlook calls for temperatures to top 100 degrees again Sunday, Aug. 9.

Dallas' 29-day heat streak of 1998 came in as the second-longest on record, behind the 42 straight triple-digit days during the wicked summer of 1980. So far this year, Dallas has seen 42 days of at least 100 degrees, just five short of the 47 triple-digit days through Aug. 4 in 1980.

The death toll from heat-related causes spiked upward Wednesday when the Harris County medical examiner's office said 15 people have died of heat-related causes since June 1, including five so far this week and four others reported earlier. The tally rose sharply over previously reported numbers after pathologists re-examined some earlier cases.

The Dallas County medical examiner added one new death Wednesday, ruling that Edith Mae Snow Frederick, 85, died as a result of heart disease and

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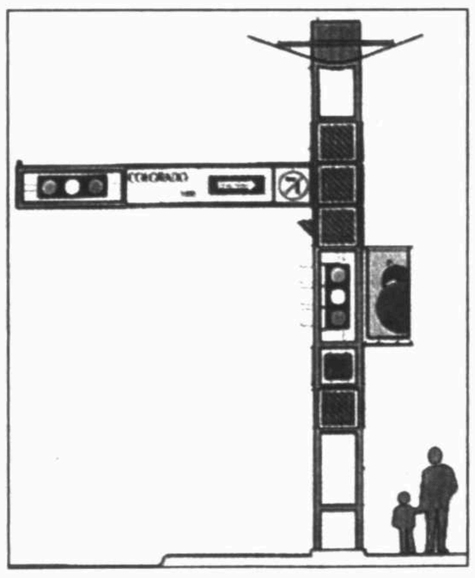

The new traffic light standards for the downtown beautification effort will be quite different from other street lights in the city. These will include places for banners that identify the downtown area and temporary banners (at right) can include seasonal motifs or logos for upcoming events.

Courtesy city of Midland

Downtown beautification plan taking shape

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Dates are firming up for the beginning of an aggressive beautification campaign for the city's downtown area.

This project is the latest and most extensive of the downtown changes since the Midland City Council identified the area as a primary focus for improvement about 18 months ago, said Mayor Bobby Burns.

Proposals have been mailed out for the project and bids are expected back by Aug. 18, said Deputy City Manger Glen Hackler.

It is expected that a bid will be awarded on Sept. 8 with construction beginning shortly thereafter, Hackler said.

The improvements will focus on four intersections surrounding a two-block portion of downtown including the Midland Center and Centennial Plaza/Midland County Courthouse area.

These corners are the intersections of Wall and Colorado streets, Wall and Main streets, Texas Avenue and Colorado and Texas and Main.

The corners in these areas will be extended partially into the intersection in a design called "bump outs" and will be paved with old-style brick pavers, Hackler said.

There will be specially styled park benches and trash receptacles at each of these bump outs with extensive landscaping and vegetation highlighting the areas.

"We're trying to make it as appealing as possible," Burns said.

New traffic light standards will be placed to give a distinctive architectural flavor to the downtown area.

"It's quite a departure from the traditional mast arm," Hackler said of the new light standards.

These decorative standards are made in such a way that permanent banners and temporary banners — with seasonal motifs or in conjunc-

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ED TODD

America cries out for spiritual renewal, return to old ways

America desperately needs to return to the folk ways of old. It cries for a revival, a turnabout, a spiritual renewal.

Todd

While groping around like a drunkard who has lost his way home, this nation — person by person — really seeks a joy, a deep cleansing, a purity, a closeness to God but is sorely afraid. Collectively, the people don't know how and seem to skirt the truth.

Surely, people yearn for a serenity not found in popular sensationalism, which begs for more thrills just like an addict craves more dope and smut and kicks in trying to reach the pinnacle by digging deeper into the quagmire.

What this nation needs is more compassionate storytellers, more candid storytelling, more insightful parables especially at the family level, more thinking and more listening and more reading and observing — not idle gawking and staring at the boob tube.

More than anything, that would come, as it has in generations past, by families getting together and turning to each other for enlightenment and understanding and not relying on an inanimate object, the boob tube or computer screen, that often reflects the opinions of others without sense or care.

This nation needs to put into action what it proclaims on its money but generally avoids in life: "In God We Trust."

The nation, if not much of the world, seems to be foundering in the tinsel facade of popular entertainment — be it soap operas and situational comedies or tabloids and talk shows.

Alas, there is the good and the bad just as there is in every avenue of life. There is class if you seek it out quite selectively, and there is crass, which is easy to fall into. And, quite obviously, there is the on-and-off switch, the escape hatches, the door to the outdoors and the door to the library. And there is the miracle of the mind, which must be nourished.

The shame of much of society is not in the plethora of technology and the maze of information, from tripe to substance, available electronically and via the printed word. Rather, it is in the apparent rise of vulgarity, obscenity, crudeness, blasphemy, profanity, pettiness, injustice, vainglory, gossip, indiscretion, irreverence, envy, lust and licentiousness seemingly without conscience.

The death of good manners suggests a fallen civilization.

Today's gibberish is fraught with opinions void of sensibilities. Honor often is scorned. Wisdom is ridiculed. Ethics too often are cast away. And entertainment personalities, surely not worshiped, are greatly envied and emulated without thought.

Far too often, the worth of a person, performance, or project, such as a movie or book, is measured in millions or billions of dollars. Rather, the value is in the goodness, the virtues, the messages, the truths, the integrity and the philosophy reflected by the person or the work of art or craft.

America cries for spiritual renewal while basking and wallowing in pretense.

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

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POLICE REPORTS

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Wednesday

Burglary: Tools and furniture was taken from Leisure Investments, 3016 W. Front Ave. It was reported at 11:57 a.m.

Burglary: Two saws were taken from 10414 Farm-to-Market Road 307. Lisa Welch reported it at 3:11 p.m.

Anyone having information concerning of these reports should contact Midland Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

HEAT: Fort Worth without one third of water supply

(From 1B)

hyperthermia. She was found in her home on July 13.

The aftermath of a water main break continued in Fort Worth. Repair efforts to a 90-inch pipeline that burst over the weekend came up dry. Until it is repaired, the city is without about a third of its normal water supply.

On Wednesday, North Texans continued to relish the respite — and hope for more.

"The break (in heat) is great, but we need rain," said Lorain Parker of Farmers Branch, who was walking her dogs at Brookhaven College at midday instead of her usual 9:30 p.m. "It's going to kill us if we don't get it — just look at this grass."

The entire northern half of the state was cooled by cloud cover that stretched from just east of El Paso to the Louisiana border and offered the chance of rain.

But clear skies in South Texas helped Houston hit its sixth straight day of record highs with a top mark of 101 at Bush Intercontinental Airport. Wednesday also marked the 11th straight day of 100 degrees or higher in Houston.

PLAN: Downtown to receive snazzy new appointments

(From 1B)

tion with specific downtown events such as festivals — can be attached, he said.

City leaders are considering ways to use these banners and new architectural and landscaping appointments to enhance the look of downtown.

"There's actually a theme that's being considered," Hackler said.

Construction is expected to take between 120 and 150 days, with a completion date in early February.

"It's going to make a big impact," Burns said. "The image of downtown is going to begin to change," he said.

The entire project is budgeted at $1,085,000, which council members and city staff have been able to secure in the proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

Since the commitment was made 1 1/2 years ago to improve the area, funds have been secured from the Council Projects budget, the general fund and certificates of obligation, Burns explained. "We've set the money aside and prepared for it," he said.

By contrast, the city is spending several times this amount on the new Beals Park and sports complex, Burns said.

An estimated 10,000 people come to the downtown area each day to work and it is hoped that these improvements will help spur entrepreneurial ventures in the area, Burns said.

"There's a market. We've just got to create a user-friendly atmosphere," Burns said.

Already there have been improvements made, such as angle parking instead of parking meters, traffic flow improvements and the Loraine Street park area between the courthouse and Centennial Plaza.

Funeral home company may have to pay $450,000 in fines

AUSTIN (AP) — The world's largest funeral home company may have to pay the state's largest fine against such businesses.

The Texas Funeral Service Commission later this year will consider a recommendation that Service Corporation International, a Houston-based firm with nearly 3,700 funeral homes and facilities worldwide, be fined nearly $450,000.

According to a commission subcommittee, SCI allowed unsupervised trainees to embalm bodies. Embalming also was done in unlicensed locations, the subcommittee reported.

If imposed, the fine would be the largest ever by the commission. The nine-member body will consider the recommendation in October.

SCI denies any wrongdoing. James Shelger, the firm's general counsel, told the Austin American-Statesman for a story Wednesday.

"The overzealous efforts that the commission staff is displaying are troubling to us," he said.

The funeral panel alleges that:

■ As many as 25 SCI funeral homes sent bodies to unlicensed embalming companies in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

■ As many as six SCI funeral homes allowed student embalmers to embalm bodies without the required supervision of a licensed embalmer.

■ Some SCI homes failed to properly inform families that embalming would occur at a location away from the funeral home or be conducted by a third party.

■ Some SCI homes failed to advise consumers that the price being charged for embalming was higher than the cost to the funeral home.

Fines ranging from $1,000 to $5,000 were assessed against individual funeral homes as well as against the funeral directors in charge of the homes. The findings of the funeral commission panel will be forwarded to the Federal Trade Commission, which can impose additional fines of $10,000 for violating regulations on deceptive trade practices.

SCI, which had revenues of $2.5 billion in 1997 by operating under a variety of affiliates, has about 90 funeral homes in Texas.

Shelger and other SCI officials have said the embalming companies that were found to be unlicensed by the state were either in-house entities that required no separate license or were being run by a former SCI employee who assumed he had authorization to embalm.

It is not uncommon for SCI and other funeral home chains to contract for embalming services or to send bodies to a centralized embalming center.

State law requires each funeral home to maintain its own embalming room, even if it does not perform embalming, and other companies cannot use that room for their own, commission officials say.

Harrelson's father requests new trial in murder of federal judge

DENVER (AP) — Actor Woody Harrelson gave his father a broad smile and a thumbs up after the elder Harrelson insisted Wednesday his attorney double-crossed him when he was convicted of killing a federal judge nearly 20 years ago.

In a hearing on his request for a new trial, Charles Harrelson said his lawyer, Thomas Sharpe, failed to present evidence about other suspects that could have assisted his defense.

"He owed me, as his client, his best — and he wasn't giving it," said Harrelson.

He also alleged that Sharpe worked with prosecutors to ensure his conviction for the death of U.S. District Judge John Wood Jr. in San Antonio. Federal prosecutors and Sharpe have denied the allegation.

"I knew I was hung out to dry because the people in Washington had to have a solution," Harrelson said. "They did not get the killer of Judge Wood, but they got their solution."

Harrelson's three sons said they were elated by their father's testimony, the first time he has had a chance to tell his story in a courtroom since his conviction in 1982.

"A person speaking the truth has a lot of passion," Woody Harrelson said, adding that he was cautiously optimistic his father would win a new trial.

Charles Harrelson, 60, is serving two life terms for the 1979 slaying of Wood. Prosecutors have said a drug dealer hired Harrelson to kill Wood because the dealer did not want the judge to preside at his upcoming trial.

OBITUARIES

Dessie Boulter

Our beloved mother, Dessie Roulston Boulter, 82, closed her eyes one final time Tuesday, August 4, 1998, in South Austin Hospital. "Yea, I have come through the valley of pain and shadows of death and I will rejoice in the Lord for he is my strength and my salvation."

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 8, at Amey Funeral Home with Dr. Rick Spencer officiating. Burial will follow at Memorial Hill Park in Austin.

Mom was born in Dublin, Erath County, Texas, on September 14, 1915. She was married to Albert V. Boulter Sr. for 55 years and 17 days before he went fishing with his Lord. She was a member of Park Hills Baptist Church in Austin. She was a resident of Southwood Nursing Home in Austin at the time of her death.

She was a former resident of Hobbs, New Mexico, Pecos, Texas, and Branson, Missouri.

Mom is survived by four sons, Al Boulter of Austin, Bill Boulter of Dale, Ray Boulter of San Angelo and Roy Boulter of Abilene; two brothers, Bob Roulston of Hobbs, New Mexico, and Dan Roulston of Lodi, California; one sister, Franscis Brown of French Settlement, Louisianna; twelve grandchilden; six great-grandchilden; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services are under the direction of Amey funeral Home, 7811 Rockwood Lane, Austin, Texas 78757. (512) 452-4001.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

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

DEATH NOTICES

Leo Klein

BIG SPRING — Leo Joseph Klein, 71, died Tuesday, Aug.4, in Big Spring.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 7, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton. Burial is to follow at St. Joseph Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Rosary is to be recited 7:30 p.m. today, Aug. 6, at the church.

He was born May 3,1927, in Hartshorne, Okla.

He moved to Stanton in 1958 and Big Spring in 1989.

Survivors include his wife, Dolores (Bernasky) Klein of Big Spring; three sons, Benny Klein of Cedar Hill and Steve Hill and Robert Klein, both of Stanton; three daughters, Denise Klein of Burleson; Patti McBride of Amarillo and Tracy Meek of Greenwood; his mother, Lillie Klein of Bradleyville, Mo.; a sister, Leona Klein of Bradleyville, Mo.; a brother, Francis Klein of Chicago; and 17 grandchildren.

Harriet Cox

BIG SPRING — Harriet Cox, 80, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 31, at a Big Spring hospital.

Graveside services are to be 10 a.m. today, Aug. 6, at Andrews Cemetery with the Rev. Doug Shelley officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring.

She was born Aug. 8, 1918, in Ohio.

She moved to Big Spring 20 years ago from Florida. She was a retired waitress.

Survivors include two daughters, Jodie Perryman of Fulton, Mo., and Charlene Seals of Hopkins, S.C.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Charles Tidwell

ANDREWS — Charles Tidwell, 65, of Andrews died Tuesday, Aug. 4, at a Lubbock hospital.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, at McNett Funeral Home Chapel in Andrews. Arrangements are under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 15, 1932, Earth.

He moved to Andrews in 1975. He owned Tidwell Construction and Mustang Video.

Survivors include his wife, Carole (James) Tidwell of Andrews; three sons, David Tidwell, Clay Tidwell and James Tidwell, all of Andrews; four daughters, Wanda Tidwell of Odessa, Marcia Tidwell and Vicky Tidwell, both of Andrews, and Lara Hibbard of Houston; two brothers, Fred Tidwell of Bakersfield, Calif., and Alfred Tidwell of Big Spring; three sisters, Sylvia Mitchell of Midland, Jean Rosso of Minneapolis and Pat Barbra of Santa Barbara, Calif.; and 13 grandchildren.

PRINCIPAL: Program aimed at improved reading

(From 1B)

The couple has three daughters, Maria, Monica and Veronica; all are good students and exceptional tennis players. Villareal taught his daughters to play and he says with considerable pride that they are more talented at the game than he is.

Maria, a senior at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, is an All-American tennis player, and national doubles champion, while her sister, Monica is ranked among Texas' top 30 players. She will join her sister at Southern Illinois this fall on a tennis scholarship. Veronica, a sixth-grader, recently played in her first tennis tournament.

Villareal said Maria was indirectly responsible for his taking up what has become a new obsession — marathon running.

"I had played tennis in college, and I've continued to play, but over the years, I'd let myself get out of shape. Then Maria asked me to do a training run with her one morning, and I agreed to do it, but when we started out, I found that I couldn't finish the first mile with her.

"That was a wake-up call for me. The next morning I got out and ran again, and was able to do a little better, but I was too heavy — 25 pounds heavier than I am now — and I knew I had a lot of work to do to get back in shape if I wanted to run."

He began arising at 5 a.m. and running the road that winds through Big Spring State Park, a tortuous course up Scenic Mountain. It wasn't long before he was experiencing the exhilarating "runner's high," and hearing bird song and smelling the night-fresh fragrance of the foliage lining the road.

He was also getting faster. At first he didn't entertain thoughts of racing, but as time went by and he began to talk with friends who ran, he decided to enter a 10-kilometer (6.2 mile) "fun run", and to think about longer races. He ran his first marathon in Austin in three hours and 21 minutes. Had he made it in 3:20, he would have qualified for the prestigious Boston Marathon. A month later, in another qualifier race, Villareal came out loaded for bear. He finished in 3:09, thus assuring himself a number in the 1999 Boston race.

Meanwhile, his interest had begun to be piqued about another kind of running — the political kind. Although he and his wife have always been voters, he said that for most of his life, he had regarded politics as a spectator sport. Then last year he became involved in the Howard County Democratic Party, and found that he enjoyed the work and the people he was working with. When long-time county Democratic chair, Jerry Barker, decided not to run, Villareal's friends persuaded him to put his name up for the post, and he was elected.

"So far, it's very interesting," he said. "I've met a lot of people, and although it's been hard work getting things going, we've made some real progress."

Villareal said one of the biggest issues people have come to him about, other than education, is health care. He said he would like to see both parties come up with some magic that would cause more voter turnout, but he admits that he has no ready solution to the problem.

"This is an off-election year, and things are going well with the economy nationwide, so that doesn't engender much interest in voting," he said.

Meanwhile, there is a new school year, and some new teachers who will, along with Villareal, witness the everyday miracles of children learning.

This year in particular, they have a new reason for anticipation.

Marcy Elementary is embarking on a pilot program designed to apply principles of brain research to help fill in developmental gaps that cause learning disabilities. The program is called Structure of the Intellect-Integrated Practice Protocol, otherwise known as SOI-IPP.

"This program has been around in private practice since the 1930s, when J.P. Guilford, a psychologist, did brain research on learning disabilities and came up with some techniques based on his research," Villareal said.

"In those days, it was like weird science, and wasn't very popular, but in more recent years, there have been programs developed specifically for schools, with diagnostic tools that pinpoint and identify the causes of learning disabilities.

"There is a phenomenon called 'crossing the midline,' where, as you read from the end of one line to the beginning of the next, your vision crosses your body's midpoint. Most readers do this naturally, but those who for some reason have not been able to cross that midline from the right sight back to the left, will have trouble reading."

Villareal said the pilot program would address a series of reading problems, first with diagnoses, then with remedial exercises designed to uncover the reasons for the learning disabilities.

"A lot of time, we just address the symptom, and it often helps children who may be having slight problems, but not the child who is in most need of help.

"If this program proves to be beneficial in reducing learning disabilities in children early in their school years, think of the impact it will have on their later lives, and in the lives of the people they deal with. This could have a cumulative effect on the entire community — from the increased expectations of the student who can read easily to the economic impact of a reduced need for special education teachers.

"That's why we're all very excited to be able to try SOI-IPP."

E. Texas farmers share drought woes with USDA

WASHINGTON (AP) — East Texas farmers and cattle producers vented their drought-related woes to top Agriculture Department officials half a continent away during a videoconference Wednesday, asking Washington to provide financial aid speedily — and with as little red tape as possible.

"We've got to have some help," said one producer, Vera Harrington of Sulphur Springs. "We've been in business since 1951. And I know the memory of pain is short, but this is the worst I've ever seen it."

More than 120 farmers, ranchers, bankers and agriculture officials gathered at Texas A&M sites in Texarkana and Commerce to beam their concerns to top USDA executives who were sitting in a Capitol Hill recording studio. The videoconference was organized and moderated by Rep. Max Sandlin, D-Marshall.

Drought-related agriculture losses in Texas have been estimated at $1 billion. Cotton crops are among those that have been decimated; and cattle producers are grappling with a lack of feed that is prompting many of them to send their herds to market, causing a glut that has depressed beef prices.

One producer, who didn't identify himself, complained of selling off a 630-pound calf in mid-July for 35 cents a pound. "This is totally ridiculous," he said. "I'm going to figure out some way to feed my animals till the price gets better. Now, we both might die of old age out there, but I'm going to keep them until I get a better price."

USDA Undersecretary August Schumacher, Risk Management Agency Administrator Kenneth Ackerman and Farm Service Agency Deputy Administrator Richard Newman sympathized with the difficulties and pledged to help as much as they can.

"We don't see, frankly, this crisis mitigating itself in the near future," said Schumacher, who toured parched regions of Texas and Oklahoma last week with Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

Part of the problem, the USDA officials explained, is that a massive rewrite of federal farm policies undertaken by Congress in 1996 eliminated much of the federal disaster safety net.

"I just wish we had the livestock (feed assistance) ready to go right now," Schumacher said. "We don't have it because the programs were changed under Freedom to Farm."

Reacting to the serious drought in Texas, Oklahoma and elsewhere, as well as declining agriculture exports, lawmakers are shaping new packages of assistance.

Congress this week shipped President Clinton legislation that would allow farmers to get $5.5 billion in payments sooner than already scheduled, advancing them at least some of their 1999 federal transition money after Oct. 1.

Separately, lawmakers are considering a $500 million emergency aid measure for producers who have suffered from drought, disease and wet weather. A consensus is emerging that the aid will have to be increased to $1 billion or more.

Ackerman estimated that 10,000 to 15,000 Texas producers fit the profile to qualify for a piece of the $500 million in emergency aid. Separately, he estimated that at least $500 million in crop insurance claims will be paid to Texans.

But with both chambers of Congress not back in session until September, that emergency feed assistance won't be finalized for weeks — a delay that is chafing some.

"The livestock feed program, we needed 30 days ago," said Kathy Marrs of Mount Vernon.

Sandlin said he has asked Gov. George W. Bush to dispatch the National Guard to deliver hay. In Oklahoma, Gov. Frank Keating last week ordered the National Guard to deliver hay to producers hit hardest by the drought in response to reports of price gouging on transportation costs.

"We have contacted our emergency management officials and are looking into it," said Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes. "We are not certain whether the National Guard is able to do something like that (by law)."

Bush's office is working on an executive order that would waive a state law requiring farmers to obtain a commercial driver's license if they intend to haul hay more than 150 miles.

Report: Accused deputies refuse to testify

ANGLETON (AP) — Two former sheriff's deputies and a former private jail guard have refused to testify in a lawsuit sparked by the 1996 videotaped shakedown of Missouri inmates at the Brazoria County jail, The Facts newspaper reported Wednesday.

Ex-deputies Lester Arnold and David Cisneros, along with former Capital Correctional Resources Inc. guard Wilton David Wallace, invoked their Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination during deposition testimony Tuesday.

Thirty Missouri inmates have accused the officers of violating their civil rights during the Sept. 18, 1996, shakedown caught on videotape and uncovered last summer by The Facts, a daily newspaper in Brazoria County, south of Houston.

The tape showed some inmates being shocked with a stun gun and another being kicked and bitten by a police dog.Criminal charges were filed last week in federal court against Arnold, Cisneros, Wallace and current sheriff's deputy Robert Percival. They are charged with one count each of aiding and abetting the assault of an inmate. Arnold faces additional charges of assaulting two other inmates with a stun gun.

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Is Barton Springs salamander wayward wanderer or just weird?

By Mike Kelley
Austin American-Statesman

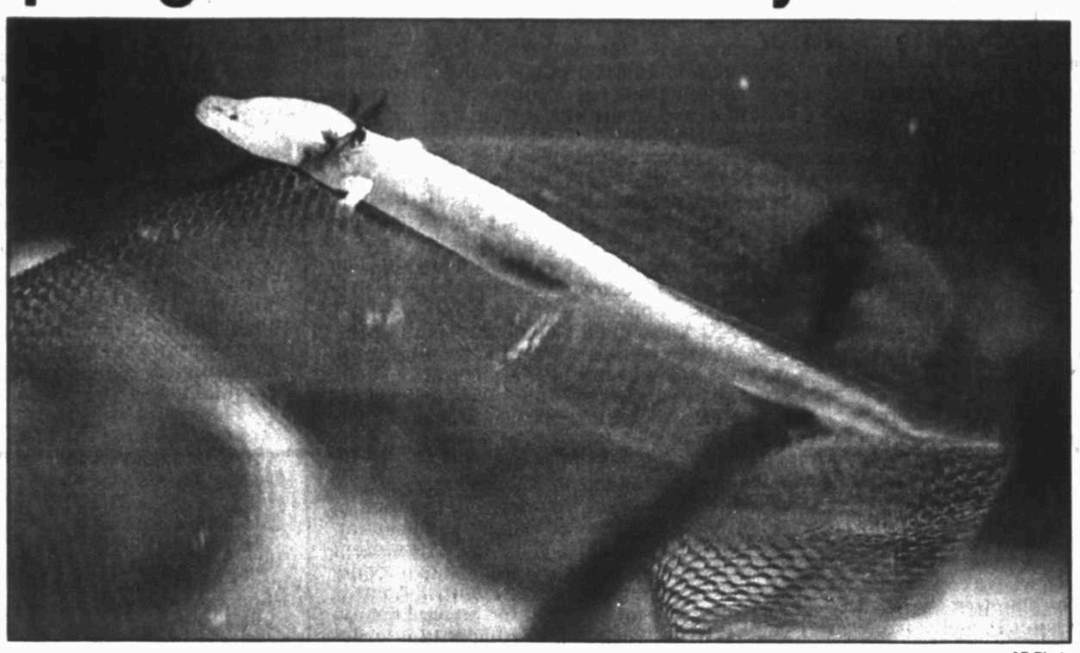
AUSTIN — Is it a strange visitor from another aquifer, able to leap underground obstacles at a single bound? Is it an amphibian explorer who's discovered the subterranean equivalent of a Northwest Passage? Or is it just a homegrown Barton Springs salamander that's a little funny-looking?

In January, city scientists discovered below the spillway at Barton Springs Pool what they took to be a juvenile Barton Springs salamander with an injured tail. To give it a chance to heal and to reach adulthood, they took it back to their downtown office, where it has resided in a water tank ever since.

Now, it's grown to a length of about 2 1/2 inches. But a strange thing is happening. It is beginning to look as though it might not be a Barton Springs salamander at all, but rather a Texas blind salamander, which shares a spot on the endangered-species list with its Austin cousin.

But the Texas blind salamander lives in and around San Marcos, in the Southern Edwards Aquifer. Most experts have long assumed the salamanders don't migrate between the southern part of the aquifer and the Barton Springs portion, although the two are connected near Kyle.

"I would just be extremely surprised if it's a Texas blind salamander," said Glenn Longley, director of the Edwards Aquifer Research Center. "But I won't say it's not. I'd like to see this creature."



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A salamander caught in the Sunken Gardens is being raised by city biologists to be part of a display at the Barton Springs Pool Bathhouse in Austin. Scientists are puzzled about the identity of this salamander, which looks more like the Texas blind salamander than the variety found in Barton Springs.

The body shape of this creature from the cold lagoon is somewhat different than that of a Barton Springs salamander, said Robert Hansen, the City of Austin's endangered-species biologist. It could be, he said, that it's a subspecies of the local variety, or it might be a run-of-the-mill salamander that's just a bit odd-looking.

But, he said, it is starting to show certain physical characteristics of the Texas blind salamander. Also, both salamanders have small eyes, though the Texas blind salamander literally cannot see. Hansen said his captured salamander does not appear to respond to light.

There has been some discussion of doing DNA testing, Hansen said.

But for right now, they're just letting it grow. The Barton Springs salamander rarely gets longer than about 2 1/2 inches, he said, while the Texas blind salamander can grow to 4 1/2 inches.

If it does turn out to be the latter type, that is going to present the real mystery.

"Biologically, if this animal was able to migrate northward from the San Marcos area, it's fairly fascinating," Hansen said.

Longley agreed that a migrating salamander would be significant, because scientists have sampled so widely for salamanders without finding the Texas blind salamander outside its southern habitat.

It's possible, although unlikely, because Longley said the aquifers are joined near Kyle.

That is where the water flows in different directions — south toward San Marcos and north toward Austin. "Whether water is above ground or below, water rolls downhill," Longley said.

While a Texas blind salamander might have found a way to navigate across that directional water divide, Longley said he suspects the creature in Hansen's tank is really an unusual form of a Barton Springs salamander.

Hansen suggested another possibility.

The area where the salamander was found has, within the past few weeks, been fenced off to protect the tiny vertebrates. But before that, Hansen noted, anyone had access to it 24 hours a day.

So, it could be that a merry prankster collected a Texas blind salamander from San Marcos and deposited it at Barton Springs.

At this point, the only thing certain is that whatever it is, it is not a golden-cheeked warbler.

American-Statesman staff writer Laylan Copelin contributed to this report.

Fisheries service says turtles probably mutilated by sharks

HARLINGEN (AP) — Federal officials declared an end to a marine mystery Wednesday, announcing that 10 mutilated turtles found on the Texas coast were probably victims of sharks, not humans.

That was good news to shrimpers, who felt unfairly blamed by environmental groups for the turtles' deaths.

"I think they just jumped to conclusions and it just was blown out of proportion," said Wilma Anderson, executive director of the Texas Shrimp Association, which had offered a reward for information on the mutilations. "No matter what we said, the public thought we were just covering up."

The investigation into the turtle deaths began last November after 18 endangered or threatened turtles, several of them Kemp's ridleys, washed up on Padre Island National Seashore with missing limbs, severed heads, and straight-edged wounds.

The turtles washed ashore in a one-week period and followed the discovery weeks earlier of a dead sea turtle in the Galveston area that had a chain wrapped around its flipper.

Ten turtles were examined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Laboratory in Ashland, Ore. The laboratory determined that the turtles' wounds were typical of the crushing jaws and teeth of a large shark and were not consistent with damage caused by a knife or ax.

Lab results were inconclusive, however, about whether the shark bites killed the 10 turtles or if the turtles were bitten after they died of other causes.

The rest of the turtles were either too decomposed for analysis or it was determined they were not mutilated by humans, either, said Deputy Special Agent in Charge Robert Stone, with the fisheries service in St. Petersburg, Fla.

The report did not satisfy the Earth Island Institute, a San Francisco environmental group that had also offered a reward.

"We believe that this report on the shark bites is vague and misleading," said Teri Shore, campaign director for the group's Sea Turtle Restoration Project. "Maybe they were bitten by sharks, but if so, it wasn't the sharks that killed them."

Ms. Shore said it's possible that the turtles were mutilated and then tossed back in the ocean, where they attracted sharks. She cited the fact that the fisheries service did not determine if the turtles were bitten before or after their deaths.

The National Marine Fisheries Service is attempting to cover up the lack of protection for endangered sea turtles with the report, Ms. Shore said.

"This is just another excuse, another case of smoke and mirrors by the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Texas Shrimpers Association," she said. "We're continuing our calls for a marine reserve to immediately halt the strandings and mutilations on Padre Island."

With Wednesday's announcement, the fisheries service reduced their reward for information on the mutilations from $10,000 to $5,000.

The Texas Shrimp Association, Earth Island Institute and Texas Parks and Wildlife have not reduced their rewards.

Appeals court reverses $1.55 million verdict in breast implant case

TEXARKANA (AP) — A Texas appeals court has reversed a $1.55 million breast implant award against Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing, also known as 3M.

An Upshur County jury, convinced in March 1997 that 3M breast implants caused injuries to four Texas women, awarded the plaintiffs just over half a million dollars in compensatory damages and $1 million in punitive damages.

But in a ruling released this week, the 6th Texas Court of Appeals reversed the decision, leaving nothing for Danna Atterbury, Lynne Bliven Overbey, Sherry Bonds and Patricia Stewart to collect. Ms. Overbey is from Big Sandy, located in Upshur County. The other three plaintiffs are from the Dallas area.

The Friday ruling was received by all parties in the case on Monday.

In it, a three-judge panel of the appellate court decided the women's case relied on unqualified experts or questionable analysis.

"The plaintiffs' experts failed to offer any reliable evidence of general causation as defined by the Texas Supreme Court," the ruling stated. "In the absence of such evidence, the award ... to the plaintiffs must be therefore be reversed."

"It was very good news," said 3M attorney Kenneth Tekell Sr. "It was really what we were expecting."

Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing, based in Maplewood, Minn., produced implants from 1977 to 1984.

In lawsuits throughout the nation, women contend their implants are the source of often severe illnesses, including lupus and multiple sclerosis.

A call to Kip A. Petroff, attorney for the plaintiffs, was not immediately returned Wednesday to The Associated Press.

"We sympathize with someone who is ill, but this suit and others like it are not based on scientific evidence," said Dr. Carol Ley, associate medical director for 3M. "Over 20 epidemiological studies have shown no link between silicone breast implants and disease."

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Capitol case puts family nightmares in spotlight

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nightmare of mental illness began subtly for the Mosers, when their studious son dropped out of college and his personality changed. By age 30, he wrote 40-page letters describing men "beamed down from the night sky." He threw a hammer at his father and carried a machete.

The assault helped the Rev. R. Leroy Moser and his wife persuade a Massachusetts judge to send their son to a psychiatric hospital, but state law still let him refuse medication. Once calm, he was released — and a few years later attacked his parents with jagged glass. After five years in jail, still unmedicated, he disappeared, then landed in jail again.

The Mosers' saga sounds eerily familiar. Russell Weston Jr., the schizophrenic accused of shooting to death two police officers in the nation's Capitol, had his own story of years without treatment and a family unable to get him help.

"What they experienced is the nightmare many of us have lived with," Jane Moser said, her voice trembling. "The story of Russell Weston, of our David, of many others I'm afraid, are at least the norm for the mentally ill in our country."

Now, advocates hope the Capitol shootings could lead to help for the nation's thousands of untreated patients. Democrats and Republicans in Congress have asked the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill to draft suggestions on improving mental-health care, and a bill is expected when Congress returns in September.

Through the 1960s, the mentally ill were routinely institutionalized in asylums tagged "snake pits." Then scientists discovered antipsychotic drugs, and reformers successfully argued that forcing unwilling Americans into psychiatric wards violated their civil rights.

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— Jane Moser, whose son is mentally ill

State hospitals began closing, and the era of "de-institutionalization" began with promises from politicians to spend money on community-based care.

Advocates for the mentally ill say that care never materialized:

■ More than half of schizophrenics receive inadequate therapy, scientists reported this spring. Fewer than 30 percent get appropriate medication, and no more than 10 percent live in areas like Wisconsin where comprehensive care known to reduce relapse is provided.

■ Up to half the nation's homeless may suffer mental illness, including schizophrenia and manic depression. Advocates estimate 159,000 mentally ill people are jailed merely to await psychiatric hospital openings, not for breaking laws. There are fewer than 70,000 publicly funded psychiatric beds, down from 500,000 in the 1960s.

■ Two-thirds of hospitals expel mental patients whose insurance runs out during treatment, a health journal reported last year.

Overlying such figures: Americans do have a constitutional right to be, well, crazy. Patients can be forced into hospitals or to take medication only if a judge deems them dangerous to themselves or to others. A few states allow forced treatment for the "gravely disabled."

Particularly schizophrenics often refuse medical care. The disease affects a brain region responsible for judgment, so they truly don't know they're sick, Dr. Karen Weihs of George Washington University said.

Yet most mental care comes from community clinics that don't treat patients unless they show up for appointments.

Indeed, Weston, the Capitol shooting suspect, was discharged from a Montana hospital, moved to his parents' Illinois home and soon stopped taking his medicine. The local mental health clinic won't discuss Weston but told The Washington Post it can do no more than urge patients by telephone and mail to come in.

What works? Madison, Wis., pioneered a program that helps the mentally ill function in communities with lower relapse and hospitalization rates, studies show. A "treatment team" is on 24-hour call. They watch patients swallow medicine, intervene with landlords who want patients evicted for bizarre behavior and even teach relatives how to interact calmly with patients to prevent stress that can cause a relapse.

Such services are offered statewide only in Wisconsin, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Michigan and in scattered cities in 25 other states, said Laurie Flynn of NAMI, the advocacy group.

Hospitalizing a seriously ill patient can cost $80,000 a year, but such "assertive community treatment programs" cost $15,000 a year, her group says.

Anti-addiction drug likely to be tested on humans

NEW YORK (AP) — If it works on humans as well as it did on animals, a drug used in Europe to treat epilepsy could be a powerful weapon against addictions, including cocaine and nicotine, scientists said Wednesday.

Scientists at the Brookhaven National Laboratory hope to begin human testing this fall on gamma vinyl-GABA, or GVG, which appears to curb cocaine craving in rats and monkeys.

"You would no longer crave cocaine, because the pleasure would be gone," said Stephen Dewey, who led the research at the U.S. Department of Energy's facility on Long Island.

He worked with other scientists for a dozen years on the research, also funded by the National Institute of Mental Health. The results were released Wednesday by the journal Synapse and presented at a news conference at the New York Academy of Science.

Researchers first became interested in GVG because it reduces the level of a brain chemical called dopamine, believed to trigger the "high" feelings from drugs.

Cocaine elevates the concentration of dopamine, the brain's "feel good" chemical at the heart of drug addiction. But lab rats trained to press a bar that delivered cocaine stopped doing so after being given GVG, Dewey said.

"The animals pushed the bar once, pushed it again, and then they stopped," he said. The drug "takes away the reward effect."

Before human testing begins, GVG, now being used in Europe and Canada to treat epilepsy, must be approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for use in the United States.

FDA spokeswoman Ivy Kupec said Vigabatrin, the brand name for GVG, has not been approved for use in the United States by the Maryland-based agency. Dewey says he anticipates approval by October.

Volunteers for human testing are to be recruited from among cocaine addicts. Some will be given placebos, while others will receive the active test drug for three to six months. Scientists will then measure their ability to stay away from cocaine — and for how long — compared to untreated addicts.

Dr. Jonathan Brodie, a New York University psychiatrist who worked on the research, said behavioral factors also must be considered in any kind of addiction. He said the new drug is not so much a solution as "a strategy."

Dewey said GVG has the potential to block addiction to substances such as nicotine, heroin and some amphetamines.

Bone drug prevents spread of breast cancer, study finds

Associated Press

A new drug cuts the rate of breast cancer deaths by two-thirds among women at high risk of getting new tumors, a study has found.

The drug, clodronate, is one of a class of compounds known as bisphosphonates that prevent bone loss from osteoporosis and cancer.

Another bisphosphonate, pamidronate, already is given intravenously to women whose breast cancer has spread to their bone marrow. It helps prevent the painful breakdown of bone caused by bone marrow tumors.

But the study in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine found that clodronate capsules — coupled with standard surgery, radiation and chemotherapy — also prevented the spread of breast cancer to bone marrow and other organs.

"This is in many ways a very exciting finding," said Dr. Harmon Eyre, chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society.

The study suggests clodronate may interrupt a vicious cycle in which a hormone produced by cancerous bone-marrow cells increases bone breakdown, and a byproduct of bone breakdown stimulates tumor growth, Eyre said. Or it may act in some other way to kill cancerous cells, he added.

"In general, these bisphosphonates are very nontoxic drugs and if they have this significant positive benefit to cancer patients and can be added to the usual chemotherapy or hormonal therapy, that could change the way we manage breast cancer," he said.

Clodronate is sold in Germany but is not currently available in the United States.

German researchers followed 284 patients at the University Hospital Heidelberg who underwent surgery for breast cancer from 1990 to 1995 and had at least one cancerous cell show up in a very sensitive bone marrow test.

The presence of tumor cells in bone marrow signals a high risk that the cancer will spread. However, the women had no detectable secondary tumors, or metastases, when they entered the study.

Half the women took 1,600 milligrams of clodronate daily for two years following breast cancer surgery, in addition to standard treatment. The other half got standard treatment only.

After an average follow-up of three years, six women or 4 percent of the women in the clodronate group had died, compared to 22 women or 15 percent in the control group.

Twenty-one percent of the women in the clodronate group developed secondary tumors in their bones or other organs, compared to 42 percent of the women in the control group. And when members of the clodronate group did develop new tumors, they had only half as many as the women in the control group.

One outside observer said he would like to see the study duplicated with a longer follow-up period before recommending bisphosphonates for all high-risk breast cancer patients.

"The problem is it's a small study, the follow-up is short, and the way people were selected for the study was a (bone marrow) test we don't routinely do," said Dr. Eric Winer, head of the breast cancer program at Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

Dr. Linda Vahdat, a breast cancer expert at New York Presbyterian Hospital, said a study is needed on whether clodronate helps prevent new tumors in women who test negative for cancerous cells in their bone marrow. If so, treatment with clodronate could become standard, she said.

The study was led by Dr. Ingo Diel of the University of Heidelberg and paid for by a grant from the drug's maker, Boehringer Mannheim. The company has not said whether it is seeking U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval for the drug.

Underwear thief gets life in prison

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A man who stole underwear and cigarette lighters from a discount store has been sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole under a repeat offender law.

Florida law mandates that defendants who commit certain violent crimes within three years of being released from prison receive the maximum sentence for the latest crime.

Phillip Sanders, 43, had been released from prison in April 1997 after serving two years for aggravated battery, prosecutor Mitch Kilroser said.

In February he was caught shoplifting $49.73 worth of boxer shorts, panties, a sports bra and lighters from a Wal-Mart.

Sanders would have faced a maximum of six to 10 years for that crime, but because he used a pocket knife during the theft, he was accused of robbery with a deadly weapon. The charge carries a maximum sentence of life without parole.

Defense attorney Gary Beard said the father of two only used the knife to cut open the packages before stuffing the underwear into his shirt and pants.

"He never stopped and said, 'I'm going to stab you,'" Beard said. "He never brandished it as a weapon."

Nonetheless, a jury found Sanders guilty July 15, leaving the trial judge no choice Tuesday but to give him the maximum. Beard said he would appeal.

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House Republicans thwart Democrats' plan on 2000 census

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ignoring a veto threat, the House voted Wednesday against allowing statistical sampling in the 2000 census after a bitter debate that touched on race, money and President Clinton's trustworthiness.

The Republican-controlled chamber rejected, 227-201, a Democratic proposal to keep the door open for sampling, with only a handful of lawmakers defecting from each party. The vote ensured that the battle will rage into the fall or beyond, because Clinton has threatened to veto the spending bill containing census provisions. The Senate-approved version of the measure sidesteps the issue.

The House also neared a vote on a conservative drive led by Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colo., to block a Clinton executive order forbidding discrimination in the federal workforce based on a person's sexual orientation.

Both issues arose as the House moved toward passage of a $34 billion measure for fiscal 1999, beginning Oct. 1, for the departments of Commerce, Justice and State plus the federal courts. And both appealed to each party's base voters — Democratic liberals and GOP conservatives — three months from a congressional election in which voter turnout is expected to be low.

Clinton and the Democrats want the Census Bureau, as it had planned, to use sampling to help tally hard-to-reach Americans, disproportionate numbers of whom are minorities who tend to vote Democratic. Republicans argue that sampling is unreliable and would let the Clinton administration manipulate the figures to Democrats' advantage.

Census data, gathered every decade as required by the Constitution, is used to redraw House district lines and to distribute hundreds of billions in federal spending.

Republicans said an administration that has been accused of illegally using FBI files could not be trusted with census statistics.

"There's an old saying back in Kentucky, 'There ain't no education in the second kick of the mule,'" said Rep. Harold Rogers, R-Ky., the bill's chief author.

"Can we trust this president to do what's right?" asked the House's No. 3 Republican, Rep. Tom DeLay of Texas.

But again and again, Democrats accused Republicans of wanting to undercount minorities.

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"My people died for the right to vote," said Rep. Carrie Meek, D-Fla., who is black. "And if you are going to skew the figures because you don't want to count them correctly, that removes the humor from this situation for me."

Added House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., "The census is today's great civil rights issue, and once again Republicans are standing against what is right."

After its 1990 head-count, the Census Bureau estimated that it had fallen short of the actual population by about 4 million people, or just below 2 percent. The bureau said unusually high undercounts occurred among blacks, Hispanics, Asians and American Indians.

To avoid a recurrence, the bureau has planned to use sampling. Under the technique, workers would visit many homes whose residents had failed to return census forms, and use that information to extrapolate totals for each state.

The GOP-written bill would provide $952 million for 1999 for census preparations, but only half would be available through next March. Only if Congress agrees could the rest be spent later, a GOP attempt to pressure Clinton to work out an agreement by then.

The Democratic amendment would have provided all $952 million immediately and let plans for sampling proceed unless the Supreme Court prohibits the technique.

After the vote, Clinton said in a written statement that he was "very disappointed" that the House was "undermining the Census Bureau's ability to plan and conduct an accurate decennial census."

The Hefley amendment is aimed at a May 28 Clinton executive order adding sexual orientation to the categories of federal workers against whom discrimination is illegal. The others are race, color, religion, sex, national origin, handicaps and age. Hefley has argued that Clinton's order exceeds the president's authority.

He had planned to offer his amendment to another bill last month, but postponed his plans because the author of that earlier measure, Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., is gay.

The House also:

■ Approved an amendment by Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., that would subject Ken Starr and other independent counsels to ethical standards that include a prohibition against leaking confidential information. Clinton defenders have accused Starr of leaking information during his investigation of allegations that the president had an affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. The vote was 249-182.

■ Overwhelmingly rejected two conservative efforts to cut back or eliminate from the measure the $475 million the United States owes the United Nations for annual dues.

Warhol's townhouse gets its 15 minutes of fame

NEW YORK (AP) — Andy Warhol's house got the 15 minutes of fame on Wednesday that he once predicted for everybody.

As a digital clock ticked off exactly 900 seconds, the pop-art guru's Upper East Side townhouse was designated a cultural landmark at a sidewalk gathering attended by several former associates.

Warhol — best known for elevating a soup can to cultural icon and declaring that "everybody will be world famous for 15 minutes"— would have turned 70 on Thursday.

A small plaque was unveiled by the Historic Landmark Preservation Center, a nonprofit foundation that has similarly marked the New York homes of Babe Ruth, Eleanor Roosevelt, Paul Robeson and Henry Miller, among others.

Amid the din of traffic, the event had its own Warholian touches.

Brigid Berlin, an actress, writer and one-time Warhol confidante, arrived in pop art on wheels: a green-and-yellow 1982 Checker cab that once cruised the streets of Chicago.

She recalled spending hours talking on the phone with Warhol — or into a tape recorder after he put the phone down and wandered off to do other things.

"Andy Warhol loved his tape recorder," she said. "He called one of them 'my wife Sony.'"

Few ever glimpsed the inside of the house where Warhol lived with interior designer Jed Johnson and two dachshunds, Archie and Amos. (Johnson was among the 230 people killed in the crash of TWA Flight 800 off Long Island in July 1996.)

"He had a very private life. He had a public life and a private one, which were really quite separate," said Holly Solomon, a model at Warhol's Factory 30 years ago and now owner of a Manhattan art gallery.

"His place was the kitchen," Berlin said. "He always ate dinner there before he went out to dinner — and only white food, like roast turkey, mashed potatoes."

After Warhol's death she found the house littered with batteries from tape recorders, Polaroid film and, in a bathroom, "the most amazing collection of pimple medicine I have ever seen in my entire life."

Among others attending the ceremony: Vince Fremont, who started out answering phones at the Factory, went on to become its film and video producer, and now runs the Warhol Foundation; and Robert Colacello, co-founder with Warhol of Interview magazine.

Warhol, a Pittsburgh native, rose from obscure commercial artist, becoming a leader of the pop art scene in the 1960s as well as a filmmaker and publisher. He bought the five-story brick townhouse on East 66th Street in 1974 for $310,000 cash — "he didn't believe in mortgages," Colacello said — and lived there until his death in 1987 of complications from a gall bladder operation. (Organizers said they don't know who lives there now.)

Warhol's third-floor bedroom had a bed with a dark brown silk canopy, and a table with two crucifixes, two alarm clocks and a box of dog biscuits, said Colacello, who has written a new book on the artist.

Former associates said Warhol lived simply and was careful with money, riding in limousines only if they were somebody else's.

"If you come from the poor side of the tracks, it's something you remember," Fremont said.

Authorities capture suspect in slaying of campers

PEKIN, N.C. (AP) — Authorities on Wednesday captured the suspect in the slayings of two campers over the weekend.

James Andrew Finley Jr., 21, of Hickory, was arrested about 7:30 p.m. Wednesday near a hunting lodge, said Montgomery County Sheriff Jeff Jordan.

Finley's arrest ends a six-day search. Finley was being taken to the command post that was set up by authorities to coordinate the search, Jordan said.

Finley was being sought in connection with the deaths of Derek Andrew Marston and Tommi Danielle Byrd, both 24 and from Charlotte. They were found shot and slashed Sunday at their campsite in Linville Gorge Wilderness Area in western North Carolina.

The manhunt was on the southern edge of the Uwharrie National Forest.

A reported admirer of Alabama abortion clinic bombing suspect Eric Rudolph's successful evasive tactics in the western North Carolina mountains, Finley failed to appear in court July 28 on a charge of driving with an expired inspection sticker.

Two days later, officials began looking for him after a relative reported he had stolen at least four guns, a hunting knife and a car. The car was found Sunday near the campsite where Marston and Byrd were found.

Actor's father makes a pitch for a new trial

Associated Press

DENVER — Actor Woody Harrelson gave his father a broad smile and a thumbs up after the elder Harrelson insisted Wednesday his attorney double-crossed him when he was convicted of killing a federal judge nearly 20 years ago.

In a hearing on his request for a new trial, Charles Harrelson said his lawyer, Thomas Sharpe, failed to present evidence about other suspects that could have assisted his defense.

"He owed me, as his client, his best — and he wasn't giving it," said Harrelson.

He also alleged that Sharpe worked with prosecutors to ensure his conviction for the death of U.S. District Judge John Wood Jr. in San Antonio. Federal prosecutors and Sharpe have denied the allegation.

"I knew I was hung out to dry because the people in Washington had to have a solution," Harrelson said. "They did not get the killer of Judge Wood, but they got their solution."

Harrelson's three sons said they were elated by their father's testimony, the first time he has had a chance to tell his story in a courtroom since his conviction in 1982.

"A person speaking the truth has a lot of passion," Woody Harrelson said, adding that he was cautiously optimistic his father would win a new trial.

Charles Harrelson, 60, is serving two life terms for the 1979 slaying of Wood. Prosecutors have said a drug dealer hired Harrelson to kill Wood because the dealer did not want the judge to preside at his upcoming trial.

Harrelson has maintained his innocence, claiming he was in Dallas, 270 miles away from San Antonio, when Wood was killed.

U.S. District Judge Fred Biery said it will be several months before he issues a ruling.

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In places where it rains, it does so more on weekends

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It never fails. You grind through five days at work and finally get to dash off to the beach for a much-anticipated weekend of rest — and then it rains.

It's not just a product of your bitter imagination or paranoia.

An analysis of Eastern Seaboard weather shows it really does rain more frequently on the weekend than during the week. Saturdays receive an average of 22 percent more precipitation than Mondays, climatologists at Arizona State University report.

What's more, the clouds are, to some extent, the product of the very jobs people are trying to escape.

The ASU researchers, who analyzed weather data dating back to 1946, say weekend storms probably are enhanced by air pollution spewed by millions of cars and trucks during weekday commutes.

The pollution generates tons of tiny airborne particles, called aerosols, that become the microscopic seeds around which rain drops develop.

The study will appear in the upcoming issue of Nature.

"We were quite surprised to see weekends are substantially wetter than weekdays," said climate geographer Randall Cerveny, one of the study's principal authors. "We've run over 45 statistical analyses to make sure the cycles we see are indeed there."

Other researchers said they were startled by the suggestion that human activities influence weather patterns on a regional scale, and said the next step will be to develop a computer model simulating Eastern Seaboard weather to validate the researchers' statistical conclusions.

"It's really surprising that pollution could have such far-reaching effects on meteorology," said David Parrish, an atmospheric scientist at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "I would've thought it would be undetectable."

Cerveny and Robert Balling of ASU analyzed rainfall records along the Atlantic coast from Florida to Nova Scotia and extending about 200 miles out to sea.

They determined that the rain falls in a seven-day cycle, peaking on Saturday with an annual average of 658 millimeters, about 26.3 inches. Monday rainfall is the lowest, with an average of 538 millimeters a year.

To link the rainfall with pollution data, the researchers looked to a research station on Sable Island, a pristine speck about 200 miles east of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Monitors there continuously sniff for carbon monoxide, ozone and other urban pollutants that spread northeastward from Boston, New York and other coastal cities. Vehicle traffic is the primary source of the pollution, along with power plants and industry.

The ASU study found that weekly pollution highs and lows match the weekly precipitation cycle, with pollution peaking by Saturday and dipping noticeably by Monday.

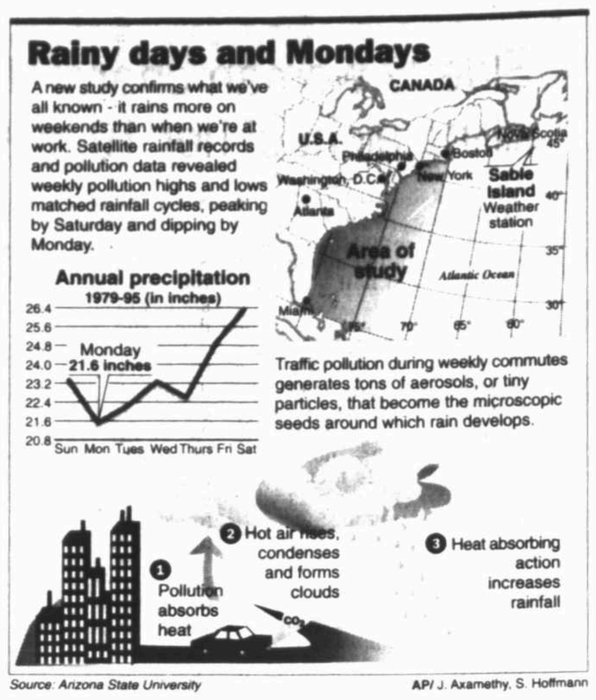
Other scientists said they would like to see a stronger cause-and-effect relationship, something the ASU team says it is working on.

"It's a striking correlation," Parrish said. "But I'm not sure that the connection to the pollution is entirely clear to me."

The researchers also examined Atlantic hurricane records since 1946 and found that weekend storms featured wind speeds as much as 12 mph slower than midweek storms. They suggest air pollution aerosols diminish the fury of weekend storms by triggering more rainfall.

On remote Sable Island, the ASU study came as no surprise. Meteorologists there frequently have to wipe sooty crud from their instruments, and director Gerry Forbes said his staff members complain much like urban beachcombers.

"People here claim it always seems to be raining on their days off," Forbes said.



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False rumor claims black voting rights could expire

N.Y. Times Service

WASHINGTON — It started out as one of those rumors spread through e-mail on the Internet: African Americans are going to lose their right to vote when a section of the Voting Rights Act expires in 2007.

The e-mail spread like wildfire, with notable African Americans discussing it in forums and on radio talk shows. As it grew, so did concern among African American lawmakers in Congress.

That is why Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., and other members of the Congressional Black Caucus are planning to use Thursday's anniversary of the 1965 Voting Rights Act to knock down the claim that when the law expires, so will the right for African Americans to vote.

"These false claims state that blacks will lose the right to vote in 2007 if Congress does not reauthorize the Voting Rights Act," Lewis said. "This is not true."

In fact, just one section of the Voting Rights Act is scheduled to expire in 2007. That section calls for the states to submit any proposed changes in their election laws to the U.S. attorney general for approval to ensure that the change does not discriminate against minorities.

In the past, Congress has simply extended that provision of the law when it expired, and it is likely that it will do the same in 2007. In addition, the 15th Amendment to the Constitution also guarantees the right to vote regardless of "race, color or previous condition of servitude."

"I have a keen interest in ensuring the continued vitality of the Voting Rights Act, and do not take lightly any threats to this law," Lewis said. "The only way we will lose our right to vote is by not voting."

Lewis and other members of the caucus also hope that the anniversary will lead the nation to reflect on the state of race relations in America.

Rain inundates city in Indiana; area evacuated

MARION, Ind. (AP) — Drenching rains caused 40 families to evacuate Wednesday as the Mississinewa River threatened to swell over a levee already breached by a foot-wide hole.

A state of emergency was declared for this town of 33,000 about 60 miles northeast of Indianapolis. City officials were expecting even more flooding after discovering the hole underneath the levee, which they were unable to plug Wednesday evening.

In the downtown business district, police officers stood at every intersection detouring traffic around flooded roads and washed-out bridges. Front-end loaders carried hundreds of sandbags to city work crews who were barricading the district's perimeter.

"I've been with the city for 35 years, and this is the worst I've ever seen it," said Mayor Ron Mowery, standing on the levee's lowest point. "The next 48 hours or so are going to be tough."

Showers and thunderstorms were predicted throughout that period, with heavy rainfall a possibility Wednesday night.

An estimated 6 inches of rain fell on the area Tuesday night, and rains continued Wednesday, forcing the Mississinewa and other streams out of their banks. High water also threatened homes and businesses in the nearby communities of Alexandria, Warren and Geneva.

A Red Cross shelter was set up at a middle school to house the displaced residents.

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Elderly woman charged with killing eight of her 10 children

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A 70-year-old woman was charged Wednesday with suffocating eight of her 10 children starting almost half a century ago.

Marie Noe smothered the children with a pillow or other soft object, District Attorney Lynne M. Abraham said. The children, all of whom were declared healthy at birth and were developing normally, were 13 days to 14 months old when they died over a 19-year period, beginning in 1949.

At the time of the children's deaths, Mrs. Noe said they had died in their sleep. In each case, she was at home alone with the children.

Mrs. Noe's lawyer, David S. Rudenstein, said his client denies the charges. Mrs. Noe has been charged with eight counts of first-degree murder.

"She feels very burdened by these accusations," he said. "She has had to live with last 30 years with the knowledge that her children passed away. Any mother would be grossly distraught by that."

Her husband, Arthur Noe, who was not at home at the time of the deaths, was not charged. Investigations were continuing, police said.

Neither police nor the district attorney would speculate on a motive for the slayings, though they confirmed the parents had taken out insurance policies on six of the children.

Mrs. Noe's other two children also died; one was stillborn in 1959 and the other died at a hospital in 1963 of complications from birth. Police said there was no reason to believe any foul play was involved in these two cases.

When the babies died, doctors could not offer any conclusive medical explanation for their deaths. After sudden infant death syndrome, or SIDS, was defined in 1969, doctors believed that's how the babies died, according to court documents.

Since then, Ms. Abraham said, "science has been solving old, unsolved cases."

"Certainly children die of SIDS, but in one to 20 percent of the cases they actually die of something else, including murder," she said.

Prosecutors said police kept the investigation alive for decades because of the "unique circumstances of the deaths." Abraham said she began aggressively pursuing the case about a year ago because of new scientific information and increased awareness about unsolved infant deaths.

Mrs. Noe was questioned in March and admitted suffocating four of her children, police said. She could not remember what happened to the other four, police said.

Ms. Abraham said charges were delayed until now while authorities sought additional evidence. Authorities would not discuss the evidence.

Prosecutors said they will seek life imprisonment for Mrs. Noe. The deaths occurred before the death penalty was legalized.

Jamie Talan, an author who conducted a three-year survey of infanticide cases for a 1997 book, said this could be one of the worst cases of infanticide on record.

In 1987, Mary Beth Tinning of Schnectady, N.Y., was convicted of the death of one of her children. Prosecutors were unable to prove Ms.Tinning was responsible for the deaths of her eight other children, none of whom lived beyond age 5.

Dr. Neil Kaye, a forensic psychiatrist specializing in infanticide, said Mrs. Noe likely would have been arrested sooner if the deaths had happened more recently.

"In the past 10 years many states have instituted mandatory reporting requirements," Kaye said. "If someone says they found their child dead, autopsies can rule that in or out and usually some form of trauma can be diagnosed."

Senator wants to probe treatment of fund-raising investigator

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A senior Republican senator wants to know if a federal prosecutor was passed over for promotion because he recommended that an independent counsel be appointed to investigate campaign fund raising.

Charles LaBella headed the Justice Department's campaign-finance task force until he left last month to become acting chief of the department's San Diego office. Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., wants the Senate Judiciary Committee to investigate why LaBella was not appointed chief of that office and named U.S. attorney for the Southern District of California.

LaBella learned he would not be nominated for the top job shortly after he sent his report to Attorney General Janet Reno on July 16. In it, he recommended that a special prosecutor investigate allegations of abuses, chiefly by Democrats, in fund raising for the 1996 elections.

"In light of Mr. LaBella's sharp difference with Attorney General Reno over the appointment of independent counsel, that has all the indications of retribution," Specter said.

LaBella's report is at the center of a mounting conflict between Reno and the House Government Oversight Committee, which has scheduled a hearing Thursday to vote on holding her in contempt of a committee subpoena.

The panel's chairman, Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., wants Reno to turn over LaBella's report and similar recommendations made by FBI Director Louis Freeh.

Reno, suggesting that Burton is trying to force her hand, has asked for three weeks to evaluate LaBella's findings before deciding whether to ask for an independent counsel.

Thus far, despite Freeh's recommendation nine months ago, Reno has resisted seeking an independent counsel. Nevertheless, Freeh and LaBella urged the committee Tuesday not to attempt to enforce the subpoena, saying details of their reports could damage the investigation.

"It is the legal reasoning behind that recommendation ... that is the object of our subpoena," Burton said Wednesday. "The Attorney General and her professional staff should be able to accommodate the lawful process of the Congress, for which there is ample precedent, without our having to resort to contempt."

'In light of Mr. LaBella's sharp difference with Attorney General Reno over the appointment of independent counsel, that has all the indications of retribution.'

— Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., on Charles LaBella being passed over for a promotion shortly after recommending that an independent counsel be appointed to investigate campaign fund raising

Specter said that if a special hearing is not convened, he would raise the question during confirmation hearings for the likely nominee to the San Diego post, Gregory Vega.

"If our committee does not look into the matter independently, then I intend to raise the issue during the confirmation hearing of the appointee," Specter said.

A spokeswoman for Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, the Judiciary chairman, said no hearing had been scheduled and that Vega's name has not yet been forwarded by the White House.

Vega was put forward for the job by Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., who lauded his prosecutorial experience in the region.

U.S. attorneys are nominated by the president and must be confirmed by the Senate. The recent practice in both Democratic and Republican administrations is for the White House to obtain a candidate for each post from a senator or House member of the president's party in the state where the U.S. attorney will serve.

David Sandretti, spokesman for Boxer, said she chose Vega from a list of applicants reviewed by an ad hoc committee she relies on to make recommendations on judicial and other appointive offices. Sandretti said Vega's choice had "absolutely nothing to do with (LaBella's) report and everything to do with the merit, experience and the recommendations and personal qualifications of Mr. Vega."

LaBella said he was one of five people interviewed for the post in early July by the 12-person advisory committee to Boxer. The two Democratic senators from California, Boxer and Diane Feinstein, alternate in offering candidates for vacant U.S. attorney, U.S. marshal and federal judgeships in the state.

In his only reference to his disappointment, LaBella denied during testimony Tuesday that he had leaked his report to the news media.

"Can I just say it wasn't a real career-enhancing move for that to be leaked for me personally," LaBella said. "So, you know, take from that what you will."

LeBella did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment Wednesday.

Asked whether LaBella was being punished, Reno said: "I have had no discussions on that with anyone involved in that process."

"I will say that he has been an absolutely wonderful assistant United States attorney and an excellent, excellent acting United States attorney," Reno said.

Northwest machinists reject contract, authorize strike

EAGAN, Minn. (AP) — The International Association of Machinists on Wednesday announced that members had rejected tentative contract agreements with Northwest Airlines and authorized a strike.

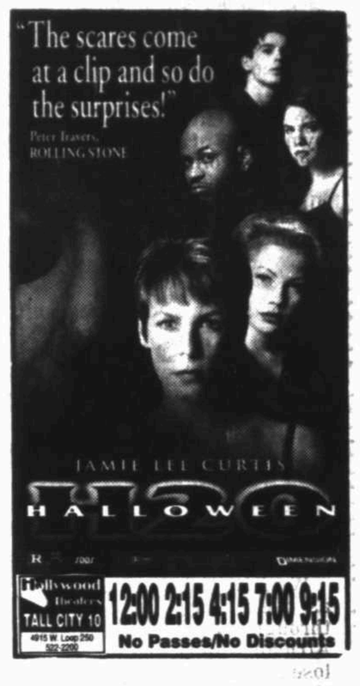
The vote means that both sides will return to negotiations under a federal mediator. No date was set for resumption of talks between Northwest, the nation's fourth-largest airline, and its largest union.

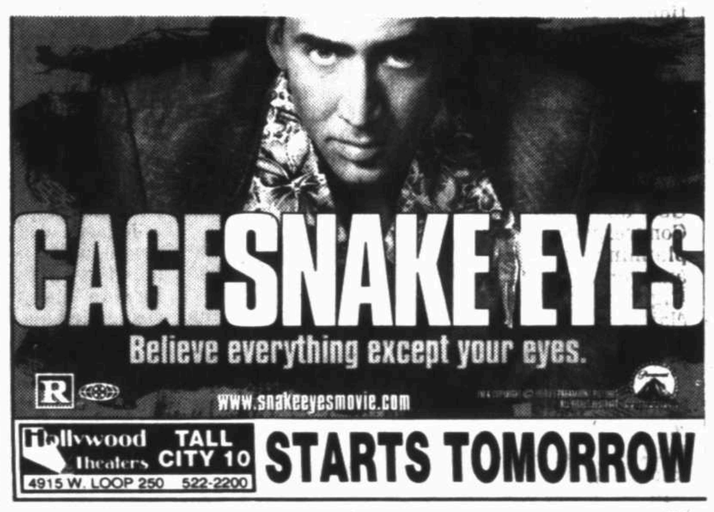
"We're actually very proud of the show of solidarity," said Jill Hogan, IAM secretary-treasurer.

"We are disappointed," said Doug McKeen, a Northwest vice president in charge of labor relations.

The countdown is already under way toward a strike by Northwest's pilots. The National Mediation Board declared talks between Northwest and the Air Line Pilots Association at an impasse last week, triggering a 30-day cooling off period. Pilots could strike as early as Aug. 29.

Pay and work rules are key issues in both disputes.





OMB director defends shaky U.S.-Russian partnership on space station

By Bennett Roth
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration is not yet prepared to sever Russian ties to the international space station despite serious warnings from NASA that the Russians are not meeting commitments to the project, a House panel was told Wednesday.

Jacob Lew, director of the Office of Management and Budget, defended the shaky U.S.-Russian partnership in space before a skeptical House Science Committee.

While conceding problems, Lew argued that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration had benefited from Russian expertise in space.

He said that Vice President Al Gore spoke to Russian leaders about the space funding during his July trip there and President Clinton plans to raise the issue when he visits Russia in September.

"We do not share the view that there is no more hope that the Russians will fulfill their role," the administration's chief budget officer said.

But many committee members of both parties appeared unconvinced by Lew's arguments, saying that they have little faith that the Russians will ever keep up their part of the bargain.

Lawmakers added that delays in space station development caused by the Russian problems have cost U.S. taxpayers as much as $2 billion.

"We have to make the decision to cut and run because we cannot tolerate any more losses," said Rep. Vernon Ehler, R-Mich.

A recent GAO report set the total cost of the space station project at $96 billion with development and construction to cost $24.7 billion. While the dollar value of Russia's contribution is not easily calculated, the components for which they are responsible are crucial both to the station construction and to the project's timetable. Russia's contributions include life support and living modules as well as crew and cargo transport.

The first launch of construction components is set for November. NASA has warned that the launch of a service module next April is "in jeopardy" because of Russia's money problems.

Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., said that NASA may have to find an additional $50 million to $100 million by September to pay the Russians for work on the service module. The Russian government has not provided funding for their space agency since last April, he said.

Lew told the committee that finding another $100 million to fix the immediate Russian shortfall would not be problematic. However, he said the administration had not figured out how to come up with the $500 million to $1 billion that may be needed if the Russians were cut out of the project completely.

Lew ruled out using the budget surplus for the space station, saying the president has dedicated that money to keeping Social Security viable in the long term.

Lawmakers complained that space station cost overruns forced NASA to dip into other space programs, particularly research funding.

The ranking Democrat on the committee, Rep. George Brown, D-Calif., said that, while he has long been a supporter of the space station, he may change his mind if the research funds are continually raided.

"I might have to quit being Mr. Nice Guy," said Brown.

Rep. Dana Rohrbacher, R-Calif., said that NASA should stop dealing with the Russian government and instead negotiate with Russian companies to help finish the project.

Rohrbacher said the partnership is "fatally flawed" because NASA is "going through a corrupt and incompetent government."

Rep. Nick Lampson, D-Texas, whose district includes the Johnson Space Center in far south Houston, said he is not ready to end the relationship with Russia. Instead, Lampson suggested that members of Congress build better relations with members of the Russian Duma, or parliament, to encourage lawmakers there to pay more attention to the space program.

"I don't think we should pull the plug on it," he said of the partnership.

Lampson also agreed with the administration's contention that space station funding would not affect other NASA programs as much if Congress gave the space agency more money.

The House has appropriated $13.32 billion for NASA next year, slightly less than the $13.42 billion requested by the administration. The Senate, however, has appropriated $13.61 billion for the space agency.

Dentist accused of taking pornographic pictures of dozens of his young patients

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — A dentist is accused of taking pictures of dozens of semiconscious and blindfolded girls performing sexual acts on him in his office.

Investigators said nurses at the office of Dr. Donald C. Johnson found 148 pictures of about 40 girls performing oral sex on the dentist.

Johnson, 47, was vacationing with his wife and daughters in Colorado when charged Friday with child pornography. Authorities say he was tipped off to the charges and fled in a rental car.

"It's extremely outrageous because of the age of the victims, what he was perpetrating upon the victims and as widespread as it is," Tulsa County District Attorney Chuck Richardson said Wednesday.

The girls, who look as young as 4 and as old as 16, are each seated in a dental chair and with their eyes covered by cloth, Richardson said. Prosecutors said more charges are likely to be filed.

Rusti Brinkley, director of the county Victim Witness Center, said the girls appeared to have been heavily anaesthetized.

"I don't know if these kids even realize something happened," she said.

Kathryn J. Johnson returned to Tulsa with the couple's daughters, ages 6, 13 and 16, and filed for divorce Monday. She did not return a telephone message Wednesday.

'It's extremely outrageous because of the age of the victims, what he was perpetrating upon the victims and as widespread as it is.'
— Tulsa County District Attorney Chuck Richardson

Meanwhile, police and FBI agents were searching for Johnson as parents placed hundreds of frantic calls to the Victim Witness Center to find out if their daughters are among those photographed.

"They're very concerned. They're very shocked," Ms. Brinkley said. "The first question they ask is 'Is my child a victim?' "

Johnson was last seen in the Estes Park area of Colorado about 60 miles north of Denver. County deputies have asked the U.S. Border Patrol to watch for him, and the Oklahoma Board of Dentistry has suspended his license.

"This is someone who's taken an oath to protect and serve the public through dentistry, and he has violated every ethical, social, moral rule that there is," Richardson said.

Kevorkian lawyer on the attack in governor race

Associated Press

DETROIT — Known for his combative defense of Dr. Jack Kevorkian, lawyer Geoffrey Fieger went after Republicans on Wednesday, one day after winning the Democratic nomination for governor.

"We seek to take this government back from Republican career politicians and special interest business groups, and I tell you, they've never had a worse enemy than Geoff Fieger," he said.

Fieger, who has persuaded three juries to acquit Kevorkian of charges arising out of the doctor's assisted suicide campaign, spent more than $1 million of his own money to edge Larry Owen, a lawyer who had courted unions and party leaders.

He took 41 percent of the vote to Owen's 37 percent. Former U.S. labor official Doug Ross came in third.

Fieger billed himself as an anti-establishment outsider who would protect civil rights, assailing politicians and even the Michigan Democratic Party as being full of "wimps and oatmeal."

He also regularly insulted Republic Gov. John Engler, who polls show is favored to beat his Democratic opponent for a third term.

Although it's just his first run for office, Fieger viewed his lack of political experience as an asset.

"I'm not a politician. I don't know how to do a traditional campaign," Fieger said. "The only type of campaign that I know how to do is what I feel at the time. I can't be dishonest."

Among Fieger's supporters was Jim Carruthers, 35, of Traverse City, who works with an AIDS-HIV program. He said he was impressed with Fieger's stand on health issues.

"It's mostly the keep-your-laws-off-my-body issue for me," he said. "My friends say he's a loose cannon. I'm tired of hearing that. I want someone who has a voice, someone who isn't afraid to face the issues and speak their mind."

But Ervin Thelen, 49, a teacher in Westphalia, was unimpressed.

"I voted for Owen because I didn't want Fieger to win," he said. "I don't like his ranting, raving and rudeness. In the general election, I'm a Democrat who's going to vote for a Republican for the first time."

Despite having lashed out at Democratic party officials during his campaign, Fieger appealed to the party for its help at a unity breakfast in Detroit on Wednesday.

"I think the one chance Geoffrey Fieger has is that his message may inspire people," said state Rep. Pat Gagliardi, an Owen supporter and House majority leader. "Fieger can go out and touch people with his ideals. I think he can inspire them."

Engler, with 89 percent of the vote, easily won his GOP primary contest against Dr. Gary Artinian, a cardiologist. He said he would not allow Fieger to get away with personal attacks.

"These things get treated as spectacles" rather than the serious discussions on state policy that the campaigns should be, Engler told WWJ-AM. "I don't think one person can be allowed to ruin it just because we live in the age of Jerry Springer."

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SPORTS BRIEFING

TV Sports

GOLF — Senior British Open, first round, 10 a.m., ESPN.

TENNIS — Du Maurier Open, early round coverage, noon, ESPN.

BASEBALL —Seattle Mariners at Detroit Tigers, 6 p.m., FSS.

Boston Red Sox at Texas Rangers, 7 p.m, Cox Cable Ch. 19.

Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves, 6:35 p.m., TBS.

BOXING — Champion Bronco McKart (35-2-0) vs. Jose "Shibata" Flores (35-6-0) for IBA junior middleweight championship, 7 p.m., ESPN.

Texas Scores

BASEBALL — Texas Rangers 4, Toronto Blue Jays 3.

Florida Marlins 5, Houston Astros 3.

TEXAS LEAGUE — El Paso Diablos 10, Midland Angels 0.

Sports Today

TEXAS LEAGUE — El Paso Diablos at Midland Angels, 7:11 p.m., Christensen Stadium. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).

Round Rock vote

ROUND ROCK — The mayor of Round Rock, who hopes to attract Nolan Ryan's minor league baseball team with a $13 million stadium, says he supports the idea of a citizen vote on the question.

Mayor Charlie Culpepper said he expects the Round Rock City Council to adopt an ordinance requiring voter approval before the city can spend hotel-motel taxes to build the stadium.

By supporting the ordinance, the mayor avoids something that supporters of the team consider a greater evil: an election on whether to have an election.

The first election would have been a city charter referendum in November on whether elections must be held before hotel-motel taxes are spent on baseball. Then, the second election, in January, would have been on the financing proposal itself.

Also by adopting the ordinance, which Culpepper said could happen as soon as Aug. 13, the City Council will allow voters to get to the point — a November election on baseball in Round Rock.

"This is what we strived for all along," said Tish Oatman, one of five Round Rock residents who started the petition drive.

By gathering more than 318 signatures, which is 20 percent of the votes cast in the last city election, the group was able to force the council to act on its proposed ordinance.

"We wanted the people to get the opportunity to vote on such an important issue," Ms. Oatman said.

The proposed stadium complex would house a double-A team affiliated with the Houston Astros.

Pitching legend Ryan, his son, Reid, and business partner Don Sanders of Houston bought the Jackson (Mississippi) Generals in April. They hope to bring the team to Round Rock for the 2000 season.

The city is planning to use hotel-motel tax revenue to pay its share of the $13 million project — about $6,8 million.

Wrongly accused?

LUMBERTON, N.C. — One of the men convicted of killing Michael Jordan's father says he was wrongly accused of pulling the trigger.

Daniel Green, 23, who goes by the Muslim name Lord D'Uallah, told WRAL-TV on Wednesday that Larry Demery, the other man convicted in the murder of James Jordan, actually fired the shots that killed Jordan on July 23, 1993. Demery testified in their trial in early 1996 that Green shot Jordan as he slept in his car along U.S. 74 where it intersects with Interstate 95.

"I did not kill Mr. Jordan," said Green, serving a life-plus-10 years sentence at a Halifax County work farm. "It's pretty cut and dried."

Green admitted in the interview that he drove James Jordan's Lexus, wore his watch and an NBA championship ring. He also admitted he helped dump Jordan's body in a South Carolina swamp.

He said he wrote a letter to Jordan's family to explain his version of the incident and apologize. He has not gotten a response.

Green is serving his time at the Caledonia Correctional Institution. Prison officials said Green has 12 serious infractions on his record from altercations with other inmates.

Green said he has had to defend himself from fans of the NBA superstar and from prison officials who he said are plotting against him.

"The administration is trying to cause situations to occur where I would either be killed or kill somebody," Green said. "And then, that way, they could say, 'See? Didn't we tell you he was violent?' "

Angel bats remain dry in 10-0 defeat

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The Midland Angels must still be recovering from the hangover of losing the last three games to the Wichita Wranglers which more than likely knocked them out of the Texas League West Division race.

What else could be the explanation after scoring just five runs in the last five games? The offensive struggles for the Angels got even worse Wednesday night after a 10-0 loss to the El Paso Diablos at Christensen Stadium.

Midland managed just five hits against three El Paso pitchers and had only two runners in scoring position. Carlos Chavez (3-3), an El Paso native, picked up the win after allowing a mere two hits in five innings of work. Blas Minor picked up his first save with three scoreless innings of relief work.

Angel hitters were so ineffective Wednesday that Todd Dunn's solo home run off Angel starter Seth Etherton (1-2) to lead off the fourth inning would have been enough for the Diablos. There wasn't much to cheer about the Angels' performance other than a triple in the bottom of the ninth by Keith Luuloa, the possible league MVP.

Three errors and two runners caught stealing added to Midland's woes. Two of the errors — one by shortstop Chuck Abbott and one by centerfielder Norm Hutchins — led to four Diablos runs in what seemed to be a never ending top of the ninth. Only five of the runs scored by El Paso Wednesday were earned.

While none of the Angels had more than one hit, six of the Diablos had two or more hits. Dunn led the Diablos' 15 hit-attack by going 2-for-4 with three RBIs and three runs scored. Toby Kominek and Robinson Cancel were each 3-for-4.

The Angels are now in danger of finishing in third place in the West as El Paso is now tied for second place with Midland — nine games back of the Wranglers with 23 games left in what has turned into a long season.

Three games are left with the Diablos in this homestand and the Angels can only hope things get better than worse. Wednesday, the Angels saw the worst of their five-game losing streak.

Midland finally saw some rain, now the

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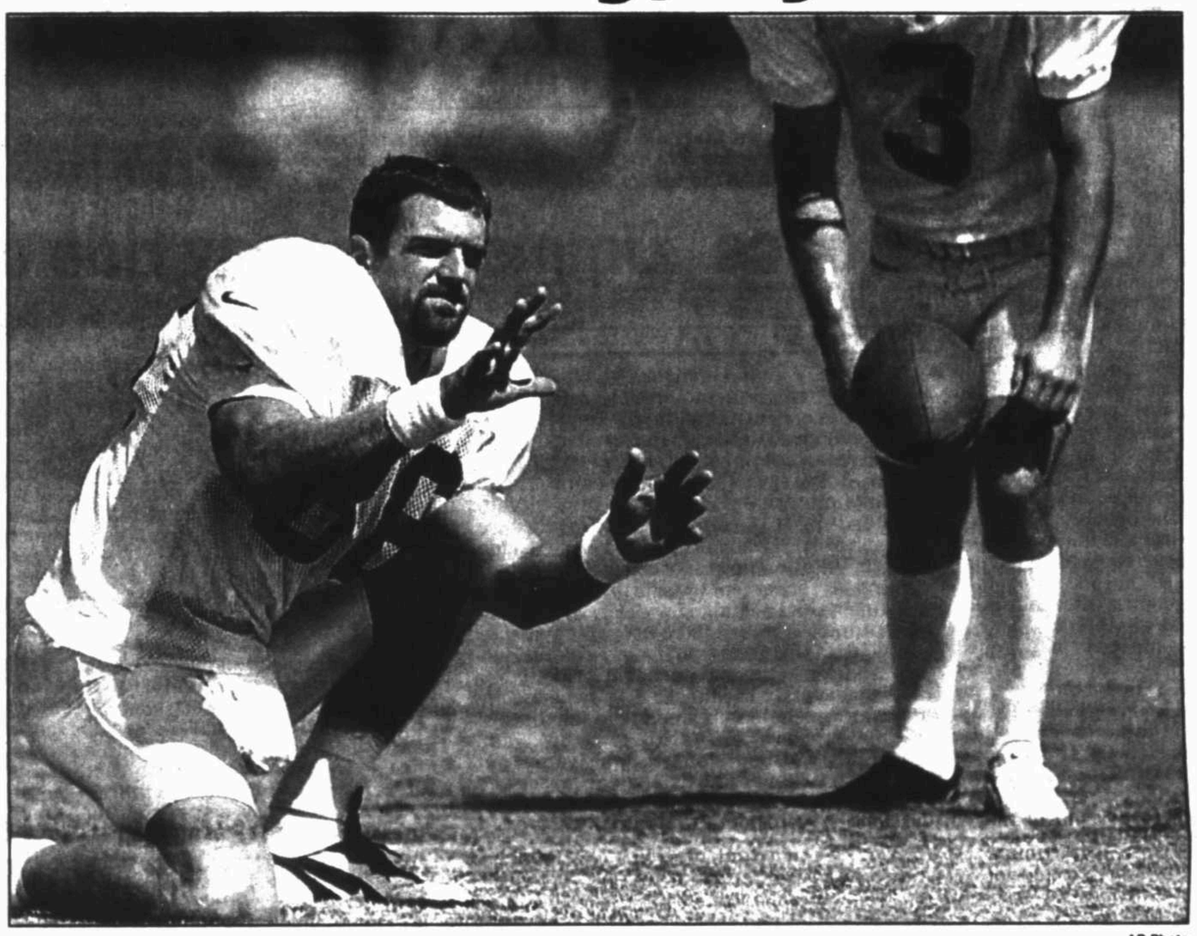
COWBOYS' CAMP

Now healthy, Bjornson's ready



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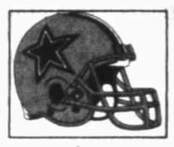
Dallas Cowboys tight end Eric Bjornson holds for field goals and extra points for kicker Richie Cunningham Monday. Bjornson, now healthy, is aiming to become a bigger part of the team's offfense this season.

■ Tight end hopes versatility can earn him regular spot as a receiver.

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

WICHITA FALLS — Eric Bjornson was supposed to be the next Jay Novacek for the Dallas Cowboys.



Novacek caught 339 passes for 3,576 yards in a six-year career with the Cowboys that ended in 1996. He averaged a remarkable 10 yards per pass and caught 22 touchdown passes from of his tight end position.

Bjornson, a former quarterback at the Univrsity of Washington, showed he could catch the ball like Novacek. But injuries have kept him from attaining big numbers.

Bjornson is healthy now and playing in a new offense that could showcase his considerable talents.

"I've had my share of bad luck but it's all changing now," Bjornson said. "I'm healthy and I think I could have some big games in our new offense."

Coach Chan Gailey's offense could be just what Bjornson needs to become known as one of the best pass catchers in the NFL.

Bjornson is versatile enough to play in a four-wide-receiver set and can also catch passes from his tight end spot. On days the Cowboys decide to run the ball, Bjornson will be on the sidelines watching David LaFleur blocking.

LaFleur has become the starting tight end and that's fine with Bjornson.

"I'm not going to be sitting on the bench," Bjorson said. "Sometimes I'm an H-back. In nickel situations I'm in the backfield. I'm still working as a tight end in some of our two-tight-end formations. And I'm working as a wide receiver in a lot of formations."

He also contributes on special teams by holding for placekicker Richie Cunningham.

Bjornson has become so valuable in Gailey's plans that Dallas gave him a two-year, $1.25 millon contract over two years. He also got a $368,000 bonus check.

But can he stay healthy?

The 226-pound Bjornson broke his fibula last year and missed the last two games after catching 47 passes for 442 yards. Two years ago he sprained both

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El Paso's worship of Cowboys cooling

By Eduardo Montes
Associated Press Writer

EL PASO — As in most relationships, the sparks flew when El Paso began its courtship of the Dallas Cowboys.

The city was aflutter at the prospect of hosting a favored NFL team — even if it was only for a scrimmage — and the Cowboys were declaring they wanted this to become a long-term affair.

The ardor has cooled somewhat since 1996. Ticket sales have been lagging for the Cowboys' third annual scrimmage in the Sun Bowl on Thursday and fans are beginning to show signs that they're tiring of the glorified practices with the big-game hype.

Around 30,000 tickets had been sold by Wednesday for the practice session with the Oakland Raiders. Officials noted it was a substantial number, but it was a far cry from the first game, which drew a sellout crowd of 51,118.

"The novelty of having the NFL come to town has worn off and the Cowboys certainly didn't have the best record last year (6-10). A lot of football fans seem to be fair weather fans," said Larry Peterson, chairman of the Cowboys Task Force, which has coordinated all three scrimmages.

But even some of those who profess to have an undying allegiance to the Cowboys would like a change. Football fans citywide say they are eager for an exhibition game or the training camp that was discussed when the Cowboys

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New Astro Johnson's one hot ticket

By Cara LaBrie
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Want to watch Randy Johnson pitch his first game as an Astro at home?

Get moving.

On Monday alone, Johnson admirers bought more than 7,000 tickets total for the Friday and Saturday home games against the Philadelphia Phillies. It has not been announced which game Johnson will pitch, but more than 30,000 tickets have been sold for each.

The Astros are averaging a solid but unspectacular 26,878 fans per game. Since Saturday, however, phones at the Astros ticket office have been ringing virtually nonstop.

"The response has been tremendous," said Pam Gardner, the team's vice president of marketing. "On Saturday, we sold 50 remaining season tickets — our sales usually wind down by now."

Gardner also said the Astros' offices were flooded with e-mail and phone messages from fans.

Want a Randy Johnson Astros jersey?

Good luck. And open that wallet.

The first shipment of Johnson attire — just six jerseys — will be available no earlier than Friday.

There's already a waiting list at the Your Team stores. More than 40 people are in line for the jerseys, which run $190.

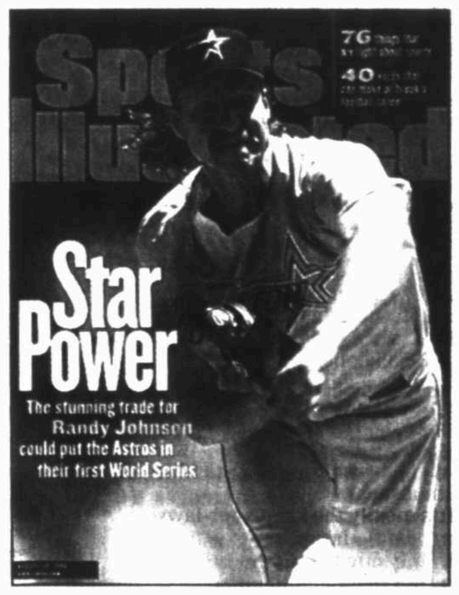
Your Team doesn't know when the next shipment will arrive; it expects more next week. But the store's business nearly doubled after Johnson was traded from Seattle on Friday.

"It's unreal," said Greg Walker, manager of the Your Team at Memorial City Mall. "Saturday morning, I got here and it was like, 'Oh, wow.' "

Sales at the Memorial City location usually run around $1,300 on Saturdays. This past Saturday, sales reached nearly $2,000; the store doubled normal levels Sunday and Monday.

With Johnson set to make his home debut, Walker expects to double his number of employees this weekend.

"It's been really overwhelming," he said. "The closest thing to this (volume of sales) is last year after we won the (National League Central) championship. Everyone's really



New Houston Astros' pitcher Randy Johnson, graces the cover of Sports Illustrated for the week of August 10, 1998.
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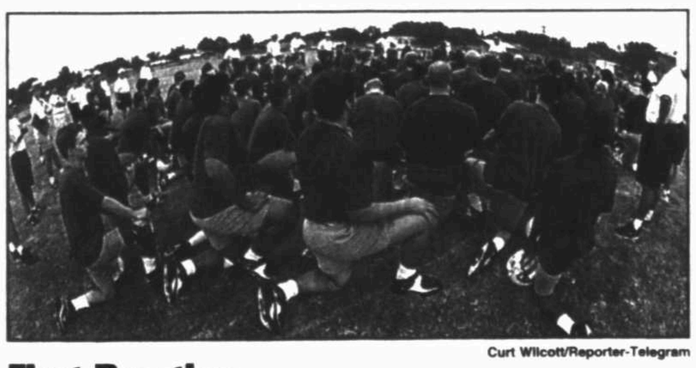

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

First Practice

The Midland Lee football team gathers Wednesday morning for its first practice of the 1998 season. The Rebels are conducting three practices each day in preparation for their Sept. 4 opener.

NBA labor discussions finally reopen after 45-day stalemate

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK — For the first time in 45 days, NBA owners and players will hold formal talks aimed at ending the lockout. It remains to be seen if Thursday's meeting will produce more posturing or some real progress.

"Eventually you have to make a deal, and the only way you get there is to keep talking," deputy commissioner Russ Granik said Wednesday. "I don't think either party has any specific expectations, but we don't think it's a great idea to let months go by without sitting down and talking."

The bargaining session, to be held at a Manhattan law office, will be the first formal talks since June 22 — eight days before the owners imposed the lockout. Along with Granik, union director Billy Hunter and commissioner David Stern, the talks will be attended by about a dozen players and seven owners, plus lawyers for both sides.

The sides remain far apart on economic issues, especially what percentage of basketball-related income should be devoted toward player salaries. The owners had the right to toss out the old labor agreement if salaries rose above 52 percent, and that number jumped to 57 percent last season.

"However you want to describe being as

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Track hosts Modifieds

Twins Cities Speedway will host the Texas Open Wheel Modified Asphalt Championship Saturday night.

This will be the third appearance of the Modifieds this year and it has already attracted 28 entries from five states. This will be the largest field of cars to compete on asphalt in Texas.

The program will also include the American Truck Series, which also returns for the third time this year.

The track opens Saturday at 7 p.m. with time trials at 7:30 p.m. Racing begins at 8:30 p.m.

MSA Summer League results

Hardaway Shadeshop and Malco Trucking headed the list of winning teams in the Midland Softball Association Summer Leagues.

Hardaway Shadeshop won the title of Division I Monday and Wednesday League. Malco Trucking took top honors in the Tuesday and Thursday League, winning Division 2A.

Results from the Midland Softball Association summer leagues.

Monday-Wednesday League

Division I: 1. Hardaway Shadeshop, 2. Midland Vipers-Auton Fx, 3. Brokers, 4. Curt Alvin Construction, 5. Brokers/H&D Investment II, 6. Enterprise Rental.

Division II: 1. Avis Lube, 2. Pioneer, 3. The Bar, 4. Oil Butler, 5. Adco, 6. Lone Star, 7. Bandang Bandits.

Division III: 1. The Money Shots, 2. Westwood Medical Center, 3. Tetra Pipe, 4. Latin Touch/Vasquez Trucking, 5. Petroplex Pipe, 6. Tall City Players, 7. Rogers Ford.

Division IV: 1. Conoco, 2. Arcadis Geraghty & Miller, 3. Beacon Light Lions, 4. Lear Corporation, 5. Mobil/Haliburton, 6. Loz Varones.

Co-Ed: 1. The Shadow, 2. OBG, 3. Syrinx, 4. Ranger, Inc., 5. Midland Memorial Hospital, 6. Perferred Personnel.

Tuesday-Thursday League

Men's Division 2A: 1. Malco Trucking, 2. Mayflower, 3. Quick Silver, 4. Security Devices, 5. Midland Thunder.

Men's Division 2: 1. Linco-Electromatic, 2. Trend Exploration, 3. Crestview, 4. Our Lady of Guadalupe, 5. Basin Petroleum, 6. Duncan Disposal.

Men's Division 3: 1. Midland County Young Lawyers, 2. Quality Auto, 3. Winlectric/Independent Glass, 4. Crestview, 5. Master Batters, 6. Trinity Presbyterian.

Men's Division 4: 1. Rodriguez Tile, 2. FX, 3. Wildcats, 4. MCRTC, 5. Schlumberger, 6. West Texas Drum, 7. Kleen Kar Wash.

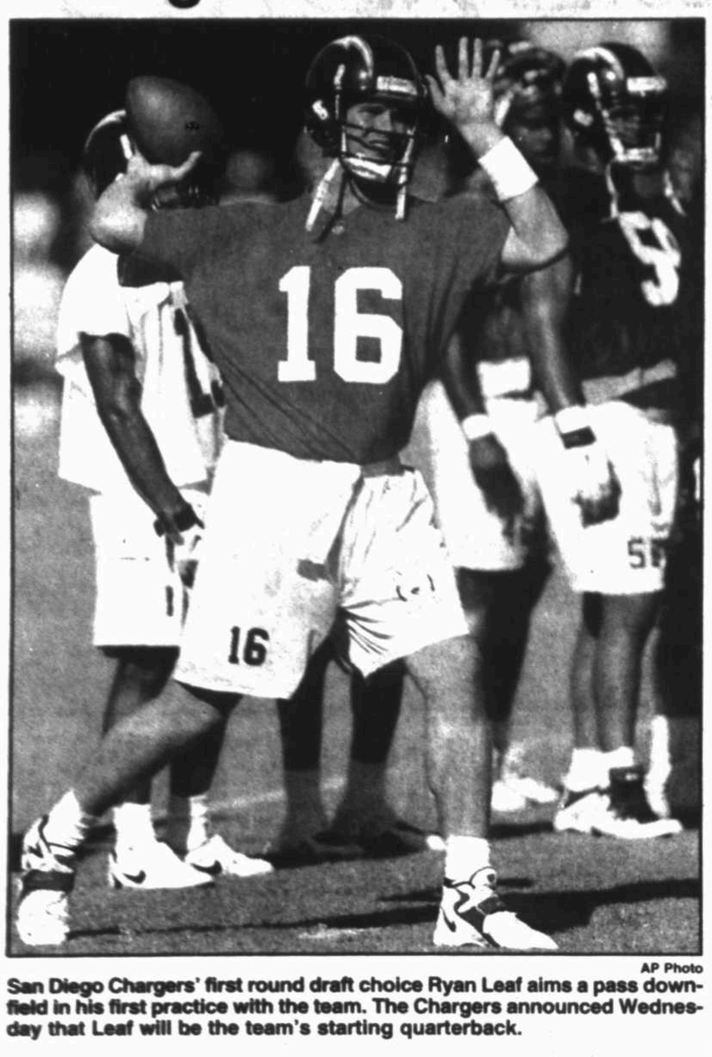
Co-Ed Div. 1: 1. Eagle Inspection/Young Auto Glass, 2. BPC/Beeper Store, 3. Omega, 4. Mixed Nuts, 5. Dr Feelgood.

Co-Ed Div. 2: 1. Arco Permian, 2. KPMG Peat Marwick, 3. Becky's Diabolos, 4. Ronnie's Restaurant, 5. Pop-A-Lock, 6. Rockwood Rockies.

Co-Ed Div. 3: 1. Midland American Bank, 2. Schlumberger, 3. All-Star Repair & Collision, 4. Calvary Assembly of God, 5. NVA Eliminators.

Women: 1. Blue Angels, 2. Lady Reds, 3. Lady A's, 4. MMH Rehabilitators, 5. Quicksurance Titan.

Chargers turn over new Leaf at quarterback



AP Photo

San Diego Chargers' first round draft choice Ryan Leaf aims a pass downfield in his first practice with the team. The Chargers announced Wednesday that Leaf will be the team's starting quarterback.

By Bernie Wilson
AP Sports Writer

SAN DIEGO — What's been a foregone conclusion for weeks became official Wednesday — Ryan Leaf is the San Diego Chargers' starting quarterback.

The decision by coach Kevin Gilbride goes way beyond Saturday night's exhibition opener against the San Francisco 49ers. Leaf, the second pick in the April draft, has the job for the year, making him the first rookie in team history to go into a season holding the top spot.

"He's the guy we think gives us the best chance to win," said Gilbride, who presided over a disastrous 4-12 season in 1997.

It took the Chargers just 11 training camp practices — Leaf missed the first five while his contract was worked out — for Leaf to beat out incumbent starter Craig Whelihan.

"I think they just felt I grasped the offense pretty quickly and I continue to improve every day, and they see potential, I guess," said the 6-foot-5 Leaf, who turned pro after taking Washington State to the Rose Bowl as a junior. "That's what I hope they're seeing. I hope it's not out of desperation, because I think everybody has had a good camp throwing the football."

The Chargers have invested heavily in Leaf, who's from Great Falls, Mont. Just to move up one spot in the draft, they gave Arizona wide receiver Eric Metcalf and linebacker Patrick Sapp, plus this year's first- and second-round picks and next year's No. 1. Then they gave him an $11.25 million signing bonus as part of a contract that could be worth $31.25 million over five seasons.

When the Chargers failed to add a veteran in the offseason, it became clearer that Leaf would get the starting job. Whelihan, 0-7 in relief of Stan Humphries at the end of last season, didn't put in the offseason work that the coaching staff expected.

"I felt they were letting me get enough reps to compete with Ryan," Whelihan said. "Being the second pick in the first round, there's a little bit of pressure for the organization to put (him) out on the field and see what he can do. Myself, if I'm in the organization, I'd want to see him out on the field, too. But I'm not going to give up by any means."

The big concern now is that Leaf not get hurt and that his confidence doesn't get battered by growing pains. San Diego has a rebuilt line and brought back running back Natrone Means to help take some pressure off Leaf.

Even so, the Chargers think Leaf has the right temperament to handle the job.

"Sometimes I don't know if he knows what he's in for, but that's the important thing," Gilbride said. "He's not overwhelmed by it, he's not intimidated by it, he's not in awe of it. He's excited about it. Those are the kind of guys you want out there."

As soon as he found out he'd won the job, Leaf called his father.

"He said, 'I knew,' " Leaf said.

"I'm in the position I wanted to be in, so I feel real comfortable with it," Leaf said.

NCAA concerned over widespread gambling

By Duncan Mansfield
Associated Press Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — The NCAA has turned to Las Vegas oddsmakers for help monitoring illegal wagering on college sports.

"Our computer program is the same one that the casinos have," Bill Saum, the NCAA's gambling enforcement agent, said Wednesday. "We can see the point spread at all the different casinos and we can also see the point spread on all of the games. So we can watch it change."

A swing of a couple of points in a day would draw the NCAA's attention, Saum said in an interview before addressing a conference on the impact of gambling on college sports sponsored by the FBI and the University of Tennessee. The NCAA used the betting line service from Las Vegas oddsmaker Roxy Roxborough for the first time during this year's NCAA basketball tournament.

"There were no games we had any concern about," Saum said. "But it was comforting that it was there."

This fall, the NCAA will be watching the lines on football games. Saum, also charged with keeping watch over sports agents, said he now devotes 80 percent of his time to gambling.

Anyone who believes his college is immune to illegal gambling is wrong, NCAA president Cedric Dempsey said.

"There is no reason to believe there isn't any campus in this country that doesn't have student bookies," Dempsey said. "There are some studies that indicate we spend more money on college campuses on gambling than we do on alcohol. And that is significant."

For the first time, the amount of money bet on the NCAA basketball tournament last spring — some $60 million — exceeded wagering on the Super Bowl. Recent point-shaving scandals at Northwestern and Arizona State have served to emphasize the problem.

Dempsey recalled that longtime NCAA executive Walter Byers used to say "the one thing that could bring down intercollegiate athletics was gambling."

Recent events have "heightened our concern," Dempsey said.

The NCAA is introducing an educational campaign aimed at both student-athletes and other students. For the first time, the NCAA is talking with student affairs associations about the problem, treating it as much as a health issue of addiction as a question of ethics.

Broncs' Zimmerman may ride out of retirement

By John Mossman
AP Sports Writer

GREELEY, Colo. — Thanks to John Elway's recruiting trip to a motorcycle rally in the Black Hills of South Dakota, the Denver Broncos appear close to luring offensive tackle Gary Zimmerman out of retirement.

That, at least, was "the buzz of camp," in the words of offensive guard David Diaz-Infante. No one seemed to be in a position to say for sure.

Coach Mike Shanahan danced around the topic Wednesday, calling reports that Zimmerman will end his retirement "a little premature" and insisting he had not talked with Elway since the quarterback's return from his two-day trip.

Elway was excused from training camp Monday and Tuesday so he could travel to a motorcycle rally in Sturgis, S.D., where Zimmerman was holed up, and plead for the seven-time Pro Bowl left tackle to return. Zimmerman, 36, also retired last year, but returned two games into the regular season and helped the Broncos win a Super Bowl.

Elway would not speak with the media Wednesday, and the reclusive, reticent Zimmerman was in the wilderness somewhere in the Sturgis area. Shanahan did speak, but didn't shed much light on the matter.

"I'm hoping he comes back," Shanahan said.

Asked whether Zimmerman was receptive to Elway's pitch, Shanahan said, "I have no idea. I haven't talked to John since he's been back. If Gary's interested, he will call me. Gary told me he was going to retire, and I'm taking his word for it. If he wants to come back, he will initiate the phone call. I haven't talked to either Gary or his agent. His agent has called, but he hasn't called me.

"Before anything could be done, we'd have to work out a contract. He does not have a contract, so there's a lot of things that have to be resolved."

Zimmerman, who signed a four-year, $12.31 million contract last September that included a $2.8 million signing bonus, was scheduled to be paid only $216,000 in base salary this season. The Broncos likely would give him a substantial raise by reworking his contract, and the team reportedly has about $3 million remaining under the salary cap even after running back Terrell Davis' nine-year, $56 million contract gains final approval.

Zimmerman's agent, Frank Bauer of Stockton, Calif., was unavailable for comment. Broncos owner Pat Bowlen and offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak, a close friend of Elway, denied knowing Zimmerman's intentions.

"I don't know any more than anyone else," Bowlen said. "I've not heard from him or his agent. I haven't tried to talk to him."

Kubiak said he knew only that Elway and Zimmerman "had a good visit. Like everyone else, I'll have to wait and see."

Bowlen said Zimmerman's possible return "isn't about money. If he comes back, he'll make well north of $4 million. I don't think that's going to influence him one way or the other."

The two players most affected by Zimmerman's return would be left tackle Harry Swayne and right tackle Tony Jones. Jones, who opened training camp at right tackle, is more comfortable at left tackle and probably would be moved there if Zimmerman stays retired.

Shanahan indicated he had a timetable about establishing the tackle duties. "I'd like to do something after this (opening preseason) game this week, make a decision which way we go," he said.

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far apart as possible, that's where we are. I don't think we've found any common ground at all," Granik said. "I think the players keep hoping that the problem will just go away. But the players are first going to have to accept that we have some serious economic problems to deal with. We have to keep working to convince them of that."

Despite those harsh words and the rhetoric from both sides, Granik said the owners aren't as married to the concept of "cost certainty" as they earlier indicated.

"Cost certainty" has been one of Stern's mantras in his public statements about the lockout.

" 'Certainty' is not the right word from our standpoint, because we're ready to accept that things could operate within a certain range," Granik said. "But you've got to know what the outer limit of that range is, because we always seem to hit it."

Hunter, informed of Granik's statement, sounded hopeful.

"My interpretation is that it indicates prudence is setting in, that maybe owners might be serious about sitting down and trying to work out some agreement," Hunter said. "I'm anxious to see what they'll be talking about tomorrow."

Neither Granik nor Hunter would say who should feel compelled to submit the next formal proposal. Owners have made four different offers, while the players made only one back when talks began April 1.

Owners have asked for a maximum salary of $9-10 million and an eventual elimination of the Larry Bird exception — the rule that allows teams to exceed the salary cap to retain their own free agents — as well as a lengthening of the rookie salary scale.

Players have offered to slow the growth of the salary cap in future years, but only if the amount of BRI devoted to player salaries exceeded 63 percent.

"We haven't gotten anything new from the players since April 1," Granik said. "And in bargaining, you've got to find the middle ground rather than making one offer and saying 'That's it.' "

If the sides emerge from Thursday's talks and announce a date for more discussions, it will be a sign of progress. But with the opening of training camps still eight weeks away, there is little incentive for either side to move far from its current stance.

"I don't think you can do more harm," Granik said. "It may be unproductive, and it may not get you anywhere.

"But I don't think anything can be worse than not talking. If you don't talk, you know you can't make a deal."

World Basketball tourney lacking in star quality

By Howard Fendrich
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ATHENS, Greece — No stars and no fans.

The World Basketball Championships head to the quarterfinals without a dominant team or player — and a worrisome dearth of spectators. Most of the eight teams left in the medal round Wednesday, trying to recover from the grind of six preliminary games in seven days.

The United States plays Italy on Friday, with the other quarterfinal matchups Spain vs. Greece, Lithuania vs. Russia and Argentina vs. Yugoslavia.

"No one player is carrying this team," said U.S. coach Rudy Tomjanovich, who could have been speaking about any of the title contenders. "If we have a lull, someone makes the big play: a shot, a rebound, a block. But it seems to be someone different every time."

Most teams have been shuttling in at least 10 players — Tomjanovich uses all 12 — each game.

That's partly because of the physical nature of international play. But it's also because no one seems to have a starting five capable of controlling a game.

"There are several countries that are supposed to be better than us," Spanish coach Lolo Sainz said. "But you can be certain, certain, certain that there is no one out there that scares us. Anyone is beatable."

The closest thing to a real favorite, Yugoslavia, needed overtime to get past Russia in preliminary-round play and lost to Italy for the first time since 1984. The U.S. grab-bag of players from the CBA and European clubs lost to Lithuania and didn't lead Spain until less than two minutes remained.

With 6-foot-7 forward Alberto Herreros averaging a tournament-high 20.5 points a game, Spain has looked as if it could earn its first world or Olympic medal since a silver at the 1984 Los Angeles Games. But if he's shut down, there's no one to turn to.

Lithuania, led by former Seton Hall standout Arturas Karnisovas, upset the United States but went down meekly to Australia — which didn't make the quarters — and faded against Spain. Greece, the only country that has had a full house of spectators each game, looked good in beating Italy, but was outclassed by Russia and Yugoslavia.

"We are disappointed so far," Florian Wanninger, a spokesman for the international basketball federation, said of the low attendance. "We knew in advance, and it has been verified, that Greek people love their team but not necessarily basketball. We have had very good games in front of 500 spectators. That's a pity."

If the hosts lose to Spain on Friday, organizers face the serious prospect of weekend medal-round games before thousands of empty seats at the 18,000-capacity Olympic arena.

EL PASO: City wants real exhibition game

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first came to town.

"I think we want a preseason game, I really do, instead of a scrimmage," said fan Mark Schneider. "I think we as fans would find that a lot more enjoyable, even though with a scrimmage you get to spend a lot more time with the players."

Schneider said he would continue to support the scrimmages if that remains the only option. Other fans maintain they will keep turning out no matter what the Cowboys come in to do.

City officials said the task force will concentrate future efforts on landing an exhibition next year and convincing the Cowboys to move their training camp here. The camp is in Wichita Falls this year.

"Our perspective is that we've put together three highly successful scrimmages and if we're going to talk about event number four, then event number four ought to be a preseason exhibition game," said Wes Jurey, president and chief executive of the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce. "We think the community has certainly earned the right to host one."

Accomplishing either objective will require considerably more work and money than the scrimmages ever have. An exhibition game would cost around $2 million to produce, compared to less than $700,000 for a scrimmage, Peterson said.

The training camp would likely require the community to invest several million dollars in a sports complex that could serve as a practice facility, a project that is already being discussed.

Peterson said that if the camp came to El Paso, it wouldn't be any earlier than 2000. He said that would be the case for any of the other cities competing with El Paso for the camp, including Austin and San Antonio.

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple would not comment on training sites, beyond saying the team was having a "wonderful camp" in Wichita Falls. Dalrymple did say the Cowboys were interested in a ongoing relationship with El Paso and would like to continue the scrimmages.

Noting that some NFL teams barely drew 30,000 spectators for regular season games last year, Dalrymple said having a smaller crowd at the Sun Bowl on Thursday than in previous years would not concern the team.

"I think it's going to be a good event," he said.

END: Bjornson hoping to make big plays

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ankles and was a decoy for the last five games.

Bjornson tried to play hurt but later admitted: "I played when I shouldn't have played."

Gailey acknowledges how important Bjornson can be if he can keep off the injury list.

"He's a versatile player and we have to keep him healthy so he can be on the field for extended periods of time," Gailey said. "There are a lot of different ways we can use him."

Gailey saw one of them late in practice on Tuesday. Bjornson took off on a deep route from his slot position and suddenly safety Kenny Wheaton found himself all alone trying to defend against Jason Garrett's long pass.

It was too late and Bjornson made a leaping catch on what would have gone for a 60-yard scoring pass in a regulation game.

"That's what I like about this offense," Bjornson said. "I have a chance to make big plays."

And a chance is all Bjornson wants after being injury jinxed for the last two seasons.

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

Texas League

By The Associated Press
Second Half
Eastern Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa	34	15	.694	—
Jackson	25	24	.510	9
x-Arkansas	23	26	.469	11
Shreveport	20	29	.408	14
Western Division				
Wichita	32	17	.653	—
Midland	**23**	**26**	**.469**	**9**
El Paso	23	26	.469	9
x-San Antonio	16	33	.327	16

x-won first-half title

Wednesday's Games
Arkansas 3, Tulsa 1
Jackson 4, Shreveport 3
El Paso 10, Midland 0
San Antonio 7, Wichita 3

Thursday's Games
Arkansas at Tulsa
Shreveport at Jackson
El Paso at Midland
Wichita at San Antonio

du Maurier Tennis

TORONTO (AP) — Results Wednesday of the $2.45 million du Maurier Open men's tennis tournament:

Singles
Second Round
Pete Sampras (1), Orlando, Fla., def. Gianluca Pozzi, Italy, 6-1, 6-2.
Vince Spadea, Boca Raton, Fla., def. Petr Korda (2), Czech Republic, 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.
Patrick Rafter (3), Australia, def. Neville Godwin, South Africa, 7-5, 6-3.
Yevgeny Kafelnikov (4), Russia, def. Todd Martin, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., 6-2, 6-3.
Tin Henman (7), Britain, def. Guillermo Canas, Argentina, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2.
Andre Agassi (8), Las Vegas, def. Guillaume Raoux, France, 6-4, 7-5.
Alberto Costa (9), Spain, def. Jan-Michael Gambill, Colbert, Wash., 6-2, 6-4.
Goran Ivanisevic (10), Croatia, def. Sargis Sargsian, Armenia, 6-3, 6-2.
Mark Philippoussis (14), Australia, def. Wayne Black, Zimbabwe, 6-1, 6-4.
Tommy Haas, Germany, def. Fabrice Santoro (15), France, 7-6 (10-8), 6-2.
MaliVai Washington, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., def. Bobby Kokavec, Canada, 6-3, 6-4.
Nicolas Kiefer, Germany, def. Vincenzo Santopadre, Italy, 2-6, 6-1, 7-6 (8-6).
Daniel Vacek, Czech Republic, def. Michael Tebbutt, Australia, 6-4, 7-6 (11-9).
Alex O'Brien, Amarillo, Texas, def. Ramon Delgado, Paraguay, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.

Doubles
Second Round
Andrew Kratzmann, Australia, and Gustavo Kuerten, Brazil, def. David Roditi, Mexico, and Jeff Tarango, Manhattan Beach, Calif., 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
Joshua Eagle, Australia, and Jan Siemerink, Netherlands, def. Tommy Haas, Germany, and Jocelyn Robichaud, Canada, 6-2, 7-5.
Sandon Stolle, Australia, and Cyril Suk, Czech Republic, def. Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Russia, and Daniel Vacek, Czech Republic, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (10-8).
Jonas Bjorkman, Sweden, and Patrick Rafter, Australia, def. Patrick Galbraith, Seattle, and Todd Martin, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., 6-2, 6-1.
Sebastien Lareau, Canada, and Wayne Black, Zimbabwe, def. Fabrice Santoro and Olivier Delaitre, France, 6-4, 6-4.

Toshiba Results

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Results Wednesday of the $450,000 Toshiba Tennis Classic at the La Costa Resort and Spa.

Singles
Second Round
Joannette Kruger, South Africa, def. Iva Majoli, Croatia, 6-3, 7-6 (7-1).
Martina Hingis (1), Switzerland, def. Natasha Zvereva, Belarus, 6-3, 6-2.
Ai Sugiyama, Japan, def. Steffi Graf (6), Germany, 6-4, 1-6, 7-5.

Doubles
First Round
Elena Tatarkova, Ukraine, and Ines Gorrochategui, Argentina, def. Rika Hiraki, Japan, and Iva Majoli, Croatia, 6-3, 6-0.

World Basketball

Quarterfinals
Friday, August 7
At Olympic Stadium
Russia vs. Lithuania, 7:15 a.m.
Italy vs. United States, 9:30 a.m.
Yugoslavia vs. Argentina, 11:45 p.m.
Greece vs. Spain, 2 p.m.
Classification Round
Puerto Rico vs. Brazil, 3 a.m.
Canada vs. Australia, 5 a.m.

At Olympic Stadium
Saturday, Aug. 8
11th Place
Puerto Rico-Brazil loser vs. Canada-Australia loser, 2 a.m.
9th Place
Puerto Rico-Brazil winner vs. Canada-Australia winner, 4 a.m.
Semifinals
Yugoslavia-Argentina loser vs. Greece-Spain loser, 6:15 a.m.
Russia-Lithuania loser vs. Italy-United States loser, 8:30 a.m.
Yugoslavia-Argentina winner vs. Greece-Spain winner, 10:45 a.m.
Russia-Lithuania winner vs. Italy-United States winner, 1 p.m.
Finals
Sunday, August 9
At Olympic Stadium
7th Place, 5:15 a.m.
5th Place, 7:30 a.m.
Bronze Medal, 9:45 a.m.
Gold Medal, noon

WNBA Standings

By The Associated Press
EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	17	8	.680	—
Cleveland	14	9	.609	2
New York	14	10	.583	2 1/2
Detroit	13	11	.542	3 1/2
Washington	2	21	.087	14
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
x-Houston	22	2	.917	—
*Phoenix	13	9	.591	8
*Los Angeles	10	14	.417	12
*Utah	7	16	.304	14 1/2
*Sacramento	6	18	.250	16

x-clinched playoff berth

Wednesday's Games
Charlotte 69, New York 61
Detroit 73, Los Angeles 61

Thursday's Games
Phoenix at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Utah, 8 p.m.

MLS Standings

By The Associated Press
Eastern Conference

	W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
D.C.	19	5	6	45	57	35
NY-NJ	12	9	2	32	41	36
Columbus	9	11	0	27	35	30
Miami	10	11	5	20	26	43
New England	7	16	1	19	39	48
Tampa Bay	6	17	0	18	29	44
Western Conference						
	W	L	SOW	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	17	6	1	49	66	36
Chicago	13	9	1	37	43	31
Colorado	11	11	2	29	44	49
Dallas	11	11	4	25	32	45
Kansas City	9	12	2	23	27	31
San Jose	8	14	2	20	34	46

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for shootout win and zero points for loss. Shootout (SOW) is a subset of wins.

Wednesday's Games
New England 3, San Jose 0
Los Angeles 6, Colorado 1

Thursday's Game
Miami at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Friday's Game
Washington D.C. at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Arena Football

By The Associated Press
First Round
Friday, Aug. 7
Nashville (9-5) at Orlando (9-5), 7 p.m.
Houston (8-6) at Arizona (10-4), 9 p.m.

Major League Baseball

AL Boxes

RANGERS 4, BLUE JAYS 3

TORONTO	ab	r	h	bi	TEXAS	ab	r	hbi
Stewart lf	3	0	1	0	TGdwin cf	2	1	0 0
SGreen rf	3	0	0	0	RKelly cf	1	0	0 0
Cnseco dh	3	1	2	1	McLmr 2b	2	0	1 1
CDlgdo 1b	3	0	0	0	Greer lf	4	0	1 1
JoCruz cf	3	0	1	1	JuGnlz rf	4	1	1 1
Fltcher c	4	0	1	0	WClark 1b	3	0	0 0
Samuel pr	0	1	0	0	Alicea pr	0	1	0 0
KLBwn c	0	0	0	0	IRdrgz c	4	0	1 0
TFrndz 3b	4	0	0	0	Zelle 3b	3	0	1 0
Crespo 2b	4	0	1	1	Stevns dh	3	0	0 0
Grbeck 2b	0	0	0	0	Simms ph	1	0	1 1
AGnzlz ss	4	1	1	0	Clayton ss	2	1	0 0
Totals	**31**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**Totals**	**29**	**4**	**6 4**

Toronto	001	001	001 — 3
Texas	101	000	002 — 4

One out when winning run scored.
DP—Toronto 1, Texas 1. LOB—Toronto 6, Texas 6. 2B—Canseco (18). HR—JuGonzalez (32). SB—Canseco (25), Samuel (11), TGoodwin (30), Clayton (2). SF—Canseco, JoCruz, McLemore.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Escobar	7	4	2	2	2	4
Plesac	1	0	0	0	1	1
RaMyers L,3-4	1-3	2	2	2	2	0
Texas						
Loaiza	8	5	2	2	2	5
Wetteland W,3-1	1	2	1	1	0	0

HBP—by Loaiza (Stewart). T—2:50. A—27,766 (49,166).

ORIOLES 6, TIGERS 1

DETROIT	ab	r	h	bi	BALTIMORE	ab	r	hbi
BLHntr cf	4	1	1	0	RAlmr 2b	4	2	2 2
Easley 2b	3	0	1	0	Hmnds cf	4	0	0 0
Higgnsn rf	4	0	1	1	Baines ph	1	0	0 0
ToClrk 1b	4	0	0	0	ByAdsn cf	0	0	0 0
LGnzlz lf	3	0	0	0	RPlmr 1b	4	1	1 4
Randa ph	1	0	0	0	EDavis rf	4	0	1 0
Berroa dh	3	0	0	0	Becker rf	0	0	0 0
GAlvrz 3b	3	0	2	0	Hoiles dh	2	1	1 0
Bako c	3	0	0	0	Rpken 3b	3	0	1 0
DCruz ss	2	0	0	0	Surhoff lf	5	0	1 0
Ctlnotto 2b	1	0	0	0	Wbster c	3	1	0 0
					Bordick ss	3	1	2 0

Totals	**31**	**1**	**5**	**1**	**Totals**	**33**	**6**	**9 6**

Detroit	000	001	000 — 1
Baltimore	100	001	04x — 6

E—Easley (7), Hammonds (2). DP—Baltimore 1. LOB—Detroit 4, Baltimore 13. 2B—Easley (29), GAlvarez (8), EDavis (20), Bordick (16). HR—RAlomar (10), RPalmeiro (34). S—CRipken.

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
JThpsn L,9-9	5 2/3	4	2	2	6	5
MAnderson	1 1/3	2	0	0	0	1
Brocail	1-3	1	3	0	1	0
Runyan	1-3	1	1	1	1	1
Crow	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Baltimore						
Guzman W,7-12	7	5	1	1	1	2
Mills	1	0	0	0	0	0
Orosco	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Runyan (Becker). T—2:54. A—47,733 (48,262).

INDIANS 6, ANGELS 5

CLEVELAND	ab	r	h	bi	ANAHEIM	ab	r	hbi
Lofton cf	4	0	2	2	OPlmro lf	5	0	1 0
Vizquel ss	5	0	0	0	Velarde 2b	5	0	1 0
Justice dh	4	0	1	0	GAndsn rf	5	0	1 0
Thome 1b	2	0	1	0	Salmon dh	4	2	3 1
Sexson 1b	0	1	0	0	NMrtin pr	0	0	0 0
MRmrz rf	5	2	2	2	Edmnd cf	3	1	0 0
Whiten lf	4	1	1	0	DvHlns 1b	4	2	2 3
Frymn 3b	5	1	2	1	Glaus 3b	4	0	2 0
Brders c	4	1	1	0	Wlbeck c	3	0	0 1
EWilsn 2b	3	0	0	1	DSrcna ss	4	0	1 0
Totals	**36**	**6**	**10**	**6**	**Totals**	**37**	**5**	**11 5**

Cleveland	001	003	002 — 6
Anaheim	012	001	100 — 5

E—Sexson (1), Walbeck (6). LOB—Cleveland 11, Anaheim 10. 2B—Lofton (17), Thome (33), OPalmeiro (4), GAnderson (32), DvHollins (16), Glaus (3), DiSarcina (23). 3B—Salmon (1). HR—MRamirez (27), Salmon (21), DvHollins (11). SB—Fryman (8). S—Borders, EWilson, SF—Walbeck.

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Colon	6	8	4	4	3	6
Shuey W,4-1	2	2	1	1	0	2
MJackson	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Asnmc S,1 1-3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Anaheim						
Olivares	5	2-3	8	4	4	3 1
Cadaret	2-3	0	0	0	1	0
DeLucia	1 2-3	0	0	0	2	3
Percival L,2-5	1	2	2	2	0	2

WP—Percival. T—3:10. A—43,104 (45,050).

DEVIL RAYS 7, WHITE SOX 3

CHICAGO	ab	r	h	bi	TAMPA BAY	ab	r	hbi
Caruso ss	5	0	0	0	Winn cf	3	1	0 0
JAbbott cf	5	1	1	1	Boggs 3b	5	1	2 0
FThms dh	5	1	2	1	McCkn lf	5	0	2 2
Belle lf	4	1	2	1	McGrff 1b	5	1	2 2
Norton 3b	5	0	0	0	MKelly rf	5	1	2 0
Crdero 1b	3	0	2	0	Srrento dh	3	0	0 0
MOrdz rf	4	0	1	0	BSmith dh	0	1	0 0
Kreuter c	3	0	0	0	Ldsma 2b	4	1	2 1
Snopek 2b	3	0	1	0	DiFlce c	0	0	0 0
Drham 2b	0	0	0	0	Flherty c	3	0	1 0
					Cairo 2b	1	0	0 0
					Stocker ss	2	1	1 1

Totals	**37**	**3**	**9**	**3**	**Totals**	**36**	**7**	**12 6**

Chicago	101	000	001 — 3
Tampa Bay	010	000	06x — 7

E—Caruso 2 (26), Norton (4), Snyder (1), Bradford (1), Ledesma (6). LOB—Chicago 11, Tampa Bay 10. HR—JAbbott (6), FThomas (19), Belle (35), McGriff (12). CS—Winn (8). S—Winn.

Chicago	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Snyder	6 1-3	8	1	0	1	5
Foulke	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Howry L,0-2 1-3	1	2	1	1	1	
Bradford	0	1	4	0	1	0
BWard	2-3	2	0	0	0	1
Tampa Bay						
Santana	7	2-3	8	2	2	4 2
RHrndz W,2-4	1 1-3	1	1	1	0	2

Bradford pitched to 4 batters in the 8th.
HBP—by Snyder (Winn). T—2:53. A—24,814 (45,200).

ROYALS 4, TWINS 3

KANSAS CITY	ab	r	h	bi	MINNESOTA	ab	r	hbi
Damon cf	4	0	1	0	Latham cf	3	0	0 0
HMrrs lf	4	0	1	0	Gates 2b	3	0	0 0
Alnswrt cf	0	0	0	0	Molitor dh	4	0	0 0
Offrmn 2b	4	1	2	1	Lawton rf	3	0	0 0
Palmer dh	4	0	0	0	RCrmer 3b	4	1	1 0
Pndlton 3b	4	0	1	0	Ortiz 1b	4	0	2 0
LRivra 3b	0	0	0	0	Hcking pr	0	0	0 0
JKing 1b	4	1	1	0	Ochoa lf	3	1	0 0
Sutton rf	2	1	0	0	TWlker ph	0	0	0 1
Fasano c	3	1	1	3	Stnbch c	4	1	2 2
MLopez ss	3	0	0	0	Meares ss	3	0	1 0
Totals	**32**	**4**	**7**	**4**	**Totals**	**31**	**3**	**6 3**

Kansas City	000	030	001 — 4
Minnesota	000	200	001 — 3

E—Damon (2), MLopez (7). DP—Kansas City 2, Minnesota 1. LOB—Kansas City 2, Minnesota 7. 2B—Damon (19). HR—Offerman (5), Fasano (5), Steinbach (10). CS—RCoomer (2), Meares (3). SF—TWalker.

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Belcher W,11-9	7	5	2	0	4	4
Service	1	0	0	0	0	2
JMtgm S,25	1	1	1	0	1	1
Minnesota						
FRdrgz L,1-1	7 2-3	5	3	3	1	9
Guardado	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Trombley	1	2	1	1	0	1

WP—Belcher. T—2:35. A—9,545 (48,678).

Standings

By The Associated Press
AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
New York	80	28	.741	—	z-8-2	W-3	38-8	42-20	13-3
Boston	66	45	.595	15 1/2	z-8-2	W-1	33-17	33-28	9-7
Baltimore	58	55	.513	24 1/2	6-4	W-3	33-25	25-30	5-11
Toronto	56	58	.491	27	4-6	L-2	30-23	26-35	9-7
Tampa Bay	44	67	.396	37 1/2	z-5-5	W-1	24-35	20-32	5-11
Central Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Cleveland	63	50	.558	—	4-6	W-1	30-24	33-26	10-6
Minnesota	51	60	.459	11	z-5-5	L-4	24-32	27-28	7-9
Kansas City	51	61	.455	11 1/2	z-6-4	W-2	21-37	30-24	9-7
Chicago	49	63	.438	13 1/2	z-5-5	L-1	25-29	24-34	7-9
Detroit	46	65	.414	16	3-7	L-2	23-30	23-35	7-9
West Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Texas	61	51	.545	—	5-5	W-4	34-24	27-27	8-8
Anaheim	60	53	.531	1 1/2	z-4-6	L-1	32-31	28-22	10-6
Seattle	50	62	.446	11	z-4-6	L-1	30-30	20-32	7-9
Oakland	50	63	.442	11 1/2	4-6	L-3	28-33	22-30	8-8
NATIONAL LEAGUE									
East Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Atlanta	75	39	.658	—	z-7-3	L-1	41-20	34-19	9-7
New York	59	52	.532	14 1/2	5-5	L-1	35-26	24-26	9-7
Philadelphia	55	56	.495	18 1/2	2-8	L-6	31-29	24-27	7-9
Montreal	46	68	.404	29	6-4	W-3	30-33	16-35	6-10
Florida	41	74	.357	34 1/2	3-7	W-1	26-36	15-38	8-8
Central Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Houston	68	46	.596	—	z-7-3	L-1	34-18	34-28	10-4
Chicago	64	51	.557	4 1/2	z-5-5	L-1	40-23	24-28	5-8
Milwaukee	57	57	.500	11	z-5-5	L-2	30-33	27-24	8-6
St. Louis	53	60	.469	14 1/2	z-5-5	W-2	29-23	24-37	4-9
Cincinnati	51	63	.447	17	5-5	W-1	21-31	30-32	7-6
Pittsburgh	51	63	.447	17	2-8	L-1	31-31	20-32	6-7
West Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
San Diego	73	40	.646	—	z-6-4	W-1	39-11	34-29	6-7
San Francisco	62	52	.544	11 1/2	z-7-3	W-1	32-21	30-31	8-5
Los Angeles	58	56	.509	15 1/2	z-5-5	L-2	30-21	28-35	8-5
Colorado	51	63	.447	22 1/2	5-5	W-1	27-27	24-36	4-8
Arizona	43	71	.377	30 1/2	6-4	W-1	21-29	22-42	5-8

z-first game was a win.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Wednesday's Games
Late Game Not Included
Baltimore 6, Detroit 1
Cleveland 6, Anaheim 5
Tampa Bay 7, Chicago 3
Kansas City 4, Minnesota 3
Texas 4, Toronto 3
N.Y. Yankees at Oakland, (n)
Only games scheduled

Thursday's Games
Kansas City (Rosado 6-8) at Minnesota (Serafini 4-4), 12:15 p.m.
Seattle (Fassero 10-7) at Detroit (Greisinger 1-6), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (Saberhagen 11-5) at Texas (Burkett 6-11), 7:35 p.m.
Only games scheduled

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Wednesday's Games
Late Game Not Included
Florida 5, Houston 3
Arizona 10, Chicago Cubs 7
Colorado 6, Pittsburgh 2
Montreal 5, Los Angeles 1
San Francisco 6, N.Y. Mets 4
Cincinnati 13, Atlanta 9
St. Louis 5, Milwaukee 1
Philadelphia at San Diego, (n)

Thursday's Games
San Francisco (Hershiser 8-8) at N.Y. Mets (Yoshii 4-6), 11:10 a.m.
Colorado (Thompson 5-8) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 6-8), 12:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Perez 7-10) at Montreal (Powell 0-1), 11:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Portugal 6-2) at San Diego (Hamilton 9-9), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Remlinger 6-11) at Atlanta (Maddux 14-5), 6:40 p.m.
Only games scheduled

NL Boxes

MARLINS 5, ASTROS 3

HOUSTON	ab	r	h	bi	FLORIDA	ab	r	hbi
Gtrrez ss	4	1	1	0	Cnglsi cf	3	0	2 0
Everett cf	2	0	0	0	Dnwdy cf	2	0	0 0
DeBell rf	2	1	1	0	Rntria ss	3	1	0 0
Bgwell 1b	4	0	2	2	Cstillo 2b	4	1	0 0
Alou lf	2	0	0	0	DLee 1b	4	1	1 3
Hidalgo rf	4	0	0	0	One 3b	3	0	0 0
Berry 3b	4	1	2	1	Wehner lf	3	1	2 0
Esebio c	4	0	0	0	RJcksn rf	3	1	1 0
Bogar 2b	3	0	0	0	Rdmnd c	4	0	2 1
Hmptn p	2	0	0	0	JSnchz p	3	0	0 0
JaPwll p	0	0	0	0	Alfnsca p	0	0	0 0
Asmus ph	0	0	0	0	Kotsay ph	1	0	1 0
Mgnnte p	0	0	0	0	Mantei p	0	0	0 0
Ntkwsk p	0	0	0	0				
Totals	**31**	**3**	**6**	**3**	**Totals**	**33**	**5**	**9 4**

Houston	000	002	100 — 3
Florida	013	001	00x — 5

E—Hampton (3), One (6). DP—Florida 2. LOB—Houston 4, Florida 9. 2B—Bagwell (21), Cangelosi (7), Wehner (2), RJackson (10). HR—Berry (7), DLee (13). CS—Gutierrez (7). S—Renteria.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Hampton L,9-6	5	7	5	4	3	4
JaPowell	1	0	0	0	0	2
Magnante	1 2-3	2	0	0	0	1
Nitkowski	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Florida						
JSanchez W,5-6	7	6	3	1	3	6
Alfonseca	1	0	0	0	0	1
Mantei S,6	1	0	0	0	0	3

Hampton pitched to 3 batters in the 6th.
HBP—by Magnante (Orie). WP—Magnante. T—2:46. A—19,038 (41,855).

ROCKIES 6, PIRATES 2

COLORADO	ab	r	h	bi	PITTSBURGH	ab	r	hbi
DHrntn cf	4	1	2	0	Wmack 2b	4	1	1 0
NPerez ss	4	0	1	0	Kendall c	2	1	0 0
LWlker rf	4	1	1	0	MaMtz cf	4	0	1 0
Castilla 3b	3	0	0	0	KYng 1b	3	0	0 1
Helton 1b	4	1	2	2	JGillen rf	4	0	1 0
Vn Wal lf	3	0	0	0	AMrtin lf	4	0	1 0
Bchette ph	1	0	0	0	ARmrz 3b	3	0	1 0
CGdwin lf	0	0	0	0	Collier ss	2	0	0 0
Lnsing 2b	3	1	0	0	Rincon p	0	0	0 0
JReed c	4	1	1	2	JaMrtz p	0	0	0 0
JmWgt p	4	1	1	2	FCdva p	2	0	0 0
					Strange 2b	1	0	0 0

Totals	**34**	**6**	**8**	**6**	**Totals**	**29**	**2**	**5 1**

Colorado	000	040	020 — 6
Pittsburgh	200	000	000 — 2

E—JReed (5). DP—Colorado 2, Pittsburgh 1. LOB—Colorado 3, Pittsburgh 4. 2B—JReed (11), Womack (18). HR—JmWnght (1). SB—AMartin (17). SF—KYoung.

Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
JmWgt W,6-10	9	5	2	2	0	5
Pittsburgh						
Cordva L,9-10	7 2-3	7	6	6	2	5
Rincon	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
JaMartinez	1	0	0	0	0	2

HBP—by JmWnght (Collier), by JmWnght (Kendall 2). Balk—JmWnght. T—2:13. A—12,862 (47,972).

DIAMONDBACKS 10, CUBS 7

ARIZONA	ab	r	h	bi	CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi
AFox 1b	5	2	3	3	LJhnsn cf	5	1	1 0
JBell ss	4	2	1	0	Mrndni 2b	4	1	3 0
Dllucci lf	5	0	1	0	Sosa rf	4	1	1 3
DWhite cf	5	1	3	2	HRdrgz lf	4	1	1 0
KGrcia rf	5	1	2	2	BBrwn 1b	4	0	0 0
Stinnett c	3	2	1	1	Hrndz 3b	2	2	2 0
TBtsta 3b	5	2	3	2	Huston c	3	0	1 1
Olson p	0	0	0	0	Servais ph	0	0	0 0
Stnkwc 2b	4	0	0	0	SMrtnz c	0	1	0 0
AnBnes p	3	0	0	0	Alxndr ss	4	0	0 1
WBnks p	0	0	0	0	Wood p	2	0	0 0
Gilkey ph	0	0	0	0	Mlhllnd p	0	0	0 0
Embre p	0	0	0	0	Blauser ph	0	0	0 0
Chnrd p	0	0	0	0	Wngert pr	0	0	0 0
MWlms 3b	0	0	0	0	Krchnr p	0	0	0 0
					FHrdia p	0	0	0 0
					GHill ph	1	0	0 0
					Stevens p	0	0	0 0

Totals	**39**	**10**	**14**	**10**	**Totals**	**33**	**7**	**7 5**

Arizona	320	002	030 — 10
Chicago	102	001	030 — 7

E—JBell (14). DP—Arizona 1, Chicago 1. LOB—Arizona 6, Chicago 6. 2B—DWhite (28), TBatista (6). 3B—KGarcia (7), Houston (1). HR—AFox (8), TBatista (7), Sosa (43). SB—KGarcia (4). CS—Dellucci (4). SF—Sosa.

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
AnBenes W,9-11	6	6	4	4	2	9
WBanks	1	0	0	0	1	0
Embree	1-3	0	2	1	2	1
Chouinard	2-3	0	1	0	1	0
Olson S,20	1	1	0	0	0	0
Chicago						
Wood L,11-6	6	9	7	7	2	6
Mulholland	1	0	0	0	0	1
Karchner	1-3	3	3	3

Houston outlasted by Marlins

Associated Press

MIAMI— Marathon runner Jesus Sanchez needed all the stamina he could muster Wednesday afternoon against the Houston Astros.

The 5-foot-10, 150-pound rookie held up well in 92-degree weather, allowing one earned run in seven innings to help the Florida Marlins beat Houston 5-3.

Sanchez, who has run marathons in his native Dominican Republic, smiled and shook his head when asked about the sweltering conditions.

"Whoooo — it was really hot," he said. "The last two innings, I couldn't see home plate too clearly because my eyes were burning. In a marathon, you can stop and do anything — throw water on your face or whatever. When you're pitching, you're out there and you can't do anything until you finish the inning. It's really different."

Derrek Lee hit a three-run homer to support Sanchez (5-6), who won for only the second time in his past 14 starts. He allowed six hits and three runs, two unearned.

Houston second baseman Craig Biggio sat out the game, ending his streak of 494 consecutive games, second only to Cal Ripken among active players.

"I'm not going to say I'm not a little upset about it," Biggio said, "but I really would have rather won the ballgame. I'll just have to start another one."

Manager Larry Dierker said he never found an opportunity in the late innings to use Biggio as a pinch-hitter with a chance to tie the game. The final seven Astros went down in order, with Matt Mantei striking out the side in the ninth for his sixth save.

Mike Hampton (9-6) allowed five runs in five innings and hurt himself with a throwing error for the Astros, who have lost six of his past seven starts.

"I didn't throw strikes," he said. "I had terrible location. I just didn't have it. It was a struggle from the first inning on."

C.J. Nitkowski took the mound for the first time since Monday, when he hit three consecutive Marlins and broke Craig Counsell's jaw with a fastball. Nitkowski drew boos from the crowd, then struck out Edgar Renteria to end the eighth inning.

Announced attendance was 19,038, but there were fewer than 10,000 fans in the stands for the 1:05 p.m. start, a rarity on the Marlins' home schedule.

John Cangelosi doubled to start the third inning and, following a walk and a forceout, Lee lined his 13th homer over the scoreboard in left field for a 4-0 lead. Lee also struck out three times, but he broke the Marlins' record for home runs by a rookie, set by Jeff Conine with 12 in 1993.

"That wasn't a goal, but it's good news," Lee said. "Jeff Conine was a great player here."

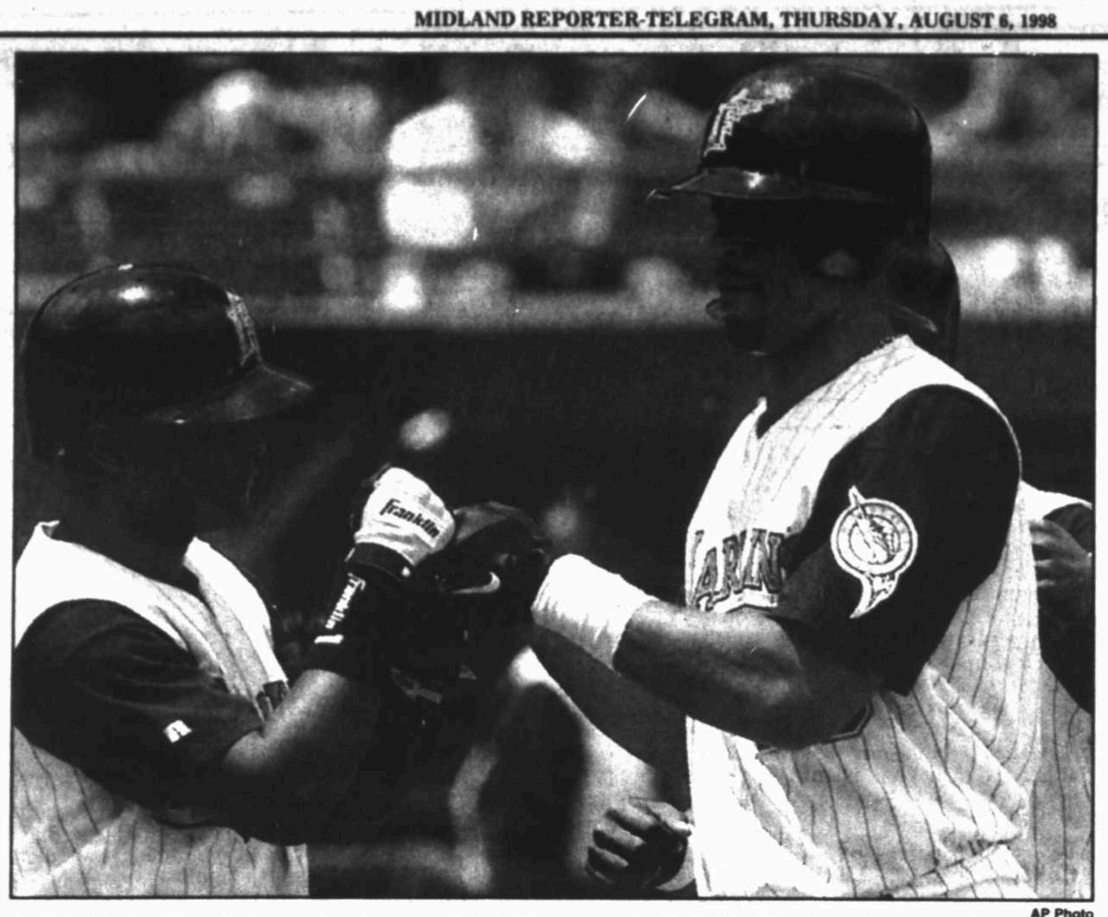
Sean Berry hit his seventh homer in the seventh for the Astros, who completed a 4-2 road trip. They finished the season series against Florida 6-3 but lost two of three this week in Miami.

"We kind of unraveled here," Dierker said. "If we're going to be a championship team, we need to try to win this kind of series."

The Marlins went ahead 1-0 in the second when Ryan Jackson doubled with two outs and scored on Mike Redmond's single. They added an insurance run in the sixth on two walks and an error by Hampton, who fielded a grounder and then threw the ball into center field trying to start a double play.

Houston scored two unearned runs in the sixth. Ricky Gutierrez reached on a two-out error by third baseman Kevin Orie, and following Derek Bell's infield single, Jeff Bagwell doubled home both runners.

The Astros had runners at second and third with one out in the second, but their threat ended with an unusual double play. Tony Eusebio struck out on a pitch in the dirt that rolled away from catcher Redmond. When Moises Alou tried to score from third, Sanchez retrieved the ball and flipped it to Redmond, who tagged Alou for the third out.



AP Photo

Florida Marlins' Derrek Lee, right, is congratulated by teammate Luis Castillo after hitting a solo home run during the fourth inning against the Houston Astros Wednesday,at Pro Player Stadium in Miami. The Marlins defeated the Astros 5-3.

■ NL Roundup

Diamondbacks 10, Cubs 7

CHICAGO — Sammy Sosa hit his 43rd homer but the Diamondbacks sent Kerry Wood to his first loss at Wrigley Field, beating the Cubs.

Andy Fox and Tony Batista homered for Arizona, and Andy Benes (9-11) struck out nine in six innings. Gregg Olson pitched the ninth for his 20th save in 23 chances.

Sosa pulled the Cubs to 5-3 in the third with a two-run homer, pulling within two of Mark McGwire, the major league leader. Sosa, 1-for-4 with three RBIs, has six homers in his last 11 games.

Wood (11-6), who may skip his next start to rest a "dead arm," gave up seven runs and nine hits in six innings.

Cardinals 5, Brewers 1

MILWAUKEE — With Mark McGwire given the night off, backup first baseman John Mabry homered in his first at-bat and singled to break a fourth-inning tie.

Jeff Juden (7-11) allowed all five runs and five hits in 3 1/3 innings and is 1-6 with a 9.38 ERA in his last nine starts. Kent Mercker (8-8) won his third consecutive decision, allowing one run on four hits in seven innings.

Reds 13, Braves 9

ATLANTA — Aaron Boone's two-run single broke a 9-all tie in the ninth against Russ Springer (5-4) as Cincinnati got 16 hits, rallying twice to stop Atlanta's three-game winning streak.

Dmitri Young matched a career high with four RBIs, hitting a two-run homer in the first. Ryan Klesko and Javy Lopez hit three-run homers for the Braves, who wasted 6-3 and 9-6 leads.

Giants 6, Mets 4

NEW YORK — Rookie Russ Ortiz (1-1) allowed six hits, struck out eight and walked four in eight-plus innings, gaining his first major league victory. San Francisco overcame hitting into a triple play.

After Bonds hit a two-run double off Bobby Jones (7-7) in the fifth and crossed on Jeff Kent's single, J.T. Snow hit a hard grounder to first baseman John Olerud, who threw to second for the first out. Shortstop Rey Ordonez threw back to first for out No. 2, and Olerud threw home to get a sliding Bonds.

Rockies 6, Pirates 2

PITTSBURGH — Jamey Wright (6-10) pitched a five-hitter for his first complete game of the season and hit his his first career homer. He had been 0-4 with a 7.17 ERA in nine starts since June 13.

Wright, batting .189 at the time, also finished off a four-run fifth inning against Francisco Cordova (9-10) with a two-run homer that followed Jeff Reed's two-run double.

Expos 5, Dodgers 1

MONTREAL — Carl Pavano (4-5) allowed six hits in six shutout innings and Scott Livingstone hit a two-run double in the first as Montreal won its third straight. Ugueth Urbina got four outs for his 25th save.

Wilton Guerrero, obtained from the Dodgers last Friday, scored on Livingstone's first-inning double off Darren Dreifort (6-10) and on his brother Vladimir's infield single.

Patient Simms drives in winner for Rangers

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — The wait was worth it for Mike Simms.

The Texas Rangers pinch-hitter stood in the on-deck circle for almost five minutes while the grounds crew worked on the mound at the request of reliever Randy Myers, then Simms lined a single to drive in the winning run in a 4-3 Texas victory.

"I asked Royce (teammate Royce Clayton) if it was like icing the kicker in the NFL," said Simms of the delay while the grounds crew put down a drying compound and raked the mound after Myers complained to the umpires. "I just tried to stay loose and go up there with a clear mind."

Juan Gonzalez tied it at 3 with a leadoff homer in the ninth, driving an inside fastball into the left field seats. Gonzalez's towering blast off Myers (3-4) raised his major-league leading RBI total to 117. Gonzalez returned to the lineup on Tuesday after missing six games with a strained hamstring.

"It was a very exciting way to win a game," Gonzalez said. "It was a very important win for us. That (an inside fastball) was the pitch I was looking for."

Myers walked two batters and got an out before Simms got his fourth pinch hit of the season to drive in pinch runner Luis Alicea from second. Myers said the shape of the mound was hindering his performance.

"The mound was like clay and it was really damp," Myers said, although no rain fell during the game and the field was covered all day. "I wasn't able to follow through."

Felipe Crespo's two-out RBI single off John Wetteland in the top of the ninth gave Toronto a 3-2 lead, but Wetteland (3-1) got the victory after the Rangers rallied to win.

Texas starter Esteban Loaiza, who was acquired from Pittsburgh on July 17, pitched his second straight strong game for Texas. He held the Blue Jays to two runs and five hits over eight innings, struck out five and walked two. On July 30, he allowed four hits in a 1-0 complete-game loss at Toronto.

"One of these days we'll get him some runs," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "But he's being rewarded because we're winning games. If he keeps pitching like that, we'll be one step closer to our goal."

Toronto's Kelvim Escobar pitched well in his first major league start, allowing two runs and four hits in seven innings. During one stretch from the third through the sixth, Escobar retired 10 in a row.

Escobar worked out of trouble in the seventh. With one out, Ivan Rodriguez singled and went to third on Todd Zeile's hit-and-run single, but Lee Stevens grounded into a double play to keep the game tied at 2.

■ AL Roundup

Texas took a 1-0 lead in the first when Tom Goodwin drew a leadoff walk, stole second, advanced to third on a groundout and scored on Rusty Greer's infield single — the only hit allowed by Escobar over the first five innings.

Jose Canseco's third-inning sacrifice fly tied it 1-1. The Rangers went in front 2-1 in the third when Clayton walked, stole second, moved to third on a groundout and scored on Mark McLemore's sacrifice fly.

Toronto tied it 2-2 in the sixth when Canseco doubled, stole third and scored on Cruz's sacrifice fly.

Indians 6, Angels 5

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Manny Ramirez hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning and the Indians beat the Angels to stop a five-game losing streak.

After Jim Thome's one-out double, Ramirez connected off Troy Percival (2-5) for his 27th homer.

Paul Shuey (4-1) allowed one run and two hits in two innings. After Mike Jackson allowed Anaheim to put runners on first and third with two outs, Paul Assenmacher walked Jim Edmonds. Assenmacher then got Dave Hollins to hit a game-ending popup for his first save since last Sept. 19.

Orioles 6, Tigers 1

BALTIMORE — Juan Guzman (7-12) pitched seven innings of four-hit ball in his Orioles debut and Rafael Palmeiro hit his fifth career grand slam as Baltimore completed a two-game sweep and finished the season series 10-1. The Orioles are 20-5 since the All-Star break.

Palmeiro's 34th homer of the season, a two-out shot to center off Sean Runyan, made it 6-1 in the eighth. All the runs were unearned, courtesy of an error by shortstop Damion Easley.

Devil Rays 7, White Sox 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.— Fred McGriff homered to begin a six-run, eighth-inning rally that carried Tampa Bay over error-plagued Chicago.

McGriff began the eighth with his 12th homer to tie the score 2-2 and finished the expansion team's most productive inning of the season with an RBI single. In between, the White Sox committed two of their five errors to pave the way for five unearned runs off relievers Bob Howry (0-2) and Chad Bradford.

Royals 4, Twins 3

MINNEAPOLIS — Sal Fasano broke out of a slump with a three-run homer and Jose Offerman hit a solo shot and extended his hitting streak to 24 games as Kansas City beat Minnesota.

Fasano was hitless in 12 at-bats and hitting .114 over 15 games until he homered to left off Frank Rodriguez with two outs in the fifth inning. That helped Kansas City win for the fifth time in six games.

Wagner itching to return to Astros bullpen

By Stephen Hawkins
AP Sports Writer

JACKSON, Miss. — Billy Wagner can't wait to return to Houston's bullpen, and insists he is not worried about the possibility of another line drive screaming toward his head.

Wagner, who hasn't pitched in the majors since July 15 when he was hit in the head, threw three shutout innings in a four-day rehabilitation assignment at Double-A Jackson. He pitched in the aggressive way that made him one of the top closers in the National League.

"You haven't got time to be out there and be timid or scared, or you will get hurt. I never worried about it," Wagner said. "Once I get onto the mound ... pitching, that's what I've got to do."

Wagner returned to Houston on Wednesday and will be back in an Astros uniform Friday night when the NL Central leaders open a series against Philadelphia. He is 2-3 with 22 saves and a 2.87 ERA in 38 games.

The Astros made a major pitching change in Wagner's absence. Randy Johnson was acquired from the Seattle Mariners.

"I look forward to meeting him. I think it will be a neat feeling if I ever get a chance to close for him," Wagner said. "That for me would probably be one of the best feelings I've had, closing behind a guy that's got that big of a name and has done so many things in his career."

During his rehab stint, Wagner threw 43 pitches — just 11 of them balls — and his fastball was consistently 94-97 mph. The left-hander struck out seven while allowing just one hit and two flyouts.

"I accomplished a lot of things, and kind of got myself in some kind of throwing condition," said Wagner. "My control was a big question to myself, and I was able to come down here and throw strikes and get ahead of hitters."

In his final rehab appearance Tuesday night, Wagner struck out the first two Shreveport hitters before getting the third out on a flyout. As in his previous two Jackson appearances, no balls were hit back at him.

Jackson pitching coach Charlie Taylor, who monitored Wagner's rehab, said there is no doubt that Wagner was ready to return to the Astros.

"He was anxious to get back out there. He wanted to get over that (July 15 incident), and didn't want to allow that to sink in," Taylor said. "It's all in how you handle it, and Billy's handled it extremely well. I don't think it's going to affect him in the least."

Wagner's last appearance on a major-league mound was that scary scene at Phoenix when Kelly Stinnett's liner sent him sprawling to the ground. He never lost consciousness, but received a concussion and a cut in his inner left ear.

Wagner went on the disabled list July 20, and didn't begin pitching again until July 27, throwing simulated games before joining the Jackson team last Saturday.

Wagner planned to spend some time with his first child, Will, who was born July 29. He even looks forward to changing diapers.

"When I get home, my wife is going to hand it off to me and say 'go get 'em.' I look forward to that too. That's a big part of my life. I've been blessed," Wagner said.

Disney ready to offer NHL TV contract for nearly $600 million

By Josh Dubow
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Despite ratings that have fallen 30 percent since 1995, the NHL is poised to become the latest professional sports league to more than double its money from a national television deal.

Walt Disney Co., the owner of ABC and ESPN, has offered to pay the league almost $600 million for exclusive U.S. broadcast rights for five years, industry sources told The Associated Press on Thursday. That would nearly triple the amount Fox Sports and ESPN pay the league under the current deal, which expires at the end of the upcoming season.

A Fox source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the network was notified of the offer by the league and is deciding whether to make a counterbid before an Aug. 14 deadline. But it is unlikely that Fox, which is in the last year of a $155 million, five-year deal, would renew at so steep a price.

"I don't know how hockey fits into Fox's overall sports game plan," said Steve Grubbs, who oversees national broadcast advertising buys for the agency BBDO Worldwide. "They are tied to baseball and the NFL, but whether or not they feel hockey is worth that investment, I'm not sure."

This offer is just the latest example of a professional sports league capitalizing on the increasingly competitive bidding war between the networks for sports programming. The NBA more than doubled its TV deal last November when it renewed its contract with NBC and Turner Sports. The NFL also doubled its intake in a nearly $18 billion, four-network deal signed in January.

But while the NFL and NBA remain the two hottest TV sports, the NHL has struggled on television. Fox got a 1.4 rating this season, down from a 2.0 in 1995.

A rating point represents about 980,000 households. Regular-season ratings fell 17 percent on ESPN and were flat on ESPN2.

"Obviously the bidder believes there is value there," Grubbs said. "There is value beyond the ratings delivered and revenue those events bring in. If you look at it on a straight revenue basis, it is either revenue neutral or it takes a loss."

The offer from ABC, ESPN and ESPN2 represents the latest fight between Disney and Fox for sports supremacy.

Sampras, in first match since Wimbledon, cruises at duMaurier

TORONTO (AP) — Pete Sampras, playing for the first time since his Wimbledon triumph, beat Italy's Gianluca Pozzi 6-1, 6-2 on Wednesday to advance to the third round of the du Maurier Open.

Sampras, who had minor foot surgery July 15, will cede his No. 1 ranking to Chile's Marcelo Rios if he loses in Toronto. Sampras is on course for a quarterfinal match with Andre Agassi, the eighth seed who advanced Wednesday night.

"For my first match in a month and first on hardcourt in over three months, it was a match where I could see the ball very well playing someone who doesn't have a huge serve," Sampras said.

"It gave me some time to get into a rhythm out there and feel the surroundings and the court speed. ... I was pretty pleased with how I played."

Sampras is appearing in this event for the first time since 1990, when he lost in the semifinals.

The flamboyant Agassi kept pace, downing France's Guillaume Raoux 6-4, 7-5 in a hard-hitting baseline battle before an energetic center court gathering of 10,000 spectators. Agassi recorded his 12th straight win in style — with an ace — and continued his amazing 1998 run. The 28-year-old American has won four tournaments this year — including his last two — and has jumped 99 spots in the rankings to No. 11.

"I realized I had to go back to square one, I really had to get back into shape and go play some Challengers and start over," Agassi said. "If I didn't turn things around it (the end) was at hand.

"The tough part was to be honest about where I was, then understand where it was I wanted to go and then to set the course accordingly."

Agassi has dominated this event, winning it three times. He improved his career record to 24-4 and is an amazing 13-1 in Toronto.

In other matches, Vince Spadea beat second-seeded Petr Korda of the Czech Republic 5-7, 6-1, 6-4 and No. 3 Patrick Rafter of Australia defeated Neville Godwin of South Africa 7-5, 6-3.

JOHNSON: Big Unit selling big in Houston

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excited."

Walker says Johnson photo balls — with Johnson's image plopped right on a baseball — will probably be available by Friday. They sell for $10. Johnson T-shirts should be available by the weekend as well.

Want a piece of Randy Johnson history?

Get on that phone.

Sales of Johnson paraphernalia have risen in Seattle as well since the pitcher was traded. The Mariners Clubhouse — the Seattle equivalent to Your Team — has two Johnson jerseys left for a mere $180. The Clubhouse's Michael Sayler also has eight autographed baseballs at $80 each.

"People have been coming in wanting stuff," Sayler said. "The value has gone up for collectors."

And what about a Randy Johnson Astros baseball card?

Not so fast.

Since photos of Johnson in Astros garb aren't plentiful, baseball cards haven't hit the market yet. But Ted Nelkin of HLT&T Sports, which runs the trading-card stands at the Astrodome, has an alternative. A pack of 10 Astros cards, including one of Johnson with the Mariners, can be yours for about $6.

The Johnson mania is all over town, Nelkin says.

"Everywhere you go, that's all people are talking about," he said. "It's going to be extremely hectic. This is the most exciting thing that's happened to Houston baseball in midseason ever."

Want to watch the rest of the Astros' regular-season games?

Fret not.

All of the remaining regular-season games — home and away — will be televised over the air or on cable, although at least two Saturday games will be shown only on FX, which is available on just a few Houston-area cable systems.

ANGELS: Halos shut out

(From 1C)

question remains: Can the Angels get their offense back on track? The answer to that question may come tonight as the Angels send left-hander Matt Beaumont (5-11, 4.74 ERA) against El Paso's Allen Levrault (1-2, 5.68).

ANGEL NOTES: The five-game losing streak is the longest losing streak of the year for Midland... The overall 56-61 mark marks the first time the Angels have been five games under .500 this season... How much has the offense faded from the first two games of the current homestand? The Angels scored 18 runs against Wichita which resulted in two Angel victories.

El Paso Diablos 10, Midland Angels 0

El Paso	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Iapoce cf	5	1	2	0	Hutchins cf	4	0	1	0
Lopez 2b	4	1	0	0	Tinsley lf	4	0	1	0
Kominek 1b	4	2	3	0	Luuloa 2b	4	0	1	0
Dunn rf	4	3	2	3	Christian dh	4	0	1	0
Andreplos dh	3	2	1	1	Buxbaum 3b	3	0	0	0
Gropusso 3b	5	0	2	1	Barnes 1b	3	0	0	0
Correa lf	5	1	2	2	Betten rf	2	0	0	0
Cancel c	4	0	3	1	Encarnacion c	2	0	1	0
Phair ss	4	0	0	0	Abbott ss	3	0	0	0
Totals	38	10	15	8	Totals	29	0	5	0

El Paso	000	103	024 — 10
Midland	000	000	000 — 0

E — Phair (1), Abbott (19), Buxbaum (12), Hutchins (6). DP — Midland 2. LOB — El Paso 8, Midland 4. 2B — kominek (21), Dunn (20), Iapoce (19), Gropusso (26). 3B — Luuloa (10). HR — Dunn (8). SB — Kominek (19). CS — Hutchins, Christian, Iapoce. S — Encarnacion, Phair.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
El Paso						
Chavez, W 3-3	5.0	2	0	0	0	4
Beck	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
Minor, S 1	3.0	2	0	0	0	1
Midland						
Etherton, L 1-2	6.0	5	4	2	3	2
Cooper	2.1	8	6	3	1	3
Jacobsen	0.2	2	0	0	0	0

HBP — By Chavez (Betten). WP — Cooper. T — 2:44. A — 2,647.

BUSINESS

BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Wednesday $13.68
Previous Close $13.75
Year Ago $20.81

POSTED
Today $11.25
Previous Close $11.75
Year Ago $18.75

NATURAL GAS PRICES
Wednesday $1.873

Crude steady

NEW YORK, (Bloomberg) — Crude oil was little changed despite concern that worsening relations between Iraq and United Nations weapons inspectors would lead to a disruption of Iraqi oil exports.

Iraq today suspended cooperation with U.N. weapons inspectors.

Crude oil for September delivery fell 7 cents to $13.68 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange after rising as much as 40 cents, or 2.9 percent earlier.

September Brent crude fell 13 cents to $12.57 a barrel on the International Petroleum Exchange after gaining 28 cents earlier.

Refined products fell. September gasoline fell 0.35 cent to 41.94 cents a gallon on the Nymex, while September heating oil fell 0.47 cent to 35.77 cents a gallon.

Crude prices had dropped after the American Petroleum Institute late yesterday reported an unexpected 1.88 million-barrel weekly rise in U.S. crude inventories. Prices rebounded, though, when the Department of Energy said the gain was less than half that size. Both reports said gasoline stockpiles fell, though the DOE's estimate was much bigger.

Inventories of crude, gasoline and heating oil are all above year-ago levels following months of excess global production. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is trying to address the imbalance by cutting output, though progress has been slow, analysts and traders said.

On gasoline, the API said stockpiles fell a smaller-than-expected 145,000 barrels last week to 219.47 million barrels, while the DOE reported a drop of 3.3 million barrels, which was three times the decline expected by analysts surveyed by Bloomberg.

Dollar falls

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar fell against major currencies Wednesday as it followed the Dow Jones industrial average through most of its ups and downs.

"It's almost point for point with the Dow for the dollar today," said David Gilmore, a partner at Foreign Exchange Analytics in Essex, Conn., referring to the closely watched index that tracks 30 stocks on the New York Stock Exchange.

The yen also got a boost from comments by Japan's new finance minister, Kiichi Miyazawa, that the government plans a deeper tax cut next year than the 6 trillion yen ($41.8 billion) suggested by a tax panel. The tax cuts would be designed to revive the nation's faltering economy.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 143.86 Japanese yen, down from 144.97 late Tuesday. The U.S. currency also was changing hands at 1.7680 German marks, down from 1.7748.

The Dow fell 75 points during the first hour of trading, later rose to an 87-point gain and fell as much as 125 points before rallying in the last half hour to end up 59.47 at 8,546.78. The dollar followed the Dow faithfully until the late day rally.

Gilmore stressed that U.S. economic fundamentals remain strong in comparison with those in Japan and European nations. Japan is suffering its worst recession in decades.

The U.S. economy's strength was noted in a Federal Reserve "beige book" report Wednesday. It said that while the Asian financial crisis has hurt the U.S. economy, strong consumer demand helps keep it steaming ahead.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Tuesday: 1.4880 Swiss francs, down from 1.4934; 5.9220 French francs, down from 5.9520; 1,747.20 Italian lire, down from 1,751.00; and 1.5171 Canadian dollars, up from 1.5155.

The British pound was quoted at $1.6377, up from $1.6345.

Dow rebounds, but confidence thin

By Bruce Meyerson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks staged a late rebound Wednesday, but the market remained extremely volatile as some reassuring words from top strategists and major companies bolstered confidence only so much after Tuesday's 300-point plunge.

The Dow Jones industrial average rallied back in the final half hour, erasing a 125-point deficit and finishing 59.47 higher at 8,546.78.

The stock barometer of 30 major companies reversed course as its steep slide from last month's record high reached 10 percent — the minimum loss for what's often called a "market correction" and a frequent trigger point for bargain hunters.

Trading continued at Tuesday's blistering pace, with volume exceeding 1 billion shares for only the third time ever.

The Dow now sits 791 points below its all-time best close of 9,337.97, set less than three weeks ago on July 17. This year's once robust gain of 18.1 percent now stands at 8.1 percent.

Despite the day's strong finish, Wednesday's activity was hardly comforting. The Dow fell 75 points during the first half hour of trading, but turned higher as investors began nibbling at popular stocks that have been hit hard in recent weeks. The buying peaked at midday, however, and an 87-point Dow gain quickly evaporated.

"Today has been about shock. Investors right now are just trying to regroup, reevaluate, and realize whether what caused yesterday was just psychology or a change in fundamentals," John Lynch, director of investment strategy at Interstate/Johnson Lane in Charlotte, N.C., said Wednesday.

"The (economic) foundation is still strong, but there's still an uncertainty, a discomfort among investors. Things have been good for so long and people are looking over their shoulders," said Lynch. "Once the market starts to move, it pulls back each time, and I think it will continue for a time."

The day began with mixed signals. Predictably, the ripples from Tuesday's selloff were felt in markets around the globe, including several that are still reeling from Asia's nearly year-old economic crisis.

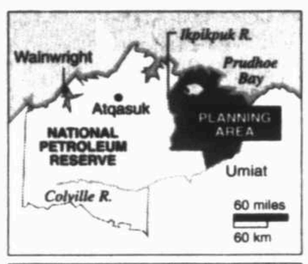
But on a more encouraging note, there were solid profit reports by America Online, Aetna and computer networking giant Cisco Systems. Encouraging comments from prominent market strategists Abby Joseph Cohen at Goldman Sachs and Edward Kerschner at PaineWebber also helped.

"We would be aggressive buyers and we believe that if investors buy today, six-12 months from now they will be glad they did," Kerschner said in a statement that contrasted sharply with Tuesday's repeated warnings on CNBC by Ralph Acampora, a Prudential Securities analyst previously noted for his brazen optimism.

Clinton plan would tap Alaska reserve in spite of protests

WASHINGTON (AP) — Untapped since its creation 75 years ago, part of the largest government oil reserve would be opened to drilling beneath Alaska's vast tundra under a plan the Clinton administration will announce Thursday.

The drilling proposal, to be unveiled by Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, is expected to fall short of what the oil industry wants because of restrictions aimed at protecting wildlife habitat. But environmentalists are still questioning the move, especially at a time that "the world is awash in oil."



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"We expect it will please neither side," said Interior spokesman Michael Gauldin, who declined to elaborate further on the plan except to call it "a reasonable, balanced proposal."

Conservationists have argued that none of the reserve should be developed when there's plenty of oil worldwide and prices are cheap. Drilling in the reserve will harm the habitat of millions of migratory birds, waterfowl, caribou and polar bears, especially if allowed in the reserve's ecologically sensitive northern coastal plain.

The oil companies, meanwhile, insist the oil — an estimated 400 million to 1 billion barrels — can be recovered without endangering wildlife or the arctic ecosystem by using the latest technology.

"Oil and gas can be extracted ... without harm to local fish and wildlife populations and without interruption of the traditional uses of the land," said Mike Joyce, a biologist for ARCO-Alaska, one of the companies eyeing the new fields.

"We understand the stresses on caribou and birds in a much better way than we used to. We can mitigate those disturbances," he said in a telephone interview.

While both environmentalists and oil executives anticipated some lease sales, both sides are waiting to learn what kind of protective restrictions will be imposed.

"The world is awash in oil," said Bill Reffalt, director of Alaska programs at the Wilderness Society. "We've got it selling at $14 a barrel. Why are we in such a big hurry to start developing oil and gas (there now) at a fairly substantial cost to the environment?"

But industry representatives argue that even if leases are offered now, the oil won't flow for years. By then, U.S. oil production likely will be less than what it is now, the lowest since the 1940s.

"We're not talking today, we're talking about a decade from now," said Ronnie Chappell, a spokesman for ARCO-Alaska.

Alaska Gov. Tony Knowles, a Democrat who is up for re-election this year, has vigorously lobbied President Clinton to open the reserve, arguing that the White House already has denied oil companies access to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge farther to the east even as Prudhoe Bay reserves are declining.

AP photo
Mark Allabane works in the final line pit under a Chevrolet S10 pickup truck on the assembly line at the General Motors Shreveport, La., plant Tuesday, the first day for returning GM workers following the national strike.

GM chairman defends efforts, vows more change

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — General Motors Corp. Chairman Jack Smith, whose ability to improve the automaker's productivity has been questioned, defended his company's efforts to become more competitive and promised more dramatic changes soon.

In a speech Wednesday to the University of Michigan's annual conference of industry executives, Smith said the old, complacent and arrogant GM was dead. He said the new GM was determined to become the world's leanest, most profitable automaker.

He announced that the company would introduce 23 new cars and trucks in the next three years and an average of one new model every 28 days between now and the middle of the next decade.

The world's largest automaker also will continue to reduce its work force and modernize its assembly operation, building new U.S. factories that rely more on outside parts suppliers and consolidating older ones, Smith said. He declined to say where the new plants might be built.

And while GM plans to further reduce the total number of models it offers, Smith rejected suggestions that it eliminate or merge its slower-selling car lines in North America, namely the venerable Oldsmobile or Buick divisions.

"We've got tremendous value in our brands," Smith said. "We can't see any case to be dropping car lines."

Some Wall Street analysts and industry pundits have been wondering if the soft-spoken Smith is the strong leader GM needs to make the tough changes that will make it as productive as its foreign and domestic competitors.

They complain that the company has not moved fast enough to reduce its staff and close unprofitable plants. They note that GM's recent settlement of two crippling parts plant strikes cost it an estimated $2.6 billion in lost production but gained little in terms of improved long-term efficiency.

Smith clearly had that criticism in mind as he set out this week with a series of major announcements that began Monday with word that GM would spin off its Delphi parts unit later next year. The company announced Tuesday that it would reorganize its North American marketing organization to save up to $300 million a year.

Bomer limits limits on Y2K liability insurance

AUSTIN (AP) — As government and private business officials brace for the anticipated Year 2000 computer problem, insurance companies are readying themselves for an expected onslaught of related liability lawsuits.

Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer on Wednesday told insurers that they will not be able to simply refuse to cover such claims for small-businesses and professionals.

Bomer said the department will allow insurers to exclude some coverage for Y2K-related liability lawsuits. He added, however, that the exclusions for small businesses and professionals, like doctors, hospitals and lawyers, will have to be well justified.

"Professional people, mom-and-pop stores and other small businesses count on their liability insurance for financial protection," Bomer said after notifying insurers about rules governing Y2K claims exclusions. "We want to maintain that coverage for small businesses and professional people who unknowingly have a Year 2000 exposure and bought liability insurance for protection if they are sued."

The Y2K rules do not apply to large businesses or to personal auto or homeowners policies. Any coverage exclusions for those policies would have to be approved separately by the department.

Large businesses are defined as those that have insured property worth $5 million or more; annual gross revenues of $10 million and more; or insurance premiums of $25,000 for property, $25,000 for liability or $50,000 for both coverages.

THE ECONOMIST

Texas has become hot spot for business relocations

By M. Ray Perryman

I suspect you've noticed that in the last few years, Texas has become a hot spot for corporate economic development (ED). Businesses seeking expansions, start ups, or relocations have repeatedly placed Texas cities at the top of their site location lists.

Perryman

Much of the state's success during the past decade comes from great strides made by the Texas Legislature to foster a positive business climate. Pro-business measures include tort reform concerning Joint and Several Liability protection, Venue Shopping, and Punitive Damages limits — all of which have bolstered the state's competitiveness in attracting corporations. Workers' Compensation Reform and Trucking Deregulation were also key ingredients in the mix. Among initiatives in the recent past are the creation of multiple ED tools such as a local ED Sales Tax, local Workforce Development Boards, a Skills Development Fund, the Smart Jobs Program, an Earmarked Hotel Tax for Tourism Advertising, a Sales Tax Exemption for Manufacturers, a Freeport Tax Exemption, Workers Compensation Reforms, and Trucking Deregulation.

New and different ED strategies are continually put in place and used creatively around the globe. As expected, the heated battle for corporate locations has now gone online. The Internet is fast becoming the first stop (and sometimes the only stop) for corporate site shopping-and Texas is doin' us proud. Electronic advertising by the state and by individual communities is attracting interest from all types of industries in every corner of the world.

If you want to see for yourself how interested firms can learn about our state's business environment, stop by a web page maintained by the Texas Workers Compensation Commission (www.twc.state.tx.us). Because all businesses must concern themselves with workers comp laws and policies, the Texas commission has made it easy. Not only does the web page present the Texas Workers Compensation Act (with the latest changes from the 75th Session and related administrative rulings), but the site also gives information about employment opportunities, workshops offered to employers, and descriptions of other relevant programs (such as OSHCON). If you were even faintly considering locating your business in Texas, this web page will take you a long way down the road.

As you site shop online, you'll soon discover that Texas communities — large and small — are well represented. Innovative, convincing, and user-friendly, these home pages display the attributes of the cities they electronically represent. For example, explore Lubbock, the self-proclaimed "Best Managed Mid-Sized City in Texas" at www.marketlubbock.com. The web site is maintained by a nonprofit organization that spearheads and promotes local economic development. The presentation is effectively crafted using charts and tables for a quick and informative read on economic development incentives, workforce demographics, business cost factors, and education.

All sizes of communities are making their ED debut on the Internet. Odessa's web page has a City Services section explaining zoning ordinances and regulations; Odessa Links includes economic and demographic information. Even small towns are joining the online fray. Sidestepping the cost of creating their own home page, some are using a web hosting company to give them a "net presence." See for yourself by visiting Athens (population about 11,000) at www.athenstxnet.com. Athens Texas Net posts comprehensive listings of local phone numbers to cover any requests for information a potential business might have.

Technology has fundamentally changed corporate operations just as it has revolutionized advertising. Through the Internet, small and mid-sized communities can broadcast their unique attributes around the world. In a like manner, international concerns no longer must locate in an urban metroplex; instead, they can settle in and 'do bidnus' from a rocking chair on a Texas front porch.

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
AmOnline s	158799	107⅜	–3⅝
Compaq s	156856	31 15/16	–1/8
AtdSgnl s	102856	37	–3
Lucent s	100186	90 9/16	+3 9/16
AMP	93542	38 1/16	–4½

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IntRect	6¾	+1 1/16	+18.7
Vishay	14⅛	+2⅛	+17.7
SunstoneH	12	+1½	+14.3
Unisys	25 5/16	+2⅝	+11.6
IkonOffSol	9½	+¾	+8.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Sola	17½	–9⅝	–35.5
Datpt pfA	2½	–½	–16.7
ExtStayA	8⅛	–1 7/16	–15.0
Brooke	7⅛	–1¼	–14.9
PromusH	29⅛	–5	–14.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,270
Declined	1,841
Unchanged	466
Total issues	3,577
New Highs	11
New Lows	571
Volume	1,009,035,492

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR	217184108	15/32	+1 15/32
DJIA Diam	14580	85 21/32	+29/32
SP Mid	13584	63 45/64	+1 11/64
Nabors	12527	15⅛	–13/16
TWA	12278	7⅜	+3/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Seracare n	5⅞	+⅝	+11.9
SncFdry n	7 15/16	+¾	+10.4
BayardD n	4 11/16	+ 7/16	+10.3
Iomed n	4⅛	+⅜	+10.0
ThrFibr rt	4⅜	+⅜	+9.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
FFP Mk n	5⅜	–1 9/16	–22.5
NA Vacc	10¼	–2¼	–18.0
ARC	2 13/16	– 9/16	–16.7
Viac wtE	4⅞	–⅞	–15.2
Emultek n	4 3/16	–11/16	–14.1

DIARY

Advanced	197
Declined	434
Unchanged	133
Total issues	764
New Highs	4
New Lows	86
Volume	57,654,850

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
DellCptr s	304288	106¾	+15/16
Microsft s	300478104	5/16	–3/16
Cisco s	240616	96¾	+3⅝
Intel	228626	84 1/16	+2 3/16
WorldCm	191351	50 7/16	+2

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Tellurn	2¼	+½	+28.6
ICHOR	2¼	+½	+28.6
IndvInv	2 7/16	+½	+25.8
OdeticB s	7⅜	+1⅜	+22.9
NewFrnt n	2½	+ 7/16	+21.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GoldBks	2⅝	–1 9/32	–32.8
Zindart	7⅞	–3⅝	–31.5
FinLine	13 7/16	–6 1/16	–31.1
PaulaFn n	12½	–5⅝	–31.0
ShirePh	16 9/16	–7 5/16	–30.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,637
Declined	2,623
Unchanged	1,302
Total issues	5,562
New Highs	13
New Lows	551
Volume	902,439,100

HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 1,675 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 925 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in bold are worth at least $5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional fields rotated through the week, as follows:

Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.
Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.
Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...
Tkr: The stock's ticker symbol.
How to use: The ticker symbol can help you get information about a company. Two important uses: Most services that provide stock quotes over the phone require the ticker symbol. Second, stock brokers and analysts can recognize stocks more easily with a ticker symbol.

Generally, ticker symbols resemble the company name although some – BUD for Anheuser Busch Cos. and FON for Sprint Corp. – are more related to what a company does. Tickers on the New York and Amex usually don't exceed three letters. On Nasdaq, they go up to five letters.

The names you see in this paper are abbreviations of the company name supplied by The Associated Press. Companies can help determine what their abbreviation will be. Overall, AP tries to use an abbreviation that will most closely match the full company name.

Stock Footnotes: cc – PE greater than 99. dd – Loss in last 12 mos. d – New 52-wk low during trading day. g – Dividend in Canadian $. Stock price in U.S. $. n – New issue in past 52 weeks. s – Split or stock dividend of 25 percent or more in last 52 weeks. Dividend begins with date of split or stock dividend. u – New 52-wk high during trading day. v – Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration. pf – Preferred. pp – Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price. rt – Rights. un – Units. wd – When distributed. wi – When issued. wt – Warrants. ww – With warrants. xw – Without warrants.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

Tuesday

Dly	Name	Last	Chg
.44	ACE Ltd	34⅝	–⅛
1.10	ACMIn	9⅝	+⅛
.80	ACM Op	7⅞	–
1.10	ACM Sr	½	–
⅛	ACMSp	⅛	–

Wednesday

PE	PPE	Name	Last	Chg
8	9	ACE Ltd	34⅜	–⅛
17	19	ACMIn	9⅝	+⅛
5		ACM Op	7⅞	–
10	10	ACM Sr	½	–
4	9	ACMSp	⅛	–

Thursday

Tkr	Name	Last	Chg
Air	ACE Ltd	34⅜	–⅛
ACI	ACMIn	9⅝	+⅛
ACQ	ACM Op	7⅞	–
AOF	ACM Sr	½	–
⅛	ACMSp	⅛	–

Friday

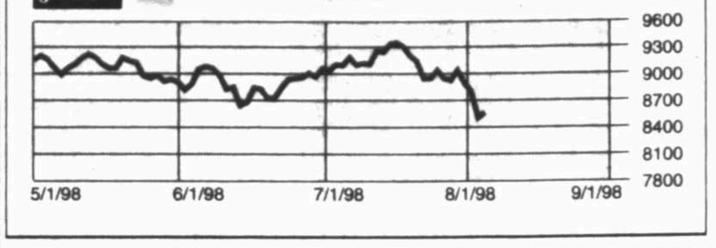
YTD	Name	Last	Chg
+8.3	ACE Ltd	34⅜	–⅛
+0.2	ACMIn	9⅝	+⅛
-3.0	ACM Op	7⅞	–
-0.2	ACM Sr	½	–
...	ACMSp	⅛	–

Daily market roundup

August 5, 1998

Dow Jones ▲ 8546.78 +59.47

High	8,641.79	Highest close	9,337.97
Low	8,316.10	July 17, 1998	



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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
9,367.84	6,983.11	Dow Jones Industrials	8,546.78	+59.47	+.70	+8.07	+3.48
3,701.42	2,848.83	Dow Jones Transportation	3,095.58	+8.30	+.27	–4.94	+2.87
295.70	227.77	Dow Jones Utilities	273.92	+.18	+.07	+.31	+17.04
601.76	450.91	NYSE Composite	544.01	+2.65	+.49	+6.42	+9.46
753.75	631.85	Amex Index	672.07	–6.69	– .99	–1.83	+2.75
2,028.18	1,465.61	Nasdaq Composite	1,788.20	+2.56	+.14	+13.87	+9.88
1,190.58	855.27	S&P 500	1,081.43	+9.31	+.87	+11.44	+12.61
492.28	248.65	Russell 2000	398.69	–2.94	– .73	–8.77	–5.24
11,108.10	8,537.05	Wilshire 5000	10,008.21	+36.66	+.37	+7.64	+9.85

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Tkr	Name	Last	Chg
A-B-C			
AAn	ABN Am	24 13/16	–⅛
ACL	ACE Ltd s	35¼	–13/16
GSF	ACM Sc	9¾	...
SI	ACMSp	6 7/16	+⅛
ART	ACNiels	25	–⅞
ACx	ACX Tech	19¼	+¼
AES	AES Cp	45 1/16	+7/16
AESpT	AES pfT	88⅜	+⅜
AFL	AFLAC s	33 3/16	–⅛
AG	AGCO	d11	–½
AkS	AK Steel s	15⅞	+⅝
PIN	AMF n	14½	–¼
AmR	AMR s	66	+⅜
ARM	ARM Fncld	18½	–15/16
T	AT&T	57⅜	+⅞
AVx	AVX Cp	15⅜	+⅛
AxA	AXA UAP	66⅝	+1⅛
AAm	Aames	10⅜	+⅜
AbT	AbtLab s	40⅝	...
ANF	AberFitch	45–11⅛	...
ASI	AccuSttf	d20⅝	+⅛
ACN	Acuson	15⅝	+⅜
ADX	**AdaEx**	**24⅛**	**–15/16**
ASF	Adminstf	32 9/16	–4
AMD	AMD	15⅞	–⅛
ADV	Advest	25	...
AD	AdvoInc	29⅞	–⅛
AEg	Aegon s	89⅞	–⅝
ARx	Aeroflex	8⅝	+⅜
AET	Aetna Inc	69⅜	+4⅝
AFA	**AffCmpSv**	**35⅜**	**–¾**
AEM	Agnico g	4⅛	–⅛
AGx	Agribrd n	29⅞	–¾
AGU	Agnum g	11½	...
AHm	Ahmans	8 15/16	–13/16
APD	AirProd s	d33½	+⅜
AbF	AirbFrt s	21⅝	+⅝
ARG	Airgas	12¾	–7/16
ATI	AirTouch	55 15/16	+⅛
ATIpB	AirTch pfB	46	...
ALPpB	**AlaP pfB**	**25⅛**	**+⅛**
ALPpC	**AlaP pfC**	**25⅛**	**+⅛**
ALPpD	**AlaP adj pf**	**24**	**...**
AcA	AlaP4.7B n	24½	–⅜
ALPpQ	**AlaPC pfQ**	**25**	**⅜**
+ ⅛			
ALK	AlskAir	39 15/16	–⅝
AlN	Albnyln	20⅝	–3/16
ALB	Albemard	19 7/16	–⅜
ACV	Alberto	d24 15/16	+1/16
ACV/A	AlbCuiA	22¼	–1/16
ABS	Albertsn	49 1/16	–1/16
AL	Alcan	d24 9/16	+3/16
ALA	Alcatel	38 13/16	+1⅜
ARE	AlexREE	28 15/16	–1/16
AYE	AlgEngy	d27½	...
ALT	AlegTcldyd	19 3/16	+1/16
AEH	Allegiance	57⅞	+1 1/16
AGN	Allergn	47 3/16	–2 5/16
AC	AllaCap s	22½	–2½
AWF	AllWrld2	12⅛	+1/16
ALD	AldSgnl s	37	–3
AFC	AlmnFn	85⅜	–⅛
ALL	Allstate s	39 15/16	+1⅜
AT	Alltel	40 11/16	+1 7/16
AA	Alcoa	85	–¼
AzA	Alza	34 15/16	–⅛
ABK	AmbacF s	54½	–1/16
DOX	Amdocs n	12 15/16	...
AHC	AmHes	d47⅝	–1 7/16
AEE	Ameren n	37¾	+⅜
AOL	AmOnline s	107⅜	–3⅝
AwA	AmWest	21 11/16	+⅛
AwAwS	AmWest wt	9 15/16	+1/16
ABH	ABkNHol n	8 1/16	–⅛
ABi	ABankrs s	58 5/16	–⅜
AEP	AEP	43⅞	+½
AxP	AmExp	108 7/16	+2
AFG	AFnclGp	37 1/16	–15/16
AGC	AGenCp	67	–⅛
AM	AGreet	45⅝	+⅜
AHE	AHlthPr	d22⅜	–5/16
AHP	**AHomeP s**	**49½**	**–⅞**
AIG	AmIntG s	93 1/16	+⅜
ENQ	AMedia	5⅝	+3/16
AGP	APadPap	15⅜	+⅛
ACR	ARetire	16⅛	+⅛
SKi	ASkiing n	9¼	+¼
ASD	AmStd	45 13/16	–⅜
ASC	AmStor	29	–1/16
AMT	ATower n	22½	–½
AWK	AmWtr	29⅞	+⅜
ACF	Amercrd	32⅞	+1⅜
AAS	AmerSrc	50 1/16	–13/16
AiT	Ameritch s	47¼	+2 13/16
AN	Amoco s	40 11/16	+⅝
AMP	AMP	38 1/16	–4 1/2
ASO	AmSouth s	37	–7/16
AvZ	Amvescp	s48⅜	–4⅝
AAP	AmwyAs	14	–⅜
APC	Anadrk	s32	⅞
ADI	Analog	d21⅛	–3/16
AU	Anglogld	n 21⅜	...
BUD	Anheus	50 7/16	–13/16
AXE	Anader	18	...
ANn	AnnTayl	21¾	+⅜
AnR	AnthCap	nd11	9/16
AOC	Aon Cp	65½	–
APA	Apache	d24	⅞
AiV	Aptinv	36⅝	+⅜
APM	ApplMg	5¾	+¼
APW	ApldPw s	31¼	–3/16
AHG	Apria	d5⅜	–¼
ARA	Aracruz	d8⅜	–½
AAC	ArcadiaFn	4 13/16	+¼
ADM	ArchDan	18 11/16	+¼
ASN	ArchstnCd	20 1/16	+⅜
ARi	ArdenRltd	22 1/16	–⅛
AS	Armco	5 7/16	+3/16
ACK	ArmWi	d58⅝	+⅛
ARW	ArrowEl s	d19	–7/16
ARv	Arvin	39 5/16	+⅞
AR	Asarco	21⅜	...
ASL	Ashanti	7 5/16	...
ASh	Ashland	49 11/16	–⅞
APB	AsiaPc	5⅜	+1/16
ARH	AsiaPR	1⅛	–1/16
PAp	AsiaPtp	9	–1/16
CBT	Cabot	25⅞	+⅞
CTR	CabotITr	n17 15/16	+3/16
COG	CbtOG	d15 5/16	–1/2
CSG	CadbyS	55 3/16	+2 1/16
CDN	Cadence	s26 11/16	–⅞
CE	Calenergy	26 5/16	–5/16
CCC	Calgon	d9⅞	+1/16
ELY	CallGolf	d11½	–1/2
CZM	Calmat	d19⅝	+⅜
CAM	Camco	65⅜	–1¼
CPT	CamdnP	d27⅞	–⅜
CPB	CampSp	52	–17⅜
BCM	CIBC g n	29¼	+⅛
CNI	CdnRy g	52 9/16	+½
CP	CdnPc g	d22⅞	+¼
TCDp	Capita pf	29 13/16	...
COF	CapOne	110 9/16	+¾
CSU	CapSenL n	9 3/16	–13/16
CRB	CapstrBr n	23½	–⅜
CMO	Capstd	4⅝	–5/16
CCT	CapstCT	21¾	–1/16
CAH	CardnlH	92 15/16	+3/16
CWC	Carlbnr	14¼	–9/16
CSL	Carlisle	40 9/16	–⅜
CCL	CarnvCp	s33 7/16	–9/16
CPL	CaroPw	39 15/16	...
CRE	CarrAmR	d24¾	–⅛
CAR	CartWal	17 13/16	+⅛
CSE	CaseCp	32	+5/16
POS	CatMkt	47¼	–15/16
CDX	Catelus	d14⅛	–¼
CAt	Caterpillr	47¼	–⅛
CLS	Celestic	gn187⅜	–¾
CD	Cendant	15 7/16	+⅛
CDpl	Cendnt pfI	30⅞	+⅛
CTX	Centex s	39 13/16	+1⅝
CSR	CenSoWst	25½	...
CEE	CentEur	15½	+1/16
CNH	CenHud	41 13/16	+1/16
CPC	CentPkg s	47 1/16	–1/16
CTL	CntyTel s	48	–1/2
CEN	Ceridian	53 11/16	–11/16
CHB	Chmpn	25½	+⅛
CHA	Chmpln pf	d0 7/16	+13/16
CTI	Chart s	11⅜	+⅛
CMB	ChaseM s	71⅜	+1⅜
CKP	Checkpnt	10 1/16	–⅛
CCG	ChelGCAd	s33 13/16	–½
CHK	ChesEng	d23¾	–⅛
CHV	Chevron	78 11/16	+⅜
CTZ	ChiTitle n	d47⅛	–1¼
CTC	ChileTel	21	...
CHL	ChinaTic	nd26 5/16	+⅛
CQB	Chiquitad	11 15/16	...
C	Chrysler	56 11/16	+1⅛
CB	Chubb	71½	–½
CBR	CIBER s	30⅜	–1⅛
CSN	CinnBell	29 3/16	–1 3/16
CMZ	CinMil	23⅜	+⅜
CIN	CINergy	d31 9/16	+⅜
CC	CircCtyCC	47 7/16	+⅜
KMX	CirCCar	8⅝	–1/16
CIR	Circus	d12 9/16	–5/16
CCi	Citicorp	156⅜	+2⅜
CCipK	Citcp pfK	26 3/16	+⅜
CZN	CitzUtil	8	...
CYN	CityNC	36 1/16	+1/16
CLE	ClairesStr	19 13/16	+⅛
CMH	ClaytH	d41⅞	–1⅛
CCU	ClearC s	51½	–1
CDG	CliffsDr	d11⅛	–½
CLX	Clorox	101⅝	–2
CUI	CoachUS	30 3/16	–⅜
CGP	Coastal s	29 7/16	–15/16
PAR	Coastcst	15	...
KO	CocaCl	80⅝	+1¾
CCE	CocaCE	29 3/16	–2 7/16
KOF	CCFemsa s	16 13/16	–
CDE	Coeur	7 7/16	+1/16
CL	ColgPal	89¾	–⅛
CIF	ColHl	67⅜	–1/16
COT	Coltec	d16⅛	–5/16
CG	ColumEn s	52 15/16	+1⅛
COL	ColHCA	26	–⅞
CDO	Comdisc	sd13 1/16	–⅜
CMA	Comeric s	65¼	+1 5/16
CFB	CmcFdl s	27	–3/16
NNN	CmclNL	d14	1/16
CTV	ComScop	17	+¼
CPU	CmpUSA	17	+1/16
CPQ	Compaq s	31 15/16	–1/16
CMI	CmpMan	13⅜	...
CA	CompAs s	33⅜	+2
CSC	CompSci s	58 15/16	–
CMPT	CmpTsk	29⅝	–⅞
CQ	Comsat	29 13/16	+1⅜
CRK	ComstkRs	d6⅝	–¼
CAG	ConAgra	sd24½	–⅜
CIV	Conectiv	20	+¼
CNE	ConnEn	25⅜	–⅜
CNC	Conseco	39¼	+1⅝
CIG	CnCigar	10	+1/16
ED	ConEd	42 11/16	+⅝
CGX	ConsGph	58	+1⅜
CNG	ConsNG	d49⅞	–⅜
CDP	ConsPap	s28 1/16	–¼
CNS	ConStor	d30	–1 7/16
DIN	CGDina	d17	–¼
DIN/L	CGDina L	1	–¾
CFN	Contlnncl	19 1/16	–1/16
CAl/B	CtlAir B	51⅞	–11/16
RON	CoopCam	d29	–1
COO	CoopCo	30⅞	+⅛
CBE	Cooper	48 15/16	–3 1/16
CTB	CooprTrd	17 9/16	–⅜
ELP	Copel	10 1/16	–⅛
CRH	Coramh	21⅜	...
CDD	Cordant s	42 1/16	+3/16
CLB	CoreLab s	18 15/16	–1
CPO	CornPrd n	26⅜	–⅛
CPP	CorPrpt	d15 3/16	+1/16
GLW	Corning	n29 7/16	+1/16
COY	CorpHY	14⅛	...
CCA	CorrectCpd	17 3/16	–1/2
CCR	CntwCrd	45 9/16	–⅞
CVD	Covance	24⅜	+1/16
COX	CoxCm	43½	–1½
CR	Crane Co	47⅜	+⅞
CNK	CrmpKnld	21 3/16	–⅜
XTO	CrosTbr s	14 1/16	–
CRT	CrosTim	12⅜	–¼
CCK	CwnCork	d40⅜	+⅜
CRW	CwnCr	d8⅜	+¼
CRO	CwnPac	d22½	–⅜
CUM	CumEng	52⅜	+⅞
CY	CypSem	7⅞	...
CYM	Cyprus	12⅝	+7/16
CYT	Cytec	d29⅞	–11/16
DHY	DLJ HiY n	10	...
DPL	DPL s	18⅝	...
DQE	DQE	35½	+⅜
DHI	DR Horton	19 3/16	–⅜
DSP	DSP Com	15¼	+⅜
DST	DST Sys	60½	–⅜
DTE	DTE	39¾	+⅜
DÃi	DBenz	97⅞	+1⅛
DTL	Dal–Tile	10 3/16	–3/16
DS	DalSem	30⅜	–3/16
DCN	DanaCp	51⅛	+⅛
DHR	Danaher s	39⅜	–⅛
DRI	Darden	17⅛	+¼
DGN	DataGn	d11 5/16	–13/16
DPS	DawsonPr	12½	+⅝
DH	DayHud	s45 1/16	+11/16
DV	DeVry s	20⅝	+⅝
DF	DeanFd	52¼	–1⅜
DSU	DebtStr	2 nd9⅜	–⅛
DE	Deere	40 15/16	+⅞
DKB	DekbGn s	9 1/16	–13/16
DLP	DelrPne s	42	–⅛
DÃL	DeltaAir	117⅝	+1½
DLX	Deluxe	34½	+⅜
DPU	Depuy	34⅜	...
DER	DeRigo	3 15/16	–1/16
DES	DescSA	22¾	...
DT	DeutTel	27⅞	+1/16
DDR	DevDv s	16⅞	–11/16
DEX	Dexter	d26⅜	+1/16
DEO	Diageo n	45⅞	–1/16
DL	Dial	22 13/16	+⅝
DO	DiaOffs	d29 3/16	–⅜
DBD	Diebold	24½	–7/16
DDS	Dillards	d32	+⅛
DME	DimeBcp	27 13/16	–⅜
DMN	Dimon	10⅞	...
DIS	Disney s	33 15/16	+¾
DYS	Dist&Srv	nd14	–1/16
DOL	Dole	46⅞	+⅝
DG	DollarG s	37 11/16	+3/16
DTG	DollarTh	n12 5/16	+1/16
D	DomRes	40	–1/16
DTC	Domtar g	d5⅜	–⅞
DCi	Donldson s	17 3/16	+¼
DLJ	DonLJ s	49 15/16	–1/16
DK	DKaran	12⅛	...
DNY	Donlley	40⅝	–11/16
DOV	Dover s	28⅜	+1 5/16
DOW	DowCh	90⅜	+½
DJ	DowJns	53⅜	+⅜
DSL	DowneyF	n31½	+¼
DI	Dressr	d31⅝	+¼
DHF	DryHYSt	n14⅜	–1/16
DQ	DuPont	61⅜	+1
DNP	DufPutil	10⅜	...
DUK	DukeEngy	57⅜	–⅛
DRE	DukeRlt	sd19 15/16	–
DNB	DunBrad	n26 9/16	+⅜
DX	Dycom	30⅝	–⅞
DXC	DynexC	9 15/16	+1/16
EA	EAInds	d1⅜	–⅛
EEX	EEX Cp	d6⅜	–⅜
EGG	EGG	29 1/16	+⅜
EMC	EMC s	50¼	+1 5/16
E	ENI	61½	–1 5/16
EVI	EVI Weath	d22½	–1⅛
EGR	Earthgr	31 15/16	+⅜
EMN	EastChm	d56½	–⅞
EK	EKodak	81¼	+3/16
ETN	Eaton	64⅜	+¼
ECL	Ecolab s	29⅞	–¼
EIX	EdisonInt	27⅜	+¼
AGE	Edwards s	34⅜	–2¼
EPG	ElPasoNG	s33 15/16	–
ELN	Elan	69¾	–2⅜
ELK	Elcor s	22 13/16	+1⅛
EDS	EDS	36¾	+1⅜
ELF	ElfAquit	61	–1½
EOLpB	ElfOv pfB	25¼	–⅛
EBY	ElsagB	25¾	–1 1/16
FRG	EmgGer	15⅝	–1/16
EMR	EmrsnEl	59 5/16	+1 9/16
EDE	EmpDist	19	–1
EOC	EEIChile	d13¾	–3/16
ECiA	Empica	d8⅜	–⅞
ELE	Endesa	21½	+⅛
NEG	EngyEast	s42 13/16	–1 1/16
ENI	Enersis	26 13/16	–⅜
EC	EnglCp	20 7/16	+5/16
EFS	Enhance s	28⅞	+1/16
ENE	Enron	48¼	–⅜
ENEpC	EnrLLC pf	25	–1/16
EOG	EnrmOG	15⅜	–¼
ESV	ENSCO s	d11⅜	–⅞
ETR	Entergy	26 15/16	–⅛
EPD	EntPrPt	nd19¾	–1¼
EOT	EottEngd	13 9/16	–¼
ENT	Equant n	40 5/16	+⅞
EFX	Equifax	40⅞	+⅜
EQ	EqtCos	71 15/16	–1¼
EQT	EqtRasc	d24¼	+⅝
ENn	Eqtylnn	d12 7/16	–¼
EOP	EqOfflPT	d23 9/16	+1/16
EQR	EqtyRsd	d40⅞	+¾
ESF	EsperSan	21 7/16	+1 1/16
SXC	EssexInt	22½	–⅝
EL	EsteeLdr	83	–2¼
ETH	EthanAl s	41⅛	+⅝
EY	Ethyl	51⅛	–1/16
EWF	EurWtFd s	19⅛	+⅜
EVR	EverenC s	26 1/16	–1⅛
RE	EverestRe	38⅝	–1⅛
EXC	Exelon	66 3/16	+1⅜
ExtStayA	d8⅛	–1 7/16	
FDX	FDX Corp	61¼	+1⅜
FMC	FMC	62 13/16	+⅝
FPL	FPL Gp	60¾	–⅛
FA	FairCp	18⅞	–⅛
FFD	FairCmt s	9 15/16	+1/16
FDO	FamDlr s	16 1/16	–⅝
FNM	FanniMae	59½	...
FMApA	FMac pfA	62 13/16	...
FMO	FedMog	58–1 1/16	...
FRT	FedRlty	d22½	+⅝
FRS	FedSignl	22¼	–⅜
FD	FedrDS	50¼	+1
FII	FedInvst	n17 5/16	–1/16
FCH	FelCor	d25 5/16	–13/16
FOE	Ferro s	d21½	–⅝
FNF	FidelFin	33⅝	–2 3/16
FSA	FSA	47	+5/16
FHT	Fingerht	32 3/16	–13/16
FMV	Finova s	55⅞	–1 1/16
FAM	FstAmCp	43 9/16	–⅝
FAF	FAFncl s	27¼	–15/16
FBR	FstBrnd	22⅝	+⅛
FCN	FCNtBNO	77⅞	+1⅞
FDC	FstData	27¼	–1⅛
FF	FFinFd	d15⅞	–⅞
FR	FstInRT	d24 15/16	–1 5/16
FTU	FstUC	57⅜	+2½
FUR	FUnRl	d6⅝	+1/16
FVB	FtVaBk s	51 11/16	–11/16
FSR	Firstar	48¾	+⅜
FE	FirstEngy	27 9/16	+5/16
FP	Firstplus	33½	+1/16
FLT	FleetFnc	81 13/16	+½
FLE	FleetEn	34 13/16	–1⅛
FLM	Fleming	15⅛	–1/16
FFS	FlstFD	5¼	...
FLÃ	FlaEC s	25¾	–⅜
FPC	FlaProg	38 9/16	+⅜
FLO	Flowers	18⅛	+5/16
FLS	Flowserv	22½	+1/16
FLR	Fluor	40⅞	+⅜
FM	Foodmk	14 11/16	+⅛
FTS	Footstar	32 15/16	–31/16
FEN	Forcenrgy	10¾	–5/16
F	Ford s	54⅛	+⅜
FJ	FtJamesd	32 5/16	+5/16
FO	FortuneBr	33⅜	–1/2
FWC	FostWh	d14½	–7/16
FHS	FoundHS	19 5/16	+1 7/16
FFÃ	FranFin	23⅝	+¾
FC	FrankCov	19 7/16	+3/16
BEN	FrankRs s	41½	–¼
FMY	FMeyer s	41 9/16	+¾
FRE	FredMac	44⅛	–1
FSI	FreudSc n	17 7/16	–⅜
FCXiA	FMCG Á	14 5/16	+⅜
FCX	FMCG	15	+⅝
FCXpA	FMCG pfA	17 3/16	+1⅜
FCXpD	FMCG pfD	17⅛	–⅜
FSC	FM Sul n	10½	–⅛
FMT	Fremnt	51½	–11/16
FDP	FDelMnt n	17¾	...
FRO	FrontrCp	33 5/16	+1 15/16
FTR	FrntrIrs	d16 7/16	–5/16
FTO	FrontrOil	6¼	–½
FTL	FrunkL	28⅛	+⅛
FBN	FurnBrds	28 7/16	+13/16
GMT	GATX s	37⅛	–15/16
GPU	GPU	36 5/16	+3/16
GTE	GTE	51¼	–⅜
GAb	Gabelli	31⅛	–⅛
GGT	GabGloM	9½	–7/16
GnA	Gainsco	5 15/16	–1/16
GLC	Galileo Int	38 15/16	+1 1/16
GLH	Gallaher	24⅜	–1/16
GÃL	Galoob	9½	–5/16
GCi	Gannett s	60⅝	–⅜
GPS	Gap s	59 7/16	+15/16
GTW	Gate2000	53	+1⅝
GET	GayltEnt	n 29⅞	–⅛
GY	GenCrp	d21 5/16	–15/16
GNE	Genentc	68⅜	+⅝
GAM	GAInv	30 1/16	–3/16
GCN	GnCable	s27 1/16	–3/16
GCR	GenCigr	6 15/16	+⅜
GDC	GnData	3½	–1/16
GD	GenDyn s	43⅝	–⅜
GE	GenElec	86⅛	+1 5/16
GGP	GnGrth	35¼	–⅛
GIC	Geninst	25 9/16	+3/16
GIS	GnMill	d60 15/16	–
GM	GnMotr	66⅜	–1 1/16
GMH	GM H n	42⅜	–⅛
GRN	GenRe	235 5/16	–

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Thr Name Last Chg

A B C

AbrBk ABR Inf 16⅝ unch
AltV ACTV 2 –3/32
ADCT ADC Tel 29½ +¼
ApAc ApACT 5⅛ +1/16
ASA ASA Hold 41⅞ +1
ASMLF ASM Lith s27 7/16 +11/16
ATLi ATL Ultsd 50⅛ ...
AvTC AvT Cp s 21⅝ +1 9/16
AbACF Abacan ½ –1/16
ABTE AbleTel 8½ +11/32
AXAS Abraxas 5 9/16 +1/16
ACRI AcaciaR s d3⅜ –1/16
ACNFC AccentS h 7/16 ...
ACCS AccesHlt 24⅝ +1 11/16
AkLm Acclaim 5 11/16 +3/16
ACTN ActPerf 28⅛ +⅜
ACRT Actrade 15½ –1/16
ACXM Acxiom 22¾ ...
AdAc AdasLb 27¼ +⅜
ADPT Adaptec 10 11/16 –1/16
ADTK AdaptT n d5¼ –⅛
ADBE AdobeSy 30 9/16 +5/16
ADLRF AdrianR 9½ ...
ADTN Adtran 24 5/16 ...
ADVP AdvPara 21¾ –2 1/16
AFCI AdvFCmd 16 9/32 –3 1/32
ADVH AdHithC d3 –5/16
ARTT AdvRadiod 4 9/16 –7/16
AtIS AdvTiss 3 9/32 –3/32
AFFX Affymet 24½ +⅝
AGPH Agourn s 23 7/16 –1 1/16
ABTX AgriBio 18 9/16 +1
AEIC AirExp d20 1/16 +3/16
AAIR AirTran 5⅝ –3/32
AJAY Ajay 9½ –3/32
AIKZOY Akzo s 50½ +⅝
ALDNF AladnKn 9⅞ +¾
ALGX AlegTi n 12 +¾
ALSC AlnSem 2 9/32 +3/32
ALLC AldCap 21⅜ +1/16
AWIN AldWin 26⅝ –¼
ALMI AlphaMic 2 9/32 –5/32
ALTR Altera 38¼ +1 5/16
ALRC AltResc 12⅝ –¾
ALRN Altron 16 1/2 –3/16
ALYD Alydaar n 10⅛ –1/16
AMZN Amazon s 106 3/16 –
3 11/16
AMTD AmTrde 37⅜ +2 1/2
AEOS AEagleO s45 15/32 +7/32
AHOM AHomPat d10⅞ –⅞
AIPN AmInfoPt 1 –1/16
AMSY AMS 28⅝–1 4⅜
SKYC AmMbSat 6⅞ –5/16
AORI AOncol d11 1/16 +1/16
APCC APwrCnv 32 9/32 +17/32
RAZR AmSafRz 11⅛ –⅝
AMES AmesDS 19⅛ +⅜
AMGN Amgen 69 9/16 +15/16
AMKR AmkorT n 6¾ –1/16
AMMB Amresco 26½ –1/16
AnAd Anadigc 14 7/16 –⅝
ANEN Anaren 11½ +⅜
ANCR AncorCm 17 3/32 –3/32
ANDW Andrew d16 9/16 –3/16
ANGN Angeion 2⅞ +1/16
ANTC Antec 21¼ –⅜
APOL ApolloG s 33 –1⅛
AAPL AppleC 4 9/16 +¼
APSO AppliSou 11⅛ –⅜
APPB Applebee 21¼ +¼
AdAx ApdDgt 4 7/16 –15/16
AGTX AppGrph 46 1/2 –3 11/16
AMAT ApldMat s34 1/16
x1 9/16
APLX Applix d2 31/32 –3/32
ACAL Arakis 9/16 –1/16
ARSW ArborSft 26⅛ +11/16
AriA AriadP d3 1/32 +3/32
AVEI ArtVasc s 39½ –1/16
ATSN Artisyn 15⅝ +9/16
ASND Ascend 46¼ –⅜
ASHW Ashwrth 6⅞ +3/32
ASDV AspctDev 67⅛ –1/16
ASPT AspectTel 27⅜ –9/16
ASBC AsdBnc s 36 +¼
ASFC AstoriaF 48 ...
ATHM AtHome 40 9/16 +5/16
ACAI AtCstAir s 24⅛ +1⅜
ATML Atmel d9⅜ –1/32
ATRC AtriaCo 17⅞ +1/2
AURA AuraSy 1 9/32 –1/16
ADSK Autodesk 32½ +⅛
APCO AutProt 7⅛ –⅛
AVNT Avanti 16 –⅛
AVID AvidTch 36⅛ +3¼
AVIR Aviron 28⅛ –⅜
AVNT AventT 20⅜ –1⅛
AXIM Axiom 2½ –19/32
AXPH AxySPhm 5⅜ –⅛
AZTC AztecTc n 7 11/16 –3/16
BEAV BE Aero 29⅛ +1⅛
BEAS BEA Sys 16⅜ –⅞
BSYS BISYS 41¾ +⅜
BMCS BMC Sft s 48 3/16 +5/16
BPIE BPI Pkg d⅜ –1/16
BAANF Baan s 38 9/16 +1 1/16
BLDPF Ballardp s 22⅞ +⅜
BGALY BncGalic 19¼ –¼
BPLS BankPlus 10 ...
BNYN BanynSy 5 7/16 –1/16
BBBY BedBath s 19 5/8 +7/16
BSPT BellSpt 5 29/32 –1/16
BERW Beringer n 33⅜ –1⅜
BILL BillConc s d11 –⅞
BCHE BioPharm 22⅜ +7/16
BICO Biocrtl 11⅝ +1/16
BGEN Biogen 52⅞ –1⅛
BLTI BioLase 3 7/32 +9/32
BMET Biomet 30 1/16 –1 3/16
BTGC BioTcG 6⅞ +1/16
BBOX Blackbx d30 –¼
BLPG BorLePr n 31 –3
BOST BostChk 1 9/16 +1/16
BCGI BostnCom 6⅞ –⅛
BLSI BstLfSci 2½ –5/16
BFAM BrghtHr n 22 7/16 –1/16
CELL Brightpt s 13¾ –1/16
BVSN BroadVis 23¼ +3⅜
BCST brdc.com n d50 +1
BRCM Brdcom n 57⅜ –1 1/2
BROD BrodSft 20⅞ +31/32
BRKS BrooksAu d8⅝ ...
BRKT Brooktrt 11⅝ +9/16
TMBR BrownTom 15⅜ –⅜
BOCB Buffets 13 +¼
BBRC BurrBrn s 17⅞ –1⅛
CACOA CatoCp 11 11/16 –1/16
CELS Celestial 37⅛ –1
GELG Celgene 8⅛ –1/16
CENX Centex 38 5/16 –⅜
CNDS Cephlin d7⅛ +1/16
CLGY CetegyPh d4⅛ –⅞
CLXX CelleSft 9/16 ...
CLST Cellstar s 11⅛ –1/16
GYCL CentCel 40⅛ –¼
OTEN CentHlth 8⅛ +1⅛
CNTO Centocor 32⅜ +⅛
CENT CenGardnd 21 15/16 –5/16
CBIZ CentBusn 19 9/16 +⅛
CEPH Cephlin 6⅜ +1/2
CRPB Cerprbe 11⅛ +⅛
AMFM ChaparMd s 45⅜ +⅛
CHRS ChrmSh 4 9/16 +⅛
COFI ChtOneF s 30⅞ –⅜
CHKPF ChkPnt n 42¾ +⅛
CHKR Checkers 29½ +1/32
CKFR ChkFree 23¼ –9/32
CAKE Cheeseck s 17⅜ +11/16
CHIR Chiron 18 1/16 +3/16
CIEN CienaCp 89 9/32 –2 29/32
CINF CinnFin s 35⅜ +9/32
CTAS Cintas s 46 –3⅜
CPCI Ciprico 8½ +1/16
CRUS Cirrus 8¾ +3/16
CSCO Cisco s 96 1/4 +5/16
CTXS CitrixSy s 63⅛ +2⅜
CWEI ClayEng d7⅝ –⅛
CLNTF Clearnet d9¼ –11/16
CLSR ClosMed 21 –1
CGNX Cognex 15½ –⅛
CTSH CogTech n16 9/16 +⅜
COHR Coherent s 10½ + 7/16
COHO CohoEn 5⅛ +1/16
COMR Comair s 31⅞ +⅝
CMCSA Comcast 41¾–11/16
CMCSK Comc sp 42⅛–1 7/16
CMDL Comdial 11¾ ...
CICI CominIntl 1 ...
CFBX ComFBk s22 3/4 –⅛
CBSS CompsBnc 41 +1
CBSL CmpBusi s27 9/16–1 7/16
CCEE CptConc 4⅛ –⅛
CHRZ CmptHz 31¼ ...
CLCX CptrLrn s 23⅜ –¾
CPWR Compwr s 47⅞ –2⅛
CMVT Comvers 44⅜–1 3/16
CCMC ConcMngd 20⅞ –⅛
CNCX ConcNet n 20⅜ –⅜
CCRD CncrdCm n31 1/16 –
1 1/16
CEFT OncEFS s 23⅜ +⅞
CCUR ConcCm 2⅝ –⅛
BUYR ConsCap n 19 1/16 –⅛
CPSS ConPort 7 1/16 –1/16
ACCOB Coors B 36½ +¾
CORR CorTher 13½ +1⅛
CRZY CorpExp 11 –⅛
COST Costco 54⅝ +1⅛
COSE CostEmer 8½ –⅛
COTTF Cott Cp 7 –⅝
CLTR CltrPhr 25 ...
CVTY Coventry 6 1/16 +1/16
GOVR CoverAl d1 31/32 –9/32
CBRL CrkrBrl 27½ –⅞
CBMI CrBioMol d3⅜ +3/16
CRAE CraeCpt 10⅜ +⅛
CREATe CreTcLid 11⅛ –⅜
CREE CreeResh 13½ –⅜
CVAN CnvrVn n 42 5/32 +3/32
CRYSF CrySys 9⅞ +1/16
CMLS CustmMad n 13⅜ –⅛
CYCH CybrCash 10⅛ +1/16
CYBR CyberMd 9⅜ +1/16
CYBG CyberGrd 6⅞–1/16
COOL CbrnOtp n 17⅜ ...
CYBX Cyberonic 11 1/2 –⅜
CYLK Cylink 10⅜ –⅛
CYMI Cymer s 15½ ...
CYTC Cytyc 12⅜ ...

D E F

DIGI DSC 30 1/4 +1/16
DTII DT Inds d18⅝–1 9/16
DUSA DuSA 4½ +1/2
DANCY Danka 8⅝ +1/16
DAOU DaouSys 20⅛ +1⅞
DASTY Dassault s 49½ –3
DBOC DtBdost 5⅞ ...
DDIM DtaDimn 13 9/16 –⅛
DTLN DtTrNw 32 +2 1/16
DWRX DtaWks d6⅜ –⅛
DSTM Datastr s 15½ +1½
DATC Datatec 3 1/16 –1/32
RACE DataRace 2⅛ +⅛
DAVX Davox d10½ –¼
DBSN Dawson 15½ –1
DBRSY DBeer 17⅛ +⅜
DEEP DeepTech 13 1/16 ...
DELL DellCptr s 106 3/16 +5/16
DPAC DnsePc 1 –⅛
DLGC Dialogic 33⅛ +1/32
DIMD DiamM d5 9/16 –⅜
AMEN Didax n 2 –5/32
DMIC DigMic s 4⅛ –⅛
DGSI DigitSol 1 21/32 +1/32
DSLGF Discreet 10⅞ –⅛
DLTR DlrTree s 41 15/16 –15/32
DORL DoralFin s 16⅞ –7/16
DCLK DbleClck n 36 –⅜
DURA DuraPh 24⅛ +3/16
DROOY DurbanRo 1 29/32 +1/32
DYGN Dynagn 7⅜ –1/32
DRCO DynRsh s 9½ –9/16
EGRP ETrade 24½ –⅜
ESPI e.spire 18½ +⅜
ECILF ECI Tel 32⅜ –1/2
EDAPY EDP TM 3¾ –¼
EISI EIS Intl 4 15/16 +3/16
ESCMF ESCMedd 23 7/16 –3/16
ESST ESSTech n 43 –¼
EAGL EgliHrd 20 3/16 –1/16
EUSA EgleUSA 25 –¼
ELNK Erthlnk s 33¼ –1 1/16
EESI EstnEn 29–1 9/16
ESSI EcoSoil 7½ +3/16
EGGS Eggbead 11 9/16 –5/16
ENBX Einstnn 3 +3/16
ELAMF Elamex 6 9/16 +1/16
EBSC ElderBr n 20 3/4 –1 1/16
ELIX ElecLght n 8⅞ +¼
ERTS ElcArt 47 –¾
EFII EFII 14 1/16 +5/16
ELSI Elctsrc 1 9/16 + 1/16
ELET ElletBr d3⅜ –⅜
ELRNF ElronEl 16 9/16 – 9/16
ESOL EmplySi d2 1/16 –9/32
ENML Enamelin d4 –⅜
EAI EngineA s 56⅞ +⅜
ENMD EntreMd 27⅞ +1/2
ENVY Envoy 35 1/16 +⅛
ENZN Enzon 6 1/16 –1/16
ERICY EricTel a 26 5/16 + 7/16
ETEC EtecSys 32 3/4 –⅜
EXAR Exar 17 1/16 –1/2
BIGX Excit-Ind 9 –⅜
XCIT Excite s 39 7/16 +5/16
EXPD Expdint 36⅞ –2 1/16
FPAMQ vjFPA Md ½ –1/32
FTPS FTP Sft d1 1/16 –1/16
FGCI FamGolf s 20 1/16 –2 1/16
FAST Fastenl 39 3/4 –3/16
FAXX FaxSav 4½ +1/16
FITB FfthThrd 59½ –15/32
FILE FileNet s 22 1/16 –⅜
FINL FinLine 13 7/16 –6 1/16
FACO FstAlla s 6⅞ +1/16
FCGI FstCnslt n 26⅞ –⅞
FHCC FstHlth s 23⅝ +9/32
FSCO FSecCp s 20 –⅝
FTEN FstTenn s 29¼ ...
FVHI FrstVrtl n 3 11/16 +1/32
FMER FstMerit s 28¼ ...
FISV Fiserv s 41 9/16 –⅛
FFIC PlushF 23½ –¾
FMXI Foamex 17 5/32 –9/32
FONR Fonar 1 5/16 +1/32
FONX FontixCp d2¾ +⅜
FDLNB FdLioB 10 9/16 –9/16
FDLNA FdLioA 11 +1/32
FORE ForeSys 23 9/16 +⅝
FGII FGoldmn 18¾ –1 1/2
FRND Friendly n 9¼ +⅞
FFEX FrozenFd 8 –⅛

G-H-I

GSTX GST Tele 12⅝ –⅜
GTIS GT Interac 8 9/16 +⅜
GADZ Gadzooks 10⅜ +⅜
GRDG GardnR 11 –½
GBUR Gardnbrg 11 9/16 –⅛
GART Gartner 29½ –⅞
GELX GelTex n 19½ +¼
GMSTF Gemstr 33 1/4 –1⅜
GNCMA GnCom 3⅞ +⅜
GMGC GMagic 7⅞ +1
GNCI GenNutr d20¾ –1
GSCN GenSCan d6¾ –9/16
GEND GenaDir n d6⅝ –9/16
GCTI GenesyTel22 9/16 –⅝
GNTX Gentex s 13 9/16 –⅜
GENZ GenzymGn30 1/16 +1/16
GETY Gettylm n 18½ +¼
GILD Gilead 23 +1/2
GEMS Glenayre d7⅜ –9/32
GISX Glbirng n 15 1/16 –1/16
GLBL Globlind s d11¼ –1/16
GBIT Globlint 1 9/32 +1/32
GTSG GlbfTle n 47 3/32 –3 9/32
GSTRF Globalstr s20 3/4 +7/16
GBFE GoldBks d2⅝–1 9/32
GSBNZ GldStBc wt4 13/32 –3/32
VINT GldStVnt nd10⅞ –¼
GDYS GdyFam s 24⅜ +7/16
GTRC GuitarC 21¼ –2¼
GYMB Gymbree d8 1/16 –1 3/16
HBOC HBO s 28 1/16 –1 5/16
HMTT HMTTch 7⅞ –1/2
HNCS HNC Sft 39½ +⅛
HUBC HUBCO d29¾ –½
HDCO Hadco 25½ –¾
HAIN HainFood 17–2 7/16
HRBC Harbngr s 9 25/32 +9/32
HAUP HaupgQ 11 3/32 –7/32
HCFP HithCFP 45 –¼
HCRI HithcrRc d13¾ –2¾
HPRT Heartprt 5 –⅛
HBCCA Hellst s 39⅜ –1
HELX HelixTch s10 1/16 –1/2
HSIC HSchein 43⅞ –⅛
HSKA HeskaCp 10 9/32 –9/32
HYWD HiwdE 14 15/16 +1 1/16
HBEI HomeBEIg14 1/16 –⅜
HORC HorizHC 5½ +⅛
CAFE HostAmr nd5 5/16 +1/16
HBSR HdsnRvr n13 7/16 +¼
HUGSi HumGen 36 1/16 –1/16
JBHT HuntJB 26 –1/16
HBAN HuntBnk 28¾+1 1/16
HHLAF HrrcneH n 27⅜ +1/16
HTCH HutchT 19¾ –⅜
HYSW HyprSt d25 1/16 +1 1/2
STAT I–STAT 11⅞ +1/16
ITWO i2 Tech s 20 1/16–1 1/16
ICGX ICG Com 25¾ –⅜
ICOGF ICO Glob n 12 –⅜
ICOS ICOS 21 9/16 –⅜
IDPH IDEC 23 7/16 +⅛
IDXX IdexxLb 20¾ +1 1/16
IDMC IDM Env 1⅛ +1/8
IDTC IDTCorp 22¾ –9/16
IDXC IDXSys n 50 1/16+3 3/16
IGEN IGEN 31⅜ –⅜
IMCC IMC Mt 10 1/16 –⅛
INSO INSO 16 1/2 +7/16
ITEQ ITEQ Inc d5¾ –¼
IXC IXC Com 38⅞ –1⅞
IBIS IbisTech 13¾+2 1/16
ICMT Ion CMT n 11⅛ +1⅛
IKOS Ikos 2 1/32 +9/32
IMTI ImagynMd 9 1/32 +1/16
IMAT Imatrn 2¾ –1/32
IMAXF Imax Cp 20 1/16 +3/64
IMNR ImunRsp 9 9/16 –7/16
IMNX Imunex 63⅜ –2⅜
IMNT Imnet 21 5/16 –⅜
ICMI ImpCrdt n 10½ ...
INCL InControl 5½ +5/16
INCY Incyte s 31 1/16–1 9/16
ICBC IndpCm n 14⅜ –1/16
INDGF IndigoNV d3 1/16 –1/32
IMIC IndusMate d7 –2
IRIC InfoRes 13⅜ –¼
IFMX Informix 5 29/32 –1/32
SEEK Infoseek 23⅞ +⅜
INKT Inktomi n 46⅜ –2⅞
IDYN InnerDyn 4 1/16 –⅛
PUREW InnoM wtA ⅛ ...
INVX Innovex 12½ –⅞
INPR Inprise d6 9/32 –⅜
NSIT Insight s 45½ –1/2
ICST IntegCirc d12¼ +⅛
IDTI IntgDv 5 15/32 –1/32
IPEC ItgPrc d9⅝ ...
INTC Intel 84 1/16+2 1/16
ICOM Intelect 3⅝ –1/16
ITIG Intelligrp 20 –⅜
ITVU InterVu n 12⅝ –⅞
IMGK IntMagic n 9 9/16 –1/16
IFSIA Intrface s 15⅞ –⅛
INGR Intgph 6¼ –1/32
ICIX IntmdCm s35 7/16+13/16
IFCI IntFibcm 8¾ +1/16
ITDS IntlTDS s 24 1/2–1 3/16
IPIC Interneur d3 1/16 –7/32
ISLI Intersolv 16¼ –⅜
INTU Intuit 48 5/16+2 9/16
IVCR Invacare 22½ +¼
IRIDF IndmWr 42¼ –¼
ISIP Isis 11⅞ +1/16
ITEX ItexCp 12 5/32 –6/64

J-K-L

JDEC JD Edwrn 36 ...
JDAS JDASoft s d14⅜ –5/16
JCOR JacorCm 55⅛ –¼
JUSC JetSmrf 13 9/16 +31/32
JOINA Jonel A 25 1/16 –1/16
JMED JonesPhrm 31 –¼
FEET JstFeet 17⅝ –3/16
KTEL K-tel s 8¼ –⅛
KLAC KLA Tenc 27⅜ –1/16
KOGC KelloG d21 19/32 –3/32
KELL Kelstrm n 26 –⅞
KMET Kemet 21 1/16 –⅛
KING KingPh n d14¼ +1
KNGT KnightTr s 14 1/16 +13/16
NITE KnightTr n 15⅜ +1/16
VLOCF KnightT d22 –1¼
KMAG Komag d2⅞ +1/16
KKRO KookR 1⅛ –⅛
KLIC Kulicke 14⅛ +1/2
KLOC KushLk 4 5/32 +9/32
LHSG LHS Grp s 61⅛ +3⅞
LTXX LTX d31/64 –11/16
LAORF LaTeko 21/32 ...
LBOR LabrRdy s 29 –1/2
NTOL Natrol n d14⅜ –⅛
NAti NaturAl 18½ –⅞
NAUT Nautica 24 7/16 –1
NAVR Navarre 4¾ –9/16
NMGC NeoMgic 14 11/16 +⅛
NERX NeoRx d3 7/16 –1/16
NPTH NeoPath d4¼ –⅛
NEOP Neoprobe 1⅞ –1/16
NSPK NetSpk 8⅝ –⅜
NETG NetGrav n 12⅜ –⅛
NETM Netmng d12 1/4 –1/16
NSCP Netscape 23 5/16 –1⅜
NETA NetwkAs s 42¼ –2⅝
NSOL NetwSol n33 13/16+1 1/16
NEON NewEraN 34 9/16 –3/16
NEWZ NewsEdge 7¼ +5/16
NWST NewStar 1¼ ...
NXTR Nexstar d8 –1/2
NXTL NextelCm 25 1/8 +7/32
NXLK Nextlink n 35½ +1
NSANY Nissan 6 7/16 ...
NCTI NoiseCT ⅛ ...
NOBE Nordstr s 30 3/4+1 9/16
NRLD Norland d⅝ ...
TNFI NrthFce d14 1/4 –⅞
NTRS NorTrst 72 –⅛
CBRYA NorCran 11⅜ +7/16
NWAC NwstAri 31 29/32 +1/16
NOVL Novell 10 3/16 –1/16
NVLS Novlus s 37 15/16 +⅞
OAKT OakTech d3 ...
ODETA OdeticA s 57⅛ –¼
OLOG OffsLog d9⅛ –⅜
OKEN OldKent s 34½ +¼
OMPT Omnipoint18 1/16 –3/16
ONSL Onsale 24 –¾
OMKT OpenMkt 14⅜ –1/16
OPTK Optimag 2½ +1/16
OPTN OptnCr 2¼ +1/16
ORCL Oracle s 25 3/16 –5/16
ORBKF Orbotch 32⅛ –1⅛
ORCTF OrckitCm 14 –⅜
OLGC Orthlog d3¾ –1/16
OSTE Osteotch 22¼ –⅛
OSSI OutbkStk 34⅛ +7/16
OXHP OxfordHlt d7 7/32 +1/32
OZEMY OzEmail 20 –½

P-Q-R

PCMS P–Com s 7⅜ +⅛
PICO PICO Hld d3¼ –⅛
PMCS PMC Srra 33 1/16–4 9/16
PMTS PMT Svc 21¼ –3/16
PRIA PRI Auto 13⅞ +3/16
PSIX PSINet 15 1/16 –⅜
PSSI PSS Wrld 15 9/16 +⅛
PCAR Paccar 46 –⅛
PGEX PacGate n 39⅜ +1¼
PSUN PacSun s 28⅞ –⅜
PHSYB PacifCB 69 1/16–3 7/16
PAGE PagingN 10⅝ +3/16
PAIR PairgTcn d12¾ –3/16
PALM PalmEx d8 –⅜
SPOT PanAmSat 49 +1
PANA Panaco 2⅝ +⅛
PZZA PapJohn 31¼ +1
PLLL ParPet d3⅜ + 3/32
PMTC ParmTc sd11 9/16–3/32
PRXL Parexel 31½ +⅞
PARL Parlux d1 9/16 –1/16
PCTY PartyCity s 20 1/16 –3/16
PGNS PathoG d24⅛ –2
PDCO PattDnti s 33⅜ –⅛
PTEN PattEng s 6⅜ +⅛
PAUH PAHrms 8⅞ –⅛
PAYX Paychex s 39 1/16–5/16
PEOP Peapod 7 +3/16
PSA Pediatrc 3 1/16 –5/16
PRLS PrtsSys n 19½ –⅜
PEGA Pegasys 24 –2¼
SPWY Penske s 27⅜ –1/16
PHBK PeopHrt s 21 –⅛
PSFT Peoplft s 36 1/16 +7/16
PRGN Peregrne 31 1/16 –2¼
PERI Perphrn d5¼ –7/16
PRGO Perrigo 9 1/16 +1/32
PETC PetcoAn d9 1/16 –1/16
PETM PetsMart 7 3/16 +1/16
DOSE PharM 5½ –3/16
PMRX PhrmMed 9¾ +1
PPDI PharmPdt 24 +11/16
PARS Pharmos 2 7/32 –1/16
PLAB Photrin s 17⅞ +1/16
PHYC PhyCor 8 9/16 +1/16
PHMX PhyMatrix 5⅜ –⅜
PHYN PhysRell 8¼ +1/16
PCTL PicTel 8½ +¼
PIOS PionStd 9¼ +1/16
PIXR Pixar 44½ –⅞
LANPF Plaintr g 1⅜ +3/16
PLNR PlanarSy 12¾ +3/16
PSQL PlatSoft 19 +½
PLAT PlatTc 30⅛ –¼
PLAY Players 5½ +⅛
PLCM Polycom 15¾ +¾
PNDR Ponder d7⅜ +1/32
PESC PoolEn d8⅛ –⅜
BPOP Popular s 33¾ –1
PFSCF PostFb gn 9¾ +½
POSS Possis 9 15/16 +3/16
POWI Powrint n 8 15/16 +3/16
PWAV Powrwv 11½ –7/16
PTEK PremT 9 –⅛
PRMS Primisy d14 9/16–2 3/16
PRST Prestek d8 15/16 –⅜
PTVL PrevTrvl n26 15/16+3 1/16
PREN PriceEnt 18½ +¼
TROW PriceTR s 34 7/16 +7/16
PRMA Primadn d11 –⅜
PNRG PrmEgy 6 9/16 +1/16
PRTL PrimusT 17 15/16 +7/16
PRGX ProfRec 23½ –2
PMCO ProMdCo d5 +1/16
PURW PureWld 10¼ –½
QCFB QCF Bc 30⅝ +¼
QLGC Qlogic 58⅝ +4 1/2
QMDC Quadrmd 26 9/16+1 7/16
QCOM Qualcom 58⅛ –¾
QNTM Quantum d15 –⅞
QDEK Quartrdk d9½ –1/32
QTRN Quintiles s 44½ +1⅝
QHGI Quormh s 25 +¼
QWST QwestCm s36 7/16 +⅜
RCNC RCN Cp s20 15/16 +⅛
RFMD RF MicD 15 5/16 –7/16
RSLCF RSL Cm n 37¼ –1¼
RACN RacingCh 12¼ –½
RADAF RadicaG 15½ –1/16
RWKS Railworks n 11½ ...
RAIN RainCfre s 11¼–1 1/16
RMBS Rambus 53 +⅛
RMTR Ramtron 2⅝ +⅛
RARE RaneHosp 11⅛–1 9/16
RATL RatlSft 16⅛ –⅛
RTEL Raytel 5⅞ +5/16
RDRT ReadRt d5¾ –19/32
RNWK RtNetwr n 32⅛ +3/16
RECY Recycling 3 1/16 –⅛
REDB RedBrick 21⅜ +1/32
RGBK RegionsFn 37⅞ –1⅛
RGIS Regis Cp 28⅜ –½
REMC Remec 28 3/32 +9/32
RMDY Remedy 11⅜ +1/2
REGI RenaisW sd14 1/16 ...
RNTK Rentch 1 1/16 –1/16
RSFC RepSec 9⅞ +⅜
RSND Resound d4⅛ ...
REXI ResCare s 32¼ +¼
RBMG RobBnkM 19 –⅛
RESP Respgrn 14⅜ –1/16
RTRSY ReutrGrp 66½ +¼
RXSO ResrSolu s 21 1/16–1 3/32
RIBI Ribinn 3⅞ +⅛
RIGS RigsNt 26½ –½
RMII RsMrnet 13⅝ +⅛
RSLN RpslynB d18 9/16–1 1/16
ROST RossStrs 39⅛ ...
ROSS RossSy 4 3/32 +4/32
ROCLF RoyalOly n 6⅛ –1
RYAN RyanF 11 9/16 +7/16

S-T-U

SIII S3 Inc 3⅜ +1/16
SCMM SCM Mic n 57⅜+1 11/32
SDLI SDL Inc 17 7/8–1 11/16
SFXE SFX Ent n 39½ –1½
SOSS SOS Stf 20¼ –⅛
SBTK Sabratak 19 9/16 –⅜
SAFC Safeco d42 1/16 +⅞
SFSK Safeskin s 33⅜ –2
SAMC Samsnte d6 3/16–1 1/16
SAFM SandFm 14 9/16 + 1/16
SNDK SanDisk n d10 ...
SANM Sanmina s 42⅛ +⅝
SPNSF Sapiens n d6¾ –¼
SAPE Saplent s 43½ +¼
SAVLY Saville s 24⅞ –⅜
SAWS Sawtek d12¼ –⅞
SCHS SchoolSp n 12½ –1/16
SHLM Schulmn 17¼ –⅛
SCIO Scios 6 7/8 +1/16
SCUR SecComp n10⅞ +¼
SDTI SecDyn d11 –⅝
SEGU SegueSoft 17 –¼
SELAY SictApp 30⅝ –1⅞
SMTC Semtch s 13⅜ +⅛
SNTKY Senetek 3 9/32 –1/32
SEPR Sepracr 51¼ –½
SQNT Sequnt 11 –⅜
SEQU Sequus 8 9/16 –⅞
SEVL 7th Level 4½ –1/16
SHPGY ShrePh d16 9/16–7 1/16
SHVA Shiva 6⅝ +1¼
SHFL ShufMst 7⅜ ...
SEBL SiebelSys s25 1/16 +1 1/16
SIGM SigmDg 2½ +1/32
SIAL SigmAl d28⅝ –1 1/16
SVGI SilconVl 12⅞ ...
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SUNQ Sunquest 10⅞ +⅛
SNRZ SunrAssets d27⅞ –⅜
SESI SupEnrgyd3 9/16 –⅛
SWFT SwftTrns 18⅛ +1/2
SRMI Swissray 5 1/32 ...
SYOT SyQuTc d4⅝ –1/16
SYBS Sybase 8¼ ...
SYKE SykesEn 17 11/16 +⅛
SLVN SylvnLrn s 27⅞ –1⅛
SYMC Symntc 23½ +½
SYVA Sylvis A 4½ +1/16
SYBL SymbolT 45⅞ +1⅛
SYNF Synfel 20½ –1⅛
SYNT Syntel 20½ –1⅛
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VIAS Viasoft 12½ +⅜
VIKNG VikingOP 30½ –15/32
VIMRX Vimrx d1 +1/32
VIRGY VirginExp s11 15/16–3/16
VSIO VisioCo s 35 –1/16
VSTN Vistana d12½ –¼
EDGE VisEdge 1 15/32 –1/16
VTCH VtchAm 15 –⅜
VTSS Vitesse s 34 1/32+1 3/32
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WFMI WholeFd 39 –3/32
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WIMCO WilmCtr 2 5/16 ...
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YBTVA YoungBd 82 9/16 –⅝
ZBRA Zebra 34 1/16 +1⅛
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ZITL Zitel 5 1/16 –⅜
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VDIM VDI Mid 11⅞ +1/16
VLSI VLSI 13 1/16 +1/16
VALTech ValTech 4⅝ +1/16
VALM Valmnt d16 5/16 –1/32
VATV ValVis A 4¼ +3/16
VCELA VgridCell 20⅝ +¼
VNTV Vantive 10 9/16 +9/16
VECO Vesconint 27⅜ +1¼
VMSI Ventana 22¼ –1⅜
VRSN Versign n 29⅝ –1/2
VRTS VeritasSft s 51 –1¼
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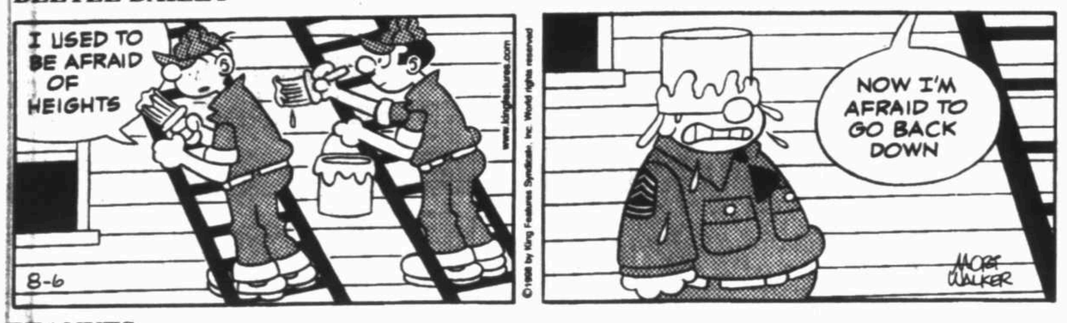

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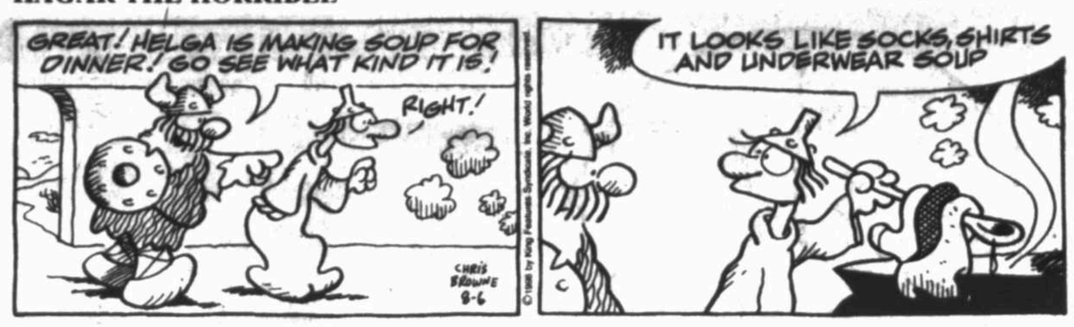

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll have: 5-Dymanic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Aug. 6, 1998:
Work and health need to remain a high priority. A diet or exercise plan is exactly what the doctor ordered for you. Creativity is high, and your dream time plays a major role in this continuing process. Others seek you out frequently, for brainstorming sessions. Partners work with you financially, though a key partner could turn out to be a big spender. If you are single, romance has a very idealistic tone. Be realistic about the situation and this person. If attached, you see your partner in a much different light. Romance blooms. AQUARIUS plays devil's advocate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ When your sleep is disturbed and you have wild dreams, it might be wise to start keeping a journal. You cannot underestimate your creativity. Good news comes from your intuitive actions. Handle those in charge by using your sixth sense. Tonight: Where the crowd is.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Establish groundwork now. Make calls, and explore different ideas. Get an early start before others crowd your work space. You're approaching a long sought-after goal, and faster than you know. Friends surround you. Handle a boss appropriately. Tonight: A must show.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Getting close to someone could mean clipping your wings. Is that what you want? You might be more into the symbolism of a close relationship than the reality. Buy a card to express your love. A boss finally defers to you. Financial gain is more than possible. Tonight: Make weekend plans.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Express your feelings. Be less concerned with others' reactions. You can't control them anyway, nor would you want to. Open up to a different perception. You don't have to get locked into a rigid pattern or restrictive thinking. Tonight: A partner has something special for you!
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Get as much done as possible. Your imagination leads you down interesting paths. You want to share your dream life only with a trusted partner. Making money is easy. Be careful not to put a friend on a pedestal. Focus on the reality of the situation. Tonight: Start the weekend now!
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Ingenuity marks your decisions. No question about it, you see events and people a lot differently. Follow the push toward socializing, meetings and commitment to a cause. A special friend supports you in these changes. Tonight: Finish whatever work is incomplete.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Share your excitement about work with those whom honestly care. Sort through the difference between money and accomplishments. You see the difference between a user and a friend. Let your imagination go with a child. Tonight: With favorite people.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Wade through news that keeps coming in. You have a decision to make. Let ingenuity help you find the answer for you, which might not be obvious. Your seductiveness has impact. Recognize that an admirer might care a lot more than you. Tonight: An easy night at home.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Monetary soundness is your personal responsibility, not someone else's. Sort through someone's financial plans, then make decisions on your own. You can be sure this person talks a good game. Family backs you. Your intuition is more on target than you realize. Tonight: Take off on an adventure.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Reach out for others, and seek information. Friends are only too happy to share their thoughts and feelings. You might not want to hear all that you do. Maintain a sense of humor. Keep communications open. Take a lucky hunch and run with it. Tonight: Spend money to make money.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Co-workers and active participants in your daily life are clearly there for you. You might not want to share some ideas yet; you're still mulling them over. Follow your intuition financially, as long as it doesn't involve a heavy expenditure. Tonight: Enjoy being inspired.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Use the daytime to further a cause close to your heart. Romance tickles those with a youthful outlook. It takes as much feeling to hate as to love; they are flip sides of the same coin. Count on your charisma. Don't delude yourself about reality. Tonight: Mystery works!

GOREN BRIDGE

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TAKE THE SURE WAY

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ J 8
♡ Q 10 9 8
◇ J 2
♣ A K 9 7 6

WEST
♠ 6 5
♡ K 7 4
◇ A K 10 7 6 5
♣ 10 4

EAST
♠ K 7 3
♡ 6 5 3 2
◇ Q 9 3
♣ Q 8 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 9 4 2
♡ A J
◇ 8 4
♣ J 5 2

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: King of ◇

East-West combined on defense to give declarer a losing option, and South bought it. We are not convinced that South should have swallowed the bait.

The auction was straightforward. With a dead minimum opening bid and no particular liking for partner's suit, North had an automatic pass after West overcalled. However, nothing was going to prevent South from playing in game in spades.

West led the king of diamonds, East contributing the nine. West continued with the ace, and East completed an echo with the three. Now West led a third diamond. Declarer ruffed in dummy and discarded a club from hand. Although the spade finesse succeeded, declarer had to concede a trump trick because the king was amply guarded. When the heart finesse failed, declarer was down one.

As the cards lie, declarer would have done better to ruff the third diamond in hand, discarding a club from the table. After crossing to dummy with a high club, the jack of spades is run and, when it holds, the finesse is repeated and the ace is cashed to fell the king. Now declarer simply cashes the ace of hearts and continues with the jack. No matter which defender wins, declarer still has a club entry to the board to take a club discard on a high heart.

Which line is better? We leave that to the mathematicians but, why would West blithely play a third diamond if the defender held a seven-card suit?

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DENNIS THE MENACE

"OH, THAT'S MY GRANDMA. SHE WAS MY DAD'S *BOSS* BEFORE MY MOM CAME ALONG."

PEOPLE TODAY

Jamie Lee Curtis doesn't like to be scared

LOS ANGELES — **Jamie Lee Curtis** is a 'fraidy cat.

Don't ever sneak up behind the actress and yell "Boo!" Never try scaring her to cure hiccups. And, please! No surprise parties.

"I react to surprise in a sick, twisted and very emotional way," Miss Curtis, whose latest slasher movie role is in "Halloween: H2O," said in an interview before Tuesday's opening of the film.

Miss Curtis doesn't mind acting in the bloodbath movies, but she rarely watches them. If she does, she said, it is on videotape with the lights on, the sound off and a lot of fast-forwarding through the scary parts.

"I have questioned the fact that I have made my living off scaring people, which is something I hate having done to me," she said. "I'm terrified of them. I loathe these kinds of movies. ... I don't like to be frightened. I don't even like to be tickled."

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LONDON — Months after his wife's death, **Paul McCartney** is promising to keep the "torch burning" by continuing her animal rights crusade.

Paul McCartney promises to keep up his wife's animal rights crusade.

In an interview with Animal Times, run by the group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, McCartney said he wants to prove he is as committed to animal rights as his wife was.

"Animal rights is too good an idea for the next century to be suppressed," he said. "I think it's time we got nice."

McCartney said he is still grieving his wife, who died of cancer in April, but added, "We have to look at the blessings and replace all the bad memories with good ones."

McCartney, who has remained out of the spotlight since his wife's death, also granted an interview to British-based Viva Life, which is run by Vegetarians International Voice for Animals, a group Mrs. McCartney helped start. Both interviews will be published next month.

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DEXTER LAKE, N.Y. — **Shania Twain** is reportedly putting her Adirondack Mountain estate up for sale.

The asking price for the 3,000-acre property is $9 million, the Plattsburgh Press-Republican reported.

The country star has owned the home for four years with her husband, **Robert John "Mutt" Lange.**

During that time, they have fought with the Adirondack Park Agency regarding the construction of buildings, including a studio, on the property.

Twain will be missed by many of the residents.

"She was really good to the town, our fire department, the senior citizens," Franklin County Legislature Chairman Ray Susice said. "And she gave a lot of work to the people in the surrounding area."

Twain also donated a new sound system to the local school district, the paper reported.

Her hits include "Woman In Me" and "Come On Over," which is also the name of her current tour.

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LOS ANGELES — Dylan McKay is moving back to that famous posh ZIP code.

Luke Perry will return to "Beverly Hills, 90210" next season in a deal with Fox that includes development of a new series. The contract calls for Perry to appear in a minimum of 12 new "90210" episodes, with the possibility of doing an entire season.

Perry left the show in 1995 to appear in movies. He just finished filming "The Florentine" for Francis Ford Coppola and currently is shooting "Storm," co-starring Martin Sheen. Perry's movie credits include "8 Seconds," "Normal Life" and "The Fifth Element."

Under his new deal with 20th Century Fox Television and Fox Broadcasting Co., Perry will develop and star in a new series and possibly work on other Fox projects, including a TV movie and a feature film.

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ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Ex-soap star **James Fitzpatrick** must pay $166,272 in damages to a Planet Hollywood employee who sued him for allegedly fondling her at a party.

Federal Judge **Stanley Brotman** said in a decision issued July 20 that the former "All My Children" star should compensate **Debra Huron** for emotional distress and the harm the incident caused her marriage.

Fitzpatrick never showed up in court to contest the lawsuit, The Press of Atlantic City reported.

Huron said in her suit that Fitzpatrick was caught on a security camera in the restaurant's back office in Atlantic City grabbing her and trying to pull down her blouse and slip his hands inside her bra.

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BEIRUT, Lebanon — **Michael DeBakey** credits some of his success in inventing heart devices to his mother's sewing.

"I read several books on engineering and with the help of the Dacron which my mother used for sewing, I managed to create the tubes" for heart pumps, the 91-year-old DeBakey said.

DeBakey, a Lebanese-American pioneer in artificial heart research, made his comments to the London-based Arabic newspaper Al-Hayat.

A professor and researcher at Baylor University in Houston, DeBakey was the first surgeon to implant a partial artificial heart in a patient nearly 40 years ago. He also is among the developers of a new generation of smaller, more reliable heart pumps.

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TV TONIGHT

THURSDAY EVENING — **August 6, 1998** — For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

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(3) KMID	2	3	News 631	Wheel of Fortune	Push: On Your Marks ... 5761 (TVPG)		ABC News Summer Thursday 1709		Nightline In Primetime (Part 1 of 5) 4273		News 27506	Nightline 36254	Politically Incorrect	Access Hollywood
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	World's Wildest Police Videos 29070		Fox Files 80790		Dallas Cowboys Scrimmage: Cowboys vs. Oakland Raiders 15877				Vibe 45254	
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 8877	Grace Under Fire	Promised Land 49254 (TVG)		Diagnosis Murder 58902 (TVPG)		48 Hours 45438		News 1010254	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Married ... Children
(9) KWES	9	9	News 3341	Seinfeld 4693	Friends 6709	Suddenly Susan	Seinfeld 5457	Just Shoot Me	ER: My Brother's Keeper 83612 (TV14)		News 7680148	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	The Kendalls	John Hagee 21490	The Light of the Southwest 38902				Update News	Joyce Meyer 21761	Richard Roberts 94493		Jesse Duplantis	Ask Joe Good
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 911051		West Texas Journal	Small Business	Mystery! 754693 (TVPG)		Tell About the South 361083 (TVPG)		Telecourse 769916			
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(8) CNBC		8	Business Center	Equal Time W/Bay	Hardball With Chris Matthews 9347544		Rivera Live 9323964		The News With Brian Williams 9343728		Hardball With Chris Matthews 9346815		Rivera Live 7683964	
(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	Coach 813631	Cousins (PG-13, '89) ★★★ (Ted Danson, Isabella Rossellini) 671877				News 433934		Beverly Hills, 90210 283411 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night 660761 (TV14-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	Andy Griffith	Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves 203631						The People Under the Stairs (R, '91) ★★ (Brandon Adams, Everett McGill) 8314032			Movie (11:40)	
(14) FAM		14	Rescue 911 757815		Terrors of the Deep		The Lost Treasure of Dos Santos ('97) 389438				The 700 Club 391273		Bonanza 916631 (TVG)	
(20) DISC		20	Gimme Shelter 575273 (TVG)		Wild Discovery 392877 (TVG)		Into the Unknown	Movie Magic	Wings Over the Gulf 381761 (TVG)		Justice Files: Under the Influence 391148		Wild Discovery 718051 (TVG)	
(21) AMC		21	Don't Bother ... (5:30)		River of No Return ('54) 2813457		Niagara (8:35) ('53) ★★★ 99509032				How to Marry a Millionaire (10:15) 49353186			
(22) TNN		22	The Waltons 885983		Champ. Bull Riding		Prime Time Country		Today's Country		Dallas 618148 (TVPG)		Dukes of Hazzard	
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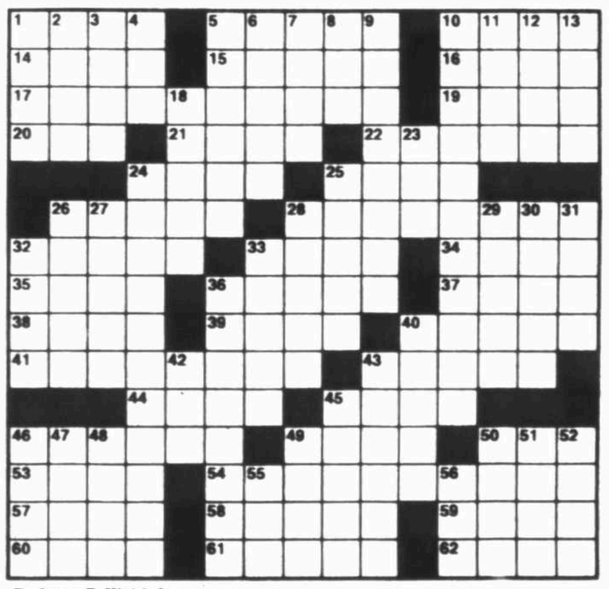

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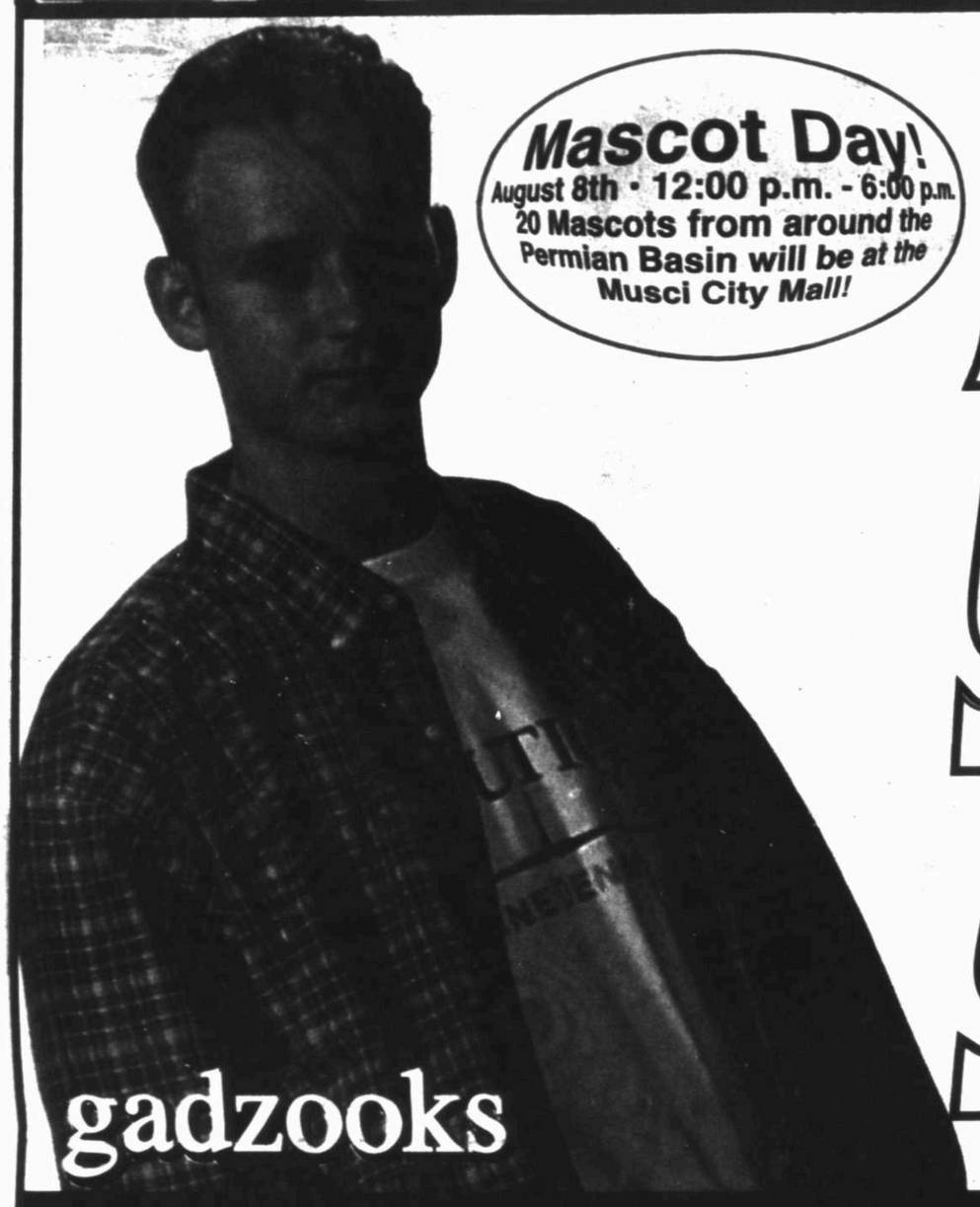

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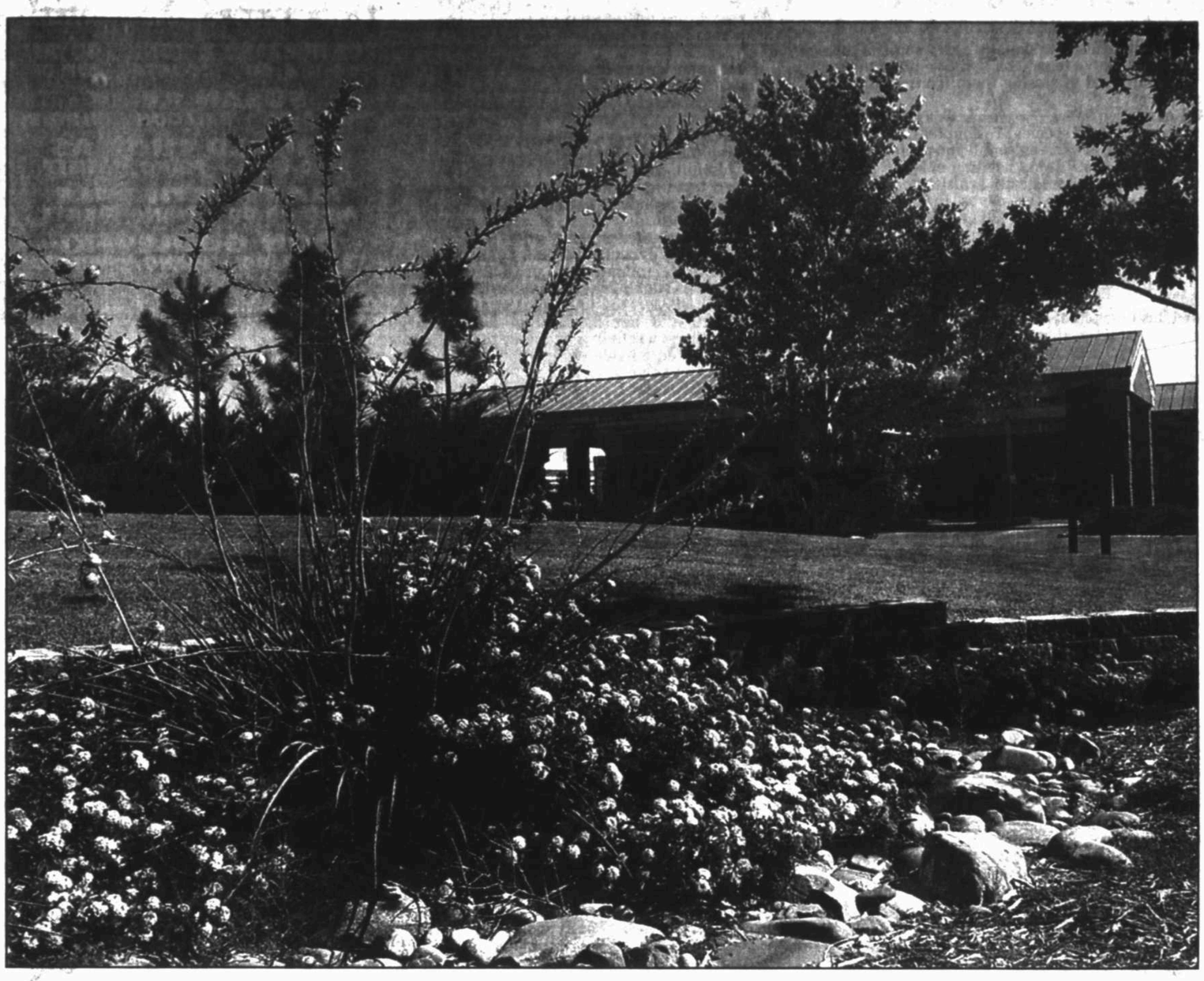

Norwest Bank on north Midland Drive, left, features a combination of lush grass and native plants in its landscape. Cypress Pointe Residences, above, boasts a flowing landscape complete with shade trees, flower beds and even benches where residents can sit and enjoy the view.

Photos by Tim Fischer

Islands of Green

By Linda Anderson
Staff Writer

Norwest Bank on north Midland Drive includes a landscaped area that provides a more relaxed wait for its drive-up window customers.

Corporate America isn't all concrete and steel. Here in Midland, it's also lawns and gardens and shade trees.

And from the looks of the corporate Midland's landscapes, it seems evident that neither heat nor drought nor Midland water has prevented these businesses from maintaining their own little islands of green in the desert Southwest.

Green growing plants just make for a nicer atmosphere and a calmer clientel. Wayne Merritt, CEO of Norwest Bank, said that when the company opened its branch on north Midland Drive, the goal was to not only establish a logical and effective way to guide cars into the drive-up lanes, but to "create a garden-like atmosphere" for those drivers. After all, he added, if you have to wait in line, a garden to wait in helps make the experience more pleasant.

The north Midland Drive branch is expanding, Merritt said, because "we had more customers out there than we were able to handle at that branch."

The location, which is a little more than two acres located on a corner, includes a landscape full of seasonal color and native plants, as well as a rock embankment on the south side of the building.

Merritt is pleased with the way the landscape at the north Midland Drive branch is shaping up. It provides a pleasant atmosphere for employees and clients alike. "Plus," Merritt added, "it looks nice."

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Kay Weeks, community director of Cypress Pointe Residences, agreed that a pleasant landscape means a lot to employees and customers alike. She credits Grass Hopper Inc. with establishing the lush green landscape at the apartment complex.

"Spring flowers, fall season color, (they use) a variety of flowers to show the best of that season," she said.

The response from residents has been enthusiastic, Ms. Weeks said, for many reasons. "The tenants love it! I've noticed in this heat, you feel cooler in green grass."

The shade trees in the landscape help keep the whole area more comfortable in these triple-digit temperatures, she added, and the benches that have been added for those who want to sit and enjoy the view are well used.

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At the offices of Midland attorney Glen Aaron, the decision was made to work with, instead of against, the dry desert conditions.

Glen Aaron IV (usually known as Cuatro), office manager of Glen Aaron and Associates, said that the plants in the office's landscape are natives or close to it. "Most of the plants out there came from the Chihuahuan Desert Observertory. They're hybrids."

In other words, they are desert climate plants. "They thrive in this heat," he said. "None are really dying off in this 102-103 degree heat. We've been really happy" with the landscape,

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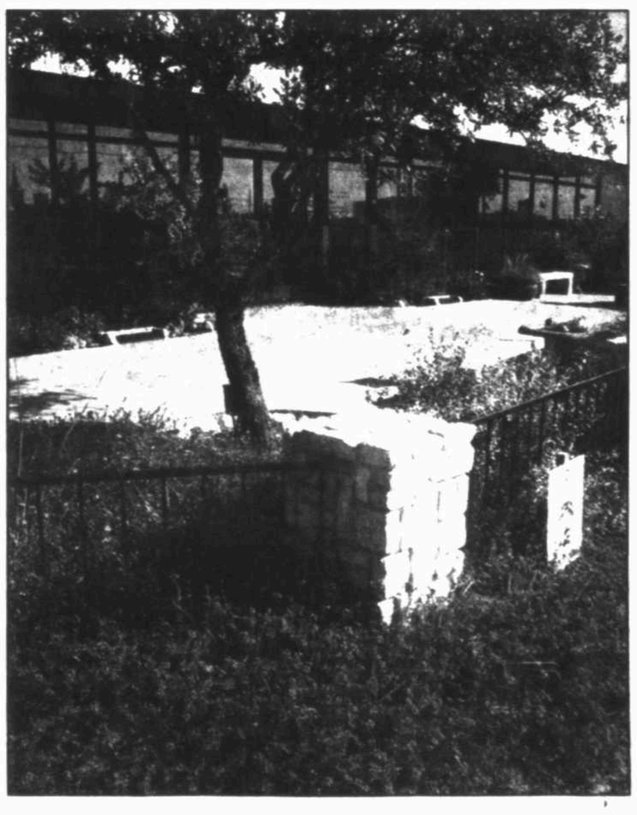

Cypress Pointe Residences, above, uses seasonal color and plants in its landscape. "You feel cooler in green grass," said Kay Weeks, community director of the complex. The Law Offices of Glen Aaron, right, are graced with a garden area full of native plants. The plants "thrive in this heat," said Glen Aaron IV, office manager.

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SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Some grasses, perennials do well in West Texas heat

By Deborah A. Benge Frost

With such a hot, dry summer that seems to have no end, many home owners are rethinking the fescue lawns, maples and magnolias. Many gardeners are yearning for a simpler way to manage an attractive landscape in West Texas.

Benge Frost

Several landscape plants have good heat and drought tolerance and perform well in West Texas. In addition to trees and shrubs, other plants can make an attractive addition to the landscape without needing an enormous amount of water, work and time.

For instance, look at some of these ornamental grasses and flowering perennials:

■ Many grasses grow native to this area and can make wonderful additions to the landscape. Sideoats grama, *Bouteloua curtipendula*, is a gorgeous, warm-season, clump-forming ornamental grass that grows about 2 to 3 feet tall and wide with thin, medium-green blades that are mostly erect and slightly arching. The grass blooms in May or early June and is followed by very showy seed heads that hang to the side of the stem for several months, providing ornamentation and food for birds. Sideoats seems to be long-lived, and the clump increases in size each year, becoming more attractive with age. The size and quality of this grass is perfect for use in the landscapes.

■ Several muhly grasses are equally attractive, including Gulf Coast muhly, *Muhlenbergia capillaris*. Gulf Coast muhly grows about 2 feet tall and 2 feet wide, and has narrow, upright leaf blades. The beauty of this grass is most evident in the fall when it blooms with delicate puffs of pink haze. The grass is especially attractive with back lighting, so plant it where you can enjoy it with the morning or evening light behind it.

■ Another muhly grass is Lindheimer's, *Muhlenbergia lindheimeri*. This stately grass grows 2 to 5 feet tall and can develop a 3 foot spread. It is mostly upright with fairly thin leaves that give it a finely textured appearance. This plant is being used increasingly more in the central part of the state as a substitute for pampas grass, but it is a better in landscape size and is easier to handle than pampas. It blooms in fall with spectacular and intricate-looking seed heads. It will grow in almost any soil type and will tolerate full or partial sun. It looks good through the winter.

■ Stipa or Mexican Feather Grass, *Stipa tenuisma*, is a gorgeous, very finely textured, silky, arching grass with light to medium green leaves. This grass grows 2 to 3 feet tall and wide and is extremely heat and drought tolerant. The seed head is not showy, but the plant itself is attractive from April to February. The fine leaves catch the light and appear to add a shining glow to the garden. It has a tendency to reseed, but the seedlings are easy to weed out or transplant.

All of these grasses are very adaptable and heat and drought tolerant, which makes them perfect candidates for area landscapes.

For perennial color, several plants that are native to this area or similar areas work well in area landscapes, but are difficult to find.

Local nurseries occasionally carry some of them, but you may have to rely on a native plant nursery or try your hand at raising them from seed or cuttings.

■ Four nerve daisy, *Hymenoxys sp.*, is native to this area (some related species are adapted). These great little plants are evergreen, small and perfect for rock gardens and other areas needing color. Foliage is bright green and sometimes whitish looking from fuzzy hairs that cover the leaves. In the wild, these plants grow about 4 inches tall and wide; in the garden with extra water they can grow to 8 to 10 inches wide. Tall thin flower stalks rise out of the upright narrow leaves and bear bright yellow daisies that persist a long time. This plant blooms from late winter to fall.

■ Plains Black Foot daisy, *Melampodium leucanthum*, is a fabulous plant that grows along roadsides, but is rarely noticed. In the home landscape, with a little water, the plant will grow a foot wide and almost a foot tall. It is covered in pure white daisy-like flowers with yellow centers from spring to fall. This plant can be propagated from seed or cuttings.

■ Ruellia, *Ruellia sp.*, great perennials for local landscapes, are available in local garden centers. Mexican petunia, *Ruellia brittoniana*, is an old-fashioned plant that grows about 1 foot to 2 feet tall. It spreads by underground rhizome forming colonies. It has dark green leaves and violet-colored flowers that open in the morning and close in the heat of the day. A native species is called violet ruellia, *R. nudiflora*, and another species has white and pink blooms. The pink is marketed as 'Chichi.' A couple of dwarf species, like Mexican petunia, called 'Katie's Dwarf' and 'Bonita,' don't spread aggressively. These ground-hugging plants have bright green, peach-like leaves and the same shaped flower. 'Katie's' has a lavender-colored flower. while 'Bonita' is pink with purple or lavender marks in the throat. These plants will persist in dry soils if they are located in the shade or on the east or north side of a structure, tree or shrub.

■ Calylophus, *Calylophus sp.*, enjoyed a run of popularity this spring in the garden centers. This wonderful plant was widely available and should be back again next spring. Calylophus is a heavy spring bloomer, but blooms consistently through the summer and fall. The species available this year grows about 10 inches tall and 1 foot wide. It has small, narrow green leaves and pleasantly bright yellow buttercup-like flowers that open in the evening and remain open the next afternoon when the heat causes it to fold into a pink wad. It grows in a variety of soils with very little water.

■ Chocolate daisy, *Berlandiera lyrata*, is found throughout the area on roadsides, vacant lots and alleys. It's not much to look at, but lovely to smell. When it opens its yellow daisy flowers with chocolate brown centers in the morning, it releases a very pleasant chocolate smell. As the flowers fade they leave behind a fairly good looking seed pod that resembles a green flower. T[illegible] plant can get by on local rainfall, so put it in a dr[illegible] area of the landscape.

You don't have to settle for [illegible]y plants to have a water efficient, heat tolerant landscape.

Deborah A. Benge Frost is the extension horticulture agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Midland and Ector Counties.

DEAR ABBY

Thank-you note not welcome to perplexed sender of gift

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I recently sent a wedding gift to a relative and his new bride. I received a thank-you note that made no mention of what the gift was. Both my mother and sister received thank-you notes describing their gifts in detail. I'm wondering if what I got was the code for "we're exchanging it," or if the cards might have gotten mixed up or lost.

Van Buren

Abby, would it be OK to ask the relative's mother what happened? I don't want to sound as if I'm complaining about the poorly written thank-you notes. How do I ask without offending anyone? — WONDERING IN WATERLOO

DEAR WONDERING: I doubt that the note you received was in "code." Most likely, the gift cards got mixed up or lost — a very common occurrence. Do not ask your relative's mother. Instead, telephone the couple and say, "I was delighted to get your thank-you note, but I just had to ask: Did the towels match your decor?" That way you will clue them in about what you gave them, in case they don't know, and they will have the opportunity to be more specific in their thanks.

DEAR ABBY: When I saw the letter from "Curious," whose friend Elaine had a nephew who snooped through her things when he came to visit, I had to write because I have the same problem. But what does one do when the snoop is one's own mother?

My sister and I live in small, one-bedroom apartments. When Mom comes from out of state to visit one of us, we relinquish our bedrooms to her so she can stay in comfort; therefore, short of sending her to a motel, it's impossible to put her in a location where she won't have access to personal items.

Numerous times we have caught her snooping through our dresser drawers, cabinets or closets. Apparently, she still feels she has the right to "inspect," even though my sister and I are both adults. She has even, on occasion, brought forth an item from one of her snooping expeditions to ask, "What is this?" or, "Where did you get this?" When confronted, she giggles as if she's embarrassed — and then she repeats the question.

Additionally, Mom has a tremendous memory for any gift or other item she may have given us, even as long as 10 or 15 years ago. If she doesn't find a particular item she's given us, she confronts us about its whereabouts. She becomes terribly offended and pouts if it had to be discarded or if we just don't remember where it is. These confrontations occur on almost every visit.

My sister and I don't want to put a stop to Mom's visits — after all, she is our mother, and we are her only family. However, we have begun to dread her visits. Any suggestions? — PERPLEXED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR PERPLEXED: Unless you and your sister are prepared to form a united front and deal with your mother firmly, her behavior won't change.

Granted she's your mother, but you are all adults, and such snooping is inexcusable. Tell her you consider it to be an invasion of your privacy.

When she quizzes you about an item you no longer have, tell her you gave it away because it was no longer needed. If she pouts, offer her right of first refusal, but don't allow her to make you feel guilty or uncomfortable.

As a last resort, you and your sister should consider pooling your money and putting your mother up at a nearby motel during her visits, and having her over only when you can supervise her.

DEAR ABBY: I enjoyed the story you printed about the Easter egg hunt where the children were so generous to the girl who was blind. For the past three years, I have been privileged to participate in an Easter egg hunt for blind children sponsored by the Blind Babies Foundation in Fresno. It's called a "beeper egg hunt," because the plastic eggs have small beepers in them to guide the children.

Many times the children receive assistance from sighted companions, but the children locate the eggs by sound.

Sighted children help prepare for this special egg hunt by painting large plywood eggs and gluing pictures of the children with sight impairment to pictures of the Easter Bunny. These souvenirs are presented to the parents of the special students.

During the preparation for the hunt, sighted students are introduced to some of the problems those without sight face, and they react very sympathetically. Therefore, this program benefits both those with sight and those without. — DICK HERBOLDSHIMER, FRESNO, CALIF.

DEAR DICK: Beeper eggs — what a great idea! I understand there are many kinds of beeper products to aid people without sight to participate in sports and other activities. Hooray for the technology that allows them to enjoy some of the things most of us take for granted.

DEAR ABBY: Since I've reached my 80s, my mail is full of ads for health products to help me live longer.

I once had many friends, all of whom were health vigilantes. They shook their heads knowingly as I avoided all strenuous labor and exercise. They made liquid out of good vegetables and spent fortunes buying all the latest supplements. They argued that "organic" was better and "natural" was best. I would tell them that snake venom, poison ivy and manure also were "natural." But they wouldn't listen.

Now my friends are all dead, and I have no one left to argue with. — EDDY HILL, SHERMAN OAKS, CALIF.

DEAR EDDY: The secret to longevity may be a well-developed sense of humor. 'Tis said, "He who laughs, LASTS!'

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Huts: Style of 'architecture' appeals to almost everyone

By William L. Hamilton
N.Y. Times News Service

If summer is the season for celebrating simple things, "A Hut of One's Own: Life Outside the Circle of Architecture," by Ann Cline, is well timed. Its small subject — the hut — defines the field of architecture like a cricket in the grass. It makes a song of the air around it.

Hand-built and homemade, usually wooden, scraped together from pieces of scrap or engineered with standard lumber, the hut is barely design. It is as ordinary as a structure can be. But the hut has an extraordinary gift.

From Tang dynasty Chinese poets' pavilions secluded in the mountains to present-day Puerto Rican casitas sunning themselves in the Bronx, the hut is a shelter for the imagination. Marie Antoinette had her hameau of huts. George Bernard Shaw wrote in a shack at the foot of his garden. Seated outside civilization, the hut, like Shaw, has had a good view of it.

Gaston Bachelard, in his 1969 book, "The Poetics of Space," called the dream of life in a hut "the taproot of inhabiting." Nothing goes straighter to the source of the delight that springs from dwelling. Second homes take a stab at it. There are now an estimated 5 million in the United States — indication enough that informality is looking for a frontier upon which to reinvent the house itself. Recreation homes reintroduce the necessary connection between people and the rudiments of place. But huts recreate the echo.

Ms. Cline, a professor of architecture at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, is one of many calling for a return to first principles to re-engage her profession with its public. The architects Frank Gehry and Cesar Pelli are among those who agree that a study of basic structures could inform richer human sympathy in the design of houses. Though Ms. Cline is not advocating life in huts, they hold the power of illustration for a new generation of architects and their audience.

NO ONE has to be talked into the satisfactions of the hut. It is architecture's inner child. Many people who wouldn't know or couldn't care where a design began or ended have built a fort from a box, or put a house in a tree, created a workshop in a garage or covered a porch to make a room. As the subtitle of Ms. Cline's book makes clear, life goes on outside architecture's charmed circle.

Ms. Cline likes huts, as a kind of quick example of what a building can do, and of what can be done with a building. She has built two herself, with off-the-shelf materials from a suburban hardware store and the help of a hired laborer. They stand in the yard outside her Civil War-era house in Oxford. She plotted them out as she put them up. Ms. Cline uses the smaller of the two, which lives like an owl in a tree at the back of her property, as a teahouse. The larger hut is an exhibition space for a rotating collection of favorite objects.

"It's my way of tiptoeing out of architecture," she said recently, serving mugs of coffee and local strawberries in the gallery of the large hut, built in 1995. A morning rain hit the plywood roof 3 feet above like fingers lightly drumming. "It doesn't take much," she explained. "If you have a corner somewhere that's visually private, that corner could be developed with one of these huts."

Ms. Cline maintains that huts have much to teach. As pieces of pure construction, they translate the natural world into sensory experience. It is a different kind of globalization. "You could be in a wilderness," she said. "Because you really can't tell. It's the rain on the roof that's the signal. When you go inside a house, you don't have that."

If houses are interventions in the landscape, huts are interpreters. They are like musical instruments or box cameras. A window goes up and the outside comes in, like wind entering a flute. A door opens and the inside walks out. One sees by the light of its picture.

Though her interest in huts is something of a hermit's pose, Ms. Cline, 56, is not alone.

"It's very much in the air in schools," said Jaan Holt, director of the Washington-Alexandria Architecture Consortium at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Alexandria, Va., which invites architectural professors and students from Europe and Asia to work together. "There is a desire to have an architecture based on materiality and discreet experience. I think it's a hunger for architecture that's not programmatic — that a building can exist because one finds one's way into it, like a forest."

Kenneth Frampton, a professor of architecture at Columbia University, concurred that there is an interest in "grounding the practice."

"The reduction of architecture to imagery and style has consumed architectural practice and discourse for two decades," he said.

To Frank Gehry, one-room structures have been the sparks that ignite inspiration.

"When you strip a building down to its essence," he said, "you're left with what it actually is: a shelter. A room that engenders emotion. I think a lot of architecture hides behind functionality and technology — as architects, we have tremendous excuses and denial mechanisms to make something special. How to get around that?"

Gehry recalled watching friends who were artists begin to paint. "How do you make the first mark? The one-room building — the hut, if you like — is the closest you get in architecture to that moment of truth. I think it's powerful — I would urge young architects to play with that. It gets you to the point a lot quicker."

MIKE CADWELL, a professor of architecture at Ohio State University, used the idea of hutlike construction as the kind of sketching exercise an artist might employ. In the 1980s, Cadwell built four structures based on the seasons, which he called "a pastoral quartet" in a pamphlet, "Small Buildings," published by Princeton Architectural Press in 1996. Sited in open country at a colleague's vacation home in Vermont, they are essays on insideness. "Drum-Barge," the summer building, floats on a lake. One enters it by diving below it and hoisting oneself by rope through its chamber to an observation deck at the top.

Though a fascination to architecture, the hut remains outside its circle. It belongs to lay builders, a bit of fire that the gods would wish to steal. As well as a sensual life and a life of the mind, it has its association with the soul.

"The construction of huts is associated with metaphysical thought," said Cesar Pelli, who teaches architecture at Yale University, speaking of nomadic structures like the black tents built by Middle Eastern and North African cultures. "They are low-slung huts, built by women. Air passes through the skins of the walls, but not water."

When teaching, Pelli began lectures with huts. "They are dwellings in the most important metaphysical sense," he said. "They carry with them the center of the cosmos. Once established, they connect you with the earth, but put you at the center. It is the world around that changes."

As a metaphor, the hut has taken one of its most remarkable stands in New York. In the last 10 years, it has created an architecture of exile for immigrants, in particular Puerto Ricans, who have built casitas on vacant lots throughout the city, as public meeting places within community gardens. Casitas are based on the "casita de madera," or "little wooden house," that appears in the vernacular architecture of the Taino Indians in Puerto Rico. For immigrants in New York, the casitas are emblems of home, if home is how you hug the ground.

"These are powerful memories," said Daniel Winterbottom, a landscape architect who has been documenting New York's casitas for four years with photographer Ejlat Feuer. "They were summer residences that were reminiscent of the Jibaro — real but mythic figures in Puerto Rico who made a life of their own in the mountains. This myth of independence is what you see represented in the casitas."

The Museo del Barrio in New York is organizing a show on casitas in November, based on the work of Winterbottom and Feuer. Feuer estimated that there are 500 casitas in New York, concentrated on the Lower East Side of Manhattan and in the Melrose section of the Bronx.

"These casitas are a metaphor for the old land," Winterbottom said, "but they are also a cultural healing: by creating a new place, of respect and dignity, they are a declaration of control. They have pretty tough neighbors."

One recent Sunday, Milagros Rodriguez stood on the porch of a casita that she and Enrique Diaz initiated and preside over on Manhattan's Lower East Side, at Fourth Street between Avenues C and D.

"This house is a celebration," she said. Friends walked in and walked out. A family played cards beneath a tree. The red and white hut was built on in 1992 by Diaz from abandoned lumber he hauled there in his pickup truck. A kitchen and veranda were added last year. "The good thing about it, everybody pitches in," Ms. Rodriguez said.

Built and furnished with donations, the casita has a latrine behind it and an outdoor shower. Inside, there are a Persian-style rug on the floor, paintings on the walls, two chairs in plastic slipcovers and a sofa, a brass coffee table and a veneered Blaupunkt stereo console from the 1960s.

BECAUSE THEY SIT on vacant lots, which are subject to development, the casitas teach another lesson that one learns well from huts. Many that have been built are gone; more are sure to go. Ms. Rodriguez and Diaz's casita is built on a lot that is privately owned. No one in the neighborhood who uses the casita knows whom the lot belongs to. The house and its garden are living on prayers for borrowed time.

"El Bohio" on South Second Street in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, a garden with a casita and a wooden hut, or "bohio," organized and built by Harry LeBlon and his community, has not been as lucky. City-owned, the lot is being developed in three months as a day care center.

"Where will it all go?" asked LeBlon, pointing to the open hut, whose roof is strung with artifacts of Puerto Rico, and a pine tree, now 20 feet tall, that grew from a sapling on the site.

Life, like huts, is temporary. That isn't stopping Ms. Rodriguez, who has started over once before. She looked through the front door of her casita.

"All we need is a beach," she said.

Pneumonia vaccine can help save lives

Associated Press

The good news about the pneumonia vaccine is that it's a simple shot that could prevent thousands of deaths each year.

The bad news is that so few people who could benefit ever get it.

"The sad fact is that many people whose lives could be saved by the pneumonia vaccine do not get inoculated because they are unaware of it, and they are not pressured by their physicians to take it," says Dr. Daniel M. Musher, infectious-disease expert at Baylor College of Medicine and Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Houston.

Fewer than a third of the most vulnerable group — the elderly — get the vaccine, estimates Dr. Michael Kollar, internal medicine specialist at Loyola University Health System's Family Health Center at North Riverside, Ill.

The vaccine is recommended for all those 65 or older and those between 50 and 65 with risk factors that make them more susceptible to bacterial infections. Others who should have the vaccine include people with lung disease, heart disease, an immune-system disorder such as HIV, or who have had their spleens removed.

"People who have had their spleens removed are especially susceptible to pneumococcal infection and must be vaccinated," says Musher.

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which was designed and built by Neal Kessler of Kessler and Co. Landscapes.

About three years ago — "before that it was just a parking lot," Aaron said — "Glen Aaron II and I decided what we wanted" by way of a landscape, he said. "We wanted low-maintenance (plants). We wanted it to look pretty but not spend all our time and money keeping it looking pretty.

"We took Kessler our ideas, and he made it come to life."

To get the most landscape beauty for the least amount of fuss, Aaron recommends native plants. "We keep it trimmed, keep the weeds pulled, and the sprinkler system takes care of the rest," he said.

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CADILLAC 1981 Sedan De Ville, less than 54K original miles, very good condition, asking $1,250. Call 684-4646.

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CHEVROLET 1984 Camaro, body solid, upholstery good shape, sporty, runs good, white, $1,500 negotiable. 699-2574.

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NEW TODAY

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NEW TODAY

FORD 1978 F150 extended cab, 28K original miles- No joke! $2,500 or best offer. 684-1315.

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OLDSMOBILE 1984 98 Regency Wagon- 5.7 liter diesel, never in oil field or used for towing. 2 owners, all electric with sun roof, excellent condition. $2,850, 570-1621.

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240 Motorcycles

1996 HARLEY Davidson 1200 custom, lots of extras, 2,400 miles, warranty, $11,200. 699-2594 after 5pm.

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18' STEEL CAR trailer, tandem. Electric brakes, chrome wheels, black, $1,700. Please call 682-1704.

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NEW TODAY

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1987 34' BEAUTIFUL AIRSTREAM Trailer, clean, pampered, and perfect, garaged. Pulled with 1986 GMC Suburban, excellent condition. Package $22,500. 694-5200.

1997 JAYCO Designer series 34' 5th wheel with super slide. Loaded, pulled 428 miles. Washer/ dryer, wood floors. $34,000. 694-0862.

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SUNLITE 10', slide in pop up camper, stove, refrigerator, air, good condition, $1,500. Day phone 570-2765, after 4 pm (915)458-3458.

260 Boats & Motors

SKEETER 17' Bass Boat. 90 horse Evinrude, trolling motor, depth finder, great condition. $5,500. 687-0503, 689-0386.

GLASSTRON 1979 HPV175, 150 horse Mercury. Very good condition. $3,200 or best offer. 694-8478.

17' 4 Cylinder Inboard Fish Ski. Lake ready! New custom interior, canopy. $3,150. 561-5010.

20' MARK Twain open bow runabout, 233 Mercruiser inboard/ outboard, tandem trailer, stainless prop. Beautiful! Full ski package, $4,500. 684-6859.

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NEW TODAY

2 440 KAWASAKI Jet Ski's on Trailer, $1,600 for both, 694-0729 if no answer leave message.

SPORTY 1990 Bayliner Capri, loaded, depth finder, marine radio, am/ fm / cassette, new trailer tires, 19', inboard 120 "L"- drive, excellent condition, kept inside and under cover, $6,595, 915-520-5946.

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260 Boats & Motors

1984 TIDE CRAFT Bass Boat. 17' 10". 150 Mercury Outboard motor. Motorguide, trolling motor, Lawrance paper graph, Lawrance slasher. Call between 9 am- 5 pm, 332-9753. After 6 pm, 530-0295.

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305 Job Services

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$13 per hour

Sunridge management group is now accepting applications for lead maintenance at several properties. Great benefit package, must be experienced and HVAC certified. Positions available in Midland and Odessa. Stop by our office at Hunters Glen, 1902 N. Midland Dr. or call 699-5168.

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✔ HAIR STYLISTS. Lease Stations available. Check us out! Family salon, centrally located, lots of parking. Next door to beauty supply. More walk ins than we can handle! Call Kelly, Salon 2000, 694-2517, Tuesday- Saturday, 9:00-5:00.

ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE for Fox Affiliate. Experience helpful, but not required. Send resume- no phone calls. Send to KPEJ- TV, Attention Sales Manager, P.O. Box 11009, Odessa, TX 79760. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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GENERAL

All skill levels/ All trades
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Midland
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A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS! Permian Basin Special Olympics athletes need your help! We need committed volunteers who are willing to devote their time and expertise in fundraising and development, public relations, and competition and event management to our ever-growing program. If you can help, please call James at either 684-5024 or 570-6058 or Don at 362-2419. Please call today and join the World of Winners!!

APARTMENT Leasing Agent Needed part time- 2- 3 weekdays and Saturdays. Must be experienced, neat appearance. Country Crest Townhomes, 6500 E. Ridge, Odessa.

→NEW TODAY←

APARTMENT LEASING Consultant. Part time opening at a 92-Unit community. Must be able to work weekends. Competitive salary and bonuses. Apply in person at 4400 Andrews Hwy.

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Needed Immediately For:
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CASHIERS NEEDED, full time. Apply in person at 2210 North Big Spring, Midland, TX.

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Now accepting applications:
Host/ Hostess
Waistaff
Apply in person:
3300 N. Big Spring

CLEANING Person needed for Motorcoach company located near airport. Must be a detail oriented person, have reliable transportation, and have flexible hours (some weekends and evenings). Complete benefits package offered. Call 561-8529.

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DELIVERY Person needed part time. Heavy lifting required, random drug screening. Monday- Friday 1 -6 pm, all day Saturday. Apply Carter's Furniture, 501 E. Illinois after 1 pm.

DRIVER WANTED. Clean driving record, must be 25 or older and pass drug test. Apply in person, B & B Wrecker Service, 1607 W Florida, Midland.

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EXPERIENCED BUSINESS Telephone Technician. Established Interconnect Company with large client base seeks Technician with a minimum of 5 years experience. Management position possible in near future. Benefits: Insurance, credit union, vacation, company car. $25/ 35K. Fax resume to 683-3368 by 8/12/98.

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FASHION CLEANERS is now taking applications for our laundry department. We are looking for a person to press shirts. Must be dependable. Apply in person at 801 W. Wall.

FOR RESUMES that get results call 699–1919. Conventional or computer scannable. Professional, fast, affordable service.

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FRONT COUNTER Assistant. Adcock's Ideal Cleaners, is accepting applications for the position of Front Counter Assistant. Prior experience in the cleaning industry is desired, but will train the right individual. Applicants must be 18 years old or older, possess a working knowledge of computers, and work well with the public. Persons desiring to join the Adcock's team should come by 315 Dodson and complete an application.

FURNITURE MOVERS with experience. Heavy lifting and Class C drivers license required. Leave name /number (915)553-1464.

GENERAL

We're Looking... For Special People

to grow with our 1 year old company. Sales oriented preferred, but will train the right person. High school diploma. Apply in person only 8:30- 11 am or 1- 3 pm, Monday through Friday:

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(Near Warfield's)

HANDY PERSON needed to build buildings and lot clean up. Must have own tools. Morgan Buildings & Spas, 12000 W. Hwy. 80 E. (1/4 mile east of Water Wonderland).

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JANITORS NEEDED for general cleaning. Need experience janitors to use floor equipment. 10 years background check required. English a must. Serious applicants only apply at 2511 W. Industrial. No phone calls, please. Apply between 9 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday.

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PART TIME Kennel help. Reliable individual. Send resume to: Box 4371, Midland, Texas 79704.

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LEASING AGENT needed for premium Midland apartment community. Good pay and benefits. Experience a plus, along with a great personality. Apply at 3609 Caldera, Midland.

LOOKING FOR enthusiastic outgoing individuals for all positions. Please apply at Hollywood Theaters, 4915 W. Loop 250 North.

MAINTENANCE PERSON needed. Apply at 1603 N. Midkiff. No phone calls please.

MAINTENANCE Supervisor needed. Immediate opening. Must be HVAC certified. Apply at Courtyard Apartments, 2300 N. A, No phone calls please.

MASTER CONTROL Switcher. Duties include switching commercials, recording satellite feeds and editing 3/4 inch tape. Experience preferred. Job includes shift work and overnight hours. Come by KPEJ- TV, 1550 I-20 West, Odessa, to fill out application. Interviews to be set up at later date. Equal Opportunity Employer.

MASTER NAILS- special for Back to School- free 1 color air brush design or American manicure. Sunday to Wednesday only, expires August 31, 1998. 522-2035, 1024B Andrews Highway, Midland.

MIDLAND COMMUNITY Theatre seeks people oriented person to oversee box office. This person will work a flexible work week. Skills needed include: organization, customer service, computer experience and grace under pressure. Please send cover letter and resume to: Tim Jebsen, MCT, 2000 W. Wadley, Midland, TX 79705.

NEEDED: Shirt Presser and Jean Presser. Call 682-0072 or 686-8060.

PART TIME Cashier- now hiring. Please apply in person only, JIBS, 3316 W. Illinois, Midland.

→NEW TODAY←

PART TIME help wanted. Must be able to sew. Apply in person, Tall City Uniforms, 1220 N Midkiff.

PERMANENT PART- Time Position. Are you bored with working behind a desk all day? Are you looking for a position that would be challenging both physically and mentally? We are looking for you! We want people who are detail oriented, energetic, dependable, and who have flexible daytime hours, with dependable transportation, some Windows knowledge and a grocery, drug, or mass merchandising background. We pay $6.50 an hour with mileage reimbursed at .25¢ per mile. This job averages 20 hours a week but can go higher. Send letter of interest or resume to: Information Resources, Inc., Personnel Department, #15 Byron Road, Midland, TX 79706 or fax us at: 915-689-9942.

PIANIST & ORGANIST needed immediately by Church. Experience important. Please respond to Barry Dowell at 697-3101 days; 699-7430 evenings for interview.

PINOCCHIO'S PIZZA. Our Business continues to grow! We are now hiring all positions- Cooks, Cashiers & Delivery Drivers. Drivers can earn $8-$10 Hour. Must have valid drivers license & insurance. Must be 18 or older. Please apply in person at 3303 N Midkiff, San Miguel Square. No phone calls.

☆LABORERS☆

Local manufacturing company is seeking laborers- general work, no experience required will train. Come by 2501 E. I-20, Midland, between 9- 5 Monday thru Friday.

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POLO PARK Estates, a gracious retirement residence for active seniors, is seeking a food server for our dining room. Duties include: serving meals, cleaning tables, and filling condiments. If you a cheerful nature and enjoy being a vital team member, please stop by and fill out an application. 2100 Castleford Road.

PROPERTY MANAGER- Progressive, growing company seeking to hire a Property Manager for 133 unit apartment community in Midland. Duties include supervising staff, leasing, marketing, and financial accounting. Must be dedicated and professional. Excellent company environment and above average salary. All applications strictly confidential. send resume to Manager Position, 2541 74th Street, Lubbock, TX 79423.

→NEW TODAY←

RECRUITER- Shopper's Hotline has part time positions available immediately. We need people with flexible hours, can work any day of the week, has a people personality, is an independent worker and has the will to succeed. Please apply at 15 Byron Road, Midland. 699-0846, Monday through Thursday 9- 4. EOE.

REFRIGERATION SERVICE Technician with experience desired. Refrigerant certification preferable. Current Texas drivers license required. Salary DOE. Send resume or job history to Box T-05121, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

❤ REPRESENTATIVES

Needed- sell Avon part time-full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520–0119, Independent Rep.

RESTAURANT

*** THE BAR ***

Now accepting applications for several lunch and full time waitstaff positions. Apply between 8:00 to 10:00 or 2:00 to 4 pm only- Monday through Friday. 606 W. Missouri, 685-1757.

RESTAURANT- Kitchen Prep. Lunches only. Will train. Apply in person, Mr. Reuben's Restaurant, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Midland.

RESTAURANT- Michael's Charcoal Grill now hiring Fry Cook. 11 am- 2 pm, Monday through Saturday. Apply in person, 723 W. Wadley.

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RESTAURANT. Domino's Pizza is now hiring delivery drivers and Manager Candidates. Highest pay of any national chain in Midland. Apply today at any Midland Domino's.

RESTAURANT. Luby's now accepting applications. Apply 8-10 am only. Equal Opportunity Employer.

RETAIL Liquor Business is seeking a motivated, flexible person. Approximately 35 hours per week. Days & Evenings. Insurance, 401K, Vacation. Cashier experience helpful. Apply at Western Beverages, 4706 N. Midkiff, Suite 29. No phone calls.

TEACHER NEEDED by Mrs. Irene's Child Care Center. 2 years experience in a child care center preferred. Non- smoking environment. Full range of benefits which include vacation, holidays, personal time and when available, college scholarships. Call 689-6309 or apply at 1007 Austin, Midland.

→NEW TODAY←

TEACHER- looking for experienced Teacher to work with infants 6 months to 1 year. Tuesday, Thursday program. Call for appointment and more information, 683-4200, 683-3428.

TEACHER/ CHILD Care Giver for child care center, working with 3 year old children. Full time. College Child Development or CDA helpful. Call Mama Bear's Cottage, 684-5009.

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TECHNICIAN WANTED: apply at Lester Humphrey Pest Control, 416 N. Washington, Odessa, Monday through Friday 8- 12 and 1- 5.

THE BAGEL WHEEL now has an opening from 6 am to 2 pm. Apply in person. 2101 W. Wadley.

TRAVEL AGENCY. Professional agent with 3 + years experience to start immediately. Salary $1,500-$2,200 month, DOE. Please send resume with salary history and requirements to: Travel Agent, Amera Travel, P.O. Box 50562, Midland, TX 79710.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

C.N.A. CLASSES- now taking applications. For more information call (915)683-5403, ask for Brandy.

DOCTOR'S ASSISTANT needed immediately. Nursing skills, computer and typing preferred. Bring resumes to 1300 W. Wall, Midland.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

CODER

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has an excellent opportunity for a Full Time Medical Record Coder (ICD-9- CM & CPT). Knowledge of Code 3 Coding System is helpful. Must have the ability to interface with physicians and professional staff. Prefer ART, or CCS, however new graduates considered. Apply to: Human Resources Department, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday. We offer competitive salaries and good benefits package. EOE

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311 Medical Help Wanted

MEDICAL CODER

- Knowledge of DRG's, APC's Reimbursement
- Understanding of HCFA Regulations
- Prefer ART, RRA, CCS
- Minimum 2 years experience

For more information contact Odessa Regional Hospital Human Resources Dept
915-334-8397
EOE

CERTIFIED NURSE AIDES. Terrace West Nursing Center, has current openings for Certified Nurse Aides on all shifts. If interested, please apply in person at 2800 N. Midland Drive, Midland, Texas 79707.

→NEW TODAY←

DENTAL ASSISTANT needed for busy restorative and cosmetic practice. Enthusiastic, caring attitude required. Please send resume to: Dr. Andrew Kauffman, P.O. Box 8307, Midland, TX 79708.

DENTAL ASSISTANT/ Receptionist with experience needed for general practice. To apply fax resume complete with salary history to (915)683-1409 or send to: Dental Position, P.O. Box 8560, Midland, 79708.

DENTAL/ HYGIENE Assistant. We need to add an experienced, enthusiastic, team member to our growing practice. Must have excellent communication skills and be able to take, develop and mount x-rays. Quality oriented practice with great working atmosphere. We know you are out there! Bring resume by Dr. Lou Ann Gray, 3000 N. Garfield, Suite 220, Midland.

EXPERIENCED CNA'S- all shifts, PRN available. No phone calls. Apply at 3201 Sage, Midland. EOE.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

EXPERIENCED Insurance Coordinator needed for busy physician's office. Monday-Friday. Non smoking environment. Contact: Rita, 682-5385.

INSURANCE/ COLLECTION experience needed for doctor's office. Mail resume: Box T-05131, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

LVN needed for busy physician's office, Monday-Friday. Non smoking environment. Call Rita at 682-5385.

LVN needed full time for primary home care. Traveling required Monday thru Friday 8-5. Call Marla at 915-520-5509.

LVN'S AND RN'S wanted. PRN positions available. No Phone calls. Apply at 3201 Sage, Midland. EOE.

MEDICAL- Midland Dialysis Center now accepting applications for Reuse Tech. Experience preferred but not necessary. Great salary, benefits. If interested apply 731 W. Wadley Bldg K, or fax resume to 915-687-5008 or contact Doro Flores at 687-1201.

OPTOMETRIC RECEPTIONIST/ assistant for busy office, immediate opening. Experience preferred. Serious inquiries only. Bring resume to: 3327 W. Wadley, Suite #2, Midland. (HEB shopping center next to Ski Skeller).

ORAL SURGEON'S ASSISTANT

Position available effective immediately in fast- paced, dynamic office. Successful candidate must be a team player, enthusiastic, and people oriented. Experience is an asset. Please submit resume to Suite 7A, 3001 W. Illinois, Midland 79701. Phone calls will not be accepted. Closing date: Thursday, August 13th at 5 pm.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

LAND ASSISTANT

Sonat Exploration Company, a large independent oil and gas exploration and production company, is seeking a Land Assistant for our Midland, Texas office. Qualified candidates will have a minimum of five years' oil and gas industry work experience. Strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work in a team environment are a must. Primary responsibilities include preparation of leases, lease purchase reports and land contracts; assist landmen on projects; land department filing, and set-up/ maintenance of land well, lease and contract files. Requires proficient PC skills (MS Windows, Word and Excel a plus), and experience with land mapping software (i.e. Geographix).

We offer our employees a comprehensive benefits package, an excellent working environment, and competitive salaries. Qualified candidates should send or fax their resume to:

SONAT

Sonat Exploration Company
Human Resources
P.O. Box 12878
Oklahoma City, OK 73157-2878
Fax: 405-749-6505
EEO/ AAP/ M/F/D/V

INFORMATION SYSTEMS SUPPORT

The Midland Reporter-Telegram has a full-time position open in its Information Systems department. Our multi-server network of Macintosh & NT 4.0 servers includes about 90 workstations on a mix of Macintosh & Windows 95 platforms. The position will be responsible for supporting users, upgrading/minor repair of systems, & general network support.

Our facility is a 7-day a week printing production environment. The hours for this position will primarily be 7 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday... however, other evening or weekend overtime hours will be required as needed. Since our shop is basically a 2 1/2 person operation, the position will require the individual to be on call via pager.

Only experienced individuals should apply. Previous work history in this area, along with verifiable references will be required. Knowledge of publishing programs such as QuarkXpress, Photoshop, & Multi-Ad Creator, as well as Postscript output experience to high resolution RIPs and Imagesetters is a plus. Salary DOE.

The Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including insurance & 401K program.

Come by & fill out an application, or send resume to:

Chip McCarver, IS Director Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701

Interviews will begin around the first week of August.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

ACCOUNTANT FOR several small businesses. Great Plains software a must. Complete F/ S F/ T, 941, P/ R, Taxes. On contract or part time basis. Oil related experience helpful. Send complete resume and phone number with experience and educational background to P.O. Box 3251, Midland, TX 79701.

AUTO MECHANICS Instructor- Lamesa I.S.D. is looking for instructor. Please call Ron Mayfield, (806)872-5461.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

CONSTRUCTION Estimate/ Project Manager. Send education and experience to P.O. Box 9821, Midland, TX 79708. All replies will be answered.

LEGAL ASSISTANT- small local law office seeking bilingual legal assistant. Experience with Family, Criminal Law and Personal Injury preferred. Please reply to: P.O. Box 2297, Midland, Texas 79701.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

MEDIA Company starting local cable channels in Dallas/ Fort worth metroplex. Camera operators, editors, news anchors and sales people needed. Send resume to P.O. Box 727, Granbury, TX 76048 or call (817)279-0285.

PRO SNIPS has immediate openings for Hairstylist. Apply in person at 1000 N Midkiff.

RESUMES- Professional recruiter will re- do/ create your resume! $25 up. Christine Kalmbach, CTS. 684-5726.

312 Professional Help Wanted

SOCIAL WORKER

We have a current opening for a Social Worker. Duties include counseling new residents, completing social history's, maintaining of social work progress notes, and assisting with discharge planning.

One year of long term care, social work experience, and a Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences, Sociology, or in the social work sequence is required.

We offer an excellent salary and benefits package. Please send a current resume or contact:

THELMA MARTINEZ
TERRACE WEST NURSING CENTER
2800 MIDLAND DRIVE
MIDLAND, TX 79707
(915)697-3108 FAX (915)689-0486

312 Professional Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

RIO GRANDE Electric Cooperative, Inc. (RGEC) will be accepting applications for First Class Lineman positions to be stationed at the Cooperative's Marfa office. Excellent benefits package included. Applicants must be able and willing to work under adverse weather conditions, including holidays, overtime and weekend duty. Must have physical stamina to climb poles, trim trees, lift heavy objects, operate equipment and tools. Must possess a valid Texas driver's license with two or less moving violations and no DWI/ DUI citations in the last three years. In addition, the applicant must be able to obtain a CDL license within 90 days from date of hire. Call Patricia Taylor at 1-800-749-1509 or send your request to: RGEC, Administrative Department, P.O. Box 1509, Bracketville, Texas 78832. Applications may also be picked up from any area office and must be postmarked on or before August 28, 1998. RGEC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

PART TIME RECEPTIONIST
Phone, MS Word, Excel, Data entry, Filing, Client Appointments. Hours great for Mom with school age child.
Call Ann, 570-0016

A/P DATA ENTRY CLERK NEEDED IMMEDIATELY:
Requirements: Platinum accounting experience. Excel or Lotus, Microsoft. Heavy accounting background. Fax resume to: 915-570-8505 or apply in person at 111 S. B Street, Midland, Texas.

ASSISTANT. Cimarron House has immediate opening for temporary part time associate program director. High possibility of position developing into permanent part time. Must have high school diploma or equivalent. Must have experience working in an office setting. Must have experience in computer operations. Must be willing on occasion to work a flexible schedule. Must have home telephone and personal transportation. Working with the elderly or disabled a plus. Applications can be obtained at 3400 Caldera, Cimarron house. Closing Date 8-10-98.

CLERICAL OPENINGS, at least 6 months experience. Call OLSTEN today, 689-6607.

CNA'S Needed- Good Starting Pay! Apply in person Courtyard Care Center, 3203 Sage St.

EXPERIENCE COUNTS
* Secretarial * Oil & Gas
* Word Processing
TEMPORARY RESOURCES
684-0527

FULL CHARGE Bookkeeper with experienced. Willingness to learn new software, mail resumes only to: 615 W. Missouri, Suite 501 D, Midland, TX 79701.

Global Personnel Network
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Temp & Permanent Positions
Benefits & Bonuses Available
682–0033 or 570-0197

JOBS AVAILABLE
Select Staff
915-687-1545

PART TIME Secretary needed at Morgan Buildings & Spas. Apply in person, 12000 W. Hwy. 80 E., (1/4 mile east of Water Wonderland).

R. H. TYPING. Professional typing service. Call 520-7658 Pick up and delivery available.

RECEPTIONIST/ Secretary, part time, in non- smoking environment for electrical company. Candidate must have previous phone experience with computer skills. Please mail resumes to: P.O. Box 50310, Midland, TX 79710 or fax to: 697-4630.

SECRETARY
IMMEDIATE OPENING:
Requirements: MS Word, Excel, Compressor experience helpful but not necessary. Heavy telephone skills. Good pay. Future advancement in pay very promising. Scheduling interviews immediately! Fax resume to: 915-570-8505 or apply in person at:
111 S. B Street
Midland, Texas.

SHERRY OWEN, State Farm Insurance Agency, has an opportunity for a Customer Service Rep., for an ARTICULATE, INTELLIGENT, FRIENDLY & CARING individual with two years of college. Present your transcript and resume at: 2611B N. Midland Dr., Monday- Friday, 9:00 am- 5:00 pm.

V.I.P. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES- Clerical and industrial jobs available. Never a fee. Benefits. (915) 686–9722.

Let Classified Work For You!
Call 682-6222

316 Sales Help Wanted

WE NEED a few good salespeople. Work for one of the largest manufactured home retailers with the very best built home on the market today. If you are committed to earning $100K plus, not afraid of long hours and have the desire to succeed, we would like to talk to you. We offer group insurance, 401K, and a good draw plan. See Byron Cook or Ron Burnett at Nationwide Homes, 6910 W. Hwy 80, Midland.

OUTSIDE SALES Position- A deep knowledge of paints and industrial coatings is required. Salary plus commission and benefits. Send resumes to: The Paint Center, 2821 South 1st, Abilene, Texas 79605.

RETAIL SALES. Must be knowledgeable in motorcycles and have verifiable retail sales experience. Applications may be filled out from 9 am til noon Monday thru Friday at Golden Suzuki Honda Kawasaki Yamaha, 306 E. 2nd, Odessa.

SALES CONSULTANT NEEDED IMMEDIATELY:
Requirements: Responsible individual with High School Diploma or equivalent. Must be bondable. Obtain Texas Temporary State Dispenser Permit. Ability to study and pass State Dispenser Licensing Examination. Fax resume to: 915-570-8505 or apply in person at:
111 S. B Street
Midland, Texas.

SALES POSITION- Commissioned sales person needed for independently owned local business with 50 years in the relocation industry. 90 Days guaranteed salary, 401K plan, medical insurance, car allowance. Sales experience a must, degree preferred. Send resume to 3207 commercial Dr., Midland, TX 79701.

318 Management Help Wanted

Apartment Managers!

SunRidge Management Group is now accepting applications for Property Manager at Emerald Terrace Apartments. Excellent salary and Liberal Bonus Program based on your performance. Great benefits package. Must be experienced with strong marketing background, Rehab experience helpful. Stop by our office at

Hunter's Glen
1902 N. Midland Drive
or call 699-5168

Ask for Caren McCourt.

→NEW TODAY←

ASSISTANT MANAGER: St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is searching for a full- time assistant manager. Retail, organizational and personnel skills needed. Call Bill, 687-3078.

MANAGEMENT POSITION AVAILABLE
Regional 1 hour optical company is seeking a qualified candidate for its new location coming to the Odessa area. You must have hands-on experience in high volume 1 hour environment. Able to train and motivate staff. We offer an excellent compensation package including health benefits and 401K plan. If you qualify, please forward your resume to:
EYEMART Express, Inc.
2110 Hutton Dr., Suite 100
Carrollton, TX 75006
Or fax to: **972-488-8563**
Attn: Rick Grubb

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

BACKHOE OPERATOR and Road Grader, experience needed. Apply in person, Rusty's Oil Field Service Co. Inc., 756-2821.

CHEMIST/ LAB Tech needed at local oil and gas analytical laboratory. Please call (915)337-4744.

ENGINEER/ Landman to evaluate and package production deals. Must be honest, trustworthy with good computer skills. Riviera Energy Corporation, PO Box 50545, Midland, Texas 79710 or fax 915-686-9494.

LAFAYETTE LOUISIANA

It's a well known fact, that many living in Midland moved from Louisiana. The question is, do you want to bo back. We have multiple openings for

- GEOPHYSICISTS and
- UNIX SYSTEM ADMIN.

In the oil and gas industry with excellent pay, sign on bonus and more. If interested, call us at (713) 771-7181 or fax your resume to (713)771-4444.

CONTINENTAL PERSONNEL

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

OIL FIELD- Experience Rig Mechanic wanted. Must be willing to work shop and field, have own tools, experienced on CATS, Detroits and able to work on drawworks. Contact Ron Settell, Big A Well Service, Farmington, NM (505)327-4961.

PLUGGING COMPANY needs Equipment Operators. Oilfield experience in cementing, wireline and/ or well servicing preferred. Class A CDL required. Must pass physical and drug tests. Good benefits. Salary DOE. Midland, 570-0029.

320 Skilled Trades

BACKHOE OPERATOR needed. Honest, dependable. Minimum 5 years experience in field work. Pre employment drug screening required. TCO Field Service, 2605 Garden City Highway.

CABINET MAKER. Campbell Construction Company seeking experienced Cabinet Maker. Layout & Cutout experience a must. Benefits & advancement possibilities. Apply at 241-A Spring Park Drive, Midland, Texas 79705 or send resume to P.O. Box 11293, Midland, Texas 79702, Salary DOE.

ESTABLISHED plumbing company now hiring Master and Journeyman Plumbers. Send responses to: P.O. Box 3493, Midland, Texas 79702.

→NEW TODAY←

EXPERIENCED Maintenance person for apartments. Must be HVAC certified. Make readys and other general duties. Send resume with experience, salary desired and date available to: Box B-04070, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

FASHION CLEANERS is now taking applications in our dry cleaning department. We are looking for someone with skills or training in Stain Removal from clothing. Experience is a plus but not necessary. Must be very dependable and responsible. Benefits. Apply in person at 801 W. Wall.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT Operator with experience needed. Salary DOE, benefits available. Come grow with us! Call for interview, 620-8282.

→NEW TODAY←

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EXHAUST AND BRAKE PERSON

Must be experienced, have own tools. We offer: insurance and retirement benefits. Apply in person:

Midland Muffler & Brake
3500 Bankhead Hwy.
Midland

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LAB TECH ASSISTANT!
Needed Immediately:
Physical Testing of Cement and Related Products for Oil Related Industry. Evening hours. Shift work schedule. Willing to work Saturday & Sunday. Exceptional Math skills! Accurate. Conscientious. Fax resume to 915-570-8505 or apply in person at 111 S. B Street, Midland, Texas.

MACHINEST NEEDED. Engine lathe operator, minimum 4 years experience. Must be able to read blue prints, must have own tools. Benefits include paid vacation, uniforms, holidays and medical insurance. Salary is DOE. 686-0405.

METAL STUD Framers, Sheet Rockers, Acoustical Ceiling Mechanics- must be experienced. Top Pay. Health Insurance. Call Hamilton Acoustical Company at 683-1618 or 559-2400.

PAINTERS & Drywall Finishers needed. Must have 5 years experience. Apply in person, 1905 W Industrial. 570-8558.

WANTED: Automotive Technician. GM, Chrysler, Dodge experienced needed. Hours 8:00 am to 6:00 Monday through Friday. Some Saturdays, 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon. Salary negotiable. Apply in person at 1115 South Gaston, Crane, Texas 79731.

320 Skilled Trades

WANTED: Experienced Commercial Licensed Plumber. Permanent position, top pay. Apply in person at Permian Air Conditioning, Inc. at 311 West 42nd, Odessa.

335 Adult Care Needed

LIVE IN Care giver must be mature and responsible. Room/ board/ salary. Day phone 520-2199, evenings 689-8765.

336 Adult Care Providers

INHOME CARE for all your in home health needs. Bathing, cooking, cleaning, running errands, etc. Give us a call for more information at 570-4475, ask for Tonya or Jackie.

340 Child Care Needed

NANNY NEEDED, need a loving individual to care for a two year old in my home. Must pick up 4 and 6 year old after school. Must be non smoker, have own reliable transportation, references will be checked. Monday through Friday 8 to 6. Contact Amy at 694-2462 between 6 to 9 pm.

BABY SITTER needed for 2 children, bilingual, reliable transportation. References will be checked thoroughly. 684-7384. Ask for Debbie.

→NEW TODAY←

NEED RESPONSIBLE Person to pick up/ care for first grader from Sam Houston School 2 days a week. Call Norma at 620-0446.

MATURE WOMAN to keep 8 month old in our home. References required. Leave message. 697-6083.

341 Child Care Providers

CHILD CARE provider will keep your children in my home evenings and nights. References available. 522-7499.

(INFANTS ONLY) The most important little person in your life. Make the right decision. Call Jan, 697-2499.

TWO GRANDMOMMIES- active learning program for toddlers. Breakfast, lunch snacks, love, CPR. Excellent references. 694-9871.

MOTHER OF one would like to babysit your child in my home from 4:00 pm till whenever, will pick up. Call 699-4986 7 days per week.

350 Business Opportunities

VENDING MACHINE Business for sale. 1 Crane refreshment center (Snacks & Drinks) and 3 Coke machines with locations. Call 694-9737.

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Attention Readers

Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract/ or giving out your credit card number or bank information.

★★★★★★★★★★

SELF STORAGE facility in Lubbock, for sale by owner. Premiere facility, excellent location, high occupancy. Call for financials and video, (806)798-2366.

LOOKING FOR working partner in successful full service completely equipped photographic studio. More information, 684-7519.

LOCAL BUSINESSES for sale. Small and large. Some have low down payments and owner financing. Call for a free confidential interview- Sunbelt Business Brokers, 520-1515.

Get your Real Estate license quickly, short, day, weekend, evening classes. Southwest College 697-7277

350 Business Opportunities

71 UNIT Motel. Carry 95% or trade. Excellent income potential. Call today, sell today! 697-7991.

YARD SIGN business for sale. 11 Signs for different occasions. For information call 694-9737.

400 Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION
Aug. 8th - 10:00 AM
Ector Cnty Sheriffs
Posse Bldg., Andrews Hwy,
Odessa, TX.
(Just north of
Schlemeyer Airport)

"Something for Everyone!"

Partial listing of Antiques & Collectibles: Coins, Guns, Victorian Chest of drawers, dresser with beveled mirror, platform rocker, lingerie chest, oak pie safe, china cabinets, garden bench, primitives, teakwood entertainment cabinet, and other furniture. Men's and ladies Rolex, other fine jewelry, art glass, art pottery, 50's coke machine, coke chest type, coke and other soda signs, other advertising signs, oil related items, ranch items including Crockett spurs, chaps, branding irons, bits. Spectacular cast iron urns, church pews. Lots more, too much to list!

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915-332-2780
Kerry Fisher Tx Lic. #12855

410 Misc. Sales

FIND OUT 5 steps that will help restore and maintain your health, vigor and vitality. Call or write for your free educational report. Texas Health Enhancement Inc., 4310 W. Illinois, Space 240, Westwood Village Shopping Center, Midland, Texas 79703, 915-520-5993.

LARGE BASEBALL Card Collection, $600 or best offer. WWII German dagger $200. Signed and numbered art by Mukai- very reasonable. 682-7176.

MATCHING Kenmore washer & dryer- $175 each; expensive drop leaf round maple table- 2 leaves, 8 chairs- $595; matching buffet- $250; twin bed with trundle and headboard- $175; navy & white couch- $150, roll top desk- $150; kingsize bed, no headboard- $150; Callaway (Big Bertha) Irons, 3 through pitching wedge with new bag- $350. 915/362-2746.

KHAKI DOCKERS $10, boys size 14 S. Please call 685-0086 for more information.

PACKAGING AND shipping service, U P S- Postal- Federal Express. 903 South Midkiff just North of Wall. 520-6464.

OAK FINISH computer desk $125, three line business phone $100, E Force exerciser $75, weight bench $75. 694-0323.

BABY Looney Tunes Musical Mobile, $15. Bear Musical Mobile, $15. Baby canvas rocker seat, $10. Call 697-6267 after 5:00. Cash only.

DALLAS COWBOY Tickets- lower deck. Blue tag parking. Please call (915)520-7100.

★ BIBLE TALK: Can I Be Religious, But Lost? 520-0381. Free recorded message.

MILK GLASS Service, for 8, Dish set. $50. 683-6705.

✔ (2) ROUND heavy duty cement picnic tables with 2 benches each- Asking $150 per set or make reasonable offer. Please call 520-8099 and leave message if no answer.

ANTIQUE WAGON wheel table/ 4 chairs, (authentic numbered wagon wheel). See to believe! $400. 694-7245.

410 Misc. Sales

CANDLES- All occassions. Let Linda help with your next party or that special gift. 697-3576.

HERBALIFE & Natural efx Independent Distributor, For products or opportunity call 689-HERB!

FLEA MARKET, Rankin Highway. Open every weekend- Something for everyone. Appliances, clothing, collectibles, electronics, furniture, knives, tools. 2840 Rankin Highway

DOG HOUSES- new $35/ $45, white bookcase $40, glider swing $65, picnic table $50. 563-0452.

HIGH QUALITY huge, decorative tree, silk leaves, green top, red underneath, reduced $100. Call 520-6005.

ZENITH 46" Color TV; Benchcraft sectional/ sleeper; oak entertainment center. Sacrifice must sell! All quality merchandise. 684-4331.

COUCH- $50, Upright piano- $250, Upright freezer- $200, Health Rider- $75, Oriental lamp- $25, 689-8893.

SPA 1997, Hot Springs Classic, 5 person, includes cover, steps and wiring, $4,500. Call 694-4386.

DALLAS COWBOY pre and regular season tickets. Call now 570-8170.

2 PAIR Handmade Mercedes- full quill ostrich boots with matching belts. Must sell! 684-4331.

EVAPORATIVE COOLERS, mowers, washers, dryers, stoves, antique dining sets, hutch, bamboo, furniture. Wanted: refrigerators. 570-4851.

413 Jewelry & Furs

BUYING ROLEX Watches. Vintage to New. Cash paid. Call John, 685-1037 or Cellular 559-1785.

1.06 ROUND Diamond, L- SI 2, $2,450. Can be seen at D'Carrolls. San Miguel Square 697-0424.

415 Misc. Wanted

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687–5039.

420 Good Things To Eat

IRRIGATED WATER Melons, just getting ready! Several varieties, 30- 50 pounds average. Located in St. Lawrence. Harold Hoelscher, (915)397-2302.

WINE, JELLY grapes, picked, de- stemmed, washed, ready to crush. South of Odessa, 332-4139.

432 Household Furniture

→NEW TODAY←

MATCHING GOLD European Sofa & love seat. Matching burgundy and gold striped satin couch and love seat. Glass pedestal dining room table with 6 chairs. 520-8621.

ELECTRIC HOSPITAL Bed with side rails and trapeze bar and Aquapedic III sectional mattress designed for bed ridden person to help prevent bed sores. Worth $2,500 will sell for $1,500, serious inquires only, 520-0902.

WINGBACK CHAIR, southwest flame stitch print, pastels, excellent condition, $150. 699-1903 or local 498-8284 ext. 34.

QUEEN WATERBED with mirrored bookcase headboard, six drawer pedestal. Very nice, $150. 699-5441, leave message.

OAK DINING Table; 36 x 60, in excellent shape, 1 year old, $100/ offer. 694-9877.

LAZY BOY sleeper sofa in good condition, $125. Please call 682-0170.

LIGHT OAK Round Table with 4 chairs- 18 months old. $250. 682-7146.

432 Household Furniture

PRICE REDUCED- remaining stock of '97 hot tubs/ spas. Cover and chemicals included- delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

BUNKBEDS $60, super single waterbed $75, Please call 689-6347.

BEAUTIFUL wood display hutch, matching diningroom set with 4 chairs. Old work truck. 2 full/ queen comforter sets. 686-7150 after 5.

→NEW TODAY←

WOOD Lawn Furniture, 1 chase lounger, 2 chairs with cushions and umbrella. $125, 683-4229.

CHINA HUTCH, like new $400, white wicker love seat and 2 matching chairs with cushions, excellent condition $100. 563-0796.

QUEEN ANN style sofa and chair, mauve floral, really good shape, $275/ both. Call 683-0711.

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards- Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699–1224.

BEAUTIFUL Sleeper Sofas. Like new. Cost $498. To clear $99 each. 2 different styles. Quantity discount available. Call 694-8821 for details.

SUPER SINGLE Waterbed, semi- waveless, bookcase headboard, 6 drawer pedestal, heater, $75/ best offer. 685-0711.

MOVING MUST Sell!!! Girls bedroom furniture, good condition, $400. Fitness Flyer, $125. Sofa $50. Evenings 520-3835, daytime 570-1220.

PASTEL color sofa, $175. King size waterbed- complete, $200. Both good condition. Please call 520-2989.

435 Household Appliances

APPLIANCES reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699–1224.

435 Household Appliances

★ FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. 567-5221.

ELECTRIC STOVE for sale, $50. For more information please call 684-6515.

HOTPOINT 23.6 cu. ft. frost free refrigerator, 2 year old. $500. 687-2806.

440 Firewood

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ALL REMAINING stock of above ground pools at clearance prices- hurry for best selection- delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

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100,000 BASEBALL, Football cards. Many sets, 1,000's of singles. Don't miss this! 915-694-2703 or appointment.

FOR SALE: 1 Full Greentree Country Club membership. Please Call 684-9662, evenings only.

460 Antiques & Arts

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465 Collectibles

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MEME'S COLLECTION, 3205 W. Cuthbert, 520-0055. Come in, browse, and be surprised! Furniture, Depression, Crystal and Milk Glass, Cookie Jars and Much, Much More! Current and Retired Ty Beanie Babies and shelving for display. We now accept major credit cards. Come see us Tuesday through Saturday 10- 6!

BEANIE BABY Sale! Saturday August 8th. Hilton- Downtown Midland.9 am until 4 pm. Admission $1.00.

BEANIE BABIES for sale. Current and retired. For more information please call 687-6400.

Anna Marie Gifts has new retired and hard to find Beanie Babies come by 1705 N. Big Spring. Ask how you could win "Glory".

470 Musical Instruments

HOLTON BEGINNER Trombone, including case, mouthpiece, etcetera. Great shape, $400. Please call 697-4639.

CONN ALTO Sax- $250.please call 697-2301 home or 683-4321 work.

→NEW TODAY←

FULL SIZE Karl Knilling violin, horse hair bow and case, $900 or best offer, 561-8994.

WURLITZER Spinet Piano- one owner. $600 Firm. Excellent condition. Call 694-8511 nights.

→NEW TODAY←

YAMAHA FLUTE- with case and music stand, excellent condition, $250, 697-4009.

79701

316 W. Hart- Wednesday thru Saturday 7- 6. Antique China, Glassware, Fenton, Russian glass, Avon crystal red glass, material, buttons, satin pillow cases, pots & pans, 2 iron doors, end tables, dolls, & more!

3206 PARK LANE In back, Friday and Saturday, 8 until 12!! New clothes, dishes, comforter, toys, miscellaneous items!

2003 W. KENTUCKY. Thursday thru Sunday 8:30- ? Hospital bed, wheel chair, walker, all kinds of furniture, lots of beds, bookcases, genology books, housewares of all kinds, tools, toys, Christmas everything, jeans, all size and kinds of clothing, bicycles, etc. Exercise equipment, windows, baby bed.

2606 SENTINEL (two blocks south of Golf Course). Thursday only 7:30-11:30. Drexel triple dresser, bedspread, china cabinet, cookbooks, decorator items, Drapes with rods, collectibles, and more. Many prices slashed!

79703

✔ 3617 THOMASON DRIVE- Estate Sale! 8 am- 5 pm, Thursday/ Friday. Trundle bed, freezer, washer, lots of cloth material, kitchen utensils, lots of glass and knick knacks. 3 bedroom house is for sale!

4109 ANETTA Drive, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 7 until 5!! Garage Sale, great stuff, don't ,miss this one!!

110 N EISENHOWER. Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 8:30- 1:00. Furniture, exercise equipment, clothing- womens & little girls, baby items, washer/ dryer, TV, golf clubs, miscellaneous!!

3410 W. OHIO- Thursday only 9- 3. Baby items, girl's clothes, arts and crafts, miscellaneous!

4316 LEDDY. Large family garage sale! Name brand children's clothes, womens skirts made in India, free size, electrical/ medical twin bed. You name it- we're selling it!! No checks, cash only!! Saturday, 8- 3, Sunday, 9- 2.

4606 SEMINOLE Drive, Thursday, Friday 8 until 1!! 1989 Chevrolet Cavalier, black sofa with coffee and end tables, love seat, swing set, lots of miscellaneous!!

100 N. EISENHOWER- Friday 8- ? Saturday 8- 1. Children's clothes, bikes, toys, too much other stuff to list!

79705

#11 LINDA COURT, (Wadley and Ward) Friday and Saturday, 7:30 until 1!! Baby crib, swing, walker, cradle, stroller, bouncers, infant car seat, boy clothes, maternity clothes, toys, humidifier, vacuum, kitchen items, weight bench, clothes, miscellaneous. No early sales!!

3209 WARD- Friday 8- 3, Saturday 8- noon. Four Family Garage Sale! Lots of nice clothing, table, child's table, toys, air hockey table, shoes, tools and much more miscellaneous items!

4902 MELVILLE (rear entry), Wednesday and Thursday, 8 am until ? Harley Davidson riding equipment- mens/ womens leather jackets/ vests. Entire household contents, furniture, tv's, stereo, mens clothes, refrigerator, yard equipment, 1997 Harley Davidson Heritage Softail- custom paint- many extras. Quality items.

✔ 2301 NORTH "L" street, (on the corner of "L" and Neely, Thursday- Saturday, 7:00 am until Noon! Huge garage sale! Kitchen supplies, mens and womens clothing, furniture, and rugs, electronics and much more.

79705

➡ 717 W. DORMARD, Thursday and Friday 8am till? Clothes, Plus Sizes, Junior, Kids, Toddler & Baby. Lots of Wrangler items. Dining table, bedspreads, coats, toys, shoes, computer, exercise bike, record player stereo, odds & ends.

1200 CASTLEFORD (in alley). Friday 8- 5. Saturday 8- 12! Exercise equipment, furniture, clothes, pottery linens, toys, and more!

79706

3801 S COUNTY RD 1187. Friday- Saturday, 8:00- 4:00. Various goods. From I-20, South on 349 1 mile. East on County Road 120 to the first right. Turn right on 1187, 3rd house on left. Nothing for children!

79707

4204 DAWN CIRCLE. Huge garage sale! Office desk, file cabinets, dryer, trundle bed, dressers, VCR movies, Play Station games, tools, toys and lots more! Friday and Saturday, 7:30- 12:30.

3329 W. Wadley #54- Friday & Saturday 9- 1. Little Tykes, toy, microwave, miscellaneous!

4105 CRESTWOOD (in alley)- Lots of Everything! Some furniture, lamps, coffee tables, home decor, pictures, Barbie Jeep, Power Wheels Jeeps, kids toys, good clothing, lots of nice little girls clothing,more! Lots of Goodies! Friday and Saturday 9 am- 1 pm. Come See!

PACKAGING AND shipping service, U P S- Postal- Federal Express. 903 South Midkiff just North of Wall. 520-6464.

1306 EAST COWDEN, Thursday, Friday, 8 until 3!! Table with 6 chairs, 25" Magnavox tv with remote. Chair with ottoman, clothes, shoes, toys, miscellaneous!!

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GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE $20

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- ★Package of Flavored Drink Mix (for the Kids to Open a Drink Stand!)
- ★$3 Off Classified Coupon (Place an ad to sell those left-over garage sale items & get $3 off!)

Or Get 3 Days for Only $24!

Call 682-6222 Today!

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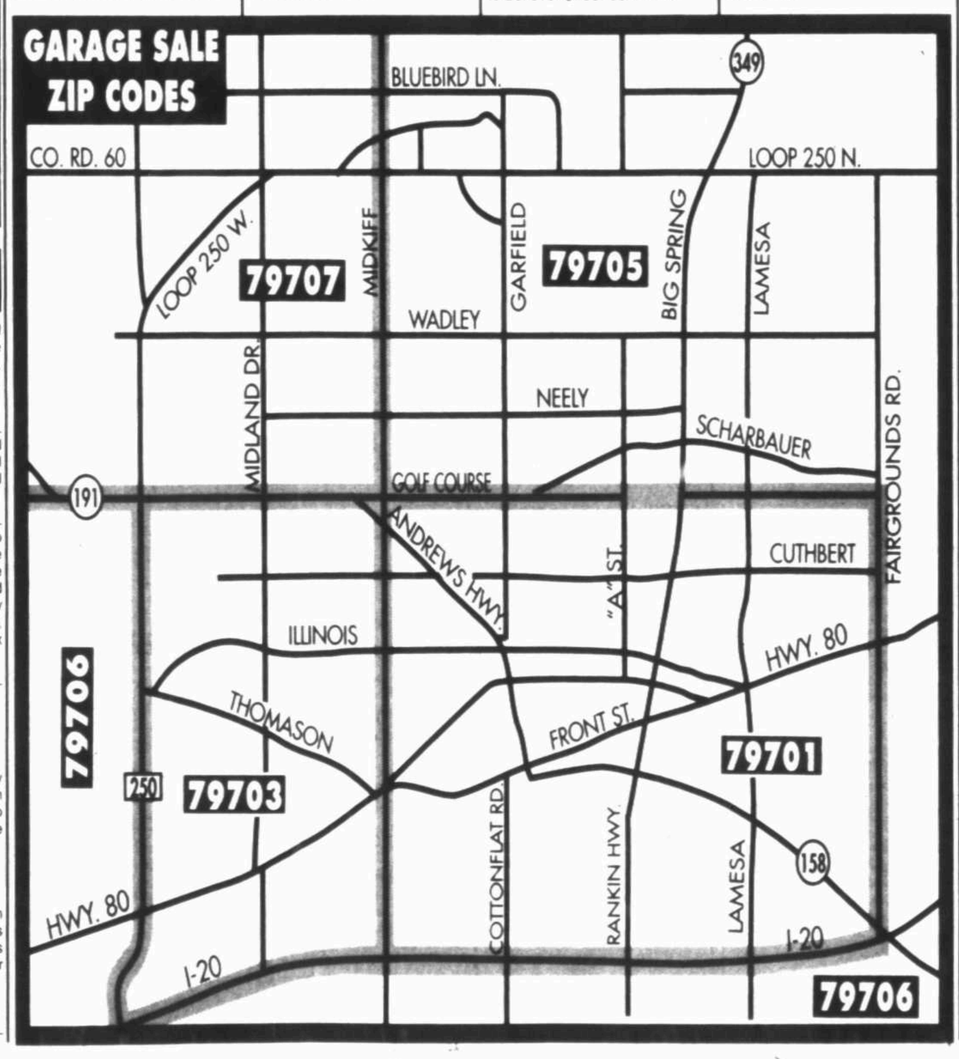
DON'T MISS OUT!

The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon.

Please be sure to call 682-6222, before noon, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

Tami, Pam, Brandi, Jennifer or Nancy are ready to help you!



470 Musical Instruments

NEW TODAY

FULL SIZE Lewis Bauer Violin, bow & case, excellent condition, $300. 697-1136 after 5 pm.

KING BEGINNER Trombone with case, mouthpiece, etcetera. Good condition, $325. Please call 697-3415, leave message.

GEMEINHARDT BEGINNERS Flute includes case, good condition, $225. Please call 683-6179.

YAMAHA Alto Saxophone, with case, new pads. Great condition, $600 or best offer. Call 694-7245.

VIOLIN, FULL size $400, tenor saxophone $700. Please call 570-1869.

NORMANDY Clarinets with good pads and cork, 1 "special" $300, 1 "grade 4" $400. 684-5216.

VIOLIN, FULL size with brazil wood bow and case. Excellent upgrade for serious performer. Asking $1,500 which is $800 below cost. 699-5846.

NEW TODAY

SELLING BUNDY Student Saxophone for $400. Please call 699-6646.

LUDWIG SNARE Drum with bells, good condition $175. Please call 687-2839.

GLAESEL FULL size violin, excellent condition, $450, 620-1622 leave message.

NORMANDY CLARINET with case. Good condition. $500. 689-0889 or 689-0662 after 5.

LUDWIG SNARE drum and bells with cases, good condition. Call 694-9856 or 697-2021 ask for Roger.

NEW TODAY

SILVER BACH trumpet, good shape, $700. Please call 697-6470.

PEARL OPEN Holed Flute, includes case, good condition, asking $250. Please call 699-1108.

ALTO SAXOPHONE by Vito, adult owned, mint condition, $700. Great for student. Please call 697-5772.

CONN TRUMPET with case. Good condition. $290. Call 699-1662.

NEW TODAY

NORMANDY CLARINET with soft side case $475. Please call 697-3625.

NILLING VIOLA, 15 1/2", good condition, good step up instrument, suspension case, $600, 694-2555.

480 Cameras & Supplies

X- 9, 35 MM, Minolta camera with lens, zoom lens, flash and carrying case. $150. 697-2447.

485 Electronics

CAR STEREO: Sony 10 cd changer and stereo, two Fosgate amps, box with two Punch speakers. $500. Also, Whistler radar detector, $75. 683-0790.

490 Computers/ Access.

686 K6 300 mhz. Will finance. $0 Down/ $99 Month/ $1,999. 14/ 17" SVGA Color monitor, color flatbed scanner, 13 /6 gig hd, 56K modem, 3D 8 mg AGP video, 32X CD rom, soundblaster with 320 watt speakers, mpeg movie video player, 96 meg ram, 1024K cache, Internet ready, hands free mic, deliver and set- up. 800-967-7262.

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PANASONIC color printer- $125. 694-2393.

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FREE 1/2 Terrier/ 1/2 mixed, black/ white female, spayed, shots/ records, loves kids, 689-7533.

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KITTENS- 6- 7 weeks old. Assorted varieties. 699-0594.

KITTENS, WHITE/ gray with Mickey Mouse pattern on back, also very cute tabby. 699-5815.

3 KITTENS- 7 weeks old and one 11 week kitten. Different colors. 682-1656.

FREE CATS and kittens to good homes. Please call 552-7302.

FREE TO good home, 3 fluffy 7 week old kittens, Please call 684-7992.

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FREE KITTENS, playful, lovable, to good home. Please call 570-7840.

BLUE HEELER mother was run over, left 11 adorable puppies who need bottle feeding for 3 more weeks.... 570-5027.

FREE TO good home, female 8 month old puppy, wonderful with kids/ dogs, spayed/ shots. 520-4468.

500 Pets and Supplies

AKC REGISTERED English Bulldog available for stud service. Proven breeder. Excellent bloodline. Call Josh, 694-3877.

GERMAN SHEPHERD puppies, silver/ black and brown/ black, 7 weeks, $235. Back to school. 267-7910.

AKC REGISTERED Labrador puppies. Excellent hunting lines. Great family dogs! $200. Call 689-3977.

BOXERS- AKC, shots, tails, 6 weeks old. Very classy ready now. Call (806)462-7668 or (806)866-0484.

NEW TODAY

AKC REGISTERED Male Cocker Spaniel, 7 months old, red, Call 550-9829/ 561-1829 pager.

ADORABLE SHELTIE puppy, great with kids, good indoor/ outdoor pet, male 8 weeks, call 520-6701.

ADOPTABLE FROM Animal Outreach to approved home. Spayed black Lab 2 1/2 years, smiles and loves people. 694-2275 or 684-5287.

✔ AWESOME AQUARIUM- 1 year old, 70 gallon show with all the bells and whistles. Currently fresh water but easily converted to salt. System includes Penguin Emperor, under gravel with power heads, crushed lava rock gravel and large decorative lava rock pieces, and approximately 25 African Cichlids some rare. $750 makes it yours (will consider offers). 520-8099, leave message.

SIAMESE Indoor companion kittens, completely vaccinated, wormed, very active. Papers optional. $100. 697-2046 after Noon.

NEW TODAY

AKC CHAMPION Bloodline Weimaraners- 2 females and 1 male, 8 months old, $250. Bryan/ 570-9848 after 6 pm.

JACK RUSSELL Terrier puppies, born June 27th, $300 each. Call 520-8458.

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AKC MINIATURE Schnauzers. Ready to go. Excellent bloodline & temperament. Private owners, not kennel. 915-573-7967.

AKC ENGLISH BULLDOG puppies, $800. Please call (915)263-4462.

UNWANTED Kittens & Puppies often suffer from the West Texas heat, malnutrition, neglect, and other abuse. Then, after all that, they may be taken to a shelter & put to sleep. Be kind to our furry friends, spay or neuter your pets.

HI! I AM a neutered male, almost schnauzer that needs a home. Please call 694-9558 or 687-2197 for more information.

AKC REGISTERED Boston Terrier puppies- are now ready, Dam on premises. Please call 520-5004.

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AFRICAN GREY Parrot, very gentle, talks, $750 includes cage, call 689-2504 after 5 pm.

505 Livestock & Poultry

SPECIAL PURCHASE- 10' x 12' and 10' x 16' storage buildings/ shops- as low as $39 a month- delivery and installation available. 563-3108.

3 YEAR OLD mostly Arabian with some Quarterhorse; 14 hands, greenbroke, light gray gelding, good disposition, experienced rider. Make offer, 697-2777.

BIG SPRING HORSE, Saddle, and Tack Auction. Saturday Auguat 8th at 12:30 pm at Big Spring Livestock Auction. Everyone welcome to Buy, Sell, or Visit. Lance Folsom, (806)792-5919, TX-8148.

530 A/C Heating

3 TON Central air conditioner, complete outside unit with duct work. Excellent condition, $300, 458-3412.

550 Portable Buildings

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560 Machinery/ Tools

SHOP SMITH (multi- purpose) tool $600. Woodworking lettering machine $75. Scroll saw $75 or best offer. 694-7245.

570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies

FOR SALE: Structural rods and pipe of all sizes at bargain prices. Call 682-1546.

570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies

FEDERAL OIL INC. has a number of surplus pump jack 160's through 640's for sale. Also several complete tank batteries with connections at reasonable prices. 915/263-0066.

580 Farm Equipment

FORD 9N Tractor. Totally restored, new paint, excellent condition, $4,250. 570-6559.

590 Legal Notices

Notice of Sale of Personal Property to Satisfy Landlords' Lien per Chapter 59, Texas Property Code. Contents of Unit(s): #1, Sylvia Rodriguez, at ABC Secured Storage, 3105 Industrial, Midland, Texas. Will be sold as a closed bid 9:00 AM, August 20th, 1998.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of OPAL M. PONDER, Deceased, SSN 464-20+2268, were issued on July 28, 1998 in Docket No. P-12,204, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to WILLIAM H. PONDER.

The residence of the Executor is located in Argyle, Denton County, Texas, and his address is:

WILLIAM H. PONDER
1107 Hickory Hill Road
Argyle, Texas 76226

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 28th day of July, 1998.

THE ESTATE OF OPAL M. PONDER, DECEASED
By: William H. Ponder
Independent Executor

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Midland County Commissioners Court will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 17, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom, Midland County Courthouse, 200 W. Wall, Suite 005, Midland, Texas to receive citizen input on the proposed Fiscal Year 1999 Midland County Budget.

A copy of the proposed budget is filed and available for public inspection in the Midland County Clerk's Office, 200 West Wall, Suite 105, Midland, Texas.

603 Roomates Wanted

ROOMMATE Wanted to share 3 bedroom home, split rent and utilities. 570-8696.

605 Apartments Furnished

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$195 - 1 Bedroom
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◆ Sport Courts
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GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, single car garage, central air, large fenced yard. $575 monthly, $450 deposit. 306 S. Glenwood. Call 520-7568.

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SMALL 2 Bedroom Duplex. 217-B Circle Drive. Carpeted, carport, air/ heat, water, private. $300/ $200 Deposit. References. 694-0870.

VERY NICE 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath duplex at 419A Neely $435/ monthly, $400 deposit. 520-8630.

SMALL 2 bedroom on Apache, carpeted front room, hardwood floors, electric range and oven, no pets please. Call 682-0706.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

3700 SHELL; 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, garage, decorated. $595 a month, $300 deposit. After 5 pm, 520-7496.

NEW TODAY

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath on Amistad, 2 car garage, automatic sprinkler system, $775 month. 697-0812.

5102 W. STOREY. Lease $750 per month, $500 deposit plus pet deposit. 3 Bedrooms 2 bath, large game room, fireplace, shop/ storage building, fenced. New high efficiency central air. Call 689-6663.

SEVERAL nice homes & apartments, $250-$725. Jeannie Printz, Agent 684-8202.

NEW TODAY

* FOR RENT *
5105 RIC
3 Bdrm., 2 Ba., big backyard. Rent $600/ $400 deposit.
COLDWELL BANKER COOPER REALTY
689-7700

600 SOUTH "H". 1 Bedroom, washer- dryer hookups. Green grass & trees with water. 684-6909.

4600 GRACELAND- 4 bedroom, 2 living areas, new carpet, fireplace, clean, no pets, references required. $625/ month plus deposit, 697-4808.

3614 BOYD; large rooms, 3 bedroom, 2 baths, double garage. $725 a month, $350 deposit. After 5 pm, 520-7496.

NEW TODAY

RECENTLY REMODELED Duplex, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, washer, dryer. $340/ $150. 3216 West Kansas. 520-0998, 520-4886 or digital pager 499-9327.

3 BEDROOM, 1 bath, 1 garage, central A/ C, carpet, dishwasher, big yard, $500/ month, $500 deposit. 685-4033.

2 BEDROOM DUPLEX, jacuzzi in the courtyard. Private. $600 monthly, $600 deposit. Please call 570-0511.

NEW TODAY

3301 DENTCREST. Large 3 bedroom- 2 1/2 bath. 2- story. Sunroom. $900/ month. Williams & Assoc., 694-9663.

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, 1 living, 2 car garage, 2407 Arbor circle, 563-9688.

NICE 3 bedroom, 2 bath home in west Midland. Large yard, fireplace and more! $695 monthly plus deposit. Contact Tammy Edwards, 520-7719 WGB Realty.

3 BEDROOMS, 2 baths, Midland Drive/ Illinois area. $600 monthly. Available August 15th. 694-6826.

1 & 2 BEDROOMS, 1 Bath Duplexes for rent at $425- $525/ Month. Available soon! Small pets only. 699-6724.

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3304 CUNNINGHAM; 2 bedroom, 1 bath, central A/ C. No pets, $425 rent, $350 deposit. 694-6193.

ONE YEAR Lease; brick 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large rooms, detached garage apartment. Near school. Deposit and references required. 683-2484.

625 Houses Unfurnished

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3 Bedroom, 2 Bath
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To Abbreviations

Bdrm.	Bedroom
Ba.	Bath
Kit.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying
	Assumable
QA	Qualifying
	Assumable
Ac.	Acre
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